

Faith that Works: Living Out of Your Beliefs
If the Lord Wills: Faith in Our Plans and Future

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this day and being our provider and protector on earth.

Guide us while we live under God grace

I pray that God will go where he left off and continue to use me in Detroit while I may my transition back to Detroit because I will not be returning to Kentucky any more in the future.

Thank you for not living in Bondage and temptation

Thank you for the food we eat on daily basis to avoid hunger and food insecurity

Thank you for guiding us from mammon and greed to make our life all about money.

Guard our hearts and minds while we live under your grace

Guard our hearts and minds from sins, idolatry, abomination and temptation

I pray that those people are envious and jealous of people that have more accomplishments and goals to achieve in their life.

Guide and give those people hope to set goals for their life and stop hating and being envious towards others.

In Jesus name, Amen

“Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?”-James 4:11-17

We must not make decisions based on pride because it leads to the devil and hell. When we make decisions without God, you are making decisions by earthly wisdom. You are making decisions out of pride. When you make decisions based on pride it is a bad thing because you are making decisions by sin, bondage, temptation and idolatry. When I wanted to leave the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I was told by spiritual case managers and staff to pray about decisions. I ended up staying and serving out the program and made it to commencement in October 2023. I mentioned to staff and case managers that I thought about leaving the program about three times. My friend and elder encouraged me to stay in the Spiritual Recovery Program and not quit the program. My friend Kevin Provost told me the same thing to stay in the spiritual Recovery Program and finish the program. I was only at level 4 in the program and closer to October 2023 Commencement. When I completed the 12 step class when I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program, my main problem I had was pride and making decisions based on pride and making decisions too fast. When I do that, it has economic consequences. When I did my last minute traveling and moving around many times, I believed I made decisions based on pride and leaning on my own understanding. I believe I came to Louisville based on pride and did not succeed there with anything, so I came back to Detroit to continue with and I can start where I left off before I left. I want to thank you to God that I have permanent housing and do not have to be at a homeless shelter.

When I read this scripture, I feel like I need to remove myself from Louisville and situations in Louisville because I felt like it was sin and ungodliness around me. I felt ungodliness around me at Louisville public library because I did not like one of the security guards at the public library two weeks ago out of my name with profanity. I do not like that as a man of God and Bishop of this flock. He needs to be fired immediately. He is the short security guard at the public library that wears glasses and is always walking around the library juggling his keys. I felt like I was being disrespected in Louisville and no one was talking to me and getting to know me. I only met some friendly men and women on the streets that greeted me with a friendly attitude. When I was in Louisville, I felt like I was surrounded by people that like to judge people and think they know everything about people. It seems like I was surrounded by haters and people like to gossip about people. I just had to get out of Louisville and remove myself from situations like that. When I am in Detroit, I am surrounded with more friendly people in public and I am to talk to friendly people. People today talk to me and want to meet with me to get to know me. It was the same in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I felt like I was in a friendly environment in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We need to do what the scripture says and stop judging God's law by judging people on earth. Whatever we do is stop making plans by pride and start making our plans under God's will and his grace. When you make plans by pride, you are causing yourself pain in your life. James was speaking to people in the scripture that were judging their brothers and boasting about their future plans. As Christians and disciples, we need to speak respectfully of others and more on God's will. I want to share a true story with you. When I was in and out of homelessness since 2011, the best homeless shelter I stayed at was Star of Hope Mission in Houston because I was able to be friends and open myself to meet new people. When I was first admitted to Star of Hope in Houston, I started to meet new people really fast. I met my elder on the first day at Star of Hope Mission in Houston and we have been friends ever since Star of Hope Mission in Houston. Also, I met and became friends with McCoy Brown at the time too. I started to remove the walls around me when I moved up to level 2 in the Spiritual Recovery Program to become friends with more people. That's when I met my friend Bufus. After I moved to level 3, I met and became friends with friend Paris. I became friends with another Chicago native like me named Jermaine when I was level 2 in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I met and became friends with Tommy Williams and Kevin Provost when I was at level 4 in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I met and became friends with seven others in the spiritual Recovery Program but I forgot their names. I met and became friends with a client that is a certified minister from Louisiana named Gerald. Star of Hope Mission in Houston was the best place I stayed as a client that I had better success meeting new people and removing the walls from around me.

