

DAY 001  
1ST JULY

**WORD**  
**BANQUET**  
...a daily devotional of unchanging truth

# Refusing To Give Up

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONNECTION

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

In our world today where there are a lot of reasons to give up on life, it is necessary that we give attention to building higher level relationships to keep us from giving up.

The most important of such relationships is with Christ Jesus. When you give your life to Jesus, He doesn't only take away your sins, He continues to help you get through all of life's challenges. Connecting with Jesus and developing a relationship with Him and His word will open you up to the secrets of living above life's challenges.

**John 15:5, John 16:33.**

Another way to keep us from giving up is to connect with brethren. Never keep whatever situation you're faced with to yourself. Always reach out to someone and share your worries. Do not let the trouble you're faced with to put you down. Fellowship and interaction has a way of healing us when we connect. Speak up and be encouraged.

**Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 1:12.**

With all that is going on in our world today, choose to embrace Jesus. Develop and build your relationship with Him daily and always maximize opportunities to share fellowship with brethren.

**James 4:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:11.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION**

I declare today to consciously work on building my relationship with Christ and also be committed to fellow-shiping with the brethren to building my faith in God.

**Further Study**

Acts 2: 42; Ephesians 3: 16-17; 1 John 1: 1-7, 5: 1-5.



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DRAWING STRENGTH FROM GOD'S WORD

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

**T**he bible is our book of hope. With all the sad news and hopelessness, death and troubles in our world today, the hope we seek can only be found in the word of God.

No matter how strong you are physically, you must stand firm in God's word because the issues of this life can weigh you down. Leaning on God's word is a sure way to stand the test of time and not give up in tough times. Stay in the word. Build faith in it and you will surely receive strength from it to pull through this season. ***Psalm 119:105, Colossians 3:16.***

Not only is the word of God perfect, living and abiding, it also gives strength. You can only pull through in the strength of God. Do not let the worries of these times weigh you down and take away your strength. There is grace in the word to pull you through this season. God's word is our ultimate source of strength. ***1 Peter 2:2, Isaiah 41:10.***

Return to the study of God's word. Locate the scriptures that speak to your specific situation and draw strength from them. You are not designed to give up. ***2 Chronicles 15:4, Zechariah 1:3.***

## DECLARATION CONFESSION

Today I commit to studying the scriptures intently to build strength and faith, to stand through the times and seasons.

**Further Study**  
Deuteronomy 8: 3; 11: 8-25; Matthew 4: 4;  
Romans 15: 4; 2 Timothy 3: 14-17.



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SPEAK GOD'S WORD OVER YOUR LIFE

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

**W**ords are powerful and are laced with the potency to deliver what is said . when it is said in faith and belief. When a heart believes a thing, it confesses same and it comes to pass.

God works through us with His word. His word on our lips are what we need to create our world. God has designed life to be beautiful for us with scriptures that should help us sail through it. Finding those scriptures, knowing them and confessing them is a sure way to live the victorious life.

**Romans 10:10, Proverbs 18:21.**

Many quit because they are afraid to fail or they are tired in their minds and bodies. Others quit because of hopelessness, doubts and unbelief. Some quit because of bad choices made. This is no time to quit or be overwhelmed by your life assignment, rather it is the time to trust God more. Your trust in God proves that your heart is connected to Him by faith. **Psalms 28:7, Isaiah 26:4.**

Today, keep trusting in God and refuse to quit no matter the circumstance. Confess God's word daily and live victorious no matter the times.

**Proverbs 3:5-6, Joshua 1:9.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION**

Today I choose to speak health, wealth and only good things over my life.

**Further Study**  
Joshua 1: 8-9; Psalm 1: 1-3; 119: 9-16;  
Ephesians 6: 17; Hebrews 4: 12.



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EMBRACE THE HOLY SPIRIT

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

The level of confusion and hopelessness in our world today has made it difficult for anyone to know or have a headway out of the present challenges. However, there is a way to always know what to do and stay ahead even in trying times.

