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To Be Like Jesus

Robert Carr

Greetings, Kingdom saints! Here we are in 2011! Can you believe that 2000 was 11 years ago? Time seems to be moving quickly! King David said it best when he said: *“Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding” (1 Chr 29:15b ESV)*. As Christians, we see this as a good thing! The faster the days go by, the sooner the coming of Christ will be! At that time, our days will no longer be like a shadow, but they shall be as one continuous day which lasts forever, where the “Son” never sets! Lord, keep me ready for that day! Amen!

One of my favorite congregational songs is *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian.”* It’s a simple, yet powerful song! The verse that speaks most to my soul is the verse that says: *“Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart!”* This song expresses the goal of every true disciple: To be like Jesus! Notice how the lyricist adds the prepositional phrase, *“in my heart”* to the statement? You see, a person can externally do the things that would be expected of a Christian, like attending services or perhaps reading the Bible. But merely doing external things does not make one like Jesus. God seeks hearts that hunger and thirst for His righteousness (*Matt 5:6*). In fact, the NIV translation says that *“...the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him” (2 Chr 16:9)*. Can a person do what is right in the eyes of the Lord and yet be displeasing to the Lord? Well, the Bible says that king Amaziah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not with a whole heart (*2 Chr 25*). For this reason, I don’t want to be like Jesus in just my actions, but in my inner most being. I want to be like Him in my thoughts, in my speech, in what I see, in what I hear, in what I desire, in all my actions, in how I treat others, etc. In other words, I want everything about me to resemble and reflect Jesus! I’m sure you do to! After all, Jesus did say that a disciple becomes as his teacher (*Matt 10:25a*).

Becoming like Jesus starts with true repentance, that is, a change of mind. Many believe that repentance is merely an external change of behavior; a set of rules and regulations. Do this, don’t do that! Repentance is not the act of “adding religion” to one’s life; it is a change of mind. A changed mind does not need to be reminded of what do to or what not to do. A changed mind knows what to do! And the heart of the one whose mind has been changed mind hungers for God’s righteousness and thirsts to be with Him in glory! Consider *Psalms 63:1*!

Jesus said that the pure in heart shall see God (*Matt 5:8*). Lord, I don’t want to be religious; I want to be like Jesus in my heart!

This year, let us pray fervently and earnestly to the Lord to make us more like His Son, Jesus, in our hearts! Let us ask Him every day to work His powerful work within us, molding us and maturing us into the likeness of His Son!

Your fellow servant,



Faith Begins @ Home

Robert Young Sr.

As we embark on another year of our lives, many have created lists of “New Year’s Resolutions” that usually dissolve within a month or two. As disciples I hope that we have moved past the yearly resolution to set up some very powerful goals to ensure that you and the disciples around you (or future disciples around you, i.e. children) begin building your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ **AT HOME**. We should not depend on Sunday worship service, or Wednesday night Bible class, or Friday night devotional for our spiritual feeding. They are supplements (vitamins) that only take full effect if you are doing your part at home. **YOUR FOUNDATION FOR STRONG FAITH BEGINS AT HOME FIRST.**

The Bible makes it clear in *Psalm 1:1-3* that if you want to be blessed you must delight in the word of God and meditate on it every day and night. Hence reading my bible during any of the above mentioned church meetings alone would be like eating 3 times a week. For many of us not eating 3 times a day is unthinkable, can you imagine only eating 3 times a week, yet many of us lay aside time for many other things but no time for good old-time gospel fashioned bible study. **I GIVE YOU THIS CHALLENGE!** This year many members in our congregation have set a goal to read the entire bible in one year. Everyday my family and I sit together with our bibles in hand and read three or more chapters. I do not prepare a lesson or anything else. We just read. While we read that is when the scriptures come alive and the questions and the discussion come naturally. If I don’t have an answer to a question, I let my family know that I will get back to them after I have done some research. We love it! There are many different reading plans to choose from and one good place to find them is YouVersion.com.

I look forward to hearing some of the blessings you experience with your family as you live out this challenge in the year of our Lord 2011.

“The Lord added to their number...” Acts 2:47

Recent Baptisms

Daran Riley	12/14/2010	Ann Marie Luhrs	9/7/2010
John Smallstey	12/3/2010	Randall Colson	7/22/2010
JJ Stallworth	11/28/2010	Berthony Begin	7/18/2010
Justin Andujar	11/21/2010	Olivia Figueuroa	7/11/2010
Victoria Morales	10/22/2010	Shelby Gomez	7/11/2010
Mary Burke	9/29/2010	Samantha Fong	7/10/2010

“They first gave themselves to the Lord...”

