

21 Days of Fasting, Prayer and Personal Devotion

# BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION



**JAN. 2ND - 22ND** 

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### Welcome to the 21-Day Challenge 2024: 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting!

If you're reading this book, I believe it is because you long for a deeper and more intimate relationship with God. I want to assure you that you have chosen to do the right thing, spending the next



21 days in fervent and passionate pursuit of divine intimacy with God. This little booklet contains a powerful key to help you on that journey. In these 21 days of fasting and prayer, you will learn a lot of truths about firm foundation, what it means, why it is important, how to build one and how to build your life upon a solid foundation that will withstand the storms of life.

This booklet also contains a few tools to enhance your experience in the next 21 days. It includes a 1-hour prayer model found on page two of the booklet. It also consists of a devotional for each day that includes a central Bible passage, a brief reflection, and prayer points to enhance your daily time with God. If you seek a greater level of intimacy with God, you have the right tool to do it.

If you get hold of this book by January 2024, you can join the Agape House of Worship family for a daily corporate prayer from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm EST from January 2nd to 22nd, 2024. The teleconference number is 908-293-8320. Also on January 20th, there will be an all-day prayer from 8:30 am to 6 pm at AHOW main sanctuary in Roselle, New Jersey.

I am excited about what God has in store for us during this season; my sincere prayer for you is that you will be open and ready for all that he has for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Jide Lawore

#### **Prayer and Fasting**

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 - Monday, January 22nd, 2024

## 21 –DAY CHALLENGE Firm Foundation

"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

~ 1 Corinthians 3:11 (NKJV)

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

As we welcome 2024 together at AHOW, God is calling us into building a firm foundation in Christ. Through this devotional you will be enlightened about how to build your life on a firm foundation of Jesus Christ! The purpose of fasting is not to force God to do what we want Him to do, but to see His face and understand his ways. Fasting is a physical act of obedience that brings our spirit, soul and body together in order to experience Him in a new way. Hence, I am challenging you to be focused and expectant as you participate in this challenge.

The 21-day fast will be a normal fast, which implies going without food every day until after the corporate prayer which will end around 6:45pm. During this period, you can drink water, tea, coffee, or juice moderately. Fasting is not an obligation; it is about a relationship and connecting to God in a more powerful way through prayer and meditation on God's Word. As we pray and read God's Word, we are drawing closer to God and positioning ourselves to hear from Him better and clearer as we look forward to a wonderful 2024.

**PERSONAL PRAYER TIMES:** Individuals are encouraged to spend at least 1 hour every day to read the bible passage and pray before the corporate prayer times. See table below for a recommended 1-hour prayer model sample for the 21-day challenge.

**CORPORATE PRAYER TIMES:** 6pm daily except for the 19th day.

**TOGUE OF FIRE PRAYER CONFERENCE:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of the Challenge, which is January 20, 2024, we will hold an all-day prayer conference from 8:30AM – 6:00PM. The venue is the Church sanctuary.

One Hour Prayer Model for 21-Day Challenge							
1	Meditation	• Read and meditate on the Bible passages and the reflection in the booklet provided for the day.	20 minutes				
2	Adoration	<ul> <li>Spend some time in thanksgiving, praise, and worship to God.</li> <li>Worship using book of Psalms, names of God. E.g., Jehovah Jireh.</li> <li>Use worship songs from Spotify, Pandora etc.</li> </ul>	10 minutes				
3	Petitioning	<ul> <li>Use the prayer points provided, pray on each point for a few minutes.</li> <li>You can also include your own personal prayer needs and requests.</li> </ul>	20 minutes				
4	Intercession	<ul> <li>Pray for friends or other families in need. This is very important.</li> <li>Pray for your church, pastor, ministry etc.</li> <li>Pray for your city, nations etc.</li> </ul>	10 minutes				
			1 hour				

#### Day 1 –Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### What is a Foundation?

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

**Key Passage:** *1 Corinthians 3:11* - "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."  $\sim (NKJV)$ "

**Reflection:** The word, "foundation" is most commonly associated with building construction. Every building begins with a foundation. In engineering terms, the foundation of a building is part of a structural system that supports and anchors the superstructure of a building and transmits its loads directly to the earth. The word foundation is also often used metaphorically to mean an underlying base or support or a basis (such as a tenet, principle, or axiom) upon which something stands or is supported.

In this passage, Apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian church that the foundation (the basis, support) of our faith is not a person, or personalities but Jesus Christ. The Corinthians got carried away with the personalities involved in the church such as Paul and Apollos, even leading to jealousy and quarreling among them. So often in Christendom, as people get saved, join a church, continue to serve, and sometimes have roles and position, it is very easy to get lost in the "doings" of the church and forget about the foundation of our faith. We get caught up in peripheral things such as positions, roles, denominations etc. and lose focus.

It's important to remind ourselves that our salvation is not based on our works, the kind of church we attend, the personalities we follow, nor the denominations we are connected with. It is not even based on our special doctrinal belief. Jesus is the basis and foundation of our faith. We must be careful so that in all we do, Jesus, the main reason does not get lost in the picture.

