



## LIFE IN THE CAMP

“...The LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy CAMP, to deliver thee... THEREFORE SHALL THY CAMP BE HOLY: that He see no unclean thing in thee...” (Deuteronomy 23:14).

### Family Life:

1. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in LOVE (Ephesians 4:3,2).
2. Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing (Philippians 3:16).
3. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought himself also so to walk, even as Christ walked. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. Christ also... leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps (1 John 2:6; 2 John 9; 1 Peter 2:21).
4. Be thou an example of the believers
 

in word  
     in conversation  
         in charity  
             in spirit  
                 in faith  
                     in PURITY.

Walk worthy unto all pleasing. Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. Walk worthy of God (1 Timothy 4:12; Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:12).

5. Let no filthiness, foolish talking, nor JESTING be once named among you, as becometh saints. Walk worthy (Ephesians 5:3,4).
6. Men ought always to PRAY, and not to faint. Follow His steps (Luke 18:1; 1 Peter 2:21).
7. Let not thy nakedness be discovered. Thou shalt make them... to cover their nakedness. The woman ought to cover her head because of the angels. Let the women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL with shamefacedness and sobriety, NOT with broided hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought to walk, EVEN as Christ walked (Exodus 20:26; 28:42; 1 Corinthians 11:4-10; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 John 2:6).
8. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25).
9. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders... and let them pray over him... in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith shall save the sick (James 5:14,15).
10. Every word of God is pure: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, AND AVOID THEM. He that biddeth such God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (Proverbs 30:5; Deuteronomy 12:32; 2 John 10; Romans 16:17; 2 John 11).

**“IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY [BLESSED] ARE YE IF YE DO THEM”**  
(John 13:17).

## RETREAT SONGS

### JESUS ONLY IS OUR MESSAGE

1. Jesus only is our Message,  
Jesus all our theme shall be,  
We will lift up Jesus ever,  
Jesus only will we see.  
  
*Jesus only, Jesus ever,  
Jesus all in all we sing;  
Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer,  
Baptizer and coming King.*
2. Jesus only is our Saviour,  
All our guilt He bore away,  
All our righteousness He gives us,  
All our strength from day to day.
3. Jesus is our Sanctifier,  
Cleansing us from self and sin,  
And with all His Spirit's fulness,  
Filling all our hearts within.
4. Jesus only is our Healer,  
All our sicknesses He bare,  
And His risen life and fulness,  
All His members still may share.
5. Jesus only is our Power,  
His the gift of Pentecost,  
Jesus, breathe Thy Power upon us,  
Fill us with the Holy Ghost.
6. And for Jesus we are waiting  
Listening for the trumpet's sound  
Then it will be us and Jesus,  
Living ever with our God.

### WHEN I SAW THE CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

1. When I saw the cleansing fountain  
Open wide for all my sin,  
I obeyed the Spirit's wooing  
When He said "Wilt thou be clean?"  
  
*I will praise Him, I will praise Him,  
praise Him,  
Praise the Lamb for sinners slain:...  
Give Him glory all ye people,  
For His blood has washed away my stain.*
2. Though the way seemed straight and narrow,  
All I claimed was swept away;  
My ambition, plans and wishes,  
At my feet in ashes lay.
3. Then God's fire upon the altar  
Of my heart was set aflame;  
I shall never cease to praise Him,  
Glory! glory! to His name.
4. Blessed be the name of Jesus,  
I'm so glad He took me in;  
He has pardoned my transgressions,  
He has cleansed my heart from sin.

### JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

1. There have been names that I have loved to hear,  
But never has there been a name so dear  
To this heart of mine, as the name divine,  
The precious, precious name of Jesus.  
  
*Jesus is the sweetest name I know,  
And He's just the same as His lovely name,  
And that's the reason why I love Him so;  
Oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know.*
2. There is no name in earth or Heav'n above,  
That we should give such honour and such love,  
As the blessed name, let us all acclaim,  
That wondrous, glorious name of Jesus.
3. And someday I shall see Him face to face,  
To thank and praise Him for His wondrous grace,  
Which He gave to me, when He made me free,  
The blessed Son of God named Jesus.

