

# The Good news of My Emanuel

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**19**Go 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)

## Another day...

Its funny to sometimes think about how the devil will use time to weary our souls, "another day of this" the evil voice will call out as we suffer through temptation and hardship... its hard to remember that after this life is all said and done for those born again Christ we will forever be with the King of Kings in a paradise that we can't even begin to fathom! The scripture talks plainly and wonderfully about this time: **1**And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **2**And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3**And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **4**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation Chapter 21 verse 1-4 KJV) – when the devil says "sigh, another day" praise the Lord and think "praise the Lord another day closer!" Amen!!



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/myemanuel) – you can subscribe to the blog at [www.myemanuel.com/blog](http://www.myemanuel.com/blog) – "follow" us on twitter at [www.twitter.com/myemanuel](http://www.twitter.com/myemanuel) – or subscribe to our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian](http://www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian), you can also see previous newsletters at [www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html).

## 30 day challenge

Are you tired? Is your family broken? Is your marriage more of a war than the happy ending you imagined? The My Emanuel 30 day challenge will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, a free program designed to bring families, marriages, and even your personal relationship closer to Christ. Designed by pastors, fathers, husbands, born again children of God, through Christ this can change it all! [Http://www.myemanuel.com/prayer](http://www.myemanuel.com/prayer)

**1**And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. **2**And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? **3**And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **4**And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. **5**And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. (Revelation Chapter 5 verse 1-5 KJV)

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## Weekly Sermon

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### I can't do it alone

This may seem like a testimony but please bear with me, over the past few weeks I have begun to realize more and more that without the Lord, without the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, without the intercession of Christ on my behalf, without the love and grace of God, I cannot do anything! I have been humbled again and again to realize that NOTHING but God alone can give me the strength that I need to face the day, to fight the good fight, and better yet not just to fight but to win! It should come as no surprise as the word is so very clear: **13I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Philippians Chapter 4 verse 13 KJV)** – its funny to understand that the most successful warriors for the Lord have been men and women who have humbled themselves to the fact that with Christ and through Christ awesome power and wonders can be displayed... without them? Failure. Lostness. Hopelessness. Fear. Anger. Desperation. Those are just some of the words that I can think of in times when I have depended on myself instead of the strong hands that lead me through the darkest valleys! It makes so much sense to know that through God, through being humbled and in touch with the Lord through the Holy Spirit that we can achieve awesome results for His glory!

**12And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. (Matthew Chapter 23 verse 12 KJV)** – one very consistent thing among many in the word of God is that God is against the proud. God will humble you, even if you don't want Him to and resist Him, God will humble the proud! God has humbled me lately to remind me that the strength, the wisdom, the understanding, my talents, my gifts, the belong to the Father who made me, the Father who blessed me with them, and the Father who loved me enough to cry out to me through the darkness to save me. With Christ I have everything and am everything I could ever hope to be, without Christ I am nothing but a dirty sinner and all of my works are just dirty rags compared to the Almighty God. As you read this I want you to understand I am not to proud to admit it or even proudly profess it, I pray for strength to boast in nothing: except for Christ alone! **14But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (Galatians Chapter 6 verse 14 KJV).**

I pray this day you would know that Daniel Higginbotham is a failure, that he is a loser, that he is a judgmental sinner, that he is a coward, that he is all the terrible things you could say about me, but I am a saved child of the Most High God. I am saved by HIS grace, by HIS love, by HIS conquest, by HIS sacrifice, by HIS work, never by mine. I can never repay the gift that God has given me, I will spend the rest of my life IF God blesses me to serving His kingdom! I am humbled to know that not only did God make me, not only did He die for me, not only did He saved me, but He is allowing me to serve His kingdom! Praise you Lord God for your love is endless, your grace is absolutely sufficient, and I give you praise, honor, and glory!

As I close this message I pray you would understand this: the devil wants to destroy you. He wants you to be so busy, so concerned, so worried, so tired and beat up that you can barley make it to the bed at night, much less make it to your knees. Do you know when I'm successful? When God blesses me with success! Do you know when I am effective for God? When God blesses me to be effective! God brings the conviction! God brings the power! God brings the grace! God brings the love! I simply pray for God to continue to bless me by using me and allowing me to humbly serve His kingdom! Today I pray you would remember this through your pain and suffering: **8For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9And 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. 10Therefore 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 8-10 KJV).**

This day I pray you would remember: His grace is sufficient for us all! The wonderful, unending, all powerful, all covering grace is sufficient! Take it to the Lord in prayer! Depend solely on Him! Rely on His strength, on His word, on His truth, His power, and His grace! Do not fear to seek out the prayer of your

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brothers and sisters but trust the Lord! The Lord is the ONLY one who will never fail, misguide, or forsake you! Praise Him in all things, never forget night is darkest before the dawn! The pain is the deepest before the healing begins, you are the most broken before Christ reshapes you, and the trials and tribulations are hardest before the enemy flees! Pray! Have faith and trust in Christ! Cry out to the Lord and never forget His deep unending love for you! Amen.

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## Life impacting scripture

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### A Tough Guy Eh?

**6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter Chapter 5 verse 6-11 KJV)**

In today's society its all about being the 'tough guy'. You don't need help, your strong, smart, and you know whats best! But you forget we are weak people. Weak minded, in a weak flesh. (spirit is willing but the flesh is weak).

