

## Week 1: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Personal Life

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Devotion by Senator Eric Abetz, Hobart, Tasmania

Sphere of Influence: Australian Federal Government

**Intention:** We can rely on Jesus... Our Hope ... Our Assurance ... Our Comfort!

**Biblical Promise:** Romans 8:39 – “...there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

### Receive God's Promises for Your Personal Life:

My parents chose this verse for their tombstone.

It is a promise on which they based their lives.

It is a promise in which I daily take great comfort.

When I mess up, or sin, I am assured that there is a source for forgiveness and new beginnings.

When things look shaky and uncertain, and when the future is shrouded,

when my pathway is unclear, when others let you down ... (insert your own issue) ...

no matter what, *NOTHING* can separate us from our eternal hope of God's enduring love.

The richness, the comfort, the assurance of the Christian faith is encapsulated in this promise.

My failings don't disqualify me.

My good deeds don't qualify me.

It is simply God's rock solid promise of grace – available to all for the asking – that provides the comfort of a firm foundation and safe anchorage for our earthly lives.

What a promise.

What a foundation.

What a blessing to live every moment of our lives with that unassailable assurance.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Jesus, thank you for meeting with stressed out, corrupt, hurting people like Zacchaeus. Your heart for us is not to condemn but to set us free from the weights and addictions that would otherwise destroy us. Thank you that you offer the hope of joy and liberty to everyone in the marketplace.
- Lord, we pray for our colleagues at work to come to know you and to be set free by the knowledge of the love of God.
- Father, we pray your Holy Spirit fire to activate righteousness, REVIVAL and transformation in Federal Government and through Government. We bless Prime Minister Abbott and all who work with him to better our nation in Jesus' name.
- Lord, we pray for the friends we have listed, that each day of these 40 days, they would more deeply know the joy of salvation and the fullness of your kingdom in their lives.

### Activate God's Promises in Your Personal Life:

- Pause to reflect: Do you have complete assurance that you are saved by God's grace and loved by Him?
- Prepare your own testimony so you can easily tell others what God's love means to you.

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**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Devotion by Pastor Darlene Zschech, Central Coast, NSW**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion & Creative Arts - Worship**

**Intention:** Heart to Heart Prayer.

**Biblical Promise:** Psalm 50:15 – *“Call on me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will glorify me.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Your Personal Life:**

In prayer and in worship, God has never been searching for the most eloquent, or naturally gifted... He has always only ever been interested in the heart... the agenda driving your prayers.

Colossians 4:2 says *“Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in Your prayer life, being both ALERT and INTENT in your praying, with thanksgiving.”*

God called David, a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). David's passionate heart to heart prayer and worship are still speaking to and for us. David learned very early to pray with truth... whether praising God on a mountaintop, or caught in very uncomfortable situations. Our God responds to truthful prayer. Some of us are scared to pray, feeling we may upset God with our plain talk... but there is nothing about any of us that He does not already know. He just desires relationship... and relationship is grown through conversation... and in this instance... prayer. Be earnest, be real. David cried and moaned... But as he went to God... every time there was a moment when his prayers and language started to change, as he had made room for God to move in his situation.

Not one prayer uttered will ever be unnoticed by your Creator. And if *your* heart is actually hurting over anything today... then simply pray... pray simply... *Jesus, please be in the centre of this situation right now.* God hears, God knows, don't try and impress Him by beautifully structured stanzas... just open up your heart to God today. And a key in it all is thanksgiving. Let's never be a people who forget to say thankyou for all the Lord has done, and is constantly doing in our lives. Psalm 50:16... *“Call on me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will glorify me.”* Yes we will... Amen and Amen.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Let this familiar chorus be your prayer today: *“Into my heart. Into my heart. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today. Come in to stay. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.”*
- We pour upon you, our worship, our adoration, tender love and gratitude, Jesus.
- We pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit fire to touch our worship leaders and our own hearts with REVIVAL fire that brings about deep personal transformation and purity.
- We uphold Darlene and her family before you – for your comfort and complete healing, faithful Jesus.
- We pray for the friends you have put on my heart for these 40 days -that they will receive you, Jesus.

**Activate God's Promises in Your Personal Life:**

Be honest with God. Name one very real, deep thing in your heart that you need to get off your chest.

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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Devotion by Senator Helen Polley, Launceston, Tasmania**  
**Sphere of Influence: Australian Federal Government**

**Intention:** The Love of God Will Enable People in Australia to Persevere to Meet and Overcome Everyday Challenges.

**Biblical Verse:**

Colossians 1:11-12 – *“Be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Your Personal Life:**

The Lord has provided me with great personal strength and perseverance over my life. In times of disappointment the Lord has been there. In times of sadness the Lord has been there. In times of great hardship the Lord has been there. And in times of great personal loss the Lord has been there. My belief in God not only provides for the perseverance necessary for daily life that every Australian must strive for, but also provides fortitude so one can understand that we will get through the tough times we face and emerge a stronger and more fulfilled human being. This practice has ensured many of my successes in my life and I do not take the Lord's love in vain. Every Australian is faced with challenges in their life and may seek out the Lord to provide them with the strength and perseverance to meet such challenges. These challenges may seem more significant than others, but a belief in God does not discriminate regarding the many challenges we all face. The Lord will provide just the right amount of strength to ensure you can overcome whatever challenges you are facing. That is the beauty of loving and believing in the Almighty.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Lord, I seek your almighty strength so I have the strength to face and overcome the many challenges I currently face.
- Lord, provide all Australians the strength and perseverance they deserve to fight the many battles in their lives – including the parliamentarians who battle on our behalf.
- God, please show me your accompaniment so I am given the strength to overcome this significant loss in my life.
- I love you God!

**Activate God's Promises in Your Personal Life:**

Always ask people how they are travelling and let them know that they are not alone.

We all have an obligation to make sure people are cared for and that they are ok. See [www.ruokday.com](http://www.ruokday.com)

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**Saturday 8th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Sharon Stevenson, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion - House Church & Prayer Movements**

**Intention:** We declare, Let It Rain! Let My Life Flourish!

**Biblical Promise:** 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (NIV) – *“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Your Personal Life:**

Many times we have read this promise. What we do determines whether God opens heaven and heals our land. If we want to see our Father move in our nation, the shift must start with us, the church, His body, that's you and me. *Do you believe it? Do you have a part in it?* Let's personally claim this promise. *“If I, (use your name), humble myself and pray and seek God's face and turn from my wicked ways, then my Father will hear from heaven and will forgive my sins and heal our land.”*

When the Bible says *‘I shut up the heavens so there is no rain,’* it literally means drought - no water falling from the clouds. But it also means that the flow of life, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit has dried up. So when we call out to God *‘Let it rain!’* we can expect to see a REVIVAL, a move of God again in our land. If we give to God the things in our lives that block His life flowing to us, with our hearts open to receive His love and forgiveness, His love and forgiveness will flow *through* us and flow out from us. It is at this point that we can see real change, real fruit, real REVIVAL. When we are known for *our love* for one another, as in the early church, the world will see the change. And many will *be added daily* (Acts 2). They will want to know Jesus and live this truly victorious Christian life!

Philippians 1:9-11 (Message Bible) - *“So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a love Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.”*

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Father, search every part of me, open my heart to your love, forgiveness and holiness.
- Enable us to love one another appropriately -with sexual purity.
- Let REVIVAL start in me, pour your love out in this nation and heal our land.
- We pray for those who are in a season of literal or spiritual drought across Australia.
- We pray for our listed friends. Enable us to see them and love them as you do, Father. In Jesus' Name, Amen

**Activate God's Promises in Your Personal Life:**

- Ask our Father to show you the things you need to release to Him and those you need to forgive.
- Ask to see others through His eyes. Be ready to respond.

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**Sunday 9th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Peter Walker, Mt Druitt, Sydney, NSW**  
**Spheres of Influence: Indigenous Australian Leader & Religion**

**Intention:** God Will Restore Australian Families.

**Biblical Promise: Joel 2:25-27** – *“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust - My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.”* **You may like to also read verses 28-32.**

**Receive God's Promises for Family Life:**

Greetings to all in the Name of Jesus! I have laid down some thoughts for prayer for this year 2014.

I believe God spoke to me over the Christmas break from the scriptures, the Book of Joel Chapters 1 & 2, majoring on Chapter 2, & verses 25-32. God said, 'I will restore families'. We are seeing this beginning to happen now, however it's not going to come easy. It's going to cost us time alone with God in prayer. Joel pleaded and warned Israel of the impending danger and devastation coming to the land, calling them to weep and seek God.

Just look around us! In Australia today violence has arisen alarmingly, youth suicides on the increase, families breaking up, traditional family values under attack! What's the answer? Be encouraged, Prayer is still the answer! When Israel came out of Egypt, they came out as little family armies. (Exodus 12:6, 51; Numbers 1:3) Yes family, equip your selves for the journey!

I believe the local church is also being transformed and shaped to combat this full on attack by the Devil. Local churches are to undertake full on warfare and strategic training - every church member taught how to equip themselves with the whole armour of God as in Ephesians 6:10-18.

2014 will be a Year of Restoration! *"I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten..."*

Thanks for your time in listening to me; I pray God's favour and rest upon you this year.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

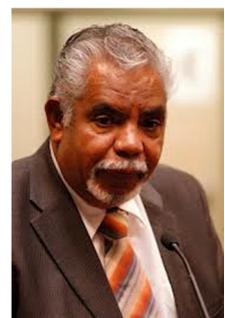
- Pray and fast for God's restoration of families in Australia.
- Pray for Indigenous Australians and the plans of this government to introduce recognition of Indigenous people in the constitution, new guaranteed work programs etc
- Pray for your listed friends to be revived to new life in Jesus.
- Pray your church is equipped to pray and partner with God in His REVIVAL of our nation.
- Pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit fire to activate us with God in His REVIVAL and transformation of Australia.

**Activate God's Promises in Family Life:**

- Are there steps you need to take to restore relationship and God's grace in your own family network?
- Find out how you can partner with Australian Indigenous Christian Ministries. e.g. [www.australianindigenousministries.org.au/](http://www.australianindigenousministries.org.au/)

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**Monday 10th March 2014 Devotion by Bishop Peter Elliott, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Education & Religion - Roman Catholic Church**

**Intention:** We Will Love As Christ Loved.

**Biblical Promise: Ephesians 5:22-33** – *“Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church — for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Family Life:** What is the quality of married love revealed in the Word of God? Paul is our guide in his letter to the Ephesians 5:22-33.

