

TRIALS

Good morning everyone. I pray all is well with you today. I know that many of you may be going through some things in life right now that seem too overwhelming for you. I just want to say it's all for a purpose. Listen!

My friend, I don't know why you're going through, but look and see if God is trying to direct you, inspect you, correct you, protect you, or perfect you. Many things that come into our lives come to do one of the five things listed above. Find your reason by praying and asking God to show you why you are in the situation you are facing at this present time.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Brothers and sisters just know you are not alone. Jesus said, "He would never leave us nor forsake us." You are not alone, I'll say it again, and "you are not alone." You will come out of this and you will come out of this better than when you went into it. You will come out as pure gold. Hang in there and learn what you need to become better.

God bless you and never give up.

LIFE

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray this email finds you living in victory. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to write to you today with a word of encouragement. Once again I would like to say this is the day the Lord has made and **we must rejoice** and be glad in it. Choose to rejoice. Don't wait for something to make you happy before you choose to enjoy life. You have the ability to choose how you will live today. Life was meant to be lived and not dreaded. (CHOOSE LIFE)

It's only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth-and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up that we be. Begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had.
~Elizabeth K. Ross

Don't wait until someday tells you have only so many days to live that you begin to live. Live each and every day as if it's your last. Then you will not have any reason to run the 2:00 minute drill as if your life depended on it. Run every play in the book, go all out, make this day the best day of your life, because it truly is the best day of your life, and it's the only one promised to you.

Hey, I gotta go, but before I leave you, I want to say one more time, choose to rejoice today. God loves you and I love you.

SUCCESS

Good afternoon my brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone. I am happy to report I am doing much better.

Today I would like to share with you a few words about success.

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year. ~John Foster Dulles

Are you being successful this day, month, and year? Do you still have the same problems this year in September that you had last year in September? If so, you may have been successful in another area, but you have failed in the current problem. In order to be successful we must learn to handle the problems that occur in our lives as they happen. Stop putting off today for tomorrow. Learn to deal with the small foxes that are destroying the vines. If you will do this you will not have large problems to handle later. Remember you were born to succeed.

Hey, I gotta go, but before I do let me just share with you this one thing.

The door to the room of success swings on the hinges of opposition. ~Bob Jones Sr.

Success Defined

"...the Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed." Genesis 39: 23(NLT)
Marva Collins says that success doesn't come to you...you go to it. Benjamin Disraeli notes that the secret of success is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

Be blessed in the Lord,

RESENTMENT

Good morning brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today. I continue to get better each day myself. My shoulder is healing well and I should be able to return to work on the 16th of October. Thanks for all the thoughts and prayers that you have sent up for me and the family during this time.

Today I would like to share another word of encouragement with you all. It has to do with healing-healing of the body, soul, and spirit. Many of you may be in need of healing right now in some part(s) of your body, but you have not received it. Could it be that you are harboring one thing that is just as bad as cancer? What is that one thing? "Resentment"

Resentment is nothing but indignation or ill will felt as a result of a real or imagined [you thought it in your own mind] grievance. This is nothing but a fancy word for ANGER.

Job 36: 13 "Those who have wicked hearts hold on to anger. Even when God punishes them, they do not cry for help. (NCV)

You may have been hurt by someone and you were left with deep wounds and scars that just won't go away. I must tell you today you must let this go in order to heal. Seek forgiveness and be forgiving. Then there's one other thing you must do to complete this process. You must not live in the dungeon of "I forgave them, but I can't forget." Please remember, you cannot be forgiven if you are walking around with un-forgiveness in your own heart. This will keep you from really ever walking in fellowship with the person, or with God. Even if they truly wanted to be your friend in the future, this mindset would prevent it from happening. Don't be trapped by this mindset.

Hey, I gotta go, but remember, it's you that need healing. What is it worth to you? God wants to heal you every where you hurt, but you must remove all the obstacles that hinder this healing from coming into your life.

He loves you,
I love you,
Be blessed,

BITTERNESS

Good morning brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today.
Today I would like to share another word of encouragement with you all. Once again, it has to do with healing-healing of the body, soul, and spirit. Many of you may be in need of healing right now in some part(s) of your body, but you have not received it. Could it be that you are harboring another thing that is just as bad as cancer? What is that one thing? "Bitterness"

There is one thing I need for all of you to know about this before I go deeper. Nothing is bitter to you until you taste it. Until it reaches the inner parts of your being you will not know it, nor will you have a chance of becoming what you tasted. Stop allowing other people to feed, offer, or cause you to be bitter.

