**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 15 July 2018**

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**Theme : Blessed to Be GOD’s Blessings (2)**

**Recent Weeks we Learnt from Our Pastors and Elder Stephanie :**

**~ The LORD GOD desire to Bless HIS people, but warn of consequences if we not obey.**

**~ JESUS CHRIST was Crucified with All Desires of our Carnal Flesh Nature on HIS Cross.**

**~ We are Blessed to Bless. Without OutFlow of Blessings, we become Stale and Stagnant.**

**~ We are Positioned in our Marketplaces for the Needs of others, Empowered and Led by the**

 **HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Ephesians 1: 3 (NLT)**

All Praise to GOD, the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who has Blessed us with every

Spiritual Blessing in the Heavenly realms because we are United with CHRIST.

**The LORD JESUS Blessed us for the Purpose that we become Blessings to others.**

**Titus 2: 14 (NLT)**

HE gave HIS Life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us HIS very own people, Totally Committed to doing good deeds.

**Titus 3: 14 (NLT)**

Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others, then they will not be Unproductive.

**Good Works that is of GOD are not works of the flesh that make ourselves feel good, but**

**works that are motivated by the Love of GOD and thru HIS SPIRIT to Bless others Spiritually.**

**Galatians 6: 10 (AMP)**

So then, while we (as individual believers) have the Opportunity, let us Do Good to All people

**(not only being helpful, but also doing that which promotes their Spiritual Well Being)** and especially (be a Blessing) to those of the household of faith (Born-Again Believers).

**We are all placed in different Communities and Marketplaces for a Purpose.**

**Opportunities are Given to us daily to be Blessings to others Spiritually.**

**Philippians 2: 15 – 16 (MSG)**

Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society.

Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the Living GOD. Carry the Light-Giving Message into the night so I’ll have a good cause to be proud of you on the day that CHRIST Returns.

You’ll be living proof that I didn’t go to all this work for nothing.

**Luke 10 ~ Parable of the Good Samaritan.**

**Luke 10:30**

A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of

his clothing, wounded him and departed, leaving him half dead.

**There are so much needs around us, beyond what we see with our natural eyes.**

**Enemy is working to kill, to steal and destroy – John 10: 10.**

**News Article – Survey on Australian Teenagers – 1 in 4 affected with depression, stress, anxiety.**

**Luke 10: 31 – 32**

“Now by chance a certain Priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked and passed by on the other side.”

**The Priest and the Levite both saw the wounded man, but they passed by him on the other side, did not respond to the urgent needs of this man.**

**What hinder us to be a Blessing ?**

**Self Righteousness**

**~ Luke 18 – Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

**Luke 18: 9 – 12**

Also HE spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and

Despised Others :

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a Tax Collector.

“The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘GOD I thank you that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

‘I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ”

**Attitude of Self Righteousness > Leads to Pride > Despising others instead of**

**Looking to Others’ Needs > Becomes a Stumbling Block instead of Becoming a Blessing.**

**Luke 18: 13 – 14**

“And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but

beat his breast, saying, ‘GOD, be merciful to me a sinner!’

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for

everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**Philippians 2: 3 – 5 (AMP)**

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit (through factional motives, or strife) but with

(an attitude of) humility (being neither Arrogant nor Self-Righteous), regard others as more important than yourselves.

Do not merely look out for your own personal interest but also for the interest of others. Have this same Attitude in yourselves which was in CHRIST JESUS (look to HIM as your example in selfless humility).

**Luke 10: 33**

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was.

And when he saw him, he had Compassion.”

**\*The Good Samaritan came where he was\***

**True Compassion is in the very Nature of GOD. JESUS is always Moved with Compassion.**

**GOD’s Love and Compassion enable us to see Others’ Real Needs, beyond what we see with**

**our natural eyes.**

**Matthew 9: 36**

But when HE saw the multitudes, HE was moved with Compassion for them, because they were

weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

**Sheep having no Shepherd – Lost, Wandering, Distressed.**

**Matthew 9: 37 – 38**

Then HE said to HIS Disciples, “The Harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray the LORD of the Harvest to send out laborers into HIS Harvest.”

**Aflame Core Value no. 7 – Compassion for All**.

**Colossians 3: 12 (NIV)**

Therefore, as GOD’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness and Patience.

**We Freely Received GOD’s Love in our Heart thru the HOLY SPIRIT, so we can**

**Love Others and Become Blessings.**

**GOD's Love vs Human Love.**

**Romans 5: 5b (NLT)**

For we know how dearly GOD loves us, because HE has given us the HOLY SPIRIT to fill our hearts with HIS Love.

**1 Thessalonians 3: 12 (NLT/Message)**

And may the LORD make your Love for one another and for All people Grow and Overflow, just as

our love for you overflows.

And may the Master pour on the Love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you just as it does from us to you.

**2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 4 (NIV)**

Praise be to the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the FATHER of Compassion and the GOD of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble

with the Comfort we ourselves receive from GOD.

**Luke 10: 34 – 35**

“So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and

set him on his own animal, brought him into an inn, and took care of him.

On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the inn keeper, and

said to him, ‘Take care of him and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ”

**~ Went to him, Bandaged his wounds, Pouring oil and wine = Heart to see others Healed and**

 **Restored.**

**~ Set him on his own animal = He is willing to walk all the way to the Inn.**

**~ As he continued his journey to do his work/commitment, his heart for the lost to come back**

 **and make sure he is Well.**

**~ He is willing to pay the price, whatever it cost to see the wounded man Healed, Restored and**

 **Saved.**

**Freely Giving = Willing to pay the price.**

**~ Giving out not just Financially, but also Time, Energy, Care and Concern.**

**~ Aflame Core Value no. 9 – Motivation for Salvation – for Every Good Work.**

**1 John 3: 16 (ESV)**

By this we know Love, that HE laid down HIS Life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

**1 Thessalonians 2: 8 (NLT)**

We loved you so much that we shared with you not only GOD’s Good News but our own lives too.

**Luke 10: 36 – 37**

“So which of these three do you think was neighbour to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then JESUS said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**In our Marketplaces, we are surrounded by many who are Searching and Seeking for the Truth. Freely Received and Freely Give.**

**Acts 8: 26 – 38 ~ Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch in the Desert.**

**~ HOLY SPIRIT led Philip to go near and walk beside the chariot.**

**~ The Eunuch was Searching for Spiritual things of GOD.**

**Acts 8: 31**

And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?”

And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

**Acts 8: 35 (NLT)**

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about JESUS.

**Every Soul is So Precious to the LORD.**

**Philip was led to the desert just to meet the Eunuch so he can share the Good News about JESUS.**

**1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 33 (AMP)**

So then, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do all to the Glory of (our Great) GOD.

Do not offend Jews or Greeks or even the Church of GOD (but to live to Honor HIM), just as

I please everyone in all things (as much as possible adapting myself to the interest of others),

not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, so that they (will be open to the Message of Salvation and) may be Saved.

**Colossians 1: 10 (NLT)**

Then the way you live will always Honor and Please the LORD, and your lives will produce

Every Kind of Good Fruit. All the While, you will grow as you learn to know GOD better and better.

**We are All GOD's Blessed Workmanship created in CHRIST JESUS,**

**Ready for Every Good Work by Seizing Every GOD-Given Opportunity**

**To Bless Others in Humility and Sincerity, and to see as Many Saved.**