



'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord for ever.'

(Psalm 23:6 KJV)

Goodness & Mercy Weekly Devotional

What follows you? Psalm 23:6

Year 2014



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For we are labourers together with God...

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INTRODUCTION

How to use the devotional

It is a weekly devotional, 52 sharings for the 52 weeks in the year, divided into 12 major topics by month and further divided into weekly subtopics.

Study, meditate, confess, declare, decree, be challenged, be inspired, be encouraged, action points and in-turn make a difference in your sphere of influence.

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JANUARY - BEHOLD A NEW THING

Week 1:1-7	I'm Doing A New Thing
Week 2: 8-14	He Changeth The Seasons
Week 3: 15-21	New Every Morning
Week 4: 22-31	It Springs Forth



Week 1: 1-7 January

I'm Doing A New Thing : Isaiah 43:19 (NLT2007)

“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”

Devotional Thought:

As the year begins, God has already begun doing a new, unheard of thing in your life.

He is making a way where there seemed to be no way the previous years.

He is providing for you in the most unlikely ways from most unlikely sources.

Dear friend, lift up your eyes from where you are - for God will give you all that you see.

Action Point:

Take a minute and lift up your eyes from where you are and see what the Lord has already begun doing in your life. Look northwards, southwards, eastwards and westwards into 2014, and as far as you see the Lord will give you.

Declare: I see it, I grab it, it is here! Year 2014 is my year; I break new grounds and blaze new trails. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has in store for me this year ... Hallelujah!

Walk In Your Purpose Driven Life!

Week 2: 8-14 January

He Changeth The Seasons : Daniel 2:21 (NIV)

“He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

Devotional Thought:

Our times are in God's hands; and everything on earth and heaven is under His dominion.

God can make the sun stand still as in Joshua's times. He speaks, and it comes to be; He commands, and all stands firm.

This same God is able to change your season. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Prayer: I pray a new good season begins in your life. Soar higher, grow deeper, sit in high places in all the spheres of your life. I pray the Lord satisfies the desires of your heart as you continue delighting in Him. Your plans will not fail and your dream will not die, in Jesus name!

Meet you at the top!

Week 3: 15-21 January

New Every Morning: Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV2000)
“It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is Thy faithfulness.”

Devotional Thought:

In 1923, Thomas O. Chisholm wrote one of the greatest hymns of all time and this stanza is the refrain of this truth, “Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.”

Action Point:

When was the last time you raised your hands and shouted “Praise the Lord!” Maybe this week is a good time! Why don’t you take time to thank Him for: His mercies that are new each morning, each week, each year, each decade and each century and His faithfulness through the ages.

Have an awesome week!

Week 4: 22-31 January

It Springs Forth - Deuteronomy 11:11-12 (NIV)
“But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.”

Devotional Thought:

My God, My God; I get super excited each time I read and meditate on this scripture.

How marvelous and beautiful it is to have such a God, who places you in a place of permanent provisions.

There is a continuous flow because the showers are coming straight from the source.

As if that is not enough, the Lord watches over you, the Lord watches your coming and going, both now and forever more. What a great God we serve!

Confession: My Great God watches over me. He never sleeps nor slumbers. I dwell in the secret place of the Most High God and abide under His shadow. The lions may grow weak and hungry but I lack no good thing for I am in a place that drinks rain straight from heaven. My new season is springing forth. Hallelujah!

Have a fruitful week!

Week 2: 8-14 February

Face Ever Radiant: Romans 10:11 (NIV)

“Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.”

Devotional Thought

Family, friends and connections may let you down but God will never disappoint you.

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind.

Does He speak and then not act? No!

Does He promise and not fulfill? No!

Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

Prayer: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, in Jesus Name, Amen.

Week 3: 15-21 February

Don't Settle For Less: Romans 8:32 (NIV)

“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”

Devotional Thought:

God is the source of all the good and perfect gifts. No good thing does He withhold from His children. He has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness.

God does not show favoritism.

