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Live for JESUS Everyday

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To GOD be the Glory.

31 Daily Messages

(1 Month Exhortations)

JESUS is the Light of the world.

Luke 2:30-32 2 Corinthians 4:6

Day 1 Feet That Preach

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:15b). Do we share the gospel with others? We are to tell others about JESUS. Where we go, and what we do when we get there speaks to others. We communicate with those around us before opening our mouths. How is our behavior? What is our attitude like? How do we handle matters that come our way? We may express a message that we do not want to send. [Let not then your good be evil spoken of. (Romans 14:16)] Let us live in such a way that glorifies our Father in heaven. It is a beautiful thing for Christians to live out our faith in JESUS. What we do, as well as how we do it matters. When we share the good news about JESUS, this pleases GOD. May we spread the gospel everywhere that we go and in everything that we do.

We Preach JESUS

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ JESUS The Lord; and ourselves your servants for JESUS' sake.(2 Corinthians 4:5) Let us tell the world about JESUS, what He has done for us, He can do the same for them. GOD is at work in the lives of people to believe in His Son JESUS to save them. [JESUS is The Way, The Truth and The Life. The only way to The Father is through The Son. (see John 14:6).] GOD has made the way of escape from the wrath to come. (see 1 Thessalonians 1:10) JESUS rescues us from hell and saves us from our sins. Through faith in JESUS' shed blood on the cross for our sins we have been made new. (see 2 Corinthians 5:17) We can live a life of service unto others that bring glory to GOD. It is of no goodness of our own selves. We need JESUS. JESUS is Savior and Lord. As we daily live for JESUS, let us compassionately preach and emphatically proclaim salvation through JESUS alone.

Live Evangelistically

But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (Romans 10:18) The sound that is heard out of the lives of believers goes beyond natural speaking. There's a saying: Actions speak louder than words. What are people hearing us say to them? We express our faith in words and deeds. We can positively impact others' lives for JESUS. We may share our faith in JESUS at home (among family), within our community, at work, in school, on vacation... There are different ways we may tell others about JESUS. We can share our testimony (tell others how JESUS saved us and delivered us from bad habits, or even addictions). We may quote a scripture related to what a person is going through. We can pray with those who are troubled. We may give an encouraging word (letting those we meet know that GOD loves them). Let us be a living witness for JESUS: letting others know about the hope that we have in JESUS Christ our Lord and that He can save them.

Day 4Walk in The Light

For GOD, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD in the face of JESUS Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6) JESUS is the Light of the world. (see John 9:5; John 12:46) We were all in darkness. We were born spiritually blind; not seeing the light; dead in sin. When we came to JESUS, we came to the light. We receive knowledge of the truth through a relationship with JESUS. GOD helps us to understand our need for Him. We do not have to be controlled by hate, anger, envy, strife, bitterness... Through faith in JESUS we have *His light on the inside of us. It is because of* GOD's goodness, grace and mercy that we are saved. We walk in the light of The Lord as we walk in GOD's love and live according to His Word.

Day 5<u>Fruitful Followers</u>

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (John 15:8) To bear fruit is to be productive for the Kingdom of GOD. That which comes forth out of our lives is to please GOD. When we sin, we are to quickly turn to GOD, ask for forgiveness, and seek guidance from our heavenly Father that we may do what's right in His sight. How we handle situations is important. As hungry people come across our path may they receive that which is healthy for them. Let us not have a bad (rotten) attitude. When we are wronged, let us forgive. When we offend others, may we desire reconciliation. When people see how we handle matters with love, joy, patience, and so on... may others be nourished by our life in Christ (receiving food for their soul that can help them grow spiritually). As we learn and grow as followers of JESUS, may our lives in Christ be a blessing to those who are hungry and thirsty to know JESUS.

Day 6Charity

Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. (1 Corinthians 8:1b,KJV Bible) Charitable organizations provide goods and/or services. Spiritual charity is the characteristics of GOD in our attitude, actions, and throughout our relationships on a continual basis.

[1 John 3:18 says, My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.] To love in word or in tongue, I think of it being said

"I love you" (with no meaning behind it), or "
I love you more" (as a cliche statement).
Charity genuinely cares. May we lovingly
share the gospel of JESUS in a way that helps
others grow.

Day 7Charity (Part 2)

Charity is another word for love: the love that GOD expects us to express. [JESUS says in John 15:12-13 This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends.] JESUS laid down His life for the sins of the world. He sacrificed His life so that we may have new life through faith in Him. We can express the love that GOD expects of us, because JESUS is in us. Charity, loving GOD's way, is committed, selfless and sacrificial. Loving GOD's way goes above and beyond; extending oneself so that others may get their needs met. May we live charitable lives ~ willingly serving in love.

