



The Cross

Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church



"A Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Christ is Lord of ALL"



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 - 9:40 a.m.

Sunday Church School
Is a Family
Affair

Come Grow
with US

God Wants Whatever You've Got

Rick Warren

"Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat? He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do." (John 6:5b-6 NIV)

Do you remember the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish? I think it's amazing that out of 5,000 people, only one person brought a lunch. I'm thinking a lot of people were hiding a picnic basket under their robes because they didn't want to share with anybody else. But one little boy offered the bread and fish that he packed for his lunch. He gave Jesus what little he had, and God used it not just to feed a lot of people but also to show them how much he cared and how powerful he is.

God always starts with what you have. You may not have much time. Your finances may not be worth much. You

may not think you have much talent.

But you can give God everything in your life. Give him your heart. Give him your reputation. Give him your past, your present, and your future. It may not be much, but you can give him your five loaves and two fish.

In John 6:5-6 Jesus asks, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do" (NIV).

Jesus wasn't sweating how to feed 5,000 people. He already had in mind what he was going to do. He saw the need long before they did. And he had a plan.

You need to understand this truth today:
(God want on page 8)

If you want God to do a miracle in your life, the first thing you have to do is admit that you have an unsolvable problem.

Sunday Worship
10:00am



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Black History Month

Excerpts from About.com

Black History Month is a month set aside to learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history. Since its inception, Black History Month has always been celebrated in February. Find out how Black History Month originated, why February was chosen, and what the annual theme for Black History Month is

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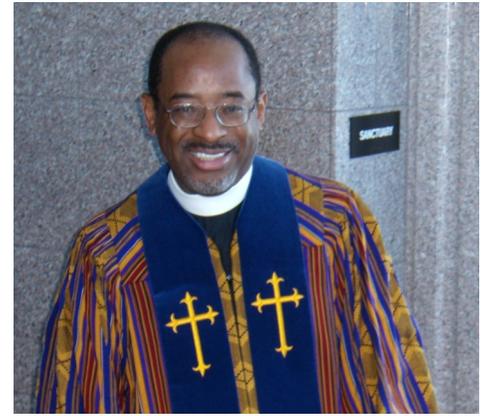
"Making the Impossible Possible"

For with **God** nothing shall be
Impossible
Luke 1:37

Expecting Greater in 2016 !



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Pastor's Desk

It's a New Year at the Cross!

I am excited to wish the Cross Street Church family a Happy New Year. Thanks for your prayers and participation in helping to make a good ministry better. Join me in believing for greater in 2016 – greater miracles, greater deliverance, greater healing, greater joy, greater prosperity and much more!

The Ministry Theme for 2016 is “Making the Impossible Possible.”

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. Expecting Greater in 2016!

The Best is yet to come.

