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2025 PRAYER GUIDE

PRAY 21 DAYS

JANUARY 6-26, 2025

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Possess the Land

Pray 21 Days in 2025
January 6th-26th, 2025

See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land the LORD swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them. – Deuteronomy 1:8

Thank you for participating in Pray 21 Days for 2025. It is wise to start our year with intentionality and focus as our starting point will help determine where we finish. This is especially true as we devote our thoughts and attention towards possessing our promised lands. As we pray together during these 21 days, I encourage you to come to God with expectation, faith, and an openness to hear His voice speaking to you about His unfolding plans. He is turning the page and opening new chapters in your life. May you sense His Presence, receiving an impartation of courage and grace as you seek His face.

Blessings,

Sylvia Neusch

JANUARY 6

Read: Exodus 14:10-12

The Body of Christ has been in training for years learning how to think and speak in alignment with the kingdom of God. The journey of the children of Israel serves as a prophetic picture of our own journey in many ways. We learn from their mistakes and receive instruction through their encounters with God.

The enemy will often use fear to try and bring out the worst in us. Threatening circumstances cause our incorrect beliefs to surface. The Israelites were willing to give up their dreams of freedom and return to slavery when fear came knocking at their door. We sometimes face similar challenges and it is in this place where we find we have a choice. We can choose to maintain our *lower-level* thinking or we can choose to *go up higher* and see from a new and more life-giving perspective.

We will only be ready to go in and take our land to the degree that our mind has been renewed. Our thinking can cause us to see obstacles as impossibilities, or we can see them as areas where our God can bring incredible breakthrough. We can be grateful that we serve a loving Father who guides, teaches, and trains us all along the way so we can experience the joy of possessing the full inheritance He has planned.

Pray: Is there an area in your life where fear is attempting to derail you, causing you to resort to *lower-level* thinking? Today, ask the Holy Spirit to pinpoint any lies you are believing and release to you fresh grace and Heaven's perspective on your situation. Commit to Him a fresh desire to renew your mind with His truth.

JANUARY 7

Read: II Kings 13:14-19

In this story we can feel the prophet Elisha's frustration with King Jehoash as he sought to instruct and set the king up for victory. But the king missed the significance of the moment & half-heartedly struck the ground only three times. He lacked the prophetic vision and wise, obedient intentionality to fully run with the grace that had been released to him through the prophet. The result was a loss of greater victory that could have been his. His inability to perceive what God was wanting to do in the moment would dearly cost him in the future.

It was an ancient custom to shoot an arrow or spear into the country or area that an army was planning to attack. It served as a declaration of intent of battle. It was a declaration of intent to take new territory. Considering this, it is even more surprising then that the king failed to follow through on the prophetic act with faith and discernment. This story motivates us to have vision for the inheritance and lands that God wants to give us, being faithfully alert to steward His prophetic promises with obedience and intentionality.

Our vision and obedience can limit or advance us in taking our land. We may receive prophetic insight concerning our future from the Lord, but our stewarding of the words will play a key role in their fulfillment. God speaks in a moment, revealing our potential and what is possible when we are yoked to Him & His realm, and it is then the day to day, year to year walking out of those words that will produce the desired fruit.

Pray: As the Holy Spirit guides you, review any prophetic words you may have received, or scripture promises that speak to you about your destiny. What *land* is He wanting you to possess? Speak forth a declaration of intent to take your land. Prayerfully ask Him for your next steps & the grace to steward His promises fully.

JANUARY 8

Read: Amos 9:13-15; Joshua 5:8-9

The Body of Christ is stepping into a time like no other. Change is in the air all around us. We are moving into an era of great acceleration and significant advancement of the kingdom of God. God is causing His seeds of destiny to be birthed in His people at a rapidly increasing rate during this time. Visions and dreams are coming to life and a grace is being released from Heaven to build with Him.

However, much of the Church stands at a crossroads in this season. As the Israelite army was called to a time of great vulnerability to lay down their weapons and be circumcised, so we are being called to a similar place. **There is a deeper consecration, a deeper cutting off of the flesh that the Holy Spirit is beckoning us to in this new era. There is a surrendering of our visions, our dreams, and our hearts to Him in a fresh new way. It is a time to come to the altar with Him.**

The enemy has attempted to derail this generation from obtaining the promises of God. But I hear God saying, *"Go deeper with Me, come up higher with Me. Lay down everything that has hindered you in this race and receive My cleansing. You will be made new as you rest and abide in My presence."*

Pray: Today, in your heart, come to the altar with Him. Purposefully surrender to His will and His ways, even if you've done it many times before. Repent of anything the Holy Spirit highlights and ask Him to bring your thinking and life into alignment with Him. Spend some time just resting in the knowledge that He is good.

