

Kingdom Living Digest

Encouraging the Body of Christ to Live for What Lasts



When You Cannot See the End from the Beginning

By Bro. Terrence Powell

There is a particular kind of pressure that comes not from difficulty alone, but from uncertainty. When the path ahead is unclear, when the outcome is unknown, and when every effort to find solid footing reveals shifting ground, the human heart begins to search for something steady to hold on to. We want answers. We want timelines. We want to understand exactly where we are going and why the road looks the way it does.

But trust was never designed to operate in certainty. Trust is most alive and most meaningful precisely when we cannot see what lies ahead. God has never promised His people a clear view of the entire journey. He has promised something far greater: His presence on every step of it.

June calls us to revisit the foundation beneath our feet. Not the foundation of favorable circumstances or predictable outcomes, but the foundation of a God whose plans are purposeful, whose faithfulness is unbroken, and whose ways are higher than anything we can calculate or anticipate. [Proverbs 3:5-6](#) does not simply encourage us to lean on God when things are difficult. It calls us to trust Him completely, in every dimension of life, and to release our grip on our own understanding so that He can direct our path.

This is not passive resignation. It is active, courageous faith. It is the decision to believe, even without full understanding, that the One who holds tomorrow has already accounted for everything today carries. When we trust God's plan, we are not pretending that challenges do not exist. We are declaring that they do not have the final word.

This month, every article, every reflection, and every devotional point leads back to this central truth: God's plan is not derailed by what we face. It is often revealed through it.

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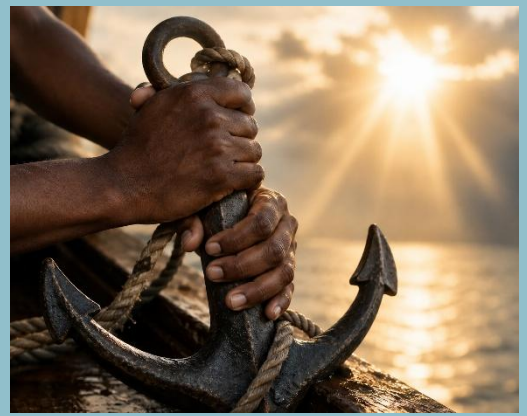
Be of Good Cheer: Courage for an Uncertain World

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell

When Jesus spoke the words "be of good cheer," He was not offering a lighthearted encouragement to simply "brighten up". He was making a declaration rooted in divine authority and eternal victory. The phrase "be of good cheer" is also translated as "take courage", "be brave", or "have confidence". These were not casual words. They were words meant to anchor us and to assure us of our rights and future as citizens of God's Kingdom.

Jesus spoke these words in [John 16:33](#) in the context of a world filled with tribulation. He did not promise that difficulty would disappear. He promised something far more powerful: that He had already OVERCOME it. "In the world you will have tribulation," He said, "but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." The victory was not pending. It was already **secured**.

This matters deeply for how we navigate uncertainty. Trusting God's plan does not mean we will never feel the weight of what we face. It means we face it from a position of established victory rather than desperate hope. Because Christ has overcome, we are not fighting for victory. We are fighting from it. Our confidence is not in the absence of trouble but in the presence and triumph of the One who has already won.



The courage God calls us to is not manufactured in our own strength. It is a courage that flows from understanding who we are in Christ. We are citizens of His Kingdom, heirs of His promises, and beneficiaries of His finished work. When the world is unstable, when plans collapse, and when the future feels unclear, we have every right to stand firm because our standing is not determined by our circumstances. It is determined by our King.

Take courage. Be brave. Have confidence. Not because the road is easy, but because the One who walks with you has already been to the other side and returned victorious. Jesus has secured our victory over an unstable world, and no plan of God for your life has ever been abandoned or forgotten. He is still working, still faithful, and still in complete control.

Kingdom Living Tips

Practical ways to prepare hearts
& minds for meaningful
worship.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

Trusting God Through Uncertainty

- ✝ **Anchor yourself in Scripture daily:** When circumstances shift, God's Word remains constant. Let it be your reference point, not your feelings.
- ✝ **Resist the urge to force outcomes:** Surrender is not weakness; it is wisdom. Release what you cannot control and trust the One who can.
- ✝ **Look for God in the process, not only the destination:** He is at work in every season, not just the ones that feel like breakthroughs.
- ✝ **Keep a record of His faithfulness:** Reviewing what God has already done strengthens your confidence in what He is still doing.
- ✝ **Choose courage over comfort:** Trusting God's plan often requires stepping forward before the full picture is clear.

