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19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew Chapter 28 verse 19-20 KJV)

Just before dawn, night is the darkest!

Are you struggling in your walk with Christ? Are you in pain and in desperate need of help and strength? Have you ever thought that the trials and tribulations we face in our walk with the Lord are to prepare us for something much greater? Know this: if you have no pain and suffering, no temptation and no tribulation in your walk with the Lord you may want to look to the right and to the left because if the devil isn't trying to destroy you, if he isn't in your face trying to lead you astray chances are he has already led you astray and you are not faithfully walking with the Lord. I am reminded and I beg of you to remember the story of Paul: **7...there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8**For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **9**And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10**Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. (2 Corinthians Chapter 12 verse 7-10 KJV) – find strength in Christ, in prayer and in relentless trust and study! He will not fail you!!



Between newsletters

It is our desire to glorify God and share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with anyone, anywhere, who God blesses us to touch! If you wish you could hear from My Emanuel in-between newsletters there are many ways you can follow us and see what God is giving us to share for His glory daily, please take this time to "like" us on facebook at www.facebook.com/myemanuel – you can subscribe to the blog at www.myemanuel.com/blog – "follow" us on twitter at www.twitter.com/myemanuel – or subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian, you can also see previous newsletters at www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html.

Won't you be His hands?

Are you looking for a way to share the Gospel with a friend but need to do so in a way where your identity is kept secret? God blessed us to develop a tool named "God's Messenger" which may be of assistance! Please check out more at www.myemanuel.com/godsmessenger.html! - Won't you be His hands? Share the Gospel today!!

11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13**Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15**And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16**Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:10-17 KJV).

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Weekly Sermon

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**Look there's a plane! Oh that's a nice car!
Ooh there is a squirrel!**

Have you noticed in today's world we are always moving ahead, always thinking, always busy, always doing something? There's so much to do and so little time! You have all these things you want, and all these places you want to see, things that battle for your time and your attention. Advertisements here and a billboard there. Commercials on the radio one minute and then a spokesperson or actor another minute. We have work, school, kids, breakfast, lunch, dinner, shopping, facebook, email, TV shows we just have to watch! Movies and dinner on Friday night. Go to the mall on Saturday. We go out to theme parks like Six Flags. We have to make it to our kids little league games and our teenagers play at school. We have to hang out with friends or hang out with family. Talk to that really cute girl or guy. Focus on our hobbies like reading, video games, the gym, and any other interests we have. But wait there's more! Don't forget about all those bills! Light bill, water bill, phone bill, rent. New school clothes, books, gas in the car and the insurance. Now we gotta set up those doctors appointments, and foot pedicures, our haircuts and everything thing else. We pay attention to all the news around the world, the Olympics, and of course our favorite celebrity gossip. Next we gotta have that new phone that came out, or that new computer! After all of this its time to plan a vacation! Lets go to the tropics, maybe a cruise or even to Las Vegas! Then we come back from plenty of hectic fun....and start all over again. Notice anything? There's a lot of **distractions** in this world. Again there are

DISTRACTIONS!

If we are distracted with this world all the time, how can we focus on God? On our true purpose? On our families true needs? On our brothers and sisters true needs?

Colossians 3:2 KJV

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Do you know that we are in a war? That you and every Christian is a soldier? You may call it dramatic but the Bible calmly states on several occasions we are in a spiritual war.

Ephesians 6:12 KJV

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

If you could see this war clearly as its going on it might scare you to death. Gods angels protect us from evil powers at all times! There is a mighty war for souls going on here, every second of every day. Do you think just

because we are sitting back that the devil is? Do you think he is waiting for us to fight back?

NO

HE IS NOT!

Why do you think all these distractions are so important? If you distract a soldier from his battle he cannot effect the outcome. He cannot fight if he is not even in the war!

So ever time your too tired or sick to go to church. To stay awake through service, or to sing praises to chase the evil. To busy to read your Bible. Remember we are in a war. And to put it bluntly, you will be attacked weather you are prepared for it or not. DONT LIE TO YOURSELF. The devil doesn't want to you to worry about him! He wants to blindside you! But you can be ready! We are stronger then the devil through Christ! WE CAN

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BREAK CHAINS OF THE EVIL ONE. BRING SOULS TO REPENTANCE!!

Philippians 4:13 KJV

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Remember Brothers and Sisters, you are not alone! You might break one chain on a leap of faith that might lead to the breaking of thousands of chains! We are in a war.

