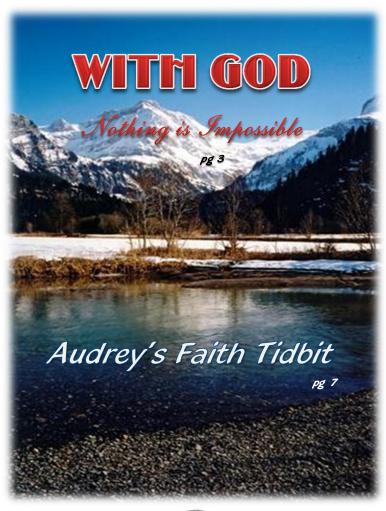


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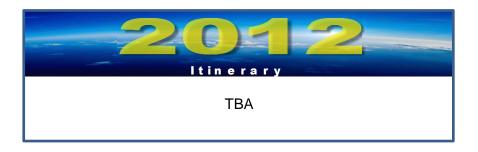
We pray for you regularly - expecting you to live and walk in the perfect will of God. (Col 4:12)

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WITH GOD ... Nothing is Impossible

Have you ever thought, in the light of John 10:10, that there has got to be more to life than where we are right now? In the Word of God. we see men and women of God living at a level of the Life of God that is unfamiliar to most of us. Jesus speaking in John 10:10, states: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The Greek word translated more abundantly can also be translated - super abundantly, excessive, beyond measure and superior in quality. Jesus has come so that our life can be superior in quality (from the world's standards) and beyond measure, or beyond the 1 to 10 rating scale. By this, others are to see that we serve a good and living God, and want to be part of His family. It is sad to say, but many Christians are living below the abundant life, and year after year not much is changing or getting better. So as you read this article, allow the Holy Spirit to encourage you to make this year a year of increase and abundance. In your marriage and family, spiritually, physically, financially, in joy and peace, relationships, on the job, and any other areas. Jesus has come to increase the quality of your life and make it superior.

We are told in 1 John 5:12: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Jesus, the Son of the Living God, has come to give us LIFE and those who have the Son have the LIFE. So, we ought to be looking different, we ought to be looking excessively better. Let's find something out about the life of God. According to Romans 8 verse 2: "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." There is a "Law of life", just as there is a "Law of gravity", and the law of life is freedom. The Bible states that the letter kills but the Spirit gives life, and where the Spirit is, there is liberty (2 Cor 3:6,17). You see, when God enters a room His life comes with Him. When His presence is in manifestation, it is His life that is being manifested. The glory of God is a manifestation of His presence. His goodness, His life. Christ means Messiah or the Anointed One and when we talk about the Anointed One we automatically are talking about His anointing. This anointing is the burden removing, voke destroying power of God (Is 10:27), and when it is manifested it produces freedom. This is the law of LIFE in the Anointing of Jesus. When it touches or works in our bodies it produces health, healing, strength and energy (Rom 8:11). If you need freedom in any area of your life, in order to make it superior in quality, you need the Life of God to manifest in that area.

You may ask, "How can I get it to manifest in my life?" He that hath the Son hath Life - get more of the Son in your life by fellowshipping with Him, through feeding on the Word, and praising and worshiping Him. 2 Cor 6:1-2 reveals to us that as we work WITH HIM, freedom and abundant life is produced. Yet, if we do not work with Him, His willingness to manifest His life and power is in vain. Let us look at that now - "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee (helped or come to your aid): behold, now is the accepted time; behold,

now is the day of salvation)."

Having read we are to work together WITH HIM, reveals that we can work WITHOUT HIM. We will now focus on why it is so important to work With Him, be With Him, and have Him be With us. Luke 1:37: For

with God nothing shall be impossible. Mary asked the angel that brought her the message of her giving birth to a son, how it would be possible because she was still a virgin. His response was WITH GOD nothing is impossible. So, without Him the impossibilities stay impossible - but not WITH HIM. Psalm 108 verse 13 in the NIV states: "With God we will gain the victory," inferring that, without Him the victory is not guaranteed - but WITH HIM it is. We should be making the choice right now that we will be WITH HIM. You may be saying to yourself, I am a Christian and the Temple of the Holy Ghost and God is with me. That is true to a degree but let's judge that according to the Word of God. In 2 Chronicles 15:2, a prophet states: "And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you." We can see here that God is WITH US when we are WITH HIM. James 4:8 tells us: "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." Obviously God is as near to us as we are near to Him, in other words. He is WITH US to the degree we are WITH HIM. Jesus, speaking in the gospel of John chapter 15 verses 5 and 7. says: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing ... If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." We can be Born Again and not abiding in Him, and endeavor many things without Him, but we will only gain the victory if we are WITH HIM. 2 Cor. 6:16 reveals to us: "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my