- 1. Thank God for seeing you through the year 2023; for His protection, provision, and favor upon you throughout the year.
- 2. Thank God for the new year 2024; for the promises it brings, for the new blessings, favor, and opportunities the New Year brings to us. Lam. 3:22-23
- 3. Thank God for the Word for the new year, our year of firm foundation. Ask God to help you to build a firm foundation in Jesus Christ.
- 4. Thank God for your salvation; that the foundation of your salvation and faith is Jesus Christ and not anything else.
- 5. Pray for the fulfilment of His word in your life in 2024; pray that this season will be a season of rebuilding and strengthening your foundation in Christ.
- 6. Ask God to open your eyes to any area where you are like the Corinthians church, carried away and shifting your eyes off Christ.
- 7. Thank God for the family of God He has placed you in, that you are no longer strangers but a member of the household of faith.
- 8. Commit 2024 into God's hand, pray that you will stand firm, unshaken, unmovable, and always abounding in every area. 1 Corinthians 15:58

#### Day 2 – Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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#### Significance of a Foundation

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

**Key Passage:** *1 Corinthians 3:10* - "According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it"  $\sim (NKJV)$ "

**Reflection:** There are so many things we can learn from the foundation of a building. For example, you can tell how high a building can go from its foundation. The foundation of a building will determine that capacity of the building. The foundation of a building will also determine how much force it can withstand. That is why every wise builder will not go cheap on foundation. Thankfully God did not go cheap on the foundation of our faith, "it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed......but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." (Peter 1:18-19)

Foundations are not judged based on how beautiful they look. They're judged based on how strong they are. For example, the death, burial of Jesus Christ is not something beautiful to behold, yet it is the foundation upon which our faith rests. That is why it is important to examine the foundation upon which we are building our lives. Some people build their lives on the foundation of other people's charisma, when such an individual falls, they fall with them. Some people build their lives on their love of their denomination, when they discover a problem with such denomination, they often lose their faith altogether. This is what Paul is warning us about.

- 1. Thank God for Jesus, for bringing you into God's family and allowing you to be partakers of God's grace.
- 2. Pray that you will be able to put away childish things and pursue spiritual growth this year.
- 3. Ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10
- 4. Pray against every enemy of growth in your life; laziness, discouragement, and habits preventing you from growing in grace and knowledge. 2 Pet.3:18
- 5. Pray that you will be able to discern the will of God in 2024 concerning every area of your life and walk in it. Isaiah 30:21
- 6. Pray for our children and youths, that they will experience physical, emotional, and spiritual growth this year.
- 7. Pray that AHOW and its members will experience exponential growth in every area in 2024.
- 8. Pray that the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

#### Day 3 – Thursday, January 4, 2024

#### Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### **Rooted in His Love**

**Ephesians 3: 14-21** 

**Key Verse:** *Ephesians 3:17-19* — "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (NKJV)

**Reflection:** Another related word to foundation is root. Foundation is used in building construction; root is used in agriculture, but both have similar connotations. The root is the part of the plant that's underground and usually it anchors the plant to the ground. Root comes from the Latin word radix, which means "starting point," and you can think of the root of something as the place it starts from, whether that's the root of a tree, or the root of a problem.

In our passage today, Apostle Paul prays for the Ephesian church and for us that we will be rooted and grounded in the knowledge of Christ's love for them. In fact, he concluded that this rooting and grounding is needed so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. The word grounding here is similar to the word foundation. In other words, the foundation of our life should be based on our knowledge of Christ's love for us. This is in part what it means for our foundation to be Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, most believers do not have an accurate revelation of the greatness of God's love. And without the knowledge of God's love, we are unstable, subject to all kinds of whims and caprices of the enemy. Do you know the extent of God's love for you? Why don't you make it your prayer today?

- 1. Thank God for how great the love is that the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God. 1 John 3:1
- 2. Pray for a greater revelation of God's love in your heart, that you may know what the width and length and depth and height of the love of Christ is.
- 3. Pray that your life will be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ.
- 4. Pray that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. In 2024 you will experience the best that God has to offer for you in every area.
- 5. Pray for children in AHOW, that they will have a deeper revelation of God's love for them and will know that they are unconditionally loved by God.
- 6. Pray for the new believers in AHOW churches, that they will grow in God's grace, love, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18
- 7. Pray that they may have power, together with all saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ for them is. Ephesians 3:18
- 8. Pray that AHOW will be a house of love where people, especially sinners, will experience the transforming love of the father and come to know Jesus as their Lord and savior. Romans 5:8

#### Day 4 – Friday, January 5, 2024

#### Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### **Building on a Solid Foundation**

Matthew 7:24-27

**Key Verse:** *Matthew 7:24-25* - "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." (NIV)

**Reflection:** We've been talking about building on the foundation of Christ. What does it really mean to build on the foundation of Christ? Of course, we agree it means to be saved. But more than that, it means to know the love of Christ. But it also means to build our lives on the principles of Christ. In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands." It is not okay for someone to say that my foundation is in Christ and then live lives ignoring His commands. This will, of course, make such a person a liar.

Jesus expands on this in today's passage (Matthew 7:24-27). Every time we hear His words and apply them to how we live, we are actually making a statement about what foundation we are building upon. As believers, it is important that our lives are lived based upon the principles of Jesus Christ which is His word. That is what makes Jesus to be our foundation upon which we build.

For example, it is not enough to say, Christ is the foundation of this marriage, and we turn around and run our marriage the way we want or the way of the world. It is not enough to say Christ is my source and the same Christ has no say in how we run our finances. Are you a wise man or woman? Then put God's word into practice. God cannot be mocked, people who hear the word and ignore them will soon find out their folly.

- 1. Thank God for his great plans or us, and for His word and principles He has given to us to be lamp unto our feet and light unto our path. Psalm 119:105
- 2. Thank God for the power in His words, for they are given to us as the source of life, wisdom, and direction.
- 3. Pray that we will not just be hearers, deceiving ourselves, but doers who are blessed by His word. James 1:22-25
- 4. Ask God for grace to put away childish things in our lives and embrace solid food, training ourselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:14
- 5. Ask God for the spirit of discernment to be able to discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2
- 6. Pray for new believers in AHOW, that they will grow in God's grace, love, and His knowledge.
- 7. Pray that they may have power, together with all saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Ephesians 3:18
- 8. Pray that AHOW will be a place of growth for everyone in Jesus' name.

