

LIFE VERSES

**Num 6:25 the LORD make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you;**

- **SUMMER – DOING LIFE VERSES TOGETHER**
- **WHAT IS A LIFE VERSE – CHANGES AS WE GROW TO DEPEND ON HIM**
- **FOR THE MATURE IN CHRIST – HOW AM I DOING TODAY, LORD?**
 - GROWING OR WITHERING – NO CHANGE - WITHERING
 - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT VS FRUIT OF THE FLESH
- **FOR THE INFANTS IN CHRIST**
 - WHAT IS MY LIFE VERSE? HOW DO I GET ONE, DO I NEED ONE?
- **FOR THOSE MERELY TASTING AND ON THE FENCE – THERE IS NO FENCE**
 - IF YOU ARE LUKEWARM, I WILL SPIT YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH
- **FOR THE POLYTHEIST – MANY WAYS TO “GOD” – ONLY ONE WAY - JESUS**
- **FOR THE ATHEIST OR AGNOSTIC - THE NATURAL MAN**
 - TALK TO GOD, NOTHING FANCY JUST ASK, *IF YOU EXIST, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WOULD YOU DRAW NEAR TO ME AS YOU PROMISED BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO KNOW.* HE WILL
- **ARE YOU INTERESTED? THEN – LET’S DO LIFE TOGETHER**

LIFE VERSES

- **HAVE PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE:**
 - OFTEN FEELS AS IF IT WAS WRITTEN JUST FOR YOU
 - RESONATES DEEPLY AND SERVES AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE
- **PROVIDE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE:**
 - COMFORT, DIRECTION, INSPIRATION
- **ARE AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH:**
 - YOUR FAITH JOURNEY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- **BUT CONTEXT IMPORTANT:**
 - WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY
- **POPULAR EXAMPLES**
 - PHILIPPIANS 4:13: "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME."
 - JEREMIAH 29:11: "FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD..."

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GIVING US WHAT WE DON'T DESERVE

- God gave to Moses to say to Aaron and his sons
- Thus you shall say to the people of Israel
- So they shall **put my name on the people** of Israel

THE PEOPLE OF GOD BEAR HIS NAME

GOD'S GRACE

NEVER ENDING

- **AT THE MOMENT OF SALVATION**
 - JUSTIFICATION, ONCE FOR ALL TIME
- **AS WE GROW IN CHRIST**
 - SANCTIFICATION, DAY BY DAY, ONE STEP AT A TIME
 - IN RELATIONSHIP WITH FATHER THROUGH HIS SON
 - REVEALING HIMSELF IN THE SCRIPTURES
 - TO BE BOTH LOVING AND JUST
- **TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THINGS**
 - ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL

GOD'S GRACE IN MANY FORMS

- **OH LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME**
- **BE GRACIOUS TO ME**

PRAY FOR MERCY, PRAY FOR GRACE

- **2COR 12:7** SO TO KEEP ME FROM BECOMING CONCEITED BECAUSE OF THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF THE REVELATIONS, A THORN WAS GIVEN ME IN THE FLESH, A MESSENGER OF SATAN TO HARASS ME, TO KEEP ME FROM BECOMING CONCEITED.
- **8** THREE TIMES I PLEADED WITH THE LORD ABOUT THIS, THAT IT SHOULD LEAVE ME.
- **9** BUT HE SAID TO ME, “MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.” THEREFORE I WILL BOAST ALL THE MORE GLADLY OF MY WEAKNESSES, SO THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME.
- **10** FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, THEN, I AM CONTENT WITH WEAKNESSES, INSULTS, HARDSHIPS, PERSECUTIONS, AND CALAMITIES. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.

PRAY FOR THE POWER OF CHRIST TO REST ON YOU

- THE LORD HAS IN HIS MERCY BEEN GRACIOUS TO YOU AND GIVEN YOU WHAT YOU DO NOT DESERVE
- YOU HAVE HIS SPIRIT WITHIN YOU AS PROOF OF YOUR SALVATION
- IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM GROWING?
 - INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME MY GOD
 - HEAR MY CRY
- HAS HE ALSO BEGUN TO REVEAL HIS GRANDEUR, HIS NAME, HIS LOVE FOR YOU, HIS FAITHFULNESS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES?

