

# The Good news of My Emanuel

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**19**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew Chapter 28 verse 19-20 KJV)

## WAR

It's so hard to understand just how complicated our war against the enemy is. Know the truth: every born again believer and servant of Jesus Christ is at war with the adversary and the world. Those who walk faithfully in obedience and love with the Lord seeking to know Him more, seeking to do His will, seeking to serve Him with all their heart, soul, and strength face the enemy in battle after battle after never ending battle... the truth is that this war will not end until God cast the devil and his demons into the eternal hell fire prepared for them. We must remember that every decision we makes effects our desire and effectiveness in each battle, every thing we say, do, think and allow our self to feel will determine the outcome of many battles to come. Knowing that every battle is important and that victory is only found in Christ we must trust in the Lord at all times and concentrate on not allowing the enemy even a small and brief foothold in our lives. Do not allow the devil to destroy your testimony, trust and have faith in the word of God, trusting in Christ for the victory: **57**But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians Chapter 15 verse 57 KJV).



## Between newsletters

It is our desire to glorify God and share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with anyone, anywhere, who God blesses us to touch! If you wish you could hear from My Emanuel in-between newsletters there are many ways you can follow us and see what God is giving us to share for His glory daily, please take this time to "like" us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/myemanuel](http://www.facebook.com/myemanuel) – you can subscribe to the blog at [www.myemanuel.com/blog](http://www.myemanuel.com/blog) – "follow" us on twitter at [www.twitter.com/myemanuel](http://www.twitter.com/myemanuel) – or subscribe to our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian](http://www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian), you can also see previous newsletters at [www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html).

## 30 day challenge

Are you tired? Is your family broken? Is your marriage more of a war than the happy ending you imagined? The My Emanuel 30 day challenge will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, a free program designed to bring families, marriages, and even your personal relationship closer to Christ. Designed by pastors, fathers, husbands, born again children of God, through Christ this can change it all! [Http://www.myemanuel.com/prayer](http://www.myemanuel.com/prayer)

**13**For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. **14**I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. (Psalm Chapter 139 verse 13-14 KJV)

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# Weekly Sermon

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## A Time Limit On God

Have you ever noticed Church has become the most punctual event ever? You can literally set your watch by your service. If you pay close attention you may even notice your pastor look at his watch and your worship team may have cues to stop singing. Church starts the same every time and your service ends right on cue. You may have heard your pastor say on occasion, Ill have you out in just a minute, give me a few more minutes. People get restless, the congregation gets hungry and we have stuff we gotta do! Shopping and getting ready for the week is more important then church?!

### Revelation 3:15-16 KJV

**15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

Do you think the Holy Spirit, the Almighty, The passion of God, the Creator of the universe can be forced? Can be timed? Can be controlled by us carnal earthly sinful people? The Spirit is a gentleman and will not be forced, he will not be where he is not wanted and he will not be timed.

God leads us, not the other way around. We cannot lead God, we ask to receive, not tell, and we will not, CAN NOT force God. Love is for us not against us. Let God lead you, for he knows best

### Jeremiah 29:11-13 KJV

**11 For 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. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

## Gods time is not ours.

### Proverbs 14:12 KJV

**12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.**

Trust the Lord with all you heart and all your soul. What ever may pass trust in the lord

**Gods time is not ours.  
Trust in God not man!**

## Life impacting scripture

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**6He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. 7In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. 8Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (Psalm Chapter 62 verse 6-8 KJV)**

As I have read through the book of Psalms I keep thinking to myself how King David would be a man I would like to meet. The times when He cries out to God, when He reaffirms the truth that God is the rock of salvation, that God is the strong tower, the place of refuge and protection from the enemies in life I am both comforted in knowing that a man God calls “a man after His own heart” could struggle and that I serve a God that used this man, protected this man, and blessed this man powerfully! King David is perhaps one of the greatest men in Biblical history, in the top 5 of a very short list of men and Christ Himself who have made the greatest impact on history of the Hebrew race. I want you to think about it tonight, are you hurting? Are you weary? Are you burdened and in such pain you don't know what to do? Even the strongest, most mighty, most powerful king, filled with the Holy Spirit and lead by God was scared... was beaten... was hurt... was shamed... was weary... and yet? He trusted in God!

Tonight I want to remind you that God should be the place where we turn when we are in need, He should also be the God we turn to to praise in times of peace and success but we tend to forget that men don't make it alright, God does! We seem to forget that the hands and the words of men and women are nothing compared to the God of creator who beautifully promises never to forsake or leave us! Through our relationship with Jesus Christ we have a direct link to God, we do not need men, we do not need anything else but our knees and our faith. Prayer and trust in God in the troubling valleys will see to it that as our brother King David boldly proclaimed “I shall not be moved” that in our faith the rock of our salvation Jesus Christ will not move even one inch. He will compel us forward, serving Him through faith and the power of the Holy Spirit we shall be bold and zealous for our king.

“Pour out your heart” did you know that God already knows your needs? He already knows your heartache and just what you want to say to Him! God knows! Have you ever seen the silly skit where the woman grabs the kid and says “momma knows child momma knows”? Its hard to remember that yes God is the creator of the universe but He is the tender, merciful, loving God who left His throne to die for us! I want to remind you that YES God will and does understand, pour out your heart, and even if you can't see how God will hear your prayer and will give you what you NEED not always what you WANT! Trust that God knows what you NEED and even if your heart can't see it that God always has your best interest in mind. He is a loving, sovereign, all knowing and all powerful Abba who is created us that we may know Him! Know Him that we may love Him! Love Him that we may want Him! Want Him that we may need Him! God WANTS a relationship with us just like we should DESPERATELY WANT a relationship with Him!

