

Enjoying your Journey 9

Enjoying Life despite Imperfection

How knowing you have been forgiven and relying on Him, releases amazing blessings: God's presence and all you need, hope confidence, overflowing abundance in the midst of distress and failures.

Psa 65 – Psalm of **Blessings** – see heart of God

How come we are not ready to receive?

– more ready to give – than we ready to receive – one of the greatest **prob** – wt down by sins – guilt condemnation

New pas –house to house

– invite – knock – no ans – card: Rev 3 20 – next Sun – card – back Gen 3 10 – heard voice – afraid – naked – hid myself

Sin – failures – cause us to **run** from God; guilt and condemnation – hinder blessings

D's tricks

Trips all over the world

Good news – God has dealt with the hindrance

Ps 65:3

3 When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. NIV

Greatest prob – not tsunami – nuclear meltdown – terrorism – ecology – economy
Greatest prob - **human** heart

What happen? God created man – intimate rel – man chose – man lost everything – root cause of all prob – God did **unthinkable** – came down! - died

Isa 53:5-6

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Acts 10:43-44

Knowing your sins forgiven – **key** to exp all blessings – God prepared for you

I. His Presence releases HIS Favor, HIS Wisdom and HIS Protection

Psa 65:4-5

4 Blessed is the man **YOU choose**, and **cause** to approach **YOU**, that he may **dwell** in **YOUR** courts. We shall be **satisfied** with the goodness of **YOUR** house, of **YOUR** holy temple. NKJV

5 You **faithfully** answer our prayers with **awesome** deeds, O God our savior. NLT

You may not have the **ans** – **soln** – **know God** – **his presence**

– you can get to know the God who has all the ans

Guy in the bible – hiding in his failures – 40 yrs

Exo 3:1-12

Prime – youthful plunder - major failure – forced to make a major career change

Devoted and made great sacrifices
40 yrs backside of desert

Thot finished – but Mt Horeb – Mt of God –

encounter - **presence** new beginning

Exodus 3:10 So **now**, go.

Exodus 3:11 Who am I

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Acts 7:20-22 **no ordinary** per – great **edu** –

up bringing palace of Egypt – prince – **failure** – cause - **lost** all confidence

How does our failures destroy our self confidence?

Your failures **can** destroy your confidence – when you **focus** – who you are

Exodus 3:14

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" NIV

God's answer: **not who** you are - who I **am**.

What does that Name of God teaches us?

I AM the I AM; not I was or I will be

Some peo: push God to the past

Tomb, relics, past, tradition

If living in days of **Eligah**

Healing – apostolic age

No age of miracles, only God of miracles – He is the I AM

One day – sweet by and by – streets of **gold** - **Cho's** experience

just after the Korean war:

Whole land devastated - Not a single tree on ground

He has been preaching the Gospel – that God gives eternal life - Peoplenot responding

Ask why - God answered:

Didn't tell – Gospel – meet need today – die for poverty too – then turn sp realities

He started to preach that God can prosper them - People start to respond - Breakthrough in finances

Then they turn to spiritual realities

I AM the I AM; not an it

We look for **prin** or **methods** – **Person** –

blank cheque – **all** you need

Sick – care – direction – no faith? - **guilt**

Sick – I am ress

Need **care** and concern – I am the Good Shepherd

Need **strategies** – Wisdom

No faith? – I am your faith – Author and Perfector

Guilt? – lamb - I am your **righteousness**

I AM the I AM; not something far off
If – have this **talent** ability - **born** in that **fam**
– have that **connection** – **country**

I used to have – **if only** mentality: if ch have **peo** with **skills**

If only – have **peo** with such skills as in the ch down the street– great

You have all the **peo** you need – in his **presence** – EAPP – raise up **entrepreneurs**

Presence – God **turn** ord -- extraordinary

Ex 4:20

20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the **rod of God** in his hand. NKJV

I **don't** have this that – **do you** have 5 sling – one stone – jaw of donkey - **presence**

Turn ord → extraord

Peter has this exp – after **ress** – no catch – exp his **presence** – love grace

After **enc** **Ress** Christ - one man – drag net - when 7 can't – key? **presence**

FOOK

Texas harbour

153 – heb beautiful language – no letters for numbers

a = 1; b = 2; 153 – experts:

John 19:19

Pilate – fix a **notice**:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Upset?

Yeshua	– Jesus
HaNazarei	– of Nazareth
Vemelekh	– the King
HaYhudim	– of the Jews

YHVH - YHWH

I AM – unknown pronunciation – we know – it is pronounced – Yeshua – Jesus !

Amazing – non believer – can unconsciously put up something that have such tremendous revelation!

Crucial – time his **presence** – don't leave home without **peace** – **song bk** – **exp the supernatural**

Start off using the little **song** book

Zech 10:1

ASK for rain in the time of the latter (spring) rain. The Lord will bring a sudden rushing mighty wind, which usher in the abundant rain and cause every field become a lush pasture. JY

What are we to ask and declare boldly each day?

Same word – **peo** – ask Egyptians – **bold** – **huge storm**

Not look for signs – signs foll

Exodus 3:22

22 The Israelite women will ask for silver and gold jewelry and fine clothing from their Egyptian neighbors and their neighbors' guests.