PRAY FOR GOD TO REVEAL HIMSELF MORE DEEPLY

- **1COR 2:6** YET AMONG THE MATURE WE DO IMPART WISDOM, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A WISDOM OF THIS AGE OR OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE, WHO ARE DOOMED TO PASS AWAY.
- **9** BUT, AS IT IS WRITTEN, “**WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR THE HEART OF MAN IMAGINED, WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM**” —
- **10 THESE THINGS GOD HAS REVEALED TO US THROUGH THE SPIRIT. FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHES EVERYTHING, EVEN THE DEPTHS OF GOD.**
- **12** NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD, THAT WE MIGHT UNDERSTAND THE THINGS FREELY GIVEN US BY GOD.
- **13** AND WE IMPART THIS IN WORDS NOT TAUGHT BY HUMAN WISDOM BUT TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT, INTERPRETING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS TO THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL.
- **14** THE **NATURAL PERSON** DOES NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, FOR THEY ARE FOLLY TO HIM, AND HE IS NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.
- **15** THE **SPIRITUAL PERSON** JUDGES ALL THINGS, BUT IS HIMSELF TO BE JUDGED BY NO ONE.
- **16** “FOR WHO HAS UNDERSTOOD THE MIND OF THE LORD SO AS TO INSTRUCT HIM?” BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

OH LORD, REVEAL WHAT YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME

- **2TIM 3:16** ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, AND FOR **TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS,**
- **17** THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

TRAINED TO DEPEND ON THE GRACE OF GOD

NAME OF GOD

AS GOD HIMSELF

- **EXOD 3:13** THEN MOSES SAID TO GOD, “IF I COME TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND SAY TO THEM, ‘THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS HAS SENT ME TO YOU,’ AND THEY ASK ME, ‘WHAT IS HIS NAME?’ WHAT SHALL I SAY TO THEM?”
- **14** GOD SAID TO MOSES, “I AM WHO I AM.” AND HE SAID, “SAY THIS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, ‘**I AM** HAS SENT ME TO YOU.’”
- **15** GOD ALSO SAID TO MOSES, “SAY THIS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, ‘**THE LORD**, THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB, HAS SENT ME TO YOU.’ THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER, AND THUS I AM TO BE REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS.
- **LORD (YHWH, YAHWEH, JEHOVAH) - HIS FORMAL NAME**
- **Lord (ADONAI) - HIS TITLE**
- **I AM - HIS ATTRIBUTE**

YHWH NOT ANY OTHER

WE ARE TO:

- LOVE HIS NAME
- FEAR HIS NAME
- WORSHIP HIS NAME

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

USE NOT IN VAIN

BOAST IN OUR GOD

HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS FATHER

GOD AND HIS NAME ARE SYNONYMOUS

- **EZEK 36:22** “THEREFORE SAY TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: IT IS NOT FOR YOUR SAKE, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL, THAT I AM ABOUT TO ACT, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF MY HOLY NAME, WHICH YOU HAVE PROFANED AMONG THE NATIONS TO WHICH YOU CAME.
- **23** AND I WILL VINDICATE THE HOLINESS OF MY GREAT NAME, WHICH HAS BEEN PROFANED AMONG THE NATIONS, AND WHICH YOU HAVE PROFANED AMONG THEM. AND THE NATIONS WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD, DECLARES THE LORD GOD, WHEN THROUGH YOU I VINDICATE MY HOLINESS BEFORE THEIR EYES.

GOD’S NAME IS HOLY, DO NOT PROFANE

FACE OF GOD

FACETIME WITH THE ALMIGHTY

BY HIS GRACE HE DESIRES US TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM

Ps 27:8 YOU HAVE SAID, "SEEK MY FACE." MY HEART SAYS TO YOU, "YOUR FACE, LORD, DO I SEEK."

9 HIDE NOT YOUR FACE FROM ME. TURN NOT YOUR SERVANT AWAY IN ANGER, O YOU WHO HAVE BEEN MY HELP. CAST ME NOT OFF; FORSAKE ME NOT, O GOD OF MY SALVATION!

DEEP CALLS TO DEEP – "THE DEEP OF MAN'S NEED CALLETH UNTO THE DEEP OF GOD'S FULNESS"

Ps 42:5 WHY ARE YOU CAST DOWN, O MY SOUL, AND WHY ARE YOU IN TURMOIL WITHIN ME? HOPE IN GOD; FOR I SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM, MY SALVATION

6 AND MY GOD. MY SOUL IS CAST DOWN WITHIN ME; THEREFORE I REMEMBER YOU FROM THE LAND OF JORDAN AND OF HERMON, FROM MOUNT MIZAR.

