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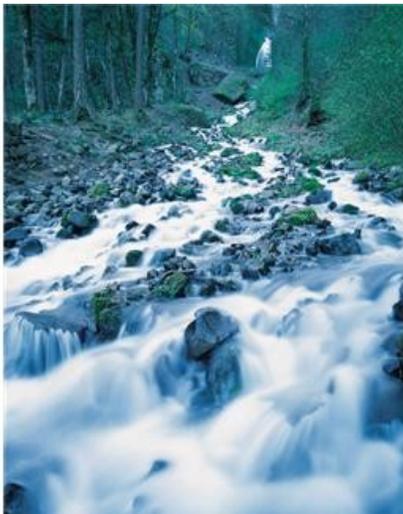
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19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of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

Don't worry... Trust in Christ!

In the worries of life its often easy to get consumed with the burdens of bills, the stress of work, the exhaustion of life and to forget the many wonderful blessings that our Father has poured out upon us! As born again children of God we have the most wonderful guarantee: eternal life. What can anyone do to take it away from us? They cannot. God has guaranteed all that have faith in Christ and accept Him as Lord and Savior, who repent of their sins, and trust in the Lord will be set free! That freedom doesn't have to begin when the Lord call us home! Shake off the burdens of this life and remember that if you know and trust Jesus that nothing else could ever be more important! Perhaps one of my favorite examples of this the story of Martha and Mary: **41**And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **42**But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke Chapter 10 verse 41-42 KJV) – know this truth, nothing is more important than your relationship with God, **NOTHING**, know that God is in control and desires deeply to pour out wonderful blessings, if you would only be faithful and trust in Him you will receive them! 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 – 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!!

17But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. **18**Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. **19**What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20**For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians Chapter 6 verse 17-20 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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In Gods Hands

In today's world there's always stress, unforeseen events, accidents, time delays, traffic, headaches, worries, bills, conflicts with people and our coworkers, arguments at home, disagreements with friends and family, offensive situations, and just some plain bad days. A lot of the time, however, we think that our problems are huge! We have everything going wrong at once, nothings going right! "My car broke down! I've got a blown head gasket" or " My family wont quit arguing and its driving me nuts!". Others would say "My kids wont listen and I cant do anything right!" or " This is all hopeless, everything goes right for everyone except for me!"

My friends, I tell you there is hope and there is a Light. In this life there is a lesson we must learn or be constantly reminded. This flesh will fail. Your friends will fail you, your siblings and parents will fail you. Your spouse will hurt and offend you. No flesh will ever be perfect and will not fulfill what you need. No human can lead you, give you peace of your worries, and fix your problems. Only God can do that! In our world we learn to stand on our own two feet. When you are knocked to your knees remember to stay there!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV 17 Pray without ceasing.

In life we think we understand things, know others thoughts and hearts, that we know the whole picture and can tell everyone's intentions. We even think we know Gods thoughts and we try to lean on our own understanding. In my own experience neither of these ever work.

Isaiah 55:8 KJV

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Remember last time you did it your way? How did that work out? Last time you said whatever you felt like or did what ever you wanted? Did you learn a lesson or will you have to be shown it again? God wants to be your refuge and your strong tower! He wants to be your place of solace and peace. When you have a problem take it to the Almighty God! He who made the heavens, the sun and the stars, the earth and all her glory. Every human, and even knows every grain of sand and knows the names of all the stars. Do you really think your problem is bigger then **GOD**? So next time? Instead of worrying about anything. Know that God has this and is ready to make everything work for your good!

Philippians 4:6 KJV

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Romans 8:28 KJV

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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Life impacting scripture

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13There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians Chapter 10 verse 13 KJV)

My brother Timothy and I had a disagreement as brothers and brothers in Christ sometimes do about the saying that “God will never put on you more than you can bear” and in his support for this doctrine and teaching he used the above scripture as an example. I love my brother dearly and I know that God has revealed many things to him and yet even after our conversation we disagree! Its OK to disagree but one of us are wrong... does God put more on us than we can bear alone? Does God send us through pain and suffering that alone we cannot bear or understand? Does God allow us to face the fire and if we decide to try and do so alone, let us fail? Does God let us fail even when we depend on Him? I think and truly believe the answer to those questions are... YES.