So don't settle for less because you were bought with the price of the Savior's own blood.

Exhortation: God says in His word, “If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land.” So never ever settle for less because your Father has the best in store for you.

Week 4: 22-28 February

This Is The Way, Walk In It: Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)
Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Devotional Thought:

God guides us every step of the way.
You only have to acknowledge Him and He will instruct you on the way you should go.
At crossroads or when faced with the toughest decision, He is ready to help you.
Confusion does not feature in your world because you never walk alone.

Prayer: Lord, direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me in Jesus Name, Amen!

MARCH - HAPPY EASTER

Week 1:1-7	Debt Canceled
Week 2: 8-14	You Are Redeemed
Week 3: 15-21	It Is Finished

Week 1:1-7 March

Debt Canceled: Colossians 2:14-15 (KJV2000)

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

Devotional Thought:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe!

The written code against you was canceled!

The ordinances do not contain your name anymore!

Confession: There is therefore now no condemnation for I am in Christ Jesus; for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.

Have a blessed week!

Week 2: 8-14 March

You Are Redeemed: Galatians 3:13-14 (KJV2000)

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree : That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” KJBible2000

Devotional Thought:

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law.

You have been transferred from darkness to light.

Abraham’s blessings are yours.

One Nigerian understood this truth and sang; “Abraham’s blessings are mine, I’m blessed in the morning, I’m blessed in the evening...”

Confession: I’m a great nation; I’m blessed; My name is great; I’m a blessing; All peoples are blessed through me in Jesus Name!

Have a blessed week!

Week 3: 15-21 March

It Is Finished: John 19:30 (NIV)

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished..."

Devotional Thought:

The plan of salvation was accomplished perfectly just as God planned it.

Even at creation we see God finishing and resting because His creative work was completed -and it was totally effective, absolutely perfect, 'very good'. It did not have to be repeated, repaired or revised. Who compares to Him?

Action Point:

The blood of Jesus speaks of better things; reconciliation and forgiveness. Is there someone in your life who has wandered from the faith and felt the abandonment of friends and family? If so, go to that person today and encourage him/her in the love of Jesus.

Have a blessed week!

Week 4: 22-31 March

The Power Of Resurrection: Philippians 3:10 (KJV2000)

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

Devotional Thought:

The apostle desired to know more of Christ, of His great salvation, of His love, and to have an enlarged experience of communion with Him.

Praying for the Ephesians, he says; "... may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -Ephesians 3:18-19."

Prayer: Lord, out of your glorious riches, strengthen me with power through your Spirit in my inner being so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith, in Jesus Name!

Have a blessed week!



Week 1:1-7 April

I believe And Therefore Speak: 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NIV)

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.

Devotional Thought:

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified.

With your mouth you confess and are saved.

From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Action Point:

Take stock: What are you believing God for in your heart? Is your spoken word establishing or canceling your belief? Do things differently from now on; believe the word and speak it without doubt or second guessing, then testimony will be your name.

Have an awesome week!

APRIL- MIRACLE IN YOUR MOUTH

Week 1:1-7 I believe And Therefore
Speak

Week 2: 8-14 Believing Is Seeing

Week 3: 15-21 Decree And Establish

Week 4: 22-30 Check Your Confession

Week 2: 8-14 April

Believing Is Seeing: Psalm 27:13 (KJV2000)

“I would have fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”

Devotional Thought:

It is commonly said ‘seeing is believing’ but not so in the Kingdom of God.

Believing is seeing for we live by faith not by sight.

Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

All things are possible if you can only believe.

Exhortation: Though an army besiege you, your heart should not fear; though war break out against you, even then be confident. Believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living and don’t stop confessing it until it manifests.

Have a fantastic week!

Week 3: 15-21 April

Decree And Establish: Job 22:28 (KJV2000)

“You shall also decree a thing and it shall be established for you: and the light shall shine upon your ways.”

Devotional Thought:

The miracle is in your mouth.

Even in the time of creation God brought animals to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. Amazing!