Show You Care

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of GOD in him? (1 John 3:17) Pastor Greg Laurie (Harvest Ministry, CA) and Pastor Michael Youssef (LTW Ministry, Atlanta, GA) both state concerning us having ...time, talent and treasure. We are to use the resources that GOD gives to us for His Glory. We may not be asked to lay down our natural lives, but we may have opportunities to lay down our lives spiritually~by surrendering ourselves unto The Lord. [...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1b)] As we make ourselves available for use by GOD, others may receive from us as from GOD. Do we pursue our own interests only or do we help others with what GOD has given them to do? How do we use our talents/ gifts and abilities? *May we show that we care through acts of* kindness and sincere giving. [As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10)]

Perfect, GOD's Way

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.(Matthew 5:48) Be, is our present state--currently, here, now. Therefore, relate to the preceding verses in Matthew chapter five: primarily, Matthew 5:19-47). Except our righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees we shall in no case enter the Kingdom of heaven.(see Matthew 5:20) JESUS is Perfect, Sinless, Blameless. JESUS is in us (His people) by His Spirit. We cannot live the life that GOD is calling for without Him. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is GOD which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (see Philippians 2:12b-13) We are being conformed to the image of JESUS from glory to glory. (see Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18) As JESUS is, so are we in this world (see 1 John 4:17).

The Bond of Perfectness

Love is the bond of perfectness. With JESUS in us we can express the love of GOD on earth. The love of GOD connects us. GOD draws us unto Himself and unifies believers. We are not to take for granted the relationships that we share through faith in JESUS. As brothers and sisters in Christ we are knitted together. This bond is not to be broken. Selfishness, pride, envy, competition, or other things are not to be in our hearts. JESUS is in us that we may live a life of love. May the love that we share express what it truly means to be a follower of JESUS.[By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:35)] The love of GOD is expansive (makes room for more and more souls to become a part of The Body of Christ). (see Ephesians 4:16) May each of us be available conduits of the love of our Savior JESUS to one another and unto the world. To GOD be the Glory. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Made Righteous

For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of GOD in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21) We need our Lord and Savior JESUS every step of the way. Followers of JESUS desire to be more like Him. GOD empowers us to practice righteousness. Those who are born of GOD do not commit sin. (see 1 John 3:9) To commit sin is to be loyal or devoted to acts of disobedience/rebellion against GOD. [A pastor from Northwest Bible Baptist Church in Elgin, IL. stated that as a believer, when we sin it is to be few and far between.] Sin is not to be a habit for believers. Our minds are renewed as we seek GOD through His Word; our hearts desire is to please our heavenly Father. GOD works on the inward man. We walk in the righteousness of JESUS as we humbly surrender and obey GOD's Will. To GOD be the Glory. In JESUS' Name, Amen.

Peace Among Men

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace. (Ephesians 2:14-15) [Pastor Robert Jeffress, (Pathway to Victory Ministry, Texas) spoke concerning there being two extremes in his "Grace Gone Wild" series. Legalism and Liberality, Legalism has a reliance on works. Liberality relies on a misunderstanding of the grace of GOD. A person may feel that no matter what is done, he or she is okay.] As I considered the two extremes, I pictured a cross in the center with legalism on one side and liberality on the other. Legalism restricts saying, I cannot and you cannot do this and that. Liberality says, I have my rights. I do not have to do x,y,z to be saved. Both legalism and liberality pose a problem. The solution is JESUS!Live to please The Lord. Serve others as unto The Lord. Let us not offend others by living carelessly, yet consider others in the things that we do and say. Let all that we do be done in love.

Witness For JESUS

Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in. (see Luke 14:23b Bible Study Tools, online) It has been said, If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict? We are to be a living witness for JESUS. Below are five ways we may witness for JESUS. 1- Share the Gospel (Good News) with those who do not know The Lord; Tell people about GOD's saving grace through faith in His Son JESUS. 2- Share our testimony, letting others know how GOD saved us from our sins and delivered us from habits and heals our hurts. 3-Godly Character and Conduct (May each follower of JESUS be known for having integrity, being dependable, trustworthy... May our behavior be reflective of JESUS in us. 4- Holy Living (With JESUS in us by His Spirit, we can live separate from the world's ways, making a positive impact in the lives of others for the glory of GOD.) 5- Serving others well (May we genuinely care for others.) Let's share our faith with those we meet... down the street and around the world.

