**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 14 January 2024**

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**Theme : Sovereignty of GOD and HIS Perfect Will (2)**

**Lessons Learnt from our Pastors past weeks:**

1. **GOD’s Perfect Will – What is Good, Acceptable & Well Pleasing vs. Permissible.**
2. **Not Conforming to the world, but Renewing of our mind by the Power of The WORD.**
3. **GOD’s WORD is HIS Light that Shines in a dark place, HIS Light to Direct our steps.**

**Dangerous for Believers to live their life without Faith in the WORD of GOD.**

1. **Arise & Shine! For the Glory of the LORD is Seen Upon HIS People.**
2. **One of the necessities for ALL Believers – The right Attitude, right Appreciation of GOD’s Sovereignty, HIS Majesty, HIS Righteousness, HIS Justice.**

**The LORD is Seeking those who will Honor HIS WORD to DO HIS Will & Accomplish IT.**

**Isaiah 66: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

This is what the LORD says, "Heaven is MY Throne and the earth is MY Footstool.

Where, then, is A House that you could Build for ME ? And Where will MY Resting Place be ?

"For all these things MY Hand has Made, So all these things came into being [by and for ME],"

Declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look [Graciously], to him who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who [reverently] trembles at MY WORD and Honors MY Commands.”

**Aflame Core Value #1 – HONOR GOD**

**1 Samuel 2: 30 (NLT)**

“Therefore, the LORD, the GOD of Israel, says:

I promised that your branch of the tribe of Levi would always be MY priests.

But I will honor those who honor ME, and I will despise those who think lightly of ME.”

**Matthew 15: 8**

‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

**Romans 1: 21 (NASB)**

For even though they knew GOD, they did not honor HIM as GOD or give thanks, but

they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

**To Honor GOD & Honor HIS Word starts from Our HEART.**

**Study on Joseph. Reference Genesis 37, 39, 40, 41.**

**Genesis 37: 3 – 4**

Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him

in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe.

But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them.

They couldn’t say a kind word to him.

**Genesis 39: 2 – 5**

The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of

his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the LORD was with Joseph,

giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.

From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master’s household and property, the Lord began to bless Potiphar’s household for Joseph’s sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and

his crops and livestock flourished.

**Genesis 41: 37 – 40**

Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. So Pharaoh asked his officials, “Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the SPIRIT of GOD?”

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since GOD has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. You will be in charge of my court, and

all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours.”

**Study on David. Reference 1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 24.**

Acknowledging GOD’s Sovereignty is Seeking to Check our Hearts openly before the LORD, so Not Presume and Not Drift off in our Relationship & Obedience to GOD.

Psalms 19: 12 – 13

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.

Keep back YOUR servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Psalms 51: 10 – 12

Create in me a clean heart, O GOD, and renew a steadfast (right) spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from YOUR Presence, and do not take YOUR HOLY SPIRIT from me.

Restore to me the Joy of YOUR Salvation, and uphold me by YOUR Generous SPIRIT.

**Our Faithful GOD is Committed to Renew us Daily. We are Not to persist in own ways, but Always Turning to GOD in Humility & Repentance.**

Ezekiel 18: 31 – 32 (NLT)

"Put all your rebellion behind you, and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.

For why should you die, O people of Israel? I don't want you to die,” says the Sovereign LORD. “Turn back and live!”

Keeping Renewed Right Heart, so as to Love & Outflow from a Pure Heart & Good Clean Conscience.

Ezekiel 36: 25 – 27 (NLT)

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols.

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you.

I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

And I will put MY SPIRIT in you so that you will follow MY Decrees and be careful to

obey MY Regulations.”

1 Timothy 1: 5

Now the purpose of the Commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.

**Our Mission:**

**“A Church AFLAME with GOD’s HEART in WORSHIP & PRAYER,
by LIVING PASSIONATELY according to HIS WORD and HIS PURPOSE,
so as to IMPACT our COMMUNITIES
with LOVE, HOPE, FAITH, PEACE & JOY.**

We are all Called & Chosen as One Body under CHRIST JESUS our Sovereign Head.

Our Union in CHRIST is with Love & Faith toward GOD & HIS Body.

Philemon 1: 4 – 7, 20

I thank my GOD, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the LORD JESUS and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgement of every good thing which is in you in CHRIST JESUS.

For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the LORD; refresh my heart in the LORD.

**Our Love for the LORD & for Fellow brothers and sisters will Strengthen Unity in Truth.**

**Colossians 2: 1 – 3 (NLT)**

I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and

for many other believers who have never met me personally.

I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love.

I want them to have complete confidence that they understand GOD’s mysterious plan,

which is CHRIST himself. In HIM lie hidden all the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.

**~ So as To Stand Strong against lies & deception that will weaken the Spiritual Body.**

**Colossians 2: 4 – 5 (NLT)**

I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments.

For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are

living as you should and that your faith in CHRIST is strong.

**Our Love for the LORD & for Fellow brothers and sisters will cause our Faith Sharing of the Good News of JESUS CHRIST to be Effective & Fruitful to Impact.**

Colossians 1: 3 – 6 (NLT)

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to GOD, the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. For we have heard of your faith in CHRIST JESUS and your love for all of GOD’s people, which come from your confident hope of what GOD has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the Truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the Truth about GOD's Wonderful Grace.

**Colossians 1: 8 (AMP)**

And he also has told us of your love [well-grounded and nurtured] in the [HOLY] SPIRIT.

Let us Put Aside All earthly & fleshly excuses of our Hearts, so as to Focus on HIS

Eternal Kingdom – To Follow JESUS in HIS Perfect Will at All Cost.

Matthew 16: 24 (AMP)

Then JESUS said to HIS disciples, “If anyone wishes to follow ME [as MY disciple],

he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a

willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow ME [believing in ME, conforming to

MY example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in ME].

**Our Union with CHRIST & HIS Spiritual Body causes Supernatural Strength by the**

**Power of HOLY SPIRIT to Endure & Stay Faithful in Functioning for HIS Glory.**

**2 Corinthians 6: 3 – 4a (NLT)**

We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with

our ministry. In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of GOD.

~ **The Way we live our Lives to not be Stumbling Block.**

**2 Corinthians 6: 4b – 6 (NLT)**

We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind.

We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion,

endured sleepless nights, and gone without food.

We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the

HOLY SPIRIT within us,and by our sincere love.

~ **By the Power of the HOLY SPIRIT, we can Overcome All Things, to Fight, to Endure.**

**2 Corinthians 6: 7 – 10 (NLT)**

We faithfully preach the Truth. GOD’s Power is working in us.

We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense. We serve GOD whether people honor us or despise us,

whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors.

We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive.

We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy.

We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

~ **GOD is Working in us by HIS Power in HIS Provision.
 HE is our Strong Defence & Source of Everything we need.**