**First Fruits 2023**

**The Power of Agreement**

**January 9-31, 2023**

In order us to move us ahead individually and corporately, we take this time of fasting and prayer at the beginning of this new year. We are seeking God to strengthen, refocus and realign us so we can reclaim, recover and be restored to where He intended us to be as a ministry and in our individual lives. For the remainder of the month, New Beginnings COTLG Avondale will be in consecration, a time of fasting and prayer, asking God to bring us into agreement. When we come into agreement, we can believe God for power over the enemy, answered prayers, breakthroughs and great miracles of every kind. This time of consecration is meant to encourage, equip, enlighten, empower and edify.

**What is consecration?** Making sacred; dedicating to the service and worship of God; separated from a common use to a sacred one. Metaphorically meaning perfect although not faultless, but bringing to a state of completion and fulfillment; to renew, to complete, mature, reaching the intended goal; to finish a work or duty.

**Ask God during the First Fruits of 2023** – What area in my life am I not walking in agreement with you? What have you spoken about my life? What are You trying to teach me? What do I still need to learn?

**What we are asking of you during this First Fruits consecration?**

* **READ** a chapter of scripture daily! See **Daily Scripture Schedule** below. This will replace the current NB Daily Devotions which will resume in February. Scriptures will be discussed each evening during our virtual “Coming into Agreement” sessions.
* Join us everyday **“Coming into Agreement” sessions** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom beginning Tuesday, January 10. There will ONLY be Noon Bible Study on Wednesdays in January.
* Join us everyday for **PRAYER** at 12 noon via Zoom.
* Join us for our **WORSHIP** Service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
* **MEDITATE ON and STUDY** the weekly discussions about agreement in this packet.
* Join us every morning with Bishop Ennis F. Tait at 6:00 a.m. for **Morning Meditation** on FB or Instagram (@ennisftait). No social media? You can also connect by dialing-in at 1-712-832-7119 and entering the access code: 1243#.
* We will **FAST** together January 20-31 from 6:00 am to 6:00 p.m. (Eating no food during this time is preferred, but not mandatory. Please give up something each day during this time period).
* **GIVE** a first fruits offering to the Lord. How you start the year is often how it will end. Sow bountifully, so you can reap bountifully.
* **MEMORIZE** a scripture each day. See scriptures on agreement at the end of this packet.
* Also, remember that we ask you to pray without ceasing. God will honor our unity and obedience in coming before Him AS ONE!

**Daily Scripture Reading Schedule**

Tuesday, January 10th - Matthew 18

Wednesday, January 11th – Romans 7

Thursday, January 12th – Romans 8

Friday, January 13th – Joshua 3

Saturday, January 14th – Joshua 4

Sunday, January 15th – Ezekiel 3

Monday, January 16th – Ezekiel 4

Tuesday, January 17th – Ezekiel 5

Wednesday, January 18th – Acts 14

Thursday, January 19th – Acts 15

Friday, January 20th – Daniel 1

Saturday, January 21st – Daniel 2

Sunday, January 22nd – Daniel 3

Monday, January 23rd -   Daniel 4

Tuesday, January 24th - Daniel 5

Wednesday, January 25th – Daniel 6

Thursday, January 26th – Daniel 7

Friday, January 27th – Daniel 8

Saturday, January 28th – Daniel 9

Sunday, January 29th – Daniel 10

Monday, January 30th – Daniel 11

Tuesday, January 31st – Daniel 12

**What is Agreement?**

Agreement is a powerful theme that the HOLY SPIRIT frequently teaches in scripture and one of the most formidable kingdom principles through which we can get things done. Surprisingly, the power of agreement will work for any group of people who put it to work. There is actually no limit to what a people can accomplish when they are in agreement about something. From the beginning book of the Bible we see a people putting this principle to work (though it is clear that they did so unconsciously) and God Himself testifying to the fact that nothing could be impossible for them because of the power of agreement.

*Genesis 11:1-6 (KJV)*

*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*

*And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.*

*And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.*

*And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

*And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men buildeth.*

*And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*

There is a great force at work when people stand or act in agreement. The very fact that God testified saying “nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do” is proof that the power or force of agreement really has no limits.

In Matthew 18:19, Jesus taught about the enormous power that exists when believers get in agreement with each other. He said, “…If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” This is a prayer that Jesus Himself guaranteed would bring results every time.

