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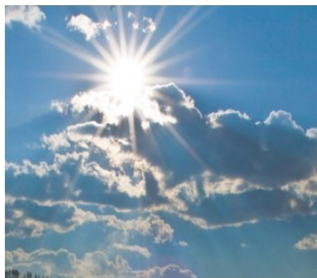
1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" 3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" (Mark 1:1-3 NIV)

Our change to bi-weekly

As we are sure you have noticed last Sunday we did not publish The Good News of My Emanuel, and we apologize that the notice was given so late that we would be switching to the bi-weekly format. We officially announced Sunday November 27th about the switch via Facebook (www.facebook.com/myemanuel) and at the website (<http://www.myemanuel.com>). We apologize if anyone did not receive the notice and would like your feedback and what you think about the change. Please send your feedback to us using the "contact us" page or by e-mailing us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com. We hope to hear from you about The Good News of My Emanuel and how you think the change will effect your walk.

We launched a new blog feature at <http://www.myemanuel.com/blog> that we will use to increase information we normally post via this newsletter. The new blog will contain videos, sermons, inspiration through stories and scripture and anything we can think of to help with your walk! Praise the Lord for continuing to allow us to have you as a reader and we hope that the Lord is shining through us and touching your walk!

Don't forget to check out the My Emanuel Connect feature, this feature allows you to ask questions, post prayer and praise request, and so much more to fellowship online with other Christians and those interested in Jesus Christ from around the world! God bless all and may the Lord make this weeks edition powerful and fulfilling for you! 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)
- 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.

Get involved!

My Emanuel is growing thanks to the power of the Lord and his blessings! Praise you Heavenly Father! If you are interested in doing more for the Lord and providing for your brothers and sisters through the many tools the Lord has provided us with please check out <http://www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html>. Also remember to "like" us on Facebook to see our post on your wall as we post them! Also remember to check us out on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/myemanuel>. We pray the Lord will open your heart to serve him even more and you would work with us! Amen.

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
(Psalm Chapter 27 verse 1)

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Weekly Sermon

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“I don't have to go to Church, I serve the Lord always”, “I don't always need to read the Bible, its just a book written by men”, “I don't have to talk to people about God, I do other things behind the scene”, the following statements combined with all the other ones you and I have used and heard about serving the Lord are strong beliefs shared by more than a few! But I wonder... what does the Bible say about statements about how we are to serve the Lord? What does the Bible say about the word of God? What does the Lord say about testifying?? In this sermon will take a look at a few of those things and much more!

Before we get started I want you all to familiarize yourself with the word “cop-out”, cop-out is defined by saying: An instance of avoiding a commitment or responsibility. Why is that important? Because I think it is far to common for us as people to fool ourselves and “cop-out” about certain responsibilities about our lives not just talking about our walk with the Lord but our duty as Americans, as blessed men and women, in one of the most blessed countries on earth. Those of you who like to “cop-out” are probably going to stop reading this article now because you don't want to hear the message the Lord has put in my heart to share, but remember that I wont answer for your “cop-out”, you will, on your knees before the Lord. And those of you who call yourselves “Christians” just remember there is more than just calling yourself a child of God. I can call myself the worlds fastest marathon runner all day long, but unless I get out there and prove it, it means nothing!

So lets start with one of those comments up there “I don't always need to read the Bible, its just a book written by men”. I post this thought first because understand the Bible is the living word of God! You can't read the Bible and say, hmm... I like this chapter, this verse, and this meaning, the rest I wont believe because they don't make my life convenient. The Bible is not about you, it is about the Lord who created the heavens and the earth providing you with a road map for life. I can provide hundreds of sentences that reminds us that the Word of God is true and that the Bible has not been written of man but of God, but here are just a few:

5 “Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. 6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. (Proverbs Chapter 30 Verse 5-6 NIV)

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews Chapter 4 verse 12)

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. (2 Timothy Chapter 2 Verse 15-16)

Three verses above to help you understand a few things. First and most important, the word of God is true, it is eternal, and it demonstrates his power and love. Second those who say the Bible is written by men, that is like saying the moon rotates around the earth, this is obvious, it is not denied in the Bible, men wrote the Bible as they where provided with the words to write from God! **16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness (2 Timothy Chapter 3 verse 16) – 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter Chapter 1 verse 21)** The simple fact is the Bible is true, eternal, powerful, loving, and from God! Third, cop-outs can always say they don't have to always read the Bible, but remember how I am the worlds fastest marathon runner? Well if I don't go out and practice everyday, if I don't fail and get back up, if I don't work hard at it, I will never be what I say I am! Remember that the “word” of God the Bible is your “Daily bread”. Remember how Jesus told us to pray? 9 **“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation,[a] but deliver us from the evil one.[b]”** (Matthew Chapter 6 verse 9-13) Do you think the Lord was talking about “bread”? Like peanut butter and jelly sandwich bread? Surely you don't think the Lord your God told you to ask for bread everyday for your stomach, He already provides that, you are asking for your

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“daily bread” the bread being your filling for your soul! How can you get the “bread” as you pray? Read and study the Word of God and praise his name! Study and try to learn about your savior and glorify his name for allowing you to study and read!!

