

WEEK 12

100 days of Blessing Your Children

Days 77-83

Causeway Coast Vineyard

The Promise of Blessing

The truth we begin from is that God, who is sovereign, all-powerful and the creator and one who sustains all things:

- Does great and marvellous deeds
- Loves us
- Desires to give us abundantly more than we can ask or imagine

When this truth becomes a deep 'knowing' within our hearts and minds, we can expect God to do incredible and miraculous things, when we call forth the promises within His word. With each of God's blessings in the Bible, there was always a special anointing- an impartation of supernatural power that enabled the people to be blessed. God's blessings:

- Made impossible things possible
- Gave supernatural power, means and ability for living
- Granted spiritual authority to our humanity

As followers of Jesus and heirs of God's Kingdom, we can take authority and claim the rich inheritance promised to us and our families, our children and grandchildren and for generations still to come.

The Concept of Blessing

In the Bible, Abraham was the first man to receive the blessings of a covenant with God. This covenant (promise) contained seven promises, found in Genesis 12:2-3:

- I will make you a great nation
- I will bless you
- I will make your name great
- You shall be a blessing
- I will bless those who bless you
- I will curse him who curses you
- In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

So how do we become recipients of those same promises made to Abraham?

By activating the power of blessing! We do that by speaking words of blessing based on God's word and the promises we find within it. Giving our lives to God and being members of His family means that we receive full rights of the blessing of our Father and we can pass on His blessing to our loved ones. A great starting point is to fully understand the many promises of which we are heirs through faith in Jesus Christ.

If you are a parent, carer, grandparent, you have spiritual authority over your household and power to speak blessing into the lives of your children and grandchildren. Your words of blessing are energised by the power of God when you speak them.

Over the next 100 days it is our prayer that we join together as parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and mother and father figures in our community to daily bless our children.

"One generation will commend your works to the next and shall declare your mighty acts." (Psalm 145:4)

Let us bless you as you begin...

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and may He be gracious to you. May the Lord turn His countenance upon you and give peace. As you pray, may you know that God, the faithful One, shows loving-kindness and keeps His promises from one generation to the next. Let all these blessings that you speak by faith in the name of Jesus, rest on the heads of your precious and dearly loved children and grandchildren, both today and for the rest of their lives

In His Name we pray,
Amen

Day 70: Your Home

"My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. - Isaiah 32:18

Anoint the front door and pray that all who enter your home will "go out in joy and be led forth in peace. - Isaiah 55:12

Through wisdom is a house built; and by understanding it is established. - Proverbs 24:3-4

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. - Psalm 127:1

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless you, as you set up a secure and welcoming home. Your home will serve as a haven, where love, joy and peace abound.

I bless your home to be a place of shelter and belonging for those who need to come in and find solace, kindness and friendship.

May you continually thank God for His provision of a safe space for you to dwell. May you guard against entitlement or comparison and be grateful for the blessings within your walls.

I bless you to be a gatherer of people. May your home be known as a place of community with honest conversations, laughter, fun and food around the table.

I bless your home to be a place of prayer and worship. May your rooms resound with praise as you sing and make music between the walls!

I bless your home to be a place of healing and reconciliation. May you experience this within your family and friends as well as amongst those who come to you, in need of support and counsel.

Day 78: Marriage

Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. – Ephesians 5:25

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. – Psalm 128:1,3

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. – 1 Peter 4:8

And a three-fold cord is not easily broken. – Ecclesiastes 4:12

Your Husband

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless you with a husband who deeply loves Jesus with all his heart, mind, soul and strength. One who will pursue God's thoughts and obediently follow His ways as he listens to His voice for himself and for your family.

I bless you with a loving husband who will love you deeply all your life and consider you as one with his own flesh. One who is committed to keeping you safe, one who protects you, provides for you and shields your heart.

May he love you as Christ loves the church and may he be willing to lay down his life for you.

May God choose for you a man who will remain faithful to you and always see in you the beauty of the woman he married.

May he enjoy life with you as your partner and friend, cheering your successes, minimising your losses and encouraging you to pursue Jesus and His purposes for your life together, for all your days.

May he honour and treasure the promises and vows made to you.

May your husband choose you, respect you, care for you, laugh with you and be kind to you always.

One who will deeply love you, look to you, listen to you, honour you, champion you and value you above all others.