The Holy Spirit was given to us for this purpose. You don't have to face the trials of life on your limited power. All the comfort and strength we need in tough times stem from our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Embracing the Holy Spirit gives us hope, peace and strength even through the tough times.

**John 14:16, Acts 1:7-8.**

We are made in the image of God and as such we should live like God. God never quits. The bible is also loaded with examples of great patriarchs of faith that didn't quit too. We must live in the character of our Father. Tough times will always test us but like Jesus we must never quit or give up.

**Genesis 1:26, Ephesians 5:1.**

Never start a day without inviting the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you through the day's activity.

**1 John 4:4, John 6:63.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION**

I choose today to walk according to the leading of the Spirit of God because I bear in me the life of God.

**Further Study**  
Isaiah 30: 21; John 14: 15-17;  
Romans 8: 5-17, 26-27.



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TRUSTING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

It is common knowledge that the times are tough and there are a lot of uncertainties about what the future holds. God wants His children to not give up even in the face of daunting challenges.

It is good to remember God's faithfulness in the trying times of your life. There have been times when we may not have known how to get out of the trials and troubles we face, but God delivered us. If He did it before, He can do it again and again. Thinking on God's faithfulness keeps you hopeful and trusting.

**Deuteronomy 7:9, 2 Timothy 2:13.**

To stay positive and not give up we must learn from those who have overcome their tough seasons in the past. There are a lot of great personalities in our world and in the scriptures that went through similar times as we are faced with and overcame. Take out time to read up their biographies and study what they did to overcome.

**Philippians 4:9, Proverbs 1:5.**

In your time of worship today, thank God for His faithfulness and for the privilege to learn from the situation you're faced with.

**1 Chronicles 16:34, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION**

I will daily live to trust in the faithfulness of God as He has never failed before and will not fail me too.

**Further Study**

Exodus 34: 5-6 (NLT); Psalm 36: 5, 92: 2;  
Lamentations 3: 21-26.



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TAKE A BREAK

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

**L**ife toiling can easily take a toll on anyone. It can be really frustrating to put in so much work at making things happen around you without any tangible results. Here's what you can do.

It is time to take a break to refresh and recharge. Find a recreational activity that helps you relax, take your mind off all the issues of life and just recharge with some time off. You may discover a new passion and more about yourself and how much you can do in the process.

**Mark 6:31, 1 Corinthians 6:20.**

It is become very important at times like this to have the right people around you. In these times you want to surround yourself with people who are loving, honest and available; people who will encourage and help you build your faith, staying strong on God's word and His plans for your life.

**Proverbs 27:17, Proverbs 13:20.**

Today, you must take up the task to consciously care about the things that happen around you. Guard your heart and always stay positive.

**Proverbs 4:23, 1 Corinthians 16:13.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION:**

Today I choose to make out time to refresh myself and also consciously be around people that would motivate me to greatness.

**Further Study**  
Genesis 2: 1-3; Psalm 127: 1-2; Proverbs 13: 20;  
Jeremiah 6: 16; Matthew 11: 28-30



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# Refusing To Give Up

FOCUS ON JESUS

“ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV) ”

**A** lot of times we are tossed about by the happenings around us and in our world. . These things tend to take away our focus. We must pay attention to these things.

There is a lot of negativity that comes with distractions. It harms our ability to carefully and patiently see a task to the end. We must fight it because it can even cause us not to see what God is doing in the season that we are faced with. Be sensitive to note when your heart is distracted so you can put it in check.

**Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 7:35.**

Staying focused on Jesus helps us see the things He has done for us, the things He is doing and how He will see us through the tough seasons of our lives. Staying focused on Jesus helps us abide in him always and causes His word to live in us also.

**Hebrew 12:2, Colossians 3:1-2.**

With the kind of distractions in our world today, you must consciously take the decision to focus on Jesus daily. Studying God's word is a sure way to stay focused on Jesus and find peace in Him.

**Isaiah 26:3, Proverbs 16:3.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION**

Today I choose to focus on Jesus and the finished work of Christ for me and never let the situation on life distract me.

