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**1 CHRONICLES 1:1-3**

## FAITHFUL

Adam and Eve had a great-great-great-great-grandson named Enoch. Enoch lived for 365 years and he walked faithfully with God for his whole life (Genesis 5:24). Just like when you walk with your best friend, walking with God means you focus on Him and talk to Him frequently. That way, you will be able to understand what God likes and dislikes. You will know God's heart.

Enoch had a son. His name was Methuselah. Methuselah was the longest-lived person on earth. He lived for 969 years (Genesis 5:27). It demonstrates that God faithfully took care of Methuselah for 969 years that he lacked nothing.

We can learn an important lesson from Enoch and Methuselah. We should live like Enoch who walked faithfully with God as his best friend. Moreover, seeing that God had perfectly taken care of Methuselah for 969 years, you can certainly have confidence that God will take care of you in your whole life. Keep walking faithfully with God till the last breath of your life because He faithfully takes care of you.

### **Key verse:**

*2 Thessalonians  
3:3*

*But the Lord  
is faithful. He  
will give you  
strength and  
protect you  
from the evil  
one.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, I want  
to walk with You  
faithfully and I  
am assured that  
You will take care  
of me and that I  
will lack nothing.  
Amen.*



## PRAYER OF JABEZ

Normally all parents will name their new-born baby with a name that has a good meaning. They are hoping that the name will reflect the baby's future. But this is not the case for Jabez. When his mother gave birth to him, his mother was in so much pain thus he was named Jabez. Jabez means "he causes pain or sorrow".

However, Jabez defied the meaning of his name and believed that his name won't be his future. Jabez prayed for God's blessing, prosperity and victory. He humbly asked for God's guidance and protection from any harm. The purpose of his prayer was to live free from sorrow. God granted his prayer!

As a result, he was more respected than his brothers because he sought God to change his situation of life. He did not let his name define his characters. He did not let his surroundings determine his life. He let his faith in God designate his life.

Just like Jabez, you can turn a sorrowful situation into a favourable one just by praying humbly with faith to the all-powerful God.

### Key verse:

*1 Chronicles 4:10  
You would bless  
me and enlarge  
my territory!  
Let Your hand  
be with me, and  
keep me from  
harm so that I  
will be free from  
pain*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I know  
You have so many  
great purposes in  
store for my life.  
Bless me and help  
me to do Your  
will in my life.  
Amen.*



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1 CHRONICLES 9:22-34

## MINISTRY TO SERVE

The Levites had the privilege to minister in the temple of God. Some of them were priests. They were in charge of the priesthood duties. Others would be responsible for other duties such as opening the gates of the house of God, preparing the bread for offering, setting out the table of offering, playing the musical instruments, singing, etc. They had different responsibilities but each of them had a significant role. They served God and the people in the temple of God.

You may see different ministers in your church too. There are ushers, musicians, worship leaders, singers, Sunday school teachers, dancers and many other ministers. Just like the Levites, they are involved in the church ministry to serve God and His people in the church.

When you know that your gift or talent is from God and then you use it to serve God to glorify Him, it will give you such great joy. Ministering God and His people is the most fulfilling achievement in life.

When you are involved in the ministry, you will grow in the way God wants you to grow because you use your talent, time and energy to bless others. It teaches you to be more selfless and to build up your faith in God.

### Key verse:

*2 Corinthians 4:1  
Therefore, since  
through God's  
mercy we have  
this ministry,  
we do not lose  
heart.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, help  
me to find my  
calling to get  
involved in the  
ministry to serve  
You. I want to  
experience an  
adventure of  
faith, blessing and  
grace through  
ministry. Amen.*



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**1 CHRONICLES 11:15-19**

## DEVOTED TO GOD

David had mighty warriors called 'the Thirty'. They served an important role in protecting the king and fighting for the freedom of their nation, Israel. Amongst 'the Thirty', there were three warriors called 'the Three'. They were Josheb-Basshebeth, Eleazar, and Shammah (2 Samuel 23:8-11).