Much love to you and yours,

Pastor Harvill

Making the Impossible Possible

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

<p>FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: A REVIEW "But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22, 23)</p>	<p>(Ephesians 2:14) LONG-SUFFERING means steadfastness of the soul under provocation. It means forbearance and patient endurance of ill-treatment, without anger or thought of revenge. (Colossians 3:12, 13)</p>	<p>bles him to praise Him whether in discipline or testing. (Proverbs 11:1) (Information taken in part from World-Wide Keswick publication and Holy Scriptures)</p>
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<p>The fruit of LOVE when properly motivated "is pure, far reaching, forgiving. There is no limit to the good that LOVE does. God is LOVE. (I John 4:7)</p>	<p>GOODNESS does good to others. It is kindness of heart and good deeds. It may not always be a gentle word, but a stern rebuke done for the good of someone else. (Psalm 33:5)</p>	<p>THE FRUIT, <i>The Artificial Fruit, The Weed</i> LOVE, <i>limited love, hatred</i> JOY, <i>temporary JOY, sorrow</i> PEACE, <i>numbness, carelessness, anxiety</i></p>
<p>JOY never fades, it is never destroyed by circumstances, it is unaffected by wealth or poverty, sickness or health. It is found in the presence of God (Psalm 16:11)</p>	<p>MEEKNESS disarms the stormy, tempestuous person. The qualities of mildness and gentleness in dealing with others. It is not weak. It is a high quality of spiritual strength. (I Timothy 6:11)</p>	<p>strife PATIENCE , <i>laziness , insensitivity, impatience</i> KINDNESS, <i>manipulation by kindness, pride</i> GOODNESS, <i>hypocrisy, evil</i></p>
<p>PEACE "is a tranquility of mind as a result of a right relationship with God". The PEACE of God in our hearts challenges sin at every turn and deals with it immediately in order to maintain that right relationship.</p>	<p>FAITH means faithfulness to Christ and His cause. It manifests itself in being a trustworthy steward of God. It is trust and obedience, belief in God's word and promises. (Hebrews 11:1)</p>	<p>infidelity MEEKNESS, <i>false modesty, selfseeking</i> SELF-CONTROL, <i>choosing lesser goals, lack of control</i> (The Fruit of the Spirit, John W. Sanderson)</p>
	<p>TEMPERANCE is power, it is strength, having self-control. It means discipline. It provides balance to the Christian's life. It ena-</p>	

God's Provision Prayer

Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me

and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen

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Church School is a Family Affair,
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Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. sharp to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class meets at the same time. Light breakfast is served each Sunday.



HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD

These are a few simple suggestions for people who are willing to make an experiment. You can discover for yourself the most important and practical thing any human being can ever learn-how to be in touch with God.

All that is needed is the **willingness to try it honestly**. Every person who has done this consistently and sincerely has found that it really works.

Before you begin, look over these fundamental points. They are true and are based on the experience of thousands of people.

1. God is alive. He always has been and He always will be.
2. God knows everything.
3. God can do anything.
4. God can be everywhere--all at the same time. (These are the important differences between God and us human beings).
5. God is invisible--we can't see Him or touch Him--but, **God is here**. He is with you now. He is beside you. He surrounds you. He fills the room or the whole place where

you are right now. He is in you now. He is in your heart.

6. God cares very much for **you**. He is interested in you. He has a plan for your life. He has an answer for every need and problem you face.

7. God will tell you all that **you need** to know. He will not always tell you all that you **want** to know.

8. God will help you do anything that He asks you to do.

9. Anyone can be in touch with God, anywhere and at any time, **if the conditions are obeyed**.

These are the conditions:

- To be quiet and still
- To listen
- To be honest about every thought that comes
- To test the thoughts to be sure that they come from God
- To obey

So, with these basic elements as a background, here are specific suggestions on **How to Listen to God**.

1. Take Time

Find some place and time where you can be alone, quiet and undisturbed. Most people have found that the early morning is the best time. Have with you some paper and pen or pencil.

2. Relax

Sit in a comfortable position.. Consciously relax all your muscles. Be loose. There is no hurry. There needs to be no strain

during these minutes. God cannot get through to us if we are tense and anxious about later responsibilities.

3. Tune In

Open your heart to God. Either silently or aloud, just say to God in a natural way that you would like to find His plan for your life--you want His answer to the problem or situation that you are facing just now. Be definite and specific in your request.

4. Listen

Just be still, quiet, relaxed and open. Let your mind go "loose." Let God do the talking. Thoughts, ideas, and impressions will begin to come into your mind and heart. Be alert and aware and open to every one.

5. Write!

Here is the important key to the whole process. Write down everything that comes into your mind. **Everything**. Writing is simply a means of recording so that you can remember later. **Don't sort out** or edit your thoughts at this point.

Don't say to yourself:

- This thought isn't important,
- This is just an ordinary thought;
- This can't be guidance;
- This isn't nice;
- This can't be from God;
- This is just me thinking..., etc.

Write down everything that passes

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Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.



