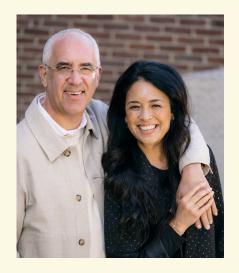


THE BLESSING

21 DAYS OF PRAYER



FAITH LAYS HOLD OF A NEW THING GOD IS PREPARING TO DO

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." – Isaiah 43:18-19

Throughout 72 years of ministry the goal of the Johan Maasbach World Mission has always remained the same, namely: to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the greatest number of people, in the shortest possible time, using all means and media at our disposal. Papa Maasbach would always say, "It is only the beginning!" He knew God's power was unlimited and always looked forward, with expectation, to new and greater things He believed God was wanting to do!

Today we see the tremendous increase of lawlessness in the world and our country. But God's mercies offers a hope that will always outweigh the need. God is not done! He is calling us to prepare for "a new thing" He wants to do in the world, but also in you and me.

We are excited that you have decided to join the '21 Days of Prayer'. We will conclude this with 'The Blessing Day of Victory' on Sunday January 26. We draw near to the heart of God and invite Him to do 'new things'. It is our prayer that God will meet you right where you are, pour out His Holy Spirit upon you and ignite your heart with renewed hope, faith, vision and passion in your heart that will set you ablaze for Jesus!

This month of prayer is a moment of reflection, connection and deepening in our faith. The theme: 'From faith to faith' invites us to pause at the journey we are making in our lives with God. The words of 1 John 5:4 inspirere us: "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world - OUR FAITH." Our faith is a great 'POWER' that enables us to overcome.

During this month we focus on the power of praying together, for prayer knows no distance! In prayer fellowship we can strengthen each other. When we come together for prayer services, we create a space where our faith can grow. We can entrust our concerns and desires to God, knowing that He is listening. This is also an opportunity to testify of the ways God works in our lives, helping us overcome obstacles and leading us to victory again and again.

Let us remember that our faith is a witness to others. By sharing our experiences and our faith, we can inspire others to walk their path of faith. It is a cycle of encouragement and hope, as we join together in prayer and help each other grow in our faith.

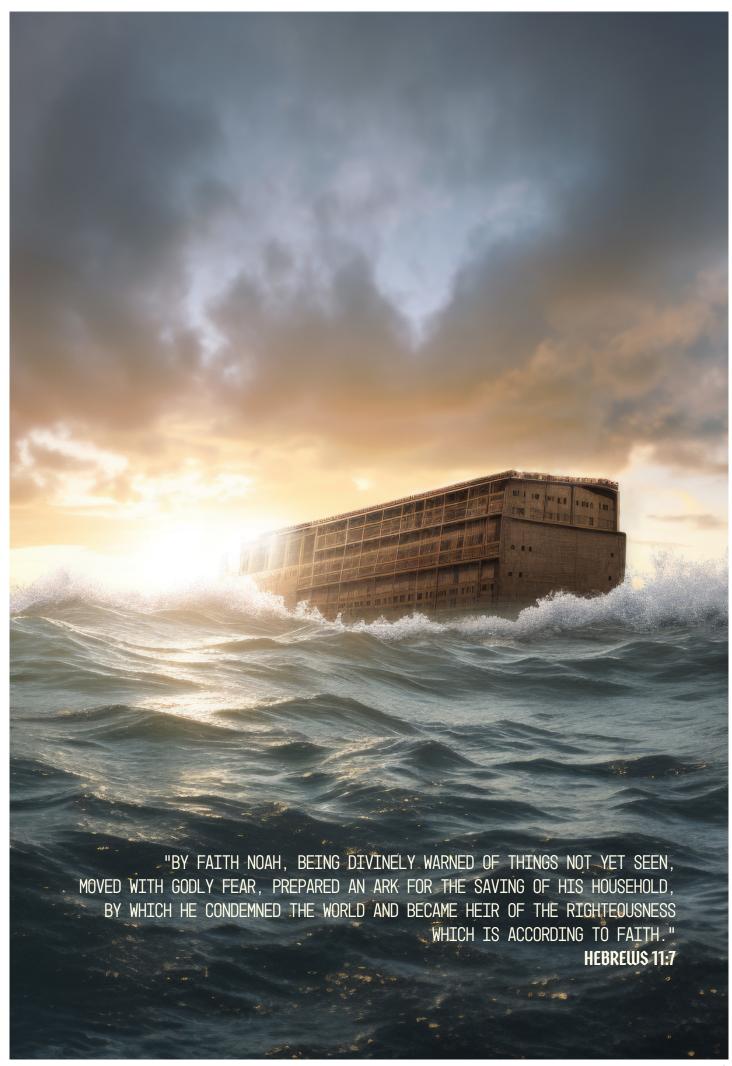
Let us use this month of prayer to open our hearts to God and to each other. Let us be thankful for the victories we have won and pray for the strength to continue, from faith to faith. May we encourage each other in our lives of faith and show the world around us that our faith truly does overcome.

