

The Good news of My Emanuel

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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)

The world is in need...

The Good Lord provides! Praise the Lord for truly He is worthy of it! Over the past two weeks since our last edition we have had huge blessings and help with both of our main projects; Project: Keep warm with Jesus and Project: Share the good word – both of these projects are our community outreach programs to provide clothes, blankets, hats, and anything we can to keep people warm through the winter weather and also our mission to spread the good news of the salvation of Jesus Christ by giving out Bibles to all those without. Over the past two weeks we have had huge donations of Bibles, a donation of \$300 to fund a project to buy propane tank refills for our brothers and sisters at the tent city in Dalton, Georgia and a \$50 donation to provide for special needs at the tent city as well! Today we are thankful for the help and we praise the Lord because nothing is above His control or out of His reach!

To find out more about projects you can visit us at www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html or follow us at www.myemanuel.com/blog to see how we are using donations and what we are currently in need of to continue to do the Lord's work! Any help is greatly appreciated and we would love to have your prayers and words of encouragement as we continue to do whatever we can to spread the love of Jesus Christ and remind the world that while we can never repay the gift we have been given we can honor the Lord with our lives and show the least of His kingdom His great love! 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.

Get involved!

Become a warrior for the Lord by joining the My Emanuel prayer team! Simply "like" the My Emanuel Prayer team page on Facebook and remember those lifted up in your prayers everyday! Post any prayer request that are on your heart and truly believe that the Lord is true and powerful and He will answer all our prayers!

[Http://www.facebook.com/myemanuelprayerteam](http://www.facebook.com/myemanuelprayerteam)

Remember to check out www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html for more information!

28"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew Chapter 11 verse 28-30 NIV)

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Weekly Sermon

Daniel Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

My Weapon

I have a weapon, it does not grow old, it does not fade, it does not rust, it is always as sharp as the most finely sharpened sword, it is faster than the fastest bullet, it is stronger than the strongest defense, my weapon is true, it is eternal, it is prayer. Prayer is my weapon. The coward throws temptation in my path and tries to crush me by attacking me from home, from work, by friends, by family, and the coward tries to destroy me so that I cannot serve the Lord, all it takes is one prayer and the Lord gives me victory! The Lord is true, He is holy, He is wonderful, He tells me: **7“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew Chapter 7 verse 7-8 NIV) – Truly the Lord does provide!**

Tonight I come before you and I tell you as Christians we forget that the most powerful force we have is prayer, God listens to those who serve Him, the Lord hears the cries of His people and He will provide for all of your needs if only you would serve Him! The devil the coward he is tries to tempt me when I am weak, I laugh in his face as I pray to the Lord and the coward is forced into retreat. God is so powerful that when I pray to Him He allows me to overcome any obstacle and prevents me from failing even know my flesh is weak and wants to give in! **13No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. (1 Corinthians Chapter 10 verse 13 NIV)**

God is good, truly He will not allow you to be overcome with temptation by force, He will allow you to face trials and tribulations, He will allow you to face temptation, He will push you to your limits so that you grow and trust Him more! If you call on His name in the storm, and stick strong to your walk with Him even when your world is falling apart He is faithful and loving, He will give you strength to push through! If truly you call on the name of the Lord you will be saved and regardless of if you die trying to live a life to honor the Lord you will be richly rewarded in the next life! Our war is life, our weapon is prayer, our strong tower is the Lord Jesus Christ: **3For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. (Psalm Chapter 61 verse 3 NIV)**

Truly we are at war, you must remember this daily, sharpen your weapon! Test your weapon! Practice, practice, practice! Practice makes perfect! If you pray with the Lord daily and spend time with Him, alone, locked in your prayer chamber when things are good, you will rely on Him when things are bad! Get to know the Lord! Pray for understanding, pray for strength, pray for whatever you need for truly the Lord is good! He will give you what you seek and provide what you need! Never forget that just like with physical weapons if you don't use them for awhile or you don't practice with them when you truly need them you will freeze up or your equipment will fail! If you don't beat down your flesh daily through prayer and fasting you will fail in your time of temptation and hardship! Train your spirit and your flesh to obey your spirit and more importantly rely on the advocate which is the Holy Spirit. **24Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. (1 Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 24-27 NIV)**