When David was at the cave of Adullam hiding from the Philistines, he was so thirsty and he wished that someone would fetch him some water from the well of Bethlehem. He did not specifically instruct his warriors to do it for him but the three warriors heard his wish and they broke through the Philistine lines, went to Bethlehem and took some water for David.

David was so touched by their sacrifice that he could not bring himself to drink the water. In the end, he poured the water out to God. He acknowledged the devotion of his warriors and had deep appreciation for their commitment. They listened to David's small wish because they were devoted to David and they were committed to pleasing David.

Let us also have the same devotion and commitment to God. It means, we follow God faithfully and always try to please God in whatever we do.

### **Key verse:**

*1 Kings 8:61  
And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands, as at this time.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, open my eyes, ears and hearts to see, listen and understand Your heart. Amen.*



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**1 CHRONICLES 13:12-14**

## GOD'S PRESENCE

David wanted to move the ark of God to Jerusalem. However, due to an incident along the way, David was afraid and then he decided to place it in Obed-Edom's house temporarily. It stayed at his house for three whole months.

During those three months, not only did Obed-Edom welcome the presence of God in his house, he also took really good care of the ark of God. He understood that this ark represented the holy presence of God. He honoured and respected the presence of God and had a devoted relationship with God. The Bible says that God blessed his family and everything he owned.

Always pray that God's presence fill your heart and life. The presence of God is like heaven on earth. It brings the true blessings of joy, peace, happiness and assurance into your life. You will be assured that you have Someone who will never leave you alone.

### Key verse:

*Psalm 16:11  
Being with You  
will fill me with  
joy. At Your  
right hand I will  
find pleasure  
forever.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank  
You for the  
privilege of Your  
presence in my  
life. I want to  
always feel Your  
presence in my  
heart. Amen.*



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**1 CHRONICLES 14:8-17**

## ORA ET LABORA

David was not an ordinary warrior. David had many experiences as a soldier, warrior, and leader. He had been through many battles and God had given so many victories over his enemies. But David didn't depend on his own experience and success to face the Philistines. The first thing he did was asking for God's guidance.

Ora et Labora is a Latin phrase that means "pray and work". This is what David did. He prayed to God and asked for His guidance before going to the battle, and at the same time, he worked on his battle strategies according to God's guidance.

You must set some time aside to focus on your relationship with God through prayer. Hard work is necessary too but it is not supposed to take away your prayer time. Pray should become part of work and vice versa.

When you have an upcoming test or exam, as much as you need to study to prepare for it, you also ought to pray to ask for God's wisdom and guidance. God's guidance and your hard work will result in a remarkable success. May Ora et Labora become your way of life.

### **Key verse:**

*Psalm 90:17  
Lord our God,  
be pleased  
with us. Give us  
success in what  
we do.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, may  
I always depend  
on You as much  
as I do my  
responsibilities  
with full  
willingness.  
Amen.*



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1 CHRONICLES 17:3-4; 11-12 & 16-25

## NOT MY WAYS BUT YOURS, GOD

Although David had a desire and plan to build a temple for God, God didn't choose him to build it. Instead, God chose David's son. David's reaction to God's way is so priceless. Instead of feeling disappointed and complaining, David praised God for all His love and blessings. David knew that everything was going to be done according to God's way, not his own way. David did not insist to do what he wanted; he did what God wanted.

When you want something desperately, choosing God's way is not easy. Pray honestly to God because He understands. He will give you the strength to let go of your way and turn to His way.

When things do not go as you plan, do not complain but praise God. Place your trust in God and tell Him "not my way but Yours, God." God's way has a greater purpose. It is greater than what you can see because God sees the future. When you show willingness to trust Him in every situation, you become a part of that greater purpose.

### Key verse:

*Isaiah 55:8*

*The Lord says,  
"Your thoughts  
are not like My  
thoughts. Your  
ways are not like  
My ways.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I  
surrender all my  
plans, desires and  
dreams into Your  
hands. May all  
happen according  
to Your ways, not  
mine. I trust in  
You. Amen.*