#### Day 5 – Saturday, January 6, 2024

#### Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### **Building on a Solid Foundation Cont'd**

Matthew 7:24-27

**Key Verse:** *Matthew 7:24-25 -* "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.". (NIV)

**Reflection:** After Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, it was discovered that there were over 50 failures of the levees and flood walls protecting New Orleans, Louisiana, and its suburbs. The failures caused flooding in 80% of New Orleans. The reason for the failure was because of the flood walls. The problem was not so much the force of the hurricane, but of the weakness of the wall.

This is why it is important *where* we build our life. Jesus said in this passage; "rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house." It is important to build our lives on a strong foundation because rain will come, streams will rise, and the winds will blow. Rain, stream, and wind are forces that come against the integrity of a house. They test the integrity and the strength of a building.

This principle is also applicable in our lives. Challenges will come. The problem is not the intensity of the rain or the force of the wind, but the foundation upon which we are building on. Proverbs 24:10 says "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small." May our life be built on solid ground.

- 1. It's day 5 of our 21-day challenge; thank God for giving you the strength so far and that He will continue to give you strength until the end.
- 2. Ask God to give you a fresh perspective and understanding of what it means to build your life on a solid foundation.
- 3. Pray that God will give you an unquenchable desire for His Word; your desire will go beyond just hearing the word but applying it in every area of your life.
- 4. Pray that the word of God will give you wisdom to build every aspect of your life on the solid ground.
- 5. Pray that you will put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13
- 6. Pray that AHOW members will develop a desire to know God such that the scripture will be fulfilled, "No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me." Heb.8:11
- 7. Pray for grace for radical obedience in AHOW. AHOW will not just be a church of bench warmers but of people who are committed to obeying God.
- 8. Ask God for overcoming grace and faith to live a victorious life in every area of your life in 2024. 1 John 5:4-5

#### Day 6 – Sunday, January 7, 2024

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#### Jesus, Our Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:1-10

**Key Verse:** 1 Peter 2:6 "Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." (NKJV)

**Reflection:** Since ancient times, builders have used cornerstones in their construction projects. A cornerstone was the principal stone, usually placed at the corner of an edifice, to guide the workers in their course. The cornerstone was usually one of the largest, the most solid, and the most carefully constructed of any in the edifice. The Bible describes Jesus as the cornerstone that His church (and our lives) would be built upon. He is foundational. Once the cornerstone was set, it became the basis for determining every measurement in the remaining construction; everything was aligned to it. As the cornerstone of the building of the church, Jesus is our standard of measure and alignment.

In the New Testament, the cornerstone metaphor is continued. In Ephesians 2:19–21, Apostle Paul tells the Ephesian Church that we are all "members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord".

Peter says that Jesus, as our cornerstone, is "chosen by God and precious to him" (1 Peter 2:4). The Cornerstone is also reliable, and "the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame" (verse 6). This should be comforting to everyone who puts their faith in Jesus. Our faith is not built on something flimsy; it is rock solid, it stand the test of time and cannot be destroyed by any storm.

- 1. Start by praying in the Spirit for an extended period. If you have not received the prayer language, ask God for it and believe that you will receive it today.
- 2. Thank God again for what He has started in your life through this 21-day fast. As you fast, pray and worship, you are waiting on Him and exchanging your strength with that of the Lord for the journey ahead.
- 3. Pray for a greater desire for His word in 2024. Ask God to plant a desire for His word in your heart. 1 Peter 2:2
- 4. Pray God will take you into a deeper depth in His word and for a greater level of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation of His word. Eph. 1.17
- 5. Pray for a greater revelation of Jesus for every AHOW member. Heb.8:11
- 6. Pray that the Word of God will be alive and active in our midst; sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow and judging the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12
- 7. Pray that God will stretch forth His hand in our midst for greater level of healings and perform greater miracles in our midst. Acts 4:30
- 8. Pray that AHOW will be a house of prayer and miracles, where miracles will be a regular occurrence. Matthew 21:13.

#### Day 7- Monday, January 8, 2024

#### Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### **The Foundation Principles of Christ**

**Hebrews 6:1-11** 

**Key Verse:** *Hebrews 6:1-3* "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits." (NKJV)

**Reflection:** Having established that Christ is our cornerstone, we are going to examine some of the key elements of our foundation of faith. The passage today lists six key elements of our foundation of faith. They are called the elementary principles of Christ. The word elementary means foundational. These are essential components to spiritual progress and maturity. They are the core foundation upon which a life in Christ is built. They are, repentance from dead works, faith toward God, the doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Many believers who want higher truths and deeper revelations are not able to receive them because the basic foundations listed in Hebrews 6 have not been established in their lives. In fact, I believe God withholds some spiritual insights from us until our structure is sound enough to handle them. Over the next six days we are going to examine each of these principles and trust God to establish them in our lives.

The writer of Hebrews calls these principles foundation of our faith. They are very fundamental to our life in Christ. They go from the starting point of the Christian faith to the end of it. I trust that these lessons will enable you to build your own proper foundation as you grow in Christ.

- 1. Start by praying in the Spirit for an extended period. If you have not received the prayer language, ask God for it, and believe that you will receive it today.
- 2. Thank God again for what He has started in your life through this 21-day fast. As you fast, pray and worship, you are waiting on Him and exchanging your strength with that of the Lord for the journey ahead.
- 3. Pray that the truth behind all the six foundational principles of Christ will be established in your life.
- 4. Pray God will take you into a deeper depth in His word and for a greater level of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation of His word. Eph. 1.17
- 5. Pray for a greater revelation of Jesus for every AHOW member. Heb.8:11
- 6. Pray that Christ will be lifted up in AHOW and He will be the center of our services, church life and everything we do.
- 7. Pray that God will stretch forth His hand in our midst for greater level of healings and perform greater miracles in our midst. Acts 4:30
- 8. Pray that AHOW will be a house of prayer and miracles, where miracles will be a regular occurrence. Matthew 21:13.

