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Service Timings

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Worship & the Word 10:00 am
Covenant Kids 10:00 am
Nagamese Service 2:30 pm
Prayer & Praise 5:30 pm*

Wednesday

Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 pm.

Friday

Dream Team 5:00 pm

Saturday

Hour of Power (Prayer Meeting) 7:30 am.
Radical Generation 4:30 p.m.

*as announced

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By Pastor
John Roughton

Ephesians 3:14,15

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

Other translations of this verse say, the **whole** family or the **entire** family. The Living Bible says, **I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God — some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth.**

God is the Father of a great family. Part of His family is here in the earth, the rest are in heaven. The family of God is the entire Body of Christ.

By calling God, “Father,” you are taking prayer out of the category of religion and bringing it into the realm of relationship. Prayer is a family matter. The Church is a family run business.

The New Testament was originally written in Greek. The Greek word translated **Father** is the word *pater*. And the word for family is very similar to that: *patria*. So in Greek a family is what has been born of a father. The *patria* comes out from the *pater*.

You are in God’s family because you have been born of His Spirit. You have more than forgiveness of sins. The Holy Spirit has given birth to your spirit. **John 3:6** says, **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

Verse 15 says **from whom the entire family is named.** The Greek word translated **named**, *onama*, means more than a label. It’s more than something people call you, like my name is John and your name is Mary. In the Bible *onama* is something that reveals the character and authority of the person who has it. When you

call yourself a Christian, you’re not telling people that you go to church and pray. You are called a Christian because you have Christ inside you. You have received the Father’s character and authority in your spirit.

1 John 5:1

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

If you love the Father you’ll also love His family. Some people say, “I love Jesus, but I hate Christians.” But that’s simply not true.

1 John 4:20

If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

The fact is that if you don’t love God’s kids, you don’t love God.

Most Christians are primarily concerned about their *vertical relationship* with God. In other words, they’re primarily concerned about how they’re getting along with Jesus. They’ll even say, “It’s just me and Jesus! He’s all I have and all I need.” They think in terms of “up and down.”

Yes, your **vertical** relationship is important, but God is *equally* concerned about your **horizontal** relationships. In other words, how are you getting along with the other family members? You need to think in terms of “side to side” also.

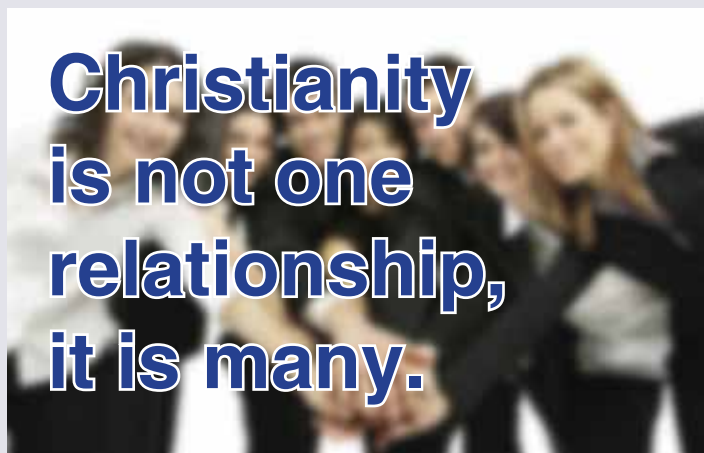
Christianity is not one relationship, it is many. It is the vertical and the horizontal, and these two relationships

are connected, they affect each other. If you're not getting along well with Jesus, you will have trouble in other relationships. When a Christian becomes lukewarm and loses his zeal for Christ, it isn't long before he also has marriage problems, difficulty at work, and trouble with his kids.

Likewise, if a man is not getting along with other Christians, that will hinder his prayers from being answered. Lack of unity in a church will stop the flow of the anointing.

Like it or not, you're in the family! We need to treat the other family members' right.

Most of us treat others splendidly when we want something from them. If we think this person can help us we treat him royally, with generous compliments and kind gestures. But if we don't think he can do anything for us, we treat him like dirt. But the real test of love is



not how nice we are to the rich and famous, but the kindness and consideration we show to the ordinary and the obscure.

And don't think God is looking the other way, and doesn't notice these things. Jesus said, **As you have done it to these, the least of these my brethren, you have done it to me** (Matt 25:40).