Decree, name your destiny and whatever you name it, so shall it be.

Action Point:

Why don’t you take time this week to decree all things you want established in your family, ministry, career, business, community and country.

Have a blessed week!

Week 4: 22-30 April

Check Your Confession: Proverbs 6:2 (KJV2000)

“You are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth.”

Devotional Thought:

We normally say all the negative things when feeling defeated about something.

Are you feeling defeated about something? Though negative thoughts come to your mind, refuse to establish them with your mouth.

Confess and rest in the promises of God’s Word that you are deeply loved and bought with the price of the Savior’s own blood.

Action Point:

Check out your confession. Start confessing what you want to see in your future!

Have an awesome week!

MAY - MOVING FORWARD

Week 1:1-7	Turn Northward
Week 2: 8-14	Yes You Can
Week 3: 15-21	Greater Risk, Greater Reward
Week 4: 22-31	Press On

Week 1: 1-7 May

Turn Northward: Deuteronomy 2:3 (KJV2000)

“You have gone around this mountain long enough : turn northward.”

Devotional Thought:

Sometimes we get too comfortable in our routines and settle for mediocrity.

We find ourselves doing some things that are more habitual than necessary, yielding no results.

Does the plowman keep plowing all day to sow?

When he has made level the ground, does he not sow the maize in rows and wheat in its place?

Action Point:

What are the things you are doing right ... what are the things you would do differently from now on?

Spend some time really thinking about what you do, and how you could do it better.

Have an awesome week!

Week 2: 8-14 May

Yes You Can: Numbers 13:30 (KJV2000)

“And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”

Devotional Thought:

What do you see when doing environmental scanning? Who/what are you magnifying? The Psalmist says, “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”

What do you see? How do you see yourself? As a man thinketh so is he.

Remember, greater is He that is in you than the one who is in the world.

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

Action Point:

Think of a problem you are struggling through these days. Ask God to show you the opportunity hidden away in your struggle that will bring Him glory.

Have an awesome week!

Week 3: 15-21 May

Greater Risk, Greater Reward: 2 Kings 7:3 (KJV2000)
“And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another, “Why sit we here until we die?”

Devotional Thought:

It feels safe to be dormant; you lose nothing, you gain nothing.
Isn't it better to almost drown and have to be saved than to play it safe and not experience explosive breakthroughs?
Are you a duck or eagle? Ducks cannot make bold and independent decisions, whereas eagles are not as averse to risk and will fly out in pursuit of a vision.

Exhortation: Why sit where you are until you die without accomplishing your purpose? Come on, move forward now!

Live your purpose-driven life!

Week 4: 22-31 May

Press On: Philippians 3:14 (KJV2000)
“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Devotional Thought:

Run with determination as if fainting did not exist in your vocabulary.
Forget what is behind you, strain toward what is ahead.
When was the last time you compared yourself with someone else? It's time to break free from the comparison yoke and run your own race.

Exhortation: If you cannot soar with wings, then run; if you cannot run, then walk; if you cannot walk then crawl ... fainting is not an option.

Have a blessed week!



JUNE - ARISE AND POSSESS

Week 1:1-7	Cross Into The Land
Week 2: 8-14	Give Me This Mountain
Week 3: 15-21	Take Your Rightful Position
Week 4: 22-30	Gate To Palace

Week 1:1-7 June

Cross Into The Land: Joshua 1:2 (NIV)

“Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give them..”

Devotional Thought:

God has given you the land.

Your part is to cross over and possess it.

Arise, cross over and grab what the Lord has given you.

Take it, it is yours; no one will stand against you.

Arise, child of the King, arise!

Exhortation: Be strong and Courageous!

Have a blessed week!

Week 2: 8-14 June

Give Me This Mountain: Joshua 14:10,12,14
(KJV2000)

“... and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. Now therefore give me this mountain, of which the Lord spoke in that day; ... Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb ...”

