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# 2025 BIBLE STUDY MANUAL

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*THEME: THE YEAR OF AMPLIFIED GRACE FOR TRANSITION*

## **2025 Prophetic Declarations**

Speak these declarations in faith and watch God amplify His grace in your life!

### **1. Grace for Breakthrough**

"I declare that the grace of God is amplified in my life, breaking every limitation and making the impossible possible. I walk in supernatural favour and divine breakthroughs in every area of my life."

### **2. Grace for Increase**

"I declare that amplified grace multiplies my resources, my wisdom, and my impact. I move from glory to glory, lacking nothing, because the Lord is my provider."

### **3. Grace for Strength**

"I declare that I am empowered by God's amplified grace. In my weakness, His strength is made perfect, and I rise above every challenge with victory."

### **4. Grace for Restoration**

"I declare that the grace of God restores everything that has been lost or stolen in my life. Relationships, health, finances, and opportunities are being restored a hundredfold."

**5. Grace for Favor**

"I declare that I walk in divine favour. Doors that no one can shut are opening before me, and I am positioned in places of influence by God's grace."

**6. Grace for Purpose**

"I declare that amplified grace enables me to fulfill my divine assignment. I am equipped, anointed, and sent to accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God."

**7. Grace for Peace**

"I declare that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, reigns in my heart and mind. Amplified grace guards me from fear, anxiety, and confusion."

**8. Grace for Overflow**

"I declare that I live in the overflow of God's blessings. My cup runs over, and I am a channel of grace and provision to others."

**9. Grace for Wisdom**

"I declare that amplified grace grants me divine insight and wisdom. I make decisions with clarity and walk in the perfect will of God."

## **10. Grace for Holiness**

“I declare that by God’s amplified grace, I live a life that pleases Him. I am sanctified, set apart, and empowered to walk in righteousness.”

### **Scripture Foundations:**

- “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- “For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” (John 1:16)

## February

### Amplified Grace For Fellowship

#### Week One

#### Verse of the Week

**Acts 2:46:** *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*

**Lesson:** The believers of the early church in the book of Acts met daily in the temple courts and in homes for fellowship. They valued relationships between saints and made fellowship the core of their faith. That is why none among them was in need because they formed a strong bond, and they cared for one another. In today's world, we might not meet daily as they did but we can meet regularly, as often as we possibly can and relate with one another in Christ. These are not just casual gatherings centred around similar interests or hobbies, but it is the coming together of believers to pray for one another, study the bible and eat together. For this kind of fellowship to happen, our motives must be pure, and we should

have genuine interest in the wellbeing of one another.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What is the difference between believers in the book of Acts and today's believers?
- Why was none of the believers in the book of Acts in need?
- Why is it important for our motives to be right in our fellowship with one another?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Hebrews 10:25:** *Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Lesson:** The word of God instructs us not to give up assembling with one another as some believers have developed the habit of absconding church related meetings and gatherings. Whenever there is a church service, we need to make it our goal that we are present because it is for our benefit. Just as a

piece of coal or charcoal cannot burn alone but needs others so that it can remain on fire, we also as believers need the encouragement and fellowship of other believers to remain fired up for God. Our assembling together is so that we can encourage one another because this journey of faith has many challenges. On our own we cannot make it; we need the support of others. The coming of the Lord is near, and Jesus is not returning for a feuding church that is divided but is returning for a united church that cares and cherishes one another.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why is it important to meet regularly with other believers?
- What makes some believers to develop the habit of always being absent in church?
- What kind of church is Jesus Christ returning for?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Hebrews 10:24:** *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,*

**Lesson:** The coming together of believers presents many challenges, but it also presents many opportunities. The challenges stem from the fact that as believers we come from different backgrounds and come with different expectations. It is normal for us to have personality differences and clashes from time to time, but we also need to take this as an opportunity to use our diversity for good. We need to encourage one another and find creative ways to love and do good to each other. We must encourage other believers to walk in love and be kind to others. Life is a difficult journey with its challenges, and we must not add any burden to anyone over and above what they are already facing. Let us help one another by bearing each other's burdens. The win of one is the win of all. The loss of one is the loss of all. Where there is love, people flourish.



### **Discussion Points:**

- Why do we have problems between believers?
- Why are our differences an opportunity for good things to happen?
- How are you contributing to making the life of others better?

### **Week Four**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**1 John 1:3:** *We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.*

**Lesson:** Fellowship must be both horizontal (between believers themselves) and vertical (between believers and God). We cannot claim to love God whom we cannot see and yet not love our brothers and sisters in the Lord who we can see. Our faith must be real and genuine, something that the world can see, hear and touch. It is such genuine

faith that will change the world. When we walk in love towards one another, the world will be attracted to our fellowship because only in the church can they find such genuine love and acceptance. Our fellowship should not just end among ourselves, but we must also have fellowship with God our Father and the Lord Jesus our Saviour. The circle of fellowship is complete when it touches both heaven and earth.

**Discussion Points:**

- What is horizontal and vertical fellowship?
- What kind of faith is said to be genuine and why is it important?
- How do we complete the circle of fellowship?

