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**GROWING IN  
CHRIST  
KUKUA NDANI YA  
KRISTO**

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**DISCIPLESHIP SERIES II**

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**FULL LIFE MINISTRY KENYA**

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**Purpose:** Provide teachings to equip the body of Christ to become warrior disciples of Jesus Christ. Since we are all living in the "Last Days" before the return of Jesus Christ, the command to "Go Make disciples...teaching them to observe all I have commanded you" is immediate.

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**Madhumuni:** Kunatoa mafundisho ya kuimarisha mwili wa kristo ili uwe mashujaa wanafunzi wa Yesu Krito. Maana tunaishi katika siku za mwisho, kabla ya kurudi kwake Yesu Kristo, amri ya kwenda kuwafanya wanafunzi, kuwafundisha kushika yote tulioamriwa, ni ya dharura.

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These next 12 lessons have been written, that you as a follower of Jesus Christ will continue to grow in spiritual strength. Each lesson is a separate study in which you will learn Truth and then with each following lesson, build a foundation of Truth that cannot be shaken or destroyed by this present world.

Take whatever time you need to allow the Bible's Truth to become part of you. Memorizing the Truth will build your faith and prepare you to win the battles that lay ahead of you. Memory verses are in back of book.



You now are in a battle in which hell itself desires your defeat, but Jesus Christ has already secured your victory, if you will just obey Him.

*“The thief (satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I (Jesus) have come that they might have **life and life more abundantly**” John 10:10*

Masomo haya yafuatayo kumi na mbili yameandikwa ili wewe kama mwanafunzi wa Yesu Kristo uendelee kukua katika nguvu za kiroho. Kila somo ni la kipekee kasha kwa kila somo linalofuata, inajenga msingi wa ukweli usioweza kutingisika au kuharibiwa na ulimwengu wa sasa.

Chukua muda wowote unaohitaji kuruhusu ukweli wa Biblia kuwa sehemu yako. Kukariri ukweli huu itajenga imani yako na kukuandaa kushinda vita vilivyombele. Kariri vifungu ambavyo vimewekwa mwisho wa kitabu hiki.



Wewe sasa umo katika vita ambavyo kuzim inatamani ushindwe lakini Yesu Kristo tayari amekuandalia ushindi, iwapo tu utamtii.

*“Mwizi(shetani) haji ila kuiba, kuuu na kuharibu,lakini nimekuja(Yesu) ili wawe na uzima tena uzima tele”Yohana 10:10*

Since starting your walk with Jesus, you have already found that it is not always easy to live for Him. Part of growing in Christ is coming to the truth that you are in a war. A war has many battles, some are lost, but many are won to secure (to win) the war. Galatians 2:20 says “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” The bible declares that God’s ways are not our ways. You must change the way you think and believe to line up with what God says. This will take faith in Jesus and it is the way you must live to win your battles. Many times you will need to “crucify” your flesh by declaring what God says is truth against what your flesh says is truth. Romans 12:2 is so important to understand, accept and live out. It says “And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” The world in which you live will continue to try to push you to look, talk and act as it does. Now that Christ lives in you your desire will deepen to please Him over self. In the series New Life In Christ, you were introduced to prayer and bible reading. We will look much deeper at these 2 disciplines which will transform your life and help you to please Jesus who willingly gave His life for you.

You do now have a “New Life” and in the following lessons we will continue to learn how to live it on a daily basis. Yes, at times it will be hard, but the reward will outweigh it. To live in freedom from fear of death itself...only as a disciple of Christ can one know that death will not claim us...because now you are His and He has a new home for you...one which He is preparing, just for you...”I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:2-3 If you will come to the place of trusting that Jesus has already won the “war”...the battles that you will fight will be fought within that knowledge. He was victorious!!! Your life is secure in Christ!

Questions: 1. If I do win or lose a battle is the war over?

2. Describe a battle you have been in:

Tangu uanze kutembea na Yesu, umetambua kwamba si rahisi daima kumuishia. Sehemu ya kukua ndani ya Kristo ni kutambua ukweli kwamba uko katika vita. Vita vina mapambano aina mbali mbali, mapambano mengine unashindwa lakini mengi unashinda kuhakikisha unahifadhi ushindi. Wagalatia 2:20 inasema “nimesulubiwa pamoja na Kristo; wala si mimi tena, Kristo yu hai ndani yangu; na uhai nilionao sasa katika mwili ninao katika imani ya mwana wa mungu aliyenipenda, akajitoa nafsi yake kwa a jli yangu.” Biblia inasema njia za Mungu si njia zetu. Lazima ubadilishe jinsi unavyofikiria na kuamini ili kuwa sambamba ni jinsi Mungu anavyosema. Hii itachkua imani dani ya yesu na ndio njia utaishi kushinda vita. Mara nyinai utaltaji kusulubisha mwili wako kwa kukiri vile ukweli wa Mungu unavyu sema juu ya mwili wako ni kweli. Warumi 12:2 ”Ni muhimu sana kujua kukubali na kuishi nayo, inasema.” Msiambatanishwe na dunia hii, bali mgeuzwe kwa kufanywa upya fikira zenu, ili mkajua yaliyo mapenzi halisi na ya kupendeza ya Mungu. Ulimwengu unaoishi ndani sasa untaendelea kukusukuma, uangalie, uongee, na kutenda jinsi inavyofanya. Sasa Kristo anaishi ndani yako. Tamaa yako ya kumpendeza itaongeza kumpendeza Yeye zaidi ya wewe. Katika mfululizo wa masomo ya Maisha mapya ndani ya Yesu, ulifundiswa juu ya maombi na kusoma biblia. Tutatazama kwa undani sana nguzo hizi mbili muhimu ambazo zitabadilisha maisha yako na kukuwezesha kumpendeza Kristo ambaye kwa hiari yake alijitoa kwa ajili yako.

Sasa una maisha mapya na katika masomo yafuatayo tutaendelea kujifunza jinsi ya kuishi maisha mapya kila siku, ndio kwa wakati Fulani itakuwa vigumu bali dhawabu yake yashinda yote. Kuishi kwa uhuru kutokana na hofu ya mauti kama mwanafunzi wa Yesu ndipo utafahamu kuwa mauti haitakudai kukuwa wewe ni wake na ana makao mapya kwa ajili yako na ambayo anaanda kwa ajili yako ”Ninaenda kuwandalia makao, basi mimi nikienda kuwaandalia makao nami nitarudi niwachukue ili nilipo nanyi muwepo.” John 14:2-3 Ukifika mahali pa kuamini kwamba tayari kristo alishinda vita, hivyo vita vyote utakaopigana uta pigana na ufahamu huu, Yeye alishinda , maisha yako ni salama ndani ya kristo.

Maswali: 1. Nikishinda au kushindwa vita je huo ni mwisho wa vita?