When Mark Hankins was a little boy, his father was a pastor. There was a poor family in their town that worked on a farm several miles outside of town. Brother Mark's mother drove out to their farm and invited the family to church. The parents were not interested in coming, but they sent their three little daughters.

So every Sunday Brother Mark's family drove their car to pick up these three little girls. It was an inconvenient journey and it was uncomfortable to sit in a small car

jammed with kids.

Eventually, two of the girls stopped attending church. But one little girl continued and became a faithful member of that church. After several years a man from that church married that girl. He was an ordinary man working in the oil business, but God blessed him and he became a millionaire.

One day this oil man walked into the church and gave the pastor a cheque for \$1 million! A year later he gave the church \$1.2 million! Why did he do that? Because when his wife was a poor little farm girl that nobody bothered with, the pastor's family cared enough to pick her up and bring her to church every Sunday.

Romans 12:5 (ERV)

In the same way, we are many people, but in Christ we are all one body. We are the parts of that body, and each part belongs to all the others.

Not one part of your body operates independently from the rest of the body. Your organs do not function alone; they rely on the other parts of the body. Your heart needs the brain. Your brain needs the lungs. Your lungs need the liver, and so forth. If you separate any part of the body from the rest of the members, it will die. It will be useless.

You will not function in your calling in isolation. You won't fulfill God's plan for your life being separated from His family. Whatever the plan of God is for your life it will include people, because God is interested in people. You must be a **people person**. Some people love God and hate people. Some ministers love crowds and hate people!

The devil isolates believers, because when the members are alone they don't function. A Christian who is separated from the family becomes an easy prey for deception and destruction. **1 Peter 5:8** says, **Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.** Lions don't attack the entire herd. They look for one who gets separated from the rest. God knows we are stronger together.

There are supernatural relationships in the Body of Christ. There are things that God wants to do in your life, but He uses people. If you have trouble getting along with people God will be limited in what He can do for you.

I heard one excellent Bible teacher say that the Lord spoke to him: *There are important things you need to know that I'm not going to tell you. If I told it to*

somebody you're supposed to be in relationship with, you'll have to get it from them.

That's why you need to value the supernatural relationships in your life. If you dishonor the people that God sends to you, He'll stop sending them to you.

When Paul shared his testimony to crowds and to the kings he often mentioned Ananias. Ananias was not an apostle, an evangelist or a preacher. He was just an ordinary Christian. But he was the person God sent to lay hands on Paul to receive sight and be filled with the Spirit. Even though Paul became a great apostle who wrote half the New Testament, he never forgot Ananias.

There are people who have helped you. Perhaps it was a word of encouragement or prayer. Perhaps it was a small act of kindness. Don't forget those people. Make sure you honor them and recognize that God sent them to you.

God chooses who to use. He may not send the person that you would pick. You might prefer someone from your own tribe, your own community. But God may send someone from a different ethnicity, a different social background, a different country. Don't worry about the color and shape of the vessel God uses. It's what's in the vessel that matters!

More than thirty years ago I had a friend named Jack. He introduced me to Brother Kenneth Hagin's ministry. I attended a small Bible study in Jack's home for several years while I was a college student. Most nights there were only three or four people gathered at Jack's house. I know that sometimes Jack was discouraged; he wanted more people to come.

I later attended Rhema Bible Training Center, the school started by Brother Hagin. A couple of years after I graduated, Jack went home to be with the Lord at the age of 32. He died suddenly and unexpectedly. It was a shock to all of us. I know he went to heaven, but I felt so sad.

Today we are reaching thousands of people with the message of faith in India, Nepal and Bhutan and other countries. I have never forgotten Jack in that small Bible study in his sitting room. Without him, I wouldn't be here today!

God never calls us to do anything that's insignificant. It may appear to be small in the eyes of people but God has a master plan. You may never know that one ordinary person whom you encouraged may become



someone who leads multitudes to Christ, or brings revival to a generation.

Every summer I travel to America. I preach in different churches, some large, some not so large. But there is one small church that I always minister in. Why preach there every summer? Because when I first began to preach, this church was one of the few that was willing to have me. When many others ignored me (and some pastors made me feel small and useless) this church invited me and welcomed me warmly. I've never forgotten it. As long as they're willing to have me, I will always preach for them.

When we are spiritually immature we tend to value the **things** God gives us in life. But as you grow and mature, you begin to value **the people** that God has brought into your life. Carnal people use people to get things. But spiritual people use things to get people.

