



Devotional

GOD WANTS TO
TALK TO YOU...

26th to 30th April 2020

IN CONFINEMENT BUT FREE...

Welcome to the April edition of Ruach City Church (RCC) Devotional Series, in this season of Isolation, Confinement and Uncertainty, when we are not able to freely determine our next physical move, we encourage you to Trust in God as He brings Divine Clarity to every situation that we are facing.

We have not been this way before and so we must rely on the compass of the Holy Spirit as we go through the process to arrive at our divine place of Promise in God. The **WORD** of God (Joshua 1:8), **PRAYER** (1 Thessalonian 5:17) and **FAITH** (Hebrews 11:1) is our key in this difficult time as we focus our attention on God for divine guidance.

Our desire for this Devotional:

It is our earnest desire that this devotional will help to keep your mind stayed on Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

This is the month of Access
April means **Open**

We are in the **PASSOVER SEASON**. April is the 4th month in the Gregorian calendar. The Hebrew symbol for the **number 4 is a Door**. **Passover opens the Door of Escape**

The word Passover in Hebrew has a number of meanings:

- † To pass through
- † To pass over
- † To exempt or
- † To spare

It symbolises **Hope** and **New Life** and the importance of starting afresh.

This is the season where we remember the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is apt that in this time in History, a time that the world has never seen before, where death is the prevalent shadow in the world, that we as Believers should take note and not succumb to its threat, but through scripture consider in context, by looking at the Purpose of the Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This will enable us to Pass Through, Pass Over, Be Exempt and to be Spared.

This will empower us to sustain our Hope and be prepared for the New Life, Starting Afresh, ultimately the New Thing that God is taking us into.

THEME: **ABIDE IN MY WORD**

SCRIPTURE: **JOHN 8:31-32**

The Spirit of Truth was able to make Paul free even in a season of confinement.

This is our Prayer for us all, and this Devotional is designed to help make this a personal reality for every person that will take the time to spend with the Holy Spirit.

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Paul was actually in Prison in Rome – He is in a place of confinement, our current reality is a form of confinement, which can make you feel frustrated as you are thinking to yourself, what on earth is going on, what are you doing Lord?

In John 8:31–32, God is saying to His people if you stay in my **WORD** you will know the “**TRUTH**” and in knowing that **TRUTH** you will be free. Even though it may seem like you are in a place of physical confinement, the truth of God’s Word will free you. So, there is a call for us to “**ABIDE**”.

To “**ABIDE**” means to “accept or act in accordance with a rule, decision, or recommendation”.

The most important thing I can communicate to us all is that God is Trustworthy. But if we don’t understand who God is, we can’t trust Him. The Bible says, “**The just shall live by faith**” (Romans 1:17), that “**whatsoever is not of faith is sin**” (Romans 14:23), and “**without faith it is impossible to please Him**” (Hebrews 11:6). We can’t demonstrate **FAITH** if we don’t know and understand the object of our faith, which is God and His Holy Word.

The key, then, to a dynamic Christian life even in a time of Isolation is to get to know God and His Word. This knowledge cannot be superficial, shallow or legalistic, in fact many people who are given a list of dos and don'ts give up and say, "There's no way I can live the Christian life." In order to understand the keys to a dynamic Christian life, one needs to realise that the Christian life is a life of **relationship** – it is out of this relationship that God is calling us to come and **"ABIDE IN HIS WORD"** – he wants us to understand that as mere men we cannot live the Christian life alone. In this month's devotional series, we see where Paul abides and received Revelation.

TO FOCUS YOU:

We want you to know that scripture supports the fact that behind every experience, whether we understand it or not, our God is up to something.

PRAYER POINTS:

Prayer and the Word of God is the lifeblood of a vital relationship with Christ. Through Prayer we have been given the power of attorney. "I will do whatever you ask in my name" (John 14:13). We cannot possibly experience the dynamic Christian life apart from the power and privilege and exercise of prayer. So, we pray for a closer relationship with our Father as we choose to "abide" in Him who knows all things.