JANUARY 9

Read: Joshua 5:2-9

God is a master at using whatever the enemy throws at us to continue perfecting us into the image of Christ as we submit to His Lordship in our lives. Our response to the enemy's schemes, meant to divide, destroy, or defeat us, either cause us to pull in closer to Jesus, or move further away. The resulting shame and condemnation of choosing the latter is a type of prison. Jesus is the answer and offers freedom from the binding chains of shame.

It seems the Lord chose the worse possible timing to make a vulnerable army of men incapacitated by choosing to circumcise them just after they had crossed over into Gilgal. Here they were, completely made vulnerable in front of Jericho, the strongest military outpost of their enemy, the Canaanites.

The Israelites were put in a place of having to totally trust in God who knew that this generation of Israelites were walking in a prison of shame. This younger generation, born in the wilderness, had never been circumcised. They bore not only the shameful memories of their parent's slavery in Egypt, but the shame of a generation who disobeyed God and wandered in the desert for 40 years. God lovingly rolled away their reproach that day.

The children of Israel needed to be circumcised and healed to begin to see themselves differently. Their perception of their identity would greatly affect this next phase of their journey.

Pray: Are you carrying any shame or regrets from past seasons? Today is a good day to give it over to God and receive His cleansing and healing as He completely rolls away any reproach from your life. Now, ask Him for a fresh word of identity.

JANUARY 10

Read: John 15:1-2

Many have experienced a difficult year where hardships, disappointments or losses have bombarded you or your family. Others have been affected by the chaos of the world situation, causing them to be distracted and anxious. We may have found ourselves busy caring for the needs of others. But, as we consider going in to take new lands for the kingdom, we must attend to our own vineyard. "...*They made me keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept! Song of Songs 1:6b*

We are the steward of all the things He has entrusted to us, including our own bodies. It is a time to take inventory of all that is in our hands. Are our vines healthy and flourishing, or are they languishing and in need of care and water?

God is bringing many things into greater alignment in this season. A life in alignment will be better able to sustain the acceleration & momentum that is coming. A brittle vine will snap under pressure, but a supple one will bend and move with His Spirit. As our soul prospers, we will prosper in all things. Take care of the small things, the *little foxes* that would come in to ruin the vines. Practice His Presence in all things. Forgive quickly. Turn anxious thoughts into prayers. Renew the mind daily, receiving the washing with water of His word. Love generously and refuse to harbor offense.

We must allow His hands as our skillful Vinedresser to nurture our vines and prune where necessary. We trust that His intentions for us are loving & full of wise compassion. Though pruning may feel painful now, it is needed for greater fruitfulness and the increase of life He has planned for us.

Pray: With the Holy Spirit's guidance, take inventory of your *vineyard*. Are your vines in need of care? Receive today His wisdom for any adjustments or changes you need to make so that you are positioned to flourish.

JANUARY 11

Read: Nehemiah 4:15-21

We are in a season to birth, battle, and build. Though there may be much opposition to our birthing new things and building with God, we have been equipped to face the battles that will inevitably come our way. We are learning to refute every lie that tries to exalt itself above the knowledge of God. The lies are often *smoke and mirrors* meant to confuse and sidetrack us from moving forward.

As warriors, we keep our shield of faith ready along with the sword of the Spirit. Our enemy's intent is to defer hope from our lives, bringing despair and distraction, but God has surrounded us with songs of deliverance. Our weapons are not of this world and the battle plans He has for us will confound the enemy.

We must refuse to allow the rise of warfare to cause our gaze to move from His face and the assignments He has for us. **It is a time to FEAR NOT as He has made provision for every obstacle we will encounter.**

As in the time of Nehemiah, we are learning to build with one hand and hold our weapons in the other. The word of God *must* dwell in us richly.

As we honor His word and His voice, we receive heavenly wisdom and grace to accomplish our tasks. Honor the prophetic grace and honor those who herald the trumpet sound. When we learn to recognize His sound, we will run towards it, for there we will receive breakthrough grace, protection, and His war room strategies.