2.Elezea vita ambayo umewahi pigana:

Foundations are so important. Jesus is the chief corner stone. How you build your spiritual house is so important. It will determine if it stands in the storms of this life. Luke 6:47-48 states that if you will spend time enough with Christ to hear Him and do what He says, your foundation will be secure and your house will not fall no matter how hard the world comes against you. Wow, what a promise if you will disciple yourself. Always keep Jesus 1<sup>st</sup>, just like the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment..."Thou shalt have no other gods before Me"( Exodus 20:3) God has not changed His mind..." I am the LORD, I *change not*" (Malachi 3:6)

Remember the chair in our teaching of New Life In Christ"? You must trust "all" of your life to Christ. The wonderful fact is that when you trust all, then Jesus becomes all. With your faith placed in Christ, let's look at some truth that will enable you to build (grow). We briefly mentioned two mighty foundational truths in this lesson already. Let's learn how to take them and "build" upon them. First, Jesus is the chief corner stone. The corner stone in a foundation is the most important stone in the whole building. It must be everlasting (eternal), omnipotent (all powerful) and omniscient (all knowing) because the rest of the building (house) can only be as enduring, strong and wise as it is. This Jesus that you are making your cornerstone has already overcome death, hell and the grave. He has given Himself for you. He paid the cost so that you may live spiritually powerful in this world. All that build their spiritual house on Jesus will ultimately have victory.

Malachi 3:6 is our second truth. "I am the Lord, I change not" Ok this is how we build our spiritual foundation. We take this truth and secure it next to our first truth. Think about what you now have as part of your foundation now. The One, who made the heavens, who spoke the world into existence, who created man. The One, who loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son. The One, who said I will never leave you or forsake you. The One who said you can do all things through His Son. The One who said He would supply all your needs. The One, who said peace I give to you. The One, who said ask and it shall be given. The One, who said I will give you power to be my witnesses. Now then, step back and look at the second foundational stone... **The One who said "I am the Lord, I change not!"**

Questions: 1. Describe who your chief corner stone is:

2. Why is the book of Malachi so important?



Misingi ni muhimu sana. Yesu ndiye jiwe kuu la pembeni. Jinsi unavyojenga nyumba yako ya kiroho ni muhimu. Itaamua iwapo itasimama dhoruba ya maisha haya, Luka 6:47-48 inasema iwapo utachukua muda wa kutosha na Kristo na kumsikia na kutenda yale anataka uyatende, msingi wako utakuwa imara na nyumba yako itasimama dunia ijapoipiga kwa kishindo. Hi ni ahadi ya namna gani! Ukijipa nidhamu utamfanya yesu awe wa kwanza maishani mwetu kama vile ilivyo katika amri ya kwanza, usiwe na” miungu mingine ila mimi”Kutoka 20:3 Mungu hajakadili mawazo yake,”Mimi ni Bwana sibatiliki” Malaki 3:6.

Kumbuka kiti katika kanda ya mafundisho ya maisha mapya ndani ya Kristo, lazima usimame na kutumaini maisha yako yote kwa Yesu Kristo. Ukweli mkuu ni kwamba, unapotumaini yote basi Yesu anafanyika Yote. Kwa kuweka tumaini lako ndani ya Kristo, tunataka kutazama mambo ya ukweli yatakayokufanya unjengwe na ukue. Tuliguzia misingi miwili muhimu ya ukweli katika somo hili tayari. Tunataka kujifunza jinsi ya kuzichukua na kujenga juu yake. Kwanza Yesu jiwe kuu la pembeni. Jiwe kuu la pepeni ni muhimu sana katika kila jingo, lazima liwe la kudumu au la milele, liwe na nguvu au uwezo, lazima lijue yote kwa sababu jengo lote lazima liwe la kudumu, lenye nguvu na lenye kujua yote jinsi Jiwe kuu la pembeni lilivyo. Huyu Yesu unaemfanya kuwa jiwe lako kuu la pembeni, tayari ameshinda kifo, Kuzimu na kaburi. Amejipeana kwa ajili yako. Amelipa gharama ili uishi kiroho na nguvu katika dunia hii, yeyote anaenjenga nyumba ya kiroho juu ya Yesu na kwa hii ushindi ni hakika.

Malaki3:6 ni ukweli wetu wa pili, ”Mimi ni Bwana sibatiliki” Basi hivi ndivyo tunavyojenga Msingi wetu wa kiroho. Tunauchukua Ukweli huu na kuuhifadhi karibu na ukweli wa kwanza. Fikiria juu ya kila ulicho nacho kama sehemu ya msingi wako sasa. Alieziumba mbingu na inchi, ambaye alinena na dunia ikafanyika, aliyeumba mwanadamu, aliyeupenda ulimwengu sana hata akamtoa mwanawe wa pekee, aliyesema sitawaacha wala kuwafungukia, aliyesema unaweza mambo yato katika jina la mwanawe. Aliyesema atakutana na mahitaji yaku yote kulingana na itajiri wake katika utukufu. Aliyesema amani yake anakupa, aliyesema omba nawe utapata, aliyesema nitakupa uwezo kuwa mashahidi wangu. Sasa rudi nyuma na utazame tena msingi wa pili, ”Aliye sema mimi ni Bwana sibatiliki”  
Maswali: 1. Elezea jiwe lako kuu la pembeni ni nani.

2. Kwa nini kitabacha Malaki ni muhimu?

The next foundational stone you need to build with is the Word. Why? Because hopefully you have taken note that we are building only with eternal stones. Listen to what Matthew, Mark & Luke declare. “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away.” You see the Word (Bible) is eternal. Just as God Himself said He would never change, so is the Word.

The Old Testament gives us the foundation for the New Testament. It allows us to correctly learn the New Testament’s teaching and how to look at the events it declares. One example found in the New Testament is “why were the Jews looking for a messiah?” The Old Testament describes in detail just why they were. Much of the Old Testament declares what would happen in the future and the New Testament as we read it shows how accurate it is. Look at Micah 5:2; it revealed where Jesus would be born. Look at Psalms 22:16 & 18; it revealed the details around Jesus’ death. Look at Psalms 16:10; it revealed that Jesus would be resurrected. Look at the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah; it revealed in detail this Jesus that would come...and did He come? Yes, He came! And as we study the pages of the New Testament we find much of the Old Testament fulfilled. Wow, does that say something to you? There is yet much yet to be fulfilled that the Old Testament declares!

Questions: 1. Find something the Old Testament declares and where it is fulfilled in the New Testament.

