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FACING OBSTACLES WITH FAITH

"Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them" (Numbers 14:9).

Have you ever been so discouraged that you wanted to die? That's how the Israelites felt as they were poised to enter the Promised Land. They said, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!" (Numbers 14:2).

These people had lost perspective. They were allowing their fear to overwhelm them. But Caleb and Joshua told the people, "Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them" (Numbers 14:9).

God doesn't want us to run from our giants. He wants us to attack them. For example, let's take the giant of addiction. Let's say you have a problem with drugs or a problem with drinking. Recognize you have a problem with drinking. Bring it into the open, into the light of day. Make yourself accountable to someone and realize that you cannot do this in your own strength.

Call on God and pray for His power. But don't just face your giants; defeat them. Don't leave any backup plan to go back and do that thing again. Deal with your giants. Don't let them conquer you.

Faith and worry cannot coexist because when faith walks in, worry walks out. And when worry steps in, faith walks out. They don't get along. In fact, they cancel each other out. Someone has wisely pointed out that when you trust, you don't worry, and when you worry, you don't trust. So we want faith in our lives, not worry.

Every Christian will face difficulty. The Christian life is not a cakewalk; it's a conflict. The Christian life is not a playground; it's a battleground. So let's face the obstacles that are before us with great faith.

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DEVOTIONAL

The Purpose of Grace TO BUILD NOBLE CHARACTERS

We have all received from His fullness grace upon grace. (John 1:16)

God expects us to build characters in accordance with the Pattern set before us. We are to lay brick by brick, adding grace to grace, finding our weak points and correcting them in accordance with the directions given. When a crack is seen in the walls of a mansion, we know that something about the building is wrong. In our character building, cracks are often seen. Unless these defects are remedied, the house will fall when the tempest of trial beats upon it.

God gives us strength, reasoning power, time, in order that we may build characters on which He can place His stamp of approval. He desires each child of His to build a noble character, by the doing of pure, noble deeds, that in the end He may present a symmetrical structure, a fair temple, honored by man and God.

A noble all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self; Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.

By the life we live through the grace of Christ the character is formed. The original loveliness begins to be restored to the soul. The attributes of the character of Christ are imparted, and the image of the Divine begins to shine forth. The faces of men and women who walk and work with God express the peace of heaven. They are surrounded with the atmosphere of heaven. For these souls the kingdom of God has begun. They have Christ's joy, the joy of being a blessing to humanity. They have the honor of being accepted for the Master's use; they are trusted to do His work in His name.

As God is pure in His sphere, so man is to be pure in his. And he will be pure if Christ is formed within, the hope of glory; for he will imitate Christ's life and reflect His character.



THE PRAYER CORNER

“Sharing the Christ that Listens,



Showing God’s Solutions”

*Heal me, O LORD,
and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved:
for you are my praise.
Jeremiah 17:14*

Philip from Newbold College, UK

Shandra (cervical cancer – on chemo-therapy now)

Pin San Mao – Ivy’s dad (heart condition)

Ted’s mother (health)

Ted & Ivy (strength to support their aging parents)

Elaine Pappajohn (health)

Ps Alrick Watson (slated to come back next Monday)

Nick’s sister’s family & friends (recovering from Covid)

Mitchell (surgery recovery)

Tracey - Heather’s cousin (ICU/induced coma)

Kenny – Alvin’s cousin (in Hospital)

Stonebell (health)

Taurai – Regina’s husband (health)

Sharon, Pat’s sister (fell and broke arm)

Kuzi (health recovery from accident causing head injury)

Rebecca (post-surgery recovery /health)

Jayvon’s mother (health issues)

Marjorie Smith & her family (health / loss of her brother)

Basaraba Family (health)

Nobert Sithole (health)

Shannon (health)

Ben Lewis (health)

The victims and families impacted by crime, violence, hatred, racism and fatalities in the world.

Amazing Health Facts!



