

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)

Rise again and again!

Brothers and sisters are you ready? The Lord is screaming for your attention and begging you to wake up and give Him the focus He deserves. The Lord should truly be your only priority and never less than your first priority! God is great and blesses us all in abundance, the bottom line is that every single blessing you have in your life comes from Him and therefore belongs to Him first! God is great and worthy of all our praise, worship, and focus! Please don't be led astray by thinking you have forever because you don't, the truth is much scarier than that and for those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ I beg you to take a few minutes and check out www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html and www.myemanuel.com/raptureroom.html to see just why it is so important that you give God your undivided attention! Please don't wait or hesitate, the time is here, the kingdom of Heaven draws near, are you ready to meet your maker?

Thank you for your continued support and prayer and we hope that you will continue to stand strong with us as we face continued assaults by the coward and the father of lies, may you stand strong in prayer and have the courage to face down those who wish to destroy you having faith that God will protect us and His will, will be done!



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)

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8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9** Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **10** But 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. **11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter Chapter 5 verse 8-11 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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

Faith AND works!

As Christians we can do plentiful things as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of us have speaking ability and can spread the Gospel. Others are a little nervous and can talk about their faith with smaller groups of friends. Some volunteer at shelters, or help to hand out food at their church. Or collect clothes for people in need, or help provide the Bible to others. A few are preachers or evangelists. Some go on mission trips to other countries, some make websites and hey some even make newsletters. We all do a little to help out in the Kingdom. But what about us that waste time, and don't do things of much value? We spend all day on the computer, or with friends, or on facebook. We all are guilty of it but we need to fix it!

James 2:14-26 (KJV)

14What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

So if my brother is naked, and I say be warm brother but don't give him clothes that I have to share will he be warm? No. If my sister is hungry and I say be filled but don't share what food I may have will she be filled? No. And more importantly we are told that even the demons and devils "have faith and believe" that God is real. Remember we are not here to "just get ours" and if we ARE here for that we WILL "just get ours" or better known as Hell. Do you not know we are SERVANTS? Jesus tells us how the faith full servants that worked and their fellow slothful servant were repaid.

Matthew 25:14-46 (KJV)

14For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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22He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

But I don't have any extra time!! Or I don't want to push the Gospel on anyone...if they ask for help Ill give it... To both of these answers I say examine your priorities and quit making excuses. When you stand before God's throne will you have any excuses then?

Well I can always do something tomorrow, next week, next month, or when I get out of school...

To this I say you know not what will happen in 15 minutes or an hour , much less months or years!!

James 4:13-17 (KJV)

13Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

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15For that ye ought to say, **If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

16But now ye rejoice in your boastings: **all such rejoicing is evil.**

17Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

And remember the Lord doesn't tell everyone to open up a billion dollar church or ministry! Something as simple as doing some work for your local shelter, or talking to and giving some food to a homeless person. Or go talk to a person in prison and give them some hope! Everybody makes mistakes but society doesn't condemn us for small ones. Don't you know if God wasn't merciful we would all be getting what we deserve? Or go talk to a sick person, you might be the one person they need to survive.

Aren't we commanded to love ALL OUR NEIGHBORS as our-self?

Matthew 22:36-39 (KJV)

36Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38This is the first and great commandment.

39And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

We are to love each other as we would ourselves and we also love God so we do as he commands us.

Just remember submit yourselves to God and know Rome was not built in a day. Continue to TRY to be better and DO better.

Life impacting scripture

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11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11-13 KJV)

Take heart! Rejoice! For truly the Lord of Lords, the King of kings, the one true God our Lord and savior has a greater love for you than any person could ever fathom! God's love is beyond understanding, it is stronger and eternal, it cannot be explained and is symbolized the crucifixion of our savior Jesus Christ. This verse in Jeremiah reminds us of the great love the Lord has for us and the thoughts of peace He has for us and He tells us plainly, "when ye shall search for me with ALL your heart, you will find me!" Today I ask: are you searching for the Lord with all your heart?

Remember that as we pray and cry out to the Lord not only does God hear our prayers but He knows the reason for our prayer, He knows the desire for the prayer, and regardless of what we try to hide or convince ourselves that we can fool God He understands every word we speak, every thought we think, and there is no hiding the truth from Him, knowing this when we cry out to the Lord we must cry out with the intentions to glorify His name and to strengthen our relationship with Him! God is our Father and our relationship is like one between daddy and child, always the Lord will protect us, He already gave His life for us, He hears our cries and wants to give us good things, but also we must be obedient and love Him with all we say and do. Imagine is it easier to ask someone for something when you know truly you have done everything you can to earn it or is it easier when you know you've done nothing to deserve it? We can never earn the great grace and freedom we have been given through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ but if we are living a life to serve the Lord we can feel assured that God knows both our works and our faith!