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DAY 2

Faith that draws near to God with thanksgiving and praise

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting. And His truth endures to all generations."

PSALM 100:4-5

When we draw near to God in prayer through thanksgiving and praise, it provides us with the opportunity to get our focus off of ourselves, and focus on God. He comes with His presence when we thank and praise Him. Through praise we move from the natural realm into the spiritual realm, where grace is released and God meets us right where we are.

ACTION POINT:

Enter into God's presence with thanksgiving and praise. Repent from anything that has kept you from God. Faithfully attend the prayer meetings.

DAY 5

Faith, the realization of what we hope for

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

HEBREWS 11:1

What are you praying for and believing God to do for you? Biblical hope is a steadfast assurance that God is who He says He is and will do what He has promised. True hope is never passive!
Let us hold fast to our steadfast assurance in God and His Word en look forward to the great things He has in store for us!

ACTION POINT:

Make a list you are believing God for.
Ask yourself if there are areas where hope needs to be reactivated (stirred up) with faith.
Start vocalizing your faith. Speak His perspective into your life and circumstances and allow Him to renew hope in you.

Faith that pleases God

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that he is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

HEBREWS 11:6

Nothing so pleases God as a steadfast faith in all that He is and has promised in His Word. We must have the conviction that God exists, loves us and cares for us. And that God will answer and reward us when we diligently seek Him. Our greatest reward is the presence of God Himself.

ACTION POINT:

Commit yourself to daily seek His presence and make God and your relationship with Him your priority. Flood your mind each day with God's truth. Vocalize in prayer what God has promised He will do.

DAY 6

Faith that is strengthened by giving glory to God

'He (Abraham) did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."

ROMANS 4:20-21

Although Abraham and Sara were too old to have children, his faith was based on God's power. Faith occurs when we cease trying to do the impossible by our own efforts. Through the waiting Abraham's faith grew stronger, while he continued to give glory to God.

ACTION POINT:

Are you tired of waiting on God for the fulfillment of His promise(s) to you? Draw courage and and exercise your faith by giving God glory. What God has promised, He will bring to pass!

Faith that comes from "hearing" the Word of God

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." **ROMANS 10:17**

Faith is energized through the Holy Spirit, Who is able to make the Word of God "life" to our spirit-man. The Word of God is alive today and it has never lost its power. The problem is our "hearing". There are many things that can desensitize us to God and His Word. such as: unbelief and pride. Let the Holy Spirit open your eyes and ears today.

ACTION POINT:

Today examine your spiritual ears. Are you still sensitive to God's voice? Repent from anything that might have been an hindrance.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a burning heart for God's Word.

DAY 4

Faith that releases supernatural peace

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and mind through Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Jesus promises to give us rest for our weary souls. We must be intentional of transferring all our burdens in God's hands. This requires faith! Faith that God is in control of every detail of your life. in God's hands. This faith expresses itself through prayer and especially thanksgiving.

ACTION POINT:

Set a specific time each day for an extended time of prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help and lead you to pray. Surrender everything in God's hands. Then thank the Lord and receive His peace, knowing that He is in control.

DAY 7 NOTES

Faith that perseveres in prayer

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit."

JAMES 5:16B-18

When we have a promise of God's provision, we must not stop praying for it's fulfillment. It is important to persevere in prayer. Faith is essential when we pray. Elijah stayed focused and expectant and kept praying until God sent the rain.

ACTION POINT:

Read the entire story in 1 Kings 18:41-46.
Through Jesus all God's promises are 'yes and amen'. Therefore we can always pray from a place of victory. Continue to persevere in prayer.

