Monday
God Restores

'...That you through his poverty might become rich.' 2 Corinthians 8:9

Many people are in lack the world over. One of the things men look out for, is to get solutions to their numerous problems and challenges. There is hardly any human that does not grapple with one challenge or the other. Of course the nature and size of each challenge differs from person to person. Though many desire to serve the true God, they unwittingly serve whoever is able to meet their needs.

God has already made an eternal plan to recover the lost back to Himself. That made Jesus suffer, laid down His life and is now seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus came to restore. Many have received restoration, so you can too. Jesus remains the real solution people seek for. He has capacity to restore all that was lost.

Tuesday
The Role of Intercession

Trusting in Chariots

"Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD" (Isa 31:1).

It is human nature to want to use whatever means available to solve issues of life. However, a conflict arises when we place our trust in ourselves or others instead of God. Maintaining a balance between trust and obedience to God, and placing an over dependence upon our natural skill and resources has created problems through ages. How do we avoid the trap and maintain a proper balance between the natural and the spiritual?

Solomon said "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Prov 3:5-6). What are the
challenges currently giving you heartache? No matter the weight or size, will you allow Jesus to provide solution?

**Wednesday**

**Searching For God**

“*You will search again for the LORD your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.*” (Deuteronomy 4:29 NLT)

Many people desire to seek God, but go about it the wrong way. Such people believe that it should take a lot of efforts and probably at a great expense to find God. Man was made to believe in the existence of a higher being. Many a person have difficulty knowing how to find God. Some others get confused by the things they see or don’t see.

How do we seek God? We should seek God like little children. God is readily available all around us. The challenge is that when you are under pressure, the propensity to go the wrong way becomes very high. Seek God when you do not have serious issues at hand, and it becomes much easy to find Him when there are problems. He will always show up on your behalf.

**Thursday**

**Obedience Leads to Peace**

“*Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*” (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)

If you feel overwhelmed or confused about a decision that you are trying to make, then you need God to move forward. Bible says, “*God is not a God of disorder but of peace*” (1 Corinthians 14:33a NIV). He is not the author of confusion. As a parent, do you want your kids to feel pressured or confused when you ask them to do something? The answer should be no. You want them to understand what to do and then respond in obedience.

You must not yield to pressure. Often times, we could be in a state of confusion and the need for clarity and solution becomes very imperative. What do you do at such times? Today’s Scripture reminds us to keep trusting God. Worry less, pray about everything, thank Him for what He has done already, and then He will grant you peace and of course the solution you long for.
**Friday**

God Still Gives Manna

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow My instructions."* - Exodus 16:4

When God took the nation of Israel through the desert, there was one thing the people simply could not do outside of God alone: They could not provide for themselves. They could not plant. They could not harvest. They could not manufacture. It was a place and time where nothing but complete dependence was the rule. God gave manna one day at a time. The manna spoiled the day after, so they could never store it.

I can tell you from personal experience that when God takes you to the desert, there is nothing you can do to change it until He wants to change it, so do not strive against God in the desert place. There is a wet season and there is a dry season also. The dry season is when things seems not to be working well for us. At such time, God will provide for us as He did in the wilderness.

**Saturday**

God Honours Time

*For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man’s misery weighs heavily upon him (Eccl. 8:6).*

Time is great essence with God. In Genesis, God took time and was very diligent to finish His creation in 6 days. The 7th day, He rested. God gave us a pattern of how to be time efficient and result oriented. What took God 6 days to accomplish, could very well have taken some persons 20 or 30 days and it would have been well rationalised. God has a programme that is time based and time bound. His timing is perfect.

The wrong use of time can lead to misery, while the right use of time can result in fulfilment. The amount of time we spend with anyone or on any activity is a good indicator of the value we place on that person or activity. People can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the lack of available time, but the will to set a priority for the time they have. Today, give God the time needed to develop a relationship that is meaningful for both of you.

**Sunday**

Do You Have a Safety Net?

“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.” 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)
Many people suffer in silence. They feel very lonely and would rather keep things to themselves. They hardly share their pains with people around them. In other words, they like to go it alone. The truth of the matter is that nobody can go it alone. We need people around us, especially when we have issues to grapple with. We see such situations all the time around us.

What we need is God’s safety net. What is God’s safety net? It is a group of other believers - a handful of people who are really committed to you. We call this kind of group a community. God says “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26a). Community is God’s answer to despair. Never lose hope. Never give up. God will always raise help for you.