So now I think we have that straight, the word of God is the word of God, the Bible, written by men by the words they received from God, it is true, it is unbending, and eternal. It is a road map and an answer to all of life's questions. So what about talking to people about God? God has provided us all with “talents” that we are use to glorify and worship His name. We all have things the Lord has blessed us with so that we may further the message of the salvation of Jesus Christ, now think for a second, if God has blessed you with a “talent” and you use it for everything but glorifying his name, what do you think will happen on judgment day? Lets see what Jesus says about this very thing... and yes you are about to read 15 verses of the Gospel of Matthew!!

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

I don't think I really need to explain that any more than Jesus did, but unless its not clear, those who don't use the gifts to serve the Lord and win souls with the talents he has blessed them, you will answer on judgment day. Now as far as talking to people about God, if you are a born-again Christian you have testimony! You have a story of the person you where before God and the person God has transformed you into! If you are not sharing the story you are not glorifying God! Remember to always be weary: 32 **“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.** (Matthew Chapter 10 verse 32-33 NIV). Don't “cop-out” and say it isn't your calling to share your testimony, all who are born again in the Lord have a testimony to share! Share it! Praise the Lord by saying “wow, this is who I was, praise the Lord this is who I am now!”.

The last cop-out is “I don't need to go to church, I can praise the Lord from home, besides church is full of a bunch of hypocrites” your right! We are “hypocrites” because we sin and try not to sin and tell others not to

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sin, however we know that we are not free from sin. Even after we are born again we will fall, we will fail, but because of our faith and belief in the Son of God Jesus Christ we are saved! Always remember: 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John Chapter 3 verse 16 NIV). Now as far as going to church please remember that the devil tries to destroy you ever minute of everyday, He truly wants to keep you from church...why? Because by Sunday your spirit is running on empty because you aren't truly studying the Bible, you aren't truly praying, you are expecting God just to protect you and give you everything! God provides your church family who are going through the same thing you are so that you may fellowship and grow stronger together by understanding our failings and how the Lord has helped you over come them!

In the end I know this message is going to fall on some hardens hearts and some deaf ears, friends don't fool yourself, quit letting your self cop-out about these things and take responsibility for the "talent" and the things the Lord ask and commands of you. You can't just believe that God exist or that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, even satan believes that...God bless you for reading through this sermon and may he touch your heart. May you repent for any short coming for we all have them! May he give you strength and understanding. Praise the Lord his will be done!!

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Life impacting scripture

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What evidence of our faith and our commitment to god do we have? People shouldn't be astounded when they find out you go to church and believe in Christ!

Matthew 3:10

New International Version (NIV)

10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Importance Of Scriptures

Scripture is our sword against evil , and the truth. When we are in difficult situations, we must know scripture to fight and defend with! Even Jesus used scripture to fight the devil!

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'[c]"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 5:3-16

Be humble, know that you can not achieve salvation on your own. We have salvation because of Jesus! We don't deserve what God gives but he still gives!

He said:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Know that your spirit is convicted and mourns when you do wrong. Ask for forgiveness and know that sin brings sorrow if you are a true follower of Christ.

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4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Submit yourself to God. Know you are strong but humble, and be controlled by God in thought, word, will, emotion, and action.

5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Seek after Jesus! Run after him and follow him. We Christians are supposed to be Christ like. Hunger for the truth and for all that is pure.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

We as Christians have a job, a duty, a command to fulfill. We have access to the one truth , life, light of the world! WHY would we hide that? We need to share Gods love with everyone!!!

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jesus tells us that our actions , thoughts, and our heart can all cause sin! Know that every thing you think, speak, do all results whether that be to bring up or to destroy is up to you!

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder,[a] and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister[b][c] will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,'[d] is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'[e] 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole

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body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Divorce

31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' [f] 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

I swear to..... Don't swear at all , Just say yes or no!

Oaths

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.[g]

Know that we are not to hurt people, nor do bad unto them. Forgive them! Pray for those who hurt you, for your enemies!

Eye for Eye

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' [h] 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. Love for Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor[i] and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Give to other and share what you have, but do the things you do for god, not for men! Do not pray to be seen or sing to be seen. And do not fast so that people have sympathy on you.

Matthew 6

Giving to the Needy

1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you

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need before you ask him.

9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us today our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Fasting

16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Don't worry about having every nice thing possible on this earth. We came into it with nothing and we can take nothing with us! Instead do work for the Lord so you can receive reward in heaven!

Treasures in Heaven

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,[c] your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy,[d] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Do .Not .Worry. Not about clothes, money, food, or other things.

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[e]?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Know that we shouldn't judge each other. How can we correct someone if we do the same thing?!

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Matthew 7

Judging Others

1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Do not share your passion and the truth with people who spit in your face, who are not willing to change, who do not want to change.