## **March**

### **Amplified Grace For Soulwinning**

#### **Week One**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**Proverbs 11:30:** *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.*

**Lesson:** God desires that we as righteous people should bear fruit, and that fruit is a tree of life. To be righteous means to have a right standing with God. It means the right to stand before God and not be condemned. This righteousness is a gift that is freely given to all that receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour. It is not enough to receive Jesus as Lord; we must also share Him with others. Just as a tree cannot eat its own fruits, as believers we are called to be trees of life that give life to others. The one who wins souls is wise. The greatest thing you can ever do for anyone is to give them Jesus. If you give them bread, you have solved their hunger for a few hours, but if you give them Jesus the bread of life, you have

solved their spiritual hunger for all eternity. God considers it wisdom to save souls because Jesus is the Saviour, He came to save lives. When you preach the gospel, you are saving lives.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why is the fruit of the righteous said to be the tree of life?
- What does it mean to be righteous?
- Why is it considered wisdom to win souls?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Matthew 22:9:** *So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.'*

**Lesson:** The overwhelming majority of people will come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus because someone WENT to them and told them about Jesus. Only a few will know Jesus by coming to our churches without someone inviting them. Real evangelism and effective soulwinning requires us to go to where the people are, not wait for them to

come to where we are. The church is at its best when it goes to the streets and visits homes and any other place where the people are. The four walls of the church are a training ground for external ministry. We must be an outgoing church that invites people to come to Jesus. We must not just limit our evangelism to altar calls on a Sunday (important as they are) but we must make every day and every place a platform for evangelism. Evangelism is not difficult; it is as simple as pointing someone where the direction of their destination is. Everybody wants eternity, that desire is God-given to all people, they just need to know how to get it.

### **Discussion Points:**

- How will majority of people know Jesus?
- What does real evangelism require us to do?
- What is the purpose of the church building with regards to evangelism?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Acts 8:30-31:** *Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*

**Lesson:** A lot of people read the Bible, but they do not understand it. To them the word of God is just a closed book that is hard to understand. The Bible is the only book that carries the gospel. The purpose of the gospel is to make people understand the things of God. Without the preaching of the gospel, many people will have many unanswered questions that only the bible can solve. We must not underestimate the power of the word of God to change lives, even the lives of strangers that we have just met. The Bible is the word of God, but it cannot preach itself, it needs us to interpret for the world what it is saying. There are many people that own Bibles but do not have Jesus Christ because they lack someone who can explain to them. When we preach the gospel, we are explaining to them, making the word of God simple to understand. We are the Philips of our

generation, and we must be ready to explain to sinners how they can be saved.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why is the bible hard to understand for many people?
- What is the purpose of the gospel?
- Why are we the Philips of our generation?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Romans 10:14:** *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

**Lesson:** It is not an automatic thing that people will call on God because it takes faith to call on God. That faith comes from hearing the word of God. The preaching of the word will remain indispensable for as long as people have not heard the gospel. The only way people can believe in God is through hearing the preaching of the word of God. We have been sent by God to go and preach to the world.

Preaching of the word may seem like a foolish thing to do but it is the only way people can believe in Him. The gospel is the greatest weapon we have in the spiritual warfare to win over the unbelievers. Whenever we preach the gospel, we are shining the light of God on them and things become clearer. Every one of us is called of God to preach the gospel, with no exception. Preaching of the gospel is not for the select few but it is a mandate given to every born again child of God. We are all preachers because it's our calling and we have a message. Jesus Christ is our message, that He died for the world to save us from our sins and that through Him we have eternal life.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What does it take to call on God?
- Why is preaching of the gospel an indispensable thing?
- What happens when we share the gospel?



## **April**

### **Amplified Grace For Career Development**

#### **Week One**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**Deuteronomy 28:6:** *You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.*

**Lesson:** God's desire for us is that we are blessed everywhere we are and everywhere we go. The endless possibilities of the blessings of God upon our lives will know no bounds or limit. Such is the force and power of the blessing of God upon our lives that every place we go we carry the blessing. When we leave home for work, school, business or in pursuit of opportunities we are not going there to look for the blessings. We are going there to demonstrate how blessed we are. Many have made the mistake of thinking that it is the acquisition of material things, fame and fortune that makes them blessed. On the contrary, all these things are attracted to us like a metal is to magnet because we

are blessed. We are blessed because we are children of the Most High God. The blessing of God runs in our blood, it is part of the family inheritance. Every struggle, lack and need are nothing but an opportunity for us to use our faith and for God to demonstrate His power on our behalf.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What is God's desire for us?
- What does it mean to be blessed going in and blessed going out?
- Why are the blessings our inheritance?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Daniel 6:4:** *At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.*

**Lesson:** We have Daniel as an example of integrity in our career and his integrity caused him to be hated by certain corrupt officials in government.

They sought to find fault with him regarding his conduct but because he was God-fearing, he walked with his head high knowing that he was an honest man. In today's world where corruption is the order of the day, it is important that as children of God we live honest lives. This is part of our testimony. Sometimes being honest will make us unpopular but it is more important to be popular with God because of our integrity than to be popular with people of the world because of corruption. In time, you will be rewarded because God is faithful, He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Be honest in your work or service, do what is right and avoid cutting corners. Your success in the long run is a result of the little honest steps you took along the way. The shortcut to success may seem appealing but in the long run it is the longest way to get to nowhere. Like Daniel, be known for integrity and you will be promoted in due season.

**Discussion Points:**

- What made Daniel to be hated by his colleagues?
- Why is it important to be honest in today's world?

- Why are shortcuts dangerous for believers in their career path?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Ecclesiastics 10:10:** *If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.*

**Lesson:** This verse highlights the importance of skill and preparation. Just like a sharp axe makes chopping easier, having the right skills and being well-prepared can lead to success with less effort. Applying the wisdom from this verse to your work or career can be very beneficial. The verse emphasizes the importance of skill and preparation. Continuous learning and skill development is a must. Just as a sharp axe makes cutting easier, continuously improving your skills and staying updated with the latest industry practices can make your work more efficient and effective. Consider

taking additional courses, attending workshops, or obtaining certifications relevant to your field. Efficient use of tools and resources ensures that you are using the best tools for your tasks. Familiarize yourself with latest trends to streamline your work processes and reduce the effort required to complete tasks. By focusing on these areas, you can enhance your efficiency and effectiveness in your role, leading to greater success with less effort.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why is skill important in your success?
- What is your axe that needs to be sharpened?
- Why should you engage in continuous learning?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Jeremiah 12:5:** *“If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?”*

**Lesson:** In your career and in life, there are levels we must overcome in order to qualify for the next levels. It is futile to expect to compete with horses if you have failed to compete with men on foot. You need to master the level you are in right now so that you can be qualified for higher levels. See your current position or situation as a platform that is preparing you for the next level. That is why you must not cheat your way up because you will not have gained the relevant experience to perform at the highest level. God does not promote incompetence. Maximise today's opportunities for in them you are being trained for tomorrow's challenges. The challenge with many believers is that they are eager for what's next but they are failing in the here and now. Things don't get better tomorrow; you just must get stronger today. Today is your training season. Success comes when opportunities meet

preparation. May opportunities find you prepared. You can predict your success in the future by the amount of time and preparation you pour into your life.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What does it mean to race with men on foot and horses?
- Why does God not promote incompetence?
- When does success come?