**Further Study**

Philippians 3: 12-14; Hebrews 2: 9-10,  
12: 1-4 (NKJV, MSG).



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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## SEEING YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU

“ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV) ”

Living without a vision is like walking with a blindfold on. Most believers operate that way regarding God's vision for their lives. Seeing better assures that you will live better.

To envision means to conceive, to dream, to imagine, to picture, to see, to visualize. God wants you to imagine more. Ask yourself some pertinent questions like 'where do I see myself three months, one year or 10 years from now?' If you can see it, you can live it

**Proverbs 29:18 MSG.**

What do you see today? Train yourself to see yourself as God sees you; you are saved, redeemed, loved, healed, blessed, prosperous, more than a conqueror and a whole lot more

**Genesis 13:15 NKJV, Jeremiah 29:11 CEV.**

**DECLARATION/  
CONFESSION**

I declare today that I am who God says I am. I am blessed, prosperous, healed, delivered and victorious in every area of life.

**Further Study**

Psalm 40: 5; Jeremiah 31: 3-5;  
Romans 8: 31-39; Ephesians 2: 4-6.



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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## THE STARTING POINT

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV)

**G**od has perfected His will for our lives. He has finished everything concerning us. For everything we are going through, there is a plan, a promise and a prophecy in the word of God for us. It behooves us to believe and imagine it.

The starting point of envisioning and seeing what God has planned for you is to begin with Jesus, allowing Him to be our Savior and Lord

**2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV.**

New life in Christ changes everything. It entails yielding yourself to be controlled by the Spirit of God in total obedience and submission

**Galatians 2:20, 5:16, Romans 8:14 NKJV.**

When we are tuned to the Spirit God, His plans for us become clear. This is the beginning of a life of significance and impact.

Jesus has redeemed us by His blood and we have been set free to live for Him all our lives. He has also committed into our hands the task to reconcile others to him. Become the instrument that God will use to reconcile others to Himself

**Ephesians 2:9, 2 Corinthians 5:18 NKJV.**

### DECLARATION/ CONFESSION

I declare today that because Christ Jesus is the Lord of my life, I am a new creation. I have a great life ahead of me.

#### Further Study

Ezekiel 36: 27-28; Galatians 6: 15;  
Revelation 21: 5.



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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## GOAL ORIENTED

“ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV) ”

**T**his is a decade of big dreamers. People with great vision and foresight will become more prominent. Believers must therefore perceive the assignment that God has for them as the pathway to significance.

God wants us to dream and envision His will for our lives. More than that, He wants us to set goals to see the dreams come to fruition. Goals are dreams with deadlines. Without a clear plan of action, dreams stay in the realm of imagination. Some critical questions to ask yourself are 'What do you want to do?' 'When do you want to do it and with whom do you want to do it?' Nothing gets done when you don't convert your dreams to goals. Remember, 'one of these days' is none of these days.

What dream has God laid in your heart? Prayerfully set goals and develop an action plan to accomplish it

**Nehemiah 2:6 NKJV, Habakkuk 2:2-3 NKJV.**

### DECLARATION/ CONFESSION

I declare today that I am not just a dreamer. I set goals, develop action plans and work the plans with the help of the Holy Spirit.

#### Further Study

Psalm 20: 4; Proverbs 21: 5; Isaiah 30: 8, 32: 8;  
Ephesians 3: 20-21; Philippians 3: 12-16 (Msg);  
Revelation 1: 19.



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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## MINDSET FOR NEW PHASE

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV)”

In the journey to living with purpose, it is essential to renew your minds; a new mindset for the new decade. It is pertinent that you do not allow your old mindset to hinder the creativity the Holy Spirit is revealing to you.

The new mindset is realized by discarding your old natural way of thinking for the truths in the word of God. You must stay in the word continually, allowing the truths to transform your minds and liberate you from bondage

**Romans 12:2, John 8:31-32 NKJV.**

You must change your mindset regarding where God is taking you. What you believe about yourself must align with what God says you are. To renew your mind, develop the healthy habits of reading books, studying the bible and praying, confessing the word and putting it into practice

**James 1:22-25, 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV.**

### DECLARATION/ CONFESSION

I declare today that my mind is renewed by the word of God. I believe everything that God says concerning me.

