

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

318 Ritchie Road, Pallara QLD 4110

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday School
9:30am

Worship Service
10am - 1pm

PRAYER'S & BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday
6:00pm - 8:00pm

FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYERS

Jericho Hr - Every Friday*
10:00pm - 12:00am

*Last Friday of Every Month
11:00pm - 03:00am



WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION...

Greetings to you all,

In the 1st newsletter release of 2024: Issue 5, we recount all that's been happening in the Life of the Church, recapping on certain key events / services, and providing updates from various departments within the church. Be informed and stay blessed. Happy reading!

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FROM THE PASTORS' DESK



Habakkuk 2:1 begins with Habakkuk asking God, “O Lord, how long shall I cry, and you will not hear? Even cry out to you, violence! And you will not save.”

This story demonstrates that patience, faith and perseverance pay off over time and what appears to be “overnight success” is usually the product of years of hard work.

Like the farmer, we may not immediately see the fruits of our labour in our journey towards success, but here are three things we can learn from the story.

- **Authentic relationships are a key to success:** relationships are your root system. Genuine relationships take years to build and often do not provide an immediate and visible payoff. However, strong relationships give you a strong foundation for success. So, God wants us to build a strong relationship with Him. In John 15:5-7 Jesus asked us to abide in Him, in order to bear fruits.
- **Patience is a virtue:** the culture of impatience and instant gratification in which we currently live, has us very accustomed to getting immediate results. Our cultures highly valued speed and convenience. However, when it comes to walking with God, this is not always the best philosophy. Jesus said in Matthew 13:5-6 that some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up, they were scorched, and because they had no roots, they withered quickly. Remember, the best things in life are best waiting for.
- **You got to have faith:** have faith in God, in yourself and your God given vision. Had the farmer become discouraged and given up after two or three years, he wouldn't have experienced his dream becoming a reality. The book of James 2:17 says faith without works is dead. Hebrews 11:6 says, but without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Have faith in that what you are growing in God's name. We might make mistakes, get frustrated, feel discouraged and want to quit along the way. We must remember what's driving us in the first place. Believing in oneself helps others believe in you too.

The bamboo tree teaches us that though success may appear to happen overnight, it's really the result of hard work, perseverance, and faith building what most people can't see. Let everyone laugh while we continue to build our relationship with God, that will form the root system of our future success.

**God bless you all Abundantly.
Pastors Sheriff & Mariatu Jalloh,
Founders & Senior Pastors,
The House of Prayer Church**

THERE IS NO OVERNIGHT SUCCESS!

Ezekiel 17:23, Acts 1:4-8

In the age of social media, YouTube sensations and viral blogs, it seems like we are witnessing “overnight success” stories of mega churches, businesses, musicians and Hollywood stars. But is there such a thing as “overnight success?” Most entrepreneurs will tell you loudly “NO”.

A normal tree has to grow in two directions at the same time. A bamboo tree has to grow for four to five years in one of the two directions a normal tree takes to grow.

A normal tree grows downward and grows upward at the same time. A bamboo tree grows down for four years. When the seed is planted, it endures the darkness on the ground, the dampness, and the hard resistance. The root system has resistance, it has to push through the hard ground and rocks in order to go down further. But once it breaks the earth, it goes up and there is no more resistance against its' roots. The root is that part of the bamboo tree that grows down away from light and away from gravity. During the first four years of its development, it rarely grows at all, staying underground and seemingly doing nothing. It is only in the fifth year that the bamboo tree suddenly shoots up, growing as high as 80 feet in just six weeks. This demonstrates a remarkable exercise of patience, perseverance and trust.

The farmer faithfully watered, fed, and cared for the soil, in which he planted the bamboo seeds, for a period of four years though he saw no sign of life. No growth, no sprout and no hope. And we are wondering O Lord, how long?

How could something that I have so diligently cared for and reap absolutely no reward. Just as he was about to give up on his dream of growing the plant, he noticed it started to sprout and sprung up 80 feet over the next six weeks.

