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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John Chapter 8 verse 32 KJV)

Living for Christ

One of the hardest things for me to understand as a child of God redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ is how can anyone put their personal feelings and desires above God's? How can we accept the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ and turn right around and say "our way is better" or "God doesn't fully understand the situation", time and time again I see those redeemed by the blood acting as if it is OK to stand with God on some things and against Him on others. We must understand, we don't make the rules, we don't make right right and wrong wrong, God does. We are called to walk in obedience and faith to God even when we don't understand, we are called to do so out of love, in-fact you can tell of one who loves Christ by this: **Jesus 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)** – to love Christ is to desperately seek to obey Christ, to understand His mighty sacrifice was the greatest demonstration of love as He lead by example the life we are to seek to live. Let us enter each day seeking to make Him known through our words, actions, thoughts, and all we do let us do in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

Project: STOP

With suicide being a top cause of death in young teens and young adults it is the desire of My Emanuel to obey the Spirit of God and thus we introduce, Project: STOP – <http://www.myemanuel.com/stop> – this project's simple goal is to remind the hopeless of the hope: Jesus Christ. Do you know someone who is hurting? Do you know someone who needs to be reminded of God's love and wonderful plan for our life? Please visit Project: STOP and "like" the page to share it with your friends on Facebook, Jesus Christ is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE and the ONLY hope for a world that has lost its way! Suicide is not the WAY, Jesus Christ is the WAY! Amen.

30 day challenge

I pray you would visit www.myemanuel.com/prayer and seek out God's purpose for not only your life but your marriage, your children, and all those you love! If you are hurting and desperately seeking the Hope... I can show you where to find Him! His name is Jesus Christ, you may not know Him but He has known you since creation! Will you rejoice eternally when you know Him?



Then 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 (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 34 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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Cleaning house and taking out the trash.

I arrived home tonight, after being away the entire day. When I got home, instead of coming into a clean spot free house, I entered a house with dirty dishes that needed washing, trash that needed to be taken out, and clothes that needed to be folded. My room just seemed filthy. So I cleaned up the mess, took out the trash, put my clothes up, and put a few random items that were scattered in their places. After I finished I sat down in my now clean room and realized I felt better and even felt cleaner. A lot of times if we don't clean the messes, they will pile up. Odors that you can't find their cause, chaos and disorder, wrinkled clothes, and a mess you might not even realize is weighing you down.

Our walk as Christians is the same way. It may be a show that is completely against the bible with sex and drugs, or a movie that takes the Lord's name in vain. A song that talks about going to the club and doing things you know are wrong. Magazines that give nasty advice to young people, or have pornographic pictures. It might be a "harmless party" where you talk about what every one else is and have quite a lot of alcohol, or dance the way they do and listen to the same music. It could be that couple of smoke breaks you have during the day. Maybe it's that silly holiday everyone celebrates without knowing the meaning. Or it might be those nasty jokes you hear at work, or those times where a coworker points out a barely dressed female. It might be that "deeply romantic book" your reading about those people having an affair. Or it could be that friend you can always count on for good juicy gossip.

Whatever it may be remember what you put in to this body, will become your mindset, your focus, and will change your character. You will think about it more, you might begin to accept trash like it because it becomes "normal". If you constantly hear the Lord's name taken in vain and cussing, you will find yourself cussing. If you constantly hear gossip you might fall and gossip yourself. If sin and evil becomes normal you won't have a problem with it! Your heart and spirit will be scared and hardened by it!!

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (Romans 1:28-32 KJV)

We are a temple of God, the Holy Spirit! Do you scatter trash and filth in a sacred temple? Something so highly prized do you allow it to rust and decay?! We were bought with the most sacred blood ever. Jesus died for our temple!

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 6:19-20 KJV)

26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that

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ye should be mine. (Leviticus 20:26 KJV)

Why is their so much that seems to be wrong? So much that seems to be "off limits"? Why is their so much distracting, corrupting filth? Don you know this world and the king of darkness want your soul? They want you to be corrupted, to be just as the heathen , just like those who don't know God. What kind of light can you be if you are in the darkness and a part of it? Can you see the light of a lamp if its completely filthy?

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14 KJV)

33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. (1 Corinthians 15:33 KJV)

This world want to drag you to hell with them. They will hold onto you until you let them go and flee from evil in your life. God didn't cleanse you for you to continue to play in the filthy trash and mud! But the filthy sinful world wants you to be re-entangled and re-burdened. Misery loves all the company it can get.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2 KJV)

When this world sees us, and our joy and light amongst our circumstance they will want what God has freely given! They will hear that you speak plain and cleanly, that you don't take Gods name in vain. They will see that you never enter into nasty conversations and don't do filthy things. They will see that your eyes don't try to devour that person you see and stare them down. They will see that you respect your temple and don't make it filthy. You don't put nasty food, drugs and alcohol into it. They will hear that awesome gospel song you were listening to. They might see you reading your bible. And they might even ask you why you are so different from the world. You can be the light, and be the salt of Jesus!