#### Day 8 – Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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#### Foundation of Repentance from Dead Works

Luke 15:11-32

**Key Verse:** Luke 15:17-19 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

**Reflection:** The first foundation stone mentioned is "repentance from dead works". In order to understand what this means we must understand what dead works are. Dead works are the works of sin; they are the works of flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). Dead works are anything not done in faith, or that does not originate from Christ. (Romans 14:23). Dead works are works of self-righteousness, and they are called "dead" works because they lead to death.

The next thing is to understand repentance. Repentance is not an emotional act of weeping and wailing for our wrongdoing or just being remorseful or sorry. It is a decision, and it comes from the will. You can repent without any obvious emotion, but you cannot repent without a change of your will. From our passage, the prodigal son came to himself, decided to turn around, and acted on it.

Repentance is the foundation upon which true faith is built. Faith comes only after repentance. One of the problems with our modern-day Christianity it that it peddles salvation without repentance. And part of the reasons many Christians struggle in their walk with God is because they struggle with repentance. Without true repentance you can never have true faith. Repentance is the first of the foundation stone of faith in Jesus Christ.

- 1. Thank God for grace and strength he has given you to enter into day eight of the 21-day challenge. Thank Him for the blessings so far and yet to come.
- 2. Ask God to search you, try you and see if there is any iniquity in you, and lead you in the way everlasting. Psalms 139:23-24
- 3. Repent of any sins, works of flesh, or works of self-righteousness in your life. Be specific, name them and repent and ask God for forgiveness. 1 John 1:9
- 4. Ask God to give you a broken and contrite heart, a heart that is not comfortable with dead works. Psalm 51:17
- 5. Pray that God will give you a heart that loves righteousness and hates wickedness; a heart that is pleasing to Him. Hebrews 1:9
- 6. Pray that 2024 will be a year of many salvations in AHOW campuses. Pray that many will be added to the church by way of repentance. Acts 2:47
- 7. Pray that the Holy Spirit will confirm His words in our midst by bringing conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment. John 16:8
- 8. Repentance leads to revival, pray for revival in AHOW a great move of the Spirit that extends beyond our church walls into our communities.

#### Day 9 – Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### Foundation of Faith Toward God

**Ephesians 2:1-10** 

**Key Verse:** *Ephesians* 2:8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (NIV).

**Reflection:** The second foundation stone is "Faith toward God". In the scriptures, repentance is always followed by faith in Christ Jesus (gospel). The core message of the gospel is "repent and believe." (Mark 1:14-15, Acts 20:20-21)

Why is faith important? First, the Bible says, "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6). This means that everything God has to offer us can only be obtained by faith. Salvation, righteousness, favor, healing are all products of faith not of our human effort. Faith is in the heart, hence Romans 10:10 says "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Faith takes us to the realm of the invisible which is the realm of God. 2 Corinthians 5:7 – "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Faith gives substance to hope and evidence to the unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-2).

It is by our absolute trust in Jesus Christ that we have access to everything that God has to offer us. That is why every believer must work on their faith, otherwise there is no leg to stand on. Just like the father of the possessed boy said to Jesus "help me overcome my unbelief", we must ask God for the same because unbelieve limit our access to God.

- 1. Thank God for the love of God the father toward us, no matter how far we have gone astray, His love never fails to seek after us. Romans 5:8
- 2. Romans 14:23 says, ".... whatever is not from faith is sin". Repent from your lack of faith, your failure to trust him and instead follow your ways.
- 3. Ask God to help you to overcome your unbelief so you can believe Him for the great things He has for you. Mark 9:23-24
- 4. Ask for grace to grow in your faith so that just as the scripture says, you can go from faith to faith. Romans 1:17
- 5. Pray that 2024 will be that year that God will break everything that limits your access to all that God has for you. 2 Peter 1:3
- 6. Pray for a greater level of fulfilment of God promises in your life in 2024. Pray that every promise and word spoken to you will come to pass.
- 7. Ask God for grace for persistency in your faith walk. Luke 18:1
- 8. One of the gifts of the Spirit is faith. Pray a baptism of the gift of faith in AHOW so that we can experience miracles, signs, and wonders. 2 Cor. 4:13

#### Day 10 – Thursday, January 11, 2024

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#### **Foundation of Baptisms**

#### **Romans 6:1-11**

**Key Verse:** Romans 6:3-4 "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

**Reflection:** The third foundation stone is the "doctrine of baptisms." The phrase "to baptize" is transliterated into English from Greek. The original Greek word is "baptizo" which becomes our word "baptize" that means to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge. Baptism means total immersion. Through baptism we are emersed into Christ, into His church and into His Spirit. Notice the word baptism is plural signifying that there are many types of baptisms in the Bible.

There are three major kinds of baptisms in the Bible. The first is John's baptism which is obsolete (Matthew 3:11, Acts 19:1-5). It's also called baptism of repentance. The second is the Christian Baptism - baptism into water in the name of Jesus. This is for every believer and still relevant today (Matthew 28:19-20). The third is the baptism in the Holy Spirit through which God empowers us for his service. It is also relevant today and from the scripture the initial evidence is the gift of prayer language in tongues. (Acts 2:38-39, 10:44-47, 19:1-6).

Many believers downplay baptisms today, yet the Bible mentions it as a foundation stone. So, it's important to embrace both baptisms and understand the truth behind them. Water baptism is the physical demonstration of powerful spiritual truths. God uses the physical act to etch the spiritual truth in our hearts. That is why every believer should seek to be baptized both in water and in the Holy Spirit. If you want to be baptized, you can approach any of the ministers.