Day 14<u>JESUS is The Way</u>

JESUS saith unto him, I am The Way, The Truth and The Life: no man cometh unto The Father, but by Me. (John 14:6) The only way to The Father is through The Son, JESUS. JESUS is The Door (entry way) to GOD. On The Cross JESUS Arms was outstretched. His sacrificial death on the cross invited us to come to Him. When we come to JESUS in repentance (being sorry for sin and desiring to change) we can look to GOD for forgiveness and be saved. We have access to GOD through faith in JESUS shed blood on The Cross at Calvary over 2,000 years ago. When we accept what JESUS has done for us in dying in our place we can do a 180 degree turn and head in the right direction. JESUS is The Way (Route to GOD). Our relationship with Him leads us to our Father's House.

JESUS is The Truth

Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth? (John 18:38a) JESUS is The Truth. (see John 14:6) JESUS is The Revelation of GOD. The umbilical cord connected us to our natural source of life, in our mother's womb (before we were born). When we come to GOD through faith in JESUS, we are born again. He is our Lifeline. JESUS is our Connection to GOD The Father, [And The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of The Father,) full of grace and truth. (see John 1:14)] The Word of GOD nourishes us. (see Proverbs 3:8) Transformation occurs as we renew our minds with The Word, (The Bible). (see Romans 12:2) We can know The Truth, as we hear what The Bible says and obey GOD.

Day 16<u>JESUS Is The Life</u>

JESUS said, unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever lives and believeth in Me shall never die. (John 11:25-26a) A believer has new life through faith in JESUS shed blood on the cross for our sins. We have been born again from above. Do we say as Paul did? ...neverthelessI live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. (Galaians 2:20b) Our lifestyle is to be reflective of faith in JESUS. In JESUS we live, move, and have our being. (see Acts 17:28)

Day 17 In Spirit and in Truth

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship The Father in spirit and in truth; for The Father is seeking such to worship Him. (John 4:23 NKJV) We do not have to reside in a certain geographic location to worship our Father. We may be in a church building, at home (during private devotion), or other places. GOD wants our whole heart. Do we desire to know GOD and delight to please Him? With a heart of faith in JESUS, may we seek our heavenly Father and worship Him. Thank GOD for JESUS.

A True Heart

If we say that we have fellowship with Him (GOD), and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth (1John 1:6 NKJV) Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. (1 John 2:8-10 NKJV) We not only speak what is true, it is expressed out of our lives. Do we live out what we say we believe? Are we caring, generous and compassionate, merciful, long suffering... Do we desire good, healthy, strong relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ? Are we repentant of sin and offences, and forgiving of others when you are wronged? [Let our hearts be true, I pray. In JESUS' Name. Amen.] With the love of GOD in our hearts, we can truly love one another.

Brokenness

A broken and a contrite heart-These, O GOD, You will not despise.(Psalm 51:17b NKJV) Brokenness in a natural sense, may not be thought of as positive. A broken heart (someone scorned or rejected); a broken home (severed relationships), a broken leg or other body part...Yet, brokenness in The Lord is a good thing. Brokenness helps us to realize our need for JESUS. When we humble ourselves before The Lord, He lifts us up out of our circumstances. GOD mends our broken hearts. He restores relationships (as He so will). GOD heals our hurts and pains physically and emotionally. GOD knows all about what ails us. May our brokenness bring us closer to GOD.

Day 20Thankful Hearts

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks: for this is the will of GOD in Christ JESUS for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16 NKJV) The joy that is within, is not based on circumstances. Happy hearts (in The Lord) are not sustained by what's happening externally. We praise GOD, because He Is Worthy! Thank GOD for Who He Is. Thank GOD for His goodness, grace, mercy, and loving kindness towards us...With grateful hearts we sing, and Bless His Holy Name.

Looking for JESUS?

Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them,"Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:46-49 NKJV) The King James Version says. And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? [How is it that we look for JESUS?] May we seek our Savior JESUS in personal time with Him. May we also use our time to help others grow in the faith. [..and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 4:29b NKJV)

Hunger to Know JESUS

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:6) The scripture says "...do hunger..." It makes me think of someone looking into a cabinet to find food. To see that 'hunger' is something that we do-- Hunger is active, not passive for followers of JESUS. Do we pursue GOD's will for our lives? Only He can satisfy our deepest longing. JESUS is The Bread of Life. (see John 6:35 KJV) The Word of GOD nourishes. All that we need is found in The Lord. When we welcome The Lord JESUS into our lives, He fills us with His Spirit and helps us to do the things that please our heavenly Father.

Thirsty for GOD?

My soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1b NKJV) What does it mean to be thirsty for GOD? Thirst for GOD... is a desire to be near Him (to be refreshed by The Presence of GOD). The writer of the Psalm was in a dry place. Dry places (such as deserts) are hot, secluded areas. When the heat is on (or when trouble comes), we may feel as though GOD is distant from us. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O GOD. (Psalm 42:1) GOD knows all about our trials and suffering. Only GOD can revive our souls and refresh us in drought. Only He can satisfy the longing soul. Continue to thirst for GOD... to be ever near Him.