There is to be mutual giving way to one another reflecting Christ's cherishing and nourishing love of his bride the Church. He loves us, his Church, by giving himself up, our only Lord and Saviour, on the cross. Here he is indeed the Bridegroom who nourishes and cherishes the Bride washed clean in the Water and the Blood - and "this is a great mystery" Christ and the Church.

Does The Lord Jesus and his total self-gift shape your love? Is your marriage modelled on his saving work? Christian husband, Christian wife, would you give your life for your beloved? The Bridegroom revealed in the Gospels and proclaimed by Paul did just that. In these times of moral and spiritual challenge The Lord calls you to be living examples of his total self-gift before all people.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Pray and fast for a deepening and overflowing love for God.
- Pray for your listed friends that they will be revived from death to new life in Jesus Christ.
- Pray your church will mobilise to pray and partner with God in his REVIVAL of our nation.
- Pray for the grace to live a sexually pure, holy life in a personal relationship with God and pray for a REVIVAL of sexual purity in our nation.
- Pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit fire to activate us and transform Australia.

**Activate God's Promises in Your Life:**

- Let God guide you in your expression of his profound cherishing and nourishing love for those around you.
- Actively honour, encourage and support people you know who are living sacrificially as they care for family members and others.

**Bishop Peter Elliott**

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**Tuesday 11th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Robin Johnson, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion, Charity & Not for Profit**

**Intention:** The Power of Two, Joint Heirs in Christ, Releasing God's Blessings in Your Household!

**Biblical Promise:** 1 Peter 3:7 (Amplified Bible) – *“In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honouring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favour) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered and cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]”*

**Receive God's Promises for Family Life:**

God answers prayer - I have no doubt. However, there are principles of the Kingdom which we must adhere to if we are going to be truly successful in each realm. Peter speaks clearly to us married men.

The essential lesson from this verse is not the physical difference between men and women, but that we are *joint heirs* in Christ and acknowledging this releases great potential to see our prayers answered. Not to do so means a lack of influence in prayer. Unity is essential and powerful in releasing the blessing of God. This is no less so in the family environment. It is important that married couples pray together and in turn teach their families to pray.

Men must participate in prayer and fulfil their leadership role in the household; not in a dominant and overpowering manner, but with gentleness, grace and love; an example of godliness and faith. As husbands and wives stand together, with Christ, tremendous power and authority is released. Together, as equal heirs of the grace of God in Christ, praying in unity, declaring the promises of God over our lives, family and community, we can combat the attacks of the enemy; the undermining of the sanctity of marriage, the family and the role of fathers.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Pray for men to arise in responsible leadership in their homes, becoming examples in prayer and godliness; taking their place alongside their wives, so that the two will be one, a prayer force of love and truth, in Jesus' name!
- Pray Christian families will be strengthened. Pray husbands and wives will stand together against the attempts of the enemy to undermine and destroy family values.
- Pray boldly, declaring over your family today the blessing of God; the inheritance of Christ to be released on you and your children, in Jesus' name!
- Pray for your listed friends again today that they will receive God's unmerited favour.

**Activate God's Promises in Family Life:**

- Starting today, invite your wife/husband to pray with you daily – or a prayer partner if you are single.
- Testify to the power of prayer and praying together to encourage other families.

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**Wednesday 12th March 2014 Devotion by Mr Jack Sonnemann, Tasmania**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion & Justice**

**Intention:** Men, Rise to Defend Your Families!

**Biblical Promise:**

James 4:7 – “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

**Receive God's Promises for Family Life:**

Nehemiah 4:14 – “Do not be afraid of them, but remember the Lord who is great and awesome and fight for your brothers, sons, daughters, wives and houses.” In the face of attack, Nehemiah appointed his warriors to rebuild the protective wall in front of where their families lived, knowing they would fight harder. Today's families deserve the same protection from the unceasing assault of the enemies of God. God is calling men in Australia to rise up and be men who establish Godly standards for their families and culture.

The OECD says Australia has the highest rape rate, sexual assault and violent assault in the developed world. It is right to protect, prevent and intervene against molestation and abuse. It is sin to know what is right and not do it (James 4:17). We've allowed our culture to become so sex-saturated that our young children are becoming sexualised; families watch pornography in their homes with their children and we sell and display pornography to our children. We legislate to allow our daughters to become prostitutes and our schools teach our children that unsanitary homosexual sodomy is safe, normal and healthy. We have the most permissive abortion laws in the Western World and the premeditated killing of our innocent unborn is our most common elective operation in Australia. Our entire generation is desensitised to the consequences of these tragedies and no longer hates evil (Psalm 97:10).

Believe God, trust God and recognise the relevance and power of Jesus in our culture. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8) and enable everyone who is born of God to overcome the world (1 John 5:4)! Ps 78:9 warns us about the sons of Ephraim, archers *equipped with everything* they needed to defeat the enemy, who turned back in the day of battle. We need to become militant defenders of Biblical morality in the battle raging around us in Australia today (1 Peter 5:8). Speak words of exhortation and rebuke to those who legislate for porn, advertise, sell and display porn. Let us show our wives, daughters and families we are real men who can take insult (Luke 6:22) for doing good without losing heart (Galatians 6:9); men who delight in God's statutes (Psalm 1:2) and stir one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION**

Please God, Forgive us for no longer being shocked by impurity; for our own sin and for failing to protect vulnerable people in our nation. Please help us Lord to fight off our addiction to pornography and firmly and actively stand against it. Psalm 101:3-4 says *"I will set no worthless thing before my eyes, I hate the work of those who fall away, it will not fasten its grip on me."* (Jonah 2:6-9) Enable us to be the militant defenders of Biblical morality that Australia so desperately needs to lead our children into a future filled with hope. Amen

**Activate God's Promises in Family Life:**

Australian Federation for the Family invites your active participation in this winnable war.

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**Thursday 13th March 2014 Devotion by Mr Warwick Marsh, Wollongong, NSW**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion & Justice**

**Intention:** We declare in the name of Jesus Christ a REVIVAL of sexual purity in our nation!

**Biblical Promise:** I John 3:8 (NIV) – “... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”

**Receive God's Promises for Family Life:**

The [Lord of the Rings](#) movies series has gripped the imaginations of billions of people around the world. It is one of the [most successful movie series](#) of all time. [JRR Tolkien](#), the author of the books from which the movie series comes, was a [devout Christian](#) who believed art should inform and inspire us about spiritual things.

One of the reasons so many people are so attracted to the Lord of the Rings movie series is that Tolkien deals with the fundamental question of eternity – the battle between good and evil. Paul the Apostle said; “*We wrestle not against flesh and blood but principalities and powers in high places.*” (Ephesians 6:12). Jesus said, “*This kind (of demon) goes not out, but by prayer and fasting.*” (Matthew 17:21)

Prayer and fasting then is a weapon against the forces of darkness. The most recent Tolkien movie [The Desolation of Smaug](#) (from The Hobbit movie series) shows the desolation that the dragon brings. We live in a time of desolation of the family and the moral desolation of our nation. One in every three marriages ends in divorce. When families break up, the children suffer. Pornography and adultery are rampant in our nation. We need a [REVIVAL of sexual purity](#) to restore the moral foundations on which our families and our nation is built.

Let us together believe and pray for a REVIVAL of sexual purity in our own hearts and in our nation. Let us believe together for the destruction of the dragon's power over the children of Australian because our children are our future.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

Father, forgive us, we have sinned.

We have all been part of the moral desolation of our nation.

We need a REVIVAL of sexual purity.

We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

It is Jesus who gives power over the dragon of immorality,

so we declare in the name of Jesus Christ a REVIVAL of sexual purity in our nation

to preserve and protect the future of our children who you love so dearly.

**Activate God's Promises in Family Life:**

The next time you see an opportunity to stand for sexual purity and the protection of children – will you do it? It might involve speaking out; writing a letter or signing a campaign. Make a difference!

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**Friday 14th March 2014 Devotion by Nathan (age 7) & Lily (age 5), Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Representing: Australian Children**

**Intention:** We Will All Know, Love And Serve God With All Our Hearts!

**Biblical Promise:** Hebrews 8:10-12 – *“This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Family Life:**

Lily (age 5) was listening to her Daddy read... Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV) – *“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness...if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”*

Lily wondered what 'serving' was and silently asked God what it meant. She instantly knew that it meant "to obey God and nobody else" and she told her Daddy what God had said.

The next day at our weekly Community of Blessing, Lily and her Daddy shared this story and we invited her brother Nathan (age 7) to come to each one of us in turn, to say, “Will you serve the Lord?” When Nathan asked a first time visitor, Nathaniel (age 7) his eyes were distracted – indicating he didn't understand. So we asked Lily to explain this to him. She came over and patiently repeated, “It means: Will you obey Him and nobody else?” With his eyes intently focused, Nathaniel submitted his life to Jesus.

*“What does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?”* (Deuteronomy 10:12-13 NIV)

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- I choose to serve you, Jesus, to obey you and only you and to love you with my whole self.
- Holy Spirit, transform families with the will to obey you and nobody else so that they can bless their children's identity and destiny; and enjoy abundant kingdom life on earth.
- Father, bless my friends so they will love you, Jesus and live eternally and abundantly.
- I declare Psalm 33:12 – *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord!”* Jesus, bless Australia to know you and serve you and only you – and so fulfil our destiny as a nation.

**Activate God's Promises in Family Life:**

- Make this choice every day and be alert to it even when you face a seemingly small choice – like TV!
- Ask the One you serve to guide your choices so you can enter the abundant life Jesus promises us all!

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**Week 2: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Youth**  
**Saturday 15th March 2014 Devotion by Mr David Ridley, Darwin, Northern Territory**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion & Charity – Youth & Community Transformation**

**Intention:** Australian Youth Ablaze with REVIVAL Fire!

**Biblical Promise:** 1 Samuel 17:33, 45-47 – And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.” David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands... and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

**Receive God's Promises for Youth:**

It is no secret that throughout history young people have powerfully been used by God to ignite the flames of REVIVAL in the church.

When a young person encounters the living God, there is boldness and zeal that can be likened to the young shepherd boy David who was aghast that Goliath would dare “defy the armies of the living God” (1 Samuel 17:26). Although Goliath was a giant and seasoned warrior, David was a young man who knew who his God was.

It is time for the young people of Australia to rise up and advance against the enemy armies by prophesying into the destiny of this nation - decreeing hope, salvation and transformation by the spirit of God. It is time for young people to step out in faith against the Goliath's of today's society with boldness and courage, stirring the church to action.

