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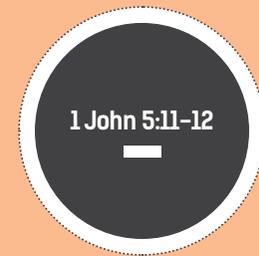
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1 John 5:11-12

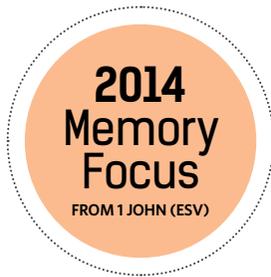
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JANUARY

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

february

1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

march

1 JOHN 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

APRIL

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world.

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And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:17

JUNE

1 JOHN 2:29

If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

JULY

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

AUGUST

1 JOHN 4:4

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

SEPTEMBER

1 JOHN 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

OCTOBER

1 JOHN 4:12

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

november

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

1 JOHN 4:18

december

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 JOHN 5:11-12

foreword

by senior pastors

There must be something more in 2014!

**There must be something more every new year!
We long for something deeper, something satisfying,
something radical, something life-changing, something
that would really make a difference every new year.
What will that "something more" be for you?**

St. Augustine once said, *"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."* The deepest longing of the soul is for intimacy with God. It begins with God and is rooted IN HIM! *"One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple."* (Ps 27:4)

1. Intimacy as Our PURPOSE in Life:

"One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek..."

The goal of every disciple of Christ is not merely to do things for God – although these are significant parts of God's redemptive order as seen in the Great Commission. Enjoying the intimacy with God is part of the creative order as seen in the Great Commandment. The ONE thing that is the most important in 2014 is our relationship with God! Everything revolves around this one defining purpose.

2. Intimacy as Our PURSUIT in Life:

"One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek..."

Someone once said, "We do not see things as they are. We see them as we are." In other words, who we are determines what we see and what we pursue, and we become what we pursue. "I shall seek" expresses a determination to pursue intimacy with God. What are you pursuing in 2014? What are you seeking?

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than this!

3. Intimacy as Our PREOCCUPATION in Life:

"That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life..."

"All the days of my life" is not simply stating a period of time but a preoccupation of life! David declares "to dwell in the house of the Lord" as his prevailing desire, his grand preoccupation and his magnificent obsession. True spirituality stems not from some form of activity but from God's presence as the centre of his life. The dwelling place of God is in the quiet depths of our lives. May you experience and enjoy His presence throughout the year 2014!

4. Intimacy as Our PASSION in Life:

"To behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple."

David made a decisive choice to not only see, but behold and be captivated by the beauty of the Lord. God is of ultimate importance in his life and God is the one who gives meaning to life. David committed himself to "meditate in His temple". A person is often defined by abilities, accomplishments, appearance, acquisitions and associations. But God defines us by our personal relationship with Him. May your passion for spiritual intimacy with God attract and fuel pre-believing friends to know God in 2014.

There Must be Something More Than This!

Psalm 27 was written in the context of fear and uncertainty. Fear is mentioned three times in two verses (vv. 1, 3). Yet, in spite of the anxieties and fears, David focused on God and saw God Almighty as his revelation, redemption and refuge (vv. 1-3).

May we like David say, *"When You said, 'Seek My face,' my heart said to You, 'Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.'" (v. 8).*

***In Christ,
Ps Tony and Ps Kay Kiong***

guide to using this journal



S.O.A.P.

1 Prepare your heart in God's presence

- Select a fixed time (preferably in the morning before you begin your day) and a quiet place where you can be alone and undisturbed.
- Observe a moment of silence as you acknowledge God's presence.
- Worship God with a song or hymn. (Refer to the list of worship songs provided.)
- Offer a prayer to God as you prepare to listen to His Word.

The English Standard Version (ESV) is the default Bible version translation unless otherwise specified.

2 Allow God to S.O.A.P. you with His Word and Spirit

Each daily devotional entry is divided into four parts:

Scripture — Take your time to meditate on the Scripture passage for the day. Pause and mull over words and phrases that stand out to you.

Observation — Jot down significant insights and reflections from the passage you have read. Use the guiding questions provided.

Application — Note down a specific and practical commitment to God's Word for you. Is there a command to obey, a sin to avoid, an example to follow, or a principle to live out? Where appropriate, share your devotional entry with someone.

Prayer — Bring your response to God in prayer using the suggested prayer for the day.

calendar

november 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5 Alpha Session	6	7 Men's BTW	8 Men's BTW	9 Men's BTW/ Domestic Helpers' Appreciation Dinner
10	11	12	13	14	15 Alpha Weekend	16 New Life Day
17	18	19	20	21 Marriage BTW	22 Marriage BTW	23 Marriage BTW
24	25	26 One80 begins	27 KidzCamp	28 Prayer & Praise KidzCamp	29 KidzCamp	30

Strongly Encouraged

december 2014

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5 Women's BTW	6 Women's BTW	7 Women's BTW
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas/ Christmas Day Service	26	27	28
29 One80 ends	30	31 Watch Night Service				

Strongly Encouraged

December 3,
Wednesday
2014

King Jesus Our Deliverer

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6-7; 2 Samuel 7:8-16

This is a well-quoted prophecy about Jesus Christ, especially during the Christmas season. The prophecy speaks of the Lord Jesus as the ideal and ultimate Davidic King, descended from the line of David (see the genealogies in Mt 1:1-17 and Lk 3:23-38). Jesus' divinity is clearly evident from what was written about Him in the Old Testament Scriptures - what He did, said and taught; His life and ministry; His crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension. He is King forever! He will establish His Kingdom and rule it with justice and righteousness forever. His Kingdom has no end! The Lord's people long for His appearing. He has an intense devotion to and love for His people. Therefore, He is impelled by His zeal to act on their behalf to deliver them from all foreign oppressors and establish permanent peace for them. Isaiah's prophecies in 9:1-2, 6-7 are glorious promises that have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ and will be consummated on the last day when He rules universally.