#### Further Study

Psalm 51: 10; Proverbs 4: 23; Romans 8: 6; 2  
Corinthians 4: 16; Philippians 4: 6-8;  
Colossians 3: 2, 16.



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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## DEVELOPING HABITS FOR SUCCESS

“ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV) ”

**T**he world as we know it is changing. Positions and roles are changing. We are witnessing changes in how businesses operate, family dynamics, education and even religion and worship. To stay relevant in the emerging world, we must up-skill and upgrade.

The realization of our vision has a lot to do with the habits we develop. A habit is a settled or regular tendency or practice, which is especially hard to give up. God designed human beings to be creatures of habit. Many people desire change in their lives, but are unwilling to give up old habits. John Maxwell rightly stated the 'we often have uphill hopes, but downhill habits.' Changing your habits is essential if you must change the outcome of your life. What you do on a daily basis determines if you succeed or fail.

What are the habits you need to develop for your destiny? Drop all habits that do not steer you in the direction of God's will for your life. Embrace new habits. Develop the habit of studying the word of God and praying daily. Never stop learning and growing (**Luke 2:52, Acts 5:42, Joshua 1:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV**).

### DECLARATION/ CONFESSION

I declare today that I am exchanging limiting habits for godly habits.

#### Further Study

Daniel 6: 10; Jeremiah 22: 21; Mark 1: 36;  
Luke 4: 16; Hebrews 5: 14; 10: 25.



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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## UNBROKEN FOCUS

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV)

**T**he path to your destiny is lined with many distractions. It is important to realize this and avoid such pitfalls in the journey to your destiny through the power of focus. No one ever fulfilled their life's assignment without developing the ability to focus.

Focus is the ability to pay particular attention to something or someone. Jesus exemplifies focus. His whole life on earth was about His mission. Everything He did contributed to accomplishing His assignment

**Luke 4:17-21, Luke 9:51 NKJV**

Paul persecuted the church, but after his encounter with the Lord, his focus and energy shifted to winning the gentiles for Jesus

**Philippians 3:13 NKJV.**

Remember that men fail because of broken focus. The word of God encourages us to emulate Jesus Christ, who endured the agony of death on the cross to become the captain of our salvation

**Hebrews 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:10 NKJV.**

What are you going to let go of, in order to focus on what is most important

**Luke 10:41-42 TLB**

### DECLARATION/ CONFESSION

I declare today that I have a Christ-like focus. I discover my purpose in God and I pursue it with all I've got

#### Further Study

Psalm 16:8; Proverbs 4: 25-27; Ecclesiastes 9: 10  
Matthew 6: 33; Romans 8: 5-6; Philippians 3: 14;  
Colossians 3:2; 1 John 3: 3.



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14TH JULY

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# ENVISION: FEARLESS LIVING FOR A NEW DECADE

## AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”  
EPHESIANS 3:20 (NKJV)

**A** key part of God's plan for our lives is to serve in His kingdom. It is important for the children of God to be part of a church body and to fully align with the vision of the house

**(Acts 16:9-10 NKJV).**

Our relevance is tied to our service in the kingdom of God.

The body of Christ, very much like the human body, is made up of many parts that work together to serve the whole body. Each of us has a ministry in the body, just as each member has a part to contribute to the well-being of the body

**(1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NKJV).**

There are gifts and ministries that God has apportioned to each believer for service

**(Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NKJV).**

How are you serving in the kingdom of God? Do you identify with and align with the vision in the house? Are you giving your time and resources to serve others? Have you discovered your spiritual gifts and the ministry that God has called you into?

### DECLARATION/ CONFESSION

I declare today that as a member of the body of Christ, I am willing to contribute my quota towards the advancement of God's Kingdom.

#### Further Study

Isaiah 58: 10; Matthew 20: 28; Galatians 6: 10;  
Ephesians 2: 10; Colossians 3: 23-24;  
Hebrews 6: 10; 1 Peter 4: 10.