2 Corinthians 8:5

Weekly Budget: \$ 9,000

MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION
October, 2010	298	\$8,691.00
November, 2010	282	\$8,595.75
December, 2010	288	\$8,181.67

I Will Not Be Moved

Tokunbo Quaye

With each passing year, I'm learning that life comes in cycles. There are times when we're on the mountain top – when things in life couldn't be better. We're feeling in tune with our husbands, the kids make us proud, our friendships are wonderful, work is productive, school is enjoyable, or we see ourselves impacting people's lives for Christ. Life feels light and fulfilling during these times. Then there are those stormy times, times spent in the valley, times when God's hands feel heavy and Satan knows which buttons to push. Our children test our patience, our relationships feel strained, or we're not as productive as we would like to be in the Lord. These times test our spiritual integrity. I am learning that during these times, I must strengthen my mind on three basic truths in God's word and not be moved by life's storms. These truths must anchor our heart and soul.

God always deals with us in kindness. In the midst of a storm, we may want to make sense of our trial. We may wonder “Am I being punished for past sins?” or “Why does doing things God's way mean that I have to suffer?” We sometimes struggle to grasp the need for our suffering. But no matter how challenged we feel, we must remember that God is always kind. Life may “feel” unfair at times, but remember that the heart is wicked (*Jer 17:7*), but God isn't. *“For the mountains may be moved and the hills may shake, but my lovingkindness shall not be removed from you ... says the Lord who has compassion on you.” Isa 54:10 (NASB)*

God is working on our behalf. Your health may not seem to be getting better. Your petitions to God for a husband, a child, a good job seem to go unanswered. Your prayers for the salvation or restoration of your children seem ineffective. However, those who wait on God never wait in vain. *“Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.” Isa 64:4 (NIV)* We must resist the temptation to “fix” the trying situation using our own wisdom. We must be committed to praying and trusting that God is working in the invisible realm on our behalf.

God has work for us to do. When trials come, the flesh wants to turn inward. We're no longer able to see the needs that God wants us to meet and we become consumed by our own needs. We're tempted to allow the trial to become our life. Regardless of what life brings, God has a big plan and you're a part of it. *“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Eph 2:10 (NIV)* We must depend on the Holy Spirit, through prayer and meditation on God's word, to be a living sacrifice to God.

So, as a new year dawns, and life continues as the Lord ordains it, keep in mind that you will experience mountains and valleys. When you travel through the mountains of life, enjoy the view and take in the fresh air. Be thankful for the kindness of the God who satisfies your desires with good things (*Ps 103:5*). However, when you get to the valley, do not be moved! Remember that God is still kind, He is still working on your behalf and He still has work for you to do.

Happy New Year Sisters!

“For the building up of the Body...” Ephesians 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS QUARTER

- 📖 **Off Bible Class Dates:** Jan 12th (LI Only), Feb 9th, Mar 16th
- 📖 **Devotional Service Dates:** Jan 7th, 21st, Feb 4th, 18th, Mar 11th, 25^h
- 📖 **City Women’s Fellowship:** Jan 15th 10am-12pm at Carmen Booker’s Home
- 📖 **Homeschool Meeting:** Sunday, Jan 30th after services
- 📖 **Singles’ Ministry Bowling Fellowship:** Feb 12th 2:40pm-6pm. Contact Victor Quaye for details.
- 📖 **Homeschool Recitation:** Feb 26th 11am-1pm
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items take out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you’re done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information. Keep up with all church events by joining LIChurch Space! Go to www.licoc.org and click the LIChurch Space link! If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to directory@licoc.org.
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

- ✝ Apologetics Press.....International
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✝ Doug & Lucy McDougle.....Ukraine, Russia
- ✝ Long Island Harvest Campaign.....Central Islip, NY
- ✝ City Harvest Campaign.....Queens, NY

“Your faith toward God has gone forth...” 1 Thessalonians 1:8

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert(347) 732-2101
St Luke’s Baptist Church Laurelton Senior Center, 133-21 232nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11413

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

2011	Location	For More Info
Feb 10 - 20	Sierra Vista, AZ	http://www.wecaretoday.net/Village%20Meadows.html
Mar 31 - Apr 10	Upland, CA	http://www.wecaretoday.net/Upland.html