

Good News Church
Quotes of the Week
from the midweekly emails
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"The Christian gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

- Tim Keller

"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."

- George Mueller

"If you want a closer relationship with God, put time aside to develop that relationship. Spend time with him. As you study his word, your faith grows and your life is changed. The strength of all relationships, including your relationship with God, depends on communication." - Nicky Gumbel
(Bible in One Year, Day 332)

"The fact that with God 'all things are possible' is proven by the fact that God created the entire universe out of nothing (see Proverbs 3:19-20)... Do you sometimes find yourself facing a seemingly impossible situation? It might be a relationship that seems to have broken down irretrievably, or an issue to do with health, finances or something else where change seems impossible. With God there is always hope, no matter how bad things look. Nothing is impossible with God. His power makes all things possible... Whatever struggles you are facing at the moment, however difficult life looks, however impossible the situation seems, it is important to remember God's love for you and trust that 'with God all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26)." - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 28)

Reflecting on the below verses... "Store up' God's words within you. You need to 'accept', listen and apply, 'call out' and 'search'. 'Searching for it like a prospector panning for gold, like an adventurer on a treasure hunt'. This takes time and commitment. Don't just prioritize your schedule; schedule your priorities. Set aside a regular time to read the Bible and schedule it as a top priority." - Nicky Gumbel
(from Bible in One Year, Day 16)

- *"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding — Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you."*
- Proverbs 2:1-2, 9-11

"When God is about to do something great, He starts with a difficulty. When He is about to do something truly magnificent, He starts with an impossibility." - Armin Gesswein

"When we rest, we nestle into the bosom of God. Resting is an act of trust. We can let our guard down, knowing that God will provide for the details of our lives." – Jeannie Ewing (from the article, Do You Understand the Spiritual Importance of Rest?))

“Two signs that will tell you the health of a church: Singing men and noisy babies.” - Chris Gore

“Faith is nothing else than receiving God's kindness, abiding in Christ, resting in His love, clinging to him as a branch to a tree, and seeking life and vigor from him.” - Valley of Vision (paraphrased from “Belonging to Jesus,” pg. 57)

“Believe God’s word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea.” - Samuel Rutherford (Scottish Presbyterian minister, 1600-1661)

“Hospitality (biblically speaking) takes strangers and makes them neighbors, and takes neighbors and makes them family of God. It’s a great joy to see the gospel bring people together who are supposed to be enemies, and it’s a great joy to know that God never gets the address wrong. If your neighbors aren’t people you know yet, there’s a blessing waiting for you.” - Rosaria Butterfield (from the 6 min. video How Radically Ordinary Hospitality Changed My Life)

“This is the gospel: God has drawn near to us in Jesus—us, we who are sinful, broken, wounded, mortal, dying, and incapable of self-saving, with many of us completely uninterested in God or even enemies of God—to draw us into his inner life, to heal us by immersing us within the fold of his Trinitarian love, and then to send us out into the world as agents of his love.” - John Mark Comer

“Whatever your doubts, fears, and sins may be, Jehovah’s gracious eye never looks upon you in anger; though he sees sin in you, Yet when he looks at you through Christ, he sees no sin. You are always accepted in Christ, are always blessed and dear to the Father’s heart.” - Charles H. Spurgeon

“Mountaintops inspire us, but valleys mature us.” - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 93)

“If Jesus didn’t come back from the dead, nothing else matters. If Jesus did come back from the dead, nothing else matters.” - Ron Sider

“God is not at the top of a ladder shouting, “Climb!” He is at the bottom on a cross whispering, “It is finished.” - Tullian Tchividjian

“God sends weak people to do powerful things. He sends doubting people to people who need their faith strengthened. He sends fearful people to do work that’s fearless. This is only possible by grace. God doesn’t call us to His work because we’re able; he calls us because He’s able!” - Paul Tripp

“The wonder of the gospel is that we, who are not righteous, can be declared righteous through Jesus’ perfect righteousness.” - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 119)

“The Gospel is good news not good advice. Advice = what we should do. News = report of what was done for us.” - Tim Keller

“Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened.”
- Billy Graham

"When God places a burden upon you, He places His arms underneath you." - Charles H. Spurgeon

"You are what you eat, and you live what you believe." - Joe Song (commenting on the below verses)

- *"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."* - John 6:27-29

"The message of Christianity is relevant to every person on the planet because it addresses the root of everyone's deepest fears... death. The Good News of the Gospel is that in His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus pulled that weed up by the roots, and when you trust Him by faith, you live with the confident assurance and hope of eternal life." - Drue Warner (I love quoting myself, ha, ha!)

"My husband and I have these three rules of engagement when we go to church: 1) An alone person in our gatherings is an emergency. 2) Friends can wait. 3) Introduce a newcomer to someone else."

- Rebecca McLaughlin

"What is the Church? The Church is a community of people moving forward, invading the world with love." - Bob Goff

"Often times, spiritual comforts are at their highest when physical well-being is at its lowest."

