

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)

Second release

Praise the Lord! We hope that our first edition was powerful and fulfilling for your walk with the Lord, our God! If you missed our first edition please check it out at <http://www.myemanuel.com/nov6th.pdf>. God has blessed us with My Emanuel and has commanded us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! We pray that the message we share is one that you may receive and that God will touch your heart and make it relate to your life!

If you missed it over the past few days please make sure you check out our homepage at <http://www.myemanuel.com> for two new things we have launched to minister and provide encouragement for your daily walk with the Lord! First we have added the ability to receive free text messages from My Emanuel with daily inspiration by sharing powerful scripture or words of encouragement!

Secondly we launched "God's messenger". This tool allows you to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with your friends, family, or anyone you think needs to hear the message of salvation directly with them via e-mail while remaining completely anonymous! The e-mail will show as from godsmessage@myemanuel.com with the subject line of "My Child I seek You!". Please check this tool out at <http://www.myemanuel.com/godsmessage.html>. We know that this tool will provide for those who really think someone in their life needs a reminder of the Great News, they are forgiven! God bless all and may you enjoy this week's newsletter! Peace be with you!



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)
- Newly found ministries (yellow)
- Reviews (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!

Getting that quiet feeling that God wants you to do more with your life? Thinking that God may want to use you to bless others with the Good News of Jesus Christ? Maybe you are searching for a ministry you can grow with and you want to volunteer your unique talent to spread the message of our Heavenly Father? Check out how to get involved with My Emanuel at <http://www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html>. Remember that the time you spend worshiping, praising, and glorifying the Lord is time wonderfully spent! As the song goes "better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere" - Kutless.

26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. (Isaiah Chapter 40 verse 26 NIV)

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Weekly Sermon

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This week's sermon is about the three letter word that is a huge stumbling point for a lot of us! SEX. Sex is provided by God as a way for a man and woman to be together in a unique way that no one else can share! It is written in *1 Corinthians Chapter 7 verse 2: But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.* Notice words like "husband", "wife", and "own", we will come back to that a bit later.

Why am I talking about sex in this week's sermon? Because sexual immorality is very important and it is something that I struggle with in my walk with the Lord. Sexual immorality can mean many things, lets look at the definition for better understanding - sexual immorality - *the evil ascribed to sexual acts that violate social conventions; "sexual immorality is the major reason for last year's record number of abortions" evil, wickedness, immorality, iniquity - morally objectionable behavior.* Wow! That's a long definition, so in a nutshell "sexual immorality" is evil and wicked! But what exactly does sexual immorality mean to you and me? Masturbation, sex before marriage, sex outside marriage, even thinking sexual thoughts! How many times have you thought unmoral things about a person you have met, keep in mind that Jesus explains **"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."** (Matthew Chapter 5 verse 28).

So does Jesus mean that if I think about someone sexually that I have committed a sin? Absolutely! Thoughts become actions, actions become sin! Sin leads to more sin, and the wage for sin is death! But sex is everywhere! TV, the radio, news papers, the internet, my friends are doing it, I cant turn anywhere without seeing something that reminds me of sex! Do you think the devil is stupid? Of course he is not, the devil is evil, he uses the most evil tool to try and destroy our relationship with our heavenly Father! Sexual immorality has been a problem since Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden! And year after year it gets harder and harder to go anywhere or do anything without being reminded of sex. Take for example TV commercials, bra and panty commercials that 10 years ago were considered soft core pornography! Oh world how far we have stumbled!

So sex is everywhere, the devil uses sex as a tool to destroy our relationship with the Lord, where can I run? Where can I hide? In the arms of Jesus Christ! The only way to overcome sexual immorality is to pray without end, to make yourself understand that sex is not "just for fun" or something to kill time, sex is a bond that our Heavenly Father provided us with to share with our wives or husbands! Remember: **13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.** (John Chapter 14 verse 14). When you know you are about to do something sinful or sexually immoral call on your savior! "Jesus Christ in your name I pray for strength to resist the devil. In your name Jesus I pray for relief from this sin and that I may only desire more of a relationship with you! Amen".