Top 10 Health Benefits of a Good Night's Sleep

- 1. Sleep Keeps Your Heart Healthy.*
- 2. Sleep May Prevent Cancer.*
- 3. Sleep Reduces Stress.*
- 4. Sleep Reduces Inflammation.*
- 5. Sleep Makes You More Alert.*
- 6. Sleep Bolsters Your Memory.*
- 7. Sleep May Help You Lose Weight.*
- 8. Naps Make You Smarter.*
- 9. Sleep May Reduce Your Risk for Depression.*
- 10. Sleep Helps the Body Make Repairs.*

DO NOT NEGLECT PROPER REST!





RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH AT HOME – Every Saturday at 10:00 am Sabbath School class begins, and at 11:00 am, Live streamed, Praise & Worship/ Main service www.westminstersda.org

****THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: CHURCH BUDGET****

Guest Speaker this week: Pastor Alrick Watson. We welcome Ps Alrick Watson back to church as he preaches this Sabbath. Pastor returned to work on Monday and we thank God for answering our prayers in healing Ps Arick through his illness. Welcome Back Pastor! **Next week Speaker: Nick DiTomaso**

PRAYER MEETINGS – We invite all Westminster Church members and friends to join us for our prayer meetings every Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-8 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97305845601?pwd=YUFUUEFCbUVDa1JSSVJvbkF5RDcyQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 0584 5601 / Passcode: 824793

BAPTISMAL CLASS FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – Every Monday at 6:00 pm, Virtual Baptismal class for youth and young adults. If interested, please contact Pastor Alrick Watson at 778-961-0166 (cell) or email him at awatson@bcadventist.ca

DISCOVER BIBLE STUDY

Every 2nd and 4th Sabbath - this class will go through the Focus on Prophecy series. Currently, we are on Revelation chapter 11. Next Class this Sabbath at 2pm

Every 1st and 3rd Sabbath - this class will go through the Fundamentals of our Faith. This class is to train people to give Bible studies. For those interested in what the Bible has to say. It is also a good faith building study for those that want to be more grounded in the Bible, especially when it comes to the exercise of sharing the message.

NOTE: THIS CLASS SESSION HAS ENDED BUT WILL RESTART AGAIN SOON. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING PLEASE LET NICK KNOW AT nickditomaso7@gmail.com

IN ADDITION! <https://www.bibleschools.com> is the main Voice of Prophecy Website where you can access other Bible Studies such as:

Kids Zone studies for 8-12 age group

Native New Day

Bible information (Bibleinfo.com) question and answer options where you can ask any question on any topic

YOU CAN ALSO SEARCH IN MANY LANGUAGES! Westminster SDA church has their own school at www.bibleschools.com/1143 where we offer the Discover and Prophecy series via online.

BREAD MINISTRY – There will be bread distribution this Saturday, April 24 at 12:30 – 3:00 pm at WSDA church.

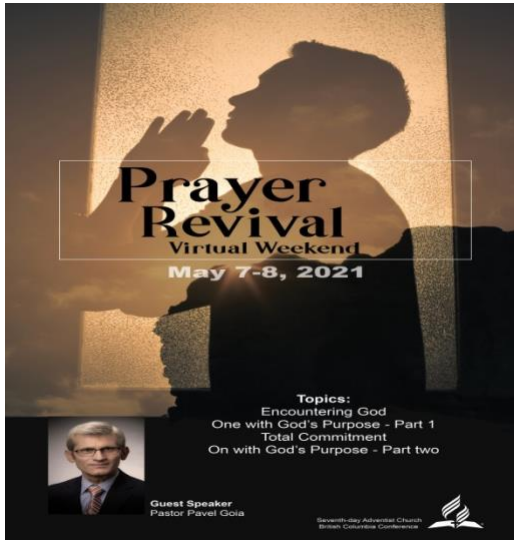
Prayer Ministries – Virtual Prayer Revival May 7-8 2021.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Pavel Goia.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91228016867?pwd=czB0dGdxTmFCVWF0bm1ITXVIMkVSZz09>

