

Kingdom Living Digest

Encouraging the Body of Christ to Live for What Lasts



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The Call to Forward Motion

By Bro. Terrence Powell

There are seasons in life when standing still feels easier than moving forward. Distractions, disappointments, and daily pressures can slow spiritual momentum and blur eternal perspective. Yet God has never called His people to drift. He calls them to pursue, to press, and to persevere.

Spiritual growth requires **intentional** forward motion. It is not fueled by emotion or impulse, but by steady devotion and disciplined focus. Each day presents opportunities to advance in faith, refine character, and deepen trust in God. The journey of faith is not defined by bursts of inspiration, but by sustained faithfulness.

The month of March invites us to evaluate our pace, our focus, and our endurance. The question is not whether we have started, but whether we are continuing with purpose. The path before us is one that requires resilience, clarity, and unwavering direction. It is time to move forward with renewed commitment.

**THIS RACE IS A MARATHON,
NOT A SPRINT**

Endurance and daily commitment win.

FIX YOUR EYES AND RUN TO WIN

Focused faith leads to lasting victory.

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This Race Is a Marathon, not a Sprint

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell

[Hebrews 12:1-2](#) reminds us that the Christian life is compared to a race; one that requires endurance and patience. This is not a short-distance sprint fueled by temporary excitement. It is a **marathon** that demands steady commitment and sustained effort. Every believer who enters this race must understand that spiritual growth is daily and continuous.

The finish line is not earthly achievement, recognition, or comfort. The finish line is either the return of Christ or the moment we are called home to be with Him. Because of this, the race requires long-term dedication. It is built on daily choices, consistent obedience, and a heart that refuses to quit when challenges arise.

Paul reinforces this truth in [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#), reminding believers that runners compete with discipline and intentionality in order to obtain a prize. Victory in this spiritual race does not happen accidentally. It requires training, self-control, and perseverance. If we are to finish well, we must commit ourselves **fully**. Understanding that endurance, not speed, determines success.



Fix Your Eyes and Run to Win

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell



Success in the spiritual race is not determined by how fast we move, but by where we place our focus. [Hebrews 12:2](#) instructs us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. When believers begin to look inward or sideways, comparing themselves to others, their pace becomes unstable and their confidence weakens.

Comparison leads to distraction. Self-focus leads to discouragement. But when our attention remains on Christ, clarity and strength follow. **He** sets the pace. **He** provides the example. **He** empowers us to keep moving **forward**.

Running this race requires determination. It means refusing to measure progress against other believers and choosing instead to remain locked in on the One who called us. Victory comes not from competing against others, but from faithful pursuit of Christ. So let us rise with resolve and declare: Ready. Set. Let's go!

Kingdom Living Tips

Practical ways to prepare hearts & minds for meaningful worship.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

Running with Endurance

- ✚ Establish daily spiritual disciplines that strengthen consistency.
- ✚ Remove distractions that slow your spiritual progress.
- ✚ Stay connected to believers who encourage perseverance.
- ✚ Measure success by faithfulness, not feelings.
- ✚ Keep Christ at the center of every decision.



The Spiritual Thread

Connecting monthly insights that weave together wisdom for daily life.

Developing Your Kingdom Mindset

Who Is God the Father?

God the Father is the source and initiator of all divine work. He is the architect of creation, the planner of redemption, and the giver of divine purpose and power ([John 3:16](#)). Everything begins with Him. Every act of salvation, every demonstration of grace, and every unfolding of destiny flows from His sovereign will.

Understanding the Trinity is not merely theological, it is transformative. When believers only have a concept of God but do not understand how He works, they will struggle to fully trust Him and live empowered lives. A Kingdom mindset develops when we begin to see how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit operate in unity while fulfilling distinct roles. Together they create, deliver, empower, intercede, and sustain mankind.

In this issue, we begin a deeper exploration of the Trinity by focusing on the role of God the Father: His attributes, His nature, and His character.

God the Father is Omnipotent, meaning all-powerful. His power is unlimited, and He is able to accomplish all that He wills ([Jeremiah 32:17](#)). He is Omniscient, meaning all-knowing. He knows the past, present, and future; including every human thought. Nothing is hidden from Him ([Psalm 139:1-4](#)). He is Omnipresent, meaning everywhere at all times. There is no place where He is absent ([Psalm 139:7-10](#)).

He is Immutable; unchanging in His character, purposes, and promises. He is Eternal; having no beginning and no end. He is Self-Existent; dependent on nothing. He is Just; acting in perfect righteousness with no wrongdoing in Him. He is Gracious; giving us blessings we do not deserve. He is Merciful; withholding the judgment we rightfully deserve. He is Faithful, unwavering and loyal in every promise He makes.

He is Holy; completely set apart and endlessly perfect. He is Good; the very standard by which goodness is defined. He is Self-Sufficient; lacking nothing and fully complete within Himself. He is Sovereign; governing all creation and ruling without challenge. He is Righteous; blameless and upright in all His ways. He is Patient; allowing time for repentance through His loving kindness. He is Wise; infinitely superior in knowledge and understanding. He is Glorious; radiant in beauty, greatness, and majesty.

