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With you always...

Over the past 30 days I pray that the Holy Spirit has impacted your life as much as He has in mine and in the lives of those who have taken the time to lift up praise and honor to the Lord! As we enter day 30, the last day of the challenge I would have you take heart! This journey is not over! This has simply been the begging of something far greater with eternal consequences! Those of you who have made the choice to give their life, their heart, and their family to Christ I would remind you of our Savior's beautiful promise to us: **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew Chapter 28 verse 20 KJV)** – just as our Lord has promised to never leave nor forsake us He reminds us that He will be with us even to the end of the world, keep this truth in your heart and thank Him always for it. Wake up rejoicing in your salvation everyday and never give up walking faithfully with the Lord. The beauty of the relationship we have with the Lord is unparalleled by anything and I encourage you and pray that you would continue to allow Him to make an impact in your life. Keep Christ at the center of your life and above all things in your life and even when the storm is relentless you will know the truth: you are saved!

For those of you who have been holding on for the last 29 days hoping you would get through this program without this moment, here it is: will you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and savior? Do you know Jesus Christ? For the past 29 days brother Richard and I have been lead by the power of God to reveal the truths you needed to hear... He is capable, willing, and worthy of saving you, He is waiting for you to take this step... are you ready? I pray you would understand that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and is the savior that was sent to die in your place. Jesus Christ was sent to provide a way back to God, God loves you so desperately that He stood by and watched His own Son die in your place because of the sin you would commit. God sent His son and Jesus Christ came willingly... Jesus died on the cross not because He had to but because of the same reason God stood by and let Him... God loves you. God loves you so desperately and completely that He suffered above all things for you! **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John Chapter 3 verse 16-17 KJV)** – have you been hearing the voice calling to you? Have you felt something powerful that you can't deny and you can't escape? The power

of the Holy Ghost will call out to those who are in need and those who are willing to humble themselves before the blessed hope Jesus Christ and give it all to Him. I promise you that after giving your life to Christ you will have joy in the truth: eternal life is yours. You must fight the good fight and never cease in growing closer to the Lord!

“How? How can I be saved”: **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans Chapter 10 verse 9 KJV)** – one of the most wonderful ways I have seen it put is the ABC's of becoming a Christian:

A – Admit to God that you are a sinner and repent, turning away from your sin.

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” – Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 6:23

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,” – Acts 3:19

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9

B – Believe that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,[a] that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” – Acts 4:12

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9

C – Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. – Romans 10:9-10 – are you ready? [Http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html)

Daily Devotional

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Welcome Home

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (II Timothy 4:7)

Several years ago I realized the importance of taking a family vacation. The opportunity to create memories with my family was more important than the expense of the trip. Once my son figured out the art of putting words together, he has ended every vacation the same way. Just as soon as the front wheels of our automobile touch the driveway, we hear him yell, "Land home!" His yell signifies that we have arrived at a wonderful place called home. It doesn't matter how good the vacation was, there is just no place like home. When you get home, you know there is work that needs to be done like unpacking, washing, and all the other duties of home, but there is something special about arriving at home.

For 30 days you have committed to a challenge of making your marriage better. You have arrived at home. If you have been faithful and allowed God to speak to you, there should be a feeling of accomplishment. You have finished the course, but until we reach that heavenly home, there is still work to be done. Will you keep fighting for what is right? Will you keep the faith? Don't stop until you have finished the real course and arrive safely at our heavenly home.

Food for thought

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Can 30 days change your life? Can 30 days change your relationships and how you look at your marriage and your family? I pray that you've found the answer to that question. As we exit this challenge I submit to you a new one: never stop. Never give in to fear and hate. Never turn your back on the Lord. Never let the devil convince you there is not a way. Never let your life get so off track that you forget the changes that Jesus Christ has made in your heart and your life. Never stop fighting the Good fight! Never stop believing that one day you will hear Him say: **"...Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"** (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 34 KJV) – the challenge that I give you is for the rest of your life, everyday you must decide as you have the last 30 of these days to give God your attention to give God the opportunity to lead you, guide you, protect you, heal you, provide for you, and shower you with His love and grace. Our God truly is an awesome God.

Are you still fighting with feelings of guilt and shame? Let it go! One of my favorite parables in the Bible is the story of the prodigal Son and I pray that you would understand it as you read it: **11And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. 14And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. 20And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. (Luke Chapter 15 verse 11-23 KJV)** – its you... your the prodigal child. Run to Jesus for He is our Father and He wants so desperately to run to us and kiss our neck for we were lost but hallelujah in Jesus Christ we are found! We were dead but praise the Lord Almighty in Christ we are born again! He is waiting for you and desperately seeks for you just to open your heart to the truth: He loves you and will always take you back!

I leave you with this truth, there is victory and joy in Jesus Christ and as we begin to understand His love for us we must understand the joy that all of heaven experiences when we come to Jesus Christ, we must understand that in Christ we are made new by His mercy and grace and that all of heaven rejoices with us: **Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in**

the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. (Luke Chapter 15 verse 10 KJV) – its time... let go... let God, surrender to the light and forever find the peace and love of our eternal Father! In the name of Jesus I beseech you, Amen.