## **Week Five**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalm 1:3:** *That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers.*

**Lesson:** Success in life is the work of the grace of God and us playing our part. Success in your career and life is not by accident, it is a result of a series of thoughts, words, actions and decisions we make. It is important to keep the right company of people because birds of the same feather flock together. If

we allow ourselves to be influenced by the wrong people, we will find ourselves going the wrong direction. Who you listen to has a direct bearing to where you are going in life. If we keep ourselves from the wrong company and focus on the word of God, meditating upon it day and night, we will be like a tree planted by the streams of water. Our lives will not only be refreshed but will also refresh others. We shall bear fruit in our own season. Not every season is your season, but in your own season, nothing and no one can stop you from bearing fruit. Whatever you do will prosper because you are planted in the right place. Where you are planted matters if you are to prosper God's way.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why is success in life not by accident?
- Why is it important to keep the right company in life?
- How do we prosper God's way?



## May

### Amplified Grace For Community Impact

#### Week One

#### Verse of the Week

**Acts 17:6:** *But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,*

**Lesson:** You may be ordinary but when you walk with God, there is amplified grace for you to do the extraordinary. The believers of the early church turned their world upside and had such a community impact that their presence could not be ignored. If our church were to shut its doors, can the community continue living as if we never existed or something big will be missing? We need to have such an impact that we are felt. That is the kind of influence that God wants us to have on the community. They should feel the burden of their sinful ways because we are living holy lives that convict them. To others, we may seem like troublemakers but that is the way the gospel works.

The gospel comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. The gospel afflicts those who are comfortable with sin, comforts those who repent from their sins and leaves people better off than when we found them. It takes the church to rise for the kingdom of darkness to fall.

**Discussion Points:**

- What does the grace of God do to an ordinary person?
- What would happen to our community if our church were to close?
- What does the gospel do to sinners?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Acts 4:29** *Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.*

**Lesson:** The gospel will always be challenged because it is God's instrument of populating heaven while depopulating hell. There will be resistance in the community when the gospel is preached because of its life-transforming power. It will not always be soft sailing to preach the gospel in our community. There will be those who oppose the work of God and will do everything in their power to frustrate the spread of the gospel. They will use all kinds of excuses to discourage the work of God. If you plan a crusade, they will complain about the noise but the same people can tolerate the noise of taverns. That is why we need to pray and ask for boldness to preach the word of God with great boldness. There is grace that God gives churches to not only survive but thrive in whatever place they are planted. Just because the church is resisted does not mean it has lost its way. Sometimes persecution is sure sign that the church is on the right direction.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What kind of instrument is the gospel?
- Why do some people in the community oppose outreaches?
- How do we tell that the church is on the correct path?

### **Week Three**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**Acts 2:41:** *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

**Lesson:** The grace for community impact begins with the preaching of the gospel. Peter's harvest came because of the preaching. A staggering three thousand souls were won to the Lord in one day because when God is moving in our midst one of the first signs is souls turning to Jesus. We cannot change our community through advocacy against substance abuse or crime only because advocacy is good for making people aware of the dangers of such, but the preaching of the gospel brings permanent answers. Community transformation is

Christ-centred. The result of evangelical efforts is to win souls. When souls are won, they need to be disciplined in local churches. A local church is a spiritual home for people to find refuge. We are believing God for a great harvest, but this harvest comes as a result of preaching the gospel.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why is the preaching of the gospel important to get the harvest of souls?
- What is the difference between advocacy and preaching of the gospel?
- Why are local churches important in communities?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Matthew 5:14** *“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.*

**Lesson:** Jesus Christ taught us as the church that we are the salt of the world and the light of the world. As salt we preserve and give taste and as light, we give direction and bring clarity. The believers are not just part of the community, but they are the custodians of the fate of the community. We are likened to a city or town built on a hill, which cannot be hidden or ignored. Such is the presence of the children of God that no matter how much the world tries to ignore or hide us, we will always pop up and been seen from a distance. The church is not an insignificant part of the community, but it is the light. We are the light because Jesus who is the light lives in us and dwells among us. His light shines in and through us for the world to see. We must not try to conform to the world and allow it to dominate us, but rather we should shine the light and lead the way. The church is not called to conform, but rather it is called to transform the community.

**Discussion Points:**

- What does it mean to be the light of the world?
- What makes us to be the light of the world?
- What is the difference between to conform and to transform?

## June

### Amplified Grace For Strength

#### Week One

#### Verse of the Week

**1 John 2:13:** *I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.*

**Lesson:** The word of God acknowledges the wisdom and experience of the older generation ("fathers") and the strength and victory of the younger generation ("young men"). Applying this to your life we can draw inspiration from both perspectives. Wisdom and Experience: Just as the "fathers" know Him who is from the beginning, you can rely on the knowledge and experience you have gained over time. Let us use the past experiences of those more mature than us, who have walked with God longer than us, to guide our decisions and actions. Strength and Victory: Like the "young men" who have overcome the evil one, you can approach challenges with confidence and resilience. Overcoming obstacles in your life, whether they are complex



situations or temptations can be seen as victories that strengthen your skills and character. By combining the wisdom of experience with the strength of overcoming challenges, you can achieve success and make a positive impact in your life.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What can we learn from the fathers?
- What can we learn from the young people?
- Why is it important to combine experience with energy?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Isaiah 40:31** *but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

**Lesson:** The previous verse has just told us that even young men grow weary and tired and the youth stumble and fall, but the turning point comes from waiting upon the Lord. That is what makes the difference. We should not rely on our own strength

to make it in life, because no matter how strong we are, we do get weary, and we stumble and fall. Our strength is found in the secret place, in the presence of the Lord. We must learn to take time off from our busy schedules and go into the secret place and commune with God. It is there that our strength is renewed. Just like the eagle, after years of flying it begins to grow weary, lose its vision and vitality. It must separate itself and go up the mountain to renew itself for it to have fresh momentum in life. We need such times in our lives, all of us, just to be in the presence of God and renew our strength.

