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Encourage One Another

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To GOD be the Glory.

***31 Daily
Messages***

(1 Month Exhortations)

*JESUS is the Light
of the world.*

(see Luke 2:30-32; 2 Corinthians 4:6)

*Disciples of JESUS
are lights in this world.
(see Matthew 5:15-16;
Philippians 2:12-15)*

Day 1
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.

Day 2

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.

Day 3

We need JESUS

But GOD demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 NKJV) JESUS is Savior of the world. We need JESUS to save us. We need JESUS to keep us safe from danger seen and unseen. We need JESUS in our heart, to do what's right in GOD's sight. We need the Presence of GOD in our lives. [When I think of oil (Matthew 25:4)... I think of-- our inner light [JESUS in us (see 2 Corinthians 4:6-7)]. When I think of oil... I think of -- operating in love [doing things GOD's Way (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)]. We need JESUS in every area of our lives. We need JESUS for everything! We need JESUS, Always. Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 4

True Love

Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.(1 John 3:18 NKJV) To love in word, I think of the statement "I love you". To love in tongue, I think of a person using their own "love language" to express love to others. To love in deed (action)... To love in truth (actual)...Do we mean the words that we say? Do we delight in doing GOD's Will? True love is not just saying words or doing things. Is it from the heart? Do we respond at all? [1 John 3:17 says, if you see your brother in need and you close your bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of GOD in you?] Let the love of GOD flow out of our hearts in what we do, why we do, and how we do things. Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 5

Strengthen Brethren

...and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. (Luke 22:32 KJV) If you stumble and fall, do not stay down. Repent. Return to GOD. Confess your sins and ask for forgiveness. Reach up to The Lord, Who is our Helper. Get back on the field. When discouraged or overwhelmed...Remember: The Mission is not over. We have work to do for The Lord. Do not stop or think of quitting. Share your testimony with others. [I thank GOD for saving me, forgiving me and seeing me through trials. He can do the same for you.] Tell others about the goodness of The Lord. Help others grow in the faith. Make a positive impact in the world for JESUS!

Day 6

Comfort One Another

...comfort one another (see 1 Thessalonians 4:18) We feel pain and experience grief in suffering loss. Yet, we have hope. Troubles do not last always. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. (Psalm 30:5) There's a song that says, just wait til the morning.[I speak not of the natural morning. Naturally, troubles may not end at daybreak.] Job said, all the days of my appointed time, will I wait for my change to come. (Job 14:14) Great is GOD's faithfulness. (see Lamentations 3:23 KJV; Bible Study Tools, online resource) Be confident in The Lord our GOD. He cares for you. You are never alone. Allow GOD to speak to your heart through His Word. Recite scripture aloud. Also, share scriptures with other believers. Be there for each other providing spiritual and emotional support. We need each other. Praise GOD for our relationship with JESUS, and one another.

Day 7

Pain With a Purpose

We are hard pressed on every side; yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed- always carrying about in the body the dying of The Lord JESUS, that the life of JESUS may be manifested in our body. (2 Corinthians 4:8-10) This world has ups and downs; tests and trials. We go through hardships for a purpose. Nothing that happens to us (or concerning us) is without cause. As we endure, others may be strengthened for trials they may encounter. [So then death is working in us, but life in you... for all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of GOD. (2 Corinthians 4:12,15) To GOD be the Glory. Thank GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 8

Trust GOD's Purpose

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love GOD, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 NKJV) Sometimes things do not look or feel good situationally. Remember, GOD is Always Good! His love is unfailing.(see 1 Chronicles 16:34) We do not always understand how things will work out, yet, we do know that GOD is working out things for those who love Him.... He is conforming us into the image of His Son. (see Romans 8:29) There is an expected end. (see Jeremiah 29:11) Trust GOD's Purpose. Obey GOD's Plan (The written Word of GOD, The Bible). Always go with GOD! As GOD leads us by His Spirit on this faith journey, let us willingly follow Him. Glory to GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 9

More than Conquerors

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:35,37 NKJV) Our confidence is in JESUS. He loves us so much. He came into the world to die for our sins (bad heart and evil ways). JESUS is Lord, Savior, King... He is GOD! He keeps us firmly planted, rooted, built up in Him. JESUS is our Hope; The Hope that does not disappoint. (see Romans 5:5) JESUS has overcome the world. Though we face adversities, we are victorious through JESUS Christ our Lord! The victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (see 1 John 5:4) And they overcame him by the blood of The Lamb and the word of their testimony... (see Revelation 12:11) Thank GOD for JESUS! Praise GOD for JESUS! Amen.