OBSERVATION

The gospel writer, Matthew, was very keen to show the Davidic lineage of Jesus Christ (see Mt 1:1-17). In the light of 2 Samuel 7:8-16 and Isaiah 9:6-7, why do you think that was so?

APPLICATION

In what ways can I live my present life more consistently given the fact that Jesus is my King forever?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You that Jesus Christ is my King forever, that His Kingdom is everlasting, and that His love for me is unchanging. Thank You for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Thank You that I've been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of Your beloved Son. There is no other king I would worship and serve. Only King Jesus alone. In His name, I pray, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

December 4,
Thursday
2014

Jesus - Wonderful Counsellor

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 32:8-11

The Hebrew words translated “Wonderful Counsellor” can mean “a wonder as a counsellor” or “one who counsels wonders”. It may refer to the King’s ability to plan effective military strategies that will bring about victory for His people. More than that, it may also refer to the King’s ability to give wonderful counsel to His people for victorious living. As the psalmist says, “I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.” (Ps 16:7 ESV) The Lord counsels with great love. He instructs with great wisdom. His perspective is unsearchable in breadth and depth. His power is unsurpassed in might and strength. His goal is our best interests. His purpose is our spiritual maturity. The Lord Jesus is our Wonderful Counsellor!

OBSERVATION

According to Ps 32:8-11, what promises did the Lord make with regard to His counsel for His people? What is my part in the process of seeking His counsel?

APPLICATION

How should I seek the Lord’s counsel in a specific matter that concerns my life currently?

PRAYER

Write a prayer to the Lord Jesus, committing yourself to seek Him for His counsel and ask for His guidance.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

December 6,
Saturday
2014

Jesus - Prince of Peace

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 2:13-16

On one view, the Prince of Peace is the ideal Davidic King who by His military strength establishes a safe socio-economic environment for His people. By destroying the enemies of His people, the King brings about the blessings of peace, safety and prosperity (see, for example, Ps 72). However, a more important aspect of the Prince of Peace is His character and reconciling work. He is a peaceable, peace-loving and peace-making King (Eph 2:13-16; Col 1:19-23). In the sacrifice of His own body and by His bloodshed on the cross (personally suffering violence), the Prince of Peace has reconciled sinners to God, as well as sinners to one another (personally establishing peace). In the spiritual realm, as in the physical realm, Christ has killed hostility in order to establish peace. Christ's peace now guards and rules the hearts of His people. He gives His people peace and maintains peace in His Kingdom now and forevermore.

OBSERVATION

Which persons and groups of people are involved in the peace-making process in Ephesians 2:13-16?

APPLICATION

What can I do to be a peace-maker in my family and workplace/school?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the Prince of Peace. It must sadden you to see so much hostility and violence between human beings in our fallen world, when You have done all that was necessary for people everywhere to repent of their sins and receive forgiveness from God. Your will is for people everywhere to enjoy reconciliation and peace with God and with one another. I want to align my will with Yours. Please help me to be a peace-maker wherever You place me. Amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

REFLECT:

What is one key thing that God said to me this week in light of what has happened?

RESPONSE:

a. What is one thing I need to do in light of what God is saying?

b. Journal your prayer.

CHRISTMAS: GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT

God gives us His most precious gift - Jesus.

Scripture - Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12

1. ACTIVITY BITE

What is the most precious gift you have ever received?
Show it to everyone or draw it out.

2. CHAT TIME

Q1: If you were asked to give away your most precious gift to someone, how would you feel?

Q2: How do you think God felt when He gave His precious Son Jesus to die on the cross for us?

Q3: Why was God willing to do that? (*clue - John 3:16*)

3. LEARNING POINT

God loves us so much that He was willing to give Jesus to die on the cross for us. This is the only way for us to return back to Him because sin has separated us from Him. He did this so that we can know His love and worship Him. He did not ask for anything in return except that we love Him with all our hearts.

4. ACTION POINT

Loving, trusting and obeying God would be the best gifts you can give back to God. What is one thing you would like to do as a love gift to God this year?

5. PRAYER POWER

(Ask your children to pray after you.)

Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. We want to love and worship You. This is one thing I want to do as my gift to You:

I will _____. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

december one

family devotional week one

December 9,
Tuesday
2014

The Righteousness of God's Ways

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-7

King Herod of Judea ruled from 37 BC to 4 BC. He was known as the great builder king who built many buildings including the Temple in Jerusalem (in which Zechariah would serve). Herod was also known for his cruelty, as seen in the slaughter of the infants recorded for us in Matthew 2:16-18. Contrasted with this royal figure is a priestly one – Zechariah. Both he and his wife had come from a priestly line. We notice at least two things in this passage. First, God restarted His work after 400 years of silence, not through the mighty ruling king, but through a righteous couple (v.6). Second, what may seem to be a curse – in this case, Elizabeth's barrenness – was not due to sin, but was something God would use to display His glory. In our lives, we usually want things to turn out according to what we judge as good in our view. Yet, it is so important for us to learn to see things as God sees them, because His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways (Isa 55:8).

OBSERVATION

How did Zechariah and Elizabeth demonstrate themselves as righteous? (See Lk 1:6b.)

APPLICATION

What is one thing you know you need to do in obedience to God, though it is hard for you? Ask God to enable you to trust and obey His righteous ways.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
thank You that You see me as righteous because of what the Lord Jesus has done for me on the cross. Yet I know You want me to live in accordance with Your commands, even when it doesn't make sense or feel good to me. Please help me to live righteously before You – a life in which I will walk blamelessly in all Your commandments, by the empowering of Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, I ask, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

December 11,
Thursday
2014

Pointing to Christ

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:14-17; Malachi 4:5-6

What a wonderful blessing! Not only would Zechariah and Elizabeth have a son, but a special son, set apart by God for His work! The description of the life of John is similar to that of one taking a Nazirite vow (Nu 6:2-12). He would also “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children”. This is a beautiful picture of reconciliation of broken relationships within the family. John, however, would not be Elijah re-incarnate. Luke 1:17 makes it clear that he would go “in the spirit and power of Elijah”, and **not** that John is Elijah. In any case, John would fulfill the promise God made at the closing of the Old Testament book of Malachi where He promises to send a prophet to prepare the way for the Lord!