How did it happen? Did the bamboo lie dormant and then suddenly shoot up 80 feet in six weeks, of course not. What the farmer and the on lookers couldn't see during those four fruitless years was the root systems the plant was developing to support its rapid ascent above ground. If the bamboo tree had not developed a strong root system, it wouldn't have been able to support such massive and quick growth. What's more, if you ever tried to control or get rid of the bamboo tree, you know it's nearly impossible.

Patience is a virtue that the bible has encouraged us to cultivate. It is the ability to wait calmly and patiently without complaint in the face of frustration or delay. This is a valuable trait to have in all aspect of life as servants of God.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



THE CHOSEN - by Elder Eric S. Kamara

Have you ever been chosen?

Perhaps for a team or an award of some sort? It's good to feel chosen, isn't it? Yet not everyone gets to be chosen do they? Being chosen is usually related to how well you can do something.

The best tennis player, the best swimmer, chosen as Australian of the Year or chosen for getting top OP at school and on it goes! But what about when you are just average and not the best? Many people go through life feeling just average or less than average. We all tend to compare ourselves to others, but this can sometime be a trap. Social media like Facebook has made this even more of a problem.

Now we see who goes on great holidays and who's been married the longest and so on.

This information can play on our minds and makes us feel just average or less than average.

Our true worth is not to be found through comparison with others. It is also not dependent on what you can do!

It is more about the inner person than the outer one. We all have gifts, and we all need to be celebrated for whatever we can do, yes, but your worth is not about being the best or whatever you can achieve! There is a new show out called The Chosen.

It is quite addictive and a great production. It incorporates a bit of imagination into characters but in it you find everyday people who end up being chosen not because they are great at something.

Very intriguing, you can find it on-
<https://watch.angelstudios.com>

In the Gospel of St. John 15:16-17, Jesus tells His disciples that they are chosen. In a sense we are all chosen by God not because we are the best but simply because He loves us. He offers everyone a relationship and a place in His Kingdom if we come to Him.

The words of John Gowans/Larsson's song sum it up- "You don't have to be clever, though it may well help, you don't have to be handsome, praise God! You don't have to be wealthy, or for that matter healthy, if your heart's alright you'll do, you'll do, if your heart's alright you'll do! In service of Jesus, there is a place for all....."

Note, the ability to choose is part of what makes us uniquely human.

Yours in the Lord.

**Elder Eric S. Kamara,
Elder & Church Secretary,
The House of Prayer Church**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Looking ahead to the next quarter, our focus remains steadfast. We are committed to:

- Crafting a proposal for the reopening of our Chosen Generation Kids Ministry for Sunday schools, recognising the importance of nurturing the faith of our youngest members.
- Directing our efforts towards the planning and preparation of our upcoming 15th Church Anniversary, a significant milestone in our journey together.

“The works of the Administration Team over the past 3 months...”

Dear Beloved Members of The House of Prayer Church,

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abundant grace and blessings upon our church family. It is with deep appreciation that I thank each of you for your dedication and commitment to serving The House of Prayer community.

As your Administrator, I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such a devoted team.

Over the past quarter, our administrative team has been actively engaged in various aspects of church ministry:

- We've convened numerous meetings to strategize and coordinate our efforts towards advancing the mission of our church.
- We've diligently worked on conflict resolution, seeking to foster unity and harmony within our congregation.
- We've embarked on the creation of new policies aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations.
- We've contributed to the development of learning modules designed to nurture spiritual growth and discipleship among our members.
- We've joyfully organised welcome lunches for visitors, regular attenders and newcomers, extending hospitality and fellowship to all who enter our doors.

I want to take this moment to express my gratitude to every member of our administrative team, including our administrative assistant, whose tireless efforts and dedication have been instrumental in supporting the work of our church.