Devotional Thought:

It is never too late to pursue your dreams.
Age is nothing but a number, do not be discouraged by the biological clock.
You can do even greater exploits and prevail.
The secret is in following God wholeheartedly.

Confession: My dream will not die, my destiny will not be aborted, my plan will not fail in Jesus Name!

Have an awesome week!

Week 3: 15-21 June

Take Your Rightful Position: Esther 2:17b (KJV2000)
“... he set the royal crown upon her (Esther) head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.”

Devotional Thought:

The grace of God gives us the competitive advantage.
No one can outcompete you when the Lord makes His face shine upon you.
The Lord surrounds you with His favor as with a shield.
Rise up, child of the King, and take your rightful position. Enough is enough!

Prayer: I unseat every power occupying my seat of greatness in Jesus name, Amen!

Have a victorious week!

Week 4: 22-30 June

Gate To Palace: Esther 9:4 (NIV)

“Mordecai was prominent in the palace; his reputation spread throughout the provinces, and he became more and more powerful.”

Devotional Thought:

Mordecai rose from gate to palace when the book of remembrance was opened.

The same God is still able to raise you from gate to palace.

He raises the poor from dust and the needy from ashes.

The secret is in obeying him wholeheartedly.

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for promotion cometh neither from the east, nor the west, nor from the south but from you. I receive mine today in Jesus Name!

Have a blessed week!

JULY - DON'T GIVE UP

Week 1:1-7	Its Not Over
Week 2: 8-14	The Battle Is The Lord's
Week 3: 15-21	At The Edge Of You Breakthrough
Week 4: 22-31	Keep On Doing Good

Week 1: 1-7 July

It's Not Over: Joshua 10:13 (NIV)

“So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies... The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.”

Devotional Thought:

We speak of 24 hours a day but God can defy nature - a day can become 48 hours at His command until you have won that battle and accomplished that goal that seemed out of reach.

At God's word, all comes to be; at His command, all stands still ... the sun, the moon for the earth is His, and the fullness thereof ...

God has the first and final say about your life and destiny.

Your time is not over, God is extending it, do not give up, just push one more time.

Prayer: I pray that the sun will not go down on you until you accomplish that which the Lord has laid in your heart, until the things that you dream of become a reality in your life in Jesus Name!

Shout aloud: Its Not Over till God says so!

Have a fruitful week!

Week 2: 8-14 July

The Battle Is The Lord's: 2 Chronicles 20:17 (NIV)

“You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you ... Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.”

Devotional Thought:

Yes, you have no power to face this vast army that is attacking you. You do not know what to do, but God knows what to do, if only you can fix your eyes upon Him.

You are not pretending that the challenge is not there; but rather you look at the challenge and see your powerlessness to win on your own and turn to the Lord of Hosts to take over.

Its not your concern how God will do it; whether He hurls large hailstones from the sky like in the days of Joshua, or opens the earth to swallow them, or set ambushes against them or cause the enemy to hear the sound of chariots and horses ... its none of your business, let the Lord of Hosts do it for you.

Action Point:

Is there a problem too big for you to solve? Give it to the Master. He can handle it.

Sing loud with whatever tune, even if it's off-key: Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name.

Have a victorious week!

Week 3: 15-21 July

At The Edge Of Your Breakthrough: 1 Kings 18:43 (KJV2000)

“And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.”

Devotional Thought:

Circumstances may seem to be contradicting purpose but purpose will always prevail.

The Psalmist says; “My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, ‘Where is your God?’” Does this sound familiar?

Are you ready to say, “God I want more. I want You to enlarge my coasts. I don’t want just a blessing. I want a blessing indeed?” We need to pray big prayers to a big God.

Exhortation: You might have gone through the months or years and seen nothing, have not got the results you were expecting; Don’t give up, don’t quit; Go up one more time, a cloud is rising, great rains are coming.

Have a victorious week!

Week 4: 22-31 July

Keep On Doing Good: Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Devotional Thought:

Keep on doing good to all, its not in vain; He that promised is faithful.