OBSERVATION

*What did the Lord do to prepare His people before His coming?
(See Lk 1:17.)*

APPLICATION

How could you be used by God to prepare the way for people to be ready to hear the Gospel? Are you willing to be used by God to point people to the Lord Jesus?

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
thank You for loving us so
much that You sent Your
Son Jesus Christ to us to
save us from our sins and
to be our everlasting King.
This Christmas season is
an annual reminder of that
reality. Please help me and
my household to live in such
a way as to prepare others
to receive the Gospel of our
King! In His name,
we pray, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

REFLECT:

What is one key thing that God said to me this week in light of what has happened?

RESPONSE:

a. What is one thing I need to do in light of what God is saying?

b. Journal your prayer.

CHRISTMAS: GOD IS PEACE

Jesus saves us so that we can have peace with Him and others.

Scripture - Luke 2:8-14

1. ACTIVITY BITE

Think of one incident where you quarrelled or fought with your friends or siblings. What was the quarrel about?

2. CHAT TIME

Q1: Why do you think people quarrel or fight with each other?

Q2: What can make two people have peace with each other?

Q3: In Luke 2:8-14, what does it mean for God to give us peace?

3. LEARNING POINT

When the angels brought the message about God giving us a Saviour who will bring peace on earth, they were not talking about stopping all the wars between countries. Jesus came to bring man back to God because we were separated from God due to sin. He took all the sins of man upon Himself and died on the cross. Whoever believes in Jesus will have a right relationship with God - this is called peace with God.

4. ACTION POINT

How about making peace with those you have quarrelled with? Try giving a candy cane or a simple gift to your friend or siblings this week to make peace.

5. PRAYER POWER

(Ask your children to pray after you.)

God, thank You for the peace that You give us through Jesus. Help me make peace with the person whom I have quarrelled with too. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

december two

family devotional week two

December 15,
Monday
2014

God's Salvation Comes

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-33; 2 Samuel 7:12-15

This is the second time the angel Gabriel was sent to bear good news regarding a coming baby boy. The first time was the birth of John. This time the angel announced to Mary the coming birth of a son, Jesus, who will be the future King of Israel. The name "Jesus" – a name which in Hebrew is "Yeshua" (or Joshua) – means "Yahweh saves"³.

We are told that Mary was betrothed to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. We see in the birth of Jesus the fulfilment of the hope that a descendant of David will one day arise as king. King Jesus will save and rule over God's people forever. God was fulfilling His promise of a Messiah who would come to save His people from their sins and to return them back to a right relationship and favour with God again. Every Christmas season brings new hope with the reminder that God is faithful to His promises and is at work to save people through His Son Jesus Christ.

OBSERVATION

In Luke 1:32-33, we read these phrases: "He will be great"; "the Son of the Most High"; "the throne of his father David"; "reign over the house of Jacob forever"; and "of his kingdom there will be no end". How do these phrases echo the Davidic covenant God made with King David in 2 Samuel 7:12-15?

APPLICATION

This Christmas season, serve the purposes of God by telling unbelieving relatives and friends that salvation has come because Christ has come. Share your personal conversion testimony. Explain the gospel message. Invite them to a church service. List the names of the people you want to reach out to.

PRAYER

Lord God, thank You for
Your love and faithfulness,
mercy and grace towards me
a sinner. Fill me afresh with
deep gratitude to You for the
salvation I have in Your Son
Jesus Christ. Fill me anew
with deep compassion for
people who have yet to know
Jesus. Enable me to be Your
messenger of good news this
Christmas season, that people
may come to believe in Christ
the Saviour. In His name,
I pray, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

³ Cf. Matthew 1:21.

December 16,
Tuesday
2014

God's Sovereignty Calms

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:34-37; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-29

Mary asked the angel Gabriel, "How will this be...?" (v. 34). It was a very understandable question, even given the fact that it was an angel of the Lord who announced the coming birth of her son. After all, Mary was a young, unwed teenager who was only engaged to Joseph, and was, therefore, a virgin. The angel Gabriel explained that her conception of baby Jesus in her womb was made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit and of God Most High. For that reason, Mary's son would be called "Holy" - the Son of God. To help convince Mary, the angel cited the recent precedent of God's supernatural intervention in the conception of baby John in the womb of the elderly and long-barren Elizabeth, a relative of Mary's (v. 36), six months ago. Now, in Mary's case, the impossible was made possible again by the power of God! Here's the truth: "For nothing will be impossible with God." God is totally sovereign and all-powerful! Nothing is impossible with Him!

OBSERVATION

Through His prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel, what were the "impossible" things that God promised to do to bring about the complete fulfilment of His salvation plan for His people? (See Jer 31:33; Eze 36:26-27).

APPLICATION

Trust in the sovereignty and power of God to keep His Word! The righteous in Christ *will* be vindicated and blessed, even though they may have to suffer for a while. The wicked who reject Christ *will* be put to shame and end up in eternal destruction, even though they may prosper temporarily. Learn to be rested in the Lord despite your confusion and fears. What is one such situation for you?

