

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)

Praise the Lord without ceasing!

Are you down? Has the devil got you thinking there is no way back up? Are you failing at everything? Are you tired, weak, and hurting? Are you broken? Do you wonder if anyone could ever love you? Do you keep thinking there is no way you can be forgiven? There is One who loves you so much that He gave His life up for you, He sacrificed everything through pain and torture, through ridicule and shame, so that you would never have to feel alone. He died nailed to a tree on Calvary, He was buried and on the third day He rose again! Jesus Christ is the Son of God, He is absolutely real, He has already done the hard part, suffering beyond imagination and today we are called to remind you that God will never leave you nor forsake you! He goes out before you to defend you as His beloved! Jesus Christ has gone to prepare a place for us, He will absolutely return for those who are hidden in Him! He is calling for you today, begging you to just give Him your attention, to let Him heal your heart, He jealously longs for you, after all He has given everything so that you would freely have all there ever really is to seek, eternal life free from death, pain, tears, and suffering! Will you turn to Jesus Christ today? Visit www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html and claim the free eternal salvation prepared for you! Then connect with us at www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect to ask questions, connect with other believers, and to praise the Lord for all He has done to save you! Rise reborn in Christ today friend for truly His yolk is easy and His burden is light! 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.

Connect with My Emanuel

We have truly been blessed in abundance with a vast array of ways to connect with us and the message God has blessed us to proclaim, please use any of the ways below to connect with My Emanuel and let us know if you are in need of anything!

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Blog – www.myemanuel.com/blog

Forum – www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect

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3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **4**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation Chapter 21 verse 1-4 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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The prodigal children

Did you know that God knows when we are going to fail? Its hard to imagine but we think life is so random and the truth is much harder to understand, God knew every single thing that would happen in the history of the universe before it ever happened. Once you begin to understand that God is a divine, eternally powerful, unstoppable, wise, loving, caring, jealous God its not hard to imagine that God has had a plan since the begging of time and has always had the best intentions for us, even when we fail and sin against Him! 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. (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11 KJV). God loves us as His children and He seeks a relationship with us, a relationship that last forever. God doesn't just want us to seek Him when things are hard but wants us to praise Him and thank Him when they are good, He wants us to seek Him when things are hard, and have faith that He will bring us through. Its truly sad to read throughout the Old Testament and to think of history, the times where empires have excelled and done great things have been on the heals of terrible tragedy at which they turned toward God, the same thing we are now seeing in America today.

The definition of prodigal means wastefully extravagant and the way we are as an American society and really all around the world in industrialized economies we are all prodigal children, over spending on clothes, food, cars, homes, and so many useless things that we build up here on earth and we forget that all the hard work we put it truly means nothing if we are forsaking our relationship with Christ. Who reading this can take that new car to the after life with them? That nice house you have, what good will it do you if you die on your way to work today? Those brand new clothes you just wasted all that money on, in a year when they don't fit anymore will they have been worth it? The answer is a resounding NO, nothing is worth the time and effort we put towards them except one... our relationship with Christ! Why is this relationship with one that is important regardless of what happens in this life? It is the only thing that will continue into the next! 16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John Chapter 3 verse 16-18 KJV) – John 3:16-18 is perhaps one of my most used set of scriptures in my messages and I use it again and again because it is so simple and straight to the point: believe that Jesus Christ is Son of God and because of that belief you will have a relationship with Him and realize that relationship is the only way to God the Father and eternal life, therefore you will have eternal life! Life after life! Life never ceasing or ending! An amazing, truly wonderful and blessed forever and ever with the master of the universe. Don't believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and you won't worry about a relationship with Him, you will live your life for yourself, selfish and trying to build for yourself on earth, you won't know that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life and you will be judged to an eternal hell fire of damnation. Forever you will burn in the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his followers, suffering and separated from God the Father in a place you can never be saved or taken away from...

There is great news for you reading this today, do you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior? Yes? Great! Obey Him and serve Him! 23Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (John Chapter 14 verse 23 KJV) – You don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior? Friend please understand that God loves you and wants you back, no matter how far you've slipped He can save you! Jesus Christ tells one of the most compassionate and powerful stories of the example of His love and the grace He gives us freely in the story of the "prodigal" son: **11And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. 14And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16And he would fain have filled his belly with**

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the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. 20And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. (Luke Chapter 15 verse 11-24 KJV) – Friend not only does God want you, but He will rejoice when you call on His name! The angels in heaven will sing when a sinner repents and turns to Jesus Christ and ask Him to come into there heart! Don't let the devil fool you, God CAN and WILL forgive you! He won't make fun of you! He won't laugh at you! He won't humiliate you! He will take away the pain! He will take away the shame! He will give you the strength to live your life to grow closer to Him!!!

