

## Experience the Power of Affirmation

John 8:12

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1:4-5

In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. 5 And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it. AMP

Let his light shine inside us – darkness not overpower

See ourselves as God sees us – Infinitely precious!

1 Cor 7:23

23 You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him. TLB

Measure – worth? How much someone willing to pay – who own

How much your house is worth – not what you think – how much someone willing to pay

Sometimes, think – more – less

What Jesus did – cross – proves – how much you are worth

You belong to God !!!

You don't get bigger connection than that.

Jas 1 18

It is His good pleasure and will to cause us to have the new birth and new life through the Word of truth so that we should be a kind of first fruits (most precious, important, first place) among all He has created. JY

God keeps repeating those words – 365 promises

Same with His promises to Abraham

Genesis 12:2

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

**BLESSED** ... You will be a blessing – foundation of all the blessings of Bible

Repeated – many – 8 recorded!

Why did God repeat His promises?

Affirmations releases tremendous power

### 1. God keep affirming His promises to reveal deeper understanding of the promises

Acts 7:3 Leave your country and your people, God said, and go to the land I will show you.'

Living in Mesopotamia - promised a land

Leave country & relatives

Go .... "I will show you" –

God's revelation - progressive

Like when - primary school - sec sch – same subj, study something deeper

Same promise – DEEPER and clearer rev

Manna SMS – CD – opport to meditate on God's promises

Same w prophecies – keep listening

1 Tim 4:14-15

14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. NKJV

Record & write down - all your prophecies – help you meditate

Meditate, keep on listening:

– 2 keys things happen: und - timing

→ Deeper understanding of the implications of some words:

patience, love, faith, victory, restoration, etc.

God give you patience, may be – God knows – will be in situation – reqd patience

God release love – situation – reqd love

→ Deeper understanding of the correct interpretation.

Why is it not advisable to make a major decision on the basis of only one prophecy?

First attempt – intp – not accurate – assumptions – hear what want to hear

1 Corinthians 13:9

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

Each prophecy – releases - only a part of God's purpose

Don't - Immed drastic decision, on only one – 2 or 3 wit

Right word – but need right intp - star

Hence, we should not make a major decision immediately or only based upon a prophecy.

Meditate - several prophecies - diff time - see diff intp possible

→ Deeper understanding of God's timing

Why is timing so important?

Careful of words: IMMED – very soon – this day

- Saul – 38 - now

Saul was told that his kingdom would be taken away from him "NOW" but in God's prophetic timetable, that "Now" was 38 years later.

Saul 1 Samuel 13:11-14; David

1 Samuel 15:28

Not do anything drastic hastily

– David 24 – opport to kill - Sarai – never waste – field - lion

David returned to his taking care of his sheep and practising with his sling until the time came ... 24 years later! So don't try help God

Several times he had the opportunity to kill King Saul. But he refused to use fleshly or human ways to accomplish God's word. – Sarai

Waiting – time – never wasted – God just preparing ground – receive

Same way in Marriage Vow reaffirmation

- same vow but - clearer understand, now believer, now attended class (reqd)

- better grasp of your roles and responsibilities for instance

- more deeper commitment,

### 2. God keep affirming His promises to help us overcome negative situations

Gen 12:6-7

6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." NKJV

Reach Shechem - saw Canaanite

- already occupied → disappointment

God affirms again - "it's given to you and your descendants" – to overcome the disappointments

Assume – God's will – everything smooth

Disciples learned – not true, Jesus send – yet storms

Even God Himself when created ...

Majestic – In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-4

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Suddenly – see – formless –

TOHU – chaos, confusion, desolation, waste

Fall ... why no details – perhaps God chose silent – not to focus on evil and scandals

perhaps age of ...

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good.

How did God deal with the dark and negative situation?

GEN: saw Darkness – wah – so dark – ah (give up – don't want to be God)

Light be – was

Call forth light – light **be** – light **why**

Why **even God** face such chaos?

**Pattern** for all us – how overcome evil when walking in his will

God has a **plan** – d also has a plan

The way to **overcome** – dark negative situations – **word**

**Isa 60** – world darker darker – ch ...

What happen when kids are secured in that they are loved - not on the basis of what they achieved?

How many have **kids** facing **disappointments** and failures

key – words of affirmations  
Kids – know **loved** – becous who they are – not what they can achieved

The security – release **creativity!**

**Sch** grades - **Do** well – as **hard** as

you can – sometimes – don't make the effort – lazy

Proverbs 10:4

4 Lazy hands make a man poor,  
but diligent hands bring wealth.  
– but realise sch grades not absolute measurement - **Einstein**

Einstein flunked many of his courses. In fact, he flunked math and his mother was worried about it.

A number of years ago there was a young kid who was very shy and unsociable.

How to help kids to be secure in God's love for them?

2 Corinthians 10:12

... When they compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

Teach kids – don't compare -

Sis bro - exam grades,.