It can sometimes be disheartening to do good and seem not to be seeing any results.

The moment you decide to serve God and do good, His power takes over.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

Action Point:

Are you feeling weary in doing good? Say this out loud, “The joy of the Lord is my strength!” Doesn’t that feel good? Now, look in the mirror and say it again! “The joy of the Lord is my strength!”

Have a blessed week!



AUGUST - SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

Week 1:1-7	He Did All Things Well
Week 2: 8-14	Excellence Is Your Portion
Week 3: 15-21	When In Charge, All Pros- pers
Week 4: 22-31	Do All As Unto The Lord

Week 1:1-7 August

He Did All Things Well: Mark 7:37 (KJV2000)

“And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He has done all things well..”

Devotional Thought:

Everywhere Jesus went, He left everyone overwhelmed with amazement because He did everything well.

His work was perfect, needed no repetition nor revision. Corrections never featured in His sphere.

Jesus said anyone who has faith in Him will do what He has been doing, he will do even greater things...

Prayer: Lord, I thank you, for I can do all things very well through Christ who strengthens me. Amen!

Have a productive week!

Week 2: 8-14 August

Excellence Is Your Portion: Exodus 31:3 (NLT2007)
“I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts.”

Devotional Thought:

Every good and perfect gift is from God.

Competence and skill are from Him; the ability to work skillfully in your field or profession is a gift from God.

There are times when you do your work so well, resolve problems so well and wonder - how on earth did I do that - does that ring a bell? That is the work of Spirit of excellence.

Action Point:

Use your God given skills to the fullest. Do all things with excellence, leave no stone unturned.

Have a productive week!

Week 3: 15-21 August

When In Charge, All Prospers: Genesis 39:5 (KJV2000)
“And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.”

Devotional Thought:

We are the heads and not the tails; wherever we are, we lead by default. The people we do not know are subject to us; that is what grace does.

The Lord bestows glory on you and every project you embark on and all that is under your care flourishes. The grace gives you the advantage and when you lead all prospers.

You become a blessing; as your cup overflows, all peoples in your sphere of influence are blessed through you.

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for your grace that shines on me and gives me the advantage everywhere I go and in everything I do, in Jesus Name. Amen!

Have a fruitful week!

Week 4: 22-31 August

Do All As Unto The Lord: Colossians 3:27 (KJV2000)
“And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him.”

Devotional Thought:

There is no way we can do all things in Jesus’ name and not excel.

A song goes: “Jesus, the Son of God, how excellent is Your name.” His name is excellent, His work is excellent!

He’s all you need, Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Confession: Everything I do in word or deed, I do it all with excellence, in the name of Jesus!

Have an awesome week!

SEPTEMBER-GOODNESS AND MERCY FOLLOWS YOU

Week 1:1-7	What Follows You?
Week 2: 8-14	There Is Lifting
Week 3: 15-21	Not Affected By Circumstances
Week 4: 22-30	His Grace Shines On You

Week 1: 1-7 September

What Follows You? Psalm 23:6 (KJV2000)

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Devotional Thought:

What certainly pursues you is goodness and mercy. Well, there is no question here. It says surely not hopefully.

Have you ever told someone that they would not amount to anything? Has anyone ever told you so? Bought with the price of the Savior's own blood and amounting to nothing? Let God be true and all men be liars. What certainly pursues you is goodness and mercy.

Action Point:

Now that you are reassured that goodness and mercy pursues you, how would you live your life different?

Have a blessed week!

Week 2: 8-14 September

There Is Lifting: Job 22:29 (KJV2000)

“When men are cast down, then you shall say, There is lifting up...”

Devotional Thought:

Those who trust God can know what it means to be surrounded by goodness and mercy.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Opportunities do not elude you, they come knocking at your door. Testimony is your name, and possibility your identity.

Goodness and mercy overtakes you, what brings down others is bread to you.

Confession: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth.

Have an awesome week!