Bitterness includes resentment, hatred, un-forgiveness, violence, temper, anger, retaliation and murder.

Bitterness is a frozen form of latent anger and resentment. Bitterness grows out of our refusal, to let go when someone or something is taken from us. Bitterness is being constantly hurt by a memory and is holding onto a hurt until it has a hold on you.

Right now, some of you are looking at this and saying Pastor this sounds like the same thing you said concerning resentment. IF you believe that it is the same then just let go of whichever one you are having a problem with. J J

These are some of the things that make us aware that we are suffering due to bitterness:

1. Oversensitive to a verbal remark, action, or lack of action.
2. Hurt feelings.
3. Repulsive feeling toward a person at the thought or sight of him.
4. Retaining wounds and frequently talking about them. (This is one that every one of us deals with from day to day)
5. Alienation of a person.
6. Verbal slander against the person.
7. Lack of obedience (ref Mt 5:44,45). ⁴⁴But I tell you: Love your enemies^[a] and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
8. Becoming like the one you despise.

Hey, I gotta go, but remember what the word says, Oh taste and see that the Lord is good. Doing it His way will always be good. Doing it our way will always be bitter.

PROBLEMS

Good afternoon. I pray all is well with everyone today. I am doing better and I am getting stronger each day.

I was not going to take up any more of your time this week, but I was studying and I got something I thought you all might enjoy.

It is titled "Problems." So many of you may be wondering why you're having so many problems right now. I am glad to be the one to give you the answer. Every problem has a blessing that comes with it. God never makes a promise to any of us **without allowing a problem to produce the provision.** You heard me right. A problem will produce the provision. After you receive a promise, a loving God takes you into a **tailor-made problem**, revealing to you the spiritual, emotional, moral, and financial imperfections in your life. Problems will make you neither weak nor strong, (at least they should not) but they will reveal what you are. Gold is tried in fire, and God's children are purified in the furnace of ADVERSITY.

Hey, I gotta go, but before I do I have to tell you this. The quickest way out of the problem is straight through.

Be blessed,
Pastor Daniel Fagan

God loves you,

I love you,

Be blessed,

FORGIVENESS" MATTHEW 6:14-15

Good morning brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today. My shoulder is healing well and I am

feeling better each day. Once again, thanks for all the thoughts and prayers that you have sent up for me and my family during this time.

Today I would like to continue encouraging you all on the path to your spiritual healing. There's another important thing that must take place before you can be healed-Forgiveness.

What is forgiveness? It is letting go of your bitterness and anger.
According to the Bible, we are to forgive. Ephesians 4:32 declares, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Everything that you and I do wrong, it has to be atoned for. Christ came and died that we might be forgiven, and when He taught the disciples to pray in Matthew chapter 6 He told them that in order to be forgiven we have to forgive. Don't just ask God to forgive you and you never ask the person you harmed to forgive you. Both are required to walk in proper relationship with God and Man. Let's all come together in proper fellowship with our brothers and sisters so that we can stop dodging each other. Life would be so much better if we would just do it.

Gotta go, but remember; you can't be right with God and wrong with your brothers and sisters. Our relationships must be right with both God and man. God wants to heal you but you must remove all the obstacles that hinder this healing from coming into your life.

He loves you,
I love you,
Be blessed,

Good morning brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today. I am doing better each day.

CRITICAL SPIRIT

I would like to continue our journey towards our spiritual healing, but there's another important thing that must take place before we can be healed-we must get rid of the critical spirit.

Charles M. Schwab once said, I have yet to find a man, however exalted his station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than under a spirit of criticism.

Any fool can criticize and many of them do. We have to remember that all the people we talk about and criticize could be the very people who could help us to reach our destiny.

Often times the things we say about others are the very things that are lying deep within us. Remember what the Word of God says in Matthew chapter 7 verse 3. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? It's very hard to see a speck through eyes that are covered by planks.

People may ask you for criticism, but they only want praise. Let's do our best today to give praise and stop the criticism.

Hey, I gotta go but let us all remember-he who is critical is often the one most deserving of criticism.

God bless you,

"MURMURING"

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray you all are doing well today. I am doing well in spite of having a very rough night last night. I will praise Him in spite of.

Today I would like to continue our walk towards spiritual healing. It has been a good walk and I believe you should almost be ready to receive something you have been waiting to come into your life for a long time. Let us get started.

Today's word is "Murmuring."