**Discussion Points:**

- What causes the youth to be weary and to stumble?
- Where is our strength found and how can we get renewed?
- What do we learn from the eagle in this regard?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalm 118:14:** *The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.*

**Lesson:** When the Lord becomes your strength you step into the dimensions of possibility, and nothing shall be impossible for you. David the writer of the book of Psalms knew from experience what it means to have the Lord as your strength. He killed the lion and the bear and ultimately Goliath the giant, all these feats he did as a teenager. That tells us that the Lord is the difference that makes the difference. The Lord is our defense, no foreign army or attacks from the kingdom of darkness can breach this cover of protection. The Lord is our defense in every area of our lives. He is our lawyer in the courtroom, our warrior in the battlefield, our doctor in the sick room, our provider in the times of need and our comforter when in sorrow. He is our salvation. We cannot save ourselves because the burden of sin is too great for any one of us to bear but Jesus did it. Only a perfect sacrifice, free from the contamination

of sin could redeem us from our sins. All we can do is live lives full of gratitude.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What happens when the Lord becomes your strength?
- What made David so courageous and victorious?
- What makes sins so great a burden to bear?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalm 46:1:** *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

**Lesson:** In times of need, and personal attacks when everything seems to be going against us, we have a God and Father that we can run to. When you are going through challenges, do not run away from God, instead, run to God because He is our refuge. A refuge is a secure place where we can hide from danger. It's a place of protection and preservation. There is no harm that can befall us because our lives

are hidden in Christ. Do not be afraid of the future or whatever comes your way, our God is bigger and stronger than any adversary we may face. God is our strength, and His strength is made perfect in our weakness. The most beautiful thing about God is that He is an ever-present help in trouble. He does not wait for us to be in trouble for Him to come, but He is always there with us even before the trouble arises. Grace is God's provision even before the need arises. We can rest assured that nothing will overwhelm us because God is on our side, to help us and strengthen us.

**Discussion Points:**

- What does it mean that God is our refuge?
- What does it mean to have God's strength made perfect in our weakness?
- What does it mean that God is our ever-present help?

## July

### Amplified Grace For Faith

#### Week One

#### Verse of the Week

**Hebrews 11:1:** *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

**Lesson:** The grace of God is His way of providing everything He has prepared for us, but it takes faith to receive. When the grace of God is amplified in our lives, but we do not have faith to receive whatever grace has made available, it is not God's fault but ours. It is our responsibility to read God's word and find out what He has provided to us through grace and have faith that it is ours in the here and now. Faith makes real what grace has provided. Faith is the confidence that what we hope for is ours today and it is the assurance that even though we do not see it yet, but we have it. Just because we cannot yet see it or feel it with our five physical senses but through faith we have it. Sometimes our five physical senses will be communicating contrary to our faith, we must continue to believe God until we

have whatever we are believing for. Just because you cannot see something does not make it non-existent. Keep on confessing the word of God, declaring every promise of God as true because the word of God will never fail you.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What is the relationship of grace and faith?
- What is faith?
- Why is confession of the word of God important for our faith to remain strong?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Ephesians 2:8:** *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—*

**Lesson:** Salvation is the greatest thing that can ever happen to any person. Salvation is God's gift to us given by grace and we receive it by faith. Both the grace that gives and the faith to receive are a gift from God, these are not our human effort. God made

it simple so that the simplest one of us can be saved. We do not work for salvation; it is God's gift. This gift of salvation is for all mankind, no matter how far gone in sin they are. The grace of God is sufficient for all. In order for us to receive what the grace has provided; God gave us His word so that through it we may develop the faith to receive. God does not just give by grace, but He also provides the means through which we can receive. God is involved in the whole process from start to finish so that no one has an excuse. It does not take minutes or hours or even days for a person to be saved. It is instant the moment one confesses with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe with their heart God has raised Him from the dead.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why is salvation the best thing to ever happen to anyone?
- How does God make it simple for anyone to be saved?
- How does a person get saved?



## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**2 Corinthians 4:13:** *It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,*

**Lesson:** God tells us how faith works because He wants every one of His children to live by faith. How does faith work? You believe, and therefore speak. You believe the word of God that has been spoken to you or that you have read and after believing it, you speak it. You speak what you believe. In order for you to believe you must first hear the word. Believing is a result of hearing the word of God. It does not end there, but you must confess what you believe. In other words, you are agreeing with God that whatever grace has made available is indeed yours. The spirit of faith is simply believing the word of God and speaking what you believe. If you believe the wrong thing and confess it, it will come to pass because your words have power to create. It is important to believe the right things, those promised in the word of God. If you do not hear the word of God, you cannot believe and if you cannot believe, you have nothing to confess.

## **Discussion Points:**

- How does faith work?
- What is the connection between what you believe and what you confess?
- What is the spirit of faith?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Romans 1:17:** *For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”*

**Lesson:** The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ, that He died for our sins and paid the price for our redemption. Not only that, on the third day He rose again victorious over sin, hell, the grave and every force of darkness. By turning to Jesus and receiving Him as Lord and Saviour, our sins are remitted and washed away. We become brand new creatures, a species that never existed before. This sacrifice of

Jesus has made us the righteousness of God, made new as if we have never sinned before. This righteousness is not a second-hand righteousness, but it is the same righteousness that God is and has. This righteousness is not attainable through good works because there is absolutely no amount of good works we can ever do that can suffice to pay for our sins. We receive this righteousness by faith. We must live by faith because that which is received by faith is maintained by faith. Faith is not a once-off event, but it is a lifestyle.

