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"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalm 1:3

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## **Thought of the Month: Not One Word Has Failed**

"....and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." (Josh. 23:14)

Near the end of Joshua's life, he took time with the Israelites to review all that God had done for them since they first began following Him. God had given them an impossible assignment to conquer a foreign and hostile land with fortified cities and armies more

powerful than their own. The Israelites were to go forward with nothing more than God's promise that He would go with them and take care of them. As Joshua looked back over all the Lord had brought them through, he reminded the Israelites that God had kept every promise. They had experienced numerous victories and had enjoyed God's provision for every need.

Sometimes hindsight can give us a clear picture of how faithful God has been and still is. We tend to focus on our problems instead of our powerful God. Just remember, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ev-

er." **(Heb. 13:8)**. Twenty-four years after God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, they were still waiting on God to fulfill His promise. BUT, in the 25<sup>th</sup> year, Abraham and Sarah could look back and see that God had been faithful.

We, too, can rely on God's faithfulness. Hold on to the promises of our Lord! He will not forget His promises to you.

\*The preceding article is an excerpt from the devotional Experiencing God Day by Day by Henry T.
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Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.

The Rivers of Water Church is a missionary church with a world vision.



"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Hebrews 12:1

#### **Special Prayer**

- •Pastor Robert E. Drake II and Family
- •Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- •Pastor David Mugalu
- •Uganda Mission
- •Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll

- •Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Brooklyn Parker
- The Parker Family
- •Sis. Alice Sullivan
- •Sis. Brenda Sumrall
- •Bro. Terence Sumrall
- •Sis. Annie Wells

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Eph. 6:18

Pray on, Saints!



## **Word of Encouragement: Altitude of Gratitude**

"Looking unto JESUS the Author and Finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and Remember who He is. is set down at the right hand of the throne GOD. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." (Heb. 12:2-3)

We, as GOD's children, have been admonished to es sweet. He sent His remember what God has done for and to us. God has sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. He suffered, shed

His Blood, died, was buried and rose on the third day. Oh, glory to GOD!

He is Elohim, the creator of heaven and earth. He is El-Shaddai, God Almighty.

He is Adonai, our LORD. He is revealed in Jesus.

Jehovah-Rapha, our Healer and the One who makes bitter experiencforgave us all our iniquities and healed our diseases.

He is Jehovah-Rohi, our

Shepherd; we shall not want for any good, beneficial thing.

Hallelujah to Jehovah-Shammah (the Lord is there), who will never leave or forsake us. The LORD is our helper. As a preacher once said,

go down the memory lane of what Jesus has done for us, and our heart of gratitude will bring us to the altitude to shine forth Jesus. We will be fit for the Master's use. God loves us with an everlast-Word and healed us. He ing love. Our response is to love Him back.

Sis. Gwen Strong



#### **Happy Birthday**

- Raquel Carroll 2
- Aldrick Oliphant Jr. 2
- Ava Nappa4
- Darlene Rainer 10

#### **Happy Anniversary**



Eldridge & Janavia Bobs August 29th

Happy Anniversary!

# "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I Thessalonians 5:18

#### **A Note of Thanks**

In the month of May, several events culminated in a display of God's grace and preservation. From me graduating from HCC with an Associates Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology and accepting a job at Patterson Drilling Company, to celebrating Mother's Day with my wife and then waking up in the emergency room the same day, being told I had been in a car accident. All of this happened in less than a week's span.

When I think about it, I **Chr 16:34** comes to mind, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever." I'm thankful to the heavenly Father for how He kept me and spared my wife from being in the vehicle during the accident. I'm thankful that she was behind me in another vehicle. I'm thankful for the prayers of the saints and for the love that's been shown and given to me. I give God thanks in it all, is He not still good, is He not still Sovereign,

Creator and Ruler over everything despite the things that may befall me.

Saints, let us give thanks to the Lord and call on His name and make known the works of the Lord in our lives to the people around us (Ps 105:1). Thank You, Lord Jesus, for being our Refuge and our Rock. Thank You Lord, for never leaving us nor forsaking us!

**Bro. Terence Sumrall** 



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1







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#### **Missionary Call**

Have you considered being a missionary? Do you sense that God has a specific purpose, will and plan for you now that you are born again? Need help getting started? Contact us at 607 East Rogers St. Houston, TX 77022, 713-692-2525. We'd like to help you.

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# **Sunday School Graduation Announcement**



On August 20, 2023, Bro. Aiden Johnson will advance from the 5-8 Class to the 9-12 Class. Congratulations Bro. Aiden!!!

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." II Pet. 3:18