Proverbs 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Many fathers – try to make **CARBON** copy of themselves in their kids

Way – **natural** giftedness – talent – gd at

"in the way" in Hebrew literally means

**Carbon** - - "his natural bent", his talent, in the way that he is good at.

If good at **athletes** – steer, music, num

if your child is good at athletes, steer them toward athletes. If they're good musically, steer them toward music

Jew – movers shakers – know how to affirm – **Sabbath 2**

Today – see lots of **disappointments in marriage**

**Star Wed May 27,09** – in a study by the National Population and Family Development Board (LPPPKN)

Main **cause** of divorce:  
**Mother** in law – a major cause – 30%

Top among a particular community

**Unfaithfulness 12**

**Incompatibility 42**

Certainly realize he's not the **white horse** prince

Past **set backs** need not destroy rel

The **best** years of your relationship is still ahead

How to overcome the set-backs in marriage relationship?

Do things **God's way**  
**Reaffirmation** – affirm God's word/promises – key to success

Not tradi – tradi are good but some aspect of tradition cause so much strives – destroy marriage even in the marriage arrangement

Roles **husb** and wife, comm., kids, wholeness, God, resp

Man – take a **firm** stand – **leave** and cleave - **new unit**

Control no – care yes

Live long – all things well

Wisdom not **harsh** or **drastic**:

queen of heart – house

Divorce highest: **under 25** and above **40**

1<sup>st</sup> year – no active military duty  
Deuteronomy 24:5

5 If a man has recently married, he must not be sent to war or have any other duty laid on him. For one year he is to be free to stay at home and bring happiness to the wife he has married.

**Today**: not do the usual thing – the **TARIK** with all friends – attend all **fam** function, birthdays of aunts ...

**Whatever** the **SETBACKS** – key – word of affirmation

**3. God keep affirming His promises to enlarge and empower our vision**

Genesis 13:14-17 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your **eyes** from where you are and **look** north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you **see** I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Notice the vision words

After Lot separate from him – got best; Abraham got leftovers – perhaps worst

God keep affirming his promises – which enlarges and empowers – vision

Our part – **CHOICE** - keep receiving

Last month 59.25, today 4.7 k My year of settling all debts

Why is it important to have the right vision?

Impt – **see** right **vision** releases God's creative power  
See – victims – **VICTIMISED**

I beat up that guy - My parent not caring – friends beat me up

I commit **adultery** – wife – one old Sarai – domino

See **dirty** – behave dirty – monkey wild beach - sinners

Tragic consequence of sin

**Dog, monkey**, behave what so called modern teens – wild beach parties

See **sinners** – sin – Paul – Corinth - saint

Remember the story of the **farmer**  
Stolen eagle egg – place among ducks

Eaglet grow up among ducks – talk – sing, eat like duck

Think – that is all to life – **happy living** as a duck – playing with mud dirt

when his destiny is the sky – big horizon vision

**False** sense of **happiness, fulfilment**

What are some forms of false happiness and fulfilment that the world offers us?

**DRUG?** – designer drugs – ecstasy etc. → false high - serious **irreversible** brain damage

**Christ** can give real **high, happiness** without the serious side effects

He took all the side effects

**GAMBLE?** – want more money – why more money – want what money can but – **love** – **status** –

**acceptance** - **already**

– trying to get what God has already promised – already have – Psa 23 – overflow

Christ can give you all these without the dangerous side effects – ah long

**Wish** – eagle – ask mother duck  
Self effort – setting goals – must have dreams

Until one day – saw himself – power arises from within

How to get a positive vision from God?

**Positive vision** – from word – release **potential**

God's word has **creative power!**

Mark 4:8

But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a **hundred.**" NKJV

**Tomb** – Cho – 100?

Open pharaoh tomb – planted seed – sprouted – thousands of years

Corruptible seeds – yet - powerful

This – incorruptible

Speak it for a few days but  
**nothing** happens

Goodness - logic – farmer –  
sow today - tomorrow – dig –  
see how see grow

My goodness – can you  
imagine that kind of logic for  
a farmer

Plant a seed today –  
tomorrow

Plant – you rest – **your part**,  
God's part give the growth  
30 – 60 - 100

Ezekiel 37:3-6

Romans 4:17

**Voltaire** – 100

**Reaffirmation** – fresh  
vision – empower – refresh  
rel

Esp so – many years – over

**FAMILIARITY** – over 40

Restore excitement –  
excitement

Reaffirmation **summary**

→ deeper **rev** commitment –  
overcome **setbacks** – enlarge  
**empower** vision

To give opportunity to be a  
**witness** of the Grace of God  
Acts 20:24-25

24 I only want to complete my  
mission that the Lord Jesus gave  
me to do, which is to declare the  
**Good News about the grace of  
God.** TEV

1 in 2 ends in divorce

Harvard – 1 in **1286**,

where God is center

Great evangelistic opport

Couple may share **testimony**

Pastor can give a simple

gospel message - rel

Easily **HALF** will be non-  
believers

If so – ch hall **free** of charge

Send in salvation **team**

**Avoid** dinner – non B will  
just come for dinner – not  
so conducive – noise

**SIMPLE** – low cost – nasi  
lemak – lok lok

**Class** – see ZP – process  
of **updating**