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

Run to His refuge!

Are you hurting? Do you wonder if the pain will ever go away? Do you find yourself fighting a battle that seems hopeless and finding it hard to know if it will ever end? The past few weeks I have found myself locked in a critical battle with the enemy and I am so wonderfully blessed that God has had mercy on me yet again and has delivered me out of His grace and strength from the mouth of the enemy. I feel a bit as Daniel in the lion's den, which being named after the Prophet Daniel in honor of my God only adds to the Lord's wonderful sense of humor and powerful foresight. **My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.** (Daniel Chapter 6 verse 22 KJV) – our God truly is a God who shuts the mouth of lions, who slays the giant, who makes the impossible possible and today I pray you would rejoice in Christ, knowing that we serve an all knowing, all powerful, all worthy God who walks faithfully by our side. This war may seem hopeless but I pray you would understand Christ has already given us victory in the war, we must simply faithfully fight each day's battles! Run to our refuge! Run to the arms of 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

As of this newsletter you can currently find the first 20 days of the 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?



When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (John Chapter 19 verse 30 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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Pride The Devils “Little Helper”

Do you know Satan has been around us humans for quite some time? He has the power of an angel, though an evil one, and the intelligence of one whom was at a time one of Gods strongest servants. He has been tempting men for thousands of years and has seen all types. The liars, the thief's, the sexually immoral, the killers, those with addictions, anger issues, emotional unstable , rebellious. He has tempted the weakest all the way to the strongest. He has seen righteous men stand, and righteous men fall. Satan has seen so many different scenarios and has such a golden tongue. I bet he would be the world best salesman! He can make you believe any lie out there if you let him! He can give you any justification for evil and to even directly disobey the direct WORDS OF GOD ALMIGHTY. Oh yes, and we still think we can beat him on our own. How stupid, How foolish, How.... Prideful. The devils little helper, **pride**.

A word that this world thrives on. Pride. It keeps us from forgiving, for admitting when we are wrong. For asking for help or assistance. It keeps us from humbling ourselves before God. Oh you didn't do any thing wrong? Oh it was all their fault? Oh you know your better then that? Why should you have to be humble? They did all the wrong! You've been through more in your life then they have! You fool, how do you know what battles they have faced, what horrors they have been through. What HELL they have went through. You cannot imagine the pain and hurt people suffer at the hands of evil and pride. Pride separates lovers, pride separates friends, and it separates family. Pride will break a persons connection to God. It will make them exalt themselves against heaven, and the God of all creation. It will make them exalt themselves over the great I AM!

The Devils sin and him being cast out of heaven was because he thought he knew better then God! He tried to tell God his way was better! That sounds a lot like us humans sometimes....

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18 KJV)

Around us pride can be found. The coworker that yells at his boss because he thinks he deserves better treatment. The family member that wont ever apologize to those they did wrong. Another whom wont forgive those who hurt them,who says it'll go to the grave. Those who hold grudges, and hate others. Who hold on to past arguments and wrongs. People in this world think they are owed something. One thinks they deserve more because they work hard! Another thinks they should have a better life and a better family. One thinks they deserve a lover and promises to be met. Let me tell you this . We all do have a lot we deserve...but none of its good. WE DESERVE HELL. WE DESERVE THE SECOND DEATH. You are in an evil body in a fallen evil world! What you deserve is to be punished! But God is merciful to us. None of us deserve his glory or love.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Romans 5:8-10 KJV)

So when you look around and you see things going badly, and your pride tries to come up. Back down, swallow that pride. Set it free and leave it in Gods hands. He is righteous and love. HE is the judge. ALL will be repaid and all vengeance is Gods.

Never forget that even Jesus, our savior. The king we worship, was a humble servant who came not to be served but to serve. He when faced with the Cross of Calvary and a punishment he truly did not deserve, humbled himself and said “God not my will but thine”.

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We cannot make this work on our own. How many times have we tried, and how many times have we failed. Again and again. Again and then again. So many times I'm sure you've lost count.