2. What is your favorite verse and tell why it is.

Jiwe la Msingi lifuatalo unalohitaji kujenga nalo ni neno. Kwanini? Kwa nini, kwa sababu natumaini kwamba umefahamu ya kwamba tunajenga na mawe ya kudumu. Sikia jinsi Matayo na Marko na Luka wanasema” Mbingu na inchi sitapita bali maneno yangu yatadumu milele” Unaona neon (Biblia) ni ya milele jinsi Mungu mwenyewe alivyo wa milele. Kama vile Mungu mwenyewe alivyosema abandiliki, vivyo hivyo, neno.

Agano la kale linatupa msingi wa agano Jipya. Inatuwezesha kuisoma mafundisho katika agano jipya kwa usahihi na jinsi ya kutazama matukio jinsi inavyoeleza

Mfano mmoja unaopatikana katika agano jipya ni kwa nini wayahudi walikuwa wakimtafuta masihi? Agano la kale linaelezea kiundani kwa nini. Nyingi ya sehemu katika agano la kale inaeleza yatakayo fanyika siku zijazo na agano jipya tunavyoisoma inaonyesha kwa usahihi jinsi ilivyo. Tazama Malaki 5:2, inaeleza mahali Yesu atazaliwa, Tazama Zaburi 22:16 na 18 Inaelezea kiundani juu ya kifo cha Yesu. Tazama Zaburi 16:10 inaelezea kuwa Yesu atafufuka, Tazama Isaya 53 inaelezea kiundani sana juu ya huyu Yesu ambaye atakuja, je alikuja? Ndio, alikuja na tunaposoma kurasa za agano jipya tunapata sehemu nyingi ya agano la Kale ikitimia, je hii inasema kitu kwako? Kuna mengi ya kutimia ambayo agano la kale inasema.

Maswali: 1. Tafuta kitu ambacho kimeelezwa katika agano la kale na mahali ambapo kimetimizwa katika agano jipya.

2. Kifungu kipi cha biblia ukipendacho sana, na kwa nini.

Now we will look at the Bible and see what it declares to us as individuals. We will focus on the New Testament and its promises to you. The first promise we will look at is II Corinthians 1:20 “For all the promises of God in Him are yea and in Him amen.” What does that mean for you? God wanted to make sure you understand what He is declaring, so not only did He say His promises are yea (yes) but He went on to put His final word on the answer...amen! (so be it!) This dispels any doubts as to whether His promises are for you.

There are over 250 promises in the New Testament, some repeated again & again. Forgiveness of sins; Spirit baptism; Protection by angels; Soul-winning power; Necessities of life; Physical healing and much more. These promises should motivate us to study God’s Word to see all that He has promised us. There are also promises to those who reject Jesus such as punishment in hell; degrees of punishment in hell & God’s indignation and His wrath. These promises should motivate us to study God’s Word to be prepared to tell a lost and dying world that there is salvation in Jesus.

II Timothy 1:7 promises us power, love and a sound mind, replacing fear; James 1:12 promises us a Crown of Life after we have been tried in this life and His love; Revelation 2:17 promises us a new name; Revelation 21:4 promises us no more pain, no more sorrow, no more death and the next verse promises all things will be made new and the next verse promises us the Water of Life!

We need to learn to live the promises of God such as when we think we cannot go any further and we are at the end of our strength, then we claim Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” It is then that Christ steps in and strengthens us. It is His strength that will enable us to do the impossible. When satan comes to tempt us or discourage us, then we claim James 4:7 “Submit yourself therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Promises after promises that have all of God’s authority backing them up. With this eternal stone you build an eternal foundation...that will stand firm...

Questions: 1. Find in the New Testament a promise, claim the promise and tell what God does.

2. Why do you think God gave us promises?

Sasa tutatazama Biblia na kuona inayosema kwetu kama watu binafsi. Tutatilia mkazo agano Jipya na ahadi zake. Ahadi ya kwanza tutakayoitazama ni Wakorintho wa pili 1:20”Ahadi zote za mungu ni kweli na amina” Hii ina maana gani kwako? Mungu alitaka ufahamo anachokutangazia kwa hivyo si kwamba alisema tu ahadi zake ni kweli bali anaendelea na kuweka jawabu katika neno lake la mwisho kwa kusema amina,ni iwe hivyo. Hii inaondoa shaka yeyote iwapo ahadi za mungu ni kweli.

Kuna zaidi ya ahadi 250 katika aganao Jipya, zingine zikiwa zinajirudia rudia.Msamaha wa dhambi,ubatizo wa Roho Mtakatifu, ulinzi wa malaika, uwezo wa kuokoa mioyo, mahitaji ya maisha, uponyaji wa kimwili na mengine mengi. Ahadi zizi zinapaswa kutupa motisha ya kulisoma neno la Mungu, kuona yote ambayo ametuhaidi. Kuna ahadi pia kwa wale ambao wamemkana Yesu, kama vile adhabu na kuzimu, Viwango za adhabu kuzimu na ghadhabu ya Mungu. Ahadi hizi zinapasa kutupa motisha kulisoma neno la Mungu, kujiandaa kuiambia dunia iliyopotea na inayokufa kuwa kuna wokovu ndani ya Yesu.

Timotheo wa pili 1:7 inatuhaidi nguvu, upendo, utimamu wa akili ikiondoa hofu. Yakobo 1:12 inatuhaidi taji ya uzima baada ya kujaribawa katika maisha haya na umpendo wake. Ufunua 2:17 inatuhaidi jin jipya, Ufunua 21:4 inatuhaidi hakutakuwa na maumivu, uzuni tena wala mauti, namstari unaofuatia unahidi vitu vyote kufanywa vipya na kifungu kifuatacho kinahaidi maji ya uzima.

Tunahitaji kujifunza kuishi ahadi za Mungu, tunapojihisi kwamba hatuwezi kuendelea zaidi na kwamba tumefika mwisho wa nguvu zetu. Hapo tunadai Wafilipi 4:13 ninaweza mambo yote katika Kristo anitiaye Nguvu, hapo Kristo huingilia kati na kututia nguvu. Ni nguvu zake ndizo zitakazo tufanya tufanye yasiyowezekana. Wakati shetani anakuja kutujaribu au kukukatisha tena, basi tunadai Yakobo 4:7 Nyenyekeeni chini ya Mungu, mpinge shetani naye atawakimbia. Ahadi baada ya ahadi zote ambazo zina mamlaka ya Mungu kuzitilia mkazo. Na jiwe hili la milele unajenga msingi wa milele ambao utasimama imara.

Maswali : 1. Tafuta katika agano jipya ahadi,dai ahadi na uelezee kile Mungu atafanya.

2.Unafikiria ni kwa nini Mungu alitupa ahadi?

Have you ever spent 10 minutes where you completely think about one thing...What do “I” have in prayer? In this lesson, we are going to discuss prayer from a single view...What do we have in prayer? Before you go any further, take 10 minutes and ask yourself “What do I have in prayer”

Ok, if you have spent much time in prayer you should have a long list. Let’s examine what answers the Bible has to this question. We have two-way communication with God. This discipline requires both participants to speak and to listen.