Every born again Christian is my brother or my sister. And I appreciate any ministry that preaches salvation by faith in the blood. But I don't closely associate with every Christian. Some I love from a distance. I choose carefully the people I spend time with. I want to be with people who inspire me. I want to hang around men and women who challenge me to walk closer to God. I like to be with people of faith.

Don't just go to any church. Be in a Spirit-filled church that preaches the Word of God. Find a church where you can grow. Every sheep needs a shepherd. You need a pastor who will feed you and lead you.

Sadly, there are many opportunists in the church-world, people motivated by selfish ambition. These unscrupulous people use unethical means to attract followers. Not every opportunity is from God. Be Spirit led, not money led. Bloom where God has planted you, and in due time, He will promote you.

Mark Your Calendar

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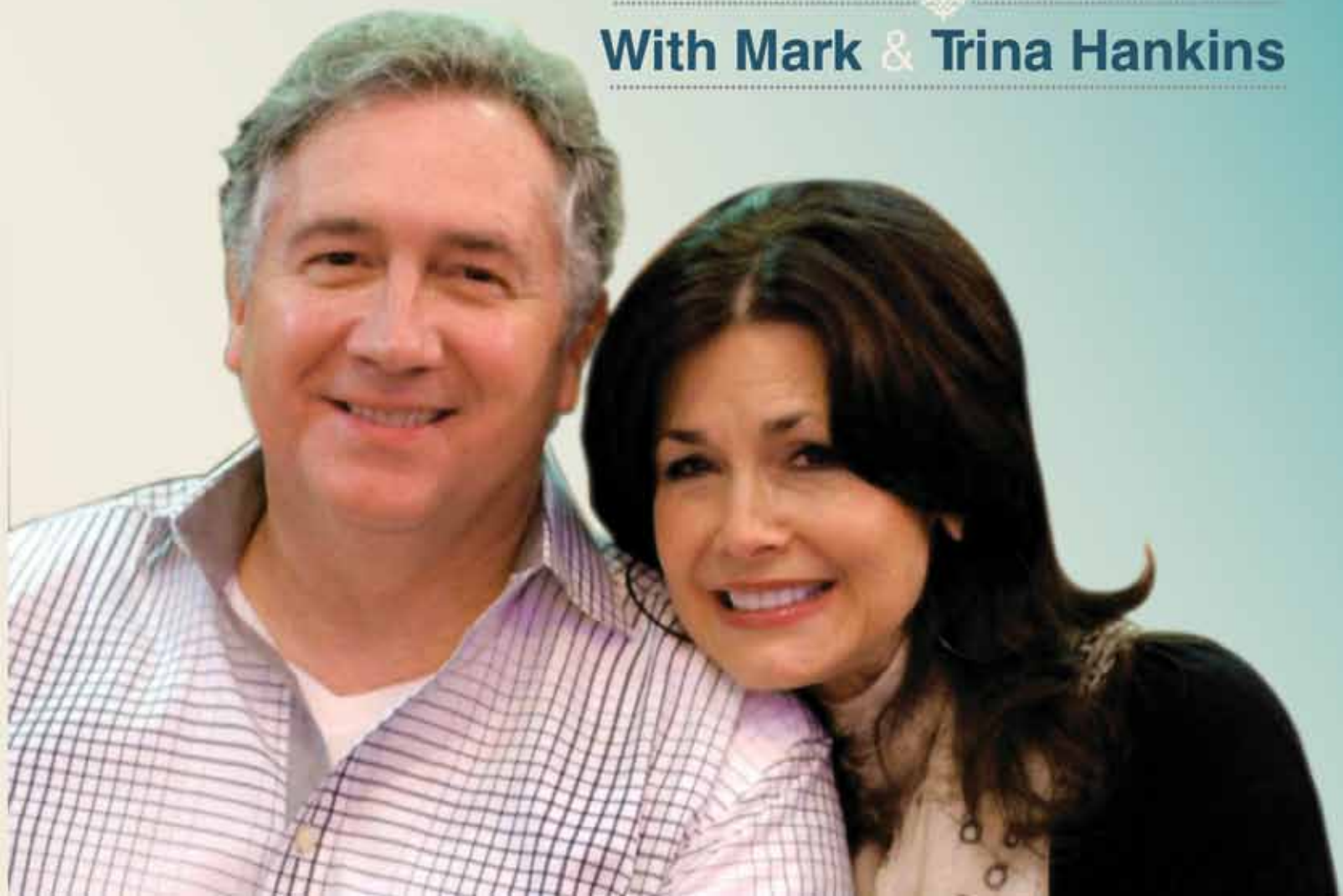
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लैव्यव्यवस्था 17:11 क्योंकि शरीर का प्राण लहू में रहता है; और उसको मैं ने तुम लोगों को वेदी पर चढ़ाने के लिए दिया है कि तुम्हारे प्राणों के लिए प्रायश्चित्त किया जाए; क्योंकि प्राण के कारण लहू से ही प्रायश्चित्त होता है।

