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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Downsizing, right-sizing and business consolidations are realities in today's economic environment. In the traditional sense, "job security" is no longer a guarantee. The world's economic system is fragile and interdependent. A war, disaster or "shake-up" in a foreign country's economy can have global impact. That is one reason why the Bible warns believers not to trust in their employer, money or job as their source:

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness; and all these
things shall be added unto you.
Matthew 6:33*

*Charge them that are rich in this world,
that they be not highminded, nor trust
in uncertain riches, but in the living
God, who giveth us richly all things to
enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17*

If you are currently confronting a possible job loss, now is the time to start focusing your attention on God's plan for your life and learning how to prosper by using the principles of His kingdom.

God has already promised that He will provide for His children:

*I have been young, and now am old;
yet have I not seen the righteous*

*forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
Psalms 37:25*

I pray that you will be richly blessed and encouraged by this book. Please remember to write to me and share your testimony! God bless you!

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CHAPTER

One Bible Verse Can Change Your Life

Several years ago I was working at a large company which was acquired by a major Fortune 500 corporation. Two weeks after the acquisition, the acquiring company required the business units at my company to find millions of dollars in additional cost savings. Some of the cost savings would have to come from eliminating jobs. Immediately, the atmosphere at work changed. Fear was rampant. Every employee knew that their job was “at risk.” Work productivity dropped; virtually everyone was

busy looking for a new job.

For several months, every other Monday or Friday was “layoff” day. Parking spaces in the company lot became more plentiful.

At lunch time, the line in the cafeteria was

Your positive attitude can change the atmosphere at work

much shorter and suddenly there was no shortage of available tables at noon.

A group of my co-workers hosted a huge “farewell”

lunch; no one knew who

would be working at the company after the layoff or whether there would be an opportunity to bid farewell.

Some employees began complaining about the excess work and the lack of adequate resources, however my co-worker Quentin formed a bible study to share scriptures and pray. We’d meet in a conference room during lunch hour. Suddenly, in the midst of that

storm, the situation didn’t seem so bad to me.

Quentin and I had lunch one day and he said this to me: “What’s happening here at this company may be a surprise to you, but it wasn’t a surprise to God.” Then he told me about Jeremiah 29:11-13, a Bible verse that changed my life. I’ve since told many other people about this verse. The feedback I get is always positive, because the Word of God always brings peace in the midst of a storm.

Read the following passage of scripture from Jeremiah out loud. Meditate on it. Write it down on a piece of paper. Put it up on your refrigerator and paste it to your bathroom mirror. Think about the scripture often and carry it in your purse or wallet:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of

peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
Jeremiah 29:11-13

The trials of life, such as job loss or involuntary termination bring many people to their knees in desperation and despair. A series of questions flash into a person’s mind. How will I take care of my family? How will I pay my bills? What will happen to my career? Will I ever find another job at the same salary? What will people think about me?

Here’s the good news. God already knew about your crisis and He’s already developed a plan to “walk you through the valley.” You can see from this scripture that God is on

your side:

*The Lord is on my side; I will not fear:
 what can man do unto me?*
Psalms 118:6

Earnestly seek God, follow Him, listen to Him and He’ll guide you step by step. God’s plan and purpose for your life is for good, not destruction. In order to know God’s plan for your life and cooperate with His plan, you must be in covenant relationship with God, spending time in His presence and in His Word. This means you will have to set aside time each day for prayer and meditation.

God has a plan
 for your life – a
 life of abundance
 and peace

Once I understood and believed God’s promise to me in Jeremiah 29:11-13, God opened a door of employment for me supernaturally. I was never laid off or fired.

Another company sought me out and offered me a better position with a base salary that was \$19,000 higher than my previous position. In addition, I was also entitled to a ten percent bonus. Only God Almighty could have done that! Remember, God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), so He can do the same thing for you!

Recently a Christian friend of mine was laid off from her corporate job. Her declaration about the situation was incredibly positive: “I’m so excited about what God will do.” Eventually my friend landed a better position and relocated to a different city. She and her husband now live in a new five-bedroom house, instead of the small townhome they previously owned.

This book presents life-changing principles from the Bible that will enable you to be victorious, even in the difficult times of

layoffs, early retirement, or job terminations. Remember that Jesus loves you and He wants you to be victorious!