**Discussion Points:**

- What is the gospel and why is the gospel?
- What does it mean to be the righteousness of God?
- Why do we always need faith from start to finish?

## **Week Five**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Hebrews 11:6:** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

**Lesson:** Having learnt what faith is and why it is so important, we can now understand why it is impossible to please God without it. Faith has no substitute; you cannot please God without it. The basic minimum to come to God is that you must believe that God exists. If you do not believe God exists, then your faith has got no foundation, and it is non-existent. As a believer, never bother to argue with a person who believes God does not exist because the basic requirement to come to God is to believe that He exists. After believing that God exists, then one must believe that God rewards those who diligently seek Him. God is faithful to reward anyone who seeks Him diligently. No human being who ever believed that God exists, and they sought Him diligently ever failed to find Him. God is near to all, He is not hidden to anyone who seeks Him. But we must seek Him on His own terms, not ours.

God's terms are simply believing on His Son, whom He sent.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why is it impossible to please God without faith?
- What is the basic requirement to come to God?
- What are God's terms in seeking Him?

## **August**

### **Amplified Grace For Succession**

#### **Week One**

#### **Verse of the Week:**

**2 Timothy 2:2:** *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

**Lesson:** Everything that God has taught you in His word must not end with you but must be passed on to others, who also must pass it on to others. We must not allow the word of God to be wasted in our lives by keeping it to ourselves because it is meant to influence others beyond ourselves. The apostle Paul taught Timothy, who was a Pastor and this was not just private lessons but were public teachings conducted in the presence of many witnesses. In the things of God there are no private lessons, whatever is taught to one must be taught to all. However, those who are taught must entrust those lessons to

reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. The qualification to teach others is for you to be reliable and taught well so that you are qualified to teach others. An unreliable person is a poorly taught person, such a one is unqualified to teach others. You can only teach what you learnt. If you learnt nothing, you have nothing to teach. The more you learn the more qualified you are to teach others.

**Discussion Points:**

- How do we waste the word of God?
- Why are there no private lessons in the kingdom of God?
- What is the qualification to teach others?

## Week Two

### Verse of the Week

**2 Timothy 1:5:** *I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

**Lesson:** Faith can be passed on generationally. Timothy was a product of the faith of his grandmother, who passed on her faith to her daughter, who eventually passed on the same faith to her son Timothy. This is what we call the heritage of faith, faith that is passed on from one generation to another. The greatest inheritance we can leave our children is our faith. Over and above leaving them our faith, we can leave material resources. Faith will help them get what they want, recover what they have lost and maintain what they have. Faith should be held in such high esteem that it is supposed to be viewed as an inheritance that we can leave behind. When faith is passed on to the third generation it becomes a way of life even for the preceding generations. The challenge for us is to leave our faith to our children and grandchildren. Generational



faith is important because our God is faithful to all generations.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What is generational faith?
- Why is faith the greatest inheritance we can leave our children?
- Why should faith be passed on to the third generation?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Joshua 1:5:** *No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.*

**Lesson:** The relationship of Moses and Joshua is worth emulating today. Moses was the mentor, and Joshua was the mentee and when the time for succession came, Joshua was found worthy to fill in Moses' shoes. Joshua worked closely with Moses, even during the times when Moses went up the mountain and entered God's glory. Joshua was

always nearby. When Moses died, God assured Joshua that He will be with him the same way He was with Moses. Kingdom succession is better than earthly succession in that earthly succession is about filling in the shoes of the retired or departed leader, but kingdom succession is about walking with and working with the God of the retired or departed leader. God is faithful in that He will ensure that His grace is sufficient for succeeding leaders the same way it has been with the previous leaders. The reason why Joshua succeeded where Moses failed is not because he was better than Moses, but it is because he walked with the God of Moses. Generations of leaders may change, they may come and go, but God remains the same, faithful to every generation.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why is the relationship of Moses and Joshua worth emulating today?
- What is the difference between earthly succession and kingdom succession?
- What made Joshua succeed where Moses failed?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Matthew 22:32:** *I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."*

**Lesson:** God introduced Himself to Moses saying, 'I AM the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob', and yet at that time those three were long dead and gone. Instead of saying, 'I WAS the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob', God says, 'I AM' speaking in the present tense. This is because as far as God is concerned His servants never die because His plans and purposes for them are eternal, living and outliving them. If you walk with God your legacy is eternal, even long after you are gone, your fruit will remain to impact future generations. In the world they say, 'Legends never die' but in the kingdom of God we say, 'servants of God never die', their fruit lives on. God is not the God of the dead but of the living because all who believe in Him, though they may die physically, but spiritually they are alive unto Him. It does not matter whether they

are still alive on earth, or they have departed to be with the Lord in heaven, they are alive to God.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why does God introduce Himself to Moses in the present tense?
- What happens to your legacy if you live and die in the Lord?
- What does it mean that He is not the God of the dead but of the living?