PRAYER

Sovereign God, in certain parts of the Bible, we see that You turn what Satan and godless people intend for evil into outcomes that advance the good, and secure the blessing of Your redeemed people. I praise You for Your incomparably great power revealed in the incarnation, atonement, resurrection and ascension of Christ. Enable me by Your grace to trust in You always, as I live a godly life waiting for the blessed hope of all believers, the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In His great name, I pray, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

December 17,
Wednesday
2014

Serving the Lord

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:38; 22:39-42

Mary accepted God's promises and submitted herself to be the servant of God's purpose. Do you think that Mary has worked out in her mind the full implications of her acceptance of the appointed role as the mother of Jesus, the Son of God? Do you think that her own future is clear and certain to her at that point? Do you think that Mary expects her journey ahead to all be easy and plain sailing? The Bible doesn't tell us the answers to those questions. However, we can be sure that in those few moments between the angel Gabriel's answers and Mary's response, she could not have foreseen all the travails that would attend her role as the Lord's mother. She simply abandoned herself to the Lord's will, setting aside the potential troubles she may have to suffer, and trusting in God who is all-powerful and all-wise, good, loving and faithful. What deep devotion and trust in the Lord are expressed in her words, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to Your Word."

OBSERVATION

We can have all kinds of doubts, uncertainties and fears when God reveals His specific will for our lives. It does not mean that the clearer you know the Lord's leading, the easier it is for you to say to Him, "Yes, I'll obey." Like Mary, you still have to make the choice to trust and obey God, and then put your hand in His. "Yes, Lord." "Lead me, Lord." "I am Your servant; let Your will be done in my life." Just as the Lord Jesus consecrated Himself to do the Father's will: "...not My will, but Yours, be done." (Lk 22:42)

APPLICATION

Are you earnestly seeking God's will in your life? Are you growing in the knowledge of God's character and His heart for the nations? In the new year of 2015, how does God want you to be His servant in missions engagement locally and cross-culturally?

PRAYER

Father God, please help me know You more and to know Your heartbeat for the nations. Teach me to love, trust and obey You. Help me to seek and submit to Your will in my life, that my life may be lived for Your redemptive purposes and for Your glory among the nations. I am Your servant, Lord. Let Your will be done in my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer Pointers

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- Pray for family:
- Pray for bosses:
- Pray for peers and staff:
- Pray for self:

December 18,
Thursday
2014

Believing the Lord

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

Young Mary, carrying in her womb the baby Jesus, made a very special, pre-natal trip to visit her elderly relative, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with her son John. Both, Elizabeth and the baby in her womb, felt greatly blessed and were filled with joy at the visit of Mary and the Lord Jesus. The presence of the divine child was clearly sensed. And, therefore, the baby John "leaped for joy" even while in his mother's womb. The Spirit of God enabled Elizabeth to recognise the servant of God and the presence of God. Elizabeth proceeded to pronounce a blessing on Mary as one who believed in the fulfilment of God's promises to her. Mary was blessed by Elizabeth *not* because of Mary's status or stature (indeed she had none!). Mary was blessed because she believed God's word and that God would surely fulfil what He promised.

OBSERVATION

Our God is a faithful, covenant-making, promise-keeping God. He will certainly bring all that He has promised to fulfilment. When we believe God and move forward in anticipation of the fulfilment of His promises to us, we delight God's heart and we are blessed by Him! What evidence tells us that this was not an easy trip for Mary? (See Lk 1:26-27, 39-40.)

APPLICATION

What is one Biblical promise God has given you that you know you have been struggling in recent times to believe? It may be due to some hardship or setback you experienced. Ask God for a renewed faith to believe Him and to move forward with courage and confidence.

PRAYER

Write your own prayer to God
as a response.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

December 20,
Saturday
2014

Trusting the Lord

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:50-56

In the Magnificat, God's servant Mary (Lk 1:38, 48) praises God for His mercy towards her personally. Mary also praises God for His mercy and faithfulness to His servant Israel (vv. 54-55). God cares for the individual and helps His people. He works to bring restoration and blessings on them. By His might, God reverses fortunes by humbling the proud and exalting the humble; by filling the poor and emptying the rich. God cares for His people. According to His covenant, God remembers them and helps them. In fulfillment of His covenant, God will bring blessings on all generations through His Son, Jesus Christ. All those who fear God, humble themselves and trust in Him will be blessed. Mary is a paradigm of those who are blessed by God.

OBSERVATION

Why does Mary think back to the covenant that God made with Abraham and his offspring (Lk 1:54-55)? What is the connection between the Abrahamic Covenant (Ge 12:1-3; 22:16-18) and Mary's promised Son?

APPLICATION

Does the way you live your life display a complete trust in the Lord? In what ways are you helping your relatives and friends know and trust the Lord?

PRAYER

Faithful Lord, please help me to live my life in such a way that it is evident to those around me that I trust in You. You are merciful and faithful. I trust in Your mercies that are new for me every day, no matter what personal struggles I face. I trust in Your faithfulness that is permanent for all time, no matter how I feel. Thank You that Your faithfulness is not momentary or for a limited time only. Your faithfulness is through all generations! In Christ's name, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

REFLECT:

What is one key thing that God said to me this week in light of what has happened?

RESPONSE:

a. What is one thing I need to do in light of what God is saying?

b. Journal your prayer.

CHRISTMAS: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

God will provide all the things we need. We don't have to worry about anything.

Scripture - John 8:12; 3:16-21

1. ACTIVITY BITE

Prop: Pieces of paper, pencil, torch light, thick blanket, Bible

Turn off the room light and get under the blanket on the floor. In the darkness, try drawing something on a piece of paper. When done, switch on the torchlight to see what you have drawn. Read John 8:12 and John 3:16-21.

2. CHAT TIME

Q1: In John 3:19-20, what are the evil things that people do in darkness?

Q2: When Jesus says He is the light of the world, what does He want to expose? (Answer: Sins).

Q3: What does God want to do when people see the light (Jn 3:16)?

3. LEARNING POINT

When people do bad things and like to sin, they do not like to be near Jesus because He will expose their sins. They are fearful of the punishment they will receive. But Jesus wants to show them that they can ask God for forgiveness and have their sins removed. By this they can be made right with God and will no longer belong to the darkness. This is why Jesus is the light to show people the way to God.