The Greek word for “agree” in this verse is sumphoneo. It means to agree together, to make a bargain, or to come to an agreement. It is the Greek word from which the word “symphony” is derived. A symphony orchestra combines many diverse instruments under the direction of a skilled conductor to produce a beautiful, musical masterpiece, and its impact extends far beyond what any one instrument could achieve on its own. This imagery paints a perfect analogy for the Christian community as God intended it to be. If you've ever heard a symphony, you know that when the individual instruments are tuning up, each one playing separately from the other, it's not much to hear. But when the conductor raises his baton and all those instruments begin to harmonize, the sound they make is powerful.   
  
The same thing is true in prayer. Believers agreeing together in the Holy Spirit are a powerful, unstoppable force. That's why Satan fights Christian families. That's why he doesn't want men and women unified in marriage. He wants us fighting and fussing all the time because he knows it will hinder our prayers (see 1 Pet. 3:7).

**Week 1**

**What are areas of agreement?**

1. **Agreement in speech**

The Bible says that the people had one language. This speaks about unity in what they said. As believers we all have one language which is that of love.

**John 13:34 (KJV)** **A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**

Within any gathering of believers who will make impact in their sphere of influence, there must not be found traces of disagreement in speech. Whatever is said must be inspired by **love** and **love** unites rather than separate people. The main reason why a people may find it difficult to be of the same speech is when each has his or her own purposes in mind and desires to fulfill that above the general goal or good. All these can only be solved by keeping love in perspective.

1. **Agreement in vision**

The bible further says …as they journeyed together…. This implies that they had agreement in vision and direction. Vision produces direction. People of the same destination travel together.

**Amos 3:3 do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?**

In order to achieve the breakthrough a group of people desire, they must move towards the same direction and be committed to the same goal or vision. If some people see something different form others, they are bound to fail.

1. **Agreement in Communication**

There was more than a common language or vision that brought these people together in effective agreement. They also had effective communication which is evident in the fact that they could pass across the message of the vision to every man and get every hand involved in its manifestation.

**With one another**

The Scripture says …they said to one another… This means they communicated with one another. Ideas are only beneficial to a team when they are communicated effectively. Communication is a vital tool in the success of every team. The manner in which communication is done generally determined whether or not the idea would be appreciated. Thus, communication should be done in love.

Colossians 4:6 (KJV) Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.We can be sure that these guys who wanted to build a tower knew how to talk to each other gracefully because they succeeded in getting the people actively involved in the vision to build.

**With God Together**

It is also important to note that communication as a team will usually end up in futility, no matter how wonderful the purpose is, if those involved do not learn to come into agreement in their communication with God.

Matthew 18:19 (KJV) Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

The Scripture makes us understand that if together as believers we stand in agreement nothing shall be impossible for us. It doesn’t matter what a group may be up to or up against. If they can stand in unity and agreement, whatever they ask for will be granted.

1. **Agreement in Teamwork**

Beyond all else, these guys put action to the dream or vision that bound them together. It is only possible to effectively work together when people are united by a certain goal for which they all have a singleness of mind. Acting together as a team is a powerful force in accomplishing a vision. Teamwork involves putting aside differences for a greater goal which is accomplishing the same vision. Here, it is the objective of the group that counts and not personal interests. To better understand teamwork we have to learn from the ant.

**Proverbs 30:25 (KJV) The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;**

With no strength, ants are still able to prepare and gather food for the rainy season (summer). Humans need to learn from this. The power and strength of ants is their agreement. Because our adversary knows the power of agreement, he puts in tremendous efforts to keep believers in disagreement. Christians can be in disagreement on almost anything these days and that is the reason our influence and impact in the world has been so limited. It is time for us to forget the petty differences in cultural beliefs and use the power of agreement against our enemy.

**Week 2: Agreement in Prayer**

There is power in praying together. Deuteronomy says of God’s army that ‘one man (could) chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight’ (32:30). There is a multiplied effect in being together before God. It was the corporate [prayer](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/) of Acts 1:14 that produced the corporate power of [Acts 2:42-47](https://www.biblestudytools.com/acts/passage/?q=acts+2:42-47). Corporate prayer brings corporate power ([Acts 4:14-31](https://www.biblestudytools.com/acts/passage/?q=acts+4:14-31))." Steve Meeks  
   
God’s heart is that we have agreement and unity in our prayers. The key to power in praying together is a single focus. Prayer agreement leads to breakthrough. The most powerful prayer meetings are when everyone is in agreement about one thing at a time. We must learn to pray through a request until God moves us on to something else. We are one body with one voice seeking God together.  
   