The point of this weeks life impacting scripture is to remind you that not only does God have the best things in-store for you but He also wants you to seek Him out! Be faithful and persistent, know that the Lord hears your prayers and wants you to demonstrate love even in the storm. He wants you to love Him regardless of the things happening in your life and it is only when we turn to God with all our heart, soul, and mind can we truly understand His power and what He has to offer us which is everything. Good is everything great and wonderful, He is unending joy and eternal love, how wonderful is it knowing we serve a God that loves us no matter what but that we can draw closer and closer to! I pray that you would remember that God wants only the best for you but we aren't promised we wont walk through the valley, we are only promised God will be there through that valley. Remember: Tho I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall not fear for your rod and your staff shall comfort me! Amen!!

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Testimony

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

No thanks, I'll go left

This morning I went for a walk to pray and to be alone with the Lord and as I left my driveway in the subdivision where I live I felt like the Lord told me to turn right and walk further into my subdivision, knowing that there are houses and people to the right and wanting to be with the Lord alone I decided at first to go left... after about 15 feet I decided to try and be obedient and turned around, turning left into a coldasac about 30 feet down the road I saw a clearing between two houses but saw people outside the houses. I felt called to walk into the clearing that would have taken me past the people and onto their property, I said to myself "no, I'll just turn around and find another way".

After turning back around and exiting my subdivision I was on the main road leading out of the area where my home is, turning to the right I saw the clearing just past some old woods and very thick brush and briers. Being truly afraid of snakes and the sort I was afraid I would come across a coral snake or something as I walked through the woods still feeling led to walk to the clearing, after struggling with my fear I begin to walk through the woods, over trees, through briers, around the thick cluster of trees, vines, briers, all the time seeing snakes in my mind and praying out loud as I went. Eventually I made it through the thick briers, woods, and shrubs to the clearing, imagine my surprise when I looked to the right and I was about 20 feet behind the houses where the people once stood...

How many times in life does God give us a easy path to the place He wants us to be? How many times in life do we trust our own understanding or allow fear to drive us away from where the Lord wants us? The bottom line is the Lord lead me to where He wanted me and I suffered not because the Lord wanted me to suffer but because I was to afraid of what people might have thought as I walked by. I praise the Lord now for learning that important lesson and I challenge you to learn it now from my mistake, trust the Lord, truly He knows the way and will lead you the easiest most gentle way He can. Sometimes the hardest things in life we face are not because God wanted us to learn some great lesson but because we forgot to be faithful and listen to His command! Thank you Lord for allowing me to learn this lesson and I hope you will take heed to this advice and go right!

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Outreach

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Tent City – Dalton, Georgia

Oh how the Lord blesses us always! Over the past two to three weeks finances have limited what we are able to do at the tent city in Dalton and our other projects and schedules have put us out of touch with our brothers at the tent city in Dalton but as He always does the Lord has provided! I wanted to take a second and thank Grove Level Baptist Church in Dalton Georgia for helping keep those in need in the Lord's house on Sunday and a special thanks to brother Michael for his help in keeping brother Thomas and those in Dalton who desire to be close to the Lord around Him wherever possible!

Please keep My Emanuel in your prayers that God would continue to bless us that we may touch those in need and provide for them to glorify the name of the Lord! If you would like to know how you can help please visit www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html or www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html and God bless you for your prayers and any help you can offer! Amen!

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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 our brothers and sisters in Israel, may the Lord lift them up and protect them from all those who wish to destroy and harm them. May the world be reminded the Jews are the Lord's people above all other peoples. May God be with the church around the world and protect us from the enemy.

Please be in prayer for those who read this message, we are reminded each week of the great responsibility that we have undertaken by those who read the message the Lord has blessed us with eagerly. May the Lord lift you up reader and hear your plea and your cry.

Please be in prayer for My Emanuel, may the Lord continue to lead us with a strong hand, rebuking us and loving us that we may do His work and glorify His name in all that we do.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Bob as he continues to struggle with his health. May the Lord strengthen Bob and remind him that he has many hear that still need and love him. May the Lord's will be done in his life.

Please continue to be in prayer for our sister in Christ Kim as she continues to heal from her medical problems. May the Lord heal her and lift her up.

Please be in prayer for all those who are sick and in need of healing, Lord we know you are faithful and capable of healing all those in need! For your glory Lord may you heal and strengthen all those who call on your name!

Please be in prayer for the church around the world that the false gospel that is being preached would be struck down harshly by the Lord and that He would remind pastors and all those who claim to work for the Lord of their responsibility.

Please be in prayer that God would open the eyes and hearts of the billions who are not prepared or watching for His second coming.

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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.

Rapture/Tribulation websites:

Rapture Ready – www.raptureready.com

The Watchman's Cry – www.watchmanscry.com

The Extinction Protocol - <http://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/>

Music:

How He Loves Us- Me in Motion

Bring the rain- Mercy Me

You Are My King- Newsboys

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