4. ACTION POINT

Think of relatives or friends who have not received this light yet. Pray for them that they will believe in Jesus this coming Christmas.

5. PRAYER POWER

(Ask your children to pray after you.)

Dear God, I thank You for giving us Your light so that we can know Your ways and believe in Jesus. I pray for my _____.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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December 22,
Monday
2014

There Are No Accidents!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

Luke 2 follows the introductory chapter where Dr Luke describes the births of Jesus and John the Baptist in some detail. It was all preparatory for the event of human history: *the coming of the Christ child!* John the baptiser was clearly depicted as the one whose primary role was to herald the coming of Jesus. All the details of Jesus' birth - being born during the reign of Augustus, the moving of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register for the census (vv. 1-3) - were part of the eternal plan of God. None of these things happened by chance. They were the fulfilment of a prophecy made some 700 years before: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, ... from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." (Mic 5:2) There are no accidents!

OBSERVATION

The detailing of the historical setting of Jesus' birth is not incidental. What do these events teach you about who God is and His purpose for humanity?

APPLICATION

In view of God's sovereignty over all of human history in the past and the future, how should I view my life in the past, my present and my uncertain future?

PRAYER

Sovereign Lord, You ordain and guide the course of human history. All the days of my life, too, are in Your hands. You are the God of my life. You sustain all of Your creation, all that You have made.⁵ As for me, I know that You sustain me through all the seasons and events in my life. You work through them all to conform me to Your likeness.⁶ In all my days, I trust You to provide for all my needs and to preserve me through all my afflictions.⁷ Tested for my trust in You, may I come forth as gold. In Christ's name, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:
- Pray for family:
- Pray for bosses:
- Pray for peers and staff:
- Pray for self:

⁵ Colossians 1:16-17.

⁶ Romans 8:28-29.

⁷ Psalms 34:9-10, 17-20.

December 23,
Tuesday
2014

Everyone Needs the Gospel

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

This episode contrasts strikingly with the previous account of Jesus' birth (the quiet, understated, obscure birth in a lowly manger). Here, Luke tells us that shepherds were out in the field watching over their flock in the stillness of the night, when an angel of the Lord appeared to them. It was dramatic! The glory of the Lord shone around them! A host of angelic beings suddenly appeared praising God and filling the quiet countryside with their anthem of praise! The shepherds were lowly, simple folks unaccustomed to such drama, so they cowered in fear. Why all this drama? It was to announce the birth of the Messiah: "I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (vv. 10-11) Isn't it remarkable that the glorious gospel was first heralded to lowly shepherds, a group of people not esteemed but marginalised in their society?

OBSERVATION

*What is the central focus of the gospel according to Luke 2:11? Why is it that when sharing the gospel, we tend to gravitate towards certain kinds of pre-believers (often to the exclusion of others) when the good news is "for **all** the people" (v. 10)?*

APPLICATION

During this Christmas season, what should be the major focus of the festivities? To whom can I share the reason for the season?

PRAYER

Write a prayer to God asking for the opportunity to share the good news with a few non-Christian relatives/friends. Mention them by name.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

December 24,
Wednesday
2014

A Heartfelt Response

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

Today is Christmas Eve. This can be a very hectic day as we scramble to buy the remaining Christmas gifts for loved ones and friends. But the gospel is left on the shelf. Shops and restaurants are unusually busy and crowded, with carols in the background adding to the festive mood everywhere. But the praise of God is not heard above the noise. It was all very different on that first Christmas. The angelic announcement of the birth of the infant Jesus brought the shepherds hastily to Bethlehem. Upon arrival, they saw the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger, just as they were told by the angel (Lk 2:7, 12). They then *made known* what the angel told them concerning this child (v. 17). The gospel was shared! Returning to the fields after visiting the Christ child, they *glorified and praised* God for all they had heard and seen (v. 20). God was exalted!

OBSERVATION

What was the response of those who heard the shepherds' reports (v. 18)? What was Mary's response (v. 19)? Why do you think they responded the way they did?

APPLICATION

Am I too familiar with the Saviour's birth that I've lost a sense of amazement, and thus I fail to share the good news and to praise God? Am I too busy with Christmas festivities that I've no space for quiet contemplation of what Christ's incarnation means to me personally, and thus I am unable to feel deep gratitude to God for the Lord Jesus?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, please forgive me for being too busy with many things and neglecting to simply enjoy Your presence in my life. Your presence in my life was made possible because Jesus Christ came to save me from my sins and to reconcile me to You. Gracious God, I praise and thank You for sending Jesus and giving me the faith to believe in Him as my Lord and Saviour. Give me a deep desire to know Him and to make Him known. In Christ's name, I pray, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

December 25,
Thursday
2014

Today ... A Saviour Is Born!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:6-7, 11; Matthew 1:18-25

"Today" (or "this day") is a theologically significant word in Luke's Gospel. It frequently signals that something is about to be introduced which relates to the redemptive work of God or the arrival of the day of salvation. (For example, in Luke 19, where Jesus told Zacchaeus to hurry and come down "for I must stay at your house *today*", v. 5; and "*Today* salvation has come to this house, ...", v. 9). See also Luke 4:21; 5:26; 13:32, 33; 23:43. It is thus highly significant that Luke uses "today" as part of the angelic announcement of the good news: "*Today* in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord" (v. 11 NIV). The birth of the Christ child from David's lineage essentially ushers in the salvation for all humanity! That is the good news of a great joy for all the people! Therefore, when people celebrate Christmas without remembering Christ and the salvation that He brings, they are totally missing the true significance of Christmas. May that never be the case for us as followers of Christ!

OBSERVATION

What can we learn from Matthew 1:18-25 concerning the primary purpose for the birth and coming of the Lord Jesus?