God Is Your Source

Know and believe that God is your source, not your job or your employer. Think about this: God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). He is in control of every resource in the earth. The door to every job opportunity opens and closes according to the command of Almighty God:

*The earth is the Lord's, and
the fulness thereof; the world,
and they that dwell therein.
Psalms 24:1*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the

*power, and the glory, and the victory,
and the majesty: for all that is in the
heaven and in the earth is thine; thine
is the kingdom, O Lord,*

If you rely on God, He will walk you through every valley

*and thou art exalted as
head above all. Both
riches and honour
come of thee, and thou*

*reignest over all; and
in thine hand is power and might, and
in thine hand it is to make great, and to
give strength unto all. Now therefore,
our God, we thank thee, and praise thy
glorious name. I Chronicles 29:11-13*

King David, who wrote many of the Psalms, understood that God was his source and strength:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not
want. Psalms 23:1*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? the Lord is the
strength of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid? Psalms 27:1*

*The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer; my God, my strength,
in whom I will trust; my buckler, and
the horn of my salvation, and my high
tower. I will call upon the Lord, who
is worthy to be praised: so shall I be
saved from mine enemies.*

Psalms 18:2-3

King David was a man who experienced many trials in his life including death threats from Saul, the kidnapping of his family and a civil rebellion led by one of his own children. Nevertheless, King David emerged victorious in tough situations because he relied on God and trusted Him. Just read the entire book of Psalms and you'll discover that David

experienced many of the same emotions you may be experiencing right now such as fear,

Almighty God who parted the Red Sea, fed the Israelites in the wilderness and led them into the Promised Land is ready, willing and able to help you

discouragement, grief and despair. Still in all, the important fact to remember is that David always trusted God as his source, his strength, his deliverer and his protector. David wrote these glorious words of comfort and assurance:

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Psalms 34:19

God has promised His children that He will deliver them from life's troubles. God proved that by opening the Red Sea, feeding His children with manna and quail in the wilderness and leading them into the Promised

Land. God is bigger than your company and your problems. Turn your focus to the living God and you will experience peace:

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength... Isaiah 26:3-4

Jesus Christ spoke these words to his disciples:

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

My paraphrase of what Jesus told His disciples reads like this: "In this world, you'll have problems, tests, troubles,

trials and temptation. But don't be discouraged or disheartened. I have already overcome the world." For most people losing

In tough job circumstances, focus on learning the lessons, instead of rehearsing the pain

a job would be classified as a "problem, test or trial." However, remember that God's desire and perfect will for you is always victory, not defeat. In his letter to the Corinthian church, the Apostle Paul wrote:

*Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ...
2 Corinthians 2:14*

There are some important lessons you can learn from this experience, if you allow the Lord to teach, lead, guide and direct you. Remember that God wants to bring you out, **not** take you out!

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CHAPTER

You Are Valuable To God

Due to societal pressures, you may have unconsciously linked your value as a person (your self-esteem) to your employment status. Now is the time to break that link. You are much more valuable than the job or salary your employer provides or provided. Jesus Christ worked as a carpenter until He began His ministry; but if Jesus had defined His mission in life as a "carpenter" rather than the "Messiah," He would have never fulfilled His purpose. He never would have gone to the cross. Similarly, if you let your job define who you are, you will limit

your full potential in life. You will have a very limited perspective on your value as a person and your mission in life.

God has placed a high value on you:

Receiving God's love will help you remember that He has not forgotten you	<i>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16</i>
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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visiteth him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

*Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet...
Psalms 8:4-6*

It's time to erase and discard all the old movies that play back negative images. Start looking at yourself the way God sees you. God created you in His image to have dominion in the earth:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:26, 27

It's time to renew your mind using the Word of God. God's love for you is unconditional. Your value to God cannot even be measured in mere financial terms. If God thought you were worthless, He would not have sent His only son Jesus Christ to die on the cross so that you could be redeemed. God's Word states that we are loved with an everlasting love:

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3

One lesson you can learn from this experience is not to let other people define your value. **Never** accept anything contrary to the Word of God about your value or potential in life:

Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalms 119:89

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105

Always treat other people according to the value God places on them:

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. Luke 6:31

At this moment you now have an opportunity to re-examine many aspects of your life. Don't think of yourself as a failure, because God certainly doesn't. As you "re-build" your self-image and beliefs based on God's Word, be sure that you have a correct understanding of God's immeasurable love for you and His desire to have you live an abundant life :

This I recall to my mind, therefore

have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23

The abundant life Jesus promised is available to every believer. Having abundant life is not dependent on your employment status or job title. It is solely dependent on your obedience to God, seeking Him first, hearing His Word and doing His Word:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
John 10:10

Nobody can stop the abundant life Jesus promised from becoming a reality in your life, except you. Don't let a temporary "set

back" throw you "off track" from God's long term plan of abundant life.

CHAPTER

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Attitudes and Offense

There's an easy way to diminish the power of God in your life. All you have to do is blame God for your situation, have a "bad attitude," speak evil about others and harbor grudges. Those negative attitudes and actions will most certainly guarantee that you'll become frustrated, angry, impatient, bitter, and resentful. The result will be defeat, instead of victory. More than likely, you'll successfully block the manifestation of God's blessings

A bad attitude will put you on the fast track to destruction

Unforgiveness will block your blessings, stop your progress and hinder your prayers

in your life. Don't let that happen to you. Make a decision now to forgive others, and then stop blaming God or others for your situation. While this may not seem easy to do,

remember that what you think, say and do will determine your future:

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. Proverbs 15:4

Death and life are in the power of the tongue... Proverbs 18:21

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good

report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only... James 1:22

A person who is unemployed or facing job loss may experience emotional highs and lows. Remember that it is difficult for most people to handle sudden changes in their lives. Human Resource managers have stated that the loss of a job can trigger the same reactions as the death of a loved one: shock, denial, disbelief, anger, guilt, panic and depression. It is important to recognize that you may go through those emotional stages before you eventually move on to accept reality and begin to build your life or seek

“Mad Tongue” disease is contagious and toxic – treat it by “holding” your tongue

new opportunities. Stay encouraged and don't let your feelings drive you to make desperate or destructive decisions. You may be under enormous pressure right now. It is tempting to just "lash out and let loose," verbally attacking the boss, co-workers or family members. But keep yourself in check. You could cut off a major blessing God has for you, simply because you fly off the handle.

The Apostle Paul was beaten, wrongfully accused and imprisoned for merely preaching the gospel. Yet Paul deliberately and purposefully decided he would not hold grudges or stay in unforgiveness. The Apostle Paul made an important statement:

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.
Acts 24:16

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul wrote:

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
Ephesians 4:31-32

When you read the gospels you'll notice that Jesus never focused on criticizing, ridiculing or condemning Judas (the disciple who betrayed him for thirty pieces of silver). Jesus has set a wonderful example for believers to follow.

Remember that only you can control your words, thoughts and actions. Will you build a wall that blocks your blessings? Or will you build a bridge that enables you to cross over

from defeat to victory? Your attitude about your situation makes a big difference:

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
James 1:2-4

It's your decision. Will you allow the problems of life to make you better or bitter?

CHAPTER

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With God *All* Things Are Possible

Both the Old and New Testaments contain many accounts of God's people successfully confronting danger and disaster. Reflecting on those accounts will inspire and comfort you. Bible stories confirm that when you allow God to be in charge, following His plan and His timing, nothing is impossible:

For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37

MOSES AND PHARAOH'S ARMY

The Situation: As the Israelites were escaping from Egypt, Pharaoh aggressively

pursued them using horses and chariots. As Moses and God’s people stood facing the Red Sea with the Egyptian army and Pharaoh chasing them, God spoke to Moses:

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: but lift up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. Exodus 14:15-16

The Outcome: The Egyptians were swallowed up in the Red Sea after God’s people had safely crossed over on dry land. (Exodus 14:21-31)

JHOSHAPHAT

The Situation: When enemy armies came against Judah, Jehoshaphat declared a

fast, sought the Lord, assembled the people and appointed singers to praise the Lord as the army marched. Judah’s enemies were completely defeated:

<i>And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 2 Chronicles 20:22</i>	Trust God, even if the situation seems impossible
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The Outcome: It took three days for Jehoshaphat and the people to gather all the spoil of riches and jewels from the defeated army. (2 Chronicles 20:25)

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO

The Situation: King Nebuchadnezzar

prepared a fiery furnace for three Hebrew men who refused to bow down and worship a golden image. The Hebrew men emerged from the hot furnace without even the smell of smoke on them.