### VICTORY IN JESUS

1. I heard an old, old story,  
How a Saviour came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory.  
  
*O victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever,  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,*

*And all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood.*

2. I heard about His healing,  
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing,  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And cause the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "dear Jesus  
Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and bro't  
To me the victory.
3. I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angel singing  
And the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory.

### **YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN**

1. A ruler once came to Jesus by night,  
To ask Him the way of salvation and light;  
The Master made answer in words true and plain,  
"Ye must be born again!"  
*"Ye must be born again!"  
"Ye must be born again!"  
I verily, verily say unto thee -  
"Ye must be born again!"*
2. Ye children of men attend to the word  
So solemnly uttered by Jesus the Lord,  
And let not this message to you be in vain,  
"Ye must be born again!"
3. O ye who would enter that glorious rest,  
And sing with the ransomed the song of the blest;  
The life everlasting if ye would obtain,  
"Ye must be born again."
4. A dear one in heaven thy heart yearns to see,  
At the beautiful gates may be watching for thee;  
Then list to the note of this solemn refrain,  
"Ye must be born again."

### **TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS**

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Saviour,  
And life more abundant and free!  
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*
2. Thro' death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more has dominion -  
For more than conq'rors we are!
3. His word shall not fail you - He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

## BIBLE STUDY 1

### RECOVERING THE ZEAL AND PASSION FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM

*John 4:30-36; Mark 9:35-38; Luke 10:1,2; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8;  
John 3:1-7; 4:5-30; Romans 1:14-16*

Personal evangelism is the person-to-person sharing of the gospel of Christ with sinners to lead them to salvation. The primary purpose of Christ's first coming into the world was to die for our salvation (John 3:14-18; 1 Timothy 1:15). He came to seek and to save the lost. He preached to great multitudes who came from different regions to hear him (Luke 15:2; Matthew 4:23-25), as well as used a personal approach to reach individuals and families (John 3:1-7; 4:5-7; 8:2-11; Luke 13:1-3; Matthew 4:19-22).

One of the most significant signs of spiritual decline in a believer or a church is the loss of zeal and passion for personal soul-winning. Personal evangelism is not just a ministry activity; it is the very heartbeat of God. When the zeal and fire for the lost wanes, something vital has died in the believer or the church. Believers in the early Church were effective because their hearts burned with holy zeal and passion for the lost. But today, many believers have become cold, distracted, burdened by mundane struggles or simply indifferent to the greatest task – soul-winning.

If our local churches are to grow and the kingdom of heaven be enlarged, believers must go to where the sinners are and preach the gospel. We meet them in their houses, offices, village squares, civic centres, playgrounds, hospitals, prisons, schools, marketplaces, etc. (Acts 20:20; 17:16-31). No other business should thrill the heart of a New Testament believer than personal evangelism.

#### 1. THE COMPELLING NECESSITY OF RECOVERING THE ZEAL FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM

*Romans 10:1-4; 9:1-3; Philippians 2:19-22; Psalm 119:139; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Acts 20:19-24; Colossians 3:23,24; Nehemiah 4:6; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Jeremiah 20:9; Matthew 9:36; John 9:4; Acts 4:20; 18:5; 20:22-24; Ezekiel 3:17-21; Romans 9:3; 10:1; 1:14-16*

Passion means having a strong desire pursue a particular goal, cause, or purpose. It is a powerful feeling of excitement, eagerness, or zeal towards something or someone. Therefore, passion for personal evangelism is that intense desire and conviction to preach fervently and see souls converted to the Lord. Apostle Paul declared, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1). Our heartfelt desire and fervent prayers should always focus on how to save our family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbours. The person-to-person approach remains an effective model for evangelism. To engage in personal evangelism, we must first be saved (2 Timothy 2:6,7) and live holy daily (2 Timothy 2:4). We need to have an unwavering conviction about the necessity of others' salvation and see ourselves as ambassadors for Christ (1 Corinthians 5:19,20). All passionate soul-winners should dedicate their talents, strength, and resources to advancing the gospel. We must recognise that preaching the gospel is not optional but a vital obligation for all believers. Opportunities for personal evangelism occur daily in streets, hospitals, on buses among neighbours, in schools, markets, and more. Every situation is an opportunity for a soul-winner to share the message with sinners.