Pray: Have you identified your assignment for this season? Has the enemy attempted to distract you or defer hope from your life? Ask God for a fresh impartation to use your shield of faith and a renewed love for His voice and word.

JANUARY 12

Read: Psalm 126:1-6; Isaiah 55:10-12

God is restoring fortunes and bringing people out of captivity. Dreams are being awakened and realized. God is loosening the ties that have bound many and we will find our restrictions falling away in the light of His favor. If we have cried tears in our years of sowing, we will soon return with songs of joy and the fruits of abundant harvest.

God plants His seeds of vision within us, nurturing and tending them so that when the time of birthing is fully come, we are ready. **Now is the time of building, birthing, and fruit bearing. Now is the time for exploding and exponential harvest.**

We must not doubt what God has sown in us in the secret place. We do not doubt the dreams and visions that have awakened us at night. We are not bringing to fruition just any dream, but dreams birthed out of the seeds that our loving Father intentionally sowed in us for this time and season.

It is time to ADVANCE. Move forward with God and He will reveal His battle plans as we carry the vision. He will place his unique and secret war strategies in our hands for this building season. He will bring confusion in the enemy's camp as we move forward carrying His *God-seeds* within us.

Pray: God may be awakening old dreams within you or sowing seeds for new dreams. Pray today that all former restrictions or limitations would begin to fall away as you pursue birthing and building with Him. Ask Him for courage to advance boldly and favor for open doors.

JANUARY 13

Read: Ezekiel 37:1-14

We are in an incredible time of momentum, acceleration, and new birth as God is pouring out His Spirit on dreams and visions to see the kingdom advance in every arena. Many are experiencing His awakening Spirit, blowing and bringing life to seeds that were sown, sometimes decades ago. Ideas, dreams, revelations, and inspirations born by the Spirit of God are beginning to burst into life at this time.

All of this is very exhilarating, but for some the prospect of what God is calling you to do and pioneer may seem overwhelming and for some...impossible! But this is exactly what God is doing in this hour. He is causing miraculous life to come into the dry bones of latent dreams, and He wants to involve *you* in the process.

God could have raised up the valley of dry bones without any help from Ezekiel, but He chose to work through a man, teaching him to speak life into dry things, and prophesy breath into lifeless bones. God was bringing hope back to a hopeless Israel, and He will bring hope into our hopeless situations as well.

He is looking for GREAT FAITH in this hour. He is looking for those who will peer into the landscape of the promised land the Father is giving them, seeing it with eyes of FAITH and HOPE. **He is watching for the Ezeikiels of this generation who will courageously prophesy into their land of promise and see with Spirit eyes and Heaven's viewpoint.** When these Ezeikiels encounter the inevitable opposition and strongholds inhabiting their land, they *know* to seek the LORD, believing that He will give them the strategies to overcome.

Pray: When you survey your promised land what strongholds or opposition do you see? As the Holy Spirit guides you, intentionally prophesy *life* to the things God wants to birth and *hope* to those areas that feel hopeless. Declare your confidence in God to accomplish everything He has promised and spoken.

DAY 8

JANUARY 14

Read: I Kings 17:7-14

Think of it. The widow of Zarephath went from planning the funeral for herself and her son, to a miraculous season of abundance and provision. Though she initially balked at the impossible sounding command coming through the prophet Elijah, she did eventually obey. And her obedience opened the door for the miraculous flow of God's provision to visit and sustain her family and Elijah throughout the difficult season.

Our fear doesn't mean we have failed unless it keeps us from doing what God has told us to do. I appreciate the fact that after Elijah addressed the widow's fear, she "*went away and did as Elijah had told her*". Her hands must have trembled as she mixed the remaining bit of flour and drops of olive oil, knowing that if God didn't come through it would surely be their last meal. But God *did* come through, over and above what she could have imagined!

What do you have in your house? Sometimes we see ourselves like the widow of Zarephath, focusing more on what we *don't have* than what we *do*. Because we often opt to look at our circumstances through earthly eyes, we see only earthly options and answers. But if we are born again, we are now of a *different realm*.

We are no longer limited by the earthly realm that surrounds us. God's answers aren't always rational or reasonable, but they are limitless and perfect. It's a time to bring to Him what we have, consecrating it unto Him. Then watch as our obedience opens the door for breakthrough and supernatural multiplication.