If you were going to war what would you have with you? Remember that your life is a war, a war where the devil tries to tempt you, "you don't need God, I can show you pleasure you have never had, I can give you a life like you could never imagine" the devil tempts you and I with things of this earth, he tempts us by promising to provide us with earthly pleasures, and trying to make us believe that we don't need God! Remember however - **19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.** (Galatians Chapter 5, verse 19-21)

Those who live like this will **NOT** inherit the kingdom of God!! Friends, sin leads to more sin, and never forget the wage for sin, the pay day for sin is death! Remember that you **DO NEED GOD!** A relationship with Jesus Christ is the only way to protect yourself. For remember that the Lord and what he provides is your protection for your daily war with sin! **13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with**

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your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians Chapter 6 verse 13-17)

Lastly did you know that sexual immorality directly effects your walk with the Lord? The Holy Spirit is provided as a gift from God that you may experience true joy. Please see this week's testimony where I tell you about when the Holy Spirit came over me, the Holy Spirit came over me and I felt more joy and happiness in such a brief period of time it was and is unbelievable. God is all powerful and in his presence I know that I am saved! Take for example *18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians Chapter 6 verse 19-20)* Do you wish to experience something that is more powerful than the most powerful drug? Do you wish to experience something that is more powerful than the temporary effects of any sin? Friends take of his bread, your daily bread from Jesus Christ! Pray that you may experience the Holy Spirit and remember that God protects all who call on his name!

In closing this week friends, God never said it would be easy. For here in the United States we are guaranteed liberty, life, and the pursuit of happiness, the only way you will find unending joy is through the Lord our God! Jesus Christ died for your sins, all your sins, all my sins, all the sins of the world! Jesus Christ died on the cross, beaten, spit on, and ridiculed, but friends trust he rose on the third day, he forever died for our sins! As we stand before our God it as if we never sinned! We are purified through the Blood of Jesus Christ! Call on His blessed name! Friends, don't delay anymore, please visit us at <http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html> and see how easy it is to call on His name and how he will forever save you! God bless all and glorify his name in all you do!

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Life impacting scripture

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The devil hates us and will try and break us.

The devil is the constant enemy of Christians especially those doing God's work and passing out his message of grace. The devil himself is damned and he knows it. He's trying to take as many souls with him as he can. He doesn't want us to do good or help people so the devil will throw up barriers, make fights, and increase anger and other emotions. But God gives us the ability to fight and to continue to do his work.

2 Timothy 1:6-8

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

Make no illusions about it, you might have a bad day but remember the devil is going to attack us, trying to break us. But the spirit lets us know what is right and what's wrong and allows us to gently correct our brothers and sisters as well as ourselves. First use God as your armor:

The Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. And second pray for those who persecute you and those who hurt you:

Matthew 5:44

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which disrespectfully use you, and persecute you;

The devil tries to hurt us and twist our image as Christians. Even to this day Jesus is still under fire from other religions. He cannot be disputed, so the devil twists his image. Our savior has been through it all so know that he sympathizes with us. Have faith and don't lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4:12-20 NIV

12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you 13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." [a] Since we have that same spirit of [b] faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on

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what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Joshua 1:9 NIV

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Remember that god takes care of us and asks us to forgive our brothers and sisters.

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Jesus lets us know here that we should always forgive. He forgave us of our sins why should we not forgive each other?! But God also lets us know no matter what he has the last action. Do not hurt your brothers and sisters or those who do wrong to you!

Romans 12:19 KJV

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Encourage brothers and sisters

Hebrews 10:24-27

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

Meet and talk about god and holy things

25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Know that meeting with holy friends is important! Those who say they need not go to church are wrong. As your body needs food so does your spirit! As your body needs exercise so does your spirit!

Matthew 4

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

And what we use our spirits, bodies and minds for will be rewarded in heaven!

Matthew 18:18-22 NIV

18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be[a] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be[b] loosed in heaven. 19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Do not intentionally sin!

26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Grow in Christ and the truth and run away from sin.

Learn the truth and ask for help from God. Know that he knows your works even if man doesn't.

Hebrews 6:1-10

1 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death,[a]and of faith in God, 2 instruction about cleansing rites,[b] the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And God permitting, we will do so. 4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age 6 and who have fallen[c] away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they

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are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. 7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. 8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. 9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Have patience and be still. Know that our reward is not on this earth but in heaven with our family, with Jesus and the Lord thy God.

Hebrews 10:34-39 NIV

34 You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. 35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay."^[a]

Have patience men and women of God and act holy and go further into godly works. Do not step backwards on your path and you will have your reward! We may stumble but we will never quit!

38 And, "But my righteous^[b] one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."^[c] 39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Keep your eyes on Jesus and follow him!