Day 10

Blessed to be a Blessing

..and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. (Genesis 12:3) Abraham was a man of faith. He believed GOD when he was told that he would have a son. It is through the lineage of Isaac (the promised son of Abraham and Sarah) that JESUS, The Savior of the world, came. This opened the door for all the world to have the opportunity to be saved. Those that believe in JESUS and receive HIS sacrificial death on the cross as payment for our sins can be saved. As people of faith in JESUS, we are blessed with faithful Abraham. May we be a blessing and share the good news of JESUS with others. Thank GOD for His saving grace. Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 11
W.A.T.C.H.

Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray" and He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch." (Mark 14:32-34 NKJV) JESUS chose His three closest disciples to watch while He prayed. It is the responsibility of watchers to look, listen, and tend to the needs of the one being watched. [I think of the letters: W.A.T.C.H. Willingly Attend The Cry Heard] When we watch, in the midst of another's suffering, we may not be able to stop the pain; though, we can say a quiet prayer. Sometimes, just being there, shows that we care. May we reach out in love. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 12
JESUS Lives

*He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
(Matthew 28:6a) JESUS suffered much to pay
our sin debt in full. He died on the cross for the
sins of the world. He was placed in a
borrowed tomb. On the third day, JESUS rose
again (Resurrection Sunday). HALLELUJAH!
JESUS Lives! For GOD so loved the world, that
He gave His only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.(John 3:16) Receive
GOD's gift of salvation, through faith in
JESUS Christ our Lord. Praise GOD for
JESUS. Amen.*

Day 13

Know JESUS Personally

For whosoever shall call upon the name of The Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13) GOD saves by grace, those who trust JESUS as Savior and Lord. May we gratefully receive GOD's grace (the gift of salvation, through faith in JESUS). We must know JESUS personally. We do not base our salvation on anything that we could ever do... nor do we attest that we are saved because we go to church; because our parents attended; or grandparents had a relationship with GOD. Our relationship with JESUS is personal, yet not private. When we repent of sins and receive GOD's forgiveness, He works on us from the inside out to live for Him. Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 14

Spiritual Circumcision

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit. (Romans 2:29a) GOD let us know that His law will be within our hearts.(see Jeremiah 31:3) We are not justified by works of the law (meaning natural circumcision or by keeping religious rules and regulations: feast days, etc.). When we receive JESUS' sacrificial death on the cross as payment for our sins, we are born again from above. Circumcision or uncircumcision availeth nothing, but a new creature.(see Galatians 6:15) Jews and Gentiles are fellow citizens of The Kingdom of GOD through our relationship with JESUS. Thank GOD for making Jews and Gentiles one, in JESUS Christ our Lord. (see Ephesians 2:11-20; Galatians 3:28) Glory to GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 15
Members One of Another

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. (Romans 12:5) As members of The Body of Christ, we belong to JESUS. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we also belong to one another. We are to serve one another and submit in love. We are not to shun or put down those who have different giftings. Acceptance of one another shows our faith in GOD and understanding that GOD uniquely made each of us. Each of us matters to GOD. Let all that we do, be done in love, for the glory of GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 16

Pursue GOD's Will

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is GOD at work in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13-14) The Bible says 'both' not just to will and to do... GOD allowed me to think on the word 'both' to help me to see that there are two parts to our will. GOD has given to us the heart and mind to do what He says: the desire and the decision (a determination down on the inside to do His Will): the passion to pursue His purpose for our lives. JESUS is in us by His Spirit helping us to live for Him. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13 NKJV) Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 17
Hear GOD

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by The Word of GOD. (Romans 10:17) "...by hearing..." is not just audible. A person that is naturally deaf can hear GOD speak to their heart and receive JESUS as Savior and Lord. "...hearing by The Word of GOD." is more than listening. We must be receptive and responsive to The Word of GOD. When a teacher calls on students, the students show their attentiveness by doing the assignment. As children of GOD, we hear our Father's Voice and apply The Word of GOD to our lives. But be ye doers of The Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (James 1:22) GOD loves you. Allow Him to have His Way in your life.