Week 3: 15-21 September

Not Affected By Circumstances: Psalm 84:6
(KJV2000)

“Who passing through the valley of Baca makes it a well; the rain also fills the pools.”

Devotional Thought:

There is a great reward for trusting in the Lord, blessed is the man who trusts in Him.

You will joyfully walk through the valley of the shadow of death, fearing no evil.

What is viewed as insurmountable by the world is but bread to you; weeping turns to dancing, sorrows to joy, spirit of heaviness to garment of praise, lack to abundance, stagnancy to acceleration, in famine you reap hundredfold.

Exhortation: If you find yourself in a valley, it is because you have come down from a mountain. If you are on a mountain, you came to that place by way of the valley. Rest and rejoice in His strength, wherever God has you right now.

Have a blessed week!

Week 4: 22-30 September

His Grace Shines On You: Genesis 39:4 (KJV2000)

“And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house.”

Devotional Thought:

The grace of the Lord makes us highly favored in all the spheres of our lives, none out-competes you, the handwriting of excellence is visible even on your forehead.

It connects you to the right, well-meaning people who will go out of their way to elevate you in your journey.

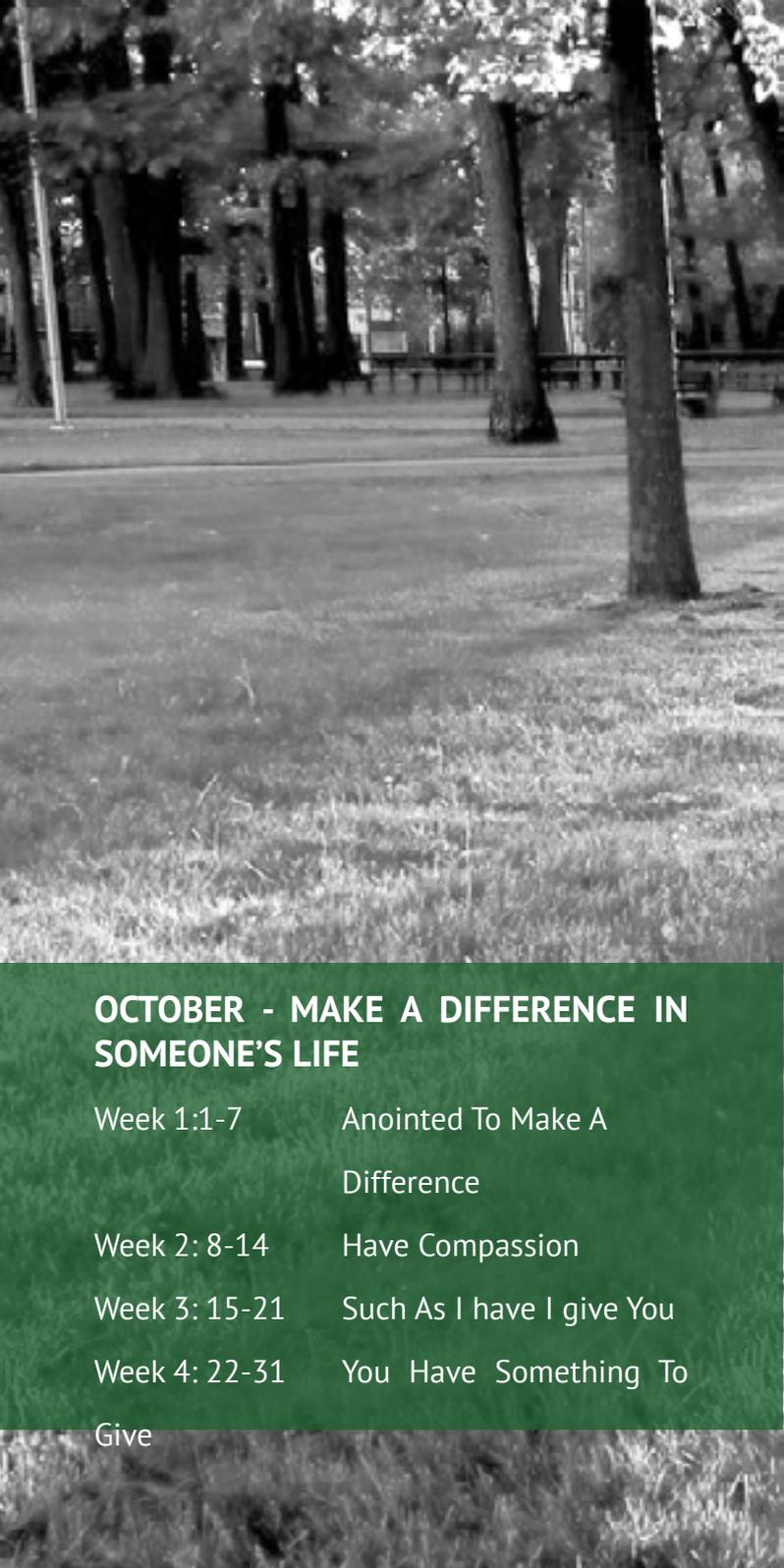
The grace perfects all that concerns you, even your enemies live at peace with you.