## September

### Amplified Grace For Teamwork

#### Week One

#### Verse of the Week

**Ecclesiastes 4:9:** *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:*

**Lesson:** Teamwork is so important to us because the return of our combined efforts is better than that of our individual efforts. It is not good to be a loner, your effectiveness will be limited. There is a difference between being alone and being a loner in that being alone is just a temporal state when others are not present, but a loner is a person who prefers and strives to be alone due to hurts or unresolved past situations or insecurity or fear or being unfriendly to others. Whatever excuse we may have to be loners, at the end it works out to our disadvantage not to have others in our lives. We especially need the company of other believers, like-minded people, who will encourage us and pray

with us in times of need. Alone we can go fast but together we can go further. Alone we can do so much, but together we can do so much more. In life we need others, no person was created to exist alone like an island. There will be tensions, disagreements and misunderstandings when we interact with others but that should not stop us from relating with others because there are many benefits from such, chief of which is increased and improved return on our combined efforts and labour.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why is teamwork important?
- Why do some people prefer to be alone and what is wrong with that?
- What are the risks and opportunities of being in a relationship with others?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Deuteronomy 32:30:** *How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up?*

**Lesson:** One person with God can chase a thousand and two people with God can chase ten thousand. Logically speaking, if one can chase a thousand, then two should chase two thousand but in the kingdom of God the reward for a team of two far outweighs that of one. God's mathematics is superior to ours. There is a visible difference in the output of one compared to that of two because God puts a higher premium on teamwork than He does on individual efforts. The kingdom of God operates on a teamwork system because we are a team. In a team we all have our part to play, and though our roles may differ, but the results reflect on the collective. We win together and lose together. If God is so in favour of teams, it shows that the devil will try every trick to discourage people from teams. The enemy will sow divisions, suspicions, mistrusts and confusion to keep us from working together. Always remember that there is power in teamwork. Every

one of us are important in the team, our contributions may differ, but the result is that the whole team wins because God is among us. One will do great work, but two will do greater work.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why does God's mathematics not make logical sense?
- Why does the kingdom of God operate on the principle of teamwork?
- How does the devil destroy teamwork?



## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Ecclesiastes 4:12:** *Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

**Lesson:** In life there are many battles and attacks we face. Some of the attacks just come even without any provocation because there is an enemy who will do anything to discourage us. Jesus said the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. If we make the mistake to fight battles by ourselves as individuals, who will pick us up when we fall? There will be times when we need the help of others. As individuals we can be overpowered but two can defend themselves. The area of weakness on another is eliminated by the area of strength of another. The miracle of two coming together is that God steps in and they become like a cord of three strands which is not easily broken. We need to be intentional about building and nurturing these strong bonds. This imagery of a three-stranded cord illustrates the strength found in unity. Individually, strands can break easily, but when woven together, they become

much stronger and more resilient. The three strands represent different elements: God, oneself, and fellow believers. Our faith and service become much stronger when our lives are woven together with God's presence at the centre and supportive relationships with others. This reinforces the idea that we are not meant to journey alone but in fellowship with others, ultimately under God's guidance.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why are battles and attacks a reality for all of us?
- What does the imagery of a cord of three strands teach us?
- What does each of the three strands represent?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalms 133:1:** *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*

**Lesson:** David's observation highlights the beauty of unity among God's people. It compares the goodness of unity to the refreshing and nourishing properties of oil poured over the head or dew upon the mountains. Proverbs 16:18 warns that "pride goes before destruction." Many biblical stories point to pride as the one thing that separates us from each other. It works like a barrier instead of a glue that brings people together and allows us to dwell together in unity. Unity equates to peace because when unity exists, it brings out the best in people. It is a universal concept that shows humans, as individuals and as a group, seek God as their spiritual foundation. Unity strengthens the church. It fosters love and support among those who are believers. When believers are united, there is no better testament to one's love of God. We are called to come together as believers. It's a significant part of our faith journey. Jesus prayed for the unity of

believers, as He recognized its role in demonstrating God's love and glorifying Him (John 17:20-23). God desires unity because it reflects His nature. When we dwell together in unity as followers of Christ, we embody His teachings.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why is it good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity?
- How does pride destroy our unity?
- What does unity reflect among us?

## **Week Five**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Mark 6:7:** *Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.*

**Lesson:** This is a powerful picture of Jesus sending out his disciples with his authority. Jesus gives them authority to deliver people of demons, to cast out unclean spirits. They would go out and do ministry with the delegated authority of Jesus. Jesus' strategy of ministry was for His servants to go two by two, not one by one. Even though the disciples had been given authority over unclean spirits but still they needed to work as a team. Jesus was training them for practical ministry that they would have to continue even after His ascension to the Father in heaven. Jesus does not do ministry without us; He needs us to fulfil His plans and purposes on earth because we are His body and He is the head. The head cannot operate without the body. If we understand the concept of the body, we will understand better why we need to work as a team. According to the Jewish culture, a team of two could

better give a more truthful witness of the gospel because in the testimony of two or three witnesses the truth is established. The witness of one is not sufficient but the witness of two establishes the truth. Jews could easily brush off a message from one person, but if they came as a team of two, they knew that it was serious.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why does Jesus give them authority over unclean spirits?
- Why can't Jesus do ministry without us?
- Why was it important in the Jewish culture to have at least two witnesses to establish the truth?

## **October**

### **Amplified Grace For Spiritual Growth**

#### **Week One**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**1 Peter 2:2** *Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,*

**Lesson:** When we got born again we were positionally sanctified; positionally set apart unto God, once for all. We were taken out of the old creation in Adam and placed into the new creation in Christ. As newborn babes in Christ, we were positioned in Him. Our position in Him also needs to be worked out practically; a practical sanctification that needs to take place in our everyday life and living. Our positional sanctification took place the moment that we were saved, and from that moment onward we were reckoned by God to be as righteous as Christ, however, practically we are not yet sanctified.

Practical sanctification is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our life as He conforms us day by day into the image and likeness of Christ, as we read the Word, study the Word, learn the Word, and apply the Word in our everyday lives. Practically we know that sin works within our members every day of our life, but the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer is to bring us to practical sanctification. It is a lifelong process which is only completed when we go to be with the Lord, whether through the door of death or at the return of the Lord in the clouds for His saints. Practical sanctification does not happen automatically. We need to grow in grace and become mature believers in our Christian faith. We must feed on spiritual food each day and be exercised spiritually in order to grow in grace and to mature in the faith, and Peter clearly tells us the importance of taking in the right spiritual food to ensure godly growth: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

### **Discussion Points:**

- What does it mean to be positionally and practically sanctified?