1. God is the authority in heaven
2. Trust God wisdom
3. Acknowledge God's sovereignty that offers peace and security.
4. Focus on God purpose
5. Overcome fear

When the judges find out that they are wrong, those people usually start to become really depressed and start to look and feel foolish. That is why people and homeless people at homeless shelters need to worry about themselves and stop worrying about everyone for what they are doing in their life. People

worry about other people and what they are doing in their life is following the footsteps of the devil. The devil wants us to be in people's business. God wants us to mind our own business.

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”-Matthew 7:1-5

Jesus is speaking about the importance of not judging others. Jesus explains how we need to address our own faults before criticizing others. I am thinking about homeless men and women that only talk to people in their league and will not talk to and reach out to people like me while I had to stay at other homeless shelters since 2015 in other states. Homeless people like to hate on other people in a homeless shelter that have more than what they have accomplished. I believe homeless men and women that do this are all about envy and jealousy. That is 100% fact. Homeless men and women that do that in envy and jealousy to listen to evil and the devil. Jesus explained how we need to dress our faults before criticizing others during the sermon on the Mount that was took place during Jesus' ministry period. Jesus preached about the dangers of judging others to encourage self-reflection and humility. Jesus was saying that judging others is like committing to earthly wisdom. As christians and disciples in church and around others, we need to start focusing more on self-reflection to avoid being judgemental to others. Homeless men and women in homeless shelters in need of nation need more self-reflection. I agree with Christ Jesus what he was saying in the scripture that we need to examine our own faults before criticizing others. My mothers and her side of the family need to do what Jesus said in the scripture is to examine her own faults before criticizing and gossiping about other people. My family members on my mother's side of the family need to strive for personal improvement before they die on earth before ending up in hell. My mother needs to strive for personal improvement before they die on earth before ending up in hell. My stepfather needs to strive for personal improvement before they die on earth before ending up in hell. My stepfather's side of the family needs to strive for personal improvement before they die on earth before ending up in hell. As christians and disciples, we need to practice more empathy and understanding in our family and friends inner circle. This will improve relationships in families and friends' inner circle.

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring”-.Proverbs 27:1

- Depend and pray to God for everything.
- cautions us against to making definite statements about future actions or accomplishments

As christians and disciples, we need to do what the scripture says and focus on the present. We do not need to focus on what we will do tomorrow or what plans we have tomorrow. We do not need to worry about yesterday either. We need to be humble to God while we make our future plans, we do not need to worry about any future plans. It is the same thing I need to be told to me at Star of Hope Mission in Houston by case managers that I need to stop thinking so fast and take my time by focusing on what I have going on today and not worry about tomorrow. I will practice as a man of God and Bishop while I

settle myself long term in Detroit. It's like I said that I am traveling back to Louisville no more. I will start traveling to places to visit and go back home to Detroit. I believe I can finally visit Houston in October this year because it is my second year anniversary completing the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps."-Proverbs 16:9

God is the one that can provide direction in our life, not ourselves or the world. We do not want to plan our course in our life by earthly wisdom. If you plan your life by earthly wisdom, it means you are letting sin, temptation and idolatry plan your life. We do not want to let the world plan our life to cause us to have pain and no vision in our life. We do not want to have pain and lack of vision in our life. God is the one in heaven that can provide us with vision in our life to prosper us spiritually. God determines the outcome and directs our steps. Our plans are subject to God's will. God will guide us even if our plans are thwarted or redirected. God works for our good and has a plan for our lives. Women need to let God plan their life and start a family with that man they care about. When a woman gets pregnant by man, it means God is part of that plan for your life. When women listen to the Democrats to get abortion, they are ruining the God Plan for them in their life. Turn to the person next to you and say let God plan your life and vision.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose"-Romans 8:28 God works on all things for the good of those who love him and called for his purpose. I will go back to living more for God's purpose in Detroit by giving back to the community and helping the homeless on a personal level. We need to trust God in tough times, not rely on the world and sin. It means do not be like homeless people at homeless shelters that do more relying on each other to expect handouts from them through sin, bondage, and temptation. Our trust in God can lead to something good from the kingdom. Paul is talking about in the scripture about how God works everything together for the good of those who love him and called for his purpose. He explains God's overarching plan and care for believers during challenges. Paul wanted to assure believers that God is working everything together for their good during tough times, difficulties and sufferings. Paul wanted to encourage people to trust in God's plan and purpose for their lives.

- Spiritual growth
- Character improvement
- Fulfilling God will for our life
- Trust in God's plan during touch times and sufferings.