Friend you are weak, I am weak, we are all weak. God is strong, He is not as we are, He does not grow tired, He will not fail, He will not falter, He will not be defeated, in prayer you pray to the King of Kings, the Most High, the undefeated champion of eternity, sharpen your weapon friend! Sharpen your weapon through prayer, through study! Study the Bible! Pray for understanding of His word! The Lord is wonderful! He will provide for you more than you could ever understand if you would only give Him the chance and have faith He will provide! Turn to the Lord with all your heart and strength and soul! Praise Him daily, Praise Him when times are good, praise Him more when times are bad! For truly the prize is won! The war is won! Just fight the battles, He will lead you, protect you, and deliver the victory if you only trust Him and pray!! Amen.

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Life impacting scripture

Timothy Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

John 1:1-5 KJV

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2The same was in the beginning with God.

3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4In him was life; and the life was the light of men.5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:14 KJV

14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 15:1-17 KJV

1I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

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16Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Brothers and sisters, I show you these scriptures for even more proof against evil and against ignorance. **No one** will be able to plead *ignorance* on judgment day, because we have the Truth!

Jesus was the word. Then the word became flesh. Stop. Think about that. THE WORD was God, and became flesh. Still think the Bible isn't important?

Next the scripture says that God made ALL things, not some, not most but all things. Nothing was made without God. Then we are told that in God is life and light, and that darkness didn't understand the light. Have you ever tried to tell someone that cussing, or gossip or drinking until drunk bothers you and they didn't understand? They call you names, wussy... or harsher things, they tell you your just a goody goody? This is because they truly don't understand. If your in the darkness you cannot comprehend light!

Then Jesus tells us WE CANNOT make it on our own! We cannot bear fruit without Jesus! If we do not abide in Jesus what good will we be? We will be cast into the fire where useless vines and limbs go.

Next we are told that if Jesus' word abides in us and we abide in him what we ask shall be done.

Do you think that his Word is important now? Many people say that its not ' Religion or its not just reading a book...its a relationship..." This is an excuse!!! I repeat **THIS IS AN EXCUSE!!!**

Part of our relationship with God is the WORD. If we didn't have the word we wouldn't even know of Jesus! You CAN NOT partake of the blood of Jesus and be saved but throw out the rest of the word because you despise it! Jesus did not die on the cross so that we could sin! WE DIDNT JUST GET A FREE PASS! Jesus died for us because none is righteous and if not for his blood none could make it to heaven! There is a difference between willful sin and trying not too, being tempted and falling!

Do you think we are allowed to sin willfully, and indulge in our sins? Many times people in the bible did this and were DESTROYED. Not just slapped on the wrist and told well its all good...

Sodom and Gomorrah for example. Ever heard of them? The Bible also tells us IF you sin willfully and you KNOW the TRUTH (a.k.a the WORD) no sacrifice remains for you!

Hebrews 10:26

King James Version (KJV)

26For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Then Jesus tells us if we follow his commandments we will abide in his love as he abides in his fathers love. Jesus then tells us that he spoke these things so that we could have joy and have it to the full!

Make no mistake you can still change. You still have time to ask for Jesus as your savior. Talk to God, pray to him as if he is actually there. He will not hide himself from you if you diligently seek him.

God is faithful, patient, and kind. He loves you, he sent his Son to die for you. He will wait but you do not always have tomorrow. Or ten years from now. Make your move, live for the Lord.

Please do not misunderstand, we are **not** better than you, we are not better than your friends, we are no better than anyone, if anything we are lower than all, but there are two kinds of people out there: sinners and **sinner saved by grace**.

Trust in Jesus our great deliverer, strong defender, blessed redeemer !

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Testimony

Daniel Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemaneul.com>

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!