Furthermore, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our fellow leaders who have sacrificially volunteered their time and talents for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Lastly, I encourage each of you to participate in our anniversary preparations by purchasing the commemorative shirt. It will truly be a unique and memorable keepsake as we celebrate this momentous occasion together. May the Lord continue to bless and guide us as we Labour together for His glory.

Thanks.

**Mr. Michael Dehmie,
Church Administrator,
The House of Prayer Church**

THE USHERING DEPARTMENT UPDATE



“As ushers of the Church, we administer security, orderliness and the observation of protocols in all Church services..”

Greetings to all!

Church Ushers are members of the church congregation that are chosen and trained to assist in the administration and organisation of the service.

They further play an important role in ensuring that the service is welcoming, comfortable, and runs smoothly for the members and visitors. Ushers are usually chosen by the church leadership or the pastor, or can be members of the congregation who express their interest to serve the body of Christ.

As Ushers of THOP, our responsibilities include:

- greeting and directing members and visitors,
- assisting with seating,
- attendance register,
- collecting offerings,

- providing assistance to those in need,
- providing information about the church and upcoming events,
- maintaining order during service,
- preparing the sanctuary (church/auditorium) before and after the service,
- and participating in any other duties assigned by the Pastor or Church Leadership Team.

As Ushers of the church, we **administer security, orderliness, and the observation of protocols in all church services.** Our responsibilities as ushers are large, and minister to people in a variety of practical ways.

Becoming an usher is an honourable position in the Church, requiring integrity, cordiality, and wisdom. The Church Ushering Department is led by myself, Head Usher - Mrs. Josephine K. Morseray.

The Ushering Department of The House of Prayer is a Ministry of Service, and is part of the **H.E.L.P.S Ministries.**

The **Vision** of the Ushering Department is based on service to others as it is found in the book of **Colossians 3:23-24-** **“Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”**

If you are wanting to serve the body of Christ within our Ushering Department, we are always willing to welcome you. Please see the Church Administration Team (Bro. Michael or Sis. Sylvia) to collect a Church Worker’s Application Form.

**Yours in the Lord,
Mrs. Josephine K. Morseray,
Head of Ushering Department**

RECAP OF..

Couple's Link Ministry's 9th Anniversary - February 2024



"GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T HAPPEN BY LUCK OR BY ACCIDENT. THEY ARE THE RESULT OF A CONSISTENT INVESTMENT OF TIME, THOUGHTFULNESS, FORGIVENESS, AFFECTION, PRAYER, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND A ROCK-SOLID COMMITMENT BETWEEN A HUSBAND AND A WIFE." - DAVE WILLIS



"Can two walk together, except they are agreed?" Amos 3:3

With the active cooperation of the entire congregation with the Q&A's, timing became insufficient, and this therefore poses another opportunity to continue our Q&A's at a later date.

The Couple's Link Ministry was established through the instrumentality and vision of our beloved Senior Pastors - Mr. & Mrs. Jalloh, and was officially inaugurated in 2015. The purpose of this Ministry is to foster good relationship in marriages.

As such, the Ministry is open to Couples that want to become members FOC (Free of Charge), and becoming a member means you are expressing your desire to being committed to the monthly learnings and meetings, held every 1st Sunday of every month. This Ministry is very lively and since its establishment, a lot of learning in enhancing our marriages in a unique way have been forth coming. That is, during every meeting, we pray and discuss sensitive topics relating to better understanding of our Marriages.

Remember, God never intended for couples to handle marriage and family alone. A community of fellow sojourners is an essential ingredient for a healthy marriage and a vibrant faith.

This year, our 9th Anniversary Celebration was planned for 2 days:

Day 1: Outing at the Springfield Lakes lagoon for swimming which was on Sat. 17th Feb 2024. The outing was successful with so many varieties of food, drinks etc. Though it rained, yet the program was enjoyable. The attendance was also very encouraging and above all, the children were very enthusiastic throughout the program as you know they love the water. For adults, talking about those days when growing up, eating, laughing, and just enjoying nature as you see the surrounding ever green. Food was in abundance and well prepared by our gorgeous women.

