

The Good news of My Emanuel

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50And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. (Luke Chapter 24 verse 50-53 KJV)

The faith of a child...

What does it take to enter into the kingdom of heaven? **3And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

4Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew Chapter 18 verse 3-4 KJV) – The faith of a child is such a wonderful blessing, never do they doubt the love, the word, the ability, or the reason for those around them who love them. With an innocence that this world is sorely lacking they believe in what they are told until they are given a reason not to. Today as we proclaim the Good News of the salvation and forgiveness granted through the wonderful sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord and savior I would ask you to remember that we must be faithful as our children are in order to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Be faithful that God is who He says that He is, He is capable, He is willing, He is going to do what He promises He will do! Praise Him today for who He is: everything wonderful!

We thank you and pray for your continued readership and prayer brothers and sisters and may Christ continue to bless and use us for His glory! Amen.



Sections

The Good news of My Emanuel is split up into several sections to make what you are looking for easy to find! The sections of our newsletter are:

- Weekly sermon (red)
- Weekly life impacting scripture (blue)
- Testimony (green)
- Outreach (cyan)
- Prayer and praise request (yellow)
- Reviews and newly found ministries (pink)

This color coded section should allow you to gain quick access to any portion of this newsletter, we know that some days you will have time to read all the way through, other days you will want to jump directly to something in the newsletter.

WONDERFUL NEWS!!

God loves you so much He has given you a gift that no one can take, that no one can destroy, and that the world cannot understand, forgiveness and grace! Christ Jesus the Son of God is waiting to grant you a peace you can never imagine!

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27Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. 32Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke Chapter 12 verse 27-32 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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What'd you say donkey??

What a silly name for a sermon! What'd you say donkey? What in the world is this message going to be about? Well talking donkeys of course! All joking aside, one of the most amazing truths in the word of God is the fact that God will use anyone or anything for His glory and to rebuke those who have sinned. Before we get to the scripture that I'm talking about I want to remind you of something wonderful, has God rebuked you? Has God shown you through a situation or a person that your wrong? Has God reminded you that you only know as much as He lets you know? I promise you one thing, He has me! God has blessed me over the past 48 hours to learn a quick but painful lesson, God not only rebukes those who loves but will use whatever He sees fit to do so! **19As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. (Revelation Chapter 3 verse 19 KJV) - 11My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. (Proverbs Chapter 3 verse 11-12 KJV).**

You must understand that as our Abba Father, God has the duty to “rebuke” or teach us when we have done wrong just as our parents taught us growing up when things we did where wrong. Can you think about a time your mom or dad taught you something that sticks with you to this day? Did your parents do something that you hated as a child but now you find doing with your children? The simple fact is God is our Father in heaven and we are His children through our adoption through Christ Jesus our Lord and savior and He loves us, teaches us, and wants us to grow in our faith and understanding! Now back to that talking donkey... **28And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? (Numbers Chapter 22 verse 28 KJV) –** If you've never read the book of Numbers or its been a while it may be time for a refresher! This particular situation God uses a donkey to rebuke a man who has disobeyed and displeased God, but not only that the donkey that God uses also saves the riders life! God can use whoever or whatever He wants to rebuke us, God doesn't come down and slap us on the hand and say “bad boy” instead He allows us to learn in very unique ways in which we can see His hand at work while some still full well have the ability to deny His involvement. God will never force someone to believe in Him but one day their will be no doubt and all will bow before His eternal glory!

The reason I am sharing this message tonight is very simply that God used a mixture of both non-believers and a brother in Christ to rebuke me in a way that there was no doubt that it was the strong hand of our amazing Lord. Please check out the testimony section for more on what I'm talking about and never forget that throughout history God has used both the believers (prophets, Christ, disciples) and the non-believers (the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans) to both rebuke, teach, and ultimately judge the disobedience of His people. Here is the most important part of this message: LEARN. When God teaches us a lesson it is important that we learn from it, grow from it, praise Him for His love in rebuking us and lean unto Him even stronger! God wants to develop our faith that we would be more perfect even unto more like Christ Jesus our Lord and savior. For it is written we are “hard pressed” on all sides but not crushed: **8We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed (2 Corinthians Chapter 4 verse 8-9 KJV) –** I would pray that as you move forward that you would truly know that God loves you, He wants to teach you, He wants you to learn and He won't make fun of you or be cruel to you as He teaches you, God is patient and loving more than we could ever understand - **26But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John Chapter 14 verse 26 KJV).**