people. 17 therefore come out from among them, and be ve separate. saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you." Being the temple of God does not mean He can receive us, and work with us, as co-labourers, or that He will be able to act on our behalf, and do what He wants to do as our Father. The more we walk WITH HIM, the less He is hindered from receiving us and manifesting Himself as our Father. For example it is like this: Jesus is in the front seat of our life and is telling us what to do and where to go, and we don't like it. So, we send Him to the back seat, but He is still telling us what to do. We may say "Jesus quit being a backseat driver, I know what I am doing, I am old enough to take care of myself, so one more peep out of you and you will end up in the trunk." Well, we call Him our Lord, but the moment He tries to help, or lead us, we reveal that this is not the case by saying "that's it, you're in the trunk." We go about our daily routine, and Jesus is with us because He is in the trunk, but we never let Him help us gain the victory, or make the impossible possible. So, we go about our life like the world does, doing things in our own strength, and wondering why our quality of life is not superior or beyond measure. Let's choose to walk WITH HIM, so He can be WITH US in manifestation of His life, power and resources.

I do not have the space to go through all the times in the Bible this phrase is used, but I will go through enough to help encourage and convince us that we need to change and move up higher in Him. Here, we see Moses talking with God: "If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The LORD replied. "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to Him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." (Ex 33:13-17). Did you catch Moses' question? It reveals to us that the only way others will know that we have found favor with the Most High God, and the thing that distinguishes us from the rest of the world, other religions or philosophies or opinions, is that God is WITH US in manifestation and demonstration. Israel gained the victory over the Red Sea, Egypt and Pharaoh, no water, nothing to eat, the Jordan River, the Walls of Jericho, giants, etc. - and it all testified that they served the living God and that He loved them. In Genesis 26, there was a famine in the land, but God told Isaac not to leave because He was WITH him and would bless him. So. Isaac planted seed, in the middle of a time of famine, and God caused him

to reap a 100 fold harvest - in the midst of famine - and he prospered and became very great, and the Philistines (a nation) envied him. God was WITH him because he was WITH GOD in obedience. In 1 Samuel 16 - 18, we come across this phase a number of times in reference to David. In chapter 16, he had a good reputation because God was WITH him, and he found favor with the King because God was WITH him. In chapter 17, God was WITH him and he killed the lion and the bear; and Goliath, a man without God, was destroyed because David said the battle is the Lord's, and He was WITH him. Chapter 18 tells us that the king was afraid of David, and that David behaved himself wisely in all his ways, because the Lord was WITH him. 2 Samuel 5 tells us that David grew great because the Lord was WITH him, and in chapter 6:11-12: "And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household. And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness." The ark of the Lord was in Obededom's house (God was WITH him) for 3 months, and his whole household was blessed to the extent that the news of it made it to the king. In Acts 10:38, we are told that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, and He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil: because God was WITH Him. Jesus is our example, and as the Son of man, He showed us that we can walk so close to God (WITH HIM) that we could testify, "if you have seen me, you have seen the Father." If we are having a hard time with that statement, it is because our minds are not renewed to the fact that WITH GOD nothing is impossible, and that He has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly and that He can therefore be a very visible presence in our lives.

In Colossians 3:3, the Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul, tells us that our life is hid WITH CHRIST in God; and in John 14:23, Jesus says that if we love Him and obey Him, He will dwell WITH us and manifest Himself to us. Our being able to increase our quality of life and make it superior, can never be separated from Him, His love, and obedience to His Word. God said, "I will never leave you or forsake you" and "I will be with you till the end of the age." He is not hiding from us. He said "come boldly, confidently, and fearlessly to the throne of grace in order to obtain." He wants us to be WITH HIM, so He can be WITH US in manifestation of His love, goodness and power. Let us choose today to draw closer to Him than ever before, and live WITH HIM, so everyone knows without a shadow of doubt that we serve the living God.

<u> Audrey's Faith Tidbit</u>

Phil. 4:6 NKJV "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"

God is so good He wants to know what do we want. What do we desire to receive from God? God wants us to go directly to Him for all of our needs, wants and desires. God is our source. We do not have to go to the people around us trying to get something to happen on God's behalf. God can use anyone and anything to make things happen on our behalf. He doesn't need you to let everyone around you know what you are believing for in the hope of someone coming through.

When you use your faith to believe God yourself you build your relationship with Him. You build your trust and confidence in Him. Then if you are in any situations where there is no one else around to believe with and agree in prayer with, you are not hopeless. You are quite able to carry on with God and be full of confidence because you know He has come through for you time and time again.

Start with small things in your life that will get you using your faith and watch as things begin to happen and circumstances begin to change for the better. As your faith grows, you will find yourself relying less and less on people around you to get God to answer your prayers. Do not feel condemned if you have a challenging situation and you know you are not in a place to believe God for yourself. Do ask for prayer from someone strong in the word of God and faith. There is nothing wrong with having others stand on the word of God and agree in prayer with us. In fact there is power when people agree together. Seeing results will build you up and empower you to go to God first. Even just asking Him who to pray with will help you in your walk with God.

When you have gone to God with your request and seen it come to pass, it is such a sweet victory. God takes pleasure in providing for us and granting us the desires of our hearts. We are so blessed to be able to go directly to God for ourselves and have such an intimate relationship.



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