APPLICATION

Pause to thank the Lord for that first Christmas. Since Jesus is "Immanuel" (God with us), how should you live your life this Christmas and throughout the coming year?

PRAYER

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God and commit to Him your year ahead.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

December 26,
Friday
2014

Godliness Then and Now

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-24

Luke 1 and 2 introduces several *godly* personalities. Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were “both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord” (1:6). Mary enjoyed the favour of God and the Lord was with her (1:28, 30). When told that she was to be the mother of the Christ child, Mary responded in total submission to the purpose of God in her life (1:38). Simeon was “righteous and devout” (2:25). The prophetess Anna “did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day” (2:37). In Luke 2:21-24, we see Jesus’ parents observing the stipulations of the Jewish Law. They circumcised Jesus after eight days, named the infant “Jesus” as instructed by the angel Gabriel, fulfilled the purification obligations and dedicated Jesus according to the Law of Moses. Note that thrice in verses 22 to 24, the text reiterated that Jesus’ parents observed the Law of Moses/the Lord (see also Lk 2:27, 39).

OBSERVATION

Jewish piety is integrally related to observing the Mosaic Law which can be exacting and demanding. Christian obedience, by contrast, is simple though not necessarily easier. Do you agree? If so, why?

APPLICATION

What are some areas in my discipleship journey that challenge me the most in following my Lord Jesus Christ? Which aspects of God’s Word do I need to apply “a long obedience in the same direction”?⁸

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there are areas in my life where obedience to Your Word is challenging for me. I succeed sometimes, but often I fail to obey. Thank You for Your continual invitation to me to confess my sins before You, so that I can receive Your forgiveness and cleansing by Your blood. Thank You that I can confidently come to You to receive Your grace and help in my time of need, because You know my struggles and You are committed to help me grow in obedience over the long haul. Amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for leaders:

- Pray for significant people:

- Pray for those in need:

- Pray for self:

⁸ Borrowing from the title of Eugene H. Peterson’s book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* (IVP, 1980).

December 27,
Saturday
2014

Christ and Our Destiny

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-35

Little is known about Simeon, though we usually assume that he is an old man since he was ready to leave this world after seeing the Christ child (vv. 26, 29). Certainly, Simeon was a model of Jewish piety (“righteous and devout”) who eagerly awaited the coming of Israel’s Messiah (“the consolation of Israel”, v. 25). He was filled and led by the Holy Spirit to encounter and bless the Christ child (vv. 27-32). Simeon’s song tells us several key truths about the uniqueness of the Christ child. The Messiah’s coming had been eagerly anticipated by Israel and would bring division in the nation (“the fall and rising of many in Israel”, v. 34). Some will be judged and others blessed, depending on how they respond to Jesus. Mary, the mother of Jesus, will suffer much anguish (“a sword will pierce through her soul”, v. 35) – a probable reference to her witnessing the cruel crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross. Most importantly, Jesus is the salvation God has prepared “in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to [God’s] people of Israel” (vv. 30-32). Although the people’s destiny depends on Jesus, many still reject him (“a sign that is opposed”, v. 34).

OBSERVATION

People cannot remain neutral. We either accept or reject the Christ. Why is it so difficult for people to accept the work of Jesus Christ and embrace the salvation that He brings?

APPLICATION

Since the coming of Jesus brings blessing to those who accept Him, while those who reject Him will be judged, how can I be more pro-active and urgent in seeking to persuade my relatives and friends to accept Him in the new year?

PRAYER

Write a prayer to God asking for His help in the new year to persuade certain unbelieving relatives/friends (mention them by name) to accept Christ.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

REFLECT:

What is one key thing that God said to me this week in light of what has happened?

RESPONSE:

a. What is one thing I need to do in light of what God is saying?

b. Journal your prayer.

A WONDERFUL YEAR

God has blessed us with many good things to be thankful for this year.

Scripture - Psalm 31:19

1. ACTIVITY BITE

Props: Notebook, pen

Look around your room for useful things or items you have received as presents in 2014. List them down in the notebook.

2. CHAT TIME

- Q1:** What are some of your best-loved gifts or most useful items?
Q2: Imagine that those gifts were not given to you in the first place. How do you feel?
Q3: What have you learned about God who gives us so many good things?

3. LEARNING POINT

Too often we think that other people are getting more things than we are. We feel that God may love them more than us. Thus we get envious or complain. But when we look back at the things that we have received, or at those times when God was with us when we were afraid or healed us when we were very sick, we will realise that God was there all the time. He never left us. It is time for us to be grateful and give thanks for the many good things this year. We can also trust Him for another wonderful year with Jesus.

4. ACTION POINT

Look at the items in the notebook and start thanking God for them. Write down five items you are trusting God for next year and talk to Him about them.

5. PRAYER POWER

(Ask your children to pray after you.)

Thank You, God, for a wonderful year. I didn't realise I have been so blessed until now. You are a good God. I will trust You for another wonderful year ahead. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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December 29,
Monday
2014

Encountering God Our Saviour

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:36-38; Psalm 24:3-6

The prophetess Anna was well advanced in years at the time of her encounter with the Christ child. She was probably about 105, having been married for seven years, before living another 84 years as a widow.⁹ She is characterised as a devout Jewish widow who “did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day” (v. 37). However, it does not mean that Anna never left the temple and prayed incessantly. Luke is here using the language of exaggeration to emphasise her single-minded devotion to God, expressed in personal piety of worship, prayer and fasting. Luke highlights the fact that Anna came upon Jesus and His parents while they were in the temple (“that very hour”, v. 38). Was this a chance encounter or a divine appointment? Herod’s temple was a massive structure and it is inconceivable that they happened to meet at the same point without divine intervention. Anna immediately perceived in this child the realisation of Israel’s hope of redemption. She began to speak of the Christ child to all who were waiting for the “redemption of Jerusalem”.

OBSERVATION

The Jerusalem Temple had always been symbolic of the place where humans encounter God. According to Psalm 24:3-6, how can we encounter God today?