Christ did not just initiate personal evangelism; He also sent out His disciples to do the same. They went everywhere preaching to every creature (Mark 16:20; Acts 20:20; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Romans 1:14-16).

Personal evangelism is an obligation that requires every believer to bear witness for Christ. It is an urgent task because of:

- (a) The eternal value of a soul (Mark 8:36)
- (b) The anger of God against sinners every day (Ephesians 2:12; Psalm 7:11)
- (c) The shortness of time (1 Corinthians 7:29)
- (d) The brevity of life (Psalm 90:12)
- (e) The reality of eternal judgment of the lost (Psalm 9:17; 2 Corinthians 5:10,11)
- (f) The danger of eternity in hellfire (Mark 9:43)
- (g) The mandate to bear fruit: we are saved to save others (Matthew 4:19)

The vastness of the harvest-field should compel us to wake up and preach before they are wasted (Joel 3:13; John 4:35).

#### 2. CONSEQUENCES OF NEGLECTING PERSONAL EVANGELISM THROUGH LACK OF ZEAL AND PASSION

*John 3:16-18; Ezekiel 3:17-21; 18:4; 33:1-16; Romans 1:14-16; Matthew 10:32,33; John 4:35-38; 9:4; 1 Corinthians 7:29,31*

Sinners cannot get saved without the preaching of the gospel (Romans 10:14). The believer cannot preach without a revived burning zeal and passion for the salvation of sinners. The dire implications of neglecting personal evangelism, among others, include:

- (a) The loss and waste of ripened harvest (John 4:35)
- (b) The demand of sinners' blood from the negligent soul-winner (Ezekiel 3:17-21)
- (c) Christ's shame for believers who failed to witness for him (Mark 8:38)
- (d) The loss of the soul-winner's reward (Daniel 12:3; Proverbs 11:30)
- (e) Spiritual and numerical decline or stunted growth of the church
- (f) Delays in answers to prayers
- (g) Dishonour of Christ and rendering His sacrifice ineffective (2 Corinthians 5:14,15)
- (h) Opportunity to Satan to destroy more lives (Acts 26:18)

- (i) Christ-less eternity for millions without warning
  - (j) Religious practices replacing Christ's righteousness (1 Kings 20:39,40)
  - (k) Fruitlessness the believer (John 15:16)
- The command to evangelise is direct from Christ. Neglecting it is disobedience.

### 3. COMMITMENT TO RECOVERING LOST ZEAL AND PASSION FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM

*Isaiah 6:5-8; Luke 4:43; John 4:34-38; 18:37; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Romans 1:14-16; Jude 22-23; Revelation 2:4,5*

The urgent need to recover lost zeal and passion for personal evangelism calls for serious commitment from every genuine child of God. Commitment is a devotion of oneself entirely to a cause until the goal is achieved.

Visible signs of loss of evangelistic passion like living in silence before sinners, having no burden for lost souls, reduced prayer life, fear and shame of sharing the gospel with sinners, lack of concern for eternity, etc. must be replaced with deep-seated passion and commitment to win souls.

Steps to recovering zeal and passion for personal evangelism include:

- (a) Returning to our first love through repentance and renewed intimacy (Revelation 2:5)
- (b) Praying for burden for souls (Jude 23; Romans 10:1)
- (c) Meditating on Scriptures about salvation, judgment and eternity (1 Timothy 4:13; Acts 18:28)
- (d) Asking the Holy Spirit for boldness to start (Acts 4:29-31)
- (e) Going out to meet sinners where they are (Acts 20:20; 17:17)
- (f) Sharing our testimonies of salvation with others to keep the fire burning (Acts 22:1-13)
- (g) Having a partner or evangelism group to keep yourself stirred (Acts 13:44; 14:1)
- (h) Turning evangelism into a lifestyle and not a mere activity (John 4:34)
- (i) Fasting regularly for sinners and backsliders (Acts 13:2,3)
- (j) Being empowered with the gifts for ministry (Acts 13:6-12; Mark 16:20)
- (k) Depending on the leading of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

All efforts must be made to reignite and sustain the zeal and fire for personal evangelism. When believers recover their zeal and passion for evangelism, they become dangerous to hell and assets to heaven.