FIGHT

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Life impacting scripture

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22Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God. (Jeremiah Chapter 3 verse 22 KJV)

To many times in my life I have seen brothers and sisters in Christ, strong in faith and spirit, destroyed by the might father of lies the devil. I have watched helplessly again and again as this abomination has relentless unleashed volleys on faithful believers and have felt grief as I watched them crumble. I have been fighting desperately in my own walk with these same forces as the forces of darkness try to destroy me and I am here to tell you that the backsliding MUST STOP! God's grace is abundant and His forgiveness covers all sin, past and present, as the believer repents God is faithful as the blood of Christ made final redemption from all sins! But as faithful believers backsliding is the slow loss of faith due to hardships, trials, and tribulations. I know it is so hard sometimes as the pressure of life and the harsh unforgiving world mounts its violent attack on you just at the right time but we must remember the wonderful promise God makes to us!

As believers not only are we forgiven from any previous sin but we are also forgiven from any future sin as we repent and faithfully follow the Lord. We are promised that if we will return to the Lord that He will not only forgive our backsliding but He will heal the damage caused by them! We must understand this truth backsliding causes damage not only to our relationship with the Lord but to others relationships with the Lord as well. People are always watching to see if you will fall and fail and are so very quick to point it out when you do! This day I make this challenge to you, accept this challenge and fight this fight with me! Return. Returning indicates work! It indicates that you are making a move, that you are initiating action! Return! Return to the Lord God Jehovah that loves you so much He sent His only Son to die on the cross for you! Take the pain, the hurt, the anger, all the pressure of this world and tell it that YOU BELONG TO THE GOD OF CREATION! Forget it! Place it at the feet of the mighty King that we serve and know two things: He is faithful and will bear your burden, and He will never leave nor forsake you!! Leave it on the shoulders on the Most High priest who makes intercession for our sins who is Jesus the Christ of Nazareth!

Repent my brothers! Return to the Lord God! Beg of Him for forgiveness and mercy for He is faithful! He will forgive you! He will heal you! He will repair the damage done by backsliding! Trust in God alone for all else will fail you! You will fail yourself! Your friends will fail you! Your preacher will fail you! God alone is worthy of the trust and is the only one who can deliver what you need! Won't you RETURN to Him today and let Him heal your backsliding? Rededicate yourself in prayer and in fervent study and faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and know the truth: the devil wants to destroy you, if you aren't having any hardships and tribulations in your life... it may be time to reassess your relationship with the Lord because if the devil isn't fighting against you he is probably walking by your side!! Walk with Jesus, trust in God and know that nothing is to big or to small for Him!

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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@myemanuel.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

Thank you

I know its so hard sometimes when walking faithfully with the Lord, trying to be the light for the lost and dying world knowing that God can use any situation, any time, any person to touch another and bring a brother or sister to repentance. Some of you may know that God has put on our hearts to send out daily scripture and an inspirational message via text message and while I encourage you to sign-up for these free messages at www.myemanuel.com (the right hand section of every page of the website) it is not the purpose of this testimony. Sometimes when I look at My Emanuel I wonder if Timothy and I are truly marching for the Lord, are we making a difference? Are we effecting lost souls and strengthening our brethren for the glory of our first love Jesus Christ? The devil is constantly battling against us and sometimes he slips in a few low blows that make me think... no one reads your blog post... no one reads your post on facebook... no one reads the text messages... again and again the devil is found out to be what he is, the father of lies.

Twice in the past two weeks I have had someone thank me for the daily text messages, "I need that inspiration" a sister told me, "it comes right at the right time" a brother warmly proclaimed... praise the Lord God of creation that He would bless me to fight in this war, it almost brings me to tears even thinking now... God makes a difference through ME! How?? How in the world could the creator of the heavens and the earth use a useless, horrible, evil, awful sinner like me?? The truth is that Jesus Christ not only died for my sins, not only did God bring me back to Him through Christ, but I am cleansed, I am as if I never sinned before God out of His great love and grace! My brothers and sisters everyone can make a difference in the life of those hurting brothers and sisters, everyone can give inspiration while sharing the Gospel and reminding anyone who will hear it that God is good, all the time, God loves all His children and He desperately seeks for every single last person on the face of this earth to repent and to return to Him! Jesus Christ didn't just die for me, He didn't just die for Timmy, He died a painful, tortuous, unimaginable death for EVERY LAST PERSON that has or will ever walk the face of this earth and even those who have not!

Is God calling you to do something? DO IT! Don't let the devil trick you into thinking it is not important, don't let the devil trick you into thinking God cannot make a way, through Christ all things are possible! Remember the God we serve is the creator of every single thing and person and that all things done for His glory and honor are done with eternal purpose! I love the song that says: better is 1 day in your house than thousands else where! Amen! You can make a difference brothers, sisters you can share the love of Christ! Trust in the Lord because when someone says "thank you" you will forever be humbled that God would use you and that people are effected by what you do!!