When God's Plan Doesn't Look Like Yours

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

One of the greatest tests of faith is not suffering. It is redirection. It is the moment when we believed we knew *exactly* what God was doing, *exactly* where He was leading, *exactly* how things would unfold; and then everything **shifted**. The doors we expected to open remained closed. The timing we anticipated did not arrive. The answer we were certain of turned out to be a detour, not a destination.

In those moments, the question is not whether we trust God in theory. The question is whether we trust Him in practice, when the plan we see does not match the plan He is working.

Joseph understood this intimately. His story in Genesis is one of the most powerful illustrations of divine purpose unfolding through circumstances that appeared to be defeats. Betrayal, slavery, false accusation, and imprisonment; none of these were part of the plan Joseph imagined when he was given a dream as a young man. Yet Scripture never records God abandoning His purpose. Every detour was part of the route. Every setback was preparation for an appointment. Every closed door was a corridor leading somewhere Joseph could not yet see.



The same is true for each of us. When God's plan does not look like ours, it is not because His plan has failed. It is because His plan is larger, longer, and more purposeful than what we are currently able to perceive. He is not limited by our timelines, our preferences, or our expectations. He is working in ways that exceed our understanding while remaining faithful to every promise He has ever made.

Trusting God's plan in practice means releasing control without releasing faith. It means continuing to pray, to obey, and to move forward even when the road looks nothing like what we expected. It means believing that the God who began a good work in you is still completing it, even when the evidence around you suggests otherwise.

His plan for you has not changed. His purpose has not been derailed. And the outcome He has prepared is worth every step of the journey you did not choose.

Reflection & Application

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

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

Consider the areas of your life where uncertainty has been loudest this season. Where have you been tempted to take back control rather than trust God's direction? True faith is not simply believing that God is good in general. It is believing He is good and purposeful in your specific situation. This month, identify one area where you will choose to release your grip and trust His plan more fully. Ask God to show you the difference between striving in your own understanding and resting in His guidance. Then take one step of obedience, even without seeing the full path ahead.



The Spiritual Thread

Connecting monthly insights that weave together wisdom for daily life.

Spiritual Stability: Remaining Anchored In Unstable Times

An Introduction to Biblical Stability

We live in a world that moves faster than it ever has before. News cycles, social shifts, economic uncertainty, and relational pressures can make daily life feel like standing on unstable ground. Many believers find that even their faith feels shaken at times. Not because God has changed, but because the world around them has grown louder, more unpredictable, and more demanding than ever before.

Spiritual stability is not the absence of difficulty. It is the presence of a deep, unshakeable rootedness in God that holds firm even when everything around us shifts. It is the quality that allowed Paul to say in [Philippians 4:11](#), "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Stability was not something Paul was simply born with. He said he learned it. That means it is something we can develop too.

What Spiritual Stability Is Not

Before we explore what spiritual stability looks like, it is important to clarify what it is not. Stability is not emotional flatness. God did not design us to feel nothing. Jesus wept. David cried out from the depths of despair. Jeremiah lamented openly. Emotional honesty before God is a mark of spiritual maturity, not spiritual weakness. Stability does not mean pretending everything is fine.

Stability is also not passivity. Some believers confuse trusting God with doing nothing. Biblical stability is active. It involves prayer, engagement with Scripture, accountability in community, and deliberate choices to remain anchored in truth even when the pull of fear or doubt is strong. The stable believer is not one who simply avoids the storm. They are one who has built on a foundation that holds when the storm arrives ([Matthew 7:24-25](#)).

The Foundation of Stability

Every structure is only as strong as what it rests on. Spiritual stability begins with a right understanding of who God is and who we are in relation to Him. When our identity is anchored in Christ rather than in circumstances, titles, relationships, or outcomes, we gain a stability that is not dependent on external conditions remaining favorable.

[Isaiah 26:3](#) promises that God will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are stayed on Him, because they trust in Him. The peace described here is not the result of a problem-free life. It is the result of a mind that is stayed. Fixed, settled, and focused on God. This is the beginning of spiritual stability: a deliberate and daily redirection of our attention toward the God who does not change.