## BIBLE STUDY 2

### PRACTICAL LOVE IN SOUL-WINNING

*John 3:16; 1John 3:16; Acts 8:4; Galatians 4:19; James 2:14-17; Romans 12:1,2*

An impactful and sustainable pursuit of soul-winning runs on the engaging wheel of love and compassion. The absence of this vital component of practical love by soul-winners strips the gospel of the humane touch that Jesus portrayed in His earthly ministry. The Scriptures variously underpin practical love as the cornerstone of gospel proclamations. **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..."**. God gave His best to mankind to deliver us from sin. His Son Jesus, voluntarily surrendered Himself as the perfect sacrifice (sacred oblation) for the remission of our sins: **"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."** Beneficiaries of this uncommon and peerless deed of grace and mercy are therefore required to do no less else their gospel endeavours will bear no enduring fruit. **"... And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren"** (1 John 3:16).

Despite intense persecutions, early disciples **"went every where preaching the word"**, seeking for souls. Paul travailed in prayers for souls. James, the Lord's brother, hinged a faith-filled life on **"good works"**. A mere theoretical pursuit of soul-winning without good works, flies-in-the-face of time-honoured scriptural landmarks.

Suffice it to stress however, that real soul-winners, with verifiable, practical love as their credentials, are those who have been fully transformed through God's grace that engenders real salvation and entire sanctification.

### 1. SCRIPTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON PRACTICAL, LOVE-DRIVEN SOUL-WINNING

*Matthew 9:36-38; 14:15-21; 15:30-38; John 4:1-5; Luke 19:1-5; John 21:15-17; 1 Corinthians 9:19-22; Galatians 5:6; 6:9,10; 1 Peter 2:9; John 15:5*

Our Saviour Jesus Christ is the Master soul-winner. His earthly ministry demonstrated the clearest pathway in love and compassion-driven soul-winning endeavours. **"And he must needs go through Samaria"** (John 4:4). He shunned the stigma attached to Samaria for the purpose of reaching a serial divorcee therein. He defied the jeers and harsh criticisms of his enemies to reach out to and had lunch with a dis-credited tax collector, Zacchaeus. **"... For today I must abide at thy house"** (Luke 19:5). He fed the multitudes (thousands of them) twice, predicating His action on love. **"I have compassion on the multitude... and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way"** (Matthew 15:37). When seven of the disciples backslid and went back to fishing, Jesus won them back by a rare and uncommon

show of love and empathy. He gently and lovingly brought Peter back to the initial conviction of becoming a fisher of men as He calmly but firmly admonished him to **“feed my lambs..., feed my sheep”** (John 21:15).

Soul-winners must perch on the wings of Christ the Vine to be fruitful in soul-winning. Paul, out of real gratitude for his unique salvation and the privilege of husbanding a gospel dispensation for the Lord, strove to be **“all things to all men, that [he] might by all means save some”** (1 Corinthians 9:22).

Among many other actions, the Lord Jesus:

- (a). Sought for wandering multitudes in love and compassion (Matthew 9:35-37).
- (b). Refused to condemn but compassionately forgave an adulterer **“caught in the very act”** (John 8:3-11).
- (c). Met and delivered a demoniac and transformed him into an accomplished soul-winner, turning Ten cities (Decapolis) over into His Kingdom (Luke 8:26-39).
- (d). Admonished the Ephesian Church and other four churches in Asia minor to return to **“thy first love”** and to repent (Revelation 2:4) out of love and compassion.

Soul-winners are thus exhorted to walk in His steps for enduring success (1 Peter 2:21).

## **2. STEADFAST PORTRAITS OF PAINSTAKING LOVE-PROPELLING SOUL-WINNERS**

*Matthew 5:13-16; John 15:12,16; Luke 1:13-17; 10:25-37; Acts 11:22-26; 9:36-42; Romans 12:13; Titus 2:14; 3:8*

The Lord's sermon on the mountain essentially detailed what the disciples should be as His witnesses and harvesters of souls into His kingdom. They were to be salt and light to a putrescent and darkened world. **“Ye are the salt of the earth ...”**. **“Ye are the light of the world”** (Matthew 5:13-16).

True and fruitful disciples are measured by the souls they turn to God. **“And many of the children... shall he turn to the Lord...”** (Luke 1:16). The good Samaritan received approval and justification from the Lord than a mere religious Priest and a Levite because of his practical show of love to a wounded and dying man. Christ urges all believers to **“Go and do thou likewise”** (Luke 10:37).

