Lifeline Snippets

1st Time Visitors: We welcome specially, all those worshiping with us for the first time today. Please, join us at all our meetings and programmes and God will bless you.

Bible Study: Join us every Tuesday this month as we study together on the theme: *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST*. Be there! **Prayer Meeting:** Please, join us at our Prayer Meeting this Thursday as Pastor Ade Adejobi leads us to pray on the theme: *TRIUMPH IN TROUBLE*. Please, don't miss it! God bless.

<u>Children's Weekend:</u> Activities marking this year's Children's Weekend on the theme: *JESUS - THE MIRACLE WORKER* shall hold on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May, 2023. God bless.

<u>Building Project Offerings & Pledges:</u> Please, give generously towards the Church Building Project and be faithful in redeeming your pledge. God is faithful and will bless you.

<u>Birthdays:</u> This month's birthday celebrants should remember their commitment of sponsorship to the Children's Church. May the Lord reward, enrich and bless you abundantly.

<u>Online Sermons:</u> You can listen to Pastor Adejobi's Sermons online at the church website: <u>www.lifelinebiblechurch.com</u>

<u>Tracts:</u> Gospel tracts & handbills for evangelism & church publicity are available. Collect as many as you can faithfully use. <u>Notice Board:</u> Check the Notice Board for more information.

Through The Bible In A Year

Monday, May 22 Psalms 124-126
Tuesday, May 23 Psalms 127-129
Wednesday, May 24 Psalms 130-132
Thursday, May 25 Psalms 133-135
Friday, May 26 Psalms 136-138
Saturday, May 27 Psalms 139-141
Sunday, May 28 Psalms 142-144
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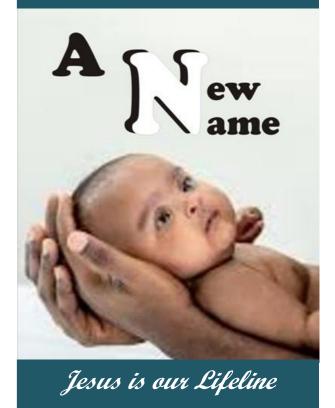
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MOTTO:

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12: 2.

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ENLARGING YOUR TERRITORY - Os Hillman

"...Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory!...." - 1 Chronicles 4: 10

He is mentioned only once in a brief description in the Old Testament, yet what he says and what his life bespeaks could fill volumes. He was a man whom God saw as worthy of a request that had significant consequences for him and his family. His name was Jabez.

Here is how the Scripture describes him:

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request (1Chron.4: 9-10).

When you think of territory, you probably think of land or some area in which you have dominion. Jesus often spoke about giving responsibility based on what we do with the little things first. Jabez must have been a very responsible person. God describes him as honourable. Jabez must have understood what it really means to be blessed by God. He was a man who knew what it meant to press into God and ask for God's favour with passion. God saw the heart of this man and gave him his request. His borders were enlarged! He lived a life free from pain. Imagine that!

The only reason God will enlarge a person's territory is that He knows that person will use it responsibly. He will steward what is given in light of God's Kingdom. God truly wants to increase our territory to have greater influence in the world around us. That territory can mean personal influence and/or physical territories.

It is rare to have a life without pain. Pain is often necessary to mold us and shape us. This is the only exception I have seen in Scripture. Jabez must have been quite a man with incredible integrity and purity of heart.

Are you this kind of person? Can God enlarge your territory and entrust you to use it for His purposes? Ask God today to enlarge your territory. Ask Him to make you the kind of man or woman who is worthy of such trust.

Jesus is Lord!

Hymn 1

BE GONE, UNBELIEF

- 1. Be gone, unbelief, My Savior is near, And for my relief Will surely appear: By prayer let me wrestle, And He will perform; With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.
- 2. Though dark be my way, Since He is my Guide, 'Tis mine to obey, 'Tis His to provide: Though cisterns be broken, And creatures all fail, The word He hath spoken Shall surely prevail
- 3. His love, in time past, Forbids me to think He'll leave me at last In trouble to sink: Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review Confirms His good pleasure To help me quite through
- 4. Why should I complain Of want or distress, Temptation or pain?- He told me no less; The heirs of salvation, I know from His Word, Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord
- 5. How bitter that cup No heart can conceive, Which He drank quite up, That sinners might live! His way was much rougher And darker than mine; Did Christ, my Lord, suffer, And shall I repine?
- 6. Since all that I meet Shall work for my good, The bitter is sweet, The medicine, food; Though painful at present, 'Twill cease before long, And then - oh, how pleasant The conqueror's song!

Life Lessons

"The Lord knows them that are His by name, but we must know them by their character." - Matthew Henry "The fruit of the Spirit is not excitement or orthodoxy; it is character." G. B. Duncan "Character is what a man is in the dark." - D. L. Moody "Character is like a tree and reputation its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." - Abraham Lincoln

Jesus Is Our Lifeline

Hymn 2

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchased of God, Born of the Spirit, Washed in His blood

CHORUS:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long (Repeat both lines)

- 2. Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture Now burst on my sight; Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
- 3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness,

Church Programmes

SUNDAY: Worship Service - 9: 00am

TUESDAY: Bible Study - 6: 30pm

THURSDAY: Prayer Meeting - 6: 30pm

1ST FRIDAY: Prayer Vigil - 10: 30pm

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