Day 18

Believe and Obey

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, who hath believed our report? (Romans 10:16) There are two sides of the same coin of faith: believing and obeying. Some stop at believing when it comes to faith in GOD. GOD equips us through His Written Word (The Bible) to do what He says. We are empowered by The Holy Spirit to obey GOD. As children of GOD, sin is not a lifestyle. We walk in the righteousness of our Lord and Savior JESUS. (see 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9) When we sin, we can repent (sorrow over sin and return to GOD) and ask our Father to forgive us. (see 1 John 1:9) Thank and praise GOD for JESUS, our Advocate. Our desire is to please our Father in heaven. Let our faith be expressed out of our lips and lives (in what we say and do). Glory to GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 19

At JESUS' Feet

...Mary, who also sat at JESUS' feet and heard His Word. (Luke 10:39 NKJV) As JESUS taught His disciples, Mary sat among them. Do we understand the importance of sitting at JESUS' feet? All that we need is in Him. JESUS teaches us by His Spirit. He instructs us through the Written Word (The Bible). All scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.(2 Timothy 3:16) JESUS wants us to know GOD's Will for our lives. He helps us by the indwelling Holy Spirit to do what's right in GOD's sight. By spending time at the feet of JESUS, (hearing what The Word of GOD says and communing with our heavenly Father) we can learn and grow in the Christian faith.

Day 20

Worshiper

Then, when Mary came where JESUS was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet. (John 11:32a) It was this Mary that anointed The Lord JESUS' feet with her hair (see John 11:2) Mary usually came to JESUS' feet. She believed in Him. Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, was a worshiper of JESUS. Do we run to JESUS when trouble comes? Is our desire to be near our Savior? Do we realize that we need JESUS. He is worthy of all the honor, glory, and praise. Praise GOD for JESUS! Amen.

Day 21
W.O.R.S.H.I.P.

...for he that comes to GOD must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6b NKJV)
One day it came to me while in church service (as my pastor was speaking about 'Worship') the phrase: With Our Real Self Humbly In Pursuit. [I believe that GOD allowed me to think of this concerning our heart after Him in worship.] No one can come to JESUS except The Father draws him. (see John 6:44) Do we have a passion to pursue GOD? He places a desire to know Him, in our hearts. Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am The LORD, and they shall be My people. (Jeremiah 24:7a) GOD wants us to seek Him, so that we may know Him personally. Thank and praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 22
In GOD's Care

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you: And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am The Lord your GOD, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:2-3a) When problems and pressures of life try to weigh you down, hold on to JESUS. JESUS pulls us up, out of raging waters, and brings us ashore. Glory to GOD. He lifts our heads above our circumstances. Though fire ravages things around us, we are not consumed. GOD's Guided Hand and Protective Covering keeps us safe in the midst of storms of life. If you feel as though you are drowning (overwhelmed by cares), reach up to JESUS. Receive His saving Grace.

Day 23

Love Fulfills The Law

...therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10b KJV Bible Study Tools, online reference) Mankind could not fully obey the Ten Commandments. Breaking one meant breaking them all. JESUS, our Savior and Lord, did everything that our heavenly Father had given Him to do. JESUS died for our sins and rose again. When we repent and receive JESUS' sacrificial death on the cross as payment for our sins, we are born again from above. We are children of GOD by adoption. (see Romans 8:15) JESUS is in us by His Spirit, that we may walk as He walked. (see 1 John 2:6) With the love of GOD in our hearts, we can love one another as JESUS loved us. (see John 13:34) We can walk in love. (see Ephesians 5:2) Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 24

Living a Balanced Life

...know ye not that friendship of the world is enmity with GOD? (James 4:4b KJV Bible Study Tools online reference) [Rabbi Snyder of Breakthrough Ministries, spoke of the balance that Christians need: inflow - outflow; receiving and walking in obedience.] The balance is not--compromise: partly living for JESUS; partly living for the world. JESUS says, Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (John 15:14) Freely we have received of The Lord. Let us freely give. (see Matthew 10:8) Glory to GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 25