DAY 9

Faith that is activated by an act of obedience

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead."

JAMES 2:26

The woman with an issue of blood suffered with this condition for 12 years, spent all her money on physicians to only grow worse.

She had heard that Jesus was coming. She only had one thought, "I got to get to Jesus and if I only get to touch the hymn of His garment, I know I will be made well." The moment she did that, her faith was answered with a miracle!

ACTION POINT:

During these days of prayer God is calling forth our faith. Maybe you are dealing with a desperate situation in your life. God is providing us with God-given opportunities to demonstrate our faith. Today choose to act in faith.

DAY 12

Faith that keeps you standing in the midst of a crisis

"Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters, But David "strengthened himself" in the Lord his God.'

1 SAMUEL 30:6

David and his men found their city burnt with fire and their wives and children had been taken. What a hopeless situation! But David strengthened himself in God. He pursued the Amalekites and recovered all. Crisis times are not the times to give up, but opportunities to reveal your faith.

ACTION POINT:

Let the Holy Spirit strengthen you in your inner-man. He gives you His strength in your weakness. Pray in the Spirit and sing songs about God's faithfulness.

Faith that puts God first

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all those other things shall be added to you."

MATTHEW 6:33

Putting God first in everything requires faith and trust in God. The story of Elijah in 1 Kings 17 demonstrates that putting God first leads to divine provision. The widow chose faith over fear. By obeying the man of God, she stepped into divine provision. The bin of flour and jar of oil did not run dry until the time of rain.

ACTION POINT:

Read the story in 1 Kings 17:10-16.

Today take inventory of your priorities in giving and choose to put God first in your finances.

Then He will provide in all your needs according to His riches.

DAY 13

Faith that trusts in God's enabling grace to accomplish the impossible

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain."

ZECHARIAH 4:6-7

Because of opposition, construction of rebuilding the temple ceased and laid dormant for years. All Zerubbabel could see was a mountain of impossibility. Then Zechariah prophesied that the task would not be accomplished through men's might nor power, but through the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Zerubbabel had to take the finishing stone (symbolic of the finished work of Christ) and shout, "Grace, grace!"

ACTION POINT:

Today, identify the mountain that is hindering you to accomplish all God wants to do. Put your faith in Jesus and all He has accomplished.

Faith that is willing to lay it all on the altar

"By faith Abraham when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only son begotten son."

HEBREWS 11:17

What a test of faith and obedience this was for Abraham. Because Abraham believed God, he concluded that God was able to raise Isaac up, even from the dead. He was willing to lay "his all" on the altar. What a contrast with the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:16-22. He had followed God's commandments his whole life, but was not willing to lay it all on the altar.

ACTION POINT:

Examine yourself today and ask the Holy Spirit to show you anything in your life that you have not yet laid on the altar. Can you trust Him with your dreams, desires, relationships, your time, finances et cetera.

DAY 11

Faith that is released on behalf of others

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their cries."

1 PETER 3:12

The Canaanite woman in Matt. 15:22-28 came to Jesus for her of her daughter who was severely demon possessed. It seemed like Jesus was refusing her. However, this woman persevered and worshipped Him. Because of her faith Jesus answered her: "Oh woman, great is your faith! Let it be as you desire," and her daughter was healed from that very hour.

ACTION POINT:

Make a list of people you can intercede for.

Allow the Holy Spirit to direct your prayers for others and fill you with Christ's compassion for their needs. Release your faith for breakthroughs and miracles. There is great power in agreement!

DAY 14

NOTES

Faith that speaks to mountains

"Have faith in God! For assuredly I say to you, whoever, says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done; he will have whatever he says."

MARK 11:22-23

Our words have power. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." To speak life is to speak what the Bible teaches. To speak death is to declare life's negative, speak defeat or complain constantly. If you vocalize your faith in a powerful, never-changing God, you will see mountains move in God's timing.

ACTION POINT:

Ask yourself if there is doubt and unbelief in your heart. Ask for forgiveness if you have spoken unbelief. Have faith in God and keep on speaking! His Word will not return back void.

DAY 16

Faith that holds on to confidence no matter what

'Do not cast away your confidence which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you've done the will of God, you may receive the promise.'