Day 2: The Couple Link Thanksgiving Service was held on Sun, 18th Feb 2024. During this Sunday service, there was Topic for Discussion (Questions and Answers on Marriages). Mr. Irving Philips was our panellist, whilst Mr. Kinde Harding and myself (Mr. Eric S. Kamara) served as the Moderators. Discussion was very interesting and the flow of questions and answers around the auditorium were great and lovely.

In the closing remarks by the Senior Pastor, Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh said that the Couples Link Ministry was formed during the time there were lot of young people and the way the world is presenting marriages today is different to the way God instituted marriage. Pastor further said that 2 people can only work together if there is total agreement between them. That is, as Christian, if you desire to marry a companion, you are to look for someone that loves God or understands who God is. She further said that the reason why God really wants us to have a healthy marriages is because our children need to see us as a positive models. That is, if we do, they will imitate us when they fully reach the stage of Marriage.

In conclusion, afternoon Lunch and refreshment were available for all that graced the occasion. The executives hereby express sincere & heartfelt gratitude to all Couples' Link members, for job well done and especially our Senior Pastors, Mr. & Mrs. Jalloh for this wonderful initiative in building successful and happy marriages. Bravo to all that assisted in the preparation. May God richly bless you all. Amen

**With regards,
Mr. Eric S. Kamara
President/Chairperson**

RECAP OF..

Easter Celebrations @ The House of Prayer - March 2024



To begin, I would like to give the Biblical meaning and brief history of Easter. Easter is about the love Jesus Christ has for us and the purpose and peace He gives us believers.

In **John 14:6**, Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** Jesus died and rose to life so everyone can have meaningful relationships with God the Father- the creator of the Universe. Sin broke that relationship, but Jesus repaired it. Because of Jesus victory over death by coming back to life, we too can experience a new, everlasting life in Heaven with God.

Beloved brethren, not only does Jesus offer us a promise of the future, He also offers everyone hope and joy today. When the world causes us stress about the present cost of living and health concerns, anxiety over safety, heartache, dissatisfaction, fear and many other crises or negative feelings, Lord Jesus offers us something greater and deeper. **He offers us a promise of peace.**

Jesus said, “I am leaving you with a gift- peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives. So don’t be troubled or afraid” (John 14:27, TLB).

In Christianity, the days of Easter are dedicated to observing the Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrated around the time of the Jewish Passover.

As usual, since the establishment of The House of Prayer Church, Easter Programs have been celebrated. This year, we celebrated as such:

- **Good Friday:** For this year, a movie night was held at Church for all to partake in, with the movie entitled “His Only Son”.
- The Senior Pastor, Mrs. Mariatu Jalloh admonished believers that “for the word of God to come to pass or make an impact in your life, the word itself has to test you to see whether you are trustworthy”. That is, whether you can carry it through. Abraham received the word of God/covenant/promise, and he treasured it, but his wife Sarah didn’t believe in the word. Sometimes, due to interference by other people in your life, you stand to miss what God’s purpose is for your life if you are not careful, as we saw in the movie. There were snacks provided by the Women of the Church, which was highly appreciated. Those that were in attendance really enjoyed the atmosphere that evening, and a lot taken home regarding our faith, believe and trust in God.

Easter Saturday: Our Music Team led us in a hour service of Worship and songs, reminiscing on the goodness and love, Christ showed to us mankind by dying on the cross.

On Resurrection Sunday, the message was title “The Demonstration of God’s Power”. One thing which I thought and really took into serious consideration was:

- Because we are not sacrificing that is why we lack interest in the work of God.
- The disciples of Jesus left everything and followed Jesus and due to their sacrifices, today the Gospel is alive, and we are benefiting immensely.

We concluded the service with a wonderful lunch prepared by the Virtuous Women, and the array of meals made available were in abundance. As a body of Christ, we partook, shared meals, and celebrated the ultimate sacrifice and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, Easter is a time that people enjoy various activities. Some love to hide easter eggs and have the children look for them! Others enjoy time at the beach or on a holiday. But of course, as believers and Christians, we go to church and remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ made for the whole world.