Pray: Today as you spend time with the Lord, ask Him to show you what you have that He can take and multiply to bring glory to Him and His kingdom. Repent for any ways you may have not believed His words or promises. Listen for any steps of obedience He might speak to you.

JANUARY 15

Read: I Kings 17:7-9; Eph. 3:20

We may tend to feel compassion for the widow in this story and her predicament. However, one small detail may cause us to interpret the story in a different light. God had already directed the widow of Zarephath to supply Elijah with food *before* he ever arrived. (vs. 8) God had directed her and with His command, the power to fulfill the word would have already been released and available to her.

The lesson for us is obvious! If God has spoken to us, giving us His words and promises, then the power and grace to fulfill the word is present and available for us. Because she focused on her lack, the widow resisted the prophet's request. When our focus is on the obstacles to our promise, we block or hinder the flow of God's grace to fulfill the promise. Our mind *must* be renewed to see as Heaven sees to obtain our promises and see the birthing of our dreams.

When we worry, we are imagining with the enemy. Let's begin imagining with God instead. If God has spoken a promise to us, then we can imagine receiving the promise. We can imagine God overcoming every obstacle and the increase of His kingdom manifesting as we see with eyes of faith. When we do this exercise, we begin to fill up the space in our mind with Heaven's perspective instead of all the obstacles to obtaining our promises. **We will never go in and take our land until we can envision ourselves doing so.**

Pray: Is God asking you to do something difficult, out of your comfort zone, or even seemingly impossible? Do you have a promise or word He has spoken to you? Pray today believing Him for His grace to accomplish it. Spend some time imagining with Him what it will look like for His word to be fulfilled.

JANUARY 16

Read: Joshua 1:1-6

In this new era, the Body of Christ may sometimes feel like pioneers entering a new frontier. A frontier is often referred to as *uncharted territory*. The Cambridge dictionary explains “*a frontier is a border between what is known and what is not known.*” As the people of God, we are stepping out of what has been known, and now stepping into what is *not* known. Even amid all the changes and transition, we can rest assured that God is masterfully positioning us for the new, and all that He desires to birth will surely come.

Joshua was a true pioneer. Imagine how he felt when Moses died, leaving him to be the one appointed by God to finally lead the Israelites into the promised land. We know he must have felt afraid because Joshua 1 has a repeated message from God to him; be strong and courageous. Three times this exhortation is declared to Joshua.

Pioneering requires courage because there is no set pattern to follow, and no manual telling us what to expect. The signposts telling us how many miles until we arrive are frustratingly gone, and the landmarks we normally find comfort in sighting are often missing as well. **That is why the prophetic voice of God is so key for us as we step out on this inaugural journey with Him. He is the only one who knows the way and all that lies ahead as we go forth to possess new territory.**

This pilgrimage we have been invited to embark on may feel confusing, unnerving, and sometimes scary, while at the same time thrilling to realize we are a *marked generation* He is calling to pioneer the new with Him.

Pray: As you pray today, receive from Him an impartation of courage and strength. Spend some time thanking Him for all the reasons you can be joyful, knowing that the joy of the Lord is your strength. Declare to Him your allegiance to follow His voice and your trust that He will surely guide your steps.

JANUARY 17

Read: Joshua 7:1-5; & 7:10-12

This story is a dark moment in the Israelites' journey into their land of promise. The warning had been clearly issued to avoid the *devoted things*. Scholars believe the devoted things were the articles associated with the demonic and demeaning worship and other practices of the Canaanites. Achan's failure to follow and obey the instructions about the *devoted things* caused a shocking destruction to come on the Israelites in battle. Thirty-six of their men died, and the people were devastated at their loss. This brought home the grim reality that they *could* lose a battle in the promised land. It seemed God had deserted them and they were not invincible after all. Joshua was especially distraught as he did not know or understand what had happened. God mercifully revealed to Joshua that the people could no longer stand against their enemies because they had sinned.

Though we are no longer under a covenant of law, the sobering reality of the cost of harboring sin is still a message that speaks to us today. We are watching God deal with sin on a national level in many arenas, including the Church. It is a time to walk circumspectly and humbly before God and others. God hates sin because of the bondage it brings into our lives and the lives of others. Like the Israelites, sin will cause us *not* to be able to stand against our enemies. In John 14:30, Jesus says, "...for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me." Jesus walked in such a way that the enemy had nothing he could use against Him. If we are to walk fully in God's power and Presence, we must walk in obedience to Him. We do not earn our position with God, as Jesus did that on our behalf, but our ability to walk as powerful, victorious sons and daughters is advanced when we refuse to harbor sin and rebellion in our lives.