ASK & PRAISE: **favor, wisdom (discernment) and protection**

Why – also going to be challenging times

Psa 67:5

5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

6 Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. NKJV

Heb. yadah: **acknowledge, testify, praise, proclaim.**

Testify – over by blood – testimony

What Christ has done

Praise – what Christ done – faith to receive

Proclaim – what he promised

Child of most high, seed of greatness – supernatural favor and connection

2. Hope and confidence because of HIM

Most unusual psalm – amazingly describe – our days – like reading the daily paper

Psa 65:5-9

5b **YOU** are the **hope** (and confidence) of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas. 6 **YOU** formed the mountains by **YOUR** power and armed **YOURSELF** with mighty strength. 7 **YOU** quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations. 8 Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of **YOUR wonders**. From where the sun rises to where it sets, **YOU** inspire shouts of joy. NLT

God restrain - Could have been **worst**

What is God doing in the midst of the distress?

All these - signs of last days

More – see what happening in the ME

Luke 21:24

Where is God? **If** God in **control** – why allow

– **blame** God for the distress – not really that **smart**

In **Germany** – best autobahns – how many - go Rd **minister**

God **didn't** **send** – already process of decay

Realise – world – **already** broken by sin – groaning

God is process – **restoration** – **wonders**

Where is God?

Luke 21:10-12

10 Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. NIV

Interesting – **heaven** – uranium

So what – all thru hist – earthquakes – pestilence - wars - **exponential** inc – increasing **birthpangs**

Eathquake - tsunami – nuclear meltdown – terrorism – ecology – economy

Luke 21:26

Matthew 24:12

Why are we so confident in the midst of distress?

YOU – at least 7 x

Christ **paid** the **highest** prize for you restoration

Cannot **add** to Jesus work – **holiest** thing do – **rest** in His work – **honor** him for a job well done

Earthquake in Iran – 50,000

Korean lady – pregnant with child –

Gal 3:13-15

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the (Mosaic) law, having become a curse for us, 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. NKJV

3. Overflowing Abundance for HIM

Great **economic** challenges – but you – protected – **special** shield

Psa 65:9-13

9 **YOU** take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile. The rivers of God will not run dry; they provide a bountiful harvest of grain, for **YOU** have ordered it so. 10 **YOU** drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges. **YOU** soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops. 11 **YOU** crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. 12 The wilderness becomes a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy. 13 The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy! NLT

Almost like fairy tale – witch curse – reverse – **real? Absolutely**

Paradigm (thinking pattern and assumptions) change – blessings overflow Don't sit there and evaluate the message – let the message evaluate and change your paradigm – exp the overflow

Exciting things in last days – dark – bright Many prophecies already fulfilled

Deut 32:13-14

13 He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag. NIV

09 - Just off coast of **Haifa** in Holy Land

One of the Largest reserves of natural gas in world Jan 09

June 3, 2010 – export – for first time in history - Oil is sure

Isa 60:5

5 Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the

seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. NIV

Transfer of wealth – bef the Coming of Christ

The purpose of the transfer of wealth:

You and your bless me club – such mentality – very short sighted – ingrown eye balls

Psa 67:7

God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. NKJV

Jacob

Fear – worship – focus

Dear Pastor Joshua,

My husband and I started our business in 2009 January. It was a frightening time for us because both of us had been employed by others all our lives. But we stepped out in faith, fortified weekly by your sermons that helped us focus on the Lord Jesus and what He would do for us, not on the what the world was saying or our own limitations.

We claimed the favour of the Lord and the inheritance due to us as His children based on your teaching from the Word. Before this, coming from a traditional Christian background, I always thought it is more blessed to be poor. But today I know that is the biggest lie and I would like to thank the Lord for bringing me to RLC because you have helped change our paradigms to see a picture of a God who is full of grace and wants so much to love us and bless us.

In the past two years, we have been blessed many times over. We have been able to go on our dream holiday, a Mediterranean cruise that was a gift from one of our clients. We have also bought a beautiful new home that is a dream come true. When we decided to buy a house, we almost closed the deal on a smaller, more rundown place but the deal fell through. We were disappointed but at that point the Lord said to me "Trust me, for I have something far better for you." And indeed, he gave us a beautiful home that we got at below market price through His grace.

When the Lord blesses, He opens the floodgates. In Isaiah 45, the Lord says, "I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places." I had been proclaiming this and many other verses aloud, based on what I learned from your teachings about the power of the Word.

In February this year, I received a lawyer's letter saying that I had inherited a substantial sum of money from a beloved aunt who had passed away last year. Indeed, the Lord had given me riches stored in secret places, for I had never known about nor expected this inheritance. I have constantly in awe of what the Lord has done for me. Delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. He gives us riches stored in secret places. Sister in Christ

Dear Pastor Joshua & Pastor Carey,

Thank you for your teachings and giving me faith and trust in God. For a few years now I have been struggling with an old car with constant breakdowns. Receiving Pastor Carey's word one Sunday, to claim a new car, I had prayed to God and in the name of Jesus claimed a new car. Recently I was away for holidays and upon my return I was welcomed back by my kids. To my greatest surprise, they presented me with the keys to a new car. Praise the Lord, also to Pastor Joshua & Pastor Carey for showing the way. Amen! Sis-in-Christ.