Barnabas travelled from Antioch to Tarsus, in preparation for Paul's eventual global ministry (Acts 11:25,26). The practical application of God's grace must be firmly rooted in us, as **“peculiar people, zealous of good works”** (Titus 2:14).

In which areas can we practically demonstrate compassion and care that mid-wife enduring souls into Christ's Kingdom?

- (a). Identify and practically solve genuine seekers' challenges in these trying times.
- (b). Intercede for those burdened by grave challenges of life.
- (c). Discern and watch out for people with suicidal tendencies for whom life has simply become unbearable.
- (d). Support those with medical conditions who can't bear the huge cost of health-care
- (e). Feed the hungry, clothe the naked with decent clothes not worn-out ones.
- (f). Possess a deep burden and care for the dis-abled, orphans and those in need of empathy, and unflagging show of love and charity.
- (g). Manifest and sustain hospitable spirit like the biblical Dorcas.
- (h). Visit hapless souls in a manner that showcases the gospel better than precepts.
- (i). Show kindness, speaking edifying words to those in need.

**“Even so let your light so shine that they may see your good works ...”** (Matthew 5:16).

## **3. SUSTAINABLE PRINCIPLES BY PRAGMATIC SOUL-WINNERS FOR CHRIST**

*John 13:1; 15:8,9; Hebrews 13:1; 2Corinthians 12:14,15; Psalm 126:5,6; 1 Corinthians 15:58*

The soul-winning exploits of Jesus was neither selective, time-bound or parochial. He was manifestly loving and compassionate, non-discriminatory and open-minded. He taught, preached and healed with the sole intent of winning souls into His kingdom. His was a classic model, inviting followers of all ages to exemplify.

The missionaries who brought us the gospel in Africa poured their all into the recipients of their messages. Many chose to die on the mission field and laid their lives down to mitigate the eternal sufferings awaiting sinners. Paul chose to spend and be spent for the souls in Corinth, their cynical and doubtful dispositions notwithstanding. He intentionally poured out his life for the salvation of their soul.

Real and enduring soul-winning exploits for the Kingdom are those that are:

- a). Practical – selfless demonstration of love
- b). Proven per time and over time, evident for all to see.
- c). Purposeful eternally – not merely adding members into the church but into the everlasting Kingdom.
- d). Persevering – it takes time for souls to be won and discipled for Christ.
- e). Personal – a reproduction of God's ingrained grace in us into others.
- f). Productive – it should be measurable and clearly manifest.
- g). Posterity focused – sustainable soul-winning transcends time and keeps eternity in view.

**“If ye know these things, happy [blessed] are ye if ye do them”** (John 13:17).

## BIBLE STUDY 3

### PERFECTING THE SAINTS AND CONVERTS WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW

*Acts 2:41-47; 14:22; 15:30-32,36; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 4:11-15*

The main goals of Jesus' work on the cross and the message of the gospel are twofold: one, to save us from sin and its consequences; two, to transform us into people who reflect Christ's character, showing the world the power of God's grace. But beyond all these, the work of grace should be so evident in our lives daily that we live in righteousness and holiness; and more like Christ so that we are graciously perfected as worthy candidates and citizens for heaven. Essentially, as illustrated in His great deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptian bondage, He brought us out from the world so that He might bring us (Deuteronomy 6:23) into the Kingdom, if we follow Him steadfastly to the end (Hebrews 10:38,39).

#### 1. EDIFICATION OF NEW CONVERTS FOR PRAISEWORTHY SERVICE WITH STRENGTH

*Acts 2:41-47; 14:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:11-15*

Living the heaven-endorsed kingdom life to attain the King's required standard of living demands rigorous process of discipling, teaching and mentoring of converts and young believers in the things of the Kingdom. When a sinner is transformed through repentance and faith in Christ, they secure a new life in Christ, and their old life passes away (2 Corinthians 5:17). Therefore, they are quickened and raised up to sit together with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:1, 4-8). Living a life of holiness and victory over sin becomes easy through the grace of God because we now possess a life of perfection through consecration, faith and prayers (Matthew 5: 6, 8, 48). However, the groundwork for perfecting the saints and converts requires consistent teaching, nurturing and counselling to enable such believers develop grace for holy living, commitment to selfless service in the Kingdom and strong conviction for sound doctrines and full persuasion for their faith in Christ.