Why Stability Matters in Unstable Times

When a believer lacks spiritual stability, they become reactive rather than responsive. Fear drives decisions. Offense breeds bitterness. Uncertainty produces anxiety. Without an anchor, the soul drifts toward whatever is loudest or most pressing in the moment rather than what is true and eternal.

But when stability is developed, believers are able to remain present, clear-headed, and purposeful even in the middle of significant upheaval. They can comfort others because they have been comforted by God. They can speak truth because they have remained rooted in it. They can resist the pull of spiritual compromise because their identity is not on the line every time pressure rises.

In the coming months, this series will explore the practical disciplines, scriptural foundations, and spiritual habits that cultivate lasting stability. We will look at how to remain anchored when relationships are strained, when finances are uncertain, when spiritual drought seasons arrive, and when the weight of the world feels heavier than usual.

Stability is not reserved for the spiritually elite. It is available to every believer who is willing to build deliberately and remain rooted intentionally. The God who calls us to be steadfast is also the God who equips us for it.

365-Day Bible Reading Plan

June

1	Day 152	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan	5:1-30
2	Day 153	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan	6:1-28
3	Day 154	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jon	1:1-2:10
4	Day 155	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jon	3:1-4:11
5	Day 156	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	1:1-18
6	Day 157	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	1:5-25
7	Day 158	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	1:26-56
8	Day 159	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	1:57-80
9	Day 160	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt	1:1-25
10	Day 161	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	2:1-20
11	Day 162	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	2:21-39
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14	Day 165	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	2:41-52
15	Day 166	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar	1:1-13
16	Day 167	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	1:19-34
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18	Day 169	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	2:1-25
19	Day 170	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	3:1-21
20	Day 171	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	3:22-36
21	Day 172	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	4:1-42
22	Day 173	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	4:43-54
23	Day 174	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	4:16-30
24	Day 175	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar	1:16-39
25	Day 176	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	5:1-39
26	Day 177	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	5:1-47
27	Day 178	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar	2:23-3:19
28	Day 179	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt	5:1-16
29	Day 180	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt	5:17-30
30	Day 181	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt	5:31-48

Next Month...

Spiritual Stability: Remaining Anchored in Unstable Times, part 2.

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.



Hold Your Position

Pastor Jonnie M. King

In times of uncertainty, the greatest temptation is to move before God says move. To act out of anxiety rather than out of obedience. To interpret silence as absence and make decisions that belong to faith out of the energy of fear instead.

I want to speak directly to someone this month who has been tempted to give up on what God placed in your heart. The plan has not failed. The promise has not expired. The dream has not been forgotten. God is still working on what He told you, even when you cannot see the activity or feel the progress.

“God has not forgotten you. His plan for your life is still in motion...”

Hold your position! Continue to pray, continue to obey, and continue to trust. Courage is not the absence of doubt. It is the decision to keep moving in faith despite it. Be of good cheer. Not because everything is resolved, but because the God who holds your future has never once lost control of it.

Peace in the Plan

Pastor Lillie P. Powell

There are moments in life when faith is not tested by what comes against us, but by what we are still waiting for. Waiting for healing. Waiting for restoration. Waiting for direction. Waiting for a door to open or a burden to lift. In those quiet, in-between seasons, it can feel as though God has gone *silent*. But silence is not absence. And delay is not denial.

As we move into June, I want to encourage every reader with this truth: **God has not forgotten you.** His plan for your life is still in motion; and every season you have walked through, including the difficult ones, has been held in His hands. What appears to be a detour is often divine preparation. What feels like a closed door is often God's protection.

Trust His plan! Not because you fully understand it, but because you know the One who authored it. He is faithful, He is present, and He has never once abandoned a purpose He began in someone who belongs to Him. Rest in that today.

Closing Remarks



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Scripture of the Month

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We choose today to trust Your plan above our own understanding.

When the road ahead is unclear, remind us that You have already gone before us.

When uncertainty threatens our peace, anchor us in the truth of Your faithfulness.

Give us the courage to release what we cannot control and rest fully in what You have already secured.

May our lives reflect a faith that does not waver with every changing season, but remains steady because it is rooted in You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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