He alone is the true and living God. There is no other beside Him. All other gods are false and powerless. He alone has provided repentance, forgiveness, and salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. No one and nothing else has the authority or power to deliver humanity from sin, the flesh, and satan. He is the source of all life, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the sustainer of all things.

There are many religions and belief systems in the world, but He reigns supreme and unchallenged. Hope placed anywhere else is empty and ineffective. A Kingdom mindset begins with recognizing His supremacy and drawing near to Him. Through Him we receive salvation, adoption, and identity as His children.

To know the Father is to understand the foundation of our faith. As we continue exploring the Trinity, may our understanding deepen and our trust expand; so that we may live as citizens of His Kingdom with confidence, clarity, and unwavering devotion.

365-Day Bible Reading Plan

March

1	Day 60	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh	3:1-17
2	Day 61	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh	5:13-6:27
3	Day 62	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh	7:1-26
4	Day 63	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh	10:1-15
5	Day 64	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh	23:1-16
6	Day 65	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh	24:1-31
7	Day 66	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	4:4-24
8	Day 67	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	6:1-40
9	Day 68	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	7:1-25
10	Day 69	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	13:1-25
11	Day 70	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	14:1-20
12	Day 71	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	15:1-20
13	Day 72	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	16:1-21
14	Day 73	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judg	16:22-31
15	Day 74	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth	1:1-22
16	Day 75	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth	2:1-23
17	Day 76	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth	3:1-18
18	Day 77	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth	4:1-22
19	Day 78	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	1:1-28
20	Day 79	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	3:1-21
21	Day 80	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	8:1-5
22	Day 81	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	8:6-22
23	Day 82	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	9:1-21
24	Day 83	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	10:1-27
25	Day 84	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	14:1-23
26	Day 85	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	16:1-13
27	Day 86	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	17:1-31
28	Day 87	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	17:32-58
29	Day 88	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	18:1-30
30	Day 89	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	20:1-42
31	Day 90	<input type="checkbox"/>	1Sam	24:1-22

Next Month...

Developing Your Kingdom Mindset, part 3.

Church Events

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Youth Revival | Mar 23-25 | 7pm Nightly | Evergreen Church



Pastors' Appreciation Fundraiser



Philippines Relief Fundraiser



Ministry Position Training | Coming Soon



Weekly Events

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Bible Study | Wednesdays | 6-7



Empowerment Service | Thurs | 7:30

EMPOWERMENT SERVICE
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT



[Worship Service | Sundays | 11:30](#)

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[Daily Bible Verses | Updated Monthly](#)

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Reflection & Application

Align your life with God's Kingdom through self-examination & action.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

Are you running with purpose or simply moving without direction? Examine what may be hindering your spiritual progress and commit to releasing it. Renew your focus on Christ this month and pursue Him with endurance. The race is ongoing. Finish strong!

From the Pastors' Desk



Personal messages from the pastors to the reader; offering encouragement, spiritual guidance, and timely reflections for the month.

This section helps strengthen the connection between the pastors and readers by offering wisdom, direction, and inspiration for daily living and spiritual growth.

Here the pastors can share their heart, provide biblical insight, and highlight the vision God has given for the church community.



Run With Purpose

Pastor Jonnie M. King

The Christian life is often described as a journey, but Scripture goes further and calls it a race. A race requires preparation, discipline, and unwavering commitment. It demands that we lay aside anything that slows us down and press forward with purpose.

In every season, we are given opportunities to strengthen our endurance. Challenges are not meant to defeat us, but to develop us. Each step of obedience builds spiritual stamina. Each act of faith deepens our trust in the One who called us to run.

As your pastor, I want to remind you that the finish line is secure. **Christ has already paved the way.** Our responsibility is to remain faithful, steady, and focused. Let us run this race with courage, confidence, and conviction; knowing that what awaits us is greater than any obstacle we face along the way.

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Stay the Course

Pastor Lillie P. Powell

As we step into March, I am reminded that the race of faith requires more than enthusiasm. It requires **endurance**. There are seasons when we feel strong and steady, and others when the pace feels overwhelming. Yet [Hebrews 12:1-2](#) calls us to run with patience the race set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus. Our strength is sustained not by emotion, but by focus.

It is easy to become distracted by comparison, discouraged by delay, or weary from responsibility. But this race was never meant to be run by glancing at others. It is personal, intentional, and uniquely designed by God. When our gaze remains fixed on Christ, we gain clarity and renewed determination.

My encouragement to you this month is simple: **keep going**. Even when progress feels slow, even when the road feels long: keep running. God honors perseverance, and He is faithful to carry you through **every** mile.

Closing Remarks



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Scripture of the Month

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for calling us into this spiritual race and equipping us to endure.

Help us to lay aside every distraction and anything that weakens our faith. Strengthen our hearts to remain focused on Jesus, trusting Him to guide our steps and sustain our endurance. Give us discipline, perseverance, and unwavering commitment as we run the course set before us. May our lives honor You and inspire others to follow You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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