

# The BREAD OF LIFE

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# HOW you can HELP

Church membership will not suffice. It's time to get involved in what your church is doing. Get planted in the local church so you can make a Difference!

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## Seed of the Woman

If you know the Bible to any degree, then you know Satan has always targeted the youth. He seeks to corrupt the youth early. This is especially true of males. Why? Satan's quest to corrupt the youth began in the Garden of Eden.

The three contributors, who participated the Fall in the Garden of Eden were Adam, Eve, and the serpent (Satan). Immediately after the Fall of Man, God pronounced judgment on each contributor. Adam disobeyed God; Eve was deceived, and the serpent (Satan) initiated the treasonous act against God.

Let's pick this up after the Fall! *"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:"* (Genesis 3:14). The serpent, for whatever reason was a co-conspirator which allowed Satan to instigate man's rebellion against God.

God judged Eve! God also pronounced the way of deliverance, and ultimately, the salvation of man. *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel"* (Genesis 3:15). I want to take a moment to provide some this

commentary on this verse.

God comments on the woman's "seed!" This is important to note because women do possess seed. If you know your biology, women do not produce seed. The "seed" comes from the man. This is important because when the Bible refers to "her seed" it points to the birth of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:30-38). The main point I want to make is the "seed" of the woman refers to a male child! Satan learned through God's prophetic "Word" that his challenge would come from a man.

After Adam committed high treason against God, he was no longer sin free. The sin nature is what separates man from God. God created men and women to reflect His glory and to experience fellowship. That was disrupted in the Garden of Eden! Through Adam's sin, all of creation was corrupted (Romans 8:19-22). The sin nature is passed to the child through the "seed" of the father! Every human, conceived after the Fall of Man would be born with a sin nature (Romans 5:12-19). This includes you and me! We were born with a sin nature. We were born spiritually dead and separated from God (Romans 3:23;6:23).

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## Monthly Scripture

Genesis 1:26

<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.





## Seed of the Woman

Jesus Christ is the only Person who was born sinless! Jesus came to bring us back into fellowship with God (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). It's easy to see why Satan is fighting us to disavow ourselves concerning our faith in Jesus! There's only one door to God (John 14:6). Please do not allow anyone to talk you into believing anything else. Jesus Christ is the only way to God!

Let's review a familiar passage of scripture. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Mary, the virgin wife of Joseph the Carpenter gave birth to Jesus Christ (Luke 1:26-38). This takes us back to

Genesis 3:15. God informed Eve "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

Adam's disobedience paved the way for sin which wreaked havoc on everything created by God. Praise the Lord, the story didn't end in the Garden of Eden! Jesus redeem us through His shed blood, allowing God to demonstrate His sovereignty. Satan sought to destroy God's creation (Genesis 1:26-28).

A miracle was provided through the "seed of the Woman." Have you taken advantage of God's provision for eternity? Please accept Him today. He stands at the door, knocking?

## The Prayer Room

I believe that our lives has been spared because someone prayed for us. Don't ever underestimate the power of prayer. The things we face in life require a committed life of prayer.

I do not say this lightly, but Satan is targeting our youth. Please pray for the youth. Pray for the youth like you never prayed for them. Someone prayed for us and kept us out of trouble. Where would you be if no one had prayed. Pray!



## Managing Our Thoughts

Thoughts are powerful. Our thoughts affect us negatively or positively. It's important to carefully monitor our thoughts. You become what you meditate on! Let me say this another way. You are a product of your thoughts. It is imperative that we meditate on positive things rather than negative things.

God thoughts concerning us are powerful. He says, "For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an

expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11). Think about that for a moment. God possesses powerful thoughts toward us.

I know that everything may not be going the way you'd like. But don't give up. Focus on the good things and abandon negative thoughts! Whenever I hit a rough place in life, I meditate on the goodness of the Lord. I'm blessed! God has bought me through some tough times. Remember, think about what God says and ignore the opinions of others!



### Sunday Mornings:

Discipleship Class: 9:00—10:00

First Step: New Members Orientation 9:00

Worship Service: 10:30

### Wednesday Nights:

Intercessory Prayer 6:00

First Step: New Members Orientation 6:30

Training Center 6:30—7:30

### Intercessory Prayer:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9:00—10:00

## Stay Connected

The church is growing! This makes it even more important that we have the latest contact information. Our goal is to keep everyone informed and up to date. This makes our job difficult, if your information is not current!

Obviously, this remains a concern. Otherwise, there would be no further need for this article. We care about each of you! We do not want you to miss out. There are some powerful activities scheduled in the near future. We want you to be involved. Remember, stay connected!