What would Australia look like if a generation of youth burned with love for Jesus? How would it affect our schooling system? Our families? The church? May the youth of Australia truly know who their God is and take action to see His Kingdom established on the earth!

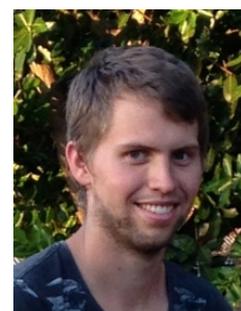
**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- That Australia's young people will not let people look down on them for their youth, but burn with contagious and passionate love for God
- That young people all around Australia would experience the transforming love of God in fresh ways and share his love and power boldly
- Just like the shepherd boy David, may Australian youth know who their God is and fight boldly against the works of the enemy
- Pray that Indigenous Australian youth stand courageously in the name and transforming love of the LORD Almighty - so the whole world knows the God of Australia!

**Activate God's Promises in Youth:**

Ask God to show you a young person to pray for. Pray that REVIVAL fire will fall on them and their friends. Pray that they would release the power and love of the Holy Spirit in their school or areas of influence.

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**Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church**  
**Sunday 16th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Ben Irawan, Sydney, NSW**  
**Spheres of Influence: Christian Education & Religion – Jesus' Kingdom Impacting City Life**

**Intention:** Let God's Mighty Church in Australia Arise!

**Biblical Promise:** 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) – *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

**Receive God's Promises as His Church:**

As part of God's church we need to pray so that the members and leaders of churches do not only think of their own individual churches. We must realize that we are part of the same Body of Christ and part of the same Kingdom of God. Each church must think of how we can be a blessing in our own localities but also how to have synergy with other churches to be an influence nationally. We cannot just think about unity, we must also think about humility, synergy and strategy. Every part of the Body of Christ needs to be connected together and functioning in its own designated areas before we can rise up to be the mighty army of the Lord. United we stand, divided we fall. The dry bones will continue to be dead and dry when separated. But when we connect together through covenant and purpose, God will raise His church in Australia to be a Mighty Army. Reflect on Ezekiel 37:4-10 NIV

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Father, we thank You for raising up Your mighty Church in Australia. Your Body will no longer be fragmented and divided, but all the churches in Australia will be one in You.
- Father, we pray for our spiritual eyes to be opened. So that we are not only thinking about our own personal or individual church needs. Let us see what You are doing through Your collective Church in our cities and nation and take part in it.
- Lord, we pray that the churches in Australia will be connected in covenant, purpose, synergy and strategy for the advancement of your Kingdom and not our own.
- Lord, we pray again today for the friends you have put on our hearts. Rescue them from death to new life in You, Jesus. Amen

**Activate God's Promises as His Church:**

Ask God to bring to mind a few people who you should try to connect with and what kingdom initiatives you could be involved in so that you are not only involved with your local church but also with citywide or nationwide projects.

**Ben Irawan**

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**Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church**  
**Monday 17th March 2014 Devotion by Reverend Dr Ps Margaret Court AO MBE, Perth, WA**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion & Sport**

**Intention:** The Prayers of the Church have Great Power and Accomplish Much!

**Biblical Promises:** Numbers 14:17-20 (NKJV) – *“And now I pray let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, ‘The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.’ Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.” Then the Lord said: “I have pardoned according to your word...””*

**Receive God's Promises as His Church:**

I love my nation. Ever since I represented her in my tennis days, and watched the Australian flag rise on the flag pole, the welfare of my nation has been dear to my heart.

For many years now the Holy Spirit has given me Numbers 14:18-19 and the need to cry out to God in prayer for mercy on our nation just as Moses stood in the gap on behalf of a sinful people asking for mercy for their failures. God was going to wipe them out because of their sinfulness but Moses reminded God of the word that He spoke to him in Exodus 34: 6-9 – *“...that He (God) was merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in truth..”*

This showed me the power of faith filled prayers in the name of Jesus as we pray for God to have mercy on our nation. God will pardon according to OUR words. We have a better covenant than Moses, the name that is above every name in authority and power. Stand to see the fulfilment of the prophetic word that we are part of the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit!

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- I thank you Father according to your abundance of Mercy and that you are long suffering,
- I ask that you forgive the iniquity and sins of our Nation in Jesus' Name.
- I thank you Father that your Holy Spirit hovers over our nation to perform your Word so there will be a Great Awakening in this Nation and souls come into your Kingdom.
- I thank you Father that your Church will be a voice of Victory and Righteousness to impact all the social spheres of society in Jesus' Name.
- I thank you Father for what you are doing in the hearts of our friends as we lift them up again today before your Mercy Seat.

**Activate God's Promises as His Church:**

- Encourage people who speak out for righteousness in our media.
- Check out the ACL website and participate in current calls to action. [www.acl.org.au](http://www.acl.org.au)
- Look for opportunities to be salt and light in your world.

**Margaret Court AO MBE**, Senior Pastor, Victory Life Centre.

On 1 January 1967, Margaret was made [Member of the Order of the British Empire](#) (MBE) for her services to sport and international relations. In 2007, she was made an [Officer of the Order of Australia](#) (AO), for her services to tennis, as a mentor and to the community.

The International Tennis Hall of Fame states, "For sheer strength of performance and accomplishment there has never been a tennis player to match (her)".<sup>[1]</sup>

She is regarded by some to be the greatest female tennis player of all time.<sup>[2]</sup>

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### Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church

Tuesday 18th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Jenny Hagger AM, Adelaide, SA

Spheres of Influence: Religion – Prayer, Charity & Not for Profits.

**Intention:** We are Raising Up Houses of Prayer in Our Nation.

**Biblical Promise:** My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations - Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46

#### Receive God's Promises as His Church:

As the days are becoming increasingly tumultuous across the globe, we are seeing the birth of houses of prayer raised up in the spirit of the tabernacle of David (Amos 9:11, Acts 15:16, Psalm 132). *"Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."* - Nehemiah 2:17. The call of the Lord is for us in the church to unite in worship and prayer, as in the time of Nehemiah when the trumpet sounded and they rallied together on the walls (Nehemiah 4:19). Prayer meetings to "keep the watch" are being held in churches, school campuses, universities, the market place, hospitals and sporting clubs. Some are called to build 24/7 prayer walls, others to two hourly watches.

The rising call to intercession in Australia and across the world is an expression of Christ's love. He desires us to give up our time and agendas to hear his heartbeat for those struggling in darkness, and he leads us in intercession to see the victory, to the manifest glory of His name (John 17:20 – 22). United prayer flows from our intimacy with the Lord and our deepening relationship with each other. The warrior bride is arising, with the passion of David, to pursue her king. *The Spirit and the Bride say come!* (Revelation 22:17).

#### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Thank you Father for raising up houses of prayer across our nation as an expression of the love of Christ who daily carries our burdens.
- Thank you Lord for the bountiful provision so evident in this nation's resources and economy. Enable us to be generous in giving to those in need in our midst and abroad.
- We pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit fire to enable us to carry your REVIVAL and transformation deeply across Australia.
- We pray for our listed friends, with the fervency and love of Christ for them.

#### Activate God's Promises as His Church:

The Lord has promised that when two or three come together in his name, there He is in the midst -Matthew 18:20. Start a small prayer group in your home or church and allow the Lord to lead and instruct you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Jenny Hagger AM

In the June 2008 Queen's Birthday awards, Jenny Hagger was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) "for services to the community, particularly through executive roles with the House of Prayer for All Nations - Adelaide and Mission World Aid."

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Director, Australian House of Prayer For All Nations  
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Transform World Celebration Challenge (Houses of Prayer)



### Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church

Wednesday 19th March 2014 Devotion by Reverend Harry Goodhew, Sydney, NSW

Spheres of Influence: Religion – Anglican Church

**Intention:** We declare - The Life of Christ in us - His Church!

**Biblical Promise:** Ephesians 3:16 (NKJV) – *“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man...”*

#### Receive God's Promises as His Church:

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is full of the grace of God bringing us new life and eternal salvation.

This verse as part of the paragraph from verse 14 to 21 reminds us of two things.

First that God is the giver of spiritual strength and vitality.

Second, that he is to be petitioned for this gracious work within. Therefore let us join Paul in this prayer for the inward strengthening that comes by the Holy Spirit.

#### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Pray for the inner strength of God in your life and that of your listed friends.
- Pray for and partner to pray regularly with those who are drained by illness, care burdens, loss, disappointment and grief – for the spiritual strength and vitality of Christ to enable them and our support responses to them.
- Pray church leaders are strengthened with might through God's Spirit in their inner man.
- Pray for God's church to partner with him in his REVIVAL of our nation.
- Pray that the grace and the power of a personal relationship with God will enable us to live a sexually pure, holy life by and see a REVIVAL of sexual purity in our nation.
- Pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit fire to activate us with God in his REVIVAL and transformation of Australia.

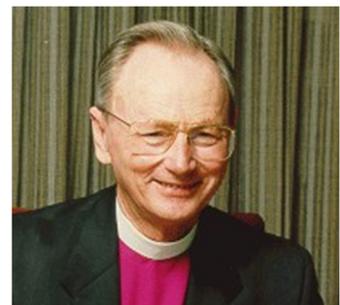
#### Activate God's Promises as His Church:

- Intentionally reach out to people you know who need the strength of Christ to enable them in their circumstances – especially those who are vulnerable due to disability, sickness, dementia, mental illness etc.
- During the 40 Days you may like to write to those who have influenced your spiritual journey to express your thanksgiving for God's influence through them.

#### Reverend Harry Goodhew

Former Anglican Archbishop of Sydney

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### Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church

Thursday 20th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Peter McHugh, Melbourne, Victoria

Spheres of Influence: Religion – advancing Jesus' kingdom

**Intention:** We Guard and Practice Jesus' Command to Love One Another!

**Biblical Promise:** John 13:34–35 – *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

#### Receive God's Promises as His Church:

Matthew 28:18–20 establishes disciple-making as a key to Kingdom advancement. Jesus instructs us to teach disciples to *observe/obey all that I command you* (v20). To observe/obey comes from the Greek meaning: *to guard from loss by keeping the eye upon.*

While Jesus quoted Old Testament commandments and pointed to the two great commandments, He also gave His own commandment. John 13:34 – *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”* John 15:12 – *“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”* John 15:17 – *“This I command you, that you love one another.”* When Jesus calls us to *obey/observe all that He commanded us*, He is calling all of us to *guard and keep our eye on loving one another.*

Loving one another is a core commitment of authentic Christianity. The New Testament writers guarded this commandment (1 John 3:23) and kept their eye on it (Colossians 1:3–4; Galatians 5: 6; Hebrews 10:22–24) as a sign of authentic Christianity. Unfortunately the early church fathers neither guarded nor kept their eye on *loving one another* in their debates over doctrine to establish orthodoxy. Nowhere in the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Heidelberg Catechism or the Westminster Confession is *loving one another* mentioned.