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Outreach

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Chuck

In the past few weeks I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet new people and I praise the Lord for giving me the means and the opportunity to share the Gospel with brothers. A week or so ago I was driving to work when I saw a man walking with a crutch with a backpack up a steep hill and I knew immediately that he needed help and that he had no where to go. After a brief struggle I turned around having passed the brother and picked him up. "I'm Chuck" the brother would tell me, he would go on to tell me a little about himself and I could tell this older gentlemen had been walking for awhile and was in desperate need of a nice shower and a good meal. Luckily for me I was able to get Chuck to a God fearing ministry near where I work called "greater works", being the first time I ever took someone there I didn't know what to expect. As we got out of the car I slipped Chuck a few tracks and the brother told me he would love to hand them out, double jeopardy!! What a wonderful thing God blessed me with helping this brother in need and with him helping others in need!

This story is so wonderful because Chuck was able to get a nice hot shower and as I walked into Greater Works for the first time I quickly saw "He is risen" on a corkboard, amen! He is risen indeed! After leaving Chuck there with these brothers and sisters I am sure that God blessed this brother and I can only hope and pray some tracks ended up in the desperate hands of those looking for the truth but as I write this outreach message now I do so with a heavy heart.. this brother had been walking for hours... no one stopped to help him... with a crutch... a big bag... an old man... what has happened to this nation, to this world?? Body of Christ where are you!?

Today I give you this challenge to remember what the scripture promises: **41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 41-46 KJV)** – whatsoever you do unto the least of my brothers... are you passing Christ by every day? Are you allowing Christ to suffer and to be hungered? The world is in desperate need of the love and the grace of Jesus Christ, if you are so busy caught up in your own life how in the world can you ever hope to be a solidier for Christ? At the very least to obey the commands given of the Lord Jesus Himself... WAKE UP! Help a brother today! Help a sister today!! Give unto others as you would have them give unto you if you where in their shoes! You are only here by the grace of God and your circumstances could change at any second! Help someone today for Christ, share your testimony, and love them as Christ loves you!!

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Prayer and praise request!

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Are you in need of prayer? Do you know someone who is? Please e-mail us today at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com with any prayer needs and feel free to also post them on our Facebook page for our prayer warriors at <http://www.facebook.com/myemanuelprayerteam>.

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.

Please be in prayer for all our brother and sisters desperately hurting and seeking the power, wisdom, and wonderful grace and love of the Almighty God. Please pray that God would touch the body of Christ and remind every single believer of His power and love.

Please be in prayer for all the marriages around the world that God would heal the wounds caused by infighting and the deep hurt and pain felt in countless marriages, may God draw husbands and wives together and help them make Him the immovable rock that anchors every successful and lasting marriage.

Please be in continued prayer for our brother in Christ Brian, may God touch this brother's marriage and continue to give them the chance of healing. May the Lord be gentle with this sister of this marriage who is in desperate need of correction.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek that God would heal his body and remind him that He is all powerful and capable of anything even if the doctors say it will never happen, through Christ all things are possible.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Tammy that God would heal her body and continue to strengthen her faith, God may you be active in this sisters life and show up and show out that her plea may be answered.

Please in prayer for the body of Christ that God would touch the church and continue to use all faithful churches around the globe for His glory, His honor, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in even the darkest places.

Please be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Zion, God may you protect the Israeli people and be with the Hebrews, Father may you remember your people and roar forth that you may be glorified and they may come to fall humbly and worship Jesus Christ the Lion of Judah, may the come to know Him quickly.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Courtney that God would stop her backsliding and strengthen her walk, God may you convict this sister and mightily roar forward in her life and remind her you are always there.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Barry that God would heal this brother and strengthen him. Lord may you do your will in this faithful brothers life.

Please be in prayer for all those on the verge of knowing Christ that God would speedily bring them forth to receive His wonderful grace. Father may you save these brothers for we know you are worthy and capable!

Selfishly I must ask for prayer for myself and Timothy that God would strengthen us, that God would be with us and allow us to honor and glorify His holy and wonderful name.

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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Ministries:

[The Pocket Testament League](#) – WOW! What a wonderful ministry! God truly blessed me to meet a faithful sister in Christ that works with this ministry as she left with me many beautiful tracks that they call “pocket testaments” that are essentially the same but much more beautiful and very well put together! Please visit them today and “like” their page on Facebook!

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