Pray: Thank Him today that you are no longer are under the covenant of the law, but His wonderful covenant of grace. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there are any areas of sin or rebellion in your life that would cause you to not be able to stand before your enemies. Repent if He reveals anything to you. Thank Him that He has given you the identity of a righteous overcomer.

JANUARY 18

Read: Exodus 32:1-6; Psalm 130:5-6

In Exodus 31 and 32 we find that Moses had gone up on Mount Sinai with the Lord to receive the two tablets of the covenant law. He was evidently gone for quite a while and the people began to complain and murmur. Having left Egypt, they were already in a time of great transition, and now the one who was leading the way had disappeared. In the absence of what they had become accustomed to, they became uncomfortable. In their discomfort they pressured Aaron to create an idol in the shape of a calf, quickly turning from God's commands and worshipping the golden calf.

As our norms and routines are altered and shaken, we must resist the temptation to create *substitutes* to fill the void just to soothe our discomfort. This is not the time to resort to old methods or institute programs or structures just to fill a space. God is preparing a completely new wineskin for the new wine. If we attempt to fill it with the old wine, there will be no room for the new things He is releasing.

Sometimes waiting for the fulfillment of our promises is the hardest part of the journey. Waiting requires faith, courage, and patience. **Waiting gives us time for God's refinement process to do its work inside of us so that we are ready to obtain all that He has prepared.**

The Psalmist gives us important keys for our waiting process in Psalm 130. As we wait, our hope must be placed solidly in His word. His word will be like a compass for us, always pointing us in the right direction. We will not veer off path if we keep His word ever before us. The watchmen who wait for the morning knew one important thing; morning *always* comes. The Psalmist has an even greater confidence in His God than the watchmen waiting for morning. He *knows* God will keep His word.

Pray: Review His words to you asking Him for strength to keep His words ever before you. Repent of any *plan B* you might have as a backup. Declare His faithfulness to do what He says.

JANUARY 19

Read: Luke 8:43-48

As we move forward to possess our land, we will undoubtedly encounter moments requiring great breakthrough. God is moving powerfully to propel His people into their destinies where personal and corporate breakthroughs play a key role in our stories.

In Luke 8, Jesus was on his way, pressing through the crowds to go to Jairus' home as Jairus' daughter was dying. Along the way, something unusual happened. A woman, who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years, courageously touched the hem of Jesus' garment and immediately her bleeding stopped.

Knowing she was ceremonially and socially unclean according to Jewish custom, the woman risked everything to do this. To touch someone else would make them unclean and it was strictly forbidden. Hungry for breakthrough, she secretly pressed in anyway, approaching Jesus from behind.

Jesus did not rebuke the woman as would have been the norm, but instead He probed until she responded, owning her act before the crowd and Jesus. As the crowd watches, Jesus acknowledges the woman's faith, calling her *daughter*. This is the only time recorded in scripture that Jesus called someone daughter. How that word must have deeply touched her heart, breaking off the shame and stigma she had worn for so many years. In a single moment, she went from outcast to a healed and chosen child of God.

Pray: Is there a specific breakthrough you have longed for, but not yet seen? Pray today for encounters that bring about breakthrough and fresh identity upgrades. Picture yourself reaching out to touch Jesus, receiving the power that He carries for your breakthrough. Now pray for anyone you know who needs breakthrough, releasing His light into their lives.

JANUARY 20

Read: Acts 12:1-11

Peter was guarded by at least sixteen soldiers. The odds of him being freed from prison must have seemed insurmountable. But Herod and the prison crew didn't know to consider one thing: the power of a praying Church.

We have sometimes seen prayer as our last line of defense or what we do when we've exhausted our other options. But God is awakening His Bride to the significance of prayer and our role in establishing His kingdom through our prayers as we go in to take our land. In the coming days, the Church will step up to Her position of authority knowing we are seated in Christ, then releasing and declaring the edicts from Heaven that will bring breakthrough.

As the Church prayed for Peter, God released the angelic realm to free Peter and assist him as he fled from his prison cell. We are not to worship angels, but we would be foolish to ignore their important role as we pursue breakthrough in prayer. Heb. 1:14 says, *"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"* How blessed we are that God provided angels to serve those who have inherited salvation! We are not the ones who command and direct the angels; that is God's role as seen in Luke 4:10 *"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."* Our declarations and prayers go before the throne causing chains to break and prison doors to open. As we pray, God commands His angels and breakthrough comes!