The Outcome: King Nebuchadnezzar praised God and honored the men:

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and

their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon. Daniel 3:28-30

PAUL and SILAS

The Situation: After being severely beaten and thrown into prison, Paul and Silas prayed and began praising God:

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. Acts 16: 26

The Outcome: Paul and Silas were officially released from prison. The Philippian jailer got saved (born-again) along with his entire household.

DANIEL

The Situation: Daniel's jealous enemies deceived King Darius and convinced the king to issue a decree banning prayer or petition to anyone except the king. Daniel faithfully continued his prayer to God three times every day. After being arrested for adhering to his daily prayer and daily devotions, Daniel was thrown into a den with ferocious lions.

The Outcome: Daniel spent only one night in the den with lions. God miraculously protected Daniel and he emerged from the den unharmed. Then King Darius, ordered Daniel's accusers and their families to be thrown into the lion's den; of course they were consumed by the hungry beasts. The bottom line is this: Daniel prospered in the reign of King Darius and later on with King Cyrus. (Daniel 6:20-28)

KEYS TO VICTORY

The Bible is about real people who confronted difficult situations. In each situation, God's people were victorious because they turned to Him, and obeyed His instructions. Your situation is no different.

There are several basic keys to victory that are evident in the Bible stories previously referenced:

- Trust God, even if the situation seems impossible.
- Move beyond the past. Don't allow fear, self-pity, murmuring, complaining and anger to overtake you.
- Thank and praise the Lord for His goodness and His mercy.
- Get into God's presence in prayer daily.

- Seek the Lord and ask for His wisdom.
- Obey God's instructions.

CHAPTER

6

Spiritual Action Plan Summary

1. Don't panic.
2. Focus on God as your source, not your job or employer.
3. Remember that God loves you. You are valuable to God, regardless of your employment status.
4. Seek God's will for your life. Ask Him to lead, guide and direct you.
5. Do not accept a position or opportunity unless you have prayed about it and clearly know the will of God.

6. Meditate on the Word of God daily. Refer to the scriptures throughout this book. Start by memorizing these scriptures and speaking them out loud frequently:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalms 23:1

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

7. Forgive anyone who has hurt you, including bosses or co-workers. Unforgiveness will block your blessings and hinder your prayers.
8. Avoid gossip and evil speaking. According to the book of Proverbs, death and life are in the power of the tongue.
9. Continue to attend church regularly. Try to increase the amount of time you spend in prayer and bible study.
10. Surround yourself with a positive support system of friends, family and associates.
11. Continue to cheerfully give your tithes and offerings, even if your income has decreased. (Remember that the tithe is ten percent of whatever income or funds you receive. Offerings are given in addition to the tithe.)

12. Remember to praise and thank God daily for the blessings you still have:

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation... Psalms 68:19

13. Help and encourage others who are searching for jobs.
14. Share the love of God and the Word of God with others.

CHAPTER

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The Power of Praying God's Word

When God created heaven and earth, He spoke words (Genesis 1). The prophet Isaiah wrote that God's word will not return void, but accomplishes God's purpose (Isaiah 55:11). The prophet Jeremiah wrote that God hastens to perform or act on His word (Jeremiah 1:12). When you speak the Word of God over your circumstances, you cause situations and circumstances to align with God's will. Therefore, it is important to consistently speak the results you want; rather than the circumstances you currently

face. Remember that your situation is only temporary - it's subject to change at any time by the power of God.

PRAYER

To activate the power of God in your situation, read the following scripture-based prayer out loud daily:

Father God in heaven, I come before You in the name of Your son Jesus Christ. I praise You, Lord, and I thank You for Your compassion and Your mercy. Great is Your faithfulness. Your Word says that you have a plan for my life, a plan for good and not evil. Therefore, I trust You Lord. I cast all care about my situation over on You.