To love one another is to love God (John 14:23, 1 John 4:20–21). We are to love one another, as Jesus has loved us. We lay down our lives (John 15:13) by laying down our right to be right; our accusations, criticisms and judgment to prove I am right; our defensive stance and tendency to let 'task' define relationships rather than God's heart for others. We are to help one another be all we are called to be. We need to have self-awareness in order to evaluate ourselves according to how we love (1 Corinthians 13:4–7, Colossians 3:12–14). Our yardstick of success is John 13:35 – *“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

#### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

Lord, help me to discover and understand Your infinite love for me so that I can 'love well.' Lord, I need grace and courage to consistently guard and keep my eye on Your commandment to "*love one another.*" Thank you for Your declaration of the Australasian region as the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Stir the people of God to rediscover the power of loving one another for the sake of those yet to believe.

#### Activate God's Promises as His Church:

Seek out someone with whom you have a broken relationship and offer to begin the journey to find love for one another by learning to love as Jesus loves.

#### Peter McHugh

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## Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church

Friday 21st March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Brian Houston, Sydney, NSW

Spheres of Influence: Religion - Australian Church

**Intention:** Planted and Flourishing!

**Biblical Promise:** Jeremiah 17:8 (NKJV) – “For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

**Receive God's Promises as His Church:**

It is my observation that people who plant themselves and their family into the heart and soul of their church, grow and flourish to become like the tree Jeremiah describes – deep roots, unmoved by external influences, continuing to produce fruit and provide shelter in tough times. These people are not uprooted easily because their lives are established and secure and they create a wonderful example for the generations that follow. In contrast, people who stay disconnected or peripheral to church life can be easily uprooted and swept away by other influences or priorities.

Just like a physical seedling, if you are not planted anywhere you won't grow. If you are planted in an unhealthy environment, your growth will be negatively affected and the fruit you produce won't be the best; when people are planted in a restrictive environment, they are not likely to see the seed of their potential within them reach its fullness.

Just like a tree, people need to “put down their roots” somewhere healthy to grow and have a fruitful life and I believe the best environment for people to receive nourishment to grow and flourish is in the framework of a loving local church family that provides the ‘soil’ of encouragement, guidance, support and spiritual accountability.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

Father, thank you for your Church in Australia. I pray that by your Holy Spirit, local churches across this great nation will continue to grow, strengthen and increase in influence as individuals and families find salvation, acceptance, encouragement and direction within its walls, In Jesus' Name.

**Activate God's Promises as His Church:**

Find a local church that you and your family can actively commit to. Be a PRESENT, FAITHFUL, SERVANT HEARTED member of that church, loving God and loving people with whatever gifts and time are in your hand to give in this season. Allow the spirit of God to speak to you about how you can play a part in expanding the Kingdom and building what God said He would build – His House!

**Brian Houston**

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**Week 3: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION through Us - His Church**  
**Saturday 22nd March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Wayne Alcorn, Brisbane, Queensland**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion**

**Intention:** We see a nation of believers who genuinely seek Him with all their heart!

**Biblical Promise:** *Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)* – “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

**Receive God's Promises as His Church:**

Life in the 21st-century can be challenging. There are so many demands and so many distractions - all of which are calling out for our time, for our money and even for our affections. Followers of Jesus are not immune from these issues; all of which have the capacity to erode the important things of life; particularly our faith and prayer life.

There is a promise given in Jeremiah 29:13. It comes in the form of an invitation: *'You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'* The big word in that verse is 'all'. The depth of our relationship with God and the effectiveness of our prayer life starts with an undivided heart - choosing to nullify those things that call for our attention and devotion.

Three things you need to know about those with a divided heart:

1. They are distracted - ever so busy, yet leaving a path of unkept promises, unfinished projects. There are just no margins for the important.
2. They are torn - pressure and tension will always arise when we try to serve two masters. How often does the Bible celebrate the spiritual pursuit of 'one thing'?
3. They are compromised - because we're trying to please more than one 'king' in our lives.

In a world filled with many voices; all luring, all demanding, we must make choices that reflect the Lordship of Jesus. Here's the good news. Responding to His call to love Him with all our heart will result in that which can only satisfy our soul and yield answered prayer.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION**

- Pray and fast for a deepening and wholehearted love for God.
- Invite the Lord to enable you to live a sexually pure, holy life and pray for a REVIVAL of sexual purity in our nation.
- Pray that your listed friends will know the joy of living a new life in Jesus Christ.

**Activate God's Promises as His Church:**

Take the time ...weeks if necessary... to discern between what the Father has you doing and the *extras* you may be doing out of a divided heart. (John 5:19, 36)

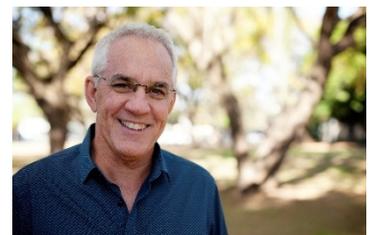
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**Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life**  
– local workplaces, businesses, shops, schools, social meeting places; and national economy & social systems  
**Sunday 23rd March 2014 Devotion by Associate Dean Kara Martin, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Education - Theological College**

**Intention:** That All People will find Fulfilment in Their Work, Seeing it as Established by God!

**Biblical Promise:** Isaiah 65:22 (NIV) – “No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.”

**Receive God's Promises for Marketplace Life:**

Isaiah 65:17-25 gives us a glimpse of the future that God has planned for his people. It introduces the idea that we will work in the new Earth that he will create after Jesus returns. Many of us see work as a curse, and think of heaven as one long holiday; but this verse affirms that work is in fact good, and part of God's future plan for us.

The verse affirms some characteristics of this kingdom work: *that we will enjoy the benefits of our own work*. Many now are frustrated, feeling like their work is for the good of others. They do not feel that they receive a fair reward for their work, or feel that others appreciate their work more than they do.

The second affirmation is that *we will find our work truly satisfying*. At the moment our working is tainted by sin. We struggle with the work itself, which can seem pointless or simply difficult. We also struggle with those we work with, because relationships are broken. We also struggle with the organisations we work for, which are often revealed to be fallible at best, and corrupt at worst.

This verse encourages us to see work, our work relationships and our workplaces through God's eyes. Rather than waiting until all things are finally put right, we know that we can use Jesus' power to redeem those areas of our working. God wants to do good work through us; he wants to reconcile broken work relationships; and he wants to reform workplaces.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Father God, thank you that work is part of the way you made us, and part of your good plan for us. Help us to see our gifts and skills and work through your eyes.
- Jesus, help us to see how your redeeming work extends to every part of our lives, and every part of the world. Help us to see how we can change our work, your way.
- Fill us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to work in ways that transform our workplaces.
- We pray for the friends you have put on our hearts for these 40 days – that they will know joy and fulfilment in you, Jesus.

**Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:**

- Ask God to show you what He can achieve through you and your working.
- Ask for a glimpse of what good work looks like. Start to imagine ways that you can glorify God through your working and the way you care for others at work. Be inspired to do kingdom work.

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## Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life

Monday 24th March 2014 Devotion by Mr Peter Kentley, Melbourne, Victoria

Spheres of Influence: Religion - Church Unity & Marketplace Ministries

**Intention:** We Receive Jesus' Kingdom REVIVAL into Marketplace Life.

**Biblical Promise:** Luke 19:5 (NIV) – *“When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”*

### Receive God's Promises for Marketplace Life:

Zacchaeus lived in Jericho and was a despised Jewish collaborator with the invading Romans. He was dishonest, corrupt and extorted his fellow Jews to line his own pockets. He was wealthy at other people's expense. How could Jesus want to fellowship with this rogue?

Well, why would he want to hang around me either for that matter? This is the magnitude of the love of God - beyond our comprehension!

After one meal with Jesus, Zacchaeus' life, family, friends and business were transformed. *“Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”* (Luke 19:8).

It is possible that Zacchaeus became the first Christian businessman who operated his company with the values and principles of the Kingdom of God.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Jesus, thank you for meeting with stressed out and corrupt hurting people like Zacchaeus. Your heart for us is not to condemn but to set us free from the weights and addictions that would otherwise destroy us. Thank you that you offer the hope of joy and liberty to everyone in the marketplace.
- Lord, we pray for those friends we have listed and our colleagues at work to come to know you and to be set free by the knowledge of the love of God.
- Pour out your Holy Spirit fire to activate God's REVIVAL and transformation in my marketplace. Amen

### Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:

Ask God to bring to your mind someone who is broken-hearted and how you can encourage and bless them.

### Peter Kentley

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**Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life**  
**Tuesday 25th March 2014 Devotion by Emeritus Professor Ian Harper, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Trade & Finance**

**Intention:** God Redeems Our Worldly Endeavours for His Kingdom Purposes.

**Biblical promise:** Luke 16:9 (NIV) – *“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Marketplace Life:**

Christians who are engaged in secular occupations often worry that their work is somehow unacceptable to God. At best, they see their jobs as a tiresome distraction from their true vocation. At worst, they may fear that their work is actually opposed to God's purposes, that is, 'wicked', to use an old word. Yet Jesus assures us that He redeems our work for His eternal purposes. Indeed, we are commanded to use our worldly wealth to make friends for ourselves for eternity. What can this mean if not that He wants us to use the resources at our disposal, including our time, talents and money, to advance His Kingdom purposes in this world? Just think how much good can be done in the world by Christians who use their entrepreneurial talents to build businesses on Kingdom principles. Or Christian employees who model Christ in their workplaces. Or retired Christians who give their time and money to invest into their local communities. Of course, we cannot serve both God and money (Luke 16:13) but there's plenty of opportunity to serve God *with* money. In doing so we help to build the Kingdom here on earth that one day He will bring to fruition when He returns in glory.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Lord Jesus, help me to see how my work in the world can be used for your glory and to build your Kingdom here on earth.
- Please show me how I can gain eternal friends for myself by giving of the time, talents and money You have graciously gifted to me.
- I know You will welcome me into eternal dwellings not because of anything I have done or will do but only because of your sacrifice on the cross.
- Yet You command me to do your will on earth and I pray that You guide me and direct my path as I seek to fulfil Your command in all aspects of my life, including my life at work.

**Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:**

- Ask a group of fellow Christians who work in secular occupations to meet with you regularly to encourage and challenge one another. How can you *“use worldly wealth to gain friends”* for yourself? What does this mean in your work context?
- Invite your pastor to meet with the group and then to meet your work colleagues. Help your pastor to understand more of your work context and workplace culture. Seek his or her counsel and feedback on the attitudes and circumstances you face at work. How can you model Christ to your workmates?

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**Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life**  
**Wednesday 26th March 2014 Devotion by Mr Mark McCrindle – Sydney, NSW**  
**Spheres of Influence: Trade, Finance & Media**

**Intention:** Enduring Amidst Opposition and Overcoming Adversity.

**Biblical Promise:** 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 – *“We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Marketplace Life:**

The Apostle Paul knew suffering and experienced much opposition but importantly he also knew that there was a purpose in his turmoils. Our suffering is not meaningless, and God can bring transformation from pain and opposition. Paul makes clear in verse 9 that “this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God” and just a few verses earlier he states that “the God of all comfort” comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received. So like when Peter was attempting to walk on water amidst the stormy waves, God uses troubles to get us not to focus on the deadly waves but the death-defeating Saviour. And then to be testimonies of God's rescuing as we encourage and help bolster the faith of those going through their own storms of distress. Paul's faith in God as he approached an uncertain future came from his experience of the faithfulness of God in the past. Just as David could face the giant Goliath by remembering that God has delivered him from the bear and the lion (1 Samuel 17:37), so we can rest secure in God knowing that He who ensured we prevailed in previous struggles will “continue to deliver us.” (2 Corinthians 1:10)

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Thank you God for your faithfulness in delivering us from perils in the past and for your promise that we can continue to rely on you to deliver us.
- Father, we pray for those who are struggling financially and morally. Enable us to rest in your wholeness and graciousness as our provider and protector.
- In Jesus' name we bless trade, finance & media spheres of our nation to prosper.
- Lord, give us discernment, wisdom and grace so we serve with integrity and justice.

**Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:**

Be aware of those around you who may be going through troubles and pray for them and seek a way to offer compassion and comfort to them.

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## Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life

Thursday 27th March 2014 Devotion by Mr Colin Buchanan - Sydney, NSW

Spheres of Influence: Creative Arts & Entertainment

**Intention:** Creator God Purposefully Leaves His Fingerprints on the Creative Endeavours of His Image-bearers.

**Biblical Promise:** Colossians 1:15-17 – *“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”*

### Receive God's Promises for Marketplace Life:

“Creator” as a word speaks of the power to bring something to be that wasn't before. Christians are familiar with the truth that God is Creator. This word holds two aspects - ability and rights. God is able - as divine designer, craftsman, shaper, visionary, artisan, genius. And he owns creation's intellectual property rights - bees and insulin, dugongs and refraction, granite and motherhood. Because he did it, it's his. His ability is matched by his authority.

Divine creativity is infinitely yet personally pervasive. This incredible universe isn't his brilliant-but-fading masterpiece, hanging in the Artist's absence as centrepiece in some cosmic art gallery. It's no weathered statue in the park, long-departed from the sculptor's studio. This Creator is imminent, present - he actually sustains the form and function of his creative endeavours. Not simply the “then” Creator, he's the “now” Creator, the “I AM”. Because God is unchangingly consistent, divine creativity can be potently purposeful without losing any of its beauty or integrity. Function often compromises human creative endeavours - usefulness often chokes artistic integrity. The human quest for creative freedom and purity has claimed countless casualties, corrupted at its core by the cancer of sin. God's not like that. His handiwork is declared “Very good.” And in all its complexity and brilliance, it actually points somewhere - to God the Son, the image of the invisible God, firstborn over all creation. It was all made in him and for him. He is the Point of all.

Australia has a rich creative community. Think of the beautiful dribbling first pre-school butcher's paper painting, the feature film, the university major work, the magnum opus. Physical and digital media, words, sounds, performances - some nobly artistically free, many some constructed with some commercial constraint. They are alerting, prompting, processing, challenging, engaging, enhancing - all springing from one divine Source - our Creator. The gospel - the good news that Creator God graciously and decisively deals with sin through his incarnate, saving, reigning Son, Jesus Christ, thus drawing repentant sinners to himself - changes everything. Creativity sits wonderfully in that “everything.” Billboards and canvases, clay and pixels, stages and manuscript paper can become conscious offerings to the honour of the imminent Creator King, not simply reflected by his image-bearers but conscious acts of wondrous worship by his redeemed, creative children.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Creator God, may your gospel capture hearts and lives and imaginations, shifting eternally the dead motivation of sin and self to the glorious, eternal, good Point of All - honour for Jesus. Redeem our nation's amazing creative community to create as never before - with you, for you.
- Lord God, protect and care for your children who create - from idolatry, from pride, from self-obsession, from loneliness, from the brutality of indifference and criticism, from the perils of success and acclaim, from the deceitfulness of sin.
- Jesus, nurture the rich blessing of creativity in your church; promote deep, thoughtful, biblical discipleship amongst all who create; capture hearts everywhere with the beauty of Jesus, the Great Point of All.

### Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:

- Everywhere you look you encounter enriching design, colour, form, layouts, fonts, fabrics, fashions, lustre, rhythm, melody, structure, ambience, performance, plot, lyric, character. Give thankful praise to your Creator God!
- Pray for those who turned ideas into the expressions before you.

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## Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life

Friday 28th March 2014 Devotion by Senator (elect) Bob Day AO, Adelaide, SA

Spheres of Influence: National Trade, Finance & Government

**Intention:** God's Promises for Our Nation will Be Fulfilled as We Listen and Obey Him.

**Biblical Promise:** Joshua 3: (Note v5, 9-10) – *“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”* Joshua said to the Israelites, *“Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. This is how you will know that the living God is among you...”*

### Receive God's Promises for Your Marketplace Life:

The simple truth is, life is not about *us*. Like turtles on a fence post – we don't get anywhere by ourselves; we certainly don't get into leadership positions by ourselves! Everything I have achieved has been done thanks to a lot of help from a lot of people.

Our success and happiness in every area of our lives as a citizen, leader or disciple of Jesus – *forever* depends on our relationship with God and with others. Relationships are built on effective communication - *stopping to listen and dialogue*. To serve and lead well – making time to find out not just *what* people want but more importantly, *why* they want it. Often their motivation holds the key to their solution.

In our communication with God we also need to *stop to listen and dialogue*. We hear people say, *“Don't just stand there – do something!”* But in Joshua 3 the leaders were told *“Don't do anything, just stand there and wait.”* To succeed you have to know God's plan and move with His agenda. Better a few grams of pain from the transitional phases of discipline involved in obedience than tons of pain from regret. Read Psalm 46: note 10-11 *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”* *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Lord, I pause now and am still, waiting before you to hear *who* you say I am.
- In Jesus' name we release God's blessing for the development of infrastructure systems for transport; employment - particularly for youth; and housing – for the homeless.
- May the friends I am praying for - these 40 days - know you, Jesus.

### Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:

- During these 40 days practice spending extended time waiting and listening to God.
- Be intentional in listening well to others.
- Express your gratitude to someone who has helped you get where you are today.

### Bob Day AO

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**Week 4: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Marketplace Life**  
**Saturday 29th March 2014 Devotion by Mr Mike Jeffs, Sunshine Coast, Queensland**  
**Sphere of Influence: Media**

**Intention:** Recognise the Real Test - the 'Test is not the Test'

**Biblical Promises:** Matthew 5:39-42, 45 & 48 – *"Here's what I propose: 'Don't hit back at all.' If someone strikes you, stand there and take it. If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your back, gift wrap your best coat and make a present of it. And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. <sup>48</sup>In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you."*

**Receive God's Promises for Marketplace Life:**

After being involved in Business for over 40 years now I have come to discover the power of a Biblical Principle, which I term as the 'Test is not the Test.' In any given day we face tests and challenges no matter what we do, and I have come to discover that the real test is not actually the test/challenge we face but more importantly how we react to any given test - that is the real test!!!!

The Bible is full of amazing truth and the above passage clearly demonstrates the 'Test is not the Test' principle and how we should react to any given test in life we face. The key to our reaction is to always react in what I term the 'Opposite Spirit' – the life of Jesus is a timeless example of this and a modern day example would be Nelson Mandela, as he knew what it was to face the most severe of tests in life, but to his credit he passed those tests by reacting in the Opposite Spirit and as a result his life and legacy is one we can all aspire to.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Lord, enable us to live by your Holy Spirit – a pure and holy life. Father, enable us to overflow with your generous, gracious love.
- Enable us to be a testimony of your love to our friends and enemies.
- We pause to pray for them now, by name.
- We pray an outpouring of Holy Spirit fire will activate us in your REVIVAL and transformation of Australia.

**Activate God's Promises in Marketplace Life:**

So the next time you face a test in life, pause a moment and ask the Lord to show you how to respond, and use the moment to honour God through your actions and responses.

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**Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory**  
**-assigned place or people group e.g. neighbourhood, local community, city, region**  
**Sunday 30th March 2014 Devotion by Pastor Jamie Pryor, Canberra, ACT**  
**Spheres of Influence: Tertiary Christian Education & Religion – Unity & Transformation**

**Intention:** Grow in Unity

**Biblical Promises:** Psalm 133 (NKJV) – “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.”

**Receive God's Promises for Your Territory:**

This scripture encourages us to *dwell* in unity. To dwell is to be in a place where you stay rather than a place you visit. The house we live in for example can be called a dwelling, somewhere where we stay. So what does this mean for us? Unity is the way we are asked to live.

At its core unity is about loving and valuing others, particularly believers. As once was said we need to learn to honour what we don't prefer. If we are honest it is all too easy to live our lives around our preferences, the type of people we mix with, the type of church we are involved in keeping to our own generation and many other such examples.

The scripture encourages us, however, that as we live for others and dwell in unity the Lord *commands* the blessing. This is a pretty unique statement in scripture – where else does the Lord command the blessing? Put in other words this means that blessing and *life forevermore* are consequences when God's people live together in unity.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Thank you Jesus for your desire to see the church dwell together in unity. We ask that you forgive us where our attitudes have been parochial, where we have been jealous of others successes and we have not demonstrated your love to those who are different to us. We ask you to mold us into the part of your body that you desire us to be and that we will shine for your glory.
- Jesus, mobilise us to partner together with you in your transformation of Australia.
- We pray especially for all those leading, working in and participating in Education in Australia. We pray for just financing and godly curriculum. Open our hearts and minds to receive your understanding, Father and to be godly shepherds of Your purposes in this generation.
- We pray again today for (*names.....*) to be revived from death to new life in Jesus.

**Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:**

Unite with other Christians in your neighbourhood/workplace/field and local congregations in your area as God's one church in the region – taking responsibility to usher in Jesus' kingdom values and activate God's plans to bless those around you.

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## Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory

Monday 31st March 2014 Devotion by Dr Mark Robinson, Brisbane, Queensland

Spheres of Influence: Queensland State Government

**Intention:** Righteousness in Government is the Foundation to a Nation's Prosperity and Well-being.

**Biblical Promise:** Proverbs 14:34 (NIV) – "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin condemns any people."

### Receive God's Promises for Your Territory:

Good living has a direct impact upon the economy and well-being of a society. A nation prospers when its leaders govern and serve with integrity. When ancient Israel as a nation was governed by good kings, the nation prospered. When they had evil kings, they lived without blessing. While some disconnect the issues of moral leadership and economy, and see economic prosperity as solely a function of market and business forces, others adopt a more holistic approach and include trust-worthiness of governments and leaders and the strength of law and order and justice, among other things.

2 Chronicles 7:14 makes a link between right living and the productivity of the land – "*if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*" Dependable, trust-worthy, honest, loyal, good-living politicians are in great demand and our future depends on them.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Pray for the leaders in government in your region – federal, state and local - that they will be men and women of truth, who keep their word, who are trust-worthy and who have the courage of their convictions.
- Pray for people of good values to make the commitment to run in the Parliament(s) and Councils of your State.
- Pray for the people you have listed – that these characteristics will also be established in their lives so they too contribute to the well-being of our communities.

### Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:

Talk or write to your MPs and Councillors and ask to meet them. Offer to pray for them and tell them how important it is to you that they are a good example to others in the community – so that your community can be blessed.

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## Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory

Tuesday 1st April 2014 Devotion by Mrs Marg Auty, Whittlesea, Victoria

Spheres of Influence: Religion – networking and supporting the body of Christ

**Intention:** God Intends Us 'to receive, and continue to receive His love' – for our own lives, and for others in our community.

**Biblical Promise:** Romans 5:5 (NASB) – "...because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

### Receive God's Promises for Your Territory:

God wants us each to let him expand our personal capacity to *receive the love* God is pouring out. God thanks each one for all that they have been & done for Him to date and invites us to let the Spirit grow our capacity to receive from the Father for the days ahead. He enables us each to hold securely onto His love and receive more love, more resources – more living water. And the more of God's love we receive in our lives, the more we have for others. It's a beautiful picture of God's grace that He would thank us for receiving His gifts.

One of the key scriptures in these 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting is Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV) - "*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace...*" To take a catch in cricket, we use a totally different set of muscles compared to throwing the ball. We each need to learn how to posture ourselves to *receive God's love*. It involves opening our hearts and staying open so we can remain in God's love, His leading, His affirmation, His pastoral "fathering & mothering" of our lives, His inheritance as sons and daughters...

Receive and treasure all God is giving you. Let it build up in you so, like Jesus, you can live and love from your fullness to others. Receive for yourselves and for your neighbours, the Body, your workplace. Let God's love highlight what He sees and desires, so you grow accustomed to being compelled by love. Be His good news for all Australia!

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Father, in these 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting help us open our hearts, positioned to stay and receive your love poured out afresh.
- "May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God..." - [2 Thessalonians 3:5](#) (NASB)
- Father, help us keep ourselves in your love so rivers of living water will flow out of our hearts! "Maintain yourselves in the love of God..." [Jude 1:21](#) (AMP)
- "May mercy, love and shalom be ours in full measure." [Jude 1:2](#) (Complete Jewish Bible) Amen!

### Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:

Simply take time to open your heart to the Father, to receive & hear His affirmation and deep acceptance, and ask Him to pour His love in. Walk in that love, drawing on the Father's heart for wisdom & love for those you meet.

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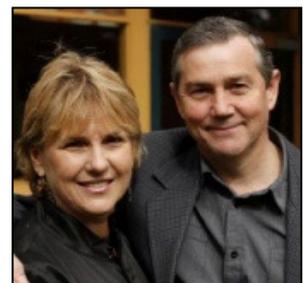
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**Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory**

**Wednesday 2nd April 2014 Devotion by Pastor Robyn Beezley (nee Green), Tweed Heads, NSW**  
**Spheres of Influence: Creative Arts & Religion – Worship**

**Intention:** God's Consuming Fire Protects Us and Sets Us on Fire for Him!

**Biblical Promise:** Hebrews 12:28-29 – *“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”*

Deuteronomy 4:23,24 says, *“Take care lest you forget the covenant of The Lord your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that The Lord your God has forbidden you. For The Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Your Territory:**

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace, made seven times hotter, because they would not bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's decree to worship an image made of gold. Because of their reverent worship and awe of Him, God inhabited the furnace and the consuming fire of His presence protected the Hebrew men from the natural fire.

I believe that God is expressly calling us, as His people in these days, to openly honour His kingdom on earth as a testimony to the ungodly and unbelievers. God is jealous to receive His people's adoration and heartfelt worship and to have His kingdom inhabit our hearts and our praises. When we present our bodies as a living acceptable sacrifice, wholly and acceptable to Him, *Our God who is a consuming fire*, removes the dross from our lives and protects us. We will not bow to evil declarations and decrees and laws because God's kingdom is in our hearts and His kingdom cannot be shaken by sin. When we offer God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe He inhabits us; setting us on fire; burning so hot for Christ that nothing can put out the flame! (Hebrews 1:7)

**Pray and Fast with me with burning hot passion for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray for the people of the land who have carved other gods and worshipped them in disrespect before you, O God.

We ask forgiveness for our selfish ways and disobedience caused by our pride of life, lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes.

We are mindful today, O God that you are a jealous God, who desires us to worship only thee in spirit and in truth.

We surrender our selfish ways and ask you to enable us to live with truth, faith, hope and love; honouring the Ten Commandments; upholding sexual purity, marriage, family values and integrity in our homes.

We ask you to purge out the dross of sin and degradation and consume us with your Holy Fire. Breathe upon us we pray, and ignite our hearts to honour your holy word and become living epistles who walk in harmony and love.

We pray that every believer in this nation of Australia will unite in prayer and proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord in Australia!

We declare today that Australia is the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit! We worship you as our one and only God - the righteous judge who rules over us with justice, wisdom, mercy, kindness and miracle working power! Amen

**Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:** Be inspired by clicking on these links:

- Testimony of miraculous healings at [www.godtube.com/watch/?v=7GWYYWNX](http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=7GWYYWNX)
- From Opera House: I am Australian! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qambgLyvIxQ>

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**Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory**  
**Thursday 3rd April 2014 Daily Devotion by Mrs Sue Tinworth, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Sphere of Influence: Religion – blessing, prayer & personal evangelism**

**Intention:** Jesus Has Sent Us to Our Neighbours to Say – “*A relationship with the living God is available to you!*”

**Biblical Promises:** [John 10:10](#) AMP – “*I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance to the full, till it overflows.*”

**Receive God's Promises for Your Territory:** Jesus has come so we may *all* have life eternal and abundant! This is the blessing that God releases each day to soak deeply into *every* Australian heart.

We have been given a simple Biblical vision of how REVIVAL will come to Australia through ordinary people.

Take a moment to see *your* part in this: <http://partnersinprayer.org.au/vision-and-strategy-for-REVIVAL/>

We, who are Jesus' disciples, are sent to bring *shalom* peace, life giving encouragement, salvation, healing and wholeness, to lighten the load of those we meet every day! We are to be humble pipes – conduits of kingdom love and revelation in our community through prayer and loving relationships. Are you a tap turned on to release the kingdom life of Jesus into the grassroots of Australia?

In Luke 10:1-24 Jesus sent out 72 *ordinary* disciples – people like us! It is not just apostles who are sent ones! These ordinary disciples were led to local people of peace, who were open to the kingdom of God. Houses of prayer and peace were established to host the kingdom of Jesus in their neighbourhood. This impacted the destiny of a whole region, bringing *peace* – restoration to abundant life - and *joy* to the villagers (v9); to the disciples (v17) and to Jesus (v21). Jesus saw the principalities and powers of Satan brought down as his kingdom was established in that territory (v18-19.)

You are your Father's child - His *extraordinarily* entrusted one (v20-24). Connect to your Father and trust Him as your source of authority, power and provision. Jesus told his disciples to go without money or luggage (v4) and this applies to emotional baggage too! The overflow of God's love, hope, joy, peace and healing - through our communication and relationships can be blocked by offense in our heart, un-forgiveness, condemnation, pride, fear, shame etc. To be a channel of the kingdom of God we need to be free of sin against all people; free of condemnation against the Church who Christ loves and full of love for each other as the Body of Christ. Then those who don't know Jesus *will* want to. Receive the abundant life blessings of God's kingdom and pass them on - so peace comes to the specific *territory* that your Father has given to *you* (Numbers 6:23-27).

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Lord, use our fasting to strip us of all that we depend on, our patterns of sleep, eating, lifestyle and our opinions, so we know you as our wholly reliable provider; so we recognise and repent of all other idols in our lives and live for you only.
- Show us our assigned territories and as we abide in you, Jesus, fill us and overflow your kingdom continuously to them.
- To our friends, neighbours, colleagues and enemies, we say, “We bless you in Jesus' name to know the wonder of who God is and to live the abundant and eternal life that Jesus offers you.” (Hebrews 8:11)
- We pray God's REVIVAL in our local neighbourhoods, schools, workplaces, regions and nation. (Colossians 1:4-6)

**Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:**

Set your alarm each day to 10:02am (Luke 10:02) and pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers who will carry the kingdom to local houses of peace everywhere! Then hear Jesus say, “*Go, I am sending you!*” (Luke 10:1-24)

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## Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory

Friday 4th April 2014 Devotion by Major Marney Turner, Melbourne, Victoria

Spheres of Influence: Religion & Charity – Salvation Army

**Intention:** Live Fully Alive! Revived to a Revitalised Life!

**Biblical Promises:** Can I give you a Biblical image of REVIVAL as seen in Ezekiel 37:1-10?

*"The hand of The Lord came upon me & brought me out in the Spirit of The Lord, & set me down in the midst of the valley; & it was full of bones (exceedingly dry bones). Then He caused me to pass by them all around, & behold, there were very many in the open valley; & indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live? "So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."*

*Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, & say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the Word of The Lord! Thus says The Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, & you shall LIVE. I will put sinews on you & bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin & put breath in you; & you shall LIVE. Then you shall know that I am The Lord." 'So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, & suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, & the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.*

*Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, & say the breath, 'Thus says The Lord God: "Come from the four winds, O breath, & breathe on these slain, that they may live", so I prophesied as He commanded me, & breath came into them, & they lived, & stood upon their feet, AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT ARMY!"*

### Receive God's Promises for Your Territory:

What a wonderful image of death & decay resurrected to life, breath, and REVIVAL all achieved in the power of God's Spirit as a faithful servant Ezekiel hears the Word of The Lord and obeys as he is led and commanded by the palpable voice of God.