Tonight I challenge you, even if you don't regularly read your Bible... start reading just 1 Psalm a day. You will find that some of the greatest men in history struggled and wared with the enemy just as we are now! Trust in Jesus! Have faith in the Lord and pour out your heart to Him! He is waiting and wanting for you!! 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](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemaneul.com) if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!*

### **You may never know...**

I know that for me sometimes the hardest thing in ministry is not really knowing how much of an impact I am making. I don't serve the Lord for anyone but the Lord and yet it seems like sometimes I need justification for my work, I want to see the works and know that all the time, all the effort, all the blood, sweat, and tears are making a difference for the Kingdom of my Lord Jesus Christ and tonight I am here to share two truths: if serving your entire life living for Christ and working to share the Gospel you never touched one person... you would have lived a faithful live well spent! Secondly... you are making an impact if you are living and working for an in Christ! I can't explain to you how powerful it is to know that God both plants seeds and harvests the crops through His willing servants!

I have been amazed at the wonderful insight of God and I have no doubt that He knows my mind! It is so wonderful that God forgives me for needing sometimes to see and hear the results of my labor, I have had brothers and sisters in Christ from every point in their walk with the Lord tell me how the Lord has made a difference in their life through a work He has blessed me to do and all I can say each time is... amen! How is it that a perfect, righteous, holy, wonderful, all powerful God who created me could ever use me? How is it that a God who knows my heart and my every mistake, who knows my every desire and sees my every evil thought could forgive me and have mercy on me? Then turn around and use me for His kingdom?? The saying that the Lord uses the weak to humble the strong, that He uses the dumb to confound the wise, that He can use anyone for His glory is beyond true!

Have you been struggling to know if you are serving God? If you are making a difference for His kingdom? Trust in Him and that He is making a difference through you! Live your life to serve Him and to obey Him as fully as you can possibly do and trust that He will deliver the victory and do wonderful things through those who love Him! You don't have to be smart, our powerful, or beautiful, or confident, you simply have to be willing to serve Him and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide you for His glory! Trust in Jesus and even if you don't know in this life how the works of your hands helped to build His kingdom know that He has used you and one day you will see the results of all your labors as you are given the crowns only to humbly lay them back at His feet! Amen.

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## Outreach

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### Always something...

It seems like since I've been working in ministry I have seen more pain, sorrow, and suffering than I ever knew existed. How wonderful that I have also been blessed to see so much love, mercy, and hope as I never saw before the Lord blessed me to begin walking faithful with Him. This week a brother in Christ contacted me with a need that caught me in the middle of a rock and a hard place... the need? Not anything to much or to great, he needed some help with food for his girlfriends mother, who turned out to be a 71 year old woman who had nothing to eat and none of the basic necessities we take for granted... the problem? I just happened to be tapped out financially and I was unable to get any help from my contacts in town. After calling pastors, churches, and ministries in town to no avail the power of the Lord demonstrated it self as it always does...

I need you to understand with me as I am humbled to know again and again, God's time is not our time, God as some would put it comes through "just in time" and sometimes we have to faithfully and diligently work to resolve an issue through faith and it is only when we are exhausted and have started to give up that God roars forward as if to ask "why didn't you stay faithful"? After I had exhausted all my leads, understanding I was not financially able to provide, and knowing I didn't have much hope of getting what this woman needed a sister in Christ asked me "do you want me to post on Facebook about the need? I'm sure someone from the church I used to go to would help" and 20 minutes later a sister in Christ came forward and offered to help...

A few hours later the sister in Christ who had posted the message and her friend stepped forward were ministering to this woman, sharing the love and mercy of Christ! How beautiful knowing not only that this woman went to bed with a full stomach but it was after crying and being loved on by sisters who genuinely helped out of love and desire to serve Christ. So I want to remind you, just when it seems like "its always something" and you run out of resources and contacts... don't lose faith God will always provide! Never forget the truth: **28And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans Chapter 8 verse 28 KJV).**

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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](mailto: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 continued prayer for the United States of America that God would be glorified and He would give us the wisdom and strength to elect God fearing, God honoring, God loving men and women who will serve Him faithfully and fully. May God have mercy on us as a nation and every single believer and non-believer in this nation.

Please be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Israel as they continue to face a mounting struggle against an arch enemy who has expressed the cowardly desire to “wipe them” off the face of the earth. Please pray God would protect the house of Jacob and be zealous towards His covenant with the Jews.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Tammy as she continues to struggle in her walk with the Lord, may God heal her fully and demonstrate His power and love for her in a way He would be honored and praised!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek as he continues to struggle with back pain and prepares for surgery, please pray God would powerfully intercede and heal this brother for His honor and glory!

Please be in prayer for all the pastors, churches, and brothers and sisters in Christ that they would be faithful and true to the commandments and the desires of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God give us the strength to honor, obey, and seek Him more and more.

Please be in prayer for My Emanuel that God would provide a way for the finical obligations of the ministry to be met. God may you pour out your mercy on this ministry and allow us to continue to share the Good News!

Please be in prayer for all the lukewarm brothers and sisters in Christ, may they know of the desperate desire God has for them to be burning hot for Him in all they do.

Please be in prayer for all our brothers and sisters throughout America and around the world who are hungry, homeless, hurting, and enslaved by false religions and non-existent gods. Lord may you have mercy and free our brothers and sisters around the world like only you can do.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Courtney and her family that God would bless this family and continue to use this sister as a example of His redemption, power, and love!

Please be in prayer for the new program that God has blessed us with, that we would honor and glorify His name, that He would bless us with those in need, and that we would have the strength, courage, and wisdom to share as He would bless us!

Please be in prayer for all those who are hurting that God would be merciful and His grace would pour out upon the masses! Amen.

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## Reviews and newly found ministries

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