What a joy it is to have a conversation with someone you love. What an awesome privilege we have to converse with the One who created all things. Matthew 7:7 says “Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.” Here the Bible states that as we speak (ask) God listens and responds. John 14:26 tells us that “The Comforter who is the Holy Spirit...He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance” So as God speaks we are to listen and respond.

So then through prayer we have relationship with God. This is so very important to understand. Relationship, relationship is what all of us crave. Our inner most thoughts are who really cares about me. Those that you will share Jesus with have the same inner cravings to be connected to someone who loves them unconditionally. And it is through prayer that we express our desires to be needed, wanted & loved. Listen to what Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts that I have toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end” This is God’s response to all who will pray. Prayer brings God’s favor as we listen and obey His voice. Verse 12 goes on to say “Then shall ye call upon me and ye shall go and pray unto me and I will hearken unto you”

If we than know that God hears us and will respond, why is it we at times have such a hard time praying? It is because we have an enemy that recognizes what can happen when we connect with God in prayer. So than we need to recognize satan’s tactics to deter us from praying. James 4:7-8 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you” As you discipline yourself to pray, know that at times you will need to directly resist the devil as he tries to keep you from praying. It is in continuing to pray that you submit to God.

Victory is won on our knees. May our knees be bloody as we strive to become strong in Christ and may they stay bloody as we win souls for our King!

Questions: 1. What did you find you have in prayer?

2. Do you have a discipline of prayer?

If not, start today.

Je. Umewahi kuchukuwa dakika kumi kufikiria jambo moja pekee? Ni jambo lipi nilinalo katika maombi? Katika somo hili, tunaenda kusungumzia maombi katika mtazamo mmoja-Tuna nini katika maombi? Kabla haujaenda mbali, chukua dakika kumi na ujiulize “Je nina nini katika maombi?”

Basi, ikiwa umechukuwa muda mrefu katika maombi bila shaka wewe una orodha ndefu. Sasa acha tuchambue ni majibu yapi Biblia inatupa kwa swali hili. Tuna njia mbili za mawasiliano kati yetu na Mungu. Hapa inahitajika wahusika wote wawili kusungumza na pia kusikiza.

Ni furaha iliyoje kuwa na mjadala na mtu ambaye unampenda. Ni heshima ilioje kusungumza na yeye aliyeviumba vitu vyote. Mathayo 7:7 inasema “Ombeni nanyi mtapew, tafuteni nanyi mtapata, bisheni nanyi mtafunguliwa.” Hapa Biblia inaeleza kwamba, jinzi tunavyosema (omba) Mungu husikiliza na kujibu. Yohana 14:26 inatambia kwamba “Msaidizi ambaye ni Roho Mtakatifu atawafundisha mambo yote na kuwakumbusha.” Kwa hivyo Mungu anaposema ni lazima tusikilize na kujibu (chukuwa hatua).

Kwa hivyo kupitia kwa maombi tuna ushirika na Mungu. Hii ni muhimu sana kuelewa. Uhusiano, uhusiano ndiyo zote tunahitaji (tafuta). Mawazo yetu ya ndani ni kwamba ni nani ananijali mimi. Wale ambao watahiriki Yesu pamoja pia mawazo yao ya ndani ni kuunganishwa na Yule atakaye wapenda bila masharti (vikwazo). Na nikupitia kupitia kwa maombi ambapo tutaonyesha tamaa yetuya kuhitajika na kupendwa. Sikiliza kile Yeremia 29:11 inasema “Maana nayajua mawazo ninayowawazia ninyi, asema Bwana, ni mawazo ya amani wala si ya mabaya, kuwapa ninyi tumaini siku zenu za mwisho.” Hili ni jawabu la mungu kwa wote watakaomba. Maombi huleta rehema za Mungu ikiwa tutasikia na kutii sauti yake. Mstari wa 12 unaendelea kusema “Nanyi mtaniita, mtakwenda na kuniomba, name nitawasikiliza.”

Ikiwa basi tunafahamu ya kuwa Mungu hutusikia na kutujibu, kwa nini inakuwa vigumu sisi kuomba? Ni kwa sababu tuna adui ambaye anatambua kitakachotokea ikiwa tutaunganishwa na Mungu katika maombi. Kwa hivyo inatupasa kutambua mbinu za shetani ambazo anatomia kutufanya tusiombe. Yakobo 4:7-8 “Basi Mtiini Mungu. Mpingeni shetani, naye atawakimbia. Mkaribieni Mungu, naye atawakaribia ninyi.” Wakati unajitiisha katika maombi, ni lazima ujue kwamba unahitajika kumpinga shetani anpojaribu kukuzuia kuomba. Ni kwa kuendelea kuomba ambapo unaweza kujipeana kwa Mungu.

Ushindi upatikana kwa magoti. Wachua magoti zetu zime na ndamu tunapojaribu kupata nguvu ndani ya Kristo na yaendelea kuwa na ndamu tunaposhinda moyo kwa mfalme wetu!

Maswali: 1. Eleza ni nini ulipata unayo katika maombi?

2. Je una nidhamu katika kuomba? Kama una, anza leo.

Let's look at three types of prayer. **The first is petition prayer.** What do you do when you petition someone? You request that they will act on your behalf. We many times come to God to request many things. It may be courage as we face a trial. Psalms 27:14 "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart." It may be peace in the midst of a volatile situation. Isaiah 26:3 "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind in stayed on thee" It may be a financial miracle where poverty has take hold. Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus"

You and I are needy people. We will spend much time in petitioning God.

**Second is devotional prayer.** Wow, this is where we exult and praise the One who has saved us! Psalms 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" Ps.100:4 "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name." How best can we use our words, straight from our heart to express love to the One who is our everything? We will spend much time in devotion to Him.

**Third is intercession prayer.** Ephesians 6:18 says "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" We have been instructed to intercede for all believers. We are to pray one for another. In chapters 5 & 6 of II Corinthians, we are told we are ambassadors for Christ. We are to pray (intercede) for those around us that they may be reconciled to God. We can intercede that God will provide to the needs of others. What a privilege!

Questions: 1. Why are there different types of prayers? Explain.

2. Have you interceded for someone? What happened?



Tutazame aina tatu za maombi. **Kwanza ni maombi.** Ya kudai, unafanya nini ukundai mtu? Unamuuliza kwamba akatende kwa niaba yako. Mara nyingi sisi huja kwake Mungu na mahitaji mengi, yaweza kuwa ujasiri tunapokabiliiana na majaribu, Zaburi 27:14 ”Mungojee bwana, kuwa na ujasiri naye Bwana atautia nguvu moyo wako”Itakuwa amani wakati wa vita. Isaya 26:3 ”Nitamuweka katika amani dhabiti, yule mwenye mawazo yaliyoelekezwa kwangu” Unaweza kuwa muujiza wa kifedha mahali palipo na umasikini. Wafilipi 4:19 ”Lakini Mungu wangu atawapa mahitaji yenu kulingana na utaliri wake katika utukufu wa Kristo Yesu. Wewe na mimi ni wahitaji. Tutatumia muda mwingi kudai (kumwomba) Mungu.