The essence of REVIVAL is AWAKENING - REVITALISATION - a return to former glory!

Reflect on these questions:

- When we pray & fast for REVIVAL - what is our responsibility and how does The Holy Spirit bless as we pray the price?
- Who in your life has been a faithful and true model of a revivalist Prayer Warrior?

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

Father, we confess our lack of fervour. We have lived listlessly – half alive!

Consume and revive us with your mighty resurrection power.

Revive our friends from death to new life in Jesus Christ.

Revive us as your church to partner with you in your REVIVAL and transformation of our nation.

Lead us from glory to glory, Jesus, that we might bring glory to your name.

### Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:

Speak by faith to any area of your life or territory that is dry and in need of revitalisation.

By faith in Jesus' name, we command you to LIVE!

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**Week 5: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Your Territory**  
**Saturday 5th April 2014 Devotion by Mrs Roma Waterman, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Creative Arts**

**Intention:** Unity and REVIVAL will overtake every denomination. No one will be left behind!

**Biblical Promise:** Amos 9:13 – *“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills.”*

**Receive God's Promises:** An extract from Word at: <http://partnersinprayer.org.au/four-seasons-in-one-season/>  
“This new season in the kingdom is going to be all four seasons in one season. You won't be able to pinpoint what I am doing because it's going to keep changing direction.”

I believe the Lord is doing this to capture the whole flow of church and people. Not just one stream, denomination or style but every person who turns their ear to him. We use the word REVIVAL a lot and this will truly be a season that is history making. Unlike some REVIVALS in the past, it will not impact one people group – it will transform many. Every flavour and church expression will be captured by God. He will not leave anyone behind. He loves his church - the whole church and He desires that all are impacted by His presence.

**Four Seasons in One Season:**

- 1. Inter-Racial.** An acceptance of other races including our land owners will thrive in this season as lovers of God stand together for the greater pursuit of loving Jesus. Long standing grievances will fade as our experience of who Jesus is will be so overwhelming that who is wrong or right just won't matter anymore.
- 2. Inter Denominational.** Whole congregations no matter what denomination will see and experience healings, signs and wonders. The whole church will rejoice in these testimonies!
- 3. Generational.** Raising up the next generation doesn't mean previous generations need to retire! There's a wrong belief that reaching a certain age means you're no longer needed. This is a lie designed to create an orphan spirit. If the enemy can take out mothers and fathers the next generation will not have legacy and identity. This will be a season of standing side by side, embracing each other's ministries – young and old.
- 4. Relational.** It's family time! There will be an embracing aside from ministry endeavours. Church will no longer be about services and events. It will be about meals and holidays together, experiencing the highs and lows because we love each other.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

Lord, we commit our vision for our nation to your vision for our nation! We lay down personal ideals to attach ourselves to the great plan you have for The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

**Activate God's Promises in Your Territory:**

Which of these four seasons is highlighted to you? Ask the Lord to tell you why this is so and think of some practical things you can do to be a part of seeing that season come to pass.

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## Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region

Sunday 6th April 2014 Devotion by Gloria (Dyer) Miller, Apostle of Christ, Perth, WA

Spheres of Influence: Religion - Aboriginal Leader

**Intention:** Jesus is Preparing His Bride – in Love and Intimacy.

**Biblical Promises: Song of Songs 8:6-7 (KJV)** – *“Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:** I see Jesus coming as the Bridegroom of His Church in Australia, saying, *“Inscribe me as a seal upon your heart.”* It is a challenge for us to love our Lord as He deserves. Christians who love God wholly and sacrificially come under condemnation because the world cannot understand this. But this is the kind of love that we are to have.

Here are some of many glimpses God has given me of how we become His Holy Bride:

- **Purity:** Our sexual purity is key to us to become the Bride of Christ and fulfil the calling for Australia to be a holy nation – righteous and just. Multitudes are in the valley of decision are called to awaken and be purified. Our land needs to be cleansed from the shedding of innocent blood so the LORD may dwell in us. Joel 3:9-21
- **Unity:** one heart, mind and spirit – aboriginal and non-aboriginal will break through together in partnership. Psalm 133 When brethren dwell together in unity there God commands the blessings. The world is like God's patchwork quilt. We each are a part but it is not just about us! It's all about His glory!
- **Inheritance:** Our ceiling, where we have had breakthrough, becomes the floor for others to walk upon so they do not need to go through the same struggle to reach their breakthrough.
- **Blessing:** God is transitioning us into the coming season of Great Harvest. Haggai 2:10-19 (BBE) – *“<sup>18-19</sup>From the time when the base of the Lord's house was put in its place, give thought to it. Is the seed still in the store-house? Have the vine and the fig-tree, the pomegranate and the olive-tree, still not given their fruit? From this day I will send my blessing on you.”* There is a time of refreshing and blessing coming as one cycle ends and awakening begins.
- **Obedience:** God closes doors to the past and opens doors before us. Isaiah 43:18-1
- It's time for us to stand in faith and prophetically put our own hands upon the door knob to open the door to the next season of our lives with Christ. I see us opening the door to REVIVAL in our nation! By faith I declare and proclaim the Door of DESTINY Open!

Note: Gloria had not known – that REVIVAL is our focus for 2014 and DESTINY is our focus for 2015!

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION: Lord, in Jesus' name, authority and power we pray,**

- Purify our hearts, minds, will and strength to love You as You deserve – in whole and holy intimacy – one with You and each other.
- Purify our nation of the sins of the past and open to us the way to holiness, REVIVAL and destiny!
- We declare that what is given us is for the nations of the world – freely received, freely given!

**Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:**

Reflect prayerfully on Isaiah 62:10-12 (KJV) – *“Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.”*

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## Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region

Monday 7th April 2014 Devotion by Dr Graham McLennan, Orange, NSW

Spheres of Influence: Health & Religion – Christian Heritage

**Intention:** May All Australians Know Our Christian Heritage, Identity and Destiny in God.

**Biblical Promise:** Psalm 78:4, 7 (NIV) – “We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.”

### Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:

Three key words for our nation today are: **Our Christian Heritage** (past), **our Christian Identity** (present) and **our Destiny** (our future in God). Christ in you the hope of Glory!

Sir Henry Parkes, Father of Federation, whose well known call for Australians to be "One people, One destiny" stated: "As we are a British people - are pre-eminently a Christian people as our laws, our whole system of jurisprudence, our Constitution... are based upon and interwoven with our Christian belief, and as we are immensely in the majority, we have a fair claim to be spoken of at all times with respect and deference."

Similar words were expressed years before in the SMH 1854. John West, the editor and Congregational Minister stated: "The people of Australia are one people; they speak one language; their views are substantially the same; they worship one God; their moral standard is formed by one rule and beyond this life they hope for one destiny."

The derivation of the word culture comes from the Latin word "cultus" meaning worship. A nation's culture is significantly derived from religion. We need to come to a realisation that a Christian culture is indeed, the best culture. It is our prayer that our identity and destiny as Australians can easily be seen in the infinite wisdom and providence of God in this great majestic land. "All the ends of the Earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations." Psalm 22: 27, 28

It was Karl Marx who stated "People without a heritage are easily persuaded," With an emphasis no longer on assimilation but pluralism and multiculturalism, the words of Sir Henry Parks certainly ring true today.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Pray and fast for our nation to be transformed by the renewal of our minds from a secular mindset.
- Pray for your listed friends know their heritage, identity and destiny in Jesus Christ!

### Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:

Write a letter or use social media to communicate in the public forum what your Christian values mean to your life, family, business etc.

### Graham and Pam McLennan

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## Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region

Tuesday 8th April 2014 Devotion by Mr Kelvin Crombie, Perth, WA

Sphere of Influence: Religion - Israel

**Intention:** That Israel Will Receive the Promise of the New Covenant.

### **Biblical Promise:**

One of the greatest of all promises given to the nation of Israel is that of a New Covenant as prophesied by Jeremiah: *"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ... this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my Law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."* Jeremiah 31:31-34.

### **Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:**

Jesus/Yeshua came as the representative Israelite with whom God established this New Covenant. Although many Jewish people entered into covenant with Jesus, the nation then did not. Yet Paul wrote of a day when *'all Israel would be saved'* (Romans 11:25-26). Meanwhile in his abundant grace and mercy, God has allowed Gentiles to also enter into this covenant with Israel - without first having to become Jewish. Paul also wrote that when Jewish and Gentile peoples enter into covenant with Jesus there would be created One New Man in Messiah, which would result in peace (Ephesians 2:11-19). Today there are upwards of 150,000 Jewish followers of Jesus/Yeshua worldwide, but the nation is still far from receiving the blessings of the New Covenant.

### **Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Please pray and encourage individual Jewish people to enter into a personal covenant relationship with Jesus/Yeshua their King Messiah. Please pray for ministries that are reaching out to Jewish people. [www.celebratemessiah.com.au](http://www.celebratemessiah.com.au)
- Please pray our nation of Australia knows that by God's abundant grace, His covenant and transformation is available to every soul.
- Please continue to pray each day for the friends on your heart these 40 days – that they too know the Lord.

### **Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:**

Do you understand the importance of praying for Israel?

You may like to explore this further: Psalm 122:3-9, Genesis 12:1-3, Zechariah 12:3, Ephesians 3:6, Romans 11, Romans 15:25-27

### **Kelvin Crombie**

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## Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION for Our Nation & Global Region

Wednesday 9th April 2014 Devotion by Mrs MarDee Kaylock, Melbourne, Victoria

Spheres of Influence: Creative Arts

**Intention:** For God's creativity to be fully and uniquely realized in all spheres of society.

To see every community come to a deeper understanding of The Creator's prophetic imagination and to see the arts activated in excellence, unity and humility within Australia and beyond our borders.