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16 KJV)

**Remember be the light that shines.
You might be the only Bible someone ever reads!**

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Life impacting scripture

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And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. (2 Samuel Chapter 6 verse 14 KJV)

What type of worship does God seek? This edition of life impacting scripture we see King David who was dancing with all his might before the Ark of the Covenant as they took it from a house to the new city of Jerusalem to God's temple. We find David dancing with all his might before it as they play music, danced, and worshiped God with all their might because those who had come before to bring the ark had been instantly killed... what type of worship does God seek? Un-preverted, totally focused, spiritual, dedicated, joyful worship and praise. Its sad as we look at churches where if someone says "praise the Lord" or "halleluiah" that the congregation is offended or thinks to themselves "look at that person trying to show out", the praise and worship God seeks is joyful and total. As we see King David the king of an entire nation dancing his heart out before the ark we understand... it must be joyful and complete or God will not be present.

Recently I was blessed to be apart of a event in which we prayed, and in the case of a brother in Christ and myself sang to the Lord and asked for His blessings on many things. I was dismayed after this event to find that my brother was asked to stop singing so loud... "there are people praying in the sanctuary" the person asked... where God is present I absolutely know that song will be there, dancing will be there, joy will be there, and were the Lord is present you will see many different ways of worshipping present... why? We are not all called to worship in the same way, some like to quietly pray, some like to dance, some like to run back and forth, some like to raise their hands, some like to sing, but the point is... whatever the Holy Spirit leads you to do you must do without hesitation and to the very best of your ability...

And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. (2 Samuel Chapter 6 verse 16 KJV) – when you worship with all your heart and without hesitation for those around you understanding you come to worship and praise the Lord you will see as David did that not all can appreciate your understand... when you go to church do you go to worship the Lord or for the benefit of those around you? When you go to worship the Lord do you go to be in the presence of God or to be in the presence of judgmental people who are there for show? Forget about those you are around. Worship God how God calls you to do so... if people don't like it? Let God deal with their heart and their judgment for you will stand alone before His throne on judgment and answer for every idle word, every idle thought, and every time you could have worshiped Him and praised Him and you didn't...

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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!

Abased

The scripture says that: those who humble themselves will be exalted and those who exalt themselves will be abased and this week I can truly tell you God is always true to His word... most of the times we like to think of God true to His word in the good things but we forget that God keeps His word and never allows it to be broken. One of the greatest things about our Lord is He is always faithful and true and this week I found out the true meaning of "abased"... humiliation. The scripture says that those who exalt themselves will be humiliated... humiliated how? Totally...

Over the past few weeks and months I have felt a distance in my relationship with the Lord and desperately I tried to figure out what it was... I tried several different things to get my walk by where it needed to be before God finally revealed to me that I had allowed myself to be exalted, partly by other people and partly by myself I had lost track of what was most important: God. In our walk it is easy to allow others to give us glory for the things God has done, it is hard to deflect that glory and give it back to where it belongs: God. All glory is God's and I remember through this lesson that I can do nothing good on my own... it is only by God's grace, His example, His mercy and strength that I am able to even sit before you writing this message.

Exalting our-self can feel good, it can feel so good to have someone notice what you are doing and give you credit but at the end of the day would you be doing it if no one ever said anything? I pray that as you read this message that you would not suffer the pain and separation that I have experienced and even now I pray God would forgive me for this sinful thing that I had done. I didn't do it seeking the glory in an evil way but all the same all glory is God's and once we realize that, once we give it to Him, we realize the first part of the scripture: those who humble themselves will be exalted. How beautiful... God will exalt you... can you understand how much greater this will be versus the exalting of men? If you have found yourself in a distance that you can't understand or get away from examine your heart and your reasons for doing what you do and place any selfishness at the feet of Christ, repent of self glorification, and return to the Lord to work for His purpose alone.

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Outreach

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The My Emanuel 30 day challenge

I praise God that He was, is, and will always be in the miracle working business! Its amazing to know that God is so true to His word. As of October 30th we completed the 30 day challenge by His mercy and grace alone and I am so thankful that God has touched hearts and souls for His glory and His kingdom out of His great love for His people. The 30 day challenge is a 30 day program designed to take participants through 4 core components and bring people back to the truth: Jesus Christ is the ONLY hope.

Today if you are hurting and searching for freedom from your pain and suffering I pray you would visit www.myemanuel.com/prayer and give God just 30 days to change your life forever... it will be the only time God will ever need to put you on the path to a security in the Lord Jesus Christ like no other! Is your family worth 30 days?

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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 the United States of America and the Presidential election on November 6th, Lord may you rise up Godly, Christ honoring leaders who put your will and desire above that of all peoples.

Please in prayer for the body of Christ around the world as the persecution of the enemy increases, Father may you protect, guide, and direct the body around the world and allow them to boldly share your wonderful news.

Please be in prayer for the preachers, Evangelist, and all leaders of the church that they would trust in the Lord and boldly share the Gospel with this lost and dying world.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek and our sister in Christ Vickie as they both recover from surgery that God would continue to touch them and speed up their healing.

Please in prayer for all those who are at war spiritually with the enemy that God would give them victory and continue to deliver them from the mouth of the enemy.

Please be in prayer that God would destroy the false hopes in the world that His Son would be the only one left standing that the world would know Jesus Christ is the ONLY way back to Him.

Please in prayer for those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that God would touch them and reveal His Son to them.

Please be in prayer for all those who are in desperate need due to any circumstances which leave them hungry and homeless.

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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.

Voice of the Martyrs – This wonderful ministry gives voice to the persecuted church worldwide through its many ministries (<http://www.persecuted.com>)

Bibles Unbound – A voice of the martyrs ministry dedicated to sending Bibles around the world (<http://www.biblesunbound.com/>)

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