Murmuring is the same as grumbling: to mutter in discontent.
Have you learned to be content in whatever place you find yourself?

Deuteronomy 1:26-38

"Do all things without murmuring and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" - Philippians 2:14-15

1. Murmuring is a Sin Against God

"But you rebelled against the Lord and you murmured in your tents". The Lord hears your murmurings which you make against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord." - Exodus 16:8

When you and I grumble about the circumstances God allows in our lives, we are not putting our trust in Him to do what He has purposed for our lives. Stop and ask God to give you what you need to walk this situation out.

2. Murmuring Misunderstands God's Purpose

"You murmured in your tents, and said, 'Because the Lord hates us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us.'" - Deut 1:27

When God brings you to a situation, He is not bringing you there to leave you there. He is bringing you there to build your character and strength as well as your faith and trust in Him. We have to remember-Trials do not come into our lives to destroy us but to make us strong. When He brings you from something, He always brings you to something else. This also works the other way as well. To something from something.

3. Murmuring Discourages Others

"Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'" – Deut 1:28

When you and I murmur or grumble in the presence of other people we discourage them from doing the will of God. Our words have life. Proverbs 18:21 says, Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit. Stop killing others with your grumbling and stop killing yourself.

Hey, I gotta go but remember-why be difficult, when with a little more effort you could be great? Let this be the first day you praise God for life instead of grumble about life.

Be blessed,
Pastor Daniel Fagan

“LYING”

Good evening brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today. I had a wonderful day today and I pray you all did as well.

I am writing on a Sunday evening in order to accomplish some other things during the week.

I would like to ask you all to please continue praying for my family as we continue believing God for a miracle for two family members. Once again, thanks for all the thoughts and prayers that you have already sent up for us during this time.

I would like to continue our journey towards our spiritual healing, but there's another important thing that we must stop before we can be healed-lying.

To lie means to mislead, misinform or to exaggerate.

Most of us don't flat out mislead or misinform, we just have a serious problem exaggerating. [Stretching the truth]

*Always tell the truth. That way, you don't have to remember what you said.

1. Truth always stands alone. It never needs anything to prop it up.

Lying makes it difficult to remember what was said because a lie does not come from the heart it comes from the head. Those things that come from our hearts are easy to remember because it's who we are.

2. Lying destroys the bridge [Trust] that mends *all relationships*. Many people want to have good relationships but are not true to themselves and therefore don't know how to be true to others. Mark Twain once said, "Be true to thine own self". If you live a lie for any period of time you will eventually not know when to be truthful. You can only wear masks for so long before you not know which one to put on.

Hey, I gotta go but let us all remember- *He who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second and third time, till at length it becomes habitual.

God bless you,

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray you all had a great weekend and you are having a great day. I am praying and getting better. Not just physically, but spiritually as well. I would like to ask you all to continue praying for my family members who are currently battling cancer. We all believe you don't need a miracle nor can you get one if you are not in a position or in need of one.

Once again I would like to continue ministering to you about spiritual healing. There are a couple more things we must get out of our lives in order to put ourselves in position to be healed. Today's message will focus on "spiritual authority".

Paul admonished us in 1 Timothy chapter 2 what to do as Christians concerning spiritual authority. He wrote:

¹ I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, *prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men;* ² *for kings and all that are in high places; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity.* ³ *This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;*

Many of us complain or have complained about every leader that has ever been placed over us... Nothing they've done is ever right and if it was right, because our attitude is so "jacked up" we can't see that it's actually good for us. We all have to take a look in the mirror and ask the person that's looking back this question: "Would this place be any better if I was leading it?" If the answer is yes, then you need to get all the training you need and apply for or campaign for the position.

I do know there are some people who are in positions who are not the best leaders, but have you ever thought about the fact God may have allowed them to be there to help you become better in a certain area in your life? The Lord is so smart. He will allow a person who may not be the best for everybody, but since He was thinking about making you great He put them there to help you get over something or to get you to your next level. This may just be a good reason to stop complaining and start praying for that person who is leading you. Paul wrote in Colossians chapter 3 verse 22: Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord and as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him.

Hey, I gotta go but before I do-remember Watchman Nee said, "Before a man can subject himself to God's delegated authority he must first meet God's inherent authority..." And "To overthrow God's authority is to

overthrow God."

Leave it alone, because God may just be making you great through that person.

Be blessed,

TALE BEARER

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today. I am doing exceptionally well. I received a good report from my doctor on 10-15-09 and I will be returning to work on full duty 11-02-09.