**Pili ni mambi ya kujipeana.** Hapa ni wakati tunamwinua na kumtukiza yeye aliyetuokoa! Zaburi 118:24 “Hii ni siku ambayo bwana ameifanya, Tutashangilia na kufurahi” Zaburi 100:4 “Ingieni malangoni mwake kwa kushukuru nyuani mwake kwa kufurahi; mshukuruni lihimidi jina lake.”Ni jinzi gani tutayatumia maneno yetu kikamilifu, kutoka katika vilindi vya mioyo yetu kueleza upendo wa yeye aliye kila kitu kwetu. Tutatumia muda mwingi kujitoa kwake (Mungu).

**Tatu ni uombezi.** Waefeso 6:18 inasema “kwa sala zote na maombi, mkisali kila wakati katika roho”Tumeamuriwa kusali kwa wote wanaoamini. Tuombeane sisi kwa sisi. Katika sura ya 5 na 6 ya 2 Wakorintho, Tunaambiwa kuwa sisi ni mabalozi wa Kristo. Tunahitajika kuomba (kusali) kwa wale waliokaribu nasi ili wamrudie Mungu. Tunaweza kusali ili Mungu awape mahitaji yao. Ni fursa iliyoje?

Maswali: 1. Kwa nini kuna aina mbali mbali za maombi? Eleza

2. Umewahi kusali kwa niaba ya mwingine? Nini kilitokea?

**Fasting and Prayer**

Let us look right to the core reason to fast and pray. Notice I did not list only to fast, but included prayer. The two are one in function. The core reason is to replace unbelief with faith. You may say, but I do have faith. What I would ask of more importance is do you have unbelief? The disciples definitely had unbelief when they could not cast the demon out of the young boy in Matthew chapter 17. They tried, yes they tried and failed. Jesus took care of the devil Himself and went on to expose their unbelief. Praise the Lord; He did not just leave them wondering how to fix their problem. He gave them the remedy to unbelief...Fasting AND Praying.

We must exercise our right as children of God to crucify our flesh while seeking the One who has all truth. When we on purpose deny the flesh its desire for food, then our spirit will direct us to focus on the One who truly feeds us. As we call out to Jesus we will learn our unbelief is unfounded. He who is Truth will build faith into our spirit as we seek to know Him as our true sustainer. Remember when Jesus said “Man shall not live by bread alone” and then “He said I have meat that you know not of”.

He desires to strengthen us not with food for the body, but food for the spirit...Faith.

In Hebrews 11 the bible says, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for”. Substance, not food, but a tangible spiritual power that can order the wind to stop or the demon to vacate. If you will discipline yourself to fast as God directs (not as your body whines) and you purpose to seek Christ with your heart determined to know Him above absolutely everything...God will use you to heal the broken hearted and to deliver those bound by demons.

Questions: 1. Why must I crucify my flesh?

2. Set aside a day to fast & pray

3. Write what God spoke to you during this time:

**Kufunga na kuomba**

Tuangalie sababu muhimu za kufunga na kuomba. Kumbuka sikunakili kufunga tu, bali nilihuzisha kuomba. Mawili haya ni moja katika kutumika. Jambo muhimu ni kubdilisha kutoaminina imani. Waweza sema lakini nina imani. Jambo la muhimu zaidi nitauliza ni, je! Una kutoamini? Wanafunzi wa Yesu walikuwa na kutoamini wakati walishindwa kufukuza pepo kwa Yule kijana katika Mathayo 17. Walijaribu lakini wakashindwa. Yesu alifukuza pepo na akwaonyesha kuwa hawakuwa na imani. Bwana Asifiwe, hakuwaacha wasijue la kufanya. Aliwapa suluhisho la kutoamini... Kufunga na kuomba. Ni lazima tutumie haki yetu kama wana wa Mungu kusulubisha miili yetu kumtafuta yeye aliye na kweli wote. Wakati tunanyima miili yetu mahitaji yake, ya chakula, roho zetu zitaelekezwa kwa yeye atupaye chakula halisi. Tunapomwita Yesu tutafahamu kuwa kutoamini kwetu hakuna msingi. Yeye ahye wa kweli atajenga imani yetu katika roho tukitafuta kumjua yeye mwenye kutuimarisha kikamilifu. kumbuka jinzi Yesu alivyosema, "Mtu hataishi kwa mkate pekee" na pia"akasema nina nyama ambayo huna wewe."

Anatamani kutuimarisha na chakula sio cha mwili bali cha roho... Imani.

Katika Waebrania 11 Biblia inasema, "Imani ni bayana ya mambo tunayoyatarajia" Bayana sio chakula bali mambo ya Rohoni yanayoonekana yenye nguvu kama kuambia upepo usimame au pepo litoke. Ikiwa utajitiisha mwenyewe kwa kufunga jinzi Mungu anvyoagiza (sio jinzi mwili utakavyo) na kusudi lako la kumtafuta Kristo kwa moyo na kutaka kujua mambo yote...Mungu atakutumia kuponya mioyo iliyovunjika na kukomboa waliofungwa na mapepo.

Maswali: 1. Kwa nini nisulubishe mwili wangu?

2.Tenga siku ya kufunga na kuomba

3.Andika yale Mungu alikunenea wakati huo.

**Body ministry**

We, you and I are one in Christ. Look around and see who is your brother or sister in Christ. Oh, the joy that God in His omniscience gave us the privilege of ministering to one another. You are my brother; you are my sister in Christ.

How shall we love one another? The Word of God says in Romans 12:9 “Let love be without dissimulation” You and I are to love one another without any pretense ...none. “We are to hate what is evil and cleave to what is good” for each other’s benefit, not our own. We are to “In brotherly love, honoring Christ by preferring one another” Yes, we should lift each other up always for the benefit of the one who we lift up. Why should we long to be with one another? Because the love of Christ moves us thus.

We are to rejoice in hope with one another. We are to be patient in tribulation, holding one another in prayer till the answer comes. We are to distribute (give from our means) to those saints in need. Listen to the heart of God...What does my brother need that I show Christ. If we all do our part, as part of the body, than the body will lack nothing.

How shall we treat one another? It is really obvious to those who truly love Jesus. As we desire to be loved by Christ, than love each other in the same fashion. Think about it, position yourself to be able to do it and do it.

Questions: 1. Do I have a responsibility to my brother and sister? Explain.