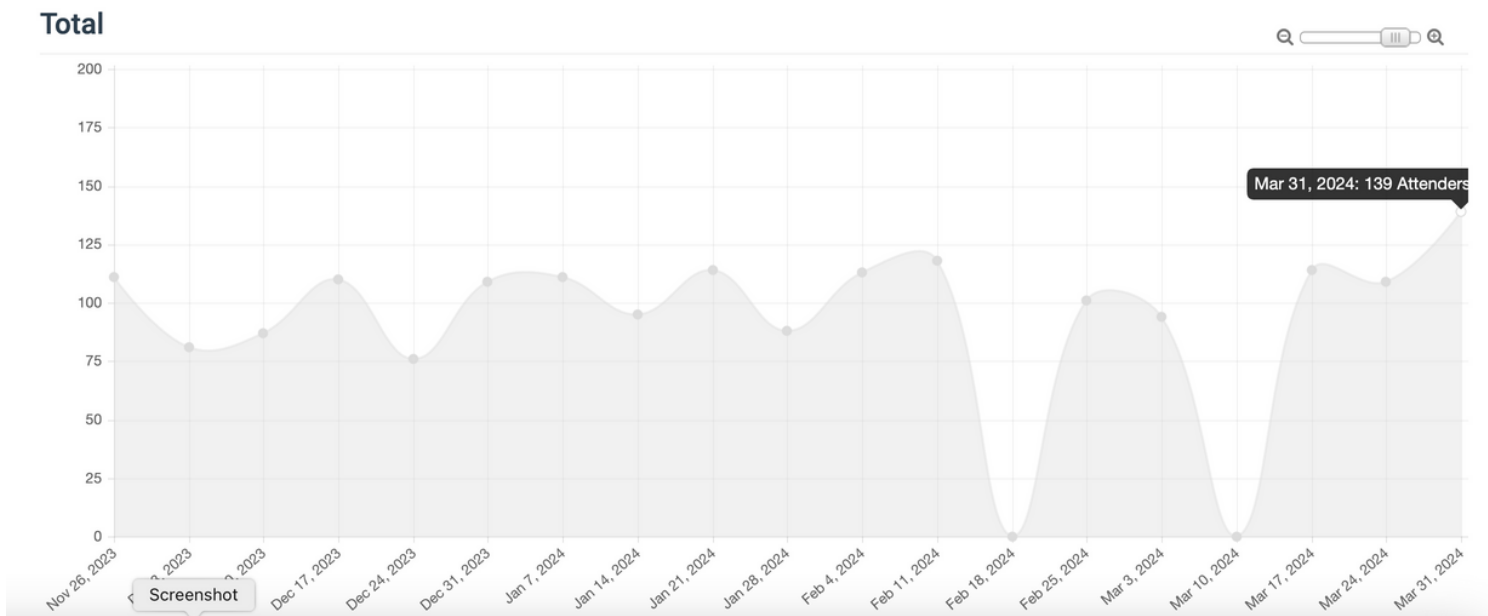
**Mr. Eric S. Kamara,
Church Secretary,
The House of Prayer**

**“HE IS NOT HERE,
FOR HE HAS
RISEN, AS HE SAID.
COME, SEE THE
PLACE WHERE HE
LAY.”
(MATTHEW 28.6)**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance is up by 54.4%

Compared to the Past 3 Months



“Over the past 3 Months, Church Attendance is up 54.4%

We bless God for the Church attendance over the past 3 months, with an attendance increase of approximately 54.4% when compared to the past months. On average, Adults = 90 to 100; Children = 30 to 50 are in attendance (please see below for actual results per services).

As it is written in Hebrews 10:23 - 25:

- 23) *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*
- 24) *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*
- 25) *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

May our homes, families and lives be filled with his unspeakable Joy. May the house of God be a place of Prayer and Transformation for all Nation, as He has promised in his Word.