- 1. Thank God for the blessing of baptisms in our lives. God created them as a means of releasing His grace into our lives.
- 2. Pray for a greater revelation of water baptism. That you will realize that through baptism you were baptized into His death and raised into life.
- 3. Pray that because you have been baptized into Christ, sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. Rom. 6:14
- 4. If you are yet to be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, ask God to baptize you today. (Acts 2:38-39, 10:44-47, 19:1-6)
- 5. Even if you have been baptized, ask God for a fresh baptism for a greater empowerment for his service. Ephesians 5:18
- 6. Ask God for a greater level of thirst for Holy Spirit in your life. John 7:37–38
- 7. Pray for grace to receive the Word of God as the word from God not as the word of men, which effectively works in those who believe. 1 Thess. 2:13
- 8. Pray for breakthroughs in AHOW in the area of relationships and weddings; that 2024 will be a year of supernatural relationships and connections.

#### **Day 11 – Friday, January 12, 2024**

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### Foundation of Laying on of Hands

Numbers 27:18–23

**Key Verse:** Numbers 27:22-23 "So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. 23 And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses"

**Reflection:** The fourth foundation stone is "laying on of hands." Laying on of hands is an essential element in the history of God's people. It has been a way spiritual blessings and God's covenant have been transmitted throughout generations of God's people. This practice was continued in the New Testament. There are four purposes of laying on of hands in the New Testament:

- I.To impart healing to the sick. Mark 16:17–18 And these signs will accompany those who believe.....they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."
- II.To receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17 "Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."
- III.To Impart spiritual gifts. 2 Timothy 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- IV.To Commission people for ministry assignment. Acts 6:6 "They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them."

The laying of hands uses an important aspect of our natural life, which is human contact, to achieve a spiritual function. It is God's way of ensuring His blessing is transmitted to as many people as possible through human contact.

- 1. It's day 11 of the 21-day challenge. Thank God for the grace He has poured upon us, for the great things He has done so far and for even greater things.
- 2. Thank God for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our midst. Thank God that we continue to see His hands and move among us.
- 3. Pray for a greater manifestation of healing in AHOW. Pray for greater boldness for AHOW members to lay hands on the sick.
- 4. Pray that AHOW will become a place for a great move of God and impartation of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Pray for a fresh revelation and greater degree of openness to the ministry of the Holy Spirit among us.
- 6. Ask God to stretch out his hand on AHOW churches to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of his holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:30
- 7. Pray that in 2024, you live in accordance with the Spirit and have your mind set on what the Spirit desires. Romans 8:5-6
- 8. Ask God to strengthen our families in AHOW. Pray that his kingdom will be done, and his will be established in every marriage in AHOW. Pray that grace will be available for every marriage going through difficult season.

#### Day 12 – Saturday, January 13, 2024

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### Foundation of Resurrection of The Dead 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

**Key Verse:** *1 Corinthians* 15:16-19 "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

**Reflection:** The fifth foundation stone is "resurrection of the dead." The Christian faith does not terminate with time; it goes until eternity. The first four foundation stones of Christ deal with our life here on earth, the last two principles (resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment) deal with our life on the other side of eternity. The word resurrection was translated from the Greek word, anastasis which means "up again", "stand up" or "stand again". In the scripture, it describes the rising up again of the dead human body to reunite with the spirit and soul.

Eternity is a critical part of God's agenda for man. God has set eternity in the human heart (Eccl. 3:11). That's why most people, even the unsaved, believe in the afterlife. Every true believer must actively live with eternity in view. Our faith is incomplete and unfulfilled without eternity. "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:19). Living with eternity in mind is the wisest way to live. An eternal perspective keeps us from chasing empty dreams and material gratification. It keeps us from wasting our years pursuing temporal things that we can't take with us when we die.

Are you living with a view of eternity? Are you living as though Christ could come today or you could go meet Him today? If not, I encourage you to ask God to help you to do so. Having a proper view of eternity will drastically affect how you live and the quality of your walk with God and will help resolve many issues.

- 1. Thank God for the hope of eternity because we know that our faith does not end here. John 14:3
- 2. Thank God because we know that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us in the father's house in heaven. John 14:3
- 3. Ask God to give you an eternal perspective so that you are not carried away by life's challenges, tribulations, and pleasures.
- 4. Pray for faith to always choose God rather than pleasures of sin. Heb. 11:25
- 5. Pray for believers all over the world who are going through persecutions because of their faith that they will receive strength and comfort from God.
- 6. Pray for people in our midst who are going through challenges and delay that God will come through for them this year.
- 7. Pray for people on the verge of quitting; that they will receive encouragement and grace to continue knowing that victory is near. 1 John 5:4
- 8. Pray for our singles especially this year that there will be supernatural matching by God leading to many marriages.

#### **Day 13 – Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### Foundation of Eternal Judgment

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

**Key Verse:** *1 Corinthians* 3:13-15 "their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. (NIV)"

**Reflection:** The last foundation stone is "eternal judgement." As mentioned yesterday, the Christian faith does not terminate with time; it goes until eternity. One of the critical elements of eternity is judgment (Hebrews 9:27). The truth about God's judgment is not just for information but to comfort and motivate us to godly living. It also helps unbelievers to know and be motivated to trust in Christ as their personal Savior.

There are five series of eternal judgments in the Bible. We don't have time to go through each of them, but we will look at the two most relevant ones to us. The first one is "The Great White Throne Judgment" (Rev. 20:11–15) which is the judgment of unbelievers. Here unbelievers from all the ages are judged for their sins and consigned to the lake of fire. The second and most relevant to believers is "The Judgement Seat of Christ." (Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:9-10) It is the judgment of believers for the assessment of service and works.

Here are a few truths about God's judgement; God's judgment is individual, not collective (Romans 2:6), it is based on truth (Romans 2:2), it is with no respect to persons (Romans 2:11-12), it is just (Romans 2:1), and final not subject to appeal.

