

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Service Office Hours** are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday, 11AM - 1PM

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aOGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

1. Saints can call in to pray with some serving ones, to pursue together, or just to say hello.
2. Saints can call in to discuss any matter.
3. Saints can ask questions about the Bible or about other matters.
4. Saints can request prayer for particular needs or have fellowship with the serving ones concerning their own needs or others' needs.
5. Saints can bring up various needs and difficulties in their family life.

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

- **2020 International Memorial Day Conference:**
Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Living Stream Ministry has decided to modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Memorial Day Blending Conference. The conference will no longer be held in Atlanta, GA. Instead, LSM will host this conference completely online. Here are some details about LSM's first global online ministry conference.

2020 INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONFERENCE

General Subject

A Timely Word concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery

Schedule

All the messages of the 2020 Memorial Day Conference will be streamed beginning at the following times **in each locality's time zone:**

Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020
Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
Message 6: 10:00 a.m. Monday, 25 May 2020
(U.S. only)

Messages will be streamed in English, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Portuguese.

There will be online prophesying sessions following each message meeting. Details will be provided in the weeks to come.

Details

The website for streaming the conference messages is conf.lsmwebcast.com. This site does not require an account and is open to all the saints and churches during the following times:

Beginning: 6:55 p.m., Friday, 22 May 2020, in each time zone

Ending: Midnight, Monday, 25 May 2020, in each time zone.

The site will interactively guide each saint to the correct language and to the correct time zone for his or her locality.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The building of the church – That the Lord would bind the gates of Hades and build His church by working Himself into all the saints and making His home in their hearts even in the midst of everything going on related to the pandemic (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 3:16-17).
- The Word of God – That the Lord would "send a hunger into the land...for hearing the words of Jehovah," and that He would move within the hearts of both believers and unbelievers to seek hope in the word of God during these uncertain times (Amos 8:11; Psa. 119:114).
- The going on of all the saints – That all the saints would be strengthened and encouraged to continue to meet together on the Lord's Day and throughout the week in small groups or groups of 2s and 3s, for

prayer, Bible-study, fellowship and mutual shepherding (Acts 2:46; Matt. 18:20).

- The households – That the Lord would bless every family and every household with His grace and peace (Gen. 12:3).
- The young people and college students:
 - a. The graduating college seniors – For their seeking of the Lord's guidance for their future.
 - b. The citywide online young people's meetings on Wednesday evenings.
 - c. The follow-up with all those friends who received the Lord over the past few weeks.
- The International Memorial Day Blending Conference which will be held online.

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy*

Week 12: *Life and Blessing under the Government of God*

Portions from Week 12 – days 2 & 6:

Christianity is life... not a matter of asking whether something is right or wrong... [but] of checking with the life inside us whenever we do something. What does the new life which God has given us tell us inwardly about this matter?... What does our inner life say? If the life is strong and active within us, we can do this; if the life is cold and retreating within us, we should not. Our principle for living is inward instead of outward.

The Lord's promise in Revelation 3:12 is not to give us something but to make us something. Whenever we think of the Lord's promises, we always think that He will give us something... But in 3:12 the Lord did not say, "Him I will give"; He said, "Him I will make." In 3:12 the Lord does not promise to give us holiness or a heavenly blessing. No, here He promises to make us become something—a pillar in the temple of God.

Becoming a pillar in the temple of God involves two things—transformation and building. Since I came to this country, my burden has been on these two matters. The greatest blessing the Lord can render us is to transform us and to build us into His temple... If we use the little power we have received of the Lord in His word and mean business with Him, then we are ready to be transformed and are in the proper position for the Lord to make us a pillar. This requires that we firstly be transformed into precious material and secondly that we be built into a pillar. How can we, who are clay, become a pillar in God's temple? There is no way except to be transformed from clay into precious stone and then to be built into God's building... The greatest blessing is not what the Lord gives us, but what the Lord makes us.

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapters 15 & 16

A Ministry Portion from *"The Overcoming Life"*

FAITH—

"THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE IN FAITH, THE FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD"

Believing That One Has Received

It is true that letting go is an important step. But a more important step is allowing the Lord Jesus to live out His victory from within us. Once we let go, we should believe. God says that if we believe that the Lord has died for us on the cross, He will give us eternal life, and if we believe that the Lord is living within us, He will give us the overcoming life.

Brothers and sisters, the way to receive grace to overcome is the same as the way to receive grace for forgiveness... if you fulfill the condition for God to give you victory, if you let go, if you resign, and if you lose hope in yourself, you can immediately believe that you have received the overcoming life. God's Son is living out His victory within you. Once you believe, the result will follow. But if you wait for the result to come, you will never see the result even if you kneel and pray.

If you believe in God's Word, the Lord will live out His victory within you. God says that as long as you fulfill the condition, Christ will live out His victory for you. You can therefore say, "God, I thank and praise You! What I feel does not count. The greatest lie in the world is my feelings. Feelings and Satan are the best companions. God, I thank You because I can believe in Your Word and not in my feelings." Only God's Word is real; all feelings are lies...

Brothers and sisters, all we have to do is fulfill the conditions. On the one hand, we cannot make it, and we should not try to make it. On the other hand, we live in the faith of the Son of God. This is victory. Hallelujah, He has accomplished everything! We have to ask God to show us that His Son has accomplished everything and that we do not have any part in His work. This is victory.

- Excerpts from *"The Overcoming Life"*, Chapter 5 (part 3)