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 9:23 NIV

23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Have faith, know your thoughts in faith, talk with faith, and know in your soul that your Lord is faithful!

Hebrews 11

Faith in Action

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

(Refer to all of Hebrews chapter 11)

Serve god with purpose and don't follow aimlessly. Do not just go through the motions!!

Hebrews 12:27-30

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Know that we need passion for the lord, and we need his help and spirit always!

Revelation 3:15-17 NIV

15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Love everyone as Jesus did and commands us to do. Have brotherly love for those even not of blood. Know that even a stranger could be an angel in disguise. Feel for everyone, take part in their suffering and their joy!

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Hebrews 13

1 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Be pure in your bodies. Laying together is for the married. A special bond for godly couples! And put God above all earthly possessions. You will be provided for, so don't worry and be faithful. No man and no demon can hurt us past what the Lord knows we can stand!

4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." [a] 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" [b]

Follow godly leaders and know them not only by their tongues but by their hearts and actions. Know that the truth is all we need. No other book is needed for our life. Don't play with dangerous false religions and demonic toys!

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. 10 We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

Give God the praise he deserves. Everything you have is because of him, make no illusions we deserve nothing but death but he loved us enough to save us! Share what you don't have. Sacrifice that you can't afford!

15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Know that leaders and pastors have to answer for the way they lead you. Pray for them and their gift of spirit. Allow them to help without burdening them.

17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. 18 Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

Everything we do is of God, by God, to God, and only through God. Ask him for help, direction, faith, and give him all of the glory!

*20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen***

Testimony

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I want to share a testimony with you all about the only time in my life the Holy Spirit came over me and the power, joy, and feeling of completion the Lord provided me! I had only been walking with the Lord daily, praying, studying the Word, trying hard to live as he commands for a few days, maybe weeks when I had the most powerful experience in my life. I got up and got my son ready for daycare, my wife left to take him to school and for her to go to work. That particular day I was working a closing shift at my job, and unlike so many days before, I didn't just go back to bed! I stayed up and read from His Word, praying and studying, I then found myself on my knees at our ottoman in our living room. Praying to the father, I began to pray in tongues to the Lord.

The Lord has blessed me with a developing tongue language and if you have never asked the Lord to bless you with this powerful prayer tool you are missing out on a very joyous thing! After what only seemed like a few minutes of praying in tongues I felt the need to press my face down hard into the ottoman, pressing down harder my body froze, eyes closed I began to laugh harder than I ever have, crying and laughing so hard I knew the Lord was upon me! Eyes closed I saw Jesus Christ, he presented his hands towards mine that I had held open, I saw the holes in his hands as if to say "Daniel I gave my life for you"!

Nothing in this world has been more powerful, more enjoyable, more amazing then when the Holy Spirit of God came over me and I saw the blessed redeemer. The Holy Spirit is a mighty, powerful, wise, triumphant force the Lord sends on those who pray on his name! I recall a day in church where my uncle and aunt took me, I felt the need to asked to be saved and the church prayed over me, the preacher, the church, everyone prayed over me, and soon after this happened I got to my feet and my uncle proclaimed "You don't just get up like that if the Holy Spirit has come over you". His point was simple and I did not understand the power of the Lord is absolute, it is eternal, it is unwavering, it is undefeated, righteous, clean! When the Lord comes over you there is no mistake, the few seconds or minutes God provided the Holy Spirit to me has me seeking the Holy Spirit again even now!

Pray to the Father always! Pray in the name of Jesus Christ! Never forget- no prayer is unanswered and that all things asked in the name of Jesus Christ are provided to glorify God! Friends, the Holy Spirit is just as real as night and day and may the Lord bless you in your walk to have just a split second of his unending joy! God bless all and I pray that all those who read this will be overtaken during prayer by his majesty! Glory to the King of Kings!

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Newly found ministries

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Reviews

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Bibles:

All bibles are gods word but some can help a little more then others.

NIV Study Bible- Great to understand gods word and meanings.

Maxwell Leadership Bible- Great for life lessons and helping growing leaders.

Websites:

<http://www.bible.cc/> - a great website for bible verses with multiple popular translations.

Music:

How he loves us- Me in motion

Better then a hallelujah- Amy Grant

By your side- Tenth avenue north

Voice of Truth- Casting Crowns

Love has come- Mark Schultz

Where I belong- Building 429

Movies:

Facing the Giants: A great movie about family and brotherhood. About faith and trusting god no matter what. And all in the midst of a high school football season. God is everywhere!

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