Friend you may fall and fail, I have, I am not proud that I have fallen in my walk with Christ but I am so blessed that we serve a God that loves us so much He forgives and forgets! God doesn't just ignore our sins when we repent and ask for forgiveness! He totally destroys them as if we have never sinned! We wear the righteousness of Jesus Christ as a coat! We will stand before God as tho we have never sinned because of the precious blood of Christ our Lord and savior! **1My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (1 John Chapter 2 verse 1 KJV) - 13And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses (Colossians Chapter 2 verse 13 KJV).** Brothers and sisters I leave you with this, if you don't serve the Lord you don't know what freedom truly is, freedom is the peace that only Jesus Christ can give, only the rest that He gives is rest worth having, and better yet He says to us: **28Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew Chapter 11 verse 28-30 KJV).**

Life impacting scripture

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10Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? (1 Corinthians Chapter 1 verse 10-13 KJV)

Where you baptized in Timothy's name? Were you saved by believing in Daniels name? Glory to God no you where not! **You were saved by believing on JESUS the son of God the only way to the Father!** All men and women on this earth are mortal! We ALL fall short of the glory of God and no man knows all the ways of the father. A brother or sister in Christ can be an example but we are not perfect. The ONLY one you follow is Jesus. Jesus , the spotless lamb, son of God, perfect sacrifice, savior and deliverer , strong defender, King of Kings! Neither does any denomination matter. We follow Jesus, and he is the only true example. To be perfect, we must see one that was perfect. Any one but Jesus will eventually disappoint you. As a whole, church bow and follow the one that is stronger then our failures. Humble yourself and follow and serve the Lord and BE EXALTED. Or set yourself or others on a pedestal and BE HUMBLLED.

12And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. (Matthew Chapter 23 verse 12 KJV)

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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@myemmanuel.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

Trust in the Lord A-L-W-A-Y-S

Our problem: We needed to get to Daytona Florida from Carrollton Georgia
We had little money for food, barely enough for gas, my car was tearing up , we didn't have a spare tire, and neither of my debit cards would work in Florida (Didn't know this until we got there!)

Our Solution: Well we just went go!

The Lords solution: Hey watch this! Just have a little faith...

My car was still under warranty, got the transmission rebuilt and was ready to go two days before we traveled. Car worked fantastically, we had excellent gas mileage and came back 90 dollars positive above our gas budget. No problems with car transmission or tires. My mothers EBT food card worked in Florida so we had food all week. And my brother was able to pay for the room (with reimbursement of course) with his credit card.

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Outreach

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Daytona Beach Florida

This week my mother and I had the great pleasure to travel to Daytona Beach Florida. My mother and I spent the week out during college spring break and gave away Bibles to people in town and on the beach. We were able to give away over 30 Bibles and made some new friends. Glory to the Lord for anyone we touched and may we continue to spread the Gospel.

32Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew Chapter 10 verse 32-33 KJV)

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 every single person in the world, all of mankind, may God open the eyes of those who can be saved and save them before it is too late. May God grant us understanding of the terrible tragedies readying around the world and allow us to act to save all we possibly can for His glory alone.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Courtney, may the Lord bless her and her family with understanding and peace after the loss of a loved one. May God remind them that they will see him again and that the next time they meet never again will death break apart their relationship.

May God be with our brother in Christ Jeffery, may God strengthen this brother in Christ and remind Jeffery not only is God real but He is screaming out for a continued strong relationship with him. God reveal to Jeffery your power and presence, may he feel your love with him every second of each day. May he be reminded of the eternal gift you have freely given him!

May God be with all those who are sick and in need of healing, God you know each prayer request I have been given, may you hear and remember those who have asked for prayers that they had the courage and understanding to know that you are capable of hearing and answering prayers!

May God continue to be with the church and strengthen us for the coming tragedy, God may you reveal to us just how we are to act and provide us the strength, will, and determination to always do your will!

Please continue to be in prayer for Israel and our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world as well as the Jewish brothers and sisters who are yet to find the truth that Christ is the Messiah.

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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