- 1. Thank God for His faithfulness; He is faithful to His promises. 1 Cor.1:9
- 2. Pray that the knowledge of eternal judgment will motivate you to a life of purity, faithfulness and obedience.
- 3. Pray for grace to be faithful with all that God has given you (money, time and gifts) and to keep your focus on God, and His purpose for your life Luk.16:10
- 4. Pray you will receive "well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." Matthew 25:21.
- 5. Pray that God will take you to the next level He has for you in every area of your life; in your service to Him, career, business, relationships etc.
- 6. Pray that AHOW will be found faithful with what God has given us collectively as a church.
- 7. Pray that this will be AHOW's year of manifestation where everyone's purpose and destiny in God will become manifested.
- 8. Pray for all AHOW young adults. Ask God for supernatural favor upon them and that they will embrace a life of purity, purpose, and fulfillment.

#### **Day 14 – Monday, January 15, 2024**

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### **We Are Living Stones**

1 Peter 2:1-10

**Key Passage:** 1 Peter 2:4-5 "As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

**Reflection:** Over the last six days we've looked at the six elementary principles of Christ (Hebrews 6:1-3) which are also called the foundational stones of Christ. To understand these principles is to understand building on the foundation of Christ. However, foundations are to be built on. In our overarching passage (1 Corinthians 3:10), Apostle Paul said, "as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation", but he also said, "let each one take heed how he builds on it." While the quality of our foundation is very important, so is the quality of what we build on it.

So, in today's passage, we are told to build on these principles. "You also, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Christ." Ephesians 2:20 gives us further insight into this "having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone." Our foundation is Christ (and His principles) and the teachings of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ (and His principles) being the cornerstone. Then, we as stones are building on that solid foundation block by block.

Over the next few lessons, we are going to look at some of the critical elements (which we will call blocks) with which we build a strong stable spiritual house that will withstand any rain, wind and storm the enemy will throw at it.

- 1. Thank God for Jesus, who is the cornerstone of our foundation. Eph. 2:20
- 2. Thank God because through Christ Jesus, He made us His children, then His heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Romans 8:17
- 3. Pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you know the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people. Ephesians 1: 18
- 4. Pray that you will have the grace, wisdom, and the knowhow to build your life with the right material on the foundation of Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:12
- 5. Pray for our children, that AHOW will be a place where a strong foundation is laid in the lives of our children for a great future.
- 6. Pray for our children's ministry teachers, that God will anoint them, and empower them to give our children a solid foundation in Christ.
- 7. Pray that our children will be taught by the Lord and great will be their peace. Isaiah 54:13
- 8. Pray for God's protection for our children, and against every attack of the enemy against their spirits, souls, and bodies.

#### **Day 15 – Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### The Building Block of Lordship of Jesus

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** 

**Key Verse: 2** Corinthians 5:15 "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

**Reflection:** The first building block we are going to look at is the Lordship of Christ. Many modern-day believers do not understand the concept of Lordship. What does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is Lord? For Jesus to be Lord of your life means that He is the ruler, the boss, the master of your whole life. He cannot be Lord of a part — He must be given control of the entire life - the whole life.

The result of salvation must the submission of our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, while many believers appreciate the love of Christ and His saving grace in their lives, they fail to realize that the true joy of salvation comes when we submit totally to his Lordship over our lives. Jesus said, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)

This is something many people struggle with because the root of the original sin is our love of self. But think about it, what does having control over your life bring you? It may give you a false sense of being in charge, but it comes with chaos, struggles and a life of unfulfillment. The truth is you are not really in charge of your life. Giving the control of your life to Him brings true freedom and rest (Matthew 11:28-29). Do you want to make the most of your life? Do you want the best that God has to offer you? You will need to die to self and totally surrender to His Lordship.

- 1. Thank God because Jesus is Lord of all; over powers, principalities, dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. Ephesians 1:21
- 2. Ask God to give you a revelation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ over your life so that you can embrace Jesus as you Lord.
- 3. Invite Jesus to be Lord over every aspect of your life. Ask Him to have His way in your life.
- 4. Pray that God will give you the willingness to die to self so that you can produce many seeds. John 12:24-26
- 5. Ask God to expose everything that competes against the Lordship of Jesus in your life and to give you the courage to dethrone them.
- 6. Pray that God will mold you into an obedient son or daughter, fully surrendered to the will of the father. James 4:7
- 7. Pray against every spirit of disobedience that tries to deceive and steer you away from the will of God. Revelation 12:9
- 8. Pray that God will align your will with His will, your desire with His desire, and your heart with His heart so your life can be in alignment. Acts 13:22

#### Day 16 – Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### The Building Block of Intimacy

John 15:4-11

**Key Verse:** John 15:4-11 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

**Reflection:** Another building block of a strong spiritual house is intimacy with Christ. Intimacy is what we call the experience of really knowing and being known by another person. An intimate friend is someone we feel very close to; they know us at a deep level. If something happens that damages the intimacy with our friend, they feel distant from us.

Unfortunately for many believers, relationship with God is merely a transactional thing. It is mainly having a set of rituals and following a set of rules and obligations, then getting something in return. But what God is looking for is a deep and loving close relationship. This is what intimacy is. Intimacy is knowing God in a personal and relational way.

An intimate relationship with God is available to every believer and is the only way a vibrant spiritual life is built. However, intimacy must be cultivated, nurtured, and developed like any other relationship. Unfortunately, we can easily get caught up in the "doings" of Christianity that we neglect this building block of our relationship with God. God wants to be involved in every area of your life. He wants to communicate with you on a daily basis. Therefore, it is imperative that we do everything necessary to cultivate our relationship with God and deepen our levels of intimacy with Him. Are you ready for intimacy with God?