**Biblical Promises:** Isaiah 55:1-13 (Voice Translation) Click here:

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah55:1-13&version=VOICE>

### Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:

God is calling his creative people into a new season, to be his storytellers no matter where we are or what artistic discipline we use. He is inviting us to come to stillness & silence first, listening for the intake of breathe before a word is spoken. With quiet intimacy as our default setting we can imagine, create and bear fruit that will remain from this centred place.

We are designed in his image, to share stories, facilitate hope, and offer light and freedom for the heaviest of hearts in the darkest of places. There is a significant release happening in Australia currently, a download of creative ingenuity, excellence, inspiration and humility across people groups, communities and artistic disciplines. Pray for and with creative people and artists, discerning as you listen to where God is moving and as you respond fearlessly with a voice for the oppressed, hope for the hopeless and humility for the proud. With a servant heart, come in the opposite spirit facing opposition and oppression with singing, dancing, painting, and making. You are storytellers, hope givers, and water carriers so open your mouth, bring hope and carry water to the least of these.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

Lord, we declare your kingdom purposes to be realized in and through our communities for your creative Spirit to flood the entertainment and culture shaping industries. We pray for favor and humble authority for your artists as they stand in the music, film, TV, performing and visual arts spheres of influence and release your healing hope and freeing truth through their work. Be revealed in & through your creative people within our land and beyond our borders.

### Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:

- Consider one of your favorite artists, authors, producers, directors, composers, actors, musicians, poets, dancers, painters.
- Pray for the Father's heart to be revealed in their heart, life, family, and ultimately work. Name them and speak life over them & their creative choices.
- Follow their story, support their shows/exhibitions, buy their work (don't download illegally) and watch faithfully for light and life to be communicated through their work as you are faithful in prayer.
- Consider praying for & supporting a local artist or arts group in your area.
- For help locating artists in your area: Christian Artists Factory. <http://cafactory.com>

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## Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region

Thursday 10th April 2014 Devotion by Brigadier (ret.) Jim Wallace, AM, Canberra, ACT

Spheres of Influence: Defence, Justice, Media

**Intention:** Jesus is the Sovereign Lord of Australia!

**Biblical Promise:** Psalm 2:7-8 – *"I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."*

### Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:

The Psalm 2:7-8 promise is in vivid contrast to Mark 12:1-13. As you read it, note: v8 – *"So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard."*

This sad act by the tenants in the Parable in Mark should make us all well aware of what we have done in the West. Despite being fully provided for in abundance by God, we have thrown the son, Christ, out of the very vineyard that was our gift and blessing.

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

- Let us all pray that our nation will recognise its error and return Jesus to the central place in Australia's purpose and character.
- Let us pray for our nation's defence forces – that they would know Jesus and be led by him. Uphold General David Hurley, Chief of Defence and returning veterans in particular.
- Let us pray that we, the Church, will have courage and honour and God's power and strategy for the spiritual battle going on in our midst.
- Let us continue to pray for the list of people on your heart these 40 days – that they would make Jesus central in their lives.

### Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:

- Everyday Australian soldiers face life with courage, preparedness and strategy, knowing and willing to lay their life down for our nation. Are you willing and equipped to face the spiritual battle with courage, intentionality and strategy? God's power is available to us and his victory is certain. Let's not limit God!
- Consider writing a letter of thanks to honour the courage of someone who has stood up to injustice and righted wrongs.

### JJA WALLACE AM,

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**Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region**  
**Friday 11th April 2014 Devotion by Pastor Barbara Miller, Cairns, Queensland**  
**Spheres of Influence: Reconciliation & Religion – including Prayer for Australia, Israel and the nations**

**Intention:** For God's justice, righteousness and salvation to flow through Australia, Israel and the nations, transforming them and bringing REVIVAL to all social services and systems.

**Biblical Promises:**

Isaiah 51:4-5 (NIV) – *“Listen to Me My people; hear Me My nation: The law will go out from Me; My justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, My salvation is on the way, And My arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to Me and wait in hope for My arm.”*

**Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:**

God calls us to prayerfully listen to him, to hear his heart for our nation, Israel and the nations. He has impressed on me so strongly that righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne (Psalm 89:14) and that he wants us to be a sheep nation when he comes to judge the nations (Matthew 25:31-32). He wants us to have compassion towards others and to stand with the nation that is the apple of His eye – Israel.

God can turn our nation around through our prayers. He wants to bring salvation, pour out REVIVAL, heal the people and heal the land. We are a large island, part of the Pacific with many islands and the Lord wants us to hope in him, to have faith in him. The Lord will move powerfully with his right arm to right the wrongs and bring justice to the nations and bring about His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Nothing is impossible with God and He has commanded us to be holy even as He is holy. Righteousness exalts a nation. Declare the government is on the shoulders of Jesus! (Isaiah 9:7)

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Lord Jesus, we thank you that your life was an example to us as You reached out to the poor and needy. As you said You came to call sinners not the righteous to repentance. Help us to do likewise. We pray that your compassion will flow through us.
- We pray for the government and all social services and systems of our nation to be aligned with your holy plans and purposes, that Australia would fulfil its destiny and calling as a nation and be a nation of righteousness and justice.
- We pray Australia will bless Israel and be blessed and not curse Israel (Genesis 12:1-3) and that Australia will be aligned with your purposes for Israel. (Zechariah 12:3)
- We pray for those you have put on our hearts these 40 days, for their salvation, healing and transformation – through your righteousness poured out, Jesus.

**Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:**

- Join a prayer network that prays for Australia, Israel and the nations – the Australian Prayer Network, the Canberra Declaration Prayer Network, the Parliamentary Prayer Network, the Australian Indigenous Prayer Network and/or a local prayer group.
- Consider financial support for Indigenous ministries focusing on REVIVAL and transformation.

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**Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region**  
**Saturday 12th April 2014 Devotion by Pastor Getahun Gebremedhin, Melbourne, Victoria**  
**Spheres of Influence: Religion**

**Intention:** God's Initial and Ultimate Promise is Intimacy with All Humanity.

**Biblical Promise: Leviticus 26:12, 2 Corinthians 6:16** – “For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.””

**Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:**

*I love Ethiopia, the oldest Christian nation, but I was forced to leave. While I was a refugee in Djibouti for ten years God began speaking to me about his purposes for Australia. 24 years ago God made a way for my wife Tsehay and I to be part of His transformation of our new nation.*

Extracts adapted from Apostolic Mission: God's Eternal Purposes & Plan:

God's plan involves the various ethnic peoples of Australia claiming His promise and purpose for this nation together. Australia is home for diversified people groups which positively and adversely affect the political, social, cultural and economical status of the nation. Communities are not living peacefully with another. Instead there is an open racial, religious, cultural and political enmity, hostility and conflict exacerbated by substance addiction among young people. Suppressed racial, religious, political, cultural and traditional differences could erupt like a volcano, resulting in an open conflict.

A genuine transformation of the heart and the head is necessary to lead a life of trust and love as a single integrated nation. There is no political system here on earth that can make this transformation happen. Both historical and contemporary evidence suggest that transformation of the heart can be achieved only by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Conflict and division were the primary reasons why the Church in Ephesus, Egypt, North Africa and Eastern Europe was ousted by another religion. I challenge today's Christian Church in Australia to live intimately with God as his people. This means we need to act promptly to reconcile our differences; maintain the unity of the Spirit; seek God's overall mission for today; repent in order to rediscover the power and glory of the Lord; and aggressively evangelize society for the manifestation of the Kingdom of God.

**Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:**

- Pray for refugees and immigrants coming to Australia and for ethnic collaboration.
- Pray together for the Church of Jesus Christ to be one with Him and each other so we see REVIVAL and transformation in our nation.

**Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:**

Connect with your local non English speaking churches & support evangelism to the people of every tongue in this land.

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## Week 6: Receive Jesus' Kingdom: REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION of Our Nation & Global Region

Palm Sunday 13th April 2014 Devotion by Reverend Daniel Willis, Sydney, NSW

Spheres of Influence: Business and Religion

**Intention:** God's Word does not return empty but changes all people at every level of society.

**Biblical Promises:** Isaiah 55:8-13 (NIV) – *“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord... the thornbush will be replaced by a pine tree and the briers by the myrtle (v13).”*

### Receive God's Promises for Our Nation & Global Region:

All of my life I have tried to be a gardener. The joy of watching new life burst from the soil and come to fruition in a beautiful flower or piece of fruit or a vegetable is simply stunning. In my gardening I have never tried nor do I believe I could ever transform a weed into a tulip or a thorn bush into a fruit tree and yet this is what God promises in Isaiah 55:8-13.

As we tend the Word of God that has been sown in our community, we are often more concerned about the attitudes and actions of others than our own. And yet if transformation of our community or our country is to take place, transformation must start with us. Our thorniness – anger, resentment, jealousy, hatred, judgmentalism, lack of care and love – must be dealt with before we can even think about transforming others into the likeness of Jesus. It is the very gospel we seek to minister, to bring about change in our country that feeds and waters us and brings change into our very being, transforming our hearts and minds so that we become good stewards of the grace of God. And this is the work of God which is beyond our own understanding (Isaiah 55:8).

Today is Palm Sunday and many will be reflecting on the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-44). Those present were shouting 'Hosanna to the King' and those who were supposed to be ministering the Word of God were telling them to be quiet. Jesus rebukes them and says, *“if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out”* (v40). All the effort of humans to suppress the Word of God will be to no avail for the *word that goes out from God “will not return...empty, but will accomplish what [God] desires and achieve the purpose for which [God] sent it”* (Isaiah 55:11). As you reflect on the triumphal entry of Jesus may the word of God so transform your heart that it spontaneously cries out “Hosanna! Hosanna, to the King!”

### Pray for REVIVAL and TRANSFORMATION:

Father, may our ministry never stand in the way of your ministry.

May I so see Jesus that I can do nothing more than bear witness to the great and mighty King.

Lord, transform your people so that as they speak in your name,

those in authority will hear the wisdom and insight that comes from you.

Lord God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, may the truth of your ways become a reality in our land and bring about transformation so that all people may live in peace and harmony, giving thanks to you.

### Activate God's Promises in Our Nation & Global Region:

As you write to your local parliamentary members, remind them you are praying for them in their difficult task. Ask God to connect you with others who are humble in spirit and yet firm in conviction of truth as they seek to bring about change for the good of all people.

Consider inviting those you prayed for these 40 days to join you at an Easter service.

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