#### 2. ESSENTIALS AND NECESSITIES FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS AND SAINTS

*Acts 15:30-32; Matthew 5: 2-16; Romans 1:14-16; Galatians 2: 20; Colossians 3: 1-5; 1 Peter 1:14-16; Hebrews 12:12-16; 11:1-6; 12:1-4; Jude 1:3*

The Scripture is very clear and candid on what it takes to live for God and for His kingdom. From the moment we enter into the narrow gate through genuine salvation and we become saintly citizens in the kingdom, holiness of life remains the defining identity. In His exposé on the principles of the kingdom life and living in His sermon on the mount, our Lord emphasises saintly living and lifestyle as the true mark of those that will get to heaven at last. The high point is crystallised in His description of believers as light and salt (Matthew 5:13-16). He concludes that section by challenging us to be perfect as our heavenly Father. The epistles expand the same message in different ways yet emphasising saintliness and sacrificial service as what must characterise our lifestyle. Perfecting saints to make us ready and fit for eternity will also require the following: readiness and commitment to preach the gospel, self-denial, unwavering consecration, deadness to the world, genuine sanctification experience, strong conviction on the word of God, uncompromising lifestyle, pure love for God, fellow believers and humanity, setting our affections on heaven and things above, hatred for worldliness, and daily looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith as we journey to heaven. The combination of all these virtues and qualities deepen our faith and commitment to kingdom service with promised rewards here and hereafter.

#### 3. EXEMPLARY NATURE AND CHARACTER OF THE PERFECT STEWARD

*Matthew 24:33-51; 25: 1-13,14-30; Hebrews 4:1,9,11,14; 12:28; 2 Timothy 4:7,8; Hebrews 6:10-12; Revelation 2,3*

Obtaining eternal rest in heaven with supernal rewards and stars in our crowns does not come cheaply to flabby, careless and lazy believers. Those who are eager and determined to join the saints triumphant in heaven at last must be willing and ready to pay the price of exemplary saintly and productive spirituality. Unarguably and assuredly, our loving Father in heaven has prepared for us a glorious abode and blissful eternity. As we see the day approaching, we must watch and pray, obtain the extra oil in our saintly lamps to be ready for the sudden arrival of the Bridegroom of the Church. Paul the apostle reiterated the reality of our rewards in heaven (2 Timothy 4:7,8). Apostle John the beloved captured the same revelation in his letters to the seven churches in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3. As we play our own part by maintaining holiness, righteousness and faithfulness in obeying and serving the Lord, our God remains ever faithful to fulfil His promises.

## 2025 DECEMBER RETREAT PROGRAMME

ADULT

**Theme: The Great Redemption Power**

Day & Date	Faith Clinic 9.00 – 10.30am	Morning Message 10.40 -11.50 am	Bible Teaching 12.00 – 1.30pm	Believers' Ministry 3.30 – 4.35pm	Evening Message 4 .40 - 5.45p	Church Development 5.45 – 6.30pm	Revival Session 6.30 – 8.00pm
Thursday Dec 25	Experiencing His redemption power					Life in the Camp	The Uniqueness of Jesus
Friday Dec 26	Abundant Life in Jesus	Power for Sonship and daily victory over sin	Conquering Giants through Christ	Unwavering Commitment to personal Evangelism	Victory over temptations and trials	PRACTICAL Church planning meeting	Tested, Trusting and Triumphant in Jesus
Saturday Dec 27	The Healing Stripes of Jesus	Sanctification with Christ enthroned in our hearts	Our sevenfold Privilege in Christ	Serving God with the whole family	The Promise of the Father for sanctified believers	PRACTICAL Church growth and planting	The Supplication and Sacrifice of Jesus
Sunday Dec 28	Pre-Worship 9.00 – 9.30am	Bible Teaching 9.40 – 10.50am	Moderation 10.50 -11.20am	Morning Message 11.30 - 1.00 pm		Exemplifying His redemption power	
	Pre-Worship Prayers & GHS, Choir	Suffering for robbing God	Hymns, P/Worship, Announcements Choir	Looking unto Jesus			