Come Let us Adore HIM

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ The Lord (Luke 2:11 NKJV) "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:15b NKJV) The shepherds did not hesitate to come to where Baby JESUS had been born. [O, the wonder and joy that must have been felt when they beheld, The Good News...The Savior of the world.] When the shepherds saw JESUS laid in a manger, they alorified GOD. As we open presents and spend time with loved ones, let us remember our Savior JESUS. May we adore Him, praise Him and welcome Him into our hearts, each day of the year.

Day 25 Seek GOD

...for he who comes to GOD must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6b NKJV) We must persevere as we seek to know The Lord. As we study Bible Scripture, we can learn about GOD; His Will and Ways (that we may hear and do what He says). All Scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of GOD may be complete, thoroughly furnished for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV) GOD wants us to seek Him... that we may know Him more (intimately). May we have a desire to come closer (and go deeper)... I pray that as followers of JESUS, we will diligently seek The Lord, follow the leading of The Holy Spirit, and mature in the faith. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Wait on The Lord

But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

(Matthew 25: 5 NKJV) Everyone needs rest. Yet, when our Lord returns, will we be awake; in a state of readiness, awaiting our Lord's return; watching and waiting for Him? We wait on The Lord in expectant anticipation of His return. We are to be vigil (with purpose and focus on doing our Father's Will). Let us continue to obey GOD and serve others well. We are not to procrastinate in doing good, nor preoccupied by the cares of life. Let our waiting for JESUS not be idle, but practical.

Confess JESUS Publicly

Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him: lest they should be put out of the synagogues: (John 12:42) [confess-publicly acknowledge, KJV Bible, Thomas Nelson (c)2017 p.1388, Footnote Commentary] When we come to JESUS in a church setting and accept JESUS into our heart it may be stated as making a confession of faith . Coming down an aisle in church is one way that we may come to Christ. People may receive JESUS into their hearts at home, in a car, at a supermarket (various places). To confess means to admit that we have done wrong. We admit that we are sinners and need JESUS to save us. When we come to JESUS publicly (openly), it is to commit our lives to Him. Our confession of faith in The Lord JESUS is expressed in everyday living for Him. We are to put to practice what we say we believe.

Day 28 A.W.A.K.E.

And that, knowing the time, that now is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. (Romans 13:11 KJV) As we await our Savior JESUS' return, we are not to sleep on the job. May we remain prayerful, repentant and forgiving others. As children of GOD, awake... A.W.A.K.E. (Arise, Watch, And Keep Expecting); understanding that GOD desires none to be lost. In the midst of tests, trials, tribulations; joys and sorrows...let us trust GOD no matter what. May our hearts anticipate, minds stay focused, and lips praise The Lord, as we look to JESUS and let others know about Him.

While We Wait...

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (Matthew 25:13 NKJV) I can visualize myself as a child, visiting relatives, thinking of how my mom is to come back to get me, maybe during the night, yet, I do not know when... so, therefore, what am I to do?) Those who are expecting someone to return for them should anticipate the person's coming. What should expectant people do? Stay dressed (Put on Christ)... Stay near the door (Keep the Word near and dear to our heart)... Do not lay down (Let us not get comfortable here on earth. Our home is in heaven)... Let us be in a state of preparedness as we embrace the truth that JESUS is coming back for us.

Operate in Love

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:31) When I was in elementary school there was a grading scale: E-Excellent, G-Good, S-Satisfactory, *U-Unsatisfactory. In 1 Corinthians chapter 12,* Apostle Paul wrote about a more excellent way, as he discussed using spiritual gifts. What's best (more excellent)? Charity, loving GOD's Way. Apostle Paul spoke of charity in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Let us operate in love as we use our spiritual gifts. Character, as well as conduct count. We walk in the Righteousness of JESUS. Without Him, we could do nothing. With JESUS in us by His Spirit, we can love and live holy. Glory to GOD, Amen.

Relationship with JESUS

...but have not love, it profits me nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:3c NKJV) Having and using spiritual gifts is purposeful. GOD wants His children to grow in the faith. If we use our gifts and do not have genuine care and concern for others, it does not benefit us. When others receive, do we miss out on being blessed? One of the ways that we serve *The Lord is by giving to others. It matters* what we do and how we do things. Relationship is not just receiving gifts or using gifts from GOD.. It's about knowing The GIVER of Gifts (GOD); but most importantly, being known by GOD. Our relationship with JESUS is evidenced in fruitful living for the Lord. Let us daily walk with JESUS (by faith, in love and in obedience to The Word of GOD).