वाईवल में हर जगह पर हम देखते हैं कि परमेश्वर को लहू की आवश्यकता पड़ी है। केवल लहू से ही प्रायश्चित्त (पश्चात्ताप) किया जा सकता है। प्रायश्चित्त शब्द का अर्थ है- पाप के लिए मोल या कीमत चुका देना। लहू ने परमेश्वर के न्याय व क्रोध को दूर कर दिया, और पाप के प्रभाव को रद्द कर दिया। जिस तरह से प्रकाश में अंधकार नहीं रह सकता, उसी तरह से परमेश्वर के सामने पाप भी नहीं ठहर सकता है। पुराने नियम में लोग परमेश्वर की उपस्थिति से अलग हो गए थे। केवल महायाजक (सबसे बड़ा पुजारी) ही एक ऐसा अकेला इसाइली था जो कि साल में सिर्फ एक बार ही प्रायश्चित्त के दिन मिलाप के तम्बू में परम-पवित्र स्थान में जा सकता था। और वह वहाँ कभी भी बिना लहू के नहीं गया। लहू ने एक अपवित्र इन्सान को पवित्र परमेश्वर के सामने जाने की सामर्थ (क्षमता) दी। लहू के द्वारा ही ऐसा हो गया कि परमेश्वर ने एक सारे देश को आशिष दी। इब्रानी भाषा में प्रायश्चित्त शब्द का अर्थ है- ढ़क देना। बलि चढ़ाए जाने वाले जानवरों का लहू लोगों के पापों को सिर्फ ढ़क देता था। लेकिन यीशु मसीही का लहू पापों को दूर कर (हटा) देता है। यीशु ने खुद अपने बहुमूल्य लहू से हमारे पापों को धो दिया है। पाप असली (वास्तविक) होता है, इसे प्रचारक लोगों ने इसलिए अपनी तरफ से नहीं बनाया कि लोगों को डराकर चर्च में जाने के लिए मजबूर किया जाए। पाप बहुत ही वास्तविक है, और उसी तरह से हमारे मन में पैदा होने वाली दोष की भावना भी। मनोवैज्ञानिक (दिमाग के डॉक्टर) कहते हैं कि ज़्यादातर दिमागी तौर से पागल लोग दोष की भावना से पीड़ित होते हैं। वहाने बना कर दोष को हटाया नहीं जा सकता है। शराब या ड्रग्स लेने से दुःखी विवेक (मन की आवाज़) को झुठलाया नहीं जा सकता है। परंतु

यीशु का लहू पाप के कामों से हमारे विवेक को जिंदा प्रभु की सेवा करने के लिए साफ़ कर देता है (इब्रानियों 9:14)। केवल मसीह का लहू ही परमेश्वर के साथ शांति ला सकता है।

स्मिथविगलसवर्थ ने कहा है, “आत्मा की अगवाई से मुझे यह बात पता चली है कि मेरे अंदर एक भी ऐसी बात नहीं है जिसे यीशु का लहू दूर नहीं कर सकता है।”

एक दिन मेरे घर पर एक जवान आदमी आया जो कि एक ख़ास तरह की साबुन बेच रहा था। उसने कहा, “यह कोई आम (साधारण) साबुन नहीं है, बल्कि यह एक जबरदस्त किस्म के फ़ार्मूले से बनी साबुन है तथा हर तरह के दाग-धब्बे को साफ़ कर सकती है।” मैंने बाद में मसीह के लहू के बारे में सोचा। यह कोई साधारण लहू नहीं है, यह विशेष है, परमेश्वर के अपने इकलौते बेटे का पवित्र लहू है। पाप का कोई भी ऐसा धब्बा नहीं है जिसे यह लहू साफ़ नहीं कर सकता।