The Needs of Your Family

Key Scripture: "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

Key Thought: "A happy family is but an earlier heaven" (Sir John Bowring).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the one who sets the solitary into families,] and you have promised to be a Father to the fatherless.² I pray for my family, Lord, that you would ever watch over our comings and goings, and that underneath us we would always find your everlasting arms.³

Bless our family, Lord, and keep us safe from all harm.⁴ Plant your hedge of protection around us, and let us always dwell in safety Thank you for blessing our family with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.?

Help me to remember that our home will be built through wisdom, and by understanding it will be established.⁸ By knowledge shall all the chambers of our home be filled with precious and pleasant riches.⁹ Thank you, Father.

Your Word, O Lord, declares that the home of the righteous shall be filled with much treasure.¹⁰ In times of wickedness, you have promised that the house of the righteous will stand." Thank you, Father. I believe this promise, and I appropriate it for my home and family.

Because I believe on your Son, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I know that you have saved me, and I claim your promise that you will save my household as well.¹² Thank you, Father, for all your abundant blessings in my life and the lives of my family.

References: (1) Psalms 68:6; (2) Psalms 68:5; (3) Deuteronomy 33:27, (4) Proverbs 29:25; (5) Job 1:10; (6) Psalms 4:8; (7) Ephesians 1:3; (8) Proverbs 24:3-4; (9) Proverbs 24:4; (10) Proverbs 15:6; (11) Proverbs 12:7; (12) Acts 16:31.

Taken from Bible Prayers for all your needs by Victory House

"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

The Jabez Prayer

*And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,
"Oh, that You would bless me indeed,
and enlarge my territory,
that Your hand would keep me from evil,
that I may nor cause pain!
So God granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)*

30 day of Jabez prayer

Pray the Jabez prayer every morning, and keep a record of your daily prayer by marking off a calendar or chart you make especially for the purpose.

Write out the prayer and tape it in your bible, in your day-timer, on your bathroom mirror, or some other place where you'll be reminded of your new vision.

Reread this little book once each week during the next month, asking God to show you important insights you may have missed.

Tell one other person of your commitment to your new prayer habit, and ask him or her to check up on you.

Begin to keep a record of changes in your life, especially the divine appointments and new opportunities you can relate directly to the Jabez prayer.

Start praying the Jabez prayer for your family, friends, and local church.

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

JANUARY

- 01) Genesis 1-2
- 02) Genesis 3-5
- 03) Genesis 6-9
- 04) Genesis 10-11
- 05) Genesis 12-15
- 06) Genesis 16-19
- 07) Genesis 20-22

- 08) Genesis 23-26
- 09) Genesis 27-29
- 10) Genesis 30-32
- 11) Genesis 33-36
- 12) Genesis 37-39
- 13) Genesis 40-42
- 14) Genesis 43-46
- 15) Genesis 47-50

- 16) Exodus 1-4
- 17) Exodus 5-7
- 18) Exodus 8-10
- 19) Exodus 11-13
- 20) Exodus 14-17
- 21) Exodus 18-20
- 22) Exodus 21-24
- 23) Exodus 25-27

- 24) Exodus 28-31
- 25) Exodus 32-34
- 26) Exodus 35-37
- 27) Exodus 38-40
- 28) Leviticus 1-4
- 29) Leviticus 5-7
- 30) Leviticus 8-10
- 31) Leviticus 11-13

FEBRUARY

- 1 Leviticus 14-16
- 2 Leviticus 17-19
- 3 Leviticus 20-23
- 4 Leviticus 24-27
- 5 Numbers 1-3
- 6 Numbers 4-6
- 7 Numbers 7-10

- 8 Numbers 11-14
- 9 Numbers 15-17
- 10 Numbers 18-20
- 11 Numbers 21-24
- 12 Numbers 25-27
- 13 Numbers 28-30
- 14 Numbers 31-33
- 15 Numbers 34-36

- 16 Deuteronomy 1-3
- 17 Deuteronomy 4-6
- 18 Deuteronomy 7-9
- 19 Deuteronomy 10-12
- 20 Deuteronomy 13-16
- 21 Deuteronomy 17-19
- 22 Deuteronomy 20-22
- 23 Deuteronomy 23-25