APPLICATION

Besides living a cleansed life as an authentic disciple of Christ, am I developing the habit of pausing periodically throughout the day to notice “divine encounters” in my daily life?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I believe that You give me divine appointments with Yourself and with others. You are constantly at work to grow and mature me. Teach me to prayerfully watch for Your movements in my life. Tutor me to flow with You and, where You lead me to take action, help me to do so decisively with faith in Your love, wisdom and power. I want to receive all that You have planned for me, so that I may know You more. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

⁹ An alternative view is that she lived a total of 84 years, out of which some 63 years was spent as a widow (deducting the seven years as a married woman and another 14 years as a single, assuming Jewish women in that period marry at about 14 years of age).

December 30,
Tuesday
2014

Growing in Godly Wisdom

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:39-40, 52; Proverbs 1:7

As a young boy, Jesus grew up in a home with godly parents who faithfully observed the Jewish Law. Except for Luke 2:41-51, the Scriptures are silent on Jesus' growing up years in Nazareth. Nazareth was a small agricultural town where people lived simply and children followed the trade of their fathers. Like the other children, Jesus probably played with friends and studied the Torah, while learning a trade (in Jesus' case, it was carpentry from His earthly father, Joseph). Luke twice mentioned in summary statements how Jesus developed as a boy. Physically, verse 40 tells us that Jesus "grew and became strong" and verse 52 says He "increased in stature (or years)". However, the emphasis in verse 40 seems to be on Jesus being "filled with wisdom", with the favour of God upon him. In verse 52, there is the nuanced addition that this growth in wisdom was a gradual process ("increased"). Jesus' growing wisdom was clearly evident when He sat among the rabbis at the temple, listening to them with understanding and asking them good questions (Lk 2:46-47). Jesus also enjoyed increasing favour with both God and man (v. 52).

OBSERVATION

Wisdom is found in the truth of God's Word. How can I appropriate such wisdom according to Proverbs 1:7 (cf. Pr 9:10; Ps 111:10)?

APPLICATION

As a disciple of Christ, how have I grown in godly wisdom in 2014? What must I do to intentionally bring myself into greater growth in wisdom in 2015?

PRAYER

Write a prayer to God asking
Him to teach and instruct you
for wise living in 2015.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

December 31,
Wednesday
2014

It Is Necessary

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-51

This account is noteworthy for two reasons: Firstly, there is no other account of Jesus' boyhood years apart from this incident recorded by Luke; and secondly, this contains the first recorded speech of Jesus in Luke's gospel. Jesus went "missing" as the family left for home after their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover. He was found in the temple engaged in theological conversations with the rabbis. Even at 12 years of age, Jesus was a keen learner. He sat among the teachers listening to the discussions and asking questions that amazed the people present (v. 46). When Jesus' parents finally found Him there after a three-day search, they were "astonished" (v. 48). They were even more astounded by His reply when they queried Him concerning His actions. Jesus said, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I *must*¹⁰ be in my Father's house?" (v. 49) Although Jesus' parents did not understand His reply to them, He nevertheless submitted to them and returned to Nazareth (vv. 50-51).

OBSERVATION

Jesus matter-of-factly told his parents that it was "necessary" for Him to be in His Father's house to engage in the things of God. This would include theological learning and spiritual conversations. How much importance do I attach to time with the Father and learning from His Word?

APPLICATION

How can I make spiritual pursuits like daily devotions and the studying of God's Word a higher priority this coming year? When would be the best time for me to schedule this in my typical day/week/month? What helpful courses or seminars can I attend?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I want to be more active in the things of God. Please help me pursue greater biblical knowledge and theological understanding in the new year. Show me which small steps to begin with and enable me to be consistent. Above all, I desire that those pursuits will transform my life. I want to know You more. May my devotion to You be deeper. May my service to You be more wholehearted. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer Pointers

- Give thanks:

- Pray for family:

- Pray for bosses:

- Pray for peers and staff:

- Pray for self:

¹⁰ The expression "must" ("it is necessary", *dei* in the original Greek) introduces many significant teachings in Luke's gospel (e.g. 4:43; 9:22; 17:25; 24:7, 26; 21:9; 24:44). These texts emphasise the divine hand of God behind all these events involving Christ and throughout human history.