If we never had more on us than we could bear, if we never had more than we could solve on our own, if we never had more pressure than we knew what to do with... why would we need the strength of the Almighty God? Why would we turn in our time of desperation to the only hands and shoulders that can fix and handle any burden? The flesh likes to do what is easy, not what is just and thus sometimes God does allow us to bear more than we could bear alone... so we would turn to Him! So we would trust in Him! That we would learn even know this life will try and crush us we will always find this truth: **8We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed (2 Corinthians Chapter 4 verse 8-9 KJV)** – God will put more in our way than we can handle alone so that our faith is refined and we can remember that truth, if we are faithful and trust in the Lord we will never be in true distress, we will never be in true despair, He will never forsake us or allow for us to spiritually destroyed, IF WE TRUST IN HIM! We also must never forget God's will is not our will! His ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts! If we depend on Him but we are fighting His will then its only natural we would fail even if we depend on Him for something that is not His desire for us!

Know that if you don't trust the Lord and you try and do it all on your own.. you will fail. God does put things in our lives that are to difficult for us to surpass, He does put things in our paths that we can't handle alone, He does put more on us than we can bear so that we will turn to Him! So that we will trust in Him! So that we will be faithful of HIS ability and learn not to trust in our own! Know this God does not put more on us than HE can bear, the Holy Spirit dwells with-in every believer so everyone who trust in God and is faithful will never find a situation they cannot bear nor surpass IF WE ARE FAITHFUL!! But we will be knocked to our knees... we will be pressured on all sides, we will be cast down, we will be persecuted, we will NEED HIM! Get through all the distorted and twisted doctrine out there and realize that if you trust in Christ and take it to the Lord in prayer that you will never have to know if you can bear it alone... because He will be with you! Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for He is faithful and will give you the strength and wisdom. He alone is worthy and strong, He alone can give you the strength to make it through!

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Testimony

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

In the fire

Perhaps one of the most amazing moments in the Bible is in the book of Daniel when the prophets Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are put in the blazing furnace at the king's command because they refused to bow down and worship an idol... as the account goes the men were in the blazing hot furnace that had already killed men because it was so hot, and yet? They didn't die... as the story goes the king saw them along with 1 other person in the fire, as they didn't burn the king commanded them to come out of the fire and all the kingdom was ordered to glory the "God" of Daniel! God walks through the fire with us! How amazing to know this is true and not only to know it's true but to walk through the fire and to be able to feel the presence of the Almighty God who created the universe there with you through the fire!

First the "fire" is life and the trials and tribulations of this short life we go through each day, I desperately believe that we go through the fire of life to make us stronger, and the word says that we go through our experiences that we may be "refined" by the fire. **7That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. (1 Peter Chapter 1 verse 7-8 KJV)** – I personally believe that not only do we go through the fire that our faith may be refined but also that we may SHARE that testimony when our brothers and sisters are hurting the most. Has God delivered you from a wonderful, terrible, awful situation? Has God healed your marriage or a relationship? Has God given you the strength to overcome an addiction or a sinful habit? Give Him glory and honor among your brothers! Praise His holy name and when you see them going through the same thing... SHARE IT! Testimony, we all have it and yet many of us don't share it, we take credit for God's work and blessing, or we refuse to admit it...

God has saved me from many an awful terrible reality... God's power is the only reason I am writing this to you tonight. Today I was blessed by God to share my testimony with a brother as you will read in the "community outreach" and this testimony God used to convict a brother further and to heal his heart! God will use the believers for His glory but also so that those who are suffering may be able to see the light and know that the experiences of someone else can be exactly what they went through, that they made it through it, that God deliver upon His word and that God is faithful even through the fire! Share your testimony with all who will hear it for the glory of the Almighty God! For He is worthy of all praise, honor, trust, and love!

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Outreach

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Thank you

Today I had the pleasure of spending time with people very near and dear to my heart and after what happened today I understand it was not by accident. I have come to understand that it is true that we are ambassadors of Christ where ever we go and regardless of who we are around. Today I spent time with a brother who was in desperate need of discernment and also of a open ear to listen and a heart that genuinely cared. I was blessed today to be the hands and feet of my savior who gave His life for me, and in that gift I continually want to share it with my brothers, today my brother told me “thank you so much for talking to me, I really needed this”. I am reminded of two truths: nothing happens by “accident” and the scripture and examples of how God has been true to His word provide more inspiration that we can ever imagine.