- 24 Deuteronomy 26-28
- 25 Deuteronomy 29-31
- 26 Deuteronomy 32-34
- 27 Joshua 1-3
- 28 Joshua 4-6

MARCH

- 1 Joshua 7-9
- 2 Joshua 10-12
- 3 Joshua 13-15
- 4 Joshua 16-18
- 5 Joshua 19-21
- 6 Joshua 22-24
- 7 Judges 1-4

- 8 Judges 5-8
- 9 Judges 9-12
- 10 Judges 13-15
- 11 Judges 16-18
- 12 Judges 19-21
- 13 Ruth 1-4
- 14 1 Sam. 1-3
- 15 1 Samuel 4-7

- 16 1 Samuel 8-10
- 17 1 Samuel 11-13
- 18 1 Samuel 14-16
- 19 1 Samuel 17-20
- 20 1 Samuel 21-24
- 21 1 Samuel 25-28
- 22 1 Samuel 22-24
- 23 2 Samuel 1-4

- 24 2 Samuel 5-8
- 25 2 Samuel 9-12
- 26 2 Samuel 13-15
- 27 2 Samuel 16-18
- 28 2 Samuel 19-21
- 29 Samuel 22-24
- 30 1 Kings 1-4
- 31 1 Kings 5-7

Epiphany or The Season After Epiphany (4-9 Sunday, January 6 – February 9, 2016) is a time for remembering the various times and ways Jesus was revealed to humans, particularly to the Gentiles (non-Jews) through the Magi (Wise Men) who represented other nationalities. It is a reminder of the universality of Jesus, the Savior of persons in every land.

The first Sunday after Epiphany Day is known as Baptism of the Lord referring to Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:29-34. This is an excellent time for baptism and renewal of the baptismal covenant. Appropriate symbols are water, the baptismal shell or font, a descending dove, and a cross standing in water. The emphasis for the remainder of the season is on the beginning of Jesus ministry, the miracles performed, and Jesus' works and teachings.

Color: Green is the liturgical color for Kingdomtide. Green is symbolic of the freshness of nature, hope, life, and growth. It is used during The Season After Epiphany and Kingdomtide.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
EL ROI	The God Who See Me	There are no circumstances in our lives that escape His fatherly awareness and care. God knows us and our troubles.
EL SHADDAI	The All Sufficient One, The God of the Mountains, God Almighty	God is the all-sufficient source of all of our blessings. God is all-powerful. Our problems are not too big for God to handle.
IMMANUEL	God With Us "I AM"	Jesus is God in our midst. In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.
JEHOVAH	"I AM", The One Who Is The Self-existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. We need to obey Him.

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for this year.

Origins of Black History Month

The origins of Black History Month can be traced back to a man named Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950). Woodson, the son of former slaves, was an amazing man in his own right. Since his family was too poor to send him to school as a child, he taught himself the basics of a school education. At age 20, Woodson was finally able to attend high school, which he completed in just two years.

He then went on to earn a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Chicago. In 1912, Woodson became only the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University ([W.E.B. Du Bois](#) was the first). Woodson used his hard-earned education to teach. He taught both in public schools and at Howard University.

Three years after earning his doctorate, Woodson made a trip that had a great impact on him. In 1915, he traveled to Chicago to participate in a three-week celebration of the 50th anniversary of the end of slavery. The excitement and enthusiasm generated by the events inspired Woodson to continue the study of black history year-round. Before leaving Chicago, Woodson and four others created the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) on September 9, 1915.

The following year, the ASNLH began publication of the *Journal of Negro*

History.

Woodson realized that most textbooks at the time ignored the history and achievements of blacks. Thus, in addition to the journal, he wanted to find a way to encourage interest and study of black history. In 1926, Woodson promoted the idea of a "Negro History Week," which was to be held during the second week of February. The idea caught on quickly and Negro History Week was soon celebrated around the United States. With a high demand for study materials, the ASNLH began to produce pictures, posters, and lesson plans to help teachers bring Negro History Week into schools.