- Why is spiritual growth a lifelong process?
- How do we feed on the word of God?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Hebrews 5:12:** *In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!*

**Lesson:** Spiritual growth is intentional but there are some who simply refuse to grow up spiritually. Growing older is natural, but growing up is a choice. The verse of the week is, in a sense, a rebuke to those who should be mature in their faith, mature in their understanding of God's word, but who still drink milk like an infant in faith. We should read this and be compelled to pray for maturity in our lives and families and the people around us and the church that we are part of and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We must all desire to grow in maturity. We

must want to help others grow in maturity and encourage them to take spiritual growth as a personal responsibility. No one can grow on your behalf. We cannot be content to drink spiritual milk like infants and not grow in our feasting on God's Word. So many followers of Christ are content just to drink spiritual milk like infants in the faith for far too long when that's not God's design for us. Yes, there's a time for being an infant, but we're not supposed to stay there. There's a time for drinking milk, but we're supposed to grow in our taking in of solid food. I want to encourage you to feast, to not be content with spiritual milk, but to grow in eating steaks, glorious steaks, solid food in God's word. Don't be content with living in infancy. Pray for maturity, growing maturity in your faith day after day after day.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why is spiritual growth intentional?
- How do we grow spiritually?
- What are the two types of food in the word of God?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**2 Peter 3:18:** *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

**Lesson:** What is healthy grows. It is a basic principle in all creation, true in the animal world, plant world and also in man's experience. Babies are expected to grow. That's natural. It is also true when sinners become Christians. At first, we are babes in Christ. But we must not remain babies. We must grow. What is healthy will grow. This concept of spiritual growth we often find in the Scriptures. In Psalm 84 the Christian as pilgrim is described as going from strength to strength until he reaches Zion. Paul speaks of Christians being rooted in Christ and built up in Him, and of growing up in Him in all things. It is not enough to know that we are born again, important as that is. As new-born babes we must grow up in Him in all things. We find in these words of Peter a *comforting* thought, but also a sobering admonition — comforting because when we grow, we have more of the Spirit with His fruits of faith,

joy, love, confidence, peace, comfort, hope and contentment; *sobering* because, when we realize how little most people grow, we are strongly admonished to grow. In what way must we grow? This text says that we must grow "*in the grace and knowledge of Christ.*" This means that we increasingly become aware of the fact that salvation is by *grace* alone, and that God therefore deserves all the glory. To grow in the *knowledge* of Christ means that we learn to know Him more experientially. "Knowing" involves a fellowship of love. Here it means that we increase in the love of Christ, so that He constantly becomes dearer to us. This implies that we increasingly obey His commandments and live by His Word.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What does it mean that what is healthy grows?
- What is the fruit of the Spirit?
- What is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ?

## **Week Four**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Luke 1:80:** *And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.*

**Lesson:** Even though John the Baptist was called and set apart from birth to be a prophet of God and a forerunner of Jesus Christ, yet he still needed to grow. God's call, grace and anointing upon your life is not a substitute for spiritual growth. Many Christians were born again when they were young, and they grew up in the church. Presumably then, we will have grown a lot when and if we get to be 80 years old. Even at 60 or 70 we must have grown much since we were teenagers. Christians should never quit growing but keep on growing in the Lord. This implies that when we have reached the far side of life we don't act like "kids" anymore. The most important part of growing up is outgrowing certain things that no longer contribute to your growth and development. As we become mature Christians we also can eat "meat" — a heavier diet, while people who still are spiritual babes can use only "milk." We

must ask ourselves the personal question: How much have I grown in the Lord since I became a Christian? Or, if you have been an adult for some time, how much have I grown since I was young? Am I still growing? Am I *trying* to grow?

**Discussion Points:**

- Why did John the Baptist, though he was a prophet, need to grow spiritually?
- What is the most important part of growing up?
- Why should ask ourselves personal questions on our spiritual growth?

## **November**

### **Amplified Grace For Gratitude**

#### **Week One**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalm 9:1:** *I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

**Lesson:** When we hear the command to give thanks in all circumstances and we think about particularly difficult circumstances, we think about when things are not going well in our lives. Maybe we have been wronged in this way or that way. How do you give thanks in the middle of those circumstances? Well, obviously we're not thankful for evil, for being wronged; but we are thankful for God's grace over this. We are thankful for Jesus' power over evil displayed in the cross and his resurrection from the dead. We are thankful that evil does not have the last word, that injustice doesn't have the last word. And we are thankful that God is our defender. You start

to think of all the ways you can give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart, even amidst difficulties. Recount all the wonderful things God has done for you. Sometimes people focus on the negatives to the point that they do not see even a single good thing God has done for them. Thanking God with all your heart means you are fully persuaded that no matter what may come your way, God is still on the throne and He is worthy of your praise.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why should we thank God every time?
- What should we thank God for?
- What does it mean to thank God with all your heart?



## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Luke 17:17-18:** *Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

**Lesson:** Ten lepers ask Jesus to heal them. He tells them to show themselves to the priests. Only the priests can officially declare a leper physically healed and ceremonially clean (Leviticus 13–14). As the ten go, they realize they are cleansed. One, a Samaritan, returns to Jesus, falling at His feet, and loudly praising God. Jesus responds to the crowd, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" Jesus isn't looking for personal praise. He wants all ten to return and recognize the mercy God the Father has given them through Jesus. Certainly, the other nine can praise God in other places at other times, but there's something important about recognizing God's grace in the moment among witnesses. Jesus calls the Samaritan a "foreigner." The Bible uses the Greek for "foreigner" to mean "pagan" or "heathen." The word was used to prohibit non-Jews from entering the Jewish part of the

temple. Samaritans are descended from the mix of Jews the Assyrians left in the northern kingdom of Israel and the Gentiles the Assyrians moved in. Their religion is a mix of Judaism, idolatry that Jeroboam created after splitting the ten tribes away from Judah, and whatever the other Assyrian captives brought in. The Jews despise both their genetic and religious bias. What this all means is that thanking God should be everyone, especially those who realise who He is and what He has done for them in His mercy and grace.