So I beg of you seek God and humble yourselves. You have two paths you can take, seek God in all your ways and paths. Or ignore him and continue to hurt, fail and fall.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. (Psalm 10:4 KJV)

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

Don't let Satan fool you. Pride is of no good thing, it is to no avail. There will come a day when only those on their knees surrendering to God will truly stand.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. (Isaiah 2:11 KJV)

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. (Isaiah 13:11 KJV)

God and Humility-Pride and Satan It's Your Choice

Life impacting scripture

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And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. (Job Chapter 1 verse 21 KJV)

The Lord has humbly reminded me today that regardless of the circumstances that I must trust in Him, I must give Him praise, honor, and glory for even in the storm: God is good! Over the past several weeks I have been fighting a desperate struggle and I am not ashamed or afraid to admit it. God my Father may you be glorified as I speak of the wonderful deliverance that you have given to me! The story of Job we find a righteous and Godly man named Job, in this story the devil tries to destroy this man and his faith by attacking everything he owned, by attacking his very body, by trying desperately to get him to curse God. Throughout the story we see unimaginable pain and suffering and instead of cursing God Job did something that we must all learn to do: he trusted and praised God!

Are you fighting a struggle? Are you losing? Know that one day soon the enemy will be given the power to overcome the saints. Satan will destroy many of us, but at the end of the day if he kills me, if he destroys me... praise God for I will eternally enter in to the rest of my Lord Jesus Christ! Trust in the Lord and desperately seek to praise Him and trust Him regardless of the storms of life. You will fall, you will fail, but never give up! Get back up! Trust that God is always in control and that even in our pain that He can see past our pain and knows the best way forward!

If you have never read the story of Job I challenge you to humble yourself and read it, trust God to open your heart and understand: things may not always make sense to us but we serve a all knowing, all powerful God who does understand everything! It does make sense to God! Remember there is never a TESTimony without the TEST!! Praise God and repent of your short comings and failings! The enemy is relentless but our God truly shuts the mouths of lions! Our God stands strong with us in the fire! Our God slays giants and is always in control! 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@myemaneul.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

Bill

In my work I have been blessed abundantly to meet new people and see God's hand directly at work in the lives of many brothers and sisters. Recently I had a customer visit me who needed help with a problem in which God blessed me to help and as we begun to talk I didn't realize then but I do now: God was at work! Its so funny and amazing to know that the Holy Spirit works through His servants and even when we don't realize it, God will give us the words to say, He will tell us what not to say, and guide is every step of the way if we will let Him! The brother I met was named Bill and sitting here now I can only praise God and thank Him for giving me the opportunity to meet this brother!

As I was taking care of his problem I was blessed to learn very quickly that Bill had recently got out of a homeless shelter and started work mowing lawns, that he had left his home town and moved several hundred miles to where we met to get away from a life of addiction and drugs. As we talked I could see Bill watching me as a child would watch their mom or dad as they teach them. All I can say is God is all powerful and worthy of all praise and honor because the question came out of my mouth "where do you go to church?" After a few minutes Bill told me that he was not currently attending church but "really needed to start going again", as I write this I feel deeply humbled that God would use a coward sinner like me to work in His kingdom and I was able to quickly relate to this brother. You see Bill struggles with addiction and had lost his walk a bit with the Lord and I immediately thought of my dad, interestingly my dad's name is Bill and while my dad passed over 5 years ago after a long fight with his demons God placed this man in my life and allowed me to share my dad's testimony.

"Bill my dad struggled with alcohol his entire life, when he was in church and walking with the Lord everything was great, but when he looked away and took his eye off the cross, he fell" how amazing that my dad who has been dead over 5 years still impacts me to this day, God has truly blessed me with being able to tell a brother of his struggle and what God did next was amazing. After telling Bill of a local church that I visit time to time when I work on Sunday's, I asked him, "do you mind if I give you the pastors number? He is a personal friend of mine and I am sure he would love to hear from you" after Bill politely told me he would love to have it and he would have to check it out God pushed me one step further: "Bill, can I have him call you?" Again Bill agreed and as God always does He did the rest!