7 DEEP CALLS TO DEEP AT THE ROAR OF YOUR WATERFALLS; ALL YOUR BREAKERS AND YOUR WAVES HAVE GONE OVER ME.

COMMUNICATION WITH GOD AT A DEEPER LEVEL

AFFLICTION – ITS PURPOSE, ITS EFFECT

A LOVING GOD ALLOWS AFFLICTION

GRACE ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL

- **Ps 119:67** BEFORE I WAS AFFLICTED I WENT ASTRAY, BUT NOW I KEEP YOUR WORD.
- **71** IT IS GOOD FOR ME THAT I WAS AFFLICTED, THAT I MIGHT LEARN YOUR STATUTES.
- **75** I KNOW, O LORD, THAT YOUR RULES ARE RIGHTEOUS, AND THAT **IN FAITHFULNESS YOU HAVE AFFLICTED ME.**
- **92** IF YOUR LAW HAD NOT BEEN MY DELIGHT, I WOULD HAVE PERISHED IN MY AFFLICTION.

WE HAVE A GOOD GOOD FATHER

ALL ABOUT JESUS

Rom 8:28 AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

29 FOR THOSE WHOM HE FOREKNEW HE ALSO PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, **IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BROTHERS.**

30 AND THOSE WHOM HE PREDESTINED HE ALSO CALLED, AND THOSE WHOM HE CALLED HE ALSO JUSTIFIED, AND THOSE WHOM HE JUSTIFIED HE ALSO GLORIFIED.

JESUS – FIRST BORN OF MANY BROTHERS

DEPTHS OF DESPAIR – JEREMIAH - DESTRUCTION OF TEMPLE AND JERUSALEM 587 BC

- **LAM 3:18** SO I SAY, “MY ENDURANCE HAS PERISHED; SO HAS MY HOPE FROM THE LORD.”
- **19** REMEMBER MY AFFLICTION AND MY WANDERINGS, THE WORMWOOD AND THE GALL!
- **20** MY SOUL CONTINUALLY REMEMBERS IT AND IS BOWED DOWN WITHIN ME.

CROWN OF HOPE

- **LAM 3:21** BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, AND THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE:
- **22** THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;
- **23** THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.
- **24** “THE LORD IS MY PORTION,” SAYS MY SOUL, “THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM.”
- **25** THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM, TO THE SOUL WHO SEEKS HIM.
- **26** IT IS GOOD THAT ONE SHOULD WAIT QUIETLY FOR THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.
- **27** IT IS GOOD FOR A MAN THAT HE BEAR THE YOKE IN HIS YOUTH.

CALL TO MIND GOD’S FAITHFULNESS – LEADS TO HOPE

PS 16:8 I HAVE SET THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE ME; BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, I SHALL NOT BE SHAKEN.

PS 34:7 THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCAMPS AROUND THOSE WHO FEAR HIM AND DELIVERS THEM.

PS 56:3 WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.

GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY AND FAITHFUL

GLORY OF GOD

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU FIRST MEET JESUS?

- **“I CAN ONLY IMAGINE” – BART MILLARD WONDER:**

- WILL I DANCE FOR YOU JESUS
- OR IN AWE OF YOU BE STILL
- WILL I ON MY KNEES FALL
- OR SING HALLELUJAH
- CAN I SPEAK AT ALL

GLIMPSES OF GOD’S GLORY

- **EX 33.29** - Moses radiated the glory of the LORD
- **MATT 17:2** AND HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM, AND HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN, AND HIS CLOTHES BECAME WHITE AS LIGHT.
- **REV 1.11** – JOHN FELL TO THE GROUND AS THOUGH DEAD

WE ARE TO PRAISE HIS GLORY

GOD’S GLORY IS DAZZLING BEYOND DESCRIPTION

YOUR SOUL

LOVE YOUR SOUL – LOVE YOUR GOD

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR

- HEART, SOUL, MIGHT DEUT 6.5

YOUR SOUL IS USHERED INTO HIS PRESENCE

- TO AWAIT A GLORIFIED BODY

LOVE YOUR SOUL

CARE FOR YOUR SOUL

LIFT YOUR SOUL UNTO YOUR FATHER

SEEK HIM WITH YOUR SOUL

BY HIS GRACE, HE REVEALS HIMSELF IN ALL HIS WAYS

YOUR SOUL IS ETERNAL – TREAT IT WELL

LOVE YOUR SOUL

- 1SAM 18:3 THEN JONATHAN MADE A COVENANT WITH DAVID, BECAUSE HE LOVED HIM AS HIS OWN SOUL.