God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. I seek first the Kingdom

of God; all other things are then added to me. All of my needs are met. The favor of God surrounds me as a shield, producing recognition, promotion and increase. Therefore, the doors of opportunity that are inside God's perfect will for my life are opening wide right now without hindrance or delay. Jesus has been made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. I have the mind of Christ and the wisdom of God. Therefore, I make wise decisions that align with God's will and His Word. Unforgiveness, bitterness, anger and evil speaking are far from me. I speak the Word of God only. I set a watch over my mouth and a guard over my lips. I think on

those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. I thank You Heavenly Father that with You all things are possible. Amen.

Scripture References:

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Jeremiah 29:11-13	Matthew 19:26
1 Peter 5:7	Psalms 5:12
2 Timothy 1:7	1 Corinthians 1: 30; 2:16
Ephesians 4:31-32	Psalms 141:3
Philippians 4: 8, 13, 19	

CHAPTER

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Speak God's Word

Read these scriptures out loud regularly to bring comfort and peace:

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. Psalms 57:1

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Psalms 121: 1 -2

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let

me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. Psalms 71:1-2

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou has been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy. Psalms 61: 1 - 3

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10

CHAPTER

31 Power Scriptures & Action Steps

The power scriptures and actions steps will help you focus on victory and success.

DAY 1

God loves you regardless of your employment status. You are more valuable to God than silver, gold or precious gemstones.

POWER SCRIPTURE

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

ACTION STEP

Reflect on the incidents in your life when you perceived God’s love. Perhaps a time of comfort, mercy or granting a desire of your heart.

NOTES: _____

DAY 2

God wants you and your household to prosper in every area of life – financially, physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

ACTION STEP

Memorize today’s power scripture.

NOTES: _____

DAY 3

God has a perfect plan for your life, to bring you through every situation and circumstance.

POWER SCRIPTURE

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29: 11-13

ACTION STEP

Write out five steps to launch your job search or business opportunity analysis.

DAY 4

God has equipped you to face the challenges of life – no matter how big ugly or unpleasant they seem.

POWER SCRIPTURE

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalms 139:14

ACTION STEP

Make a list of your strengths and then thank God for all of your abilities and talents.

NOTES: _____

DAY 5

Praise the Lord and exalt His Name! God is great and greatly to be praised!

POWER SCRIPTURE

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

Psalms 145:3

ACTION STEP

Listen to uplifting praise music and sing an upbeat song.

NOTES: _____

DAY 6

God's mighty heavenly angels will work on your behalf to protect you and help you.

POWER SCRIPTURE

For he shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Psalms 91:11-12

ACTION STEP

Read Psalms 91 out loud and command God's heavenly angels to protect you and your household.

NOTES: _____

DAY 7

God will teach you how to move from lack to success.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isaiah 48:17

ACTION STEP

Identify two potential opportunities to generate income in addition to a traditional job. Then seek God's wisdom concerning the next steps.

NOTES: _____

DAY 8

God is good, gracious, kind, loving and full of mercy. He is good to everyone.

POWER SCRIPTURE

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psalms 145:8-9

ACTION STEP

Make a list of all the good things that have happened to you this week. Then make a list of the ways you have been helpful to others.

NOTES: _____

DAY 9

Speak words of life and light to change your circumstances.

POWER SCRIPTURE

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:1-3

ACTION STEP

Avoid complaining about your situation and focus your speech on positive declarations. Decree that doors of opportunity are opening before you daily.

DAY 10

Faithfulness will cause abundance to supernaturally flow in your life.

POWER SCRIPTURE

A faithful man shall abound with blessings... Proverbs 28:20

ACTION STEP

Remain consistent in fulfilling your family, church and work obligations.

NOTES: _____

DAY 11

Dedicate a portion of your day to rest in God's presence.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalms 46:10

ACTION STEP

Read the power scripture out loud and then spend five minutes in silence, listening for God's guidance.

NOTES: _____

DAY 12

Let God's divine favor open doors of opportunity for employment, entrepreneurship, and ownership.

POWER SCRIPTURE

For thou, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield. Psalms 5:12

ACTION STEP

Decree that God's favor is opening up the right doors for you.

NOTES: _____

DAY 13

Focus first and foremost on the kingdom of God. Don't worry yourself unnecessarily about food, clothing and shelter.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:31-33

ACTION STEP

Read Matthew Chapter 6 (the entire chapter).