2. Is the way I treat my brother or sister important? Explain.

**Huduma ya mwili wa Kristo**

Sisi, wewe, mimi ni wamoja ndani ya Kristo. Tazama karibu nawe na uone ninani ndugu au dada yako katika Kristo. Furaha kwamba Mungu katika uweza wake wa kujua yote ametupa fursa ya kuhudumiana sisi kwa sisi. Wewe ni ndugu yangu, wewe ni dada yangu katika Kristo, Twawezaje kupendana?

Neno la Mungu linasema katika Warumi 12:9 na upenda usiwe na ubaguzi, mimi nawe inatupasa kupendana, bila unafiki, tunahitaji kuchukia lililo ovu na kulishika lililo njema kwa manufaa ya wenzetu lakini sio manufaa yetu wenyenye. Tunahitaji kumuheshimu Kristo kwa upendano wa undugu kwa kuwadhamini wengine, tunahitaji kuinuana juu kwa manufaa ya Yule aliyeinuliwa (Kristo). Mbona tutamani kukutana na wenzetu, ni kwa sababu upendo wa Kristo unatusukuma.

Tunahitaji kufurahia katika tumaini katika kila mmoja wetu. Tunahitaji kuwa na subira katika dhiki, tukishikana katika maombi hadi majibu yaje. Tunahitaji kutoa kwa ajili ya watakatifu walio katika mahitaji. Sikiliza moyo wa Mungu...Ndugu yangu anahitaji nini ambayo ninamuonyesha Kristo. Iwapo kila mtu atafanya sehemu yake kama sehemu ya mwili wa Kristo, hivyo mwili hautakosa kitu.

Tutahudumiana namnagani? Ni wazi wale ambao kweli wanampenda Yesu. Tunapotamani kupendwa na Kristo, basi tupendane vivyo hivyo. Fikina, liweke tayari, alafu fanya.

Maswali: 1. Je nina wajibika kwa ndugu na dada yangu? Eleza

2. Je jinsi ninavyo husiana na ndugu au dada yangu muhimu?

Eleza.

**Giving...**

If we really look at what God has already given us, we have so much to give. Oh not me, you may say. I don't have enough to get by on just my own. Oh, but how rich you are if you are in Christ. Let's look at a few of the possessions you have to give. If you were to put a price tag on the love you have and are receiving from Christ...could you write a big enough number? Then give some of that love to someone who does not know what it is to be loved. What about giving some of that love to your brothers and sisters that are hurting for one or another reason. John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another even as I have loved you. By this shall all men know you are my disciples if you have love one for another."

Time, what about time. Did you know that in this gift you are rich and as you give it to others you are gaining much? Think about what it means to you for someone to give of their time to be with you. As you give of your time to benefit others, you richly are giving. And really, on those minutes a price cannot be measured. Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." As you spend your time with others in doing good to them, you grow richer.

Proverbs 3:9-10 tells us "To honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; So shall your barns be filled with plenty" You see, God's economy does not work like the world's economy. In the world as you spend, your supply dwindles. In God's economy, as you give He stores more up for you. God will never fail us and will always provide for us as we stay our dependency on Him. He is looking for you and I to be obedient to Him that He can pour His love upon us. God has challenged you and I in Malachi 3:10 He Says "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it" Wow!!! He goes on to say in verse 11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes and He shall not destroy the fruits of your ground."

God is God and there is no other God. He has given you His all. He challenges you to see what you will do with what He has given you. So give...

Questions: 1. Are you rich? Explain.

2. How can you give to others?

**Kutoa**

Tukitazama yale yale Mungu tayari ametupa, tuna mengi ya kutoa. La la sio mimi, waweza sema, siwezi hata kujitosheleleza. Lakini ni jinsi gani wewe ni tajiri ukiwa ndani ya KristoWacha tutazema baadhi ya vitu ambavyo waweza kutoa, iwapo ungehitaji kuweka kibandiko kikubwa cha bei katika upendo ulio nao na unapokea kutoka kwa Kristo, Je ungeweza kuandika herufi kubwa za kutosha? Kwa hivyo peana sehemu ya upendo huu kwa wandugu na wadada ambao wanamachungu kwa sababu moja au nyingine. Yohana13:34-35”amri mpya nawapeni, mukapendane jinsi nilivyowapenda” Kwa hii watu wote watajua nyinyi ni wanafunzi wangu mukiwa na upendo kati yenu. Wakati, kuhusu wakati. Je wajua kuwa katika kipawa hiki wewe ni tajiri na unapotoa kipawa hiki kwa wengine unapata faida nyingi. Jifikiria wewe mtu kutoa wakati wake ili awe nawe. Unapotoa muda wako kuwafaidia wengine unatoa utajiri mwingi na hakika katika hizo dakika hakuna bei inayoweza kutosha kupima. Waefeso 5:16” Tukikomboa wakati tukijua kwamba zamani hizi ni ovu”. Unapochukua muda wako kwa wengine kutendea mema, unakuwa tajiri.

Mithali 3:9-10 inatuambia ”Kumheshimu Bwana na utajiri wako, na malimbuko yako, ndivyo ghala zako zitakapojazwa na utele. Uchumi wa Mungu haufanyi kazi kama uchumi wa dunia.Katika uchumi wa dunia jinsi unavyozidi kutoa ndivyo unavyozidi kupungukiwa lakini uchumi wa mungu ni kwamba jinsi unavyozidi kutoa ndivyo unavyozidi ongezewa. Mungu hatatupungukia daima atatupa mahitaji yetu jinsi tunavyozidi kumtegemea. Anatumazama mimi na wewe tumtumaini naye atamimina upendo wake kwetu. Mungu ametupa changamoto katika Malaki 3:10 ambapo inasema “leteni zaka kamili ghalani, nijaribuni mimi muone kama sitawamwagieni baraka hata pasiwe na mahalipa kuweka!!! Anaendelea kusema nami nitamkemea muharibifu kwa niaba yenu, naye hataharibu mazao ya mashamba yenu.

Mungu ni Mungu na hakuna. Mungu mwingine. Amekupa yake yote, anakupa changamoto kuona cha kufanya na kile ambacho amekupa. Kwa hivyo toa...

Maswali: 1. Je wewe ni tajiri? Eleza

2. Waweza je kutoa kwa wengine?

**Living my faith...**

We looked at sharing Jesus in our “New Life in Jesus” series. Living your new faith includes sharing Jesus with others and it also includes how you live each day. Your daily life points back to Jesus, but as you live in the sight of others, they can see what this new life in Jesus can mean to them. The words that you speak to those, who have not accepted Jesus as their savior are very important. Your daily life, how you act, speaks many more words to them. Your actions and reactions speak many words to those who see you and those who hear about you. They will be watching how you live out your faith. Matthew 5:16 says “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” God has allowed you to become a light to the world around you. The world that we all live in is very dark, so living your faith in Jesus will set you apart from others. I John 3:18 tells us “not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” John is saying what we do will speak louder than what we say. You are to be different from the world. “Be not conformed to the world” Romans 12:2 Then the verse goes on to say “but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” This is part of living your faith.