- 1. Thank God that He loves you so much that He wants to build a deep and loving close relationship, despite your flaws. 1 Corinthians 6:19
- 2. Ask God to give you a heart that pants after him and a soul that thirsts for God as the deer pants for streams of water. Psalm 42:1
- 3. The key to intimacy is time with God. Ask God to grow your passion for prayer and spending time with Him. Zechariah 12:10
- 4. Ask God to help you to cherish your time with Him, no matter what is going on in your life. Ask Him to help you to stay where He wants you to be.
- 5. Ask God for a willing heart and grace for radical obedience as we are in the days of His power. Psalm 110:3
- 6. Pray that God will make AHOW a house of prayer and His presence and baptize every AHOW member with passion for prayer. Zech.12:10
- 7. Pray for our youths in AHOW, that they will develop an unquenchable passion for Jesus and desire to be His witness everywhere they go.
- 8. Pray that God will protect them and kept them safe by His name, and that none of them will be lost to the spirit of this age. John 17:12

#### Day 17 – Thursday, January 18, 2024

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### The Building Block of Godly Character

**Galatians 5:13-26** 

**Key Verse:** Galatians 5:22-24 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

**Reflection:** The next building block of a strong spiritual house is godly character. The dictionary defines character as "moral excellence and firmness." The highest standard of character is set forth in Scripture and exemplified in Jesus Christ. All who are serious about following Christ are exhorted to attain moral excellence through a life yielded to the Spirit. This is what is called the fruit of the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is the result of the Holy Spirit's presence and working in the lives of maturing believers. A true Christian walk must produce a life of godliness. Without this, our life cannot be a good witness to the world. This is why Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits" Matthew 7:16. Building Godly character must be the pursuit of a maturing believer, it is one way our lives can truly glorify God. Jesus said, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Building Godly character is not about "earning" salvation through works. We know that salvation is a free gift. However, bearing fruit is a result of a life truly lived in the Spirit. Fruit is something produced over time; much of what takes place is out of sight, but as we see the fruit growing, we know those other processes are working quietly. As you grow in your faith, are you growing in the fruit of the Spirit? Are you willing to allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

- 1. Praise God, today is day 17 of our 21-day challenge, thank God for the privilege to partake in this spiritual exercise.
- 2. Thank God for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Holy Spirit helps, strengthens, and teaches us in our journey of faith. John 15:26
- 3. Ask God to help you to submit yourself to the inner workings of the Holy Spirit so that you can produce the fruit of the Spirit. John 15:26
- 4. Pray for the pruning and refining work of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to have His way in your life so that you can be like Jesus. Malachi 3:2-3
- 5. Pray for a greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit so that you will not grieve Him as He works in your life. Ephesians 4:30-32
- 6. Pray that God will anoint you with the Holy Spirit and power, to go about doing good and healing all those who are oppressed of the devil. Acts 1:25.
- 7. Pray that through your life of godliness, your light will shine so much that others may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- 8. Pray for your family members who are yet to know Jesus, that God will reveal Jesus to them and remove every blindness in their hearts. 2 Cor. 4:4

#### Day 18 – Friday, January 19, 2024 Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### The Building Block of Service

**Ephesians 2:1-10** 

**Key Verse:** *Ephesians 2:10* "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

**Reflection:** Another important building block of a strong spiritual house is service. Unfortunately, too many times believers belittle the importance of service. We think it is one of those things we do if we want to or when we have time such as elective courses in college. Service is not just what we do, it is what we are created for. If you have breath, you can serve. Many people put serving God aside because they are in school, pregnant, or have a busy job but they have time for many other things in their life. This is deception of the devil and a product of putting self before God. If you have life, you can serve God.

The Bible says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10) Every believer is God's masterpiece, specially formed by the Holy Spirt at the point of new birth for His service. Every believer is pre-wired with gifts and abilities for special service. Service gives us purpose for our lives. Pastor Rick Warren, who famously wrote The Purpose Driven Life, says "We are not saved by serving, but we are saved for serving. "In other words, our work does not save us, but when we are saved our lives are given a specific purpose by the One who saved us.

Are you fulfilling your purpose? Are you serving? Do you have the right attitude to service? Are you giving God your best in your service?

- 1. Thank God for day 18 of our challenge; pray for strength to finish strong.
- 2. Ask God to give you a fresh revelation of service and a fresh revelation of the good works, which God prepared beforehand that you should walk in them.
- 3. Ask God to help you to serve Him better in 2024. You will not be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11
- 4. Pray that in 2024, you will grow in your service to God in faithfulness, excellence, and effectiveness in your service.
- 5. Pray that whatever you do, you will work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Col. 3:23-24
- 6. Pray that God will help every AHOW member to see themselves as a relevant and functional member of the body. 1 Corinthians 12:27
- 7. Pray that every AHOW member will get serious in serving God with all their hearts and to live right for Him. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- 8. Pray that the young men and women in AHOW will stay on the path of purity by living according to God's word. Psalm 119:9

#### Day 19 - Saturday, January 20, 2024

#### All Day Prayer Conference - Tongues of Fire | 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

#### The Building Block of Generosity

#### 2 Corinthians 9:1-11

**Key Verse:** 2 Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

**Reflection**: Our next building block is generosity. It's impossible to build a strong Christian life without being generous. Godliness and generosity are synonymous, to be like God is to be generous. A true encounter with Jesus must produce a generous life. There are many ways God measures generosity, but the main tool is money. From Jesus' teachings, money is a tool God uses to measure our trustworthiness even in spiritual matters, Luke 16:11 "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

Generosity can be divided into two categories. First, generosity towards God. This involves putting God first in your finances by given substantially toward the kingdom (tithes and offerings). Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. If your heart is in the kingdom, your money must go there." In His parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus teaches that God is displeased at anyone who "stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." Proverbs 3:9 tells us, "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." Are you generous toward God?

The second category is generosity towards people. Generosity towards God will lead to generosity to others. Proverbs 19:17 says when we give to the poor we lend to the Lord. Apostle John says "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Are you generous toward people in need around you?

