

# KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

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### **SCRIPTURES**

- Joshua 9-11
- Psalm 2:8-12
- II Samuel 7, 11

## Title:

# A RELAXED VOICE

- Yahweh or My Way
- Kiss the Son
- Rest or Restless

I could not think of a better way to introduce this subject than to pepper you with a spray of soundbites. Generally I am against Christian one-hit-wonders, or should I say one-verse-wonders? But, this compilation of platinum singles really amalgamated like a precision missile strike.

Why have you deceived us? Because you did not ask counsel of the Lord. You fight and war, yet you do not have because you do not ask; you ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss. Then Joshua spoke to the Lord; 'sun, stand still,' and the Lord heeded the voice of a man. Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had said; then the land rested from war. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. Come to Me and I will give you rest. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you; everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us; and whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what is pleasing in His sight. You will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Peace, be still! And the wind ceased. And most inspiring of all: "Lazarus, come forth! Loose him from those graveclothes, and let him go."

After that barrage you might be left wondering, "Who is foolish enough to not ask? And who is stubborn enough to not follow the strict guidelines of asking? In other words, what parameters ensure that asking is met with a favorable response?

The Bible is replete with examples of natural phenomena set on a collision course with the supernatural. Mountains get tossed into the sea; oceans separate; raging rivers hit invisible barriers; gale force winds cease; and the sun stands still in the sky, motionless, at the sound of a man's voice. How does this happen? And could you duplicate such cataclysmic authority? "I believed and therefore I spoke." Maybe you can and maybe you can't, but one thing is for sure, you can't unless you ask.

So, we are left with just two options: do not ask the counsel of the Lord, or speak to the Lord and witness the sun stand still! I don't know about you, but I will simply ask these two questions again. "Who is foolish enough to not ask?" And, "Who is stubborn enough to not follow the strict guidelines of asking?" Oh, and when you do get around to asking, do it with a relaxed voice!

#### **PROPHETIC SEED:**

"Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel." Joshua 10:12-14 NKJV

#### **PROPHETIC FRUIT:**

"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:8 NKJV

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we **ask anything according to His will, He hears us**." I John 5:14 NKJV

"Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him." Psalms 2:8, 12 NKJV

#### YAHWEH OR MY WAY

#### 1. To Ask or not to Ask

#### A. The Crazy Cycle

- (1) Not Seeking God's Counsel vs. Involving God
  - (a) Didn't we just see this LAST WEEK? (See: Et tu, Joshua?)
    - "Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai." Joshua 7:2 NKJV
- (2) Not Seeking God's Counsel vs. Involving God...AGAIN!
  - (a) THIS WEEK!
    - Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord." Joshua 9:14 NKJVV

## B. Once again, Joshua fails to seek God's will!

- (1) The Set-Up
  - (a) Crafty Salesmen
    - 1. "But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."" Joshua 9:3-6 NKJV
- (2) It's easy to sell ugly goods when your customer is too blind to see what you're peddling!

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- (a) Gullible Customers
  - "Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?"" Joshua 9:7 NKJV
- (b) Surly Joshua will see right through this charade!
  - "<u>But</u> they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"" Joshua 9:8 NKJV
- (c) "Who are you, and where do you come from?"
  - 1. "So they said to him: "From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God; for we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt, and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan—to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us." ' This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy. And these wineskins which we filled were new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey."" Joshua 9:9-13 NKJV
- (d) No one seeks the wisdom of Yahweh on the matter.
  - "Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord." Joshua
    9:14 NKJV
  - 2. *"As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God."* Romans 3:10-11 NKJV
  - 3. *"Wisdom makes one wise person more powerful than ten rulers in a city.* Indeed, there is **no one** on earth **who is righteous**, **no one who does what is right** and never sins." Ecclesiastes 7:19-20 NIV
  - 4. "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate.** She **also gave to her husband** <u>with her</u>, and he ate." Genesis 3:6 NKJV
- (e) Sign on the dotted line if you are buying what I am selling!
  - "So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them." Joshua 9:15 NKJV
- (3) Buyers Remorse
  - (a) We are your neighbors!
    - "And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them. Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim." Joshua 9:16-17 NKJV
  - (b) A promise is a promise!
    - 1. **"But the children of Israel did not attack them**, because the rulers of the congregation had **sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel**. And all **the congregation complained against the rulers**. Then all the

rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them. This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them."" Joshua 9:18-20 NKJV

- (4) Scrambling to salvage a bad decision...
  - (a) Curses for deception
    - "And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them." Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you dwell near us? Now therefore, you are cursed, and none of you shall be freed from being slaves—woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God."" Joshua 9:21-23 NKJV
  - (b) Better than being dead...
    - 1. "So they answered Joshua and said, "Because your servants were clearly told that the Lord your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. And now, here we are, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us." So he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them. And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, in the place which He would choose, even to this day." Joshua 9:24-27 NKJV

#### KISS THE SON

#### 2. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him

### A. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession...Ps. 2:8

- (1) The Exclamation Point!
  - (a) God's hail kills more people than man's sword!
    - 1. There were **more who died from the hailstones** than the children of Israel killed with the sword." Joshua 10:11 NKJV
  - (b) More than you could ask, think, or imagine!
    - "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

## B. Joshua decides to "take refuge" in Him!

- (1) What happens when you do confide in Yahweh?
  - (a) Ask (like King David did) and (God) will...
    - "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
      {12} Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him." Psalm 2:8-12 ESV

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## (2) KISS the SON and STOP the SUN!