Agreement in prayer is not a new thing. It is Biblical. In Acts 1:14 we read, “they all joined together constantly in prayer” and in 4:14, “they raised their voices together in prayer.” Together is a key that opens the door to the power of God. The King James Bible in [Acts 2:1](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=ac+2:1) says, “with one accord.” What were the results? It was the filling of the Holy Spirit with boldness and Peter’s miraculous release from prison.  
   
To pray together is to dream the dreams of God together.  
   
Praying in agreement is harmonizing together like a symphony. Like we mentioned before, when an orchestra is tuning up, everything can sound like a lot of noise. Every instrument is doing its own thing, but when the conductor raises his baton, the instruments come together in harmony. That’s how prayer should be when Jesus is the conductor of the meeting. “Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever (anything and everything) they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.”  
“When you pray in agreement, there is no loophole, no alternate plan, and no changing your mind.”  Elmer Towns  
   
Praying with one another in agreement helps us to bear one another’s burdens. It encourages faith and helps us avoid temptation. Here are some ways that will help you to pray in one accord:

* **Pray with a clean heart** - You must be in harmony. Make sure there is no unconfessed sin or unforgiveness in your heart. See [John 9:31](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/9-31.html).  
  “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened” ([Psalm 66:18](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=ps+66:18)).
* **Pray with the Holy Spirit’s direction** - When you start praying, invite the Holy Spirit to come and direct you in prayer. Look to Him for His guidance, direction, and focus.
* **Pray in agreement with honesty and love** - Ask God for love for those you pray with.  
  “Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble” ([1 Peter 3:8](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=1pe+3:8)).
* **Pray God’s will according to Scripture** - Know the power of praying God’s Word together. See [James 4:3](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=jas+4:3) and [John 15:7](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+15:7).  
  “And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: (we are sure) that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us” (1 John 5:14, Amp)
* **Pray one subject at a time** - You may want to pray back and forth on one topic until you are finished. Remember to stay focused until you are finished with that topic before you move to something else.
* **Pray brief, to-the-point prayers** - Long prayers can cause the group to lose focus. You want everyone to participate.

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.” Matthew 6:7

* **Pray with faith and confidence** - Believe together that God hears and will answer your prayers. God can do anything. “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” (Genesis 18:14). See [Hebrews 11:6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=heb+11:6).  
  “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (Matthew 21:22).
* **Pray with perseverance and urgency** - Don’t give up. See Matthew15:21-28.  
  “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up” ([Luke 18:1](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=lu+18:1)).

Why is it so hard to get participation in citywide prayer? The answer is simple. Satan knows the power of agreement in prayer. He knows that if the churches came together in united prayer, the entire city could be reached for Christ. Instead, he fights it in every way he can. He loves disunity and this is one of his greatest tricks. He always wants to bring division, discord, and broken relationships. But when there is unity in prayer, there is another outcome. Steve Meeks shares about how praying together in agreement affected his church and city.   
    
Sometimes one prayer from another perspective can change everything.  When prayers are direct, to-the-point, and led by the Holy Spirit. On my own I could never pray from that many perspectives, but together there was united wisdom and power. We can also have tunnel vision in our prayers. We need one another’s wisdom and perspective.  
   
We need one another to see and pray from God’s full perspective. We need one another to pray with the power of God. Snowflakes are very frail all alone, but if enough of them get together they can cause a traffic jam!  
   
The Holy Spirit is inviting us to enter into His heart for breakthrough unity. We are living in exciting days. Prayer agreement leads to breakthrough. It’s Scriptural and God promises to be present. We read in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” God answers united prayer. Agreement is the untapped power of believers.