- 1. Thank God for his generosity toward us that He gave us His only begotten son Jesus Christ. 1 John 3:1
- 2. Pray that you will be like your father, who gives His rain and sunrise to both the evil and on the good. Matthew 5:45
- 3. Pray that you will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion. 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 4. Ask God for grace for generosity upon AHOW churches, and more and more people will become generous towards God in their tithes and offerings.
- 5. Ask God for grace for generosity leading to outpouring of generosity toward each other, so that no one will be lacking in our midst. 2 Corinthians 8:15
- 6. Pray that God will open the windows of heaven toward AHOW and release so much wealth for the purpose of the kingdom expansion. Zechariah 1:17
- 7. Ask God to make us a blessing to our various communities. 2 Cor. 9:8
- 8. Ask God to eradicate poverty from our midst. No one will be lacking or struggling, but everyone will have all they need and be generous. 2 Cor. 9:8

#### **Day 20 – Sunday, January 21, 2024**

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### The Building Block of Sharing in His Mission Matthew 28:16-20

**Key Verse:** *Matthew 28:19-20* "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Reflection:** The last block we are going to discuss is that of sharing in God's mission. Accepting Jesus is accepting His mission. His passion must become our passion and His priority our priority. Jesus' mission is stated in Matthew 28:19-20, in what is popularly called the great commission. You cannot build a vibrant spiritual life without participating in the mission of Jesus. The Great Commission is expansive, it is directed at all nations. It is also stated in Acts 1:8 "... and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." It involves preaching the gospel individually, reaching our communities with Jesus and even taking the gospel to the end of the earth which we call mission.

Unfortunately, the Great Commission has become the Great Omission in the lives of many believers today. As disciples of Christ, your agenda cannot be greater than that of your master Jesus. The world desperately needs the gospel of Jesus. They need His love, His compassion, and His power. Jesus has committed this assignment to us. We are His hands and feet. Jesus told His disciples (including us), "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21). Hence, we are to continue the ministry of Jesus to the world. Do you want to build a spiritual life on solid ground? Make the great Commission your priority.

- 1. Thank God because He has made you the light of the world. Matthew 5:14-16
- 2. Pray that God will anoint you with the Holy Spirit and power, to go about doing good and healing all those who are oppressed of the devil. Acts 1:25.
- 3. Pray that you will be able to rise above your problems, challenges, weaknesses, and insecurities to embrace God's agenda. 2 Corinthians 3:5
- 4. Pray you will be able to renounce your personal agendas, life goals, and aspirations, contrary to God's purpose and begin to respond in radical obedience to everything God will show you. 2 Corinthians 6:2
- 5. Ask God to deal with every form of fear and unbelief that hinders you from responding to the great commission.
- 6. Pray that God will help you to find clarity about your purpose and help you to remember that satisfying purpose happens only when you seek after Him.
- 7. Pray for AHOW that our church will arise and shine and step into her purpose of reaching the world with the love of Jesus.
- 8. Pray for our children and youths in AHOW, that they will discover and walk in their destiny and purpose in God.

#### **Day 21 – Monday, January 22, 2024**

Prayer: 6pm – 6:45pm | Tel: (908) 293-8320

#### **Rebuilding Your Faulty Foundation**

Psalm 11:1-7

**Key Verse:** *Psalm 11:3* "If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?" (NKJV)

**Reflection:** We've spent the last 21 days talking about firm foundation. What it means, why it is important, how to build one and how to build on top of it. As we wrap up this 21-day journey, we are going to talk about as important aspect of this subject that we haven't touched on. What happens if the foundation is already faulty? Sometimes people find themselves in a situation where the foundation is already crooked, or they've built on a faulty foundation. Is there any hope for them? The good news is there is hope.

Psalm 11:3 says, "If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?" So, is there anything that can be done? The answer is yes. God is a repairer of broken foundations. The scripture says in Isaiah 58:12, "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

So, what should the righteous do? First, the righteous must not be in despair. Sometimes people say their problem is foundational or generational, or there is a problem with the foundation of their family, marriage etc. They say this to imply their problem is impossible to solve. I want to let you know that we serve a God who can visit and repair our foundation up to a thousand generations. So, the righteous can pray and ask God to visit and repair the foundation. There is no depth too deep for God to reach. For people who have built their spiritual life on a wrong, I hope this material helped to repair and reset your foundation so that you can rebuild your life on a solid foundation that cannot be shaken.

- 1. Thank God for the grace given to you, not just to begin, but to complete this 21-day program of fasting and prayer.
- 2. Thank God for a strong foundation for 2024 and the future.
- 3. Invite God to visit and repair any faulty or broken foundation in your life.
- 4. We know that the foundation of our society is being destroyed, pray that God will stop the destruction and begin to repair the foundations of our society.
- 5. Commit yourself to the habits of personal spiritual growth in 2024 and pray for the help of the Holy Spirit as you begin.
- 6. Pray not just for yourself, but that many AHOW members will make this same commitment and stay true to it just like the Berean believers. Acts 17:11
- 7. Pray that our church, Agape House of Worship will stay aligned with God and remain in His will for her.
- 8. Pray that AHOW will forever be a disciple making center, helping people to build a solid foundation for their spiritual life.

### CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE 21-DAY CHALLENGE 2024

#### READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 90 DAYS

<u>Day</u>	Section	<u>Done</u>	<u>Day</u>	Section	<u>Done</u>
Day 1	Matthew 1-3		Day 46	Romans 13-15	
Day 2	Matthew 4-6		Day 47	Romans 16	
Day 3	Matthew 7-9		Day 48	I Corinthians 1-3	
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Day 10	Matthew 28		-	2 Corinthians 4-6	
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Day 13	Mark 7-9		•	2 Corinthians 13	
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Day 30	John 16-18		Day 75	Hebrews 8-10	
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