Action Point:

Sing aloud to the King-

Michael W Smith's Your Grace - chorus: Its grace,
Your grace, am nothing without you; Your grace Your
grace, shines on me. Shines on me, shines on me, its
Your grace, shines on me, shines on me
Your grace shines on me.

Have a blessed week!



OCTOBER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE

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Week 1:1-7 October

Anointed To Make A Difference: Luke 4:18 (KJB 2000)
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised..”

Devotional Thought:

You are empowered to make a difference in your world.

Preach the good news in season and out of season, be the source of solutions for every challenge.

Let your speech be always full of grace, let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth but only what is helpful for building others up and benefiting those who are listening.

Bring about positive change in your world.

Confession: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Have a blessed week!

Week 2: 8-14 October

Have Compassion: Matthew 15:32 (NIV)

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

Devotional Thought:

What manner of love is this that Jesus had towards people?

Jesus identifies with people's needs, has compassion and demonstrates His unfailing love.

The Good Samaritan was also on a journey but stopped to help a bruised man. He could have said it is none of his business.

What the world needs are people moved by compassion.

Action Point:

Ask God to show you the ways you can show His genuine love to others.

Have a blessed week!

Week 3: 15-21 October

Such As I have I give You: Acts 3:6 (KJV2000)

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Devotional Thought:

Peter and John were going up to the temple but stopped to heal a crippled man.

In as much as we have our priorities, our jobs, our duties, our responsibilities; let us not be too busy to show kindness.

All around you are people who need the compassion of Christ. They need you to see their pain as an opportunity to serve them in the name of Jesus.

Action Point:

Use your God-given authority to make a difference in your world.

Have a blessed week!

Week 4: 22-31 October

You Have Something To Give: 1 Kings 17:12 (NIV)
“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread -- only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

Devotional Thought:

You have something to give to someone, your community and the world at large.

And the Lord is faithful, He will not let you or your dream die but will multiply whatever you give back to you unto overflowing.

Do not wait until you earn or make millions of dollars to give, start now with what the Lord has entrusted you.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men...

Action Point:

Take stock: Are you too busy to show kindness? What is on your tasks for today? If someone was in hospital, would you pay them a visit? Give word of encouragement, your time, your money, your smile, your compliment, and make somebody’s day!

Have an awesome week!



NOVEMBER- SHOUT UNTO GOD

Week 1:1-7	The Lord Reigns
Week 2: 8-14	Thou Art Exalted
Week 3: 15-21	My High Tower
Week 4: 22-30	You Alone Are God

Week 1: 1-7 November

The Lord Reigns: 1 Chronicles 16:31 (NIV)

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

Devotional Thought:

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

That's good enough reason to shout for joy, and burst into a song for your Father rules over all.

The Lord is in control so you have every reason to rejoice, start rejoicing now.