6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

What you ask for is what you will get. Ask for things with faith and the right motive.

Ask, Seek, Knock

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Be humble , trust in God and not in yourself. Be faith full in everything.

The Narrow and Wide Gates

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
True and False Prophets

Know that Satan has people out there giving false knowledge and leading people astray! "Be wise as a serpent and gentle as a lamb" Abe also be a true follower of Jesus, don't be a false disciple.

15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

True and False Disciples

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

The Wise and Foolish Builders

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of

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mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 9:10-13

King James Version (KJV)

Its not the healthy that need a doctor. Nor is it the righteous, faithful or pure (aka none of us) that need Jesus.

11And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

According to your faith will God do his works among you and for you. If you have true faith, you can be healed, be happy, be strong, and can do plenty of miraculous works!

Matthew 9:27-29

New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

“Yes, Lord,” they replied.

29 Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”;

There are so many people we can help as Christians. Remember don't be selfish share the gospel, truth, and our savior Jesus Christ with others!

Matthew 9:37-38

New International Version (NIV)

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Life Impacting Psalms

Psalm 23

Psalm 35

Psalm 37

Testimony

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Would you like to share your testimony with the readers of The Good News of My Emanuel? Don't worry! You stay anonymous if you prefer! Please contact us directly at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com if you are pressed by the Lord to share your testimony! May God give you the courage to testify how His grace has saved you or how he has answered your prayers! Amen.

This week I wanted to share a personal revelation and a testimony to glorify the name of God! Just a few weeks ago I had been studying in the word in the morning before work, reading, working on the ministry web site, and walking with the Lord when I realized that I wasn't ready for work and I would never make it on time! "O ye of little faith", the Lord must have been looking down at me thinking "I created everything and you don't think I can help you get to work on time?" Father forgive me for my lack of faith and not always remembering that you control all things!

So I sped through my shower, got dressed as quickly as possible and tore out the door! Now normally it takes me about 35-45 minutes to get to work, I had to be there at 11:15, I prayed "Lord just help me get there **on time**". After driving at my normal pace and refusing to look at the clock in the car or my watch I just drove to work praising and singing to the Lord. Time and time again a voice in my head said "you better look at the clock and see what time it is, you may need to speed up". I concentrated on not looking at the clock and having faith in the Lord. Eventually I got to work expecting to be late I looked down at my clock, am I late??

Guess what time I got to work? **On time!** I was in the parking lot at 11:15! I laugh about it now and remember next time I am running late I will pray to be early!! Praise you Father in heaven for you truly have power over all things! You are the most high king and you can answer any prayer! Never forget the Lord is in control of all things, and also remember:

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew Chapter 7 verse 7-8 NIV) Remember this when you pray, God doesn't say "ask and I will give you more than you ever asked for and more than you ever needed or wanted", God says "ask and you shall receive!". Ask for what you need and need what you ask for!! Know the Lord will answer that prayer, it may take an hour, it may take a lifetime but the Lord will answer your prayer and give you what you ask for! If it is truthful and you don't seek sinful things!

God Bless all and thank you Lord for letting me share this testimony!

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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.

Please keep our brother in Christ Bob in your prayers that the Lord's will be done in his life and that God would protect this loving servant of his for over 50 years. God be with Him and us his family as he fights to spend a few more moments here with those who love him!

Please keep My Emanuel in your prayers and may we continue to do the Lord's work and be a shining light as an example of his love and his power.

Praise the Lord! Sister Gayle has been healed again by the Lord! For those of you who don't know Gayle has went through brain surgery to remove tumors (the doctors said she would never make it) and just had another successful operation to remove tumors from her spine! We glorify your name Father for those who say “its impossible” to you Father nothing is impossible! Praise your name and continue to be with her!

Praise the Lord for allowing My Emanuel to touch “at least one”! Thank you heavenly father for allowing this ministry to provide for anyone who will read and listen! Praise you Father for saving a daughter of yours and showing her your power and love!

We give praise to God because he is great and powerful and doesn't need even one of us, yet he provides and answers our prayers when we call on his name! Praise you Lord!!

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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Are you a leader or member of a God fearing ministry that puts the Lord Jesus Christ first in all they do? Do you have a website or blog that you post Christian messages or provide any type of ministry? Contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com to request that we add you to our bi-weekly newsletter.

<http://www.jesus-loves-you.org> - This organization has been blessed with a great on-line website with great stories videos and all kinds of different things to glorify the Lord and remind us all that the Lord is still very much in control and his power is unmatched! Glory to you Father for reminding us you are in control and in power!

Some ministries we have mentioned before but is always good to check out:

<http://www.godtube.com> – A YouTube for Christian videos! Music, inspirational videos, comedy, messages, and so much more! A great tool to have fellowship everyday at home and work with the Lord!

<Http://www.godvine.com> – A collection of videos and stories that inspire and show again and again the Lord is God and he is in control of all things!

New Music

We are- Kari Jobe
Love come to life-Big daddy weave
Let it rise- Big daddy weave
One foot- Building 429

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