## Church Anniversary

On an uneventful Sunday in 2009, Pastor Tony Mason and Prophetess Joyce Mason embarked upon a step of faith. With only six members, Touch by the Word Ministries was launched. On October 9, 2022, the church celebrates its 13th year anniversary. What an incredible journey!

God calls you but He doesn't offer any clues about the journey you're undertaking. It's a journey of faith, filled with incredible victories, dynamic people, and yes, hardships. To enjoy the journey is to appreciate the highs and lows of ministry.

There is no journey without special people who walk with you. Everyone deserves a sincere heartfelt appreciation.

We want to give everyone who stuck with us through thick and thin, a heartfelt thank you!. We cannot thank you enough for standing with us through this incredible journey of faith. God honors your sacrifice of love. You have contributed faithfully to advance the kingdom!

Without God, none of this is possible. He entrusted us to exercise oversight. God enlists unqualified individuals to answer the call. He equips and qualifies those whom He calls! There's no doubt God has qualified us. God called Prophetess and myself to a "great work!" The best is yet to come. God is faithful.



## Perspective on Leadership

One of the most misunderstood phenomena in the church is church leadership. Individuals are addressed by titles such as Apostle, Bishop, Prophetess, Prophet, Pastor, Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, etc. The list goes on. What is church leadership? How does church leadership resemble leadership in the secular world?

As you can imagine, there's a lot of debate surrounding church leadership. The column will attempt to shed some

light on the function of church leadership. There will certainly be different schools of thought depending on the church affiliation.

The church is shifting as we're witnessing a youth explosion. Also, God is touching the unchurched! It is important to inform and educate those who are unfamiliar with church leadership. God wants us to be prepared to integrate all people from all walks of life!



## Evangelism Corner

The most identifiable tool at our disposal is a life well lived! If others are to embrace the saving message of Jesus Christ, then His presence and influence must be seen in us. There's no substitute for demonstrating our faith. It's easy to talk a good game. However, the biggest impact comes from showing others the love of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes, as Christians, we fail to realize that our lives are on display every day. In other words, our lives are being

read and consciously recorded twenty-four hour of the day, seven days a week, and three hundred sixty-five days a year! Jesus stated the significance of fruit. He said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" (Matthew 7:16).

We must be examples to others that the Christian life works. We must show others how Jesus impacted our lives. Our light must shine (Matthew 5:16).

HAPPY  
Birthday

## Birthday Celebration!

Sis. B. Gibson 10 Oct  
Dea. E. Peoples 31 Oct

Bro. W. Slade. 10 Oct  
Sis. T. Randolph 31 Oct

## Upcoming Events

Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center Church Anniversary  
October 9, 2022 @10:30

Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center Pastoral Anniversary  
November 13, 2022 @10:30

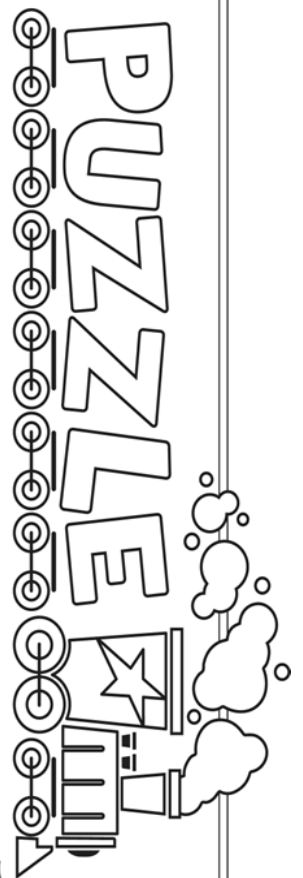
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God put this  
power to work  
*in Christ*  
when  
*he raised him*  
from the dead  
*and seated him*  
at his right hand in the  
*heavenly places.*

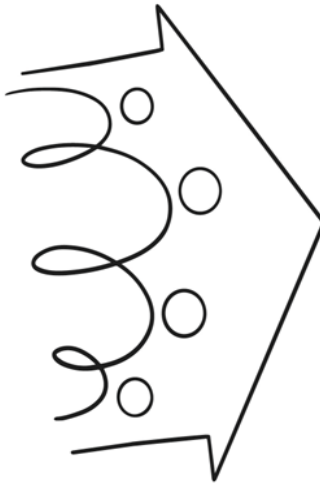
Ephesians 1:20, NRSV



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

**Directions:** Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
love		

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EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.