Sharing your testimony with people doesn't have to be just about when you got saved, or before you got saved, sharing testimony can be even about what God is currently doing in your life, in your marriage, your friendships, or whatever God may lead you to share. Today I saw a brother in desperate pain who was going through the exact set of circumstances that I was in just a few short months ago... God brought me through the fire, stronger, better, more faithful. It was by God's strength and the love of Christ that I was today able to share with my brother not only how God saved and changed my life and my marriage but also how Christ saved my wife and how God was able to take control of my life. To use me as an example and to allow His light to shine through me. Sharing what seemed so obvious to me seemed that God had lifted a huge burden off this brother and had given Him what he so desperately needed.

I want to share what I shared with him because I think everyone of us can remember this truth, every unbeliever is watching, everyone is waiting for us to stumble and fall, which have no doubt we will. We are far from perfect but with these truths I think it can make a huge impact on your walk with the Lord. Pray every single day, regardless of it is for 5 minutes even if you are angry and hurt at the Lord, pray. Pour your heart out to God because He gave us a powerful gift, He hears our cries! He hears our prayers and will heal us and provide for our every need! Read the Bible, study it! Everyday if you can! Don't you want to eat everyday? Your Spirit is fed by the Holy Spirit by the grace and power of God and He can teach you and give you wonderful advice and guidance if you would only read and study in the Word! Keep your surroundings clean! Keep your home neat and tidy because it is true that whatever you surround yourself with is what you eventually feel like and may eventually become. If you are constantly in darkness and untidiness it may effect you deeply and negatively. Never go to bed angry, the scripture says “let not the sun set on your wrath” because going to bed angry is never good. Work it out! Last but not least, love your wife, your children, your parents, love everyone with all your heart and love them as you love Christ and yourself! Have you heard these things before? Yes you have if you have ever read the Bible... these aren't Daniel Higginbotham's words... these are the wonderful, eternal, powerful words of God Almighty!

Today I am humbled by a brothers thanks and that God would again use me for His glory!

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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 our brother in Christ Jason and our sister in Christ Kim that God would touch this marriage, that He would totally heal them and bring them closer to each other and closer to Him. Lord may you convict this marriage and reveal your glory and love to this brother and sister and may they know you are Lord.

Please be in prayer for our sister Deborah that God may touch her heart and give her the strength to forgive and forget. Lord may you heal this sister's heart and totally allow her to know you as Lord and savior.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Chelsea that God would continue to touch and heal her heart. God may you convict this sister and let her know of the truth of your word, may she seek to know and serve you more and may you deal with her physical situations that she may feel the love you have for her.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Timothy that God would continue to use this brother in a strong and mighty way! God may you continue to be with this brother and pour out love and grace upon Him. Holy Spirit may you come over this brother and heal and strengthen His conviction for your glory!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek and His wife Kristen that God would totally heal them both and would do a miracle in their lives for Your glory God may you touch them and may they feel the power of the Everlasting Spirit of Truth and Wisdom!

Please in continued prayer for our brothers Christian, Brian, and Alex that God would do amazing works to remind these brothers they are not their failures, that God can and will forgive them if they would only call on Him and trust in Him! God may you be with these brothers and heal them, save the marriages and touch their hearts as only you can!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Chip that God would continue to convict and use this brother, Father may He serve your glory and give you the honor and praise!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Charlie and Richard and all the pastors and leaders of the church that God would continue to convict and use these brothers for His honor and glory. Holy Spirit may you come on these brothers strongly and use them boldly and fearlessly for your kingdom!

Please be in prayer for My Emanuel that God would continue to bless us with the opportunity and means to do what He has blessed us to do! Lord may you provide as only you can! We trust in you my Lord!

Please be in prayer for all the heathen around the world that God would touch their unbelieving hearts and bridge the painful gaps in their hearts. God may you destroy the false religions of the world that brothers and sisters may turn to the way, the truth, and the life that is Jesus the Christ your Son and the only way to eternal life!

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