May he always choose to guard your marriage from harm and always be willing to reconcile your differences. May he be quick to say sorry and quick to offer forgiveness.

May he be intentional in his pursuit of you and gentle in his conversations with you.

May you both exercise humility and grace to move on quickly from misunderstandings.

May you both walk with Jesus all the days of your life, as 'a three fold cord that cannot be easily broken.'

May your times be filled with happiness, peace, unity, fruitfulness and laughter, all the days of your life.

Your Wife

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless you with a wife who deeply loves Jesus with all her heart, mind, soul and strength. One who will pursue God's thoughts and obediently follow His ways as she listens to His voice for herself and for your family.

I bless you with a wife who will choose you daily and always.

One who will deeply love you, look to you, listen to you, honour you, champion you and value you above all others.

May God choose for you a wife who will remain faithful to you, for all your days. May she enjoy life with you as your partner and friend, cheering your successes, minimising your losses and encouraging you to pursue Jesus and His purposes for your life together, for as long as you live.

May she treasure and honour the vows and promises made to you. May your wife be gentle in her conversations with you and always point you towards hope, as she reminds you of who you are in Christ and His promises and blessings for your family.

May she respect you, laugh with you, pray for you and be kind to you always. May your wife be humble, honest, forgiving and tender-hearted.

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Day 79: Your Parenting

Their children will be a blessing. - Psalm 37:26

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. - Ezekiel 34:26

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. - Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless you with God's blessing to Adam and Eve when He said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." (Gen 1:28) Your children will be like arrows in the hand of a warrior and olive plants around your table.

I bless you with an unconditional love for your family, that always hopes, always forgives, always trusts and always endures.

I bless you with wisdom, discernment and grace as you raise your children to revere, worship, surrender, serve and pursue Jesus with all of their heart.

May you continuously parent your children towards their calling in Christ Jesus. Choosing a different way- one that points towards; holiness over compromise; integrity over reputation; service over entitlement; compassion over comfort and peace over disunity.

May you know when to give your yes and when to say no, as you parent and steward the gift God has given you, always guarding their heart and mind as they endeavour to follow and love Jesus.

I bless you to be gracious, understanding and merciful towards your children, all the days of your life.

Your listening, intentionality and focus within the finer details of their interests and conversations, will enable them to trust you in both the small and great moments within their lives.

I bless you to be present, alert and always ready to place your children first above others. Love God, love your family.

I bless you, as you lead, pray and always point your family towards everything God has purposed for their lives in Him.

May you live open-handedly, pursuing His will, before your personal preferences for your children, always.

I bless you to provide time and space in your home to worship, wait, pray, teach and listen to the Holy Spirit together.

May the Lord bless you, keep you, make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you and give you peace. Now and forever.

Day 80: Your Children

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. – Luke 1:50

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. – Psalms 102:18

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. – Psalm 145:4

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless your family to know God's favour, provision, presence and smile upon you, all the days of your life.

I celebrate and thank God with you, for the gift of your family.

I bless your children to know Jesus and accept His gift of salvation in early days. I bless them to love the Lord their God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.

May they have a deep friendship with Jesus that they will not turn away from. May they never lose the wonder of the unconditional love of their Heavenly Father and the perfect, atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

I bless them with wisdom and understanding, as they pursue His word and ways for their lives, always.

I bless your children with wellness and wholeness in body, mind and strength. May peace reign in their hearts and minds. May they know joy and adventure throughout all their days. I bless them to receive His 'immeasurably more' in every aspect of their lives. May they know abundance and favour and may every work of their hands be blessed.

I bless your family to dwell in harmony and unity, all the days of your life. May your love always lead to forgiveness, understanding, honesty and kindness.

Let His name be the banner over your household- the weapon for every fight and the compass for every step you take together.

I bless your children to hold firmly to His truth and lead others out of darkness and into His light. I bless them to refuse to compromise in the face of opposition.

I bless your family to know His protection over your home – your coming in and your going out. “He will send His angels charge over you, to keep you and guide you in all of your ways.”

I bless your children to honour you and bless their hearts to remain open, teachable and loving towards you, all the days of your life.