**Discussion Points:**

- Why did Jesus ask the lepers to present themselves to the priest?
- What is the difference between a Samaritan and a Jew?
- Why is thanking God for everyone?

## **Week Three**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalms 34:1:** *I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.*

**Lesson:** David promises to praise the Lord, using a Hebrew phrase which literally means "at every time." No matter what the situation, David would praise God. This is the most prominent source of the scriptural concept of a writer's praise for the Lord being "on my lips." David had experienced deliverance by the Lord from the Philistines at Gath (1 Samuel 21) and praised the Lord for that deliverance. His escape from a dangerous situation is probably what motivated him to write this psalm. However, he was determined to praise the Lord in *every* situation. The Lord is good all the time. Whether a given moment is difficult or delightful, we ought to praise the Lord. Even in dire circumstances we can see His hand of grace and mercy. He comforts us in our sorrow, and He helps us withstand every adversity. Gratitude should not be circumstantial but should spring from a heart that recognises that God is good, no matter what the

situation is. It does not matter what is in your life, what matters is the praise that is in your lips.

**Discussion Points:**

- What was David going through when he wrote this Psalm?
- Why is the Lord worthy of our praise no matter the situation?
- Why should gratitude not be based on circumstances only?

## Week Four

### Verse of the Week

**Philippians 4:6:** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

**Lesson:** When Paul wrote to the Philippian believers, he was under house arrest and chained. There were Roman soldiers round the clock to watch him, but he regarded his adversity as serving to advance the gospel. Not only did he rejoice in prison, but he also called upon the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord always. Most of the times it is the people outside prison who encourage those in prison, but Paul was of a different character. He saw his imprisonment as a ministry opportunity. He encourages us not to worry about anything and by so saying he is indirectly acknowledging that in life there will be things to worry about, but we should not worry about them. Instead, we should pray and present our requests to God. Trials, challenges and problems should be seen as prayer points not worry points. Paul is teaching us that our situation does not define us, our prayers and gratitude do. We are

everything the word of God says we are. Challenges are inevitable but praise is a choice we must intentionally make. In life there will never be a shortage of things to worry about but let us make sure there is no shortage of prayer. Having problems is part of life, but prayer is a part of OUR life. Problems are an opportunity for our faith to grow.

**Discussion Points:**

- What circumstances was Paul under when he wrote the book of Philippians?
- Why should we not worry and what should we do with our worries?
- Why should we view problems with a positive perspective?

## **December**

### **The month of Amplified Grace Celebration.**

#### **Week One**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalms 47:1:** *“Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!  
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!”*

**Lesson:** God is not allergic to noise. If there is one thing that both heaven and hell have in common is noise. The only difference is the type of noise. One is the noise of pain while the other is the noise of joy. We are instructed to clap hands and shout to God with the voice of triumph. The voice of triumph is the public declaration of what Jesus did for us, how he overcame the world, sin, and the devil. After overcoming, he gave us the victory. There is no reason to be quiet about it. After all, Jesus defeated the devil publicly by making him a public spectacle before heaven, hell, and the earth. It's no secret, the earth has an empty grave to prove it, hell has open gate to prove it, heaven has an occupied throne to prove it.

## **Discussion Points:**

- Why is God not allergic to noise?
- What is one common thing between heaven and hell and what is the difference?
- What proof does heaven, hell and earth have that Jesus is triumphant?

## **Week Two**

### **Verse of the Week**

**Philippians 4:4:** *"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!"*

**Lesson:** This letter was written by a prisoner to people outside. Paul writes this letter while awaiting his eventual persecution, but he encourages believers to be joyful. Joy is a fruit of the spirit; it is different from happiness which is determined by happenings. Paul tells us to rejoice, and just in case we missed it the first time, he repeats it that we should always rejoice. This is because the joy of the Lord is our strength. It does not matter what is



happening around us, we can be filled with joy because joy is not circumstantial, but it is a choice.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What condition was Paul in when he wrote this letter?
- What is the difference between joy and happiness?
- Why is joy our strength and a choice we make?

### **Week Three**

#### **Verse of the Week**

**Psalms 126:1-2:** *"When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.'"*

**Lesson:** The captivity of Zion was the people captured and taken to Babylon as slaves. A prophetic word had been given earlier that their captivity would only last for seventy years and they

would return to their homeland. It looked impossible because of the strength and grip of their captors but when the Lord eventually brought them back it was like a dream. A dream that came true. There was joy, their mouths filled with laughter and singing and the nations that observed this mighty act of deliverance confessed that the Lord had done great things for them. Even in our lives, there are those seemingly impossible situations that the Lord will deliver us from, and it will seem like a dream, but it would be true. Even the critics will confess that this is God's work.

### **Discussion Points:**

- What is the captivity of Zion?
- Why was there celebration, laughter, and joy among the people?
- How did God prove their critics wrong?

## Week Four

### Verse of the Week

**Joshua 6:5:** *"It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."*

**Lesson:** The walls of Jericho were fortified and strong, never been breached before. They were built to last. History has it that those walls were so thick that you could ride a chariot or two on top of them. No sledgehammer could bring them down and the city was closed. It took a shout of victory after the blowing of the ram's horn to bring them down. There is something about a shout of victory that provokes God's power to be in manifestation. We should not be quiet about the victory but rather we should shout until the walls of Jericho fall. The wall may seem great and insurmountable but wait until the victory cry is heard, that wall will fall flat.

### Discussion Points:

- How strong were the walls of Jericho?
- Why is shouting important in releasing the power of God?
- Are you ready to shout yourself into victory? Enter the new year with a shout of victory.