In 1937, the ASNLH also began producing the *Negro History Bulletin*, which focused on an annual theme for Negro History Week.

In 1976, the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Negro History Week and the bicentennial of the United States' independence, lack History Week was expanded to Black History Month. Ever since then, Black History Month has been celebrated in February around the country.

When Is Black History Month?

Woodson chose the second week of February to celebrate Negro History Week because that week included the birthdays of two important men: [President Abraham Lincoln](#) (February 12) and [Frederick Douglass](#) (February 14).

When Negro History Week turned into Black History Month in 1976, the

celebrations during the second week of February expanded to the entire month of February.

What Is the Theme for This Year's Black History Month?

Since its inception in 1926, Negro History Week and Black History Month have been given [annual themes](#). The first annual theme was simply, "The Negro in History," but since then the themes have grown more specific. Here is a list of the most current and future themes for Black History Month.

- **2005** - The Niagara Movement: Black Protest Reborn, 1905-2005
- **2006** - Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions
- **2007** - From Slavery to Freedom: Africans in the Americas
- **2008** - Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism
- **2009** - The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas
- **2010** - The History of Black Economic Empowerment
- **2011** - African Americans and the Civil War
- **2012** - Black Women in American Culture and History
- **2013** - At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation
- **2014** - Civil Rights in America
- **2015** - A Century Of Black Life, History, and Culture
- **2016** - Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memory

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God always has the answer before you even know the problem. God is not sweating your unsolvable problem. It's not too late in the day for Jesus. He saw your problem long before you did. He knew it was coming, and he already had a plan for it. God knows the solution to your problem before you even recognize it's a problem.

So why are you worrying? Just admit you have an unsolvable problem, and then give God everything you have.

Talk It Over

- When you face an unsolvable problem, is your first reaction to look at your own resources or God's promises? Why?
- What does it mean to give God something?
- Why do you think God wants us to surrender what we have before he works a miracle?

(God from page 5)

through our mind:

- Names of people;
- Things to *do*;
- Things to say;
- Things that are wrong and need to be made right.

Write down everything:

- Good thoughts - bad thoughts;
- Comfortable thoughts -uncomfortable thoughts; "Holy" thoughts -
- "unholy" thoughts;
- Sensible thoughts - "crazy" thoughts.

Be honest! Write down **everything!** A thought comes quickly, and it escapes even more quickly unless it is captured and put down.

6. Test

When the flow of thoughts slows down, stop. Take a good look at what you have written. **Not every thought we have comes from God.** So we need to test our thoughts. Here is where the written record helps us to be able to look at them.

- Are these thoughts completely **honest, pure, unselfish and loving?**
- Are these thoughts in line with our duties to our family-to our country?
- Are these thoughts in line with our understanding of the teachings found in our spiritual literature?

7. Check

When in doubt and when it is important, what does another person, who is living two-way prayer think about this thought or action? More light comes in through two windows than one. Someone else who also wants God's plan for our lives may help us to see more clearly.

Talk over together what you have written, Many people do this. They tell each other what guidance has come. This is the secret of unity. There are always three sides to every question-your side, my side, and the right side. Guidance shows us which is the right side-not who is right, but what is right.

8. Obey

Carry out the thoughts that have come. You will only be sure of guidance as you go through with it. A rudder will not guide a boat until the boat is moving. As you obey, very often the results will convince you that you are on the right track.

9. Blocks

What if I don't seem to get any definite thoughts? God's guidance is as freely available as the air we breathe. If I am not receiving thoughts when I listen, the fault is not God's.

Usually it is because there is something **! will not do:**

- something wrong in my life that I will not face and make right;
- a habit or indulgence I will not give up;
- a person I will not forgive;
- a wrong relationship in my life I will not give up;
- a restitution I will not make;
- something God has already told me to do that I will not obey.