Pray: Today as you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in praying prayers for breakthrough in your family, your church, your city, and your nation. As you are led, ask the Father to release His angels into situations that seem insurmountable. Thank Him that He is always faithful.

JANUARY 21

Read: Numbers 13: 27-28, 31-33

Have you ever wondered why God allowed the giants to be in the Promised land?

The Israelites had come such a long way and overcome so many obstacles to make it to this point, only to find their enemies inhabiting the land that was rightfully theirs.

Our giants reveal a lot about where God wants to take us in the Spirit. We will usually find a giant standing guard over the entrance to our destiny in Him. If we had a choice, most of us would not pick those battles. We might even turn around and go the other way. But a choice *not* to fight sends us on a return trip to Egypt and a journey back into slavery. If we choose to return to Egypt, we have given dominion to an uninvited giant. These are the battles that grow us up to become bold prophetic warriors. The giants we learn to overcome then become our victorious testimony, and we will carry a grace and anointing to help others overcome similar battles.

The process, growth, and change that happens in those who learn to overcome is so much more valuable than a piece of real estate. God brings us through a glory-to-glory process that produces true riches that can never be stolen or corrupted.

Pray: Is there a giant inhabiting your land of promise? Is it fear, low self-esteem, lack of provision, or past failures? (Just to name a few!) Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify any giants that are keeping you from moving forward into your land. Then, ask Him for strategies to overcome. Take the first step.

JANUARY 22

Read: Exodus 14:9-12

God is taking his people from a place of being overtaken to victorious overcoming. In our scripture today we find the Israelites, camped at Pi Hahiroth, looking up to see the Egyptians overtaking them. They were finally on their way to freedom and the threat of captivity terrified them.

This is a clear picture of where many find themselves right now. We may have felt the pull and call of God's Spirit within us. We have answered the call and began the forward move into the unknown of what He has next for us. We have left our *Egypt* once and for all. But the enemy is waiting, lurking, and threatening to once again overtake us, just as He did with the children of Israel. We are in that place of navigating the threats of being overtaken, and at the same time seeking to trust the Father's heart and voice to guide us into a place of victorious destiny and overcoming.

These are the times when doubt and unbelief can settle in as we search for normalcy. This was the moment when the Israelites begin longing for the shackles of slavery. God's answer to us is the same as the one He spoke through Moses to the children of Israel, *"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."* Exodus 14:13-14 ESV

Pray: As you move forward towards your promised land, is there an area where the enemy is threatening to overtake you? Ask today for a sharpened sense to detect lies and a greater reality of God's truth. Trust Him to guide you through the difficulties and obstacles.

JANUARY 23

Read: Exodus: 14:12-18

Within this story are three assignments for those who are seeking to overcome. The inward stance of our spirit man is to **STAND FIRM** in who God is and what He has spoken to us. This is a place of standing our ground, refusing to budge from what God has spoken to us, and who we know Him to be. This does not mean we refuse to listen to wise counsel. God will often use wise counsel to keep us from opening wrong doors or going off the intended road. Ultimately, our hope is in God's deliverance and ability to see us through to the destiny marked out for us.

The second part of our assignment as an overcomer is found at the end of verse 14: **BE SILENT**. Our mouth should not utter a word contrary to what God has spoken to us. Let the words of our mouth come into total alignment with what He has called us to be and do. We know the familiar story of Joshua as he led the Israelites to march around Jericho. Joshua issued this command in Joshua 6:10, "*...Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!*" God clearly did not want anything spoken that would hinder the supernatural power being orchestrated and released as the army of people marched in obedience around the city seven times.

The third part of our assignment as an overcomer is to **MOVE ON** as found in Exodus 14:15. Though the children of Israel were called to stand firm, inwardly resting in who God is, they were outwardly called to move forward in faith. They had not yet seen the waters divide when God gave the command to MOVE ON. If they had refused to move, the waters would never have divided. God responds to our faith and obedience just as he did to the faith and obedience of the Israelites.

Pray: Did the Holy Spirit highlight one of the three *assignments to overcome* to you? Whether it is one, two, or all three, spend some time seeking Him for grace to follow through on what He is showing you. Pray for a friend or family member who also needs grace to overcome.