Judgment

Just a few days ago my son was supposed to be taking a nap so I was sitting on the couch with my tablet reading the Book of Daniel and truly trying to understand the order to events and the different kingdoms Daniel sees in his vision concerning the end of days and the rise and fall of kingdoms that will occur before the rise of the coward anti-christ. As I was searching for any information I could find about the chapter I was reading I found a document that contained allot of useful information, as I was reading the information I closed my eyes just for a few minutes and for whatever reason truly thought about when I bow before the Lord on judgment day...

I balled my eyes out. I cried because for the first time in my life I was truly in fear of God. We are supposed to revere and fear the Lord and truly on that day a few days ago I have never thought of such fear, why? The Lord's judgment is final, either the Lord says "come here my good and faithful servant, for you are my son" and you spend forever and forever with the Lord with no more fear, pain, tears, hunger, etc. or the Lord says "away from me I never knew you" and you spend the rest of rest of time in the pits of hell in agony begging the Lord to save you but He will not because you had been given your chance...

Friend are you ready to bow before the Lord? Are you sure that you are sure of your relationship with Him? Do you serve Him? Do you obey Him? Are you living your life as He commanded you to? Will the Lord call your friend? Or will He tell you that He never knew you? Friend its time to search your soul because the Lord does. God knows your every thought, your every desire, your every wish, your every action, He sees everything you have ever and you will ever do.... time to repent totally and be fully dedicated to the Lord in all you do. Trust in the Lord and He will lead you with strong hands. Remember you will be judged. I will be judged. It doesn't matter what you believe, God is real, there is an end just like there is a begging, God will judge you for your life you have lived and if you haven't had a relationship with Jesus Christ Son of God you will have no chance standing before the Lord.

Are you ready for judgment?

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Outreach

Timothy & Daniel Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>



Hope Center – Carrollton Georgia

Glory and praise to God. Able to donate several bags of clothes: shirts, socks, shorts, jeans, boxers and a box full of clothes, and a few other odds and ends to HOPE center located at 415 Newnan Road in Carrollton, GA. Plenty of useful and nice stuff! We are blessed so that we can be a blessing!

Tent City – Dalton Georgia

Praise the Lord!! Truly the Lord is worthy of all praise and worship, He is mighty, loving, and provides for all those who seek Him and call on His wonderful name! This week with the assistance of our brothers and sisters at Grove Level Baptist Church in Dalton Georgia we have been able to provide 25 \$12 propane refill vouchers to those without at Tent City in Dalton! This donation will keep them warm and provide cooking heat for them well into summer! Praise the Lord for this donation and just in time, today the temperature is so cold it cuts you like a knife!

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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 be in prayer for the child of a friend of My Emanuel who is going in to have surgery. May the Lord heal this child and his mother, Lord may you make them both whole and may they grow through this experience. Please be with the doctors and touch them to do well during this needed surgery.

Tonight we ask that you would be in prayer for those we are currently blessed to be ministering to, may the Lord provide for our brothers and sisters in need through us and for His glory. May the Lord continue to increase our ability to provide for any needs for His glory and for the least of those of His wonderful kingdom.

Please be in prayer for Ryan that the Lord would heal his body and make him whole again. May the Lord touch his body and remove the terrible things associated with his diabetes. The Lord is the ultimate healer and we know Lord you can heal this man.

Please be in prayer for those without homes as the weather continues to get colder, may the Lord provide a warm place to sleep, warm clothes to wear, a fire, or anything to keep these brothers and sisters warm. For your glory Father keep them warm and touch their hearts that they may know you.

Please be in prayer for the churches that we are currently associated with that they may see the powerful works the Lord is doing through My Emanuel and remind them of their responsibility to all those of the kingdom of God.

Please be in prayer for all those in need around the world and that God would watch over Israel and protect His people.

May the Lord be with your prayers and lift them up, may He hear and remember you and your needs.

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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.

Music:

You Lead – Jamie Grace

Gods not dead- Newsboys

Our Gods alive- Andy Cherry

Books:

The Fasting edge- Jentezen Franklin

Interesting Websites:

Rapture watch- News Website: <http://www.rapturewatch.net/>

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