I can say that my God is an awesome God! Brother Bill worshiped with my brothers and sisters at a local church in the city I work after the pastor called and invited him to church. Seeing Bill just a few days ago he told me "I'll have to go again"! Well played Almighty Father!! Well played!! God is an awesome God and I praise and thank Him for both using me for His kingdom and allowing me to see His power and mercy at work in the lives of my brothers and sisters everyday! It took 10 minutes... God will change this man's life forever... O' halleluiah! How wonderful?! I challenge you to take 10 minutes and talk to someone you don't know, let God lead the way, you never know who he will lead to you to tell them about Him! Amen.

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Outreach

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Project: STOP

The Lord put on my heart a few days ago after seeing a story in the news of a young girl committing suicide after years of bullying and torture at the hands of misguided youth and as I heard the story I remembered a time in my life when I desperately cried out for attention and could see no way out of the pain and suffering of life. What seems like forever ago I found myself on the brink of suicide and by the grace of God I was delivered from that demon again and again and I must admit how startled I am to know that suicide is now the 3rd leading cause of death in young teens and young adults. How lost have our children become? They are crying out so desperately for love and guidance and instead of finding it by being taught about the Lord Jesus Christ... they find: nothing. They find hopelessness and emptiness... I have been blessed in my life to have parents that are admittedly failures but servants of Christ nonetheless and it was by the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ that someone had the courage to tell me: "for God so loved Daniel Higginbotham that He gave His only Son that if Daniel would believe He would not perish but have everlasting life"...

I thank God that He used my dad on several occasions to save my life. I don't think that my dad ever really understood or maybe he did what God was doing to me through him. I thank God that He loves me so much that He is not afraid to bless me with reminders everyday of His love. It is with this understanding that we introduce Project: STOP. This project is simple, STOP, pray, give God the chance to talk to your heart! I don't think we can ever really understand God's unending love for us! How wonderful to know we serve a God who loves us so much that He gave HIS ONLY SON Jesus Christ to die for us? Won't you share Project: STOP in hopes that God will reach out through the darkness and pain and touch someone in need of His mercy and grace?

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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 Kady Grace and Emily Page Tramble that God would do a mighty work in this family, that God would bless our sister in Christ Lisa with the closeness to her family that she desperately seeks.

Please be in prayer for Lynn smith and her family as she battles the last stages of cancer. Mighty Father may you touch this sister and her family, may you give them peace and strength.

Please be in prayer for Cody Ridley that God would use this brother in a mighty way for His kingdom, for His glory, and for His honor!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek as he recovers from surgery that God would touch and heal him completely. God please make your presence known in this brothers life.

Please be in prayer for our sister Juanita as her and her family continue to struggle through a great hardship. God please be in this situation and make your glory and presence felt. Please do a full healing in this family and pour out your mercy and unspeakable grace.

Please be in prayer for all those who are fighting the struggle with depression and thoughts of suicide that God would have mercy and pour out His love and grace upon them. Father may you remind them that you are there!

Please be in prayer for all those who are walking blindly, ignoring that call of the Holy Spirit, that God would convict their hearts and remind them of the great calling in their lives.

Please be in prayer for all the families participating in the 30 day challenge that God would touch them and continue to do a mighty and wonderful work.

Please be in prayer for the body of Christ around the world as persecution continues throughout the world that God would protect and do a mighty work throughout the world.

Please be in prayer for the American Presidential election that God would bless us to start a new direction back to Him. Father please be merciful with this nation and allow us to humbly repent and return to You.

Please be in prayer for all those who are desperately in need of food, clothes, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Father may you bless the weary body of Christ and give us strength to fight without pause and compromise until your glorious return! In Jesus name we pray! Amen.

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Have any requests for you ministry to be given a shout out? Let us know and give us some brief details about it! dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com

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