HEBREWS 10:35-36

Originally confidence here means:

"bold assurance". The enemy wants us to lose spiritual perspective and cause us to become self-focussed. He wants to move us out of our faith position. God has promised us that if we are patient in endurance and do His will, we will receive the promise.

ACTION POINT:

Decide today: "I will not stop believing. I will remain steadfast, for God cannot lie." Receive new strength for body, soul and spirit. Thank God. He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

DAY 19

Faith that always presses toward the goal for the prize

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

Paul is urging the Philippians to focus on spiritual growth and to persevere in their faith. He knew that our life on earth is short, where we've been given a divine destiny to fulfill. Live each day by faith. Strive towards the ultimate goal of eternal life with Christ.

ACTION POINT:

Ask yourself what you can do to facilitate more growth in your life. Be actively involved in your Blessing Church. Set new goals for this year that align with God's call for your life.

Faith that knows God has a plan for each of our lives

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written.
The days fashioned for me, when as yet
there were none of them."

PSALM 139:16

Ephesians 2:10 calls us God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared "beforehand" that we should walk in them. God has a good plan for for each of us and if we abide in Him, then He will teach and lead us in the way we should go. At times of uncertainty, we can trust His guiding hand and step forward.

ACTION POINT:

Believe that you are on earth to fulfill God's plan and purpose for your life. Regardless in what season you are in, ask God what He wants to do in and through your life, right where you are.

DAY 20

Faith that cultivates a climate for answered prayer

"Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief'."

MARK 9:23-24

Here we read that faith is the condition to receive your miracle. The father's faith was weakened because of the disciples inability. Also he was aware of his imperfections. A setting with an atmosphere of unbelief makes it difficult to believe. Prayer and praise provide an atmosphere of faith that brings deliverance.

ACTION POINT:

Evaluate your life of faith. Identify obstacles that are effecting your climate of faith. Establish an atmosphere of faith into your life. Ask God to energize renewed faith in you.

Faith that advances God's kingdom in the earth

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

LUKE 10:19

As christians we are citizens of God's Kingdom. Our King is Jesus and the Bible gives us rules and guidelines how to conduct our lives in His Kingdom. God uses the gifts and talents He has given us to help advance His Kingdom in the earth. Nothing will be able to hurt those who put their faith and trust in Him.

ACTION POINT:

We must continue to remain strong and growing in our faith by spending time alone with God in prayer and the Word. Faithfully attend church services and participate in church activities.

Pray for opportunities to show His love.

joy" on the inside of you. Make a loud and joyful noise unto the Lord!

DAY 18

Faith that equips us with the whole armor of God

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power off His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against of the devil."

EPHESIANS 6:10-11

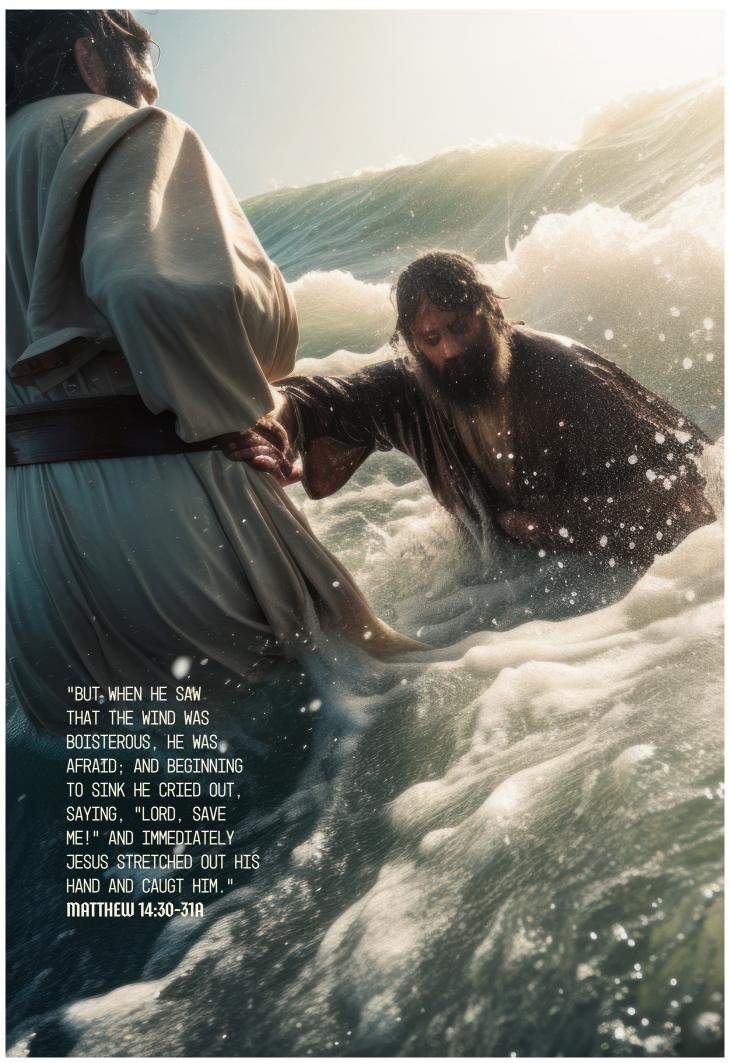
Our warfare is not against physical forces, but against invisible powers. It is important to know if a battle is spiritual or not. Paul encourages us to take up the whole armor of God, not only to protect ourselves, but also to attack.