Check these points and be honest. Then try listening again.

10. Mistakes

Suppose I make a mistake and do something in the name of God that isn't right? Of course we make mistakes. We are humans with many faults. However, **God will always honor our sincerity.**

He will work around and through every honest mistake we make. He will help us make it right. **But, remember this!** Sometimes when we do obey God, someone else may not like it or agree with it. So when there is opposition, it doesn't always mean you have made a mistake. It can mean that the other person doesn't want to know or to do what is right.

Suppose I fail to do something that I have been told and the opportunity to do it passes? There is only one thing to do. Put it right with God. Tell Him you're sorry. Ask Him to forgive you, then accept His

forgiveness and begin again. God is our Father--He is not an impersonal calculator. He understands us far better than we do.

11. Results

We never know what swimming is like until we get down into the water and try. We will never know what this is like until we sincerely try it.

Every person who has tried this honestly finds that a wisdom, not their own, comes into their minds and that a Power greater than human power begins to operate in their lives. It is an endless adventure.

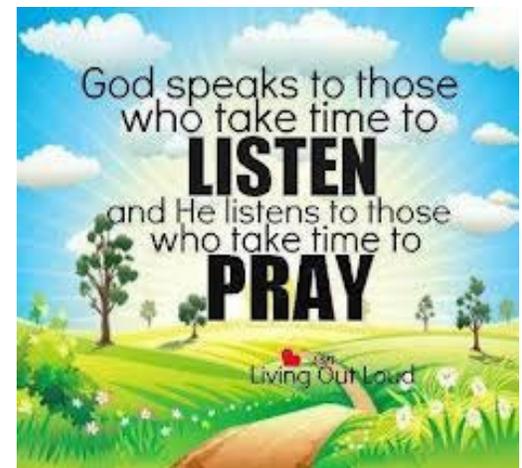
There is a way of life, for everyone, everywhere. Anyone can be in touch with the living God, anywhere, anytime, **if we fulfill His conditions:**

***When man listens, God speaks.
When man obeys, God-acts.***

This is the law of prayer

God's plan for this world goes forward through the lives of ordinary people who are willing to be governed by Him.
by Chaplain John E. Batterson

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Memo from GOD

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines, also.

1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all ... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it in My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF As much as I love me for one reason of Love. Love Me. heart ache when I are very precious you, how can you not love yourself? You were only ... to be loved, and to love in return. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. see you so angry with yourself when things go to me. Don't ever forget that!
created by I am a God It makes My wrong. You

With all My heart I love YOU ... God

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Beauty of Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very, very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, 'Welcome to Holland.'

"Holland?!?" you say, 'What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy. I'm supposed to be in Italy! All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy.'

But there's a change in the flight plan. They landed in Holland and you must stay. The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there awhile and catch your breath, you begin to look around, and you

begin to notice that Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain will never, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact you didn't go to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

Source Unknown



Explanation - The symbol above speaks loudly of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The Triangle - Representing the God head, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit called the Holy Trinity, usually forms the equilateral triangle.

The Ecclesiastical Color - Sign of the mood of a church festival. Within recent years, the interpretation of black has changed to encompass a texture of the whole life - all colors blended, melted together - joy, sadness, struggle, faith, hope, and finally life eternal.

"V" - Widely used symbol of Victory. The "V" can be seen and represents a church born victoriously under the leadership of James Varick, our First Bishop, 1750-1827. "V" for Varick.

The Latin Cross - Is one of the most accepted symbols of Christianity the World over. The plain cross empty, "He is not here, He is risen victoriously."

The Cross is Red - Is used with power, love, glory and honor as associated with our Lord's passion, suffering, and the Christian's Zeal.

"A" - *African* - refers to our African background in black suggests the cradle of civilization from where come all races, colors, and creeds.

"M" - *Methodist* - Refers to the doctrine about God and Christ to which we adhere; it is in Green, the universal color of growth, progress and hope.

