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MONDAY

1. We are workers in God's work, and our commission is to receive His living words and transmit them to others. However, we cannot remain in theory; it is necessary to put into practice what He has spoken to us. There is no more time to wander in the desert—it is time to pay the price and conquer the good land (1 Peter 4:10; Numbers 13:30).
2. We understand that it is the living word of God that accomplishes His work, but without the experience of dynamic street colporting, we do not know the reality of this phrase. Therefore, we need to seize every opportunity to immerse ourselves in the word, in the war cries, and to go out and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. This exercise frees us from theoretical faith and leads us to living experiences with what God has spoken (Isaiah 55:11; John 4:34; 14:10).
3. The Bible instructs us not to tempt God, but regarding material wealth, He Himself invites us to prove Him. Often, we feel hesitant to give, especially when it involves something we lack. However, the Lord desires to be proved in this area. By investing in His kingdom, as He places it in our hearts, we open ourselves to experience His provision and blessing (Deuteronomy 6:16; Malachi 3:10).
4. “I am not saying that God always promises blue skies and calm seas to those who follow Him. Of course, you will face life's storms but believe that God's blessing will go with you! [...] Our best security is being close to “Abraham,” close to the word of God, being in the presence of the Lord. For this, let us love the Lord with all our heart, and this implies loving the word of God with simplicity. In this way, it is certain that we will be blessed” (Daily Food, book 8, week 3, Monday, p. 41).

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TUESDAY

1. Joseph, as a prudent administrator, warned Pharaoh to save during the seven years of plenty. In times of abundance, it is common not to worry about times of scarcity. However, Joseph was faithful and careful with resources, setting aside a fifth of all production. Many might consider this excessive, but when famine came, other nations were left without food. Likewise, our faithfulness and prudence with the word we have received can supply the needs of many (Genesis 41:56-57).
2. Upon learning that there was food, Jacob said to his sons, “Why are you just looking at each other?” This shows us the importance of acting with vision, thinking about the future and the prosperity of the Lord's work. We should not limit our perspective to our home or locality. The Lord desires to reach the whole Earth and counts on us for this. It is not a time for passivity—it is a time to act (Genesis 42:1-2).
3. Throughout the Earth there is a scarcity of spiritual food, even among God's children. However, in the church there is abundance, for we recognize that it is the prophetic word that accomplishes the Lord's work. Therefore, we have a responsibility to distribute this food to the hungry. There is a great need for more missionary colporteurs to take these riches to others. The Lord longs for His return, and the gospel needs to reach all nations (Matthew 24:14; Romans 10:14-15).
4. “This is how a colporteur bears fruit: by walking in the presence of God. A Christian who truly bears fruit walks in the presence of God because he instills His word in his heart. This causes the word to enter him and identify him with Christ. When this happens, he becomes so saturated with the living word of God that, when he opens his mouth, God speaks through him. This is how God makes him a prophet” (Daily Food , book 8, week 3, Tuesday, p. 43).

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WEDNESDAY

1. Possibly as early as the first year of the famine in Canaan, Jacob's family faced food shortages. About eight years after Joseph became ruler of Egypt, Jacob sent his sons to seek provisions there. The famine was used by God to further mature Jacob. The Lord uses various circumstances to transform us and prepare us to reign (Genesis 41:46, 53-54; 42:2-3).
2. The story of Joseph resembles, in many respects, that of Jesus. Joseph was mistreated and sold into slavery by his brothers. Similarly, Jesus was sent by God to the children of Israel, but they did not receive Him; instead, they rejected Him and killed Him. Yet, Joseph saved his brothers, and, in the same way, Jesus, at the end of time, will come as the Deliverer to save the people of Israel (John 1:10-11; Isaiah 45:17; Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:14-16; Zechariah 12:8-9; Romans 11:25-26).
3. From where will the Deliverer come? From Zion. We, as those who fight for the Lord's kingdom, have the responsibility to cooperate with His return through the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all the inhabited Earth. When the church is built up, the Deliverer will come to save Israel. Just as Joseph's brothers ignored Him, the people of Israel still do not recognize Jesus today. However, the day will come when they will confess His name (Matthew. 24:14; John 1:10-11; Rom. 11:25-26).
4. “When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty' (Jeremiah 15:16). This is the life of the prophets. They feed on the word of the Lord. Their joy is the word of the Lord: 'It is joy and my heart’s delight.' And they are called by the name of the Lord. Because of their immersion in the word, they are identified with Christ, so that when they open their mouths, God speaks through them” (Daily Food, book 8, week 3, Wednesday, p. 46).