लहू इतना महत्वपूर्ण क्यों है? लैव्यव्यवस्था 17:11 कहता है कि शरीर का प्राण लहू में रहता है। आप एक अँगुली या टाँग के बिना तो रह सकते हैं किंतु लहू के बिना नहीं। जिस समय आपके शरीर में लहू बहना रुक जाएगा उसी समय आप मर जाएंगे। लहू जीवन है।

यीशु मसीह का लहू चंगाई भी देता है। पहले फसह के पर्व के समय इस्राइल के लोगों ने अपने-अपने घर की चौखट पर लहू छिड़का था। मिस्र में जब उस रात को एक ख़तरनाक प्लेग (बीमारी) आया तो इस्राइल के लोग बलि चढ़ाए गए मेमने के लहू के कारण बच गए थे।

1 कुरिन्थियों 5:7 कहता है, हमारा भी फसह, जो मसीह है बलिदान हुआ है।

जब एक पापी इंसान यीशु को अपने जीवन का प्रभु मान लेता है, वह लहू के कारण पाप से धुल (शुद्ध हो) जाता है।

यदि एक जानवर का लहू जो कि मसीह की एक छाया (प्रतीक) मात्र है, इसाइल के लोगों को खतरनाक बीमारी से बचा सकता है, तो सच में मसीह का लहू हमें रोग व बीमारियों से अवश्य बचाएगा। 1पत्रस 2:24 कहता है कि यीशु के कोड़े खाने से हम सब लोग चंगे हो गए। यीशु का लहू

केवल क्षमा (माफ़) ही नहीं करता बल्कि यह चंगाई भी देता है। यहाँ पर चंगाई के लिए, सुरक्षित रहने के लिए, प्रभु के साथ फिर से संगती करने के लिए और पापों को दूर करने के लिए शक्ति (सामर्थ) है- यह प्रभु यीशु मसीह के लहू में है! इसाइल के लोगों ने अपने घरों में लहू को लगाया। हम यीशु के लहू को अपने विश्वास का अंगीकार (बार-बार मुँह से बोलकर) करके लगा सकते हैं।

1यहून्ना 1:7 पर यदि जैसा वह ज्योति में है, वैसे ही हम भी ज्योति में चलें, तो एक दूसरे से सहभागिता रखते हैं, और उसके पुत्र यीशु का लहू हमें सब पापों से शुद्ध करता है।

हमें लगातार लहू से शुद्ध रहना पड़ता है। यहून्ना ने यह पत्र मसीही लोगों को यह बताने के लिए लिखा कि किस तरह से वे परमेश्वर की संगती में बने रह सकते हैं। ज्योति में चलने का मतलब है- परमेश्वर के वचन की सच्चाई पर चलते रहना। अंधकार में चलने का अर्थ है, पाप करना। यदि हम

परमेश्वर के वचन के प्रकाशन में चलते हैं तो लगातार लहू से हमारे पापों का शुद्धिकरण होता रहता है।

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To draw young people to Him and to each other
To Glorify Jesus and make Him known
and to touch our world with His love.



*If God is
for us...*

Rom 8:31 ...

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

What an awesome truth! God almighty is for us. He is not against us. Many young people today are not sure if God will bless them, heal them or help them succeed in life. My friend, God is for your blessing. God is for your healing. God is for your success.

The message translation says it like this, **'So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose?'**

God is not against you. He is on your side. He is with you. How can you not win in life?

People in the Bible understood very well that when the Lord is with you, irrespective of your circumstances you become successful. Think about Joseph. The scripture says in **Gen 39:2 But the Lord was with Joseph, and he [though a slave] was a successful and prosperous man...** Joseph was sold as a slave by his own brothers in a foreign land. He had no rights, no influence, no wealth, nothing. He was a slave. Things cannot get

worse than this. Yet, the Bible says that he was a successful and prosperous man! Why? Because the Lord was with him! You know the story...although he faced many challenges and temptations along the way, because God was with him he overcame them all and he kept prospering and rising, until one day he became the Prime Minister of Egypt.

Judah, under King Jehoshaphat, was surrounded by a great multitude of armies. They were badly outnumbered. But the Lord set an ambush against their enemies. They didn't even have to fight, for the Lord fought their battle! They did not win because of their extraordinary skills in battle. The difference maker... **God was with them! (2 chron 20:17)**

My friend, God has not changed! Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. In truth, today if you are in Christ, you are in a better covenant. Now God has said, **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Heb 13.5)**

You can take God at His Word. He is with you. He is for you. Start believing God to give you victory over sin and temptations, health and healing and good success in all that you do. For With God on our side like this, how can we lose?