May He release from afar all those who he has purpose and destined to be in His House.
Amen!



CHURCH FINANCE & GIVING UPDATE | Q1 2024

Profit and Loss

The House of Prayer
For the 3 months ended 31 March 2024

Jan-Mar 2024

Tithes & Offertory Income	
Membership Tithes	22,949.27
General Offering	11,266.16
Other Offering - Green Notes Show	2,580.00
Total Tithes & Offertory Income	36,795.43
Other Income	
Other Income - Thanksgivings, Gifts & Donations	16,784.76
Other Income - Yard	2,200.00
Interest Income	8.60
Total Other Income	18,993.36
Gross Profit	55,788.79
Operating Expenses	
Wages and Salaries	9,048.00
Superannuation	995.28
Rent	27,051.00
Council Rates	2,976.86
Urban Utilities	281.82
Electricity	3,028.92
Repairs & Maintenance	4,000.00
Church Office Supplies & Stationery	1,891.82
Telephone & Internet	594.54
Bank Fees	223.67
Xero Accounting Software	184.11
Accounting Fees	164.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	718.50
Church Ministries & Department Expenses	130.00
Honourariums, Gifts & Donations (Missions)	5,000.00
Screenshot Expenses	56,288.52
Net Profit	(499.73)

Giving is a Biblical principal...

In Philippians 4:19, God promises that He will supply all of our needs according to his riches in glory. He has blessed us to be a blessing to others. Your Generosity makes what we do as a Church possible. Giving can be done via Direct Deposit below.



Tithes & Offerings:

If you would like to give your Tithes & / or Offerings online, please use the following details:

BSB: 064 159

ACC: 1028 7965

Reference: "YourName" Tithes

BANK: CommBank



Donations, Missions & Community Care:

Donations to our Community Care are tax-deductible.

Please use the following details:

BSB: 064 159

Account: 1045 2406

Reference: Donations

BANK: CommBank



UPCOMING EVENTS @ THOP

April 2024:

1. Green Notes Show: Sun. 7 April 2024
2. Child Dedication Service: Sun. 28 April 2024

May 2024:

1. Mother's Day Service: Sun. 12 May 2024
2. 1 Day with the Lord Prayer Retreat: Fri. 31 May 2024

June 2024:

1. THOP's 15th Anniversary 2024
 - a. Day 1 & 2: Worship & Praise Nights: Fri. 7 & Sat. 8 June 2024
 - b. Day 3: Thanksgiving Service: Sun. 9 June 2024
2. Child Dedication Service: Sun. 30 June 2024



ANNIVERSARY REMINDERS!

Do not forget to place your order for your THOP's 15th Anniversary **Polo Shirts** to either: Elder Alex or Sis. Alice Jalloh.

REMINDER TO ALL CHURCH WORKERS OF UPCOMING TRAININGS ...

1. Sat. 20 April 2024 - 10am to 12pm
2. Sat. 25 May 2024 - 10am to 12pm



15th Our Year of The Holy Spirit & POWER!

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THE HOUSE OF PRAYER
A Place of Transformation

Zachariah 4:6-7 (NKJV)
6. So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts.
7. 'Who are you, O great mountain?' Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone. With shouts of 'Grace, grace to all!'"

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Luke 1:35 & 37(NKJV)
35. And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
37. For with God nothing will be impossible."

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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THE HOUSE OF PRAYER
A Place of Transformation

Micah 3:8 (NKJV)
8. But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord. And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression. And to Israel his sin.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

APRIL TO JUNE 2024

APRIL 2024

Zechariah 4:6-7 (NIV)

6 So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.

7 “What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of ‘God bless it! God bless it!’”

MAY 2024

Luke 1:35 & 37 (NIV)

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called [a] the Son of God.

37 For no word from God will ever fail.”

JUNE 2024

Luke 3:8 (NIV)

But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the Lord,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression,
to Israel his sin.



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