Furthermore, we must "pray on all occasions."

ACTION POINT:

Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Today there are demonic forces who are opposing God's people and His Kingdom. Thank God that we will win every spiritual battle through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

NOTES DAY 21 Faith that positions us into a place of victory "You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed, tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you." 2 CHRONICLES 20:17 Jehoshaphat and the people feared, but they seeked the Lord. Together they fasted and prayed, which released God to speak. By believing God's Word, they positioned themselves into a place of victory. As they approached the enemy while praising God, He set an ambush against the enemy and they were defeated! **ACTION POINT:** Declare today that our battle is the Lord's. Ask God to create and energize a "sound of



THE BLESSING

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

FAITH THAT LEAUES A LEGACY OF UICTORY

DESTINED FOR VICTORY

As I have travelled to more than 90 countries throughout the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a people, struggling to survive the obstacles and opposition life throws at them, I have been privileged to be the messenger of "Good News!" Not only to tell them that God loves them and that there is hope and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ but also that as born-again believers, we are not designed to be defeated. God's original design for humanity was for us to be victors - to triumph over adversity and live above the limitations of life to fulfill our God-given mission in life.

FAITH THAT PRESSES ON

At the end of the apostle Paul's life he says in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Whether Paul regarded his life as fighting a battle, running a race or enduring a test of the truth of the Gospel, he had overcome and achieved victory! 2 Corinthians 2:14 says that God ALWAYS leads His people in triumph. How then you might ask? The answer is rather simple, it is through faith in Christ Jesus and all He accomplished for us. Through His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection, He left a legacy of victory that should encourage and stir our hearts today, to press on and to receive victory for our lives.

FAITH THAT DOESN'T GIVE UP

The kind of faith that overcomes and is victorious requires discipline, perseverance and is intentional about resisting faith-attacking thoughts as we stay focused on accomplishing God's mission for our life. It is the kind of faith that the "Heroes of our Faith" who have gone before us and are cheering us on, all lived as an example for us to follow. They were ordinary men and women like you and me driven by eternity. They faced insurmountable obstacles, yet they didn't give up when confronted with what seemed impossible. They persevered and tenaciously held on to their faith and as they chose to stay on-mission with God, He brought them through to victory every time.

"FOR WHATEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD. AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD - OUR FAITH." **1JOHN 5:4**

WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

My parents taught me and my siblings many valuable, biblical, godly principles of which much was rather "caught" than taught. In other words, they demonstrated their faith to the next generation. They "lived" what they believed to be truth. There was no higher priority for my father than to know that he had fulfilled his task on earth for which he was born. As I got to accompany him on many of his trips to the mission field, he would often say, "I am a simple fisher of men." He was a simple man, one who showed the way to Jesus, a servant, an instrument in God's hand, who always looked at the lost souls and need of men with a heart of love and compassion. He left a tremendous legacy of faith and victory. As born-again children of God we all have God's Spirit in us, Who gives us dynamic power. God is able to help us and show us how to use that power in every day life to become more like Jesus, move us forward in what God has called us to do, inspire lives and leave a legacy of victory for the next generation!



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