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(SIGNS, WONDERS AND MIRACLES FOR US AND FOR OUR CHILDREN)



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Pastor John and I pray and release the blessings; peace, grace, health, prosperity & favor be multiplied in your life, and in your children's lives this year!

As you are determined to seek God first and follow after Him, to walk and live in the Spirit according to **Galatians 5:25**; and above all, walk in the (Agape) love of God as in **1 Corinthians 13**; we believe you are stepping into your divine destiny this year.

God has you in the palm of His hand. He knows every need, every struggle, every dream and every desire. And the good news is, "**....with God all things are possible.**" **Mark 10:27.**

Quite often we limit ourselves. We think we'll never be able to overcome our challenges or accomplish our dreams; never get a husband or wife; we feel that we don't have the money, the talent, the looks or connections. The problem is we tend to look for answers only in the natural. We have a limited vision and forget that God is a supernatural God.

Just because we don't see a way, it doesn't mean that God doesn't have a way. God's dream for you is better. His destiny for you is

bigger. His plans for you are better than your plans. Wherever you are and what ever may be your age, each person's dream is unique and they are equally important to God. There are things He has created for you to do that only you can accomplish. The same is true about me.

Just like Joseph, we are destined for great power and great influence. And like Joseph, we will have to pass great tests if we are to step into that dream and destiny. Joseph encountered some destiny tests on his way from the dream to the destiny. They are relevant because these are tests that each of us will face as we press toward the dream that God has given us. Like Joseph, we too, must pass the test. They are:-1. The pride test 2. The pit test 3. The palace test 4. The purity test 5. The prison test and 6. The power test. Let's pass the test and enter into a supernatural year of rest.

We may be planning on an average year, but God has lined up an extraordinary year for us and for our children. God's plan for us is to live in an abundant overflow. Let us agree with God and His Word.

God has supernatural favor in store for us; supernatural opportunities, healing, restoration,

connections and supernatural wealth, too! Let's get excited in our spirit. This will not be an average year. It is going to be a supernatural year, when we see dreams come to pass, when we get stronger in the spirit and see healing in our body. This will be a year when we look back and say "Wow! Look what the Lord has done for my family and me!" You may be sick but God says you are healed, "...by the stripes of Jesus you were healed" **1 Peter 2:24.**

You may be in debt but God says you are coming out; you are coming into overflow, "**You will lend and not borrow.**" **Deut 28:12.** The economy may be bad but God says we will see supernatural increase, supernatural promotion and supernatural, explosive blessings! You may say, "Well pastor John, pastor Zhepi I don't see how I could be blessed this year." Stop talking like that! Get in agreement with God and His Word.

You may not see how it could happen. God has a **THOUSAND** different ways to bring your dream to pass. We think natural; God thinks supernatural. His power supersedes natural laws. Remember the few loaves and the few fish that fed the multitudes? Remember the water that turned into wine? You may have a little, but God can multiply it for you. He can multiply your income, multiply your business, multiply your influence, multiply your strength, and multiply your gifts and talents. **Isaiah 6:22.**

Friends, let us agree and believe God by faith, that this year is a supernatural year. I encourage you to be steady not giving up; not quitting but walking and living in the spirit and in the love of God. He will show up and do amazing things in our lives.

Gen 18:14 "Is there anything too hard for the Lord"?

This year, get hold of a new vision, put on a new attitude. It's a new season, it's a new day. It's a season of signs, wonders and miracles;

prosperity is heading your way. God is saying that He is all powerful and wonderful. He can turn any situation around. It doesn't matter what it looks like in the natural. He is a supernatural God. He will do unusual miracles for us. Let's take the limit off God, as we begin this supernatural year. God will amaze us with His goodness this year- **Exodus 33:19.**

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord this year and He will give you the desires of your hearts.

Stay open for something new; don't settle for anything less than the best that God has to give you. Stay in your place of blessings spiritually, and when you are spiritually nourished it will manifest in the natural realm, physically, emotionally, materially, financially and in relationship.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU, AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Let us receive all the goodness and promises of God in faith, by believing!

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God.

HAVE A GREAT SUPERNATURAL YEAR, & REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU AND WE LOVE YOU TOO!

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