Missions Prayer

FOCUS OF THE MONTH

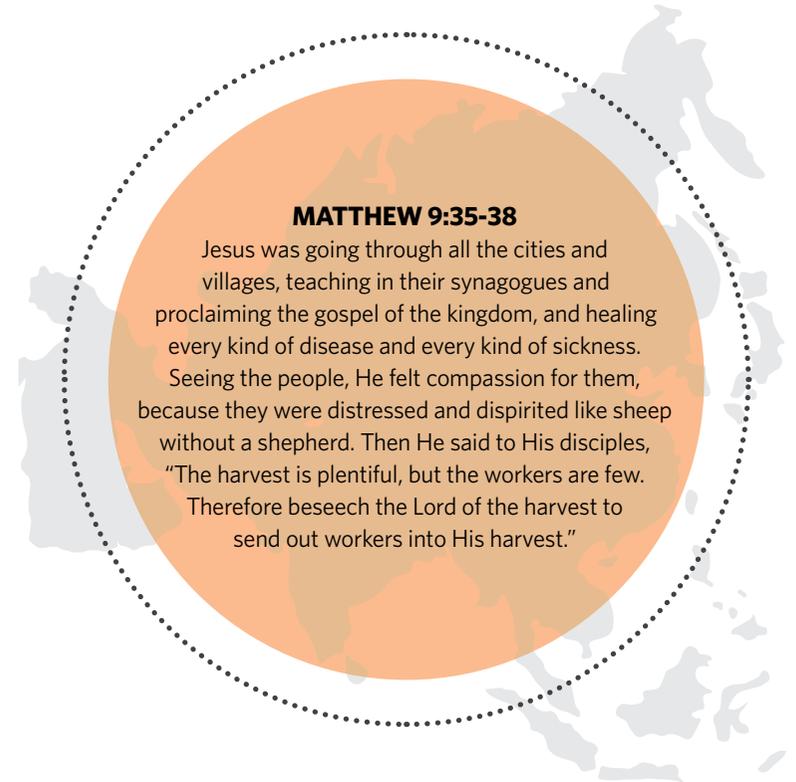
Indonesia

INDONESIA IS THE MOST POPULOUS MUSLIM NATION IN

the world. With only 5.6% evangelical Christians, the task is urgent in evangelising the unreached as well as strengthening the churches. Deepening discipleship and improving the infrastructure and support for Christian communities are the immediate tasks before the Indonesian Christians. However workers are few and local churches may be procrastinating. Yet, we praise the Lord that there seems to be a stirring among some pastors towards returning the hearts of the people unto Him.

PRAYER POINTERS

1. Pray for more pastors and church leaders to catch the disciple-making vision.
2. Pray for continued favour of Christians among their community and the government.
3. Pray for CEFC's work in Surabaya, Bandung and Pekanbaru that the Lord will grant wisdom and favour even as we encourage and engage our partners on the ground. Pray that we will be able to provide godly perspective, leadership and wisdom for the way forward in these partnerships.
4. Pray for the work among the Sundanese, who are one of the least reached people groups in the world.
5. In March 2015, we will hold the first South East Asia (SEA) IDMC regional conference at Surabaya, Indonesia. Pray that the Lord will use this platform as a catalyst for transformational change and growth of the churches in Indonesia.



MATTHEW 9:35-38

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

worship songs

HOLY SPIRIT

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is
undone
In Your presence Lord

Chorus 1

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence Lord

(Your presence Lord)

(Your presence)

(Oh God how we love Your presence Lord)

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Chorus

Oh, God, be my everything, be my delight
Be Jesus, my glory my soul's satisfied
Oh, God, be my everything, be my delight
Be Jesus, my glory my soul's satisfied

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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OUR GOD

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine
 Opened the eyes of the blind
 There's no one like You
 None like You

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
 Out of the ashes we rise
 There's no one like You
 None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
 Our God is stronger
 God You are higher than any other
 Our God is Healer

Awesome in power,
 Our God
 Our God

Bridge

And if our God is for us
 Then who could ever stop us
 And if our God is with us
 Then what could stand against

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WHOM SHALL I FEAR

Verse 1

You hear me when I call
 You are my morning song
 Though darkness fills the night
 It cannot hide the light

Whom shall I fear
 You crush the enemy underneath my feet
 You are my sword and shield
 Though troubles linger still
 Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me
 I know Who stands behind
 The God of angel armies is always by my side
 The One who reigns forever
 He is a friend of mine
 The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 2

My strength is in Your name
 For You alone can save
 You will deliver me
 Yours is the victory
 Whom shall I fear
 Whom shall I fear
 (Whom shall I fear)

WHOM SHALL I FEAR (CONT'D)

Bridge

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand
 You hold the whole world in Your hands
 I'm holding on to Your promises
 You are faithful
 You are faithful

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TIMES OF REFRESHING

Times of refreshing
 Here in Your presence
 No greater blessing
 Than being with You

My soul is restored
 My mind is renewed
 There's no greater joy, Lord
 Than being with You

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HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Chorus

You are the Holy One
 Father Spirit Son
 King of kings and Lord of lords
 Hallowed be hallowed be
 Hallowed be Thy name

Verse

We will worship
 The Maker of all things
 Almighty God to You
 Our voices sing
 Hallowed be Thy name
 Hallowed be Thy name

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CHRIST IS ENOUGH

Verse 1

Christ is my reward
 And all of my devotion
 Now there's nothing in this world
 That could ever satisfy

Pre-Chorus

Through every trial
 My soul will sing
 No turning back

Chorus

Christ is enough for me
 Christ is enough for me
 Everything I need is in You
 Everything I need

Verse 2

Christ my all in all
 The joy of my salvation
 And this hope will never fail
 Heaven is our home

Pre-Chorus

Through every storm
 My soul will sing
 Jesus is here
 To God be the glory

Bridge

I have decided to follow Jesus
 No turning back
 No turning back

The cross before me
 The world behind me
 No turning back
 No turning back

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AT THE CROSS

Verse 1

Oh Lord You've searched me
You know my way
Even when I fail You
I know You love me

Your holy presence
Surrounding me
In every season
I know You love me
I know You love me

At the cross I bow my knee
Where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave
Your glory fills the highest place
What can separate me now

Verse 2

You go before me
You shield my way
Your hand upholds me
I know You love me

Bridge

You tore the veil You made a way
When You said that it is done
You tore the veil You made a way
When You said that it is done

Verse 3

And when the earth fades
Falls from my eyes
And You stand before me
I know You love me
I know You love me

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REACHING FOR YOU

Verse

I can't believe the way
Your love has got a hold on me
Each morning I wake to find You near
You lift me above my fears
And set my feet on solid ground
All of my days belong to You

Pre-Chorus

And I breathe in Your breath of life
That fills my heart
You are my all consuming fire

Chorus

And I stand here before You
In wide opened wonder
Amazed at the glory of You
The power of heaven
Revealing Your purpose in me
As I'm reaching for You

Ending

Reaching for You
Reaching for You

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AARONIC BENEDICTION

Verse 1

May the Lord may the Lord bless and keep you
May His grace and His face shine upon you
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you
And give you peace
And give you peace

Verse 2

Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha
Yaer panav alecha vichuneka
Yisa Adonai panav alecha
V'yaseml'cha shalom v'yaseml'cha shalom

Bridge

This is the way
You shall be blessed
From day to day
He'll be your rest

Ending

And give you peace
And give you peace

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