Meeting ID: 912 2801 6867

Passcode: prayer



DATE & TIME	TOPICS
Friday: May 7 at 7 pm	Encountering God
Sabbath: May 8 at 10 am	One with God's Purpose part 1
Sabbath: May 8 at 11 am	Total Commitment
Sabbath: May 8 at 7 pm	One with God's Purpose part 2

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE YOUR HEALTH TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

It Is Written is conducting a 7-part health series that you, your family, and friends will really enjoy. The series is called **Next Level Health**, and as the name indicates, it's all about taking one's health to the next level. Each episode is fast-paced and 30 minutes long, packed with a ton of great information. We are releasing the programs daily starting on Friday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Once released, they are available on-demand. You are encouraged to register, watch, and invite others to do the same. To do that, go to nextlevelhealth.life.

GLOBAL CAMPMEETING – MAY 19 - 23, 2021



OUR PRAYERS AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE GOUBEJ FAMILY

We regret to announce the sad news of the passing of Joshua Goubej, son of Wenzel and Dagmar Goubej, who were with him at his passing. Many of you will remember Wenzel & Dagmar, who have attended Westminster in the past. Our sincere condolences go out to the Goubej family. Please keep them in your prayers.

SCHOLARSHIPS – PASTOR’S ENROLMENT INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP (NON-RENEWABLE)

This scholarship allows a pastor from a church in Canada to recommend a church member and a prospective student for a one-time \$1000 scholarship to Burman University. This award is only available to first-year, first-time students and is not given to students who graduate from a Seventh-day Adventist Academy/High School and who are in the Burman University database.

To receive this scholarship you must:

- Complete the Application
- have initial admission into Burman University as a first-year, first-time student
- request your pastor [complete a reference](#)
- Register for and successfully complete a minimum 80% course load per semester (12 credits excluding PLAR and Audit Credit) during the school year.

Scholarships - Eligibility and Claiming Awards / Eligibility Entrance Scholarships:

- A student must have initial admission to Burman University without any previous post-secondary transfer credits or degrees; and
- Submit an application and, if applicable, request and submit a reference.
- Provide a Social Insurance Number prior to claiming any award.
- Quebec students with a Level 5 diploma, and if applicable one year of CEGEP, are eligible for Entrance Awards. Level 5 coursework can be used for percentage calculations.

Claiming Entrance Scholarships:

- A student must register at Burman University for and successfully complete a minimum 80% course load per term (12 credits excluding PLAR and Audit Credit) for each fall and winter term during the school year except where noted in the scholarship criteria.
- If a student withdraws to less than the minimum course load required Entrance Scholarships will be reversed for that term and will affect the future renewability for these scholarships.
- All renewable scholarships are awarded 50/50 between the fall and winter terms.
- The renewal period shall not exceed the length of the student's degree program.
 - 3 year degree = up to 6 semesters of scholarship eligibility
 - 4 year degree = up to 8 semesters of scholarship eligibility
- A student's status year of entry and/or meeting scholarship deadlines will also impact the number of terms a scholarship is available for renewal.
- A student must meet [renewability criteria](#) to receive the scholarship. The renewal period will not be extended for any reason.
- *Valedictorians, Nursing & National Merit Finalist Award are exceptions and require a minimum 100% course load each term (15 credits).*

SINGLE MOTHER SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

A newly arrived to BC single mother is seeking employment to support her two teenage kids. She has a background in accounting, and will soon be finishing her further studies in Finance. She is welcoming any full time job opportunity at this time, preferably in her field of study if possible. For more information or employment, please contact Ann Mckella at 587-974-7907 or by email at ann_mckella@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

FAMILY SEEKING FOR HOUSING (Parents and two young kids)

A member of the church is currently in the market looking for a 2/3 bedroom suite in the Burnaby or New Westminster area for him and his family. He is hoping to find rental accommodations by July 1. They also have a small dog (Yorkshire Terrier). If you know anyone renting their place, please contact us via this email at wsdabulletin@gmail.com or call Robin Brown at 778-926- 8875. Thank you for your help!