Meet the family

Over the next 7 days we will be looking at God's wonderful grace and mercy as He has demonstrated in my life and my marriage and I pray that as God has blessed me to share with you the powerful works He has done in my life you would understand the only reason I am here now proclaiming the truth with you is because of His love and mercy. God's grace has saved me from countless darkness and evil and I pray you would know and accept the truth as God has demonstrated in my life: **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians Chapter 5 verse 17 KJV).**

I never thought in a million years that God would be able to use me and its by His grace alone that I was to naive to know I might fail. God has lead me over the past year to do more serving His kingdom than I was ever to do before it. He has blessed me again and again and lead me through even the darkest valleys. Satan has tried relentlessly to crush me and destroy me and yet the healing hand of my Father has lead me through every time. When all I could see was a mountain, God was showing me the path around it, over it, or giving me the strength to remove it. God can use you, God can love you, God will forgive you, God will lead you, you are loved beyond your wildest dreams. You are wanted, His desire for you to know Him is so great He gave His only begotten Son to demonstrate the way...

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life and it is impossible to come to eternal life and the Father without Him. He is the straight gate and is the ONLY way in to heaven, without Him there is only eternal damnation and separation from the light. Don't wait... who is to say that tonight after a long day and after you've read this message and the words are a far distant thing in your mind that you close your eyes only never to open them again? Before September of 2011 had I died I would have spent an eternity in hell... God has saved me and redeemed me from things that seemed impossible. God has not only redeemed me but He calls me son... what are you waiting for? Aren't you tired of facing this world alone? In Jesus Christ there is only hope and love, without Him there is only pain and suffering...

As this program draws to a close I pray you would know that God can do in your life what He has done in mine. How can I be so sure...? **The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. (Luke Chapter 18 verse 27 KJV).**

Prayer Suggestions

Today before you pray I would like you to understand the beautiful promise the Lord gives us about our prayer: **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Matthew Chapter 7 verse 7-8 KJV)** – today God is giving you the opportunity to demonstrate His power and grace... while you take it? Bow your head, humble yourself before Him, open your heart and your mouth in prayer!

Today pray for:

- **God to continue to be active in your heart and life, blessing you with His presence, wisdom, love, and guidance**
- **God to continue healing in your life and showing you how to live a Christ honoring life**
- **God to continue to give you strength to face your enemies and give you victory in the name of Jesus**
- **God to give you the wisdom and understanding of how to better life for Him everyday**
- **God to heal, protect, and provide for you and your family, showing you how to love and trust one another as we are commanded**

About

The My Emanuel 30 day challenge came about through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and we pray that God would be glorified and praised as a direct result of this program. It is the deepest desire of all those involved with this program that the healing grace of Jesus Christ would be abundantly felt throughout the families with a member participating in the challenge. The program is a direct result of the power of the Lord and a demonstration of His wisdom and foresight in bringing both the paths of Pastor Richard Webster, myself, and all those who have helped with the program together in a way to use us and our individual talents to profess the wonderful Good News of His salvation and wonderful grace, mercy, and abundant love.

Throughout our lives we have seen and directly felt the chaos and tragedy caused in the destruction of divorce. In interacting with brothers and sisters from all walks of life we have seen again and again the damage caused by the wedge the enemy drives in between a man and wife. It has been our greatest displeasure to see the tragedy, pain, suffering, and grief caused by the life altering decision in which so many couples make out of anger only to realize later that not only was it not what they wanted but so far from what they needed they couldn't even remember what they were separating for. It is our desire for all couples to understand the truth, God desires marriage to be a life long commitment and made us for this exact purpose: **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (Genesis Chapter 2 verse 24 KJV)** – to become one flesh as we will examine later on through the program is a physical alteration that to reverse would be a mutilation and a physical destruction of ones own flesh and is the furthest thing from God's desire for any family. It is our dearest hope that God will reveal His glory and that Jesus Christ will pour out His grace upon all those who participate in this program regardless of the purpose. The truth is that Jesus Christ is not “a hope” He is the ONLY HOPE and the only way for families to make it through the stress and destruction of today's society is through keeping Him always at the center.

Pastor Richard Webster is the Pastor of Adairsville Baptist Church in Adairsville, Georgia. Brother Richard has been a powerful influence in my own walk with the Lord and I pray that as God has used this brother for His glory and has shared much wisdom to me through him that you would pay special attention to the message God has blessed this brother to share. Pastor Webster is both a husband, a father, a brother, a son, a friend, and a pastor who is determined to serve the Lord and bring glory and honor to our Savior. I pray that you would understand that this brother has seen first hand the destruction of divorce, the pain and suffering that comes at the hands of the evil of the enemy as satan tries to relentlessly destroy families. Know that the daily devotionals are the ultimate inspiration of Jesus Christ and may the Lord be seen through every word.

It feels strange even now trying to write about myself, my name is Daniel Higginbotham and simply put I am a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is my desire and hope that the Lord God Jehovah would make His presence known and that you would feel the Holy Spirit interacting and interceding in your life. I thank God for this opportunity and I will pray for you and your family over this next 30 days that God would reveal the beautiful truth to you as He has me: **If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John Chapter 8 verse 36 KJV).**