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Life impacting scripture

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The Harvest is Plentiful But the Workers are few

Picture this: Its harvest time, you have a beautiful large yield of crops. You have the best corn, carrots, squash, cotton, tomatoes, watermelon, apples, strawberries , pears , bananas, broccoli , grapes , and any other vegetable and fruit you can possible think of. The only problem? You have a hundreds of acres of these crops and only a few workers to gather this crop. You will be able to save some but other crops will be eaten by animals, stolen by thieves, and some will just turn rotten.

37Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few (Matthew Chapter 9 verse 37 KJV)

This huge farm of crops is the world, the laborers are SUPPOSED TO BE us Christians, and the stolen, rotten, and eaten crops are our fellow brothers and sisters!! They are lead astray with false doctrines, or false Gods, magic and other evil lures. Or they are devoured by the devil and his minions and convinced “*There is no God*” or they fall from the path of the good fight. Even some people are never even reached. That person you saw earlier at the store, what if they never had the chance to talk to a Christian or hear about Jesus. Don't just think some one else will do it. If You think I'm gonna do it and I think your going to reach them, neither of us will!!!

Know that there are plenty of Christians out there but none are sharing their faith because they want to be “Politically correct” or don't want to *push their beliefs*. How ever Jesus Christ Commands us to share the gospel!

15And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark Chapter 16 verse 15 KJV)

Oh you thought well I don't have too... well you do have a choice, but know WE WERE COMMANDED to share the Gospel. I don't know about you but I fear God! He created the heaven and the earth. Told the ocean where to stop, and you don't fear him?

We are also told we need not worry about being politically correct or FRIENDS OF THE WORLD. We are if fact told not to!

4Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (James Chapter 4 verse 4 KJV)

And know you CAN NOT have it both ways you are with Jesus or against him.

30He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. (Matthew Chapter 12 verse 30 KJV)

My friends, my brothers and sisters....make your decision wisely. Eternity will be decided!

32Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew Chapter 10 verse 32-33 KJV)

33But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

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Testimony

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Do you have a testimony that you would like to share with our readers? We would love to hear what the Lord has done in your life that has provided you with a testimony to glorify his name! Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemaneul.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

Ouch

Sometimes I don't know what hurts more... getting rebuked or apologizing when you realize you were wrong. How sad it is to know that many times we get angry, defensive, and even attack those who try to help us, try to correct us, or even unleash what they have to say to us through anger and frustration. Its funny that even the truly faithful can find it hard to sit back and absorb the rebuke that is unleashed on us and many times we can turn a blind eye to the truth simply because we don't like where the rebuke is coming from. Tonight in the sermon I posted the scripture from Numbers about the donkey that God uses to rebuke a believer for His sin and disobedience but I think it is so very important to remember that God will use anything and anyone for His glory. Believers, non-believers, children, old, young, in-between, men, women, animals, anything to get it through our thick heads that we were or are wrong and that we need to make a change.

Over the past 48 hours God has used several people to rebuke me about different things from using bad language when I'm angry to injecting my own opinion in situations that don't require or need it. The things that I have heard over the past 48 hours have hurt! I got defensive! I got angry! I attacked those I thought were attacking me! I did exactly the OPPOSITE of what I am commanded by Christ Jesus: **38Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.**

43Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matthew Chapter 5 verse 38-48 KJV).

Christ put it the best way possible, pray for those who hate you, do good to those who do evil to you, give unto all who ask of you, turn the other cheek, and pour out any blessings unto those in need regardless of how you feel about them! How I wish it was OK for me to be angry with the people that want to hurt me or attack me but I attack God everyday, sometimes multiple times a day and yet the grace of God is abundant and out of His great love He doesn't attack me back, He takes the attack and rebukes me out of His great love! Praise you God for truly you are wonderful and amazing! Thank you for loving me enough to teach me and for never giving up on my God! Praise you Hosanna in the highest for you are highly exalted and lifted up above all things! LEARN FROM THE LORD!! Amen.