- from Valley of Vision (Blessings, pg. 159), a book of Puritan prayers from the 1600's

"The sweetest word of the whole of Psalm 23:1 is that simple word, "My." The Psalmist does not say, 'The Lord is the shepherd of the world at large, and leads forth the multitude as his flock,' but 'The Lord is my shepherd;' if he be a Shepherd to no one else, he is a Shepherd to me; he cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me." - Charles H. Spurgeon

"You'll never know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got. When Jesus is all you've got, then you'll know Jesus is all you need." - Ron Dunn

"Unbelief looks at God through circumstances, but faith looks at circumstances through God."

- Mrs. Charles C. Cowman (from "Streams in the Desert," June 11)

"The first Adam ushered all of mankind into sin and death by a tree. The second Adam restored mankind into life and righteousness by conquering sin and death on a tree." - Doug Wilson

"Jesus was despised, rejected, criticized, made fun of, misunderstood, gossiped about, disrespected, betrayed, abandoned, falsely accused, brutally beaten, inhumanely tortured, and unjustly killed. Jesus purposely experienced every element of suffering, so that He could be with you in yours."

- Drue Warner (from the sermon, "Comfort in the Valley" on Psalm 23:4)

"My heart is an unexhausted fountain of sin, a river of corruption, flowing on in every pattern of behavior." - Valley of Vision ("Grace in Trials," pg. 171)

“Adoption is the highest privilege of the gospel. The traitor is forgiven, brought in for supper, and given the family name.” - J.I. Packer

“God’s work in me is a progress, not in 3-4 major events, but in 10,000 little moments of change.”
- Paul Tripp

“Comfortable people don’t need Jesus. Desperate people do.” - Bob Goff

“The Church is the only organization that exists for the benefit of its non-members.” - William Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-1944)

“When we become aware that we do not have to escape our pains, but that we can mobilize them into a common search for life, those very pains are transformed from expressions of despair into signs of hope.” – Henri Nouwen

“The gospel is not good news for ‘do it yourself-ers.’ The gospel is good news for ‘I give-up-ers.’”
- Tullian Tchividjian

“Discernment is not the ability to tell the difference between right and wrong; rather, it is telling the difference between right and almost right.” - Charles Spurgeon

“Praise is giving glory to God for who he is. Thanksgiving is giving glory to God for what he has done for us. It is the lens through which to view our entire life. Ultimately, the world can be divided into two categories: those who acknowledge God and give thanks to him, and those who don’t. How do you cultivate an attitude of gratitude?” - Nicky Gumbel (Bible in One Year, Day 277)

“God does not intend for you to be lonely and isolated. Loneliness has been described as ‘a homesickness for God.’ God created you for community – calling you into a loving relationship with him and with other human beings.. who know and love God. We are called to be a community where many lonely, isolated people find love and forgiveness – a community of the people of God.. This is the answer to loneliness.” – Nicky Gumbel

“Serving others is best done and motivated in response to Jesus’ service to us. When we serve, we grow in our relationship with God and each other, and we get to be a part of building God’s Kingdom here on earth. Saying “Yes” to God is always the best decision.” - from Drue's sermon on "Sacrificial Service" (10-12-25)

“Peace if possible. Truth at all costs.” - Martin Luther

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” - C.S. Lewis

“As much as I can’t wait to get to heaven and to be with Jesus, infinitely more, Jesus can’t wait for me to be there to be with him, too.” - Elisabeth Elliot

“Faith is our walk, but fellowship sensibly felt is our rest. Faith is the road, but communion with Jesus is the well from which the pilgrim drinks.” - Charles H. Spurgeon

"We have a God who delights in impossibilities and who asks, "Is anything too hard for me?"
- Andrew Murray

"In your prayers, above everything else, beware of limiting God, not only through unbelief but also by thinking you know exactly what He can do. Learn to expect the unexpected, beyond all that you ask or think." - Mrs. Charles C. Cowman ("Streams in the Desert," November 2)

"For many, Christianity is just a beautiful dream. It's a world in which everyday reality goes a bit blurred. It's nostalgic, cosy, and comforting. But real Christianity isn't like that at all. Take Christmas, for instance: a season of nostalgia, of carols and candles and firelight and happy children. But that misses the point completely. Christmas is not a reminder that the world is really quite a nice old place. It reminds us that the world is a shockingly bad old place, where wickedness flourishes unchecked. . . Christmas is God lighting a candle; and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things really are. The light shines in the darkness, says St. John, and the darkness has not overcome it." - NT Wright

"To worship in the depth of sorrow —it is indeed an arduous thing. Yes, and therein lies the blessing; it is the test of perfect faith... My goal is God Himself, not joy, nor peace, nor even blessing, but Himself, my God." – Mrs. Charles C. Cowman ("Streams in the Desert," Dec. 11)

"A thousand times in history a baby has become a king, but only once in history did a King become a baby." - Matt Smethurst

"There is only one way to know God: 'Be still and know.'" (Psalm 46:10) - Mrs. Charles C. Cowman (from "Streams in the Desert" devotional, November 24)

"Expectations should be redefined as 'premeditated resentment.'" - Unknown (shared by Grace Song)

- If we can keep this in mind, it will have a positive impact on our relationships. :)