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**MAIN THING: God's promises** There are two sources of the things we need for life: (1) The work of our hands in the world. (2) The work of God's hands to take what we entrust into His hands and bless and multiply it according to His promises in His Word. • *2 Peter 1:3-5 "As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us \_\_\_\_\_we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful\_\_\_\_\_. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature. So make every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ the benefits of these promises to your life."*

**CONFESSION** We take hold of the promises by speaking them to Him and trusting him enough to obey the requirements of the promises. • *Romans 10:9-13 "For if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth (say aloud) that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. . . \_\_\_\_\_ who believes in the Lord will not be disappointed. . . Anyone who \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

• **SAVE.** The word in the original language of the New Testament (*SOTARIA*) is used to refer to being saved from about everything. Saved from death. Saved from bad weather. Saved from demons. Saved from poverty. Given a sound mind. Saved and delivered from one's enemies. Saved from sickness. Saved from fear and despair. Saved from danger.

**Confess victory in the face of apparent defeat.**

• *2 Chronicles 20:15-17 "Listen...this is what the Lord says, "Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's...You will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory...for the Lord is with you!"*

**Confess abundance in the face of apparent lack of things for life.**

• *Philippians 4:19 "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs*

*from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."*

• *Psalms 35:27 "Let them continually say, "Great is the Lord who enjoys helping his servant."*

**Confess healing in the time of sickness and pain.**

• *Matthew 8:14-17 "...He healed all the sick. This fulfilled the word of the Lord through Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."*

• **WE ARE NOT BOSSING GOD AROUND.** God, my Father, you said: There is a difference between telling God what we want

(presumption) and telling him what He has promised to give us (faith in His Word). *"Every word of God proves true."*

**IN JESUS' NAME.** Jesus opened heaven when he came down to earth as one of us. The barrier between God's heaven and man's earth ruptured when Jesus died on the cross. Heaven was opened when Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended to the Father. The point is—whatever treasure there is in heaven is now available on earth in Jesus name. • *John 16:23-24 "You can go directly to the Father and ask him, and he will grant your request because you use my \_\_\_\_\_. You' haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you \_\_\_\_\_ receive, and you will have abundant \_\_\_\_\_."*

**-1- In Jesus' name there is Victory over evil.** Jesus cried out on the cross, "It is finished!!" It was a victory cry. Every evil and enemy of God and His children was defeated. Praying in Jesus' name means praying and declaring, confessing, and speaking over the world in which we live what Jesus has accomplished for us by his sacrificial death and resurrection victory over all the enemies of our body and soul. In Jesus' name, I declare: "I am forgiven! I will not let shame beat me down. He bore my shame! I am a new creation. I declare the Devil has no power over us. Death has no power over us. My old sin nature has no power over me. In Jesus' name, I stand free and a conqueror over all evil.

**-2- In Jesus' name our inheritance as God's children is given to us.**

• *Romans 8:15-17 "So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him 'Father, dear Father.'" For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we will share his \_\_\_\_\_—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, \_\_\_\_\_, too"*

**-3- In Jesus' name the Father accepts us as sinless and beloved.** Jesus is standing before the Father on the throne of grace with the wounds of the cross still on his body. He is the lawyer pleading our case and the cosigner of all the treasures and benefits of heaven for us.

• *John 20:25-27 "Thomas said, "I won't believe unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side...Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands , Put you hand into the wound in my side."*

• *Hebrews 9:24 "For Christ has entered into heaven itself to appear now before God as our Advocate (defense attorney). 10:19-23 "And so dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly*

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*enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the life's blood of Jesus."*

**TRUST AND OBEY.** If you say so (at your word), Lord.

The miraculous provision came when they did what the word of the Lord said.

• Luke 5:1-11 *"One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the\_\_\_\_\_ of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon Peter, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. When He had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Now go out where it is deeper and let down you nets, and you will catch many fish.' Master, Simon replied, we worked all last night and didn't catch a thing, BUT IF YOU \_\_\_\_\_ SO, we'll try again. And their nets were so full they began to tear. A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were \_\_\_\_\_with fish and on the verge of sinking. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, 'Lord, please leave me-I'm too much of a sinner to be around you.'...As soon as they landed, they left everything and\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus."*

• **Perverseness.** Peter bucked for a moment. (Stubbornness, perversity) He knew more about fishing than the Lord. Fishing was done at night. Fishing was lousy. Fishing during the day in the deep waters was not done because it did not work. Sin is spoken of in the Old Testament as *"Every man did what was right in his own eyes."* Jesus said, *"They replace God's commands with their own man-made teachings."* Mark 7:7

• **Trust God.** The Lord says, *"I watch over my word to perform it."* Jeremiah 1:12 KJ We say, *"At your word Lord,"* (I will let down the nets or whatever you need to do).

The most crucial step in trusting God is trusting him with our money. Luke 16:11 *"And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?"*

• Malachi 3:8-12 *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do so, says the Lord almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you."*

**REACH OUT and TOUCH JESUS.** Mark 5:21-43 *"And there was a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years... She came up behind Jesus through the crowd and touched the fringe of his robe. She thought to herself, 'If I can just touch His*

*clothing I will be healed.'* Immediately the bleeding stopped and she could feel that she had been healed."

**What does this Scripture say to you?** \_\_\_\_\_