“Agreement is perhaps the untapped power of believers! What would be the results of real agreement among believers? If we will be led into perfect unity with Jesus Christ, having His mind in us so that we think as He would and ask according to his Word ([John 15:7](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+15:7)), and maintain unobstructed relationships between ourselves, having no resentments or unforgiveness toward others, we would open a channel through which God’s power could flow unobstructed.” Thetus Tenney

The principle of agreement increases the power of our prayer at least ten times. It assures our success in our warfare against the enemy. It insures the presence of the Lord in our midst and His blessings on our endeavors. It attracts the providential attention of the Father, and is a hindrance to the promotion of the devil’s kingdom. And above all, it is evidence to the world that Jesus was sent by God to be our Savior.

Matthew 18:18-20 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be [or have been] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be [or have been] loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

**Week 3**

**Power Accessed through Agreement**

Our authority over the enemy is increased when we are in agreement! Jesus said IF two or three will AGREE about their requests, IT WILL BE DONE! Because when 2 or 3 come together in JESUS NAME, He is present with them. This is a pretty strong statement. AGREEMENT in Jesus Name ASSURES success!

**Deuteronomy 19:15** One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. Let’s get some background on this. The principle of agreement was established in the Old Testament because two or three witnesses were required to convict anyone of a crime. One "eye witness" was not enough to convict someone, especially in a capital case.

In the New Testament, this principle was also taught. **1 Timothy 5:19** says "Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses."

How many ministries have been destroyed by one person who bore false witness? God alone knows, but we should be careful to follow Biblical rules when anyone is accused of wrongdoing, especially church leadership.

**Matthew 18:16** But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that `every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' Jesus tells us that when we have an offense against a brother, we are to go by ourselves first to try to resolve the matter. But if we can’t resolve it, Jesus said the next step is to go to our brother with 2 or 3 witnesses. How many problems in the church would never develop if believers followed the simple rules of evidence scripture commands!

**2 Corinthians 13:1** This will be my third visit to you. "Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." This principle of agreement was also used to cover any fact or matter to establish the truth of a thing. And it’s a good principle to follow today when discerning doctrine. A lot of false doctrine is based on one verse or part of a verse. Doctrine is established by being repeated in God’s Word at least twice.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-11** Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! The principle of agreement is reinforced by the writer of Ecclesiastes, who points out that if there are two in agreement they get a better return for their labors. We say "two heads are better than one", and that "a load shared is a burden halved". Also, if there are two in agreement, if one falls, he has the other to lift him up. We all need encouragement, and what better one to encourage than a partner in ministry?

**Ecclesiastes 4:12** Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. And in spiritual warfare, two can defend themselves better than one, and three together have power that is not quickly broken. Although as individuals, we have power and authority over the enemy in Jesus’ Name, He never meant for us to be "Lone Ranger" Christians who crusade alone, a law unto ourselves. Well, even the Lone Ranger had Tonto to help him out!

**Amos 3:3** Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? Amos the Prophet brought up an important point: two do not make a team unless they are in agreement! How many marriages are on the rocks today because husband and wife are not walking in agreement, physically, mentally and spiritually? But how awesome is the couple that has learned to walk in agreement!

**Deuteronomy 32:30-31** How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up? For their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede. Here Moses is talking about what happens to idolaters – that their enemies would put them to flight because they abandon the Rock, our Lord. Notice the principle of agreement here in action in spiritual warfare. The righteous have the power to singly chase 1,000 of their enemies, but the figure goes up TEN times, to 10,000 when two are in agreement in spiritual warfare.

Can we infer that three in agreement have ONE HUNDRED times the power against the enemy? Wow, I like that kind of math! No wonder the devil tries to divide us! Our agreement fortifies, empowers and strengthens our authority to bind and loose the enemy!

**Mark 6:7** Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. Jesus sent His apostles out two by two, and established the precedent for team ministry in the New Testament. But this pattern is not only for apostles, but all disciples. If you can team up with another believer, you will produce more fruit for the kingdom, and have a built-in "encouragement system". Plus you will have at least TEN times the prayer power.

**Luke 10:1** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two [or seventy] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. Luke shows us that the principle of agreement and teamwork also applies to all of Jesus followers. The seventy (or 72 in some manuscripts) others (that is in addition to the 12 apostles) were sent out two by two AHEAD of Jesus to EVERY town and place He traveled to.

**Luke 10:17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." We see the results of their teamwork in the 17th verse. As forerunners of Jesus they ran headlong into spiritual warfare! They were VERY excited that even the demons submitted to them in Jesus Name! And this is exciting news! Through the power of Jesus Name, we have authority to bind and loose demonic powers, and our authority is increased through the principle of agreement!