DAY 14

All the best that God has to offer is available to you today.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23

ACTION STEP

Write down what you believe God is willing and able to do for you.

NOTES: _____

DAY 15

The good you do will come back to you.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Ephesians 6:8

ACTION STEP

Do a good deed for someone else today – even a smile or speaking an encouraging word counts!

NOTES: _____

DAY 16

When you forgive your enemies and pray for them, you'll experience freedom from bitterness, strife, and unresolved anger.

POWER SCRIPTURE

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark 11:25-26

ACTION STEP

Make a decision today to forgive anyone who has hurt you – either intentionally or unintentionally. Ask God to help you let go of anger and resentment.

DAY 17

God is watching over you – even during times of famine and lack. He will sustain you.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Psalms 33:18-19

ACTION STEP

Fill a glass of water to the brim and let it overflow in the sink as a visual reminder of God’s overflowing abundance.

NOTES: _____

DAY 18

Look to the Lord for His rest and restoration.

POWER SCRIPTURE

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Psalms 23:3-5

ACTION STEP

Take time to relax in God’s presence.

DAY 19

See yourself victorious, overcoming every obstacle.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

ACTION STEP

Read and study Ephesians 6:10-18 (The Armor of God)

NOTES: _____

DAY 20

Think success. Speak success. See success.

POWER SCRIPTURE

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...
Proverbs 23:7

ACTION STEP

Write down God's success image for you in every area of life: family, health, spiritual growth, finances and relationships. Think beyond defining success in terms of a job or money.

NOTES: _____

DAY 21

God will turn every situation around for your good!

POWER SCRIPTURE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

ACTION STEP

Focus on the silver lining, not the cloud.

NOTES: _____

DAY 22

Keep at it! Persevere! Don't give up.

POWER SCRIPTURE

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
Galatians 6:9

ACTION STEP

Generate a brand new list of ideas for your job search or business opportunity. Pray for God's guidance and keep moving forward.

NOTES: _____

DAY 23

God will guide you in every decision. He definitely wants you to succeed.

POWER SCRIPTURE

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalms 32:8

ACTION STEP

Write down all your options or opportunities and consider both the pros and cons of each one. Seek God's wisdom concerning your next steps.

NOTES: _____

DAY 24

Vision and goals inspire action. Don't be detoured by a temporary road block.

POWER SCRIPTURE

...Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it... Habakkuk 2:2

ACTION STEP

Develop a comprehensive list of one-year goals in various areas: career, family, health, nutrition, finances, self-improvement, spiritual and recreational. Pray over your goals to insure they align with God's direction.

NOTES: _____

DAY 25

Let laughter raise you above defeat and depression.

POWER SCRIPTURE

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. Proverbs 15:13

ACTION STEP

Remember a situation where you laughed hilariously and share the incident with a friend or family member.

NOTES: _____

DAY 26

Take spiritual steps to insure success and victory in your situation.

POWER SCRIPTURE

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:8

ACTION STEP

Read how the Israelites conquered Jericho. (Joshua 6:1-20)

DAY 27

Pray effectively and fervently. Pray the solution; not the problem.

POWER SCRIPTURE

...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

ACTION STEP

Write a specific prayer of petition, asking for God's will to be done.

NOTES: _____

DAY 28

Stand fast. Don't despair.

POWER SCRIPTURE

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. Psalms 57:7

ACTION STEP

Fight doubt, fear and unbelief through daily prayer, praise and faith declarations!

NOTES: _____

DAY 29

Trials are actually gifts in ugly packages. Look past the external appearance to identify opportunities for growth, expansion and spiritual fine-tuning.

POWER SCRIPTURE

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

James 1:2-3

ACTION STEP

Write down the key “Life Lessons” you have recently learned.

NOTES: _____

DAY 30

Seek the Lord for comfort, and then comfort others.

POWER SCRIPTURE

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

ACTION STEP

Identify at least one way you can comfort a friend, relative or colleague who is facing a major challenge.

DAY 31

Stay focused on God's love for you. He will not fail you or forsake you.