Today, I am writing to you my final letter of encouragement concerning spiritual healing. The final poisonous thing we must get rid of is Tale Bearing. By now you should have gotten rid of the following:

- 1 Resentment
- 1 Bitterness
- 2 Unforgiveness
- 3 Rebellion against Spiritual Authority/Authority
- 4 Lying
- 5 Critical Spirit
- 6 Murmuring

Let us first define what a tale bearer is.

A Tale Bearer is one that spreads gossip or rumors; also known as a TATTLETALE.

I know most of you will say you are not a tale bearer, *but an informer*. The ol' saying is still true. If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and sounds like a duck; guess what? It's a duck.

Many of us do this because we do not understand the seriousness of it. But let's look at what would happen if we were in prison and decided to be a tale bearer. There is a famous quote used in the penitentiary that says, "Snitches get stitches." We may not get stitches for passing gossip and rumors, but we cause a lot of pain and separation from God and the people we are suppose to love. I know it feels good when we talk with one another and share other people's life stories, but wouldn't our society be much better if we shared the gospel as much as we shared the gossip? We would also have more friends than the "so called associates" we all claim from day to day. I would rather have a friend any day than an associate.

Hey, I gotta go but remember-American Actor Lisa Kirk once said, A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself. Tell all your friends today. Just keep it to yourself."

Be Blessed,

HOW BAD DO YOU WANT IT?"

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with each of you. My family and I are doing well. The doctor has given me the clearance to return to work the first week in November. My mother-in-law's doctor has informed us the Chemo is working. She has not used oxygen in almost a week.. This has been a great week. To God be the glory.

Today I would like to convey a message I received while attending a church service Friday night. As I was sitting and worshipping God I heard the Spirit ask, "How bad do you want it?" I later received the scripture John 11:25 which states, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. In order to obtain eternal life you have to die.. Die to yourself, die to your desires, die to the things of the flesh. How bad do you want it? The Word of God says in Matthew 16:25: for whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Just as you and I put so much energy into becoming successful, we must also

put that and more into obtaining eternal life. We must love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. Don't let it be said of you when you have completed the dash between the dates, (Birth---Death) He reached all the goals he set in life; she had a lot of things, but neither had a relationship with God.

Hey, I gotta go but remember, David Livingston once said, I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose.

Be blessed,

“EGO”

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with you and your families. Truly all is well with me and my family. We're getting better with each new day. Please continue to lift us up in prayer as we will do the same for you.

Today I would like to share a message with you concerning Ego.

Ego is define as an exaggerated sense of self-importance; conceit.,

Ego is something we all have and there are times we allow it to get the best of us. When our ego gets out of control, it is certain to cause pain for someone around us. It usually turns out to be those closest to us. We have to always keep in mind when a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes himself a pretty small package. ~John Ruskin

The apostle Paul reminds us in Romans chapter 12 verse 3 not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, but think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. Let God exalt you and not you yourself, because He sees you as you really are and not with an inflated point of view.

Hey, I gotta go but remember what Joseph Fort Newton once said, "an egotist is not a man who thinks too much of himself; he is a man who thinks too little of other people.

Be blessed,

JUSTICE

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with everyone today. I am scheduled to be back at work today for the first time since August 3rd. I am truly thankful for all the prayers, emails and phone calls during my time on sick leave. My family is also doing well.

Today I would like to share a short message about Justice.

Justice is defined as the dealings of men with each other; equity; uprightness.

In the day and time we live, everyone wants justice but is not willing to deal with others in an equal and just manner. We want all the benefits and rewards. We want all the favors. We want first class everything, with no thoughts of other people.

I teach the members of our church that ***"you get what you give."*** If you want love, then give love. If you want fairness, then be fair to others around you. If you want a true friend, then you be a true friend. If you want respect, then be respectful to all those you come in contact with. Whatever you want, give that to those around you.

Plato once said, Justice will be achieved only when those who are not injured feel as indignant [righteously angry] as those who are.

Hey, I gotta go but remember-We cannot be just if we are not kind-hearted.
~Marquis de Vauvenargues

Be blessed,

“THE POWER OF UNITY”

Good morning my brothers and sisters. I pray all is well with you and you are getting closer to your destiny every day. By the grace of God, my family and I are doing well. The doctors have not told us the cancer is gone, but He's still God and we still believe.