Action Point:

When was the last time you raised your hands and shouted "Praise the Lord!" Maybe this week is a good time!

Have a blessed week!

Week 2: 8-14 November

Thou Art Exalted: 1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours."

Devotional Thought:

The heavens are His, and also the earth; He founded the world and all that is in it.

Heaven is His throne, and earth is His footstool.

He rules over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in His hand, and no one can withstand Him.

Prayer: Blessing, and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Have a blessed week!

Week 3: 15-21

My High Tower: Psalm 18:1-2 (KJV2000)

“I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.”

Devotional Thought:

We love Him because He first loved us.

The Lord hears our cry for mercy and delivers us, we therefore wait in hope for the LORD; for He is our help.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower, we run to it and are safe.

Why not trust Him with your situation from now on.

Action Point:

Declare: I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Have a blessed week!

Week 4: 22-30

You Alone Are God: Isaiah 43:10 (NIV)

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.”

Devotional Thought:

He is the LORD; that is His name! He will not yield His glory to another.

God is the first and the last; apart from Him there is no God.

He remains the same, and His years will never end.

He alone is God; from everlasting to everlasting.

He has the first and final say about your life. No one can undo what He has done.

Prayer: Lord, it gives me great confidence to realize again that You alone are God and have the first and final say about my life. Amen!

Have a blessed week!



Week 1:1-7 December

Unto Us A Son Is Born: Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Devotional Thought:

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

Jesus came to save us from our sins, there is therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

No matter what you are feeling today, God loves you!

Prayer: Oh Lord, I remember your great gift to me and thank you for you first loved me and sent your only son Jesus Christ to die for my sins. Amen!

Have a blessed week!

DECEMBER-MERRY CHRISTMAS

Week 1:1-7 Unto Us A Son Is Born

Week 2: 8-14 Savior Of The World

Week 3: 15-21 Prince Of Peace

Week 4: 22-31 Ebenezer

Week 2: 8-14 December

Savior Of The World: 1 John 4:14 (NIV)

“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Devotional Thought:

God loved us so much that He sent His only son to save us.

If we love, our natural response is to give.

Reach out this week and tell someone that you love them.

Prayer: Lord, use me to touch lives of others with your love, in Jesus name. Amen!

Have a blessed week!

Week 3: 15-21 December

Prince Of Peace: Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

“... And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Devotional Thought:

He is all you want and ever needed.

He is Your Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

He is our Provider, our Protector, our Father, our everything.

In Him we live, and move and have our being.

Exhortation: Draw nigh to Him, and He will draw nigh to you.

Have a blessed week!

Week 4: 22-31 December

Ebenezer: 1 Samuel 7:12 (KJV2000)

“Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Thus far has the LORD helped us.”

Devotional Thought:

We have come to the end of the year.

We thank God for taking us this far because every day is a gift from Him.

We are grateful for His faithfulness, His multitude of tender mercies and all He has done for us.

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for being with me up to this very last week of Year 2014. Amen!

Have a blessed last week of 2014!

RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

Have you received Jesus as personal Saviour?

Receiving Jesus is like seeing for the first time.

The scripture says; “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Prayer:

Dear God, I acknowledge to You that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins and the life that I have lived; I need your forgiveness. I believe that your Son Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn from my sin. This very moment I accept Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. Amen!

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The Bottom-line Message : What Follows You? Psalm 23:6

It is of God's mercies that we are not consumed;

*In the valley or mountain top, mourning or dancing, weeping or laughing, spirit of heaviness or garment of praise, gate or palace, crawling or flying, one thing is certain - His **GOODNESS AND MERCY** follows you!

*If you find yourself in a valley, it is because you have come down from a mountain. If you are on a mountain, you came to that place by way of the valley. Rest and rejoice in His strength, wherever God has you right now.

*He will not turn you to the desires of the enemy. With His help you can advance against a troop, with God you can scale a wall:

Be Encouraged,

Be Inspired,

Be Challenged,

And In turn, Positively Impact Your Sphere Of Influence!

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