"E" - *Episcopal* - Means they we are a church overseen by Church Fathers, called Bishops. Purple, so often worn by our Episcopacy denotes kingly authority in Godly judgment, the union of love and pain in humility.

"Z" - *Zion* - God's holy Hill stands for our branch of Methodism which is a separate entity from our sister churches like, A.M.E., C.M.E., M.E., True to God - "true blue" it is symbolic of heaven and sincerely.

IT DEPENDS ON WHOSE HANDS IT'S IN!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.

A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth \$19 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends on whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because –

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I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin’.”
I’m whispering “I was lost,
Now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I don’t speak of this with pride.
I’m confessing that I stumble
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I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
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When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I’m not holier than thou.
I’m just a simple sinner
Who received God’s good grace, somehow!

THIS COULD BE THE YEAR

READ: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*We who are still alive and are left will...meet the Lord in the air.
And so we will be with the Lord forever. V. 17*

My dad was a pastor and on the first Sunday of each new year he preached about the return of Christ, often quoting from 1 Thessalonians 4. His point was always the same: "This could be the year that Jesus will return. Are you ready to meet Him?" I'll never forget hearing that sermon at age 6, thinking, If that's true, I'm not sure I will be among those He's coming for.

I felt certain that my parents would be going to heaven, and I wanted to go too. So, when my dad came home after church, I asked how I could be sure. He opened the Bible, read some verses to me, and talked to me about my need for a Savior. It didn't take much to convince me of my sins. That day, my dad led me to Christ. I will be forever grateful to him for planting these truths in my heart.

In an increasingly chaotic world, what a hopeful thought that this could be the year Jesus returns. More comforting still is the anticipation that all who trust Him for salvation will be gathered together, relieved from this world's suffering, sorrow, and fear. Best of all, we'll be with the Lord forever!

Joe Stowell

*Lord keep me always mindful of your inevitable return.
Thanks for the assurance that this world is not all we have
but that a blessed eternity awaits all who trust in you.*

Perhaps today! Dr. M.R. Dehaan

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<p>Sunday 8:30 a.m. Church School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service) Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)</p>	<p>Tuesday <i>Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill</i> 6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.</p> <p>Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Zumba 6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month) 7:00 p.m.. Praise & Worship Choir rehearsal, 8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday <i>Day of Fasting</i> 6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month)</p> <p>Saturday 10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd) 11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month) 12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)</p>
<p>Monday 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter 6:00 p.m. Zumba 7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)</p>	<p>Thursday 6:00 p.m. Steward Board 7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month) 7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal</p>	

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Jan. 5th-17th
Corporate Prayer & Daniel Fast

Sunday Jan. 10th
 First Fruits Sunday-Encouraging all members to tithe, double tithe, or make a sacrificial gift for the New Year 2016

Proverbs 3:9-10 New King James Version (NKJV)
⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions,
 And with the first fruits of all your increase;
 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty,
 And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Nehemiah 10:35 New King James Version (NKJV)
³⁵ And we made ordinances to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of the LORD

Sunday Jan. 10th 4:30p.m.
 Cross Street serving Dinner at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen; preparing meals for 120 guests

Looking Ahead
Sunday Jan. 31st 4:00p.m.

Cross Street Host Hartford District 5th Sunday Service

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Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



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The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,
that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,
"Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"God's Word

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"
Hebrews 4:12

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is settled in heaven. I bless you because you have given me rest according to all that you have promised to me. Not one word of all your good promises has ever failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in your Word at all times. I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. All of your words are pure, O God, and you are a shield to me. Lord God, your way is perfect, and

your Word is tried. You are a shield and a mighty buckler to me as I trust in you. With your Word you made the heavens, O Lord. all of your promises are yes in Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have spoken through your Word since ancient times, in order to give light to those who sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in the way of peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces even to the dividing asunder of my soul and spirit, and of my joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of my heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I will endeavor to walk in the light of your Word all the days of my life.

If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???

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