JANUARY 24

Read: I Kings 18:30-39

In I Kings we find Elijah repairing the altar of the LORD that had been torn down. The altar was a place of sacrifice and a place where the grace and mercy of the LORD was released following the sacrifice. Now as believers, we experience a continual flow of the grace and mercy of God because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the very Lamb of God. But many around us have never experienced this incredible forgiveness and grace.

Elijah received specific instructions for repairing the altar and then preparing it for a miraculous display of God's power to that generation. God is calling the Church of today to prepare for amazing displays and encounters of His fire and power to *this* present generation. The enemy's plan has included a deep discouragement and *dumbing down* of the faith of God's people. **It's time to shake off these harassing spirits and come into alignment with the inevitable Kairos moments planned for our day. Those who have grown weary in well doing are about to be revived so that they can revive others.**

God is issuing an alert to the *weary waiters* to lift up our eyes towards the light, attuning our ears to the sounds of heavy rain. Step into His grace-filled infusion of energy and receive His refreshing second wind. God has an assignment for us in this hour. Though we are experiencing His mercy drops all around us, we plead for the showers. We declare His life-changing rains to come! May the Church altars once again be drenched with His life-giving waters. We won't settle for less than a Holy Spirit downpour.

Pray: Receive again today His refreshing and life-giving waters for your body, soul, and spirit. Ask that He give you His heart for the people around you and ask for an opportunity to share His goodness with someone you meet today.

JANUARY 25

Read: I Kings 18:40-46

In 1 Kings we find Elijah waiting for the rains to come. Their land had been in an intense drought both naturally and spiritually, just as we are experiencing in our own nation. We know that Elijah heard the sound of heavy rain before the rain even started. If we have grown weary in the waiting, it is time to submit our spiritual eyes and ears to Him, trusting that He intends to pour out His spirit in greater measure throughout the earth.

Notice that the moments where Elijah heard the sound of heavy rain occurred immediately following his famous confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Things had come to a spiritual head and Kairos moment for Elijah and the people of God. A Kairos moment is the appointed time in the purposes of God. This was surely a God appointed time as He was mercifully turning their hearts back to Him.

As we advance to take new ground for the kingdom, we are in a similar showdown moment. Evil has become more prevalent it seems, and even blatantly arrogant. The enemy has already been defeated, but his torment of the sons and daughters of God continues. Yet God is causing a great exposing and revealing of those things that have stood opposed to His heirs and the Kingdom of Light. *“For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.” Romans 8:19. A significant part of this revealing will be the children of God stepping into their powerful role and place as the royal priesthood and heirs of salvation. God has given us the authority to bind and loose, open and shut things, releasing His kingdom to advance.* Just as Elijah assumed a birthing position on top of Mount Carmel, we are to follow God's instructions and position ourselves accordingly, ready to birth through intercession the breakthroughs of Heavenly rain God desires to release.

Pray: Spend some time today seeking Him for revival and an outpouring of His Spirit. Submit your senses to Him so that you are aware of His movement. As the Holy Spirit directs, bind those things that would hinder His movement, and loose those things that would bring life, healing, and revival.