NOURISH YOUR SOUL WITH THE WORD OF GOD

- SCRIPTURES – THE ORIGINAL SOUL FOOD

GUARD YOUR SOUL

LIFT YOUR SOUL UNTO THE LORD AND NO OTHER

BOAST IN THE LORD WITH YOUR SOUL

TREAT YOUR SOUL AS AN ENTITY

PS 24:4 HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART,
WHO DOES NOT LIFT UP HIS SOUL TO WHAT IS FALSE AND
DOES NOT SWEAR DECEITFULLY.

PS 25:1 TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL.

LIFT YOUR SOUL TO GOD - NOT TO WHAT IS FALSE

PEACE OF GOD

DOES YOUR SOUL TROUBLE YOU?

FOR THE BELIEVER:

- CONFESS AND REPENT, IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT STIRRING WITHIN YOU
- GOD'S PEACE IS NOT LIKE THE WORLD'S PEACE
- LET NOTHING HINDER YOUR PRAYERS

GOD IN HIS GRACE IS STIRRING WITHIN YOU

PEACE OF GOD

DOES YOUR SOUL TROUBLE YOU?

FOR THE UNBELIEVER:

- DO YOU KNOW AND LAUGH THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HELL?
- WHY?
- NOTHING IS UNFORGIVEABLE EXCEPT REJECTING JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR
- JESUS WILL PRESENT YOU HOLY, BLAMELESS AND IRREPROACHABLE TO HIS FATHER IF YOU CONFESS, REPENT AND INVITE HIM INTO YOUR HEART
- SUBMIT TO THE LOVING FATHER THROUGH HIS SON JESUS
- CONFESS YOUR SIN, REPENT OF YOUR SIN, INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART
- GOD AWAITS YOU
- ITS NOT TOO LATE
- YOUR SOUL AND A GLORIFIED BODY WITH GOD FOR ETERNITY OR,
- YOUR SOUL IN THE LAKE OF FIRE FOR ETERNITY

GOD IS APPEALING TO YOU

CLOSING THOUGHTS

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

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GOD'S GRACE ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL

- GOD'S PEOPLE BEAR HIS NAME
- HIS NAME IS SYNONYMOUS WITH GOD HIMSELF
- WE ARE TO LOVE, FEAR AND WORSHIP HIS NAME
- LOVE YOUR SOUL, FEED IT WITH GOD'S WORD, LIFT IT UP TOWARDS GOD AND NONE OTHER
- GOD'S GRACE IS NEVER ENDING AND TAKES FORM ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL
- PRAY FOR MERCY, PRAY FOR GRACE
- IN WEAKNESS THE POWER OF CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT AND I AM STRONG
- HAS HE BEGUN TO REVEAL HIS GRANDEUR, HIS NAME, HIS LOVE FOR YOU, AND HIS FAITHFULNESS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
- IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM GROWING?
 - OH MY GOD, INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME, HEAR MY CRY
 - DEEP CALLS TO DEEP
 - THE DEPTHS OF MY DESPAIR FILLED BY THE LIMITLESS DEPTHS OF HIS GRACE
- ARE YOU OPEN FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS TO DEPEND ON THE GRACE OF GOD?

GOD'S GRACIOUSNESS, HIS ACT OF METING OUT GRACE, IS LIMITLESS.

IN SANCTIFICATION, GOD IN HIS GRACIOUSNESS REVEALS MORE OF HIMSELF, HIS NAME, HIS LOVING NATURE, AND HIS JUST NATURE, AS WE SPEND TIME WITH HIM SEEKING HIS FACE.

HE WILL DRAW NEAR AS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM.

THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.

GOD'S GRACE ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL

NUM 6:26 THE LORD TURN TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE

- IS YOUR SOUL IN TURMOIL?**
- DO YOU WANT PEACE WITH THE LORD?**
- THE ELDERS WILL BE UPFRONT TO PRAY WITH YOU**
- DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**
- THE LORD IS APPEALING TO YOU**

HIS GRACIOUSNESS, HIS PEACE