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THURSDAY

1. Just as Joseph used firm discipline to test his brothers, Christ will also test the children of Israel. In the great tribulation, a third of the people will be saved, but they will pass through fire to be approved. The Lord disciplines those He loves. Joseph disciplined his brothers, not out of harshness, but out of love (Genesis 42:7-24; Zechariah 13:7-9; Hebrews 12:6).
2. In Revelation 7, we see the 144,000 who represent the remnant of Israel that will be saved. Despite all they have done, in the end times, Christ will demonstrate His love for Israel and supply all their needs. Similarly, although he suffered at the hands of his brothers, Joseph cared for them and provided for them in everything (Genesis 50:21; Revelation 7:4-8).
3. In Revelation 14, we see 144,000, but now as a figure of the victorious Christians. How can we be part of this group? It is necessary to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. We must closely follow the Lord's words, for this is the secret to victory. If today we do not give due attention to His word, we will lose the reward of the millennial kingdom and will only participate in the new Jerusalem. We want to reign with the Lord (John 8:31-32; Revelation 14:1, 4-5; 20:6)!
4. "If your life is full of intrigue, resentment, and bitterness toward the people around you, it is because you lack the fellowship of life that comes from the word of life. God's love fills the hearts of those who labor daily in His word. The result of this is the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, for whoever goes out into the streets to preach the gospel of the kingdom does so because they love people, because they love the Lord" (*Daily Food* , book 8, week 3, Thursday, p. 48).

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FRIDAY

1. Joseph had dreamed that his brothers would bow down before him, and when they went down to Egypt, this dream came true. As administrator, he acted responsibly and prudently, not making things easier for his brothers, because he needed to preserve the interests of Egypt. Similarly, we must be faithful and prudent with everything the Lord entrusts to us (Genesis 37:5-7, 9; 42:6-11; Matthew 25:21).
2. To fulfill his duty, Joseph had to act firmly, allowing his brothers to spend time in prison. There, they recognized that the situation was related to what they had done against him in the past. Simeon, who had already acted violently in Shechem, was possibly the one who most incited evil against Joseph and, therefore, remained imprisoned until the others proved their word, returning with Benjamin. Despite everything, Joseph wept, for he loved them. The Lord disciplines those He loves (Genesis 42:15-24; 49:5-7; Hebrews 12:6).
3. Jacob hesitated to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt, fearing for his life. Even when food ran out and famine returned, he remained resilient. Then, Judah stood up firmly and took responsibility for preserving the family. Although Joseph held a high position, it is from this attitude that we see Judah emerge as a leader among his brothers. He became the Royal tribe, from which came the Lord Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 43:1-9; 49:10; Revelation 5:5).
4. “Abraham reached one hundred years of age when God gave him a son, Isaac: 'And Sarah said, God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me' (Genesis 21:6). Hence the meaning of Isaac's name: 'he laughs'. Sarah laughed because of her inability to bear a child, but the Almighty God, who appeared to Abraham, is able to raise the dead and bring into existence things that do not exist (Romans 4:17). Is not this wonderful?” (*Daily Food*, book 8, week 3, Friday, page 51).

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SATURDAY

1. When the need arose, Judah stood firmly before his father and took responsibility for Benjamin's life. He understood that this was the only way to obtain provisions and preserve his family from famine. Thus, he demonstrated the character of a true leader, willing to take risks for the good of others. God seeks people with this attitude in His work (Genesis 43:8-9).
2. Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, lost his birthright by defiling his father's bed. Simeon and Levi also disqualified themselves because of the violence they committed in Shechem. Thus, Judah, the fourth son, came to occupy a prominent place. Initially, he did not demonstrate great responsibility, but he went through experiences that transformed him. From this change, he became a leader among his brothers, and from his lineage came the Lord Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:8-10; Hebrews 7:14; Revelation 5:5).
3. Judah had three sons, but the firstborn died. The second refused to raise up offspring for his brother, as was the custom, and died. The third was still young, and Judah neglected this responsibility. As time passed, Tamar took the initiative to ensure the continuation of the lineage, and Judah recognized that she was more righteous than he. This episode marked a change in his life, awakening in him a sense of responsibility and contributing to his assuming leadership among his brothers (Genesis 38; 43:3-5).
4. "We need to become fruitful again! [...] The Lord needs many workers: whether colporteurs, harvest workers, teenagers (troops), young people (captains), and many mature brothers (senior stewards) to support the younger ones, and also all those in this intermediate age group, who are David's mighty men. All together we will produce much fruit for the Lord" (Daily Food, book 8, week 3, Saturday, p. 54).

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SUNDAY

1. If Jacob's sons did not take a firm stand, they would all die of hunger. Judah stood up as leader to speak clearly to his father. Perhaps the others were afraid to expose themselves and treated the situation with excessive caution, but someone needed to act. And what about us? Have we taken risks for the Lord's will, or do we seek to please everyone while the work does not advance? God needs people like Judah (Genesis 43:1-5; Galatians 1:10).
2. Judah took responsibility and assumed the risk. The Lord seeks leaders with this disposition, who advance in favor of His kingdom. In soccer, when players avoid risk and only exchange passes, the attack does not happen. But someone needs to advance. Among us, who is willing to do this? When we have the support of the Lord and His prophetic word, the Spirit has freedom to act—but it is necessary that we assume our part. Judah did this (Genesis 43:6-10).
3. The Lord seeks people who exercise leadership with truth, not merely in a political way. There is no more time to be defensive; it is time to move forward. Let us preach the gospel of the kingdom, rise up more colporteurs, and cooperate for the growth of the churches. It is time to conquer the Earth for the Lord (Matthew 24:14; Galatians 1:10)!
4. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit' (Jeremiah 17:7-8). With the coming of Christ, we received the Spirit, so the years of the church's barrenness ended; today we can give many spiritual children to the Lord!" (*Daily Food*, book 8, week 3, Sunday, page 57).

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