POWER SCRIPTURE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16-17

ACTION STEP

Remember that the trials of life do not change God's purpose in sending His only Son, Jesus, to earth. Ask God to provide opportunities to share your faith and testimony with other people. If you have never made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, pray the prayer of salvation on pages 93-94 today.

Meditate God's Word

DAY 1

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.

- 1 John 4:16 -

DAY 2

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

- Psalms 115:14 -

DAY 3

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

- Deuteronomy 31:6 -

DAY 4

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

- Philippians 4:13 -

Day 5

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

- Psalms 34:1 -

Day 6

The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

- Psalms 34:7 -

Day 7

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

- Proverbs 16:3 -

DAY 8

Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

- Psalms 119:68 -

DAY 9

Death and life are in the power of the tongue...

- Proverbs 18:21 -

DAY 10

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

- Deuteronomy 7:9 -

DAY 11

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

- Psalms 23: 1-2 -

DAY 12

A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord...

- Proverbs 12:2 -

DAY 13

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

- 2 Timothy 1:7 -

DAY 14

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power and the glory, and the victory and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

- 1 Chronicles 29:11 -

DAY 15

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have

therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

- Galatians 6:9-10 -

DAY 16

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- Matthew 6:14-15 -

DAY 17

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

- Psalms 84:11 -

DAY 18

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me:

for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

- Psalms 57:1 -

DAY 19

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ...

- 2 Corinthians 2:14 -

DAY 20

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he added no sorrow with it.

- Proverbs 10:22 -

DAY 21

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

- 1 John 5:4 -

DAY 22

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

- Hebrews 10:36 -

DAY 23

If any of you lack wisdom; let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

- James 1:5 -

DAY 24

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

- Luke 1:37 -

Day 25

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation...

- Psalms 68:19 -

DAY 26

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

- Proverbs 4: 20-23 -

DAY 27

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

- Psalms 5:3 -

DAY 28

Finally, my brethen, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- Ephesians 6:10 -

DAY 29

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

- Galatians 5:22-23 -

DAY 30

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- Matthew 11:28 -

DAY 31

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by me.

- John 14:6 -

CHAPTER

10

Practical Tips

After determining God's direction for your life, you can move forward with preparations for job interviews, income streams or business ownership opportunities.

RESUMÉ/CAREER BRIEF

- Develop a summary of your credentials, experience, skills and education.

INTERVIEWS

- An excellent resource to prepare for

interviews was written by Ron Fry
“101 Answers to Tough Interview
Questions.”

- Use a dictaphone or recorder to critique your responses and polish your answers. Practice. Practice. Practice.

INTERNET/RECRUITERS

- Search employment websites such as monster.com and CareerBuilder.com.
- Contact executive recruiters who have been retained by companies to fill managerial and senior level positions.

OWNERSHIP

- Investigate entrepreneurial opportunities such as starting your

own business, or buying a franchise.

- Gain knowledge to insure success; attend seminars or enroll in business training.

WISDOM

- Remember that God is willing and able to give you wisdom, insight and guidance. (James 1:5, Psalms 32:8, Proverbs 4:7-9)

CHAPTER

Prayer for Salvation

If you have never made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, pray this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Word says "...whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13). According to Romans 10:9-10, Your word says "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man

believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”

Lord Jesus, I am calling on your name. I am sorry for my sins. Thank you for dying for me and taking my place. According to Romans 10: 9-10, I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that you are the Son of God and that God raised you from the dead. Come into my heart and be Lord over my life. I accept you now as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for making me a new person and forgiving me of all my sins. Amen.

**Welcome to God’s Family! You are saved!
You are now a born-again believer.**

Now **pray** to find a good church that teaches the truth of the bible:

Heavenly Father, Your Word says that believers should not forsake assembling together. In the name of Jesus, I ask you to plant me in a church assembly where I can grow spiritually and serve you. Amen.

“Almighty God...

who parted the Red Sea, fed the Israelites in the wilderness and led them into the Promised Land

**is ready, willing and
able to help you!”**

Is your employer planning cut-backs, layoffs or reductions-in-force?

Fear not! God’s Word, the Bible, gives keys to victory in the midst of uncertainty.

This book will show you how to apply biblical principles to your situation so that you can emerge as a “victor” rather than a “victim” of downsizing.

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? –Psalm 27:1 (KJV)

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