As you read and study God’s Word, you will become more like Jesus as you discipline yourself. As you pray and ask for daily guidance you will become more like Jesus. Your life will begin to shine light into other peoples’ lives. When opportunity comes to demonstrate your faith, and it will, do it. Do what is right in the sight of others even when you may be the only one. Remember, Jesus said He would never leave you. You may be the only one that they see, but you will never stand alone when you stand for Jesus. The very last part of Romans 12:2 says “that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”. As you do what you know God desires you to do, He will enable you to stand and be a light... a bright light to those around you.

Questions: 1. Write something you did to show someone you are living for Jesus now.

2. Are you learning what God’s will is for your life?



Tulitazama kushiriki Yesu kaika maisha yetu mapya ndani ya Yesu. Kuishi maisha mapya ya imani inahuzisha kushiriki Yesu na wengine. Lakini pia inahuzisha jinzi ya kuishi kila siku. Maisha yako ya kila siku ni lazima yamlenge Yesu, Lakini jinzi unavyoishi na wengine ni lazima waweze kuona maana ya Yesu katika maisha yao kupitia kwako. Maneno unayoyasema mbele ya watu ambao hawajaokoka (hawajampokea) Yesu yana umuhimu mkubwa sana. Maisha yako ya kila siku, tabia zako, kusema kwako hudhihirisha mambo mengi kwao. Matendo yako na maamuzi yako husema mengi kwa wale ambao wanakuona na wale ambao wamesikia kukuhusu. Watakuwa wanatazama jinzi unavyoishi kwa imani. Mathayo 5:16 inasema “Acha nuru yako iaangaze mbele ya watu, wakaione kazi nzuri ndani mwako ili wamtukuze Baba yetu wa mbiguni.” Mungu amekuruhusu uwe nuru ya ulimwengu. Ulimwengu tunamoishi mna giza nyingi, kwa hivyo kuishi kwa imani ndani Yesu kutakutenga mbali na wengine. Yahana wa kwanza 3:18 inatambia tusipende kwa vinywa vyetu tu, bali katika matendo na kweli. Yohana anasema kwamba yale tunatenda yanana kwa sauti kuu kuliko tunayoyasema. Lazima tuwe tofauti na ulimwengu. ”Msifunganiswe nira na ulimwengu” Warumi 12:2 Kisha mstari unaendelea kusema kuwa tubadishwe na neno la Mungu.” Hii ni kuiishi kwa imani.

Unaposoma na kujifunza neno la Mungu, utafanana na Yesu unapojinyenyekecha. Unapoomba na kutafuta mwelekeo wa kila siku utafanana na Yesu. Maisha yako yataangaza kwa watu wengine. Wakati utakapofika wa kudhihitisha imani yako, utafanya hivyo. Fanya lililo haki mbele za watu hata kama uko pekee yako. Kumbuka Yesu alisema hatakuacha kamwe. Waweza kuwa pekee yako jinzi unavyoonekana lakini hautasimama pekee yako unaposimama kwa Yesu. Sehemu ya mwisho ya Warumi 12:2 inasema “Utadhibitisha lililo zuri linalikubalika ambayo ni mapenzi ya Mungu.” Unapofanya lile Mungu analotaka ulifanye, Atakuwezesha kusimama na kuangaza...nuru kuu kwa wanaokuzunguka.

Maswali: 1. Andika jambo ulilolifanya kuonyesha watu kuwa unaishi kwa ajili ya Yesu.

2. Je! Unajifunza mapenzi ya Mungu ni yapi maishani mwako?

**Trials and Hardships...**

When you first placed your trust in Jesus, you may not have known that there would come trials and hardships. Peter informs all of us that yes, they will come. I Peter 4:12 “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you” Peter is informing us that you will have trials. Jesus said in John 15:20 “If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you” There are only two masters and their kingdoms that any human being serves in this present world. Jesus or satan. When you made a decision to follow Jesus, you said no to satan and all who are part of his present kingdom. He views you as a threat to his kingdom now. AND YOU ARE... IN CHRIST!!! The next verse after I Peter 4:12 is verse 13 and Peter states “BUT rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy” And when will His glory be revealed? And when will you have exceeding joy? The next verse, I Peter 4:14 “If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth on you”

In the natural when we are hurt we do not rejoice. But when you are a child of King Jesus, the supernatural is normal. So what does that mean? It means that when you are persecuted for Christ’s sake; when you go through trials for Christ sake; when you go through hardships for Christ’s sake. He – Jesus has already provided the Holy Spirit who will empower you to have an inner joy that in the natural does not make sense. But you no longer live in the natural. You have been born again into the kingdom of Christ. How did Paul & Silas sing while in prison after having their backs laid open with whips? How could Stephen proclaim “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge” as he was being stoned to death because he proclaimed the truth about Jesus? How have others who while being burned at the stake sing praises to the King of Kings...Jesus? It is only through the empowering of the Holy Spirit as He lives in you that you “will rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory” I Peter 1:8

Questions: 1. Share a trial or hardship you have endured since becoming a Christian.

2. Did you have an inner joy even though it was hard to go through?

**Majoribio na ugumu**

Ulipoweka tumaini lako mwanzo kwake Yesu, haukufahamu kwamba, majaribio na magumu yatakuja Petero anatumjulisha kwamba ndio yatakuja Petero wa kwanza 4:12 "Wapenzi musitajabie majaribu yawapatayo kanakwamba si kawaida" petero anatumjulisha kwamba majaribio yatatumjulia. Yesu alisema katika Yohana 15:20 "kama walinitesa mimi, watawatesa nyinyi pia, kuna mabwana wawili pekee na falme zao, Wanadamu wote hutumikia aitha ufalme wa shetani au ufalme wa Yesu. Ulipofanya uamuzi wa kumfuata Yesu, ulisema la kwa shetani na wote ambao ni sehemu ya ufalme wake. Kulingane naye wewe ni tisho kwa ufalme wake nawe UMO NDANI YA KRISTO!!! Kifungu kinachofuatia. Petero wa kwanza 4:12 ni 13 petero anasema Lakini furahini munaposhiriki mateso ya Kristo, ili utukufu wake utakapodhihirishwa mukajazwe na furaha isiyo kifani.

Kifungu kifuatacho Petero wa kwanza 4:14 "Ukitharauliwa kwa ajili ya kristo unaheri kwa maana roho wa utukufu wa mungu unakaa juu yako."

