**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 01 January 2017**

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**Theme : GOD’s PROMISES – The TRUE Force**

**1 Peter 1: 3**

Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who according to HIS abundant Mercy has begotten us again to a Living Hope through the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead.

**Regardless of circumstances – GOD's Word and Promises is our Strength, Hope and Future.**

**1 Peter 1: 4 – 5**

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the POWER of GOD through FAITH for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**~ We Have the TRUE FORCE - by our LIVING FAITH.**

**~ Inheritance that is Imperishable, Incorruptible, that will not fade away or changes –**

 **HIS LIVING WORD and PROMISES.**

**Matthew 24: 35**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but MY Words will by no means pass away.

**Jeremiah 29: 11 (AMP)**

For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,’ says the LORD,

‘PLANS for PEACE and WELL-BEING and not for disaster, to give you a FUTURE and a HOPE.’

**GOD has Plans for us just as HE had Plans for Israel when HE called them out of Egypt.**

**But Israel allowed circumstances of their life to reign over them, instead of**

**GOD’s Promises and Purposes.**

**Psalms 78: 22**

Because they did not believe in GOD, and did not trust in HIS salvation.

**Hebrews 3: 10**

Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said,

‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known MY WAYS.’

**~ Weak faith, instead of Mighty and Victorious Spirit.**

**~ Facts are real. But the WORD and Promises of GOD are the TRUE Force,**

 **the Highest Form of Authority in the Universe.**

**John 17: 17**

Sanctify them by YOUR Truth. YOUR Word is Truth.

**John 6: 63**

It is the SPIRIT Who gives Life; the flesh profits nothing.

The words that I speak to you are SPIRIT, and they are Life.

**~ In 2016 as a Corporate Body – been a Challenging and Miraculous year of GOD’s Goodness and**

 **Provision.**

**~ GOD is so concerned in Building this Body and our Well-being Corporately –**

 **more than some of us can understand.**

**~ As each Matures and Grows, GOD’s Concerns will become our concern –**

 **sons and daughters in House.**

**When Abraham first knew GOD, GOD told him to follow HIM and HIS Plans and Purpose.**

**Genesis 12: 1**

Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.”

**Abraham departed with his family, just as the LORD told him to – He was 75.**

**Hebrews 11: 8**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

**GOD Promised to Bless him.**

**Genesis 12: 2 – 3**

“I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Reference ~ Genesis chapters 15 – 21.**

**Genesis 13: 15 – 16**

For all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that

if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

**~ Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 – GOD kept HIS Promise to Abraham and Sarah.**

**~ Abraham believed GOD – His FAITH was Strong – Un-hindered by his circumstances.**

**Romans 4: 3 (AMP)**

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed in (trusted, relied on) GOD, and

it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living, right standing with GOD).”

**Romans 4: 19 – 20**

And NOT being WEAK in FAITH, he did not consider his own body, already dead

(since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.

He did not waver at the Promise of GOD through unbelief, but was Strengthened in FAITH,

giving glory to GOD.

**It was FAITH toward GOD's Word that gave him Strength and Hope.**

**Romans 4: 21**

And being fully convinced that what HE had promised HE was also able to perform.

**2017 – TRIUMPHANT YEAR**

**2 Corinthians 2: 14 (AMP)**

But thanks be to GOD, Who always leads us in TRIUMPH in CHRIST, and through us

spreads and makes evident everywhere the sweet fragrance of the knowledge of HIM.

**ALWAYS LEADS US IN TRIUMPH in CHRIST – To Serve HIS PURPOSE.**

**1.   Be Established in GOD's Will and Purpose in our life.**

**Romans 16: 25 (AMP)**

Now to HIM Who is able to establish and strengthen you [in the faith] according to my gospel and

the preaching of JESUS CHRIST, according to the revelation of the mystery [of the plan of salvation]

which has been kept secret for long ages past.

**Romans 12: 2**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that

you may prove what is that GOOD and ACCEPTABLE and PERFECT WILL of GOD.

**~ Then we will be sensitive to GOD Presented Opportunities.**

**~ Most people are opportunist, but not for GOD’s Kingdom Purpose.**

**Romans 12: 1**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of GOD, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to GOD, which is your reasonable service.

**"A person who walks in GOD's PURPOSE does not have to chase PEOPLE or OPPORTUNITIES. Their LIGHT causes PEOPLE and OPPORTUNITIES to PURSUE them.”**

**Nothing is co-incident – GOD Open Opportunities for us for a REASON – To Serve HIS PURPOSE.**

**2 Corinthians 2: 15 (AMP)**

For we are the sweet fragrance of CHRIST [which ascends] to GOD, [discernible both]

among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

**2.   Fear GOD.**

**Proverbs 9: 10**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the HOLY ONE is understanding.

**1 Peter 1: 6 – 7**

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials.

That the genuineness of your FAITH, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though

it is TESTED by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of JESUS CHRIST.

**Proverbs 30: 5 (AMP)**

Every Word of GOD is tested and refined [like silver];

HE is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in HIM.

**~ GOD make Promises that HE can Keep and Fulfil.**

**~ 2016 is gone – with it, all our past mistakes, trials, challenges .....**

**~ 2017 .....**

**Ephesians 6: 10 (AMP)**

In conclusion, be strong in the LORD [draw your strength from HIM and be empowered

through your union with HIM] and in the Power of HIS [boundless] Might.

**Ephesians 6: 13 (AMP)**

Therefore, put on the complete armor of GOD, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and

STAND YOUR GROUND in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to STAND  FIRM [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].

**Hebrews 12: 27 – 28**

Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken,

as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a Kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace,

by which we may serve GOD acceptably with REVERANCE and GODLY FEAR.

**Story of Rizpah -**

**2 Samuel 3: 7a**

Now Saul had a concubine whose name was Rizpah the daughter of Aiah .....

**Reference ~ 2 Samuel 21: 1 – 14**