Today I would like to share a word with you concerning unity. Unity is defined as: integrity: an undivided or unbroken completeness or totality with nothing wanting.
Unity is also defined as uniformity or constancy, **unity of purpose.**

We've all been called to live a life of purpose and in order to live that life we have to live it as one with Christ and one with each other.

Many of us become members of many different organizations in hope of being accepted into something great, only to find out because we can't become unified we never get the satisfaction we were looking for.

Bob Snyder said, Christian unity is not found in uniformity, organization, or a particular church, but rather in Jesus and our commitment to His teachings, and living them out in our lives... It is only as we join together with others who look different than we do but share a common love and commitment in the Truth that is Jesus, that we can know the completeness of the body of Christ.

In order to experience the true power of unity, one has to first find the truth [Jesus] and accept the truth [Jesus]. Once we make a commitment to the truth, then we all can walk together in the power of unity. The common goal is the truth, not opinion(s). The truth may also be finding the true purpose of the organization. If we all could one day come to an understanding in all forms of government about the truth, then all people will be able to benefit. You and I can never fulfill purpose if we don't know the true meaning of why we're doing what we are doing.

Hey, I gotta go but remember- Henry W. Longfellow once said, all your strength is in union- all danger is in discord.

Be blessed

Pastor & Chaplain Daniel Fagan

THE PAST

Good evening my brothers and sisters. I pray all is going well in your lives. I am truly thankful for my health and for the health of my family. We are still believing God for a miracle for all family members who are currently dealing with any type of illness.

Today I would like to share a message with you all about the past.

The word past is defined as the time that has elapsed; "forget the past"

An earlier period in someone's life (especially one that they have reason to keep secret); "reporters dug into the candidate's past"

Many of us today have a hard time dealing with our past as well as letting go of our past. The best thing you and I can do to guarantee our success in life is forget the past. The apostle Paul said it best when he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind..." (Philippians 3:13)

You may have been rejected by someone you loved. Forget about it. You may have been abused by someone you believed would care for you. Forget about it. You're still here. You may have been turned down for a

promotion you knew you should have gotten due to your education and experience, but someone else got the job. Forget about it. It was not a part of your destiny and it will not hinder you from reaching your destiny.

Whatever you have been successful in over your lifetime, forget about it. Were you given awards and accolades for being the best at what you did? Forget about it. Were you the employee of the month? Get over it. Were you the MVP of your favorite team? Forget about it. I do realize all these things are great accomplishments, but we have to remember yesterday ended last night. We can't live on what we did yesterday. Stop looking at where you have been and start looking at where you can be.

We all must remember it is impossible to succeed without experiencing failure. A man who never failed is a man who never accomplished anything.

Let us all learn a lesson from Cyril Connolly who once said, 'The past is the only dead thing that smells sweet. All my failures hurt me in some way, but as I look back over my life I can truly say I would not be where I am today if I had not fallen along the way. (How sweet it is now!)

Our past is the past-not the present! Stop spending so much of your time in your past and use the time to develop a plan for your future. Plan your work and work your plan.

Hey, I gotta go but remember- *Shut out all your past except that which will help you weather your tomorrow.*
~William Osler

Be Blessed,

REPUTATION

Good morning my brothers and sisters. This is the day the Lord has made, let us choose to rejoice and be glad in it.

Today I would like to share a word with you all concerning *"REPUTATION."*

- Reputation is defined as: the state of being held in high esteem and honor.
- Reputation is also defined as: the general estimation that the public has for a person; "he was a person of bad report"

We all live each day in a way that causes people to estimate our character. Some have good reputations while others have bad reputations. As a State Trooper, I am building my reputation each time I deal with the public. The way I treat each person I come in contact with will determine what type of estimation that individual will have of me. No matter what your job is, *what you do and how you treat other people* will determine your reputation. ***You are the one that will determine how people value you.***

~Henry Ford once said, "You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Throughout my life I have done things that were wrong and I've hurt some people, and some of those things tarnished my reputation.

~Joseph Hall said it best when he said, "A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was.

We all have cracks. Cracks of making bad decisions, cracks of divorce, cracks of anger, cracks of lying, cracks of being lazy, cracks of being bad friends, cracks of being selfish, cracks of being poor money managers etc., our cracks are too many to number. Don't keep focusing on the cracks in your life. Just keep moving forward,

eventually, you won't focus on them and people won't talk about the cracks because you will have proven you have been repaired.

Hey, I gotta go but remember-Life is for one generation; a good name is forever. ~Japanese Proverb

Be blessed,

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Georgia