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Outreach

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Round 2

Last newsletter I spoke about two men in Dalton that brother Michael and I where blessed to go and minister to and share not only the wonderful news of Christ Jesus but also food that was desperately needed. A few days ago to my surprise I look up and see one of the men that God had lead us to help named Marcus, He seemed a bit on edge and asked when I saw him if he needed to wait outside, you see Marcus had met me at work because I told him to come see me if he was ever in need, he did! I let him know he didn't need to wait outside and a few minutes later we where speaking about a need he had for food again, with a bit of shame in his eyes he asked for anything I could spare...

Our flesh leads us strongly sometimes to judge those who are less fortunate than we, we ask ourselves questions like "what did they do to get themselves in this situation" or "why aren't you getting a job or trying to change your circumstances" when the truth is God never told us to judge those who are in need, He actually tells us the exact opposite! Out of His wonderful blessings He has showered upon my family I was able to help brother Marcus for the glory of God but I became a bit surprised at a few things, first that Marcus lives several miles from where I work and he had walked to me, second that he had been to a few food ministries that had been "unable" to help him, third that he didn't ask for money, he asked that I take him to the store and let him pick up a few canned vegetables, fruits, a gallon of milk, etc. This brother was truly in need, I fear for why the ministries in Dalton weren't able to help but I pray God would pour out his blessing upon them and they would be able to help in the future. A few dollars later, way to many miles to walk later brother Marcus was asking me if I knew of any Bible studies he could get involved in! Praise the Lord!!! "I've been reading that Bible" he said, wonderful the Lord is He blessed us to be able to give Marcus a Bible, how amazing and wonderful is God!? Not only was I able to share the blessings God has poured out on me with a brother but God has used this blessing to me to share His wonderful blessing, salvation!

Friends today I ask you this question: do you go before God and ask for forgiveness again and again? Do you ask for your prayers to be met again and again? How can we deny those who are in need again and again? God doesn't deny us... God doesn't stop blessing us... God doesn't say "no" you've reached your forgiveness quota, never ever stop pouring out the love that God has shown us through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus and give whatever or however you can for His glory! Praise you God for you are truly worthy of it!!

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Prayer and praise request!

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The “reviews” and “newly found ministries” sections have been combined in order to provide a new section to share prayer request from brothers and sisters, readers of The Good News of My Emanuel as well as to post praise request to glorify our Heavenly Father and give him praise for answering our prayers! Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com with a prayer or praise request as well as on the Emanuel Connect feature at <http://www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect/index.php> under “Prayer request” or “Praise request”.

Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not to temptation but deliver us from evil, for the glory and the power of Your heavenly kingdom. Father we pray that you would lift up these prayer request and allow all who seek answers in prayer to receive You, for truly we know Father if we ask we shall receive. We ask that you would allow all those who read these words and prayers to pray for their brothers and sisters in Christ. Father we glorify and praise your name for these praise request and know that just as you answer our prayers we glorify your name even in the dark places! Praise you Father! In Jesus Christ beautiful name we pray, Amen.

Tonight we give praises unto God for truly He is worthy of it! Thank you Lord for allowing brothers to begin the mending process and please use this mending for your glory! May you reach this brother through this situation and bring this family closer!

Tonight we ask that you be in prayer for brother Marcus, brother Ronnie, and all the brothers and sisters who are without. Father may you bless those who are in need and for your glory bring them closer to you. May the know you are Lord and that your love is greater than their circumstance.

Tonight we ask that you be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek and our sister in Christ Kristen their family as they come through a terrible sickness. God for your glory may you heal this family and remind them you are in total control, may they be faithful unto you and may you totally heal them.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Charlie and our brother in Christ Richard that the Lord would lay a message on their hearts to prepare the churches they are blessed to lead for the glorious events that are preparing to unfold. Father through the Holy Spirit may you touch these brothers and all the leaders of the body of Christ may the proclaim proudly and loudly the message you have blessed them to share!

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Vickie that God may fulfill His wonderful promise made to her and the prayer group she is blessed to be apart of. God for your glory may you use these women of Christ as warriors of prayer to lift unto you the praise and glory that you are worthy to receive!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Timmy and I that God would continue to strongly lead My Emanuel and that we would bring glory to His wonderful name and continue to be blessed to share the Gospel with any who will hear the wonderful news!!

Please be in prayer for any in need around the world and for the world itself, God is preparing to unleash the judgments that have been foretold for thousands of years, Father may we prepare as a church to profess louder than ever before the warnings you have left for us!

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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