- (a) The sun stood still in the sky, motionless, at the sound of a man's voice.
  - "Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel." Joshua 10:12-14 NKJV
- (b) Fairytale or Royalty
  - 1. "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, **But the glory of kings is to search out a matter**. As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, **So the heart of kings is unsearchable**." Proverbs 25:2-3 NKJV
  - 2. "But you are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" I Peter 2:9 NKJV
  - 3. *"But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."* I Corinthians 2:10 NKJV
  - 4. *"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."* Psalm 2:12

# C. <u>"Lazarus, come forth!"</u>

- (1) Imitate or Imitation
  - (a) First recognize your assignment and your potential!
    - ""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, <u>because</u> I go to My Father. {12} [more on the name later...] And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14 NKJV
  - (b) Greater Works Job Description: Ambassadors of Grace
    - 1. "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:18-21 NKJV
  - (c) How do you do your ambassador job?
    - 1. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace to the hearers**." Ephesians 4:29 NKJV
  - (d) Who has done this before that I can emulate?
    - 1. "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." I Corinthians 11:1 NKJV
      - a) Try imitating this one... What an example to emulate! "Rebuke the wind!"

- "Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"" Mark 4:39-41 NKJV
- (2) How about imitating this one! The Lazarus Narrative
  - (a) The Set-up
    - 1. "And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" John 11:28-37 NKJV
  - (b) The Delivery
    - 1. "Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." {43} Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."" John 11:38-44 NKJV
  - (c) And who did Jesus look to imitate?
    - "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." John 5:19 NKJV
- (3) Imitation
  - (a) Taking credit where the credit belongs to God!
    - "So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:21-23 NKJV

- (4) What if Y'shua said nothing, or was only looking to glorify Himself, or was speaking on His own authority?
  - (a) Asking Amiss
    - 1. "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your **desires for pleasure** that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. **Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss,** that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a **friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God**." James 4:1-4 NKJV
  - (b) Glory Seeker
    - "Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him." John 7:16-18 NKJV
  - (c) Misplaced Authority
    - 1. "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak." John 12:49 NKJV

## D. Success Guidelines for Asking

- (1) Ask...but how
  - (a) If you ask...
    - 1. ""Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:7-12 NKJV
    - You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:3 NKJV
    - 3. "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures." James 1:16-18 NKJV
- (2) Faith
  - (a) If you have faith...
    - "So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20 NKJV
      - a) Ask and it will be...if you have faith!

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- 2. "So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and <u>does not doubt</u> in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:22-24 NKJV
- 3. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 NKJV
- 4. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,** for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." James 1:2-8 NKJV
- 5. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

## (3) His Will

- (a) He hears if you ask for His will...
  - "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." I John 5:14 NKJV

## (4) Know

- (a) Whatever we ask...
  - 1. "And **if we know that He hears us**, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." I John 5:15 NKJV

#### (5) His Name

- (a) You are not on your own...
  - [we saw this first part earlier] ""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. {13} And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. {14} If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14 NKJV

## (6) Obey

- (a) Authentic obedience...
  - 1. "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment." I John 3:18-23 NKJV

- (a) Obedience is how you love...
  - 1. "He who **has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."" John 14:21 NKJV
  - 2. Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, **how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us**, and not to the world?"" John 14:22 NKJV
  - 3. "Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me." John 14:23-24 NKJV
  - 4. *"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."* Joshua 1:8 NKJV
- (8) Rest
  - (a) I will give you REST
    - "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."" Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV

# REST OR RESTLESS

# 3. Moving mountains and Stoping Stars

## A. The Path to Victory

- (1) Ask and you will...(if you do all the ifs!)
  - (a) Move Mountains
    - 1. "So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:22-24 NKJV
  - (b) Stop Suns
    - "Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel." Joshua 10:12-14 NKJV
  - (c) Joshua 11:16-22 (Summary of Joshua's Conquests).
    - "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war." Joshua 11:23 NKJV

# B. <u>Rest vs. Restless</u>

- (1) Rest
  - (a) When you are at rest, you have clarity with the Lord!
    - 1. "Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."" II Samuel 7:1-3 NKJV
- (2) Restless
  - (a) When you are restless, and are not where you are supposed to be, you have confusion.
    - 1. "It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"" II Samuel 11:1-3 NKJV
- (3) He will give you rest!
  - (a) Go to Him!
    - 1. "At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."" Matthew 11:25-30 NKJV
    - 2. "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God." II Corinthians 4:13-15 NKJV
    - 3. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." Ephesians 4:29 NKJV