**Luke 10:18-19** He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." Ed Murphy in "The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare" says this: "Ours is a delegated authority. In Luke 10 Jesus gives total authority over all dimensions of evil supernaturalism to ALL of His disciples, not just the twelve apostles (Luke 10:1,17-19)." He continues: "The identity of the seventy disciples is unknown. This group of men was large enough for the Lord both to train and to oversee. Because this is the only reference to them, it is assumed they did not give up their jobs and homes to follow their Master as did the twelve apostles. Today we would call them laymen."

**Mark 16:17-18** And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He made it clear that the spiritual authority over all the power of the enemy will accompany THOSE WHO BELIEVE. This is a general granting of authority to ALL believers. And as in the other verses we’ve looked at, this spiritual power increases at least 10 fold when we work as a team of at least two in agreement.

**How do we Access the Power of Agreement?**

1. **Run A Harmony Check**   
   Any time you fail to access the power of agreement, run a harmony check. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if you're in strife with your wife (or anyone else). Then follow the instructions in Mark 11:25 where Jesus tells us, "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you...."   
     
   It is not sufficient to simply agree on the particular issue you are praying about. You must also be in harmony in other areas as well. So make a harmony check!
2. **Establish Your Heart On God's Word**We can only access the power of agreement when it is based on the Word of God. So go to the Word first. Find the promise that covers the particular situation you're praying about. Then write it down and meditate on it until, as Psalm 112:7 says, your "...heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."
3. **Fix Your Mind On The Word**  
   Second Corinthians 10:5 tells us to bring "...into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." You must do that if you're to see results of agreement. Do what the Bible says and "think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). What things? Things from the Word of God!   
     
   Say to yourself, "I will not think on anything contrary to this agreement." Then, when Satan tries to slip in negative thoughts and break down your faith, you'll have to tell him, "No, no, no, devil! I don't believe what you say. I believe what the Word says."   
     
   Then get out your Bible. Go back to the Word and soak your mind in it. Obey Proverbs 4 and "keep it before your eyes."
4. **Act As If It's Already Done**This is where so many believers miss it. They access the power agreement, taking a faith stand together. Then as soon as they walk out of the prayer closet, they start doubting and saying, "I don't know what we're going to do if this problem doesn't get solved!"   
     
   Don't make that mistake. Once you've settled the issue through the power of agreement, refuse to act like that issue is a problem anymore. Instead, just start praising God. In every way you can, act as though all is well.   
     
   When someone asks you about the matter, just answer them with faith. Say, "Glory to God, that issue is handled. We have agreed in prayer. God is honoring our agreement. And as far as we're concerned, that problem is behind us."

Agreement is a powerful tool. So don't be discouraged by your past experience. Just make the necessary adjustments and move into agreement.

**Scriptures for memorization**

Here are some important scriptures on agreement. Please work to review and memorize at least one scripture a day during this time of consecration.

* **Matthew 18:19**  
  “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”
* **Amos 3:3**  
  Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?
* **Colossians 2:8**  
  See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.
* **Corinthians 6:16**  
  What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”
* **Colossians 3:17**  
  And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
* **Corinthians 1:10**  
  I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.
* **Corinthians 7:5**  
  Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
* **John 1:9**  
  If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
* **John 4:18**  
  There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.
* **John 5:14**  
  And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.
* **Peter 5:2**  
  Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly.
* **Peter 5:7**  
  Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
* **Timothy 2:4**  
  Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
* **Timothy 1:7**  
  For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
* **Acts 2:38**  
  And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
* **Isaiah 28:18**  
  Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, you will be beaten down by it.
* **Isaiah 41:10**  
  “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
* **James 4:2**  
  You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.
* **Jeremiah 29:11**  
  “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
* **John 14:14**  
  “If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”
* **John 16:33**  
  “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
* **Matthew 5:37**  
  “Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”
* **Matthew 6:33**  
  “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
* **Nehemiah 9:38**  
  Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.
* **Philippians 4:13**  
  I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
* **Philippians 4:6**  
  Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
* **Romans 10:13**  
  For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
* **Romans 10:9**  
  Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
* **Romans 15:5**  
  May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.
* **Romans 8:3**  
  For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.