Living Faith

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. (James 2:17, KJV Bible Study Tools online reference) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:26) Faith embodies the works within. Faith shows that it is living by the manifestation of works. This, working faith, is not "works of the law" (keeping religious traditions and customs as a means to salvation.) [JESUS Saves!] Living faith moves us to act on what we say we believe. Living faith is active faith. A person can say, I believe. The other person can demonstrate their faith, by taking action (obedience to The Word of GOD and following the leading of The Holy Spirit; see Hebrews 11:8)...the just shall live by faith. (see Romans 1:17b) Thank GOD for giving us faith to believe in Him and empowering us to obey His Word. Glory to GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 26

Faith Exercised in Love

*..faith worketh by love. (see Galatians 5:6)
Apostle Paul expressed to the church of Galatia that love matters. It is essential to our faith walk. Apostle James, spoke of doing good deeds out of love. When someone is hungry, we are not to say "Go, be filled" when we have food to give. When we have what the person needs, we are to be responsive. (see James 2:15-16) JESUS our Lord, spoke of a Samaritan that had compassion on a man that was stripped, beaten, and left half dead. We are to care for those in need (not based on race or kinship), but because GOD's love is in our heart. GOD is using our hearts, hands, and generosity toward people. (see Luke 10:29-37 ESV, Bible Study Tools online reference) May demonstrations of our faith be exercised in love. Praise GOD for JESUS.*

Day 27
Hungry for GOD?

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:6 KJV Bible Study Tools, online reference) The scripture says, "do hunger..." When you are hungry, you usually go look for food in a cabinet, refrigerator, etc. When we are hungry for GOD, we seek Him through His Word (Bible Study, Bible teachings). May our hunger for GOD be an active search, that we may walk in His Ways. Glory to GOD. Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 28

Eat The Word

But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4 KJV - Bible.com) Food for our physical bodies nourishes naturally. Food for our spiritual man is from The Written Word of GOD (The Bible). We are fed through personal Bible study and hearing Bible teaching. As we internalize what our heavenly Father is saying to us in His Word, we can grow in the knowledge of The Truth. May we receive GOD's Word in our heart and obey His Will. Praise GOD for JESUS. Amen.

Day 29

Hungry to See Souls Saved

JESUS saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work. (John 4:34 KJV Bible Study Tools online reference) JESUS' Mission: To seek and to save that which was lost. (see Luke 19:10) JESUS came to save us from our sins and to reconcile us back to our heavenly Father. Finding lost people is fulfilling and rewarding. May our hearts be filled with joy when unbelievers are converted. May we have a hunger to see more and more people come into the kingdom. [Father GOD, may each and every one of Your children be a living witness (telling of Your saving grace, everywhere that we go and in everything that we do). In JESUS' Name. Amen.]

Day 30

Healing for Relationships

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. (James 5:16a biblestudytools.com KJV) How we treat one another is important. When we offend each other, we are to be truly sorry. We must take necessary steps to make things right. Asking for forgiveness is good. We are to talk through our differences and be willing to be reconciled (as we are able to). Our relationships matter to GOD. May we pray with one another and for one another. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. (Romans 12:18) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (Mark 11:25) I pray that GOD will heal us from the hurt we've experienced in our relationships. Glory to GOD. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

Day 31
Jesus Sees Us Through

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Philippians 4:13 KJV Bible Study Tools online reference) The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to have little and much. JESUS is with us. He sees us through highs and lows. GOD knows about our trials and triumphs. He gives us grace to endure hardships. With The Lord on our side, we overcome challenges. He helps us through whatever circumstance we face.

Prayer for Salvation

*If you do not know JESUS personally
as Savior and Lord,
you may say the following prayer:
Dear GOD, Thank you for sending Your
Son JESUS to die on the cross
for the sins of the world
and Him rising again on the third day.
I ask that You forgive me of my sins.
Please come into my heart
and help me to live for You.
In JESUS' Name, I pray. Amen.*

*If you said the prayer
and meant it in your heart,
Welcome to the Family of GOD.*

*Continue in The Lord.
Let others see JESUS in you.*