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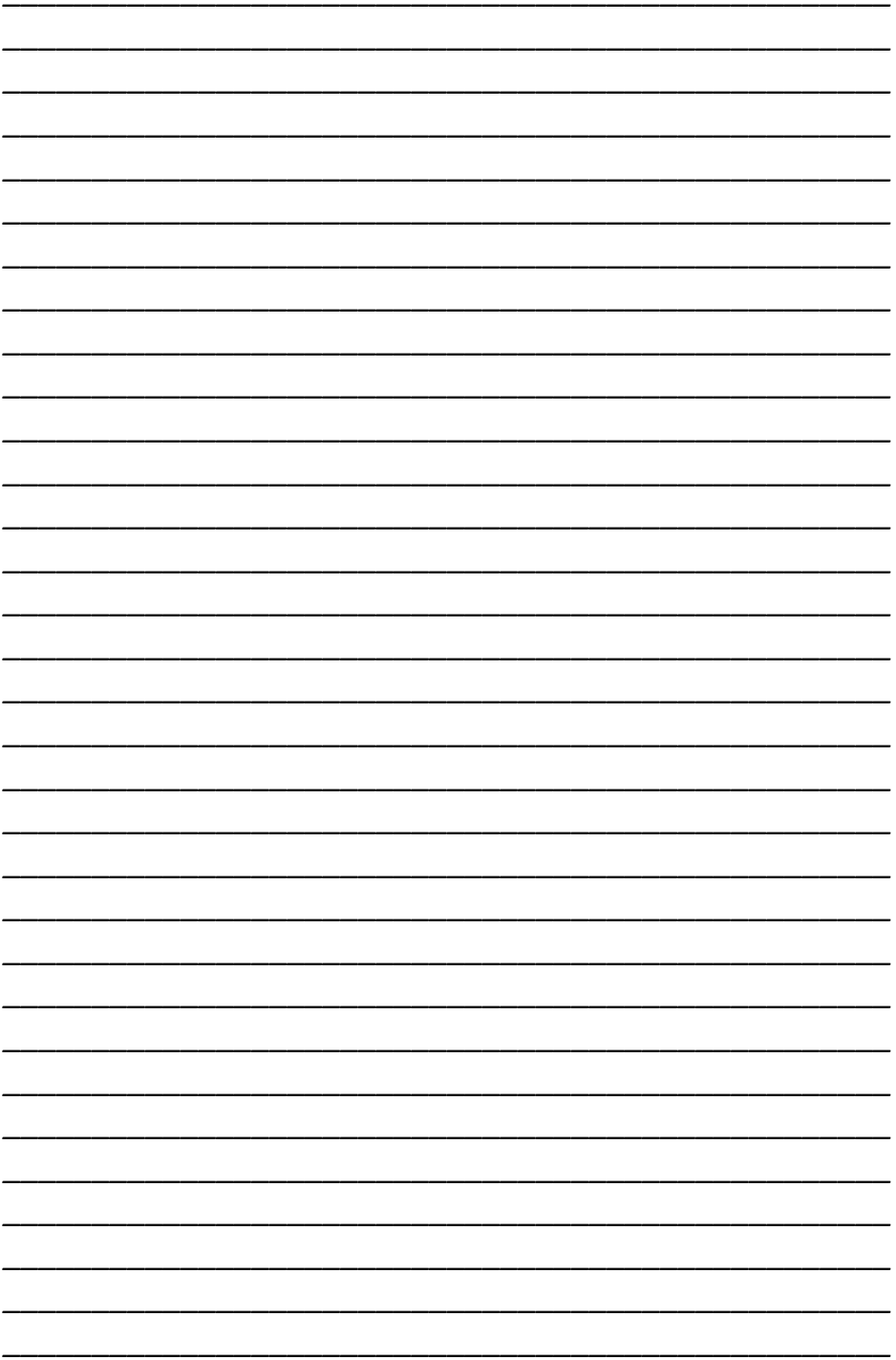
Read: Joshua 6:1-6; Heb. 8:10-13

The word of the Lord to Joshua was clear: *“See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.”* The Lord’s words were emphatic. They were followed by detailed instructions that Joshua and the Israelites would need to follow to see materialize the fulfillment of the promises they had been given. The land had been given to them, but they would need to *possess* it. Much of the Body of Christ currently stands at this juncture. Many have received prophetic words, promises, and dreams of their spiritual inheritance. Some have wandered in their own type of desert, and others have been through intense seasons of training and development. **For many, God is saying, “Now is the time. I’ve given these things to you, now go in and possess them.”**

Just as the Israelites were not handed their land on a silver platter, we do not receive our land that way either. It will likely require courage, faith, commitment, humility, and a willingness to obey. The Israelites were instructed to take the Ark of the Covenant with them with an armed guard going ahead of the Ark. The Ark represented the Presence of God and their covenant with Him. The armed guard signified the gravity and importance of keeping the Presence of God central, protected, and ever before them.

The Presence of God and our covenant with Him is going to be highlighted to the Body of Christ more and more in the coming days. His Presence through the precious Holy Spirit is always with us to teach, comfort, lead, and empower. We are people of a *new* and even *greater* covenant as mentioned in Heb. 8. Our merciful Savior, the indwelling Christ has forgiven our sin, restoring us to the Father forevermore. He has given each of us a beautiful land and inheritance in Him that is beyond what we could think or imagine. Hallelujah!

Pray: Thank Him today for His covenant with you. Thank Him that He is always with you. Then ask Him for any specific instructions for possessing your land. Take inventory of the steps you have already taken and what steps might still need to be taken.





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