Katika asili, tukiumizwa hatufurahii, lakini ukiwa mwana wa mfalme Yesu, ule uungu ni asili ndani yako, hiyo yamaanisha nini, hii ina maana ukiteswa kwa ajili ya kristo, kristo amekupa Roho mtakatifu ambaye atakuwezesha kuwa na furaha ya ndani ambayo kiasili si kawaida. Hauishi katika asili, umezaliwa katika ufalme wa Kristo, Paulo na Sila waliimba aje gerezani baada ya kuchapwa mijeledi, Steano angesemaje baba usiwahesabie maovu haya, alipokuwa anapigwa mawe na kuuawa kwa ajili ya kutangaza ukweli kuhusu kristo, ni jinsi gani wengi hata wakichomwa wameimba nyimbo za sifa kwa bwana wa mabwana... Yesu? Ni kuwezeswa tu na roho mtakatifu ndipo tunaweza kufurahia tukiwa katika majaribu na furaha isiyoweza kuelezeka 1 Petero 1:18

Maswali: 1. Elezea jaribio au dhiki ambayo umewahi kupitia tangu uwe mkristo.

2. Je ulikuwa na furaha ya ndani hata kama ilikuwa ngumu hali uliopitia?

**Obedience and Victory over sin**

I Peter 1:13-16 “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy as I am holy” In these 4 verses you find instruction to obey and have victory over sin.

Grid up the loins of your mind by reading and memorizing scripture. Scriptures such as I Peter 2:11 “Dearly beloved I urge you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” allow you to stay far from sin. Leviticus 19:11 “You shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie to one another” will direct you how to deal with others. Philippians 2:3-4 “Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” This scripture will encourage you as to how in obedience to the Word to treat those around you.

Be obedient children. Yes, you are called to a high standard and without Christ you will fail. But He has made a way, remember “He is the Way” I John 1:9 says “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” When you sin, acknowledge it – confess it – turn from it. Christ will forgive you, but then use the lesson to strengthen your walk. And when sin comes knocking at your door...lock the door with the Word of God. Declare as Paul did “In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” Romans 8:37

Remember: Jesus has already won your victory. As you gird up your mind and are obedient to the Word, Jesus will come to your side. “For in that He himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.” Hebrews 2:18 Praise the Lord!!! Jesus will go all the way with you!!!

Questions: 1. Have you struggled with sin and how did you overcome it?

2. How are we to treat others?

Waraka wa kwanza wa Petro 1:13-16 “Kwa hiyo vifungeni viuno vya nia zenu, na kuwa na kiasi, mkiitumainia kwa utimilifu ile neema mtakayoletewa katika ufunuo wake Yesu kristo. Kama watoto watiifu msijifanani na tamaa zenu za kwanza za ujinga wenu bali kama yeye aliyewaita alivyo mtakatifu, ninyi nanyi iweni watakatifu katika mwenendo wenu wote, kwa maana imeandikwa mtakuwa watakatifu kwa kuwa mimi ni mtakatifu” Katika mistari hii mine utapata maagizo ya kufuata ili kuwa washindi juu ya dhambi.

Jifunge viuno vya nia zenu kwa kusoma na kukariri maandiko. Maandiko kama vile Waraka wa kwanza wa Petro 2:11 “Wapendwa, nawasihi kama wapitaji na wasafiri, ziepukeni tamaa za mwili zipiganazo na roho” Jifunze kukaa mbali na dhambi. Walawi 19:11” Msiibe wala msidanganye wala msiambiane uongo” Itawaongoza jinzi ya kukaa na wengine. Wafilipi 2:3-4”msitende jambo lolote kwa kushindana wala kwa majivuno; bali kwa unyenyekevu, kila mtu amhesabu mwingine kuwa ni bora kuliko nafsi yake. Kila mtu asiangalie mambo yake mwenyewe; bali kila mtu aangalie mambo ya watu wengine”Maandiko haya yatakuongoza na kukutia nguvu unapotii neno na kukaa na waliokaribu nawe.

Tuwe watoto watiifu.Naam tumeitwa kwa mwito mkuu na bila Kristo tutaanguka. Lakini ametengeneza njia,”Kumbuka Yeye ni njia” Waraka wa kwanza wa Yohana 1:9 inasema “Tukiziungama dhambi zetu yeye ni mwaminifu na wa haki hata atuondolee dhambi zetu na kutusafisha na udhalimu wote” Unapotenda dhambi, kubali-tubu-achana na dhambi kabisa. Kristo atakusamehe, lakini kutokana na hayo rekebisha na udhibitishie njia zako. Dhambi inapo bisha langoni pako, funga mlango kwa neno la Mungu. Tangaza kama Paulo alivyofanya “katika mambo yote sisi ni zaidi ya washindi kwa yeye aliyetupenda” Warumi 8:37

Kumbuka: Yesu tayari amekushindia ushindi wako. Unapoyaweka mawazo yako katika kutii neno, Yesu atakuja upande wako.”Kwa kuwa yeye mwenyewe pia alijaribiwa na kuteswa.Anauwezo wa kuwapa msaada wale wanaoteseka” Waebrania 2:18 Bwana Asifiwe!!! Yesu atatembea nawe siku zote!!

Maswali: 1. Je! Umewahi kukumbwa na majaribu, uliyashindaje?

2. Ni jinzi gani tuwatendee wenzetu?

Lesson 1 – Hebrews 11:6

Lesson 2 – Numbers 23:19

Lesson 3 – II Timothy 3:16

Lesson 4 – James 4:7

Lesson 5 – Matthew 7:7

Lesson 6 – Isaiah 26:3

Somo la Kwanza – Waebrania 11:6

Somo la Pili – Hesabu 23:19

Somo la Tatu – Timotheo wa pili 3:16

Somo la Nne – Yakobo 4:7

Somo la Tano – Mathayo 7:7

Somo la Sita – Isaya 26:3

Lesson 7 – I Corinthians 3:16

Lesson 8 – Hebrews 10:24-25

Lesson 9 – Matthew 6:33

Lesson 10 – I John 3:18

Lesson 11 – Matthew 5:16

Lesson 12 – I Peter 2:11



Somo la Saba – Wakointho wa kwanza 3:16

Soma la Nane – Waebrania 10:24-25

Somo la Tisa – Mathayo 6:33

Somo la Kumi – Yohana wa kwanza 3:18

Somo la Kumi na Moja – Mathayo 5:16

Somo la Kumi na Mbili – Kwanza wa Petro 2:11

**NOTES**



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Jesus Christ has already paid in full your sin debt.

Masomo haya yanaweza kunakiliwa na kusambazwa bure bila malipo katika hali yake ya awali kwa ajili ya kufanya na kujengo wanafunzi wa Yesu Kristo.

Kristo Yesu tayari amelipa deni ya dhambi zenu.