Day 81: Abundance

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. -
Psalm 23:5

Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your
crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will
brim over with new wine. - Proverbs 3:9-10

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well. - Matthew 6:33

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his
glory in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all
times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”
2 Corinthians 9:8

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless your heart and soul with an expectant faith that trusts in Your
Heavenly Father’s provision and goodness, all the days of your life.

May you know that He provides abundantly for all your needs.

I bless you as you wait for financial breakthroughs in your life. May He
guide you to make wise financial decisions, bless the work of your
hands, and open doors for new opportunities. May you have more
than enough to meet not just your own needs, but to help provide for
the needs of others.

I bless you with a heart that is extravagantly generous and unselfish,
all the days of your life.

I bless you to find a career that you love and enjoy. May you know fulfillment, success, and financial abundance in your professional life, as you let your work glorify Him and bless others around you.

I bless you with the motivation and determination to pursue your goals and dreams. May you be driven by faith and the desire to glorify your Heavenly Father.

I bless you with the financial freedom to live without the weight of debt or worry. May abundance flow into your life, and may you manage your resources wisely.

I bless you with an abundance of love in your relationships. May He help you to love others as He has loved you and bring people into your life who will inspire and encourage you.

I bless you to know His favour upon every area of your life. May you experience breakthroughs, open doors, and unexpected blessings. May you know abundance in your finances, health, family and spiritual walk.

I bless you with an abundance of joy, confidence and boldness. May declaring and remembering His faithfulness and provision for your life catalyse your faith to expect, dream and ask for the seemingly impossible treasures He has set apart for you.

I bless you to be filled with an abundance of faith, love, and wisdom as you seek to live according to His will, all the days of your life.

Day 82: Community

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 2v 1-4

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. - 1 Corinthians 1:10

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. - Matthew 18:20

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless you to know and be one who brings healthy, vibrant, trusted community for others, all the days of your life.

I bless you to welcome everyone into community, regardless of their differences, appearance, wealth or popularity. May you be one who is able to invite and set up 'home' for people who feel left out, on the fringes or unwelcome.

I bless you with close, trusted and secure relationships that bring you joy and provide you with a safe place to be and to remain.

I bless you with friends who allow you to be your true self and those who cheer your successes and minimise your losses.

I bless you with life-long relationships that are packed full of adventures, stories, memories and fun. May each of your moments with friends bring laughter, shelter, shared admiration, celebration and understanding.

I bless you with the ability to be a befriender of others.

I bless you with the wisdom and courage to walk away from relationships that lack value, honesty and intentionality.

I bless you with discernment and a firm hold of values as you choose your trusted circle of people.

I bless you to love your community, as Jesus has loved you and to follow His example.

I bless you to be a gatherer of people, one who looks for the one left behind and welcomes them in.

I bless you to be loyal, faithful, trustworthy and unselfish and to love your friends and neighbours, as you love yourself, all the days of your life.

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Day 83: Armour

Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. - Ephesians 6:11

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place. And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. - Ephesians 6:14-18

In the name of Jesus Christ...

I bless you to seek honesty and integrity in all your actions and interactions. May you avoid deceit and embrace transparency in your spiritual walk with Jesus, all the days of your life.

I bless you to live a righteous life by following God's commandments, reflecting His virtues and heart's desires for you within your decision-making and every-day life. May you hold to uncompromising truth and follow His best plans for your life and freedom, all your days.

I bless you to always be ready and prepared to share the good news of Jesus! May Holy Spirit help you to cultivate inner peace through a deep relationship with God, spreading His message of freedom, love and eternal hope to the world around you.

I bless you to cultivate a strong and unshakeable faith. As you engage in daily moments with Jesus and set apart regular times to sit with Himself, and as you spend time in fellowship with others, may He fortify your faith, all the days of your life.

I bless you to ground your thoughts and actions in the assurance of your salvation. Let the confidence in Christ's redemption guard your mind against doubts and fears, all the days of your life.

Harnessing the Power of the Word

I bless you to regularly read, study, and meditate on the Bible. May you use God's Word to refute lies and defend against spiritual attacks, whilst keeping your spirit nourished and strong.

Commit to Prayer

I bless you to develop a fervent, vibrant, disciplined prayer life as you stay connected to God through continual communication, seeking His presence and guidance for yourself and others. May you be an intercessor who sensitively stands in the gap for others, maintaining vigilance and spiritual readiness, all the days of your life.