And we forget the power of the devil. He used to be an angel and he hasn't lost his power just his position. He still is strong, and is a fantastic speaker. He can convince you to do that which you know to be wrong! He could make you believe its sunny outside when your in the pouring rain!! If the devil is this strong why do we think we can do this alone? Why do we even think we NEED to. God is ready and willing to help, to chase the evil one away!! When a bully picks on someone does he go for the loner or the one with the biggest friend? The devil will always go for the one who goes it alone!!! Run to GOD not away from him! He will protect you! He will strengthen you!! Use His Truth and put on his armor! **10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For 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. 13Wherefore 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. 14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians Chapter 6 verse 10-17 KJV)**

And you may win on your own once in a blue moon, but make no mistake you WILL BE BEATEN if you don't ask for Gods help, and humble yourself! You CANNOT WIN THIS WAR ALONE. You don't even need to try!

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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](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!*

## **God can use anyone**

The past 60 days I have been struggling with a commitment that I made to God, may it suffice here to simply say that I have failed several times in keeping my commitment to God and last night the devil was truly shaking me, again and again the devil has attacked me in an attempt to bring me down. He is doing a mighty fine job of it, and probably would succeed if not for the one that holds me together, the Holy Spirit is stronger than the devil could ever dream of being and even when the devil whispers in my ear “how could God ever use a sinner like you?” God is there to remind me of very powerful truths:

### **The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...**

**Noah was a drunk  
Abraham was too old  
Isaac was a daydreamer  
Jacob was a liar  
Leah was ugly  
Joseph was abused  
Moses had a stuttering problem  
Gideon was afraid  
Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer  
Rahab was a prostitute  
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young  
David had an affair and was a murderer  
Elijah was suicidal  
Isaiah preached naked  
Jonah ran from God  
Naomi was a widow  
Job went bankrupt  
John the Baptist ate bugs  
Peter denied Christ  
The Disciples fell asleep while praying  
Martha worried about everything  
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once  
Zaccheus was too small  
Paul was too religious  
Timothy had an ulcer...  
AND Lazarus was dead!**

The fact is that God can use ANYONE who is willing and even unwilling to do His work! God can use me just as He can use you! As God reminded me if we will just be faithful, weather the storms, repent of any evil, and war with sin we can be effective and dedicated servants of the Most High God! God can use us for powerful, amazing, unbelievable things that we could never imagine! The next time the devil has you down remember that Christ can and has forgiven anyone who calls on His holy name, though we may fail and fail again Christ will strengthen us and if we depend on Him through prayer and faith HE WILL OVERCOME!!

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## Outreach

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### **The Pocket Testament League**

<http://www.ptl.org>

Its so amazing to meet brothers and sisters in Christ from all walks of life and doing all types of work! Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a sister in Christ that works with the Pocket Testament League, I have spoken of them before but want to truly call out this ministry for what they are doing. This ministry is using the Gospel of John to truly reach out and shake lives for Christ and they are doing it in amazing ways. What is so neat is they are using a very similar concept to tracks but in the track world these would be the best! They are beautifully made with the wonderful story of grace and love of Jesus Christ but there ministry goes much farther than that!

The PTL has a wonderful program that I have yet to sign up for but hope to soon which is free and is a “boot camp” which teaches you how to better testify and share the faith! Please visit them today at [www.ptl.org](http://www.ptl.org) to view the wonderful “pocket” testaments and to learn more about the awesome FREE ways they give you to deeper serve the Lord!

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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](mailto: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 constant prayer for the United States of America and world leaders around the world that God would reveal the coming judgments and awesome power in order for us to turn from our wicked and sinful ways, may God have mercy on us all.

Please be in prayer for Ella Grace a 4 week old little girl who is clinging to life after being born 14 weeks early at 26 weeks, this baby girl is fighting hard and may the Lord touch this beautiful child and totally heal her, allow her to grow, and for His glory reveal His awesome, unexplainable power!

Please be in prayer for Ms. Jacky Wood that God would touch this sister in Christ and heal her totally. God may you lift this sister up and totally restore her body.

Please be in prayer as our brother and sister in Christ Walter and Barbara as they go to do the Lord's work, Lord may you use this brother and sister in Christ to share the Gospel and the wonderful love of Jesus Christ with the children who are in desperate need.

Please be in prayer for our sister Ramona, and a brother in Christ who are desperately in need of healing and strength. God may you touch this sister in Christ and totally restore her love and trust, may you challenge this brother and forcefully make your will and presence known.

Please be in prayer for all our brothers and sisters in Christ as we struggle not to let our love wax cold as we await the glorious return of our savior. Jesus my Lord may you strengthen your people and give us the comfort and wisdom of your Holy Spirit!

Please be in prayer that God's will would be done and that all the ministers, evangelist, and servants of the Father would glorify and bring honor and praise to His holy name.

Please be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Israel, God may you roar forth and protect Zion from the enemies that curse you and your people, may your covenant be made known to all the world for your love of your people.

Please be in prayer for Brandy and Mike as God continues to work with this sister and brother, Lord may you continue to pour out your love upon this family and we lift them up to you.

Please be in prayer for My Emanuel and the new program God has blessed us with, Lord may we be found doing your will, for your glory, out of our love and desire to honor and bring you glory!

Please be in prayer for all those who are lost and on their way to an eternal hell that Jesus Christ would be powerfully at work in their lives, showing them the truth and revealing it to them how ever possible!

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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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