

# Jubilee Connects

Welcome to our virtual  
Sunday gathering!

Enjoy the worship!

We'll be starting shortly after 1030

Switch on your video so we can see you!

Please limit yourselves to 1 device per household  
so everybody can join in.

You can send us all a message in the Chat window in Zoom but  
we've muted your voices to save background noise!



# What's in store today?



Focus on the  
front line



Keep it in  
perspective



Hero of Faith:  
Gideon



Let us pray



Conversations  
with...

# Happy birthday!

- Who has had a birthday in the last week or has one coming up?





# Front line focus



# Keeping perspective





Time to move it!





# Worship



# The Blessing

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace. Amen

May his favour  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

May his presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you



# Do it again

Walking around these walls  
I thought by now they'd fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come  
Knowing the battle's won  
For you have never failed me yet

## Chorus

Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet

## Verse 2

I know the night won't last  
Your word will come to pass  
My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough  
Keep me within your love  
My heart will sing your praise again

## Bridge

I've seen you move  
You move the mountains  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again  
You made a way  
Where there was no way

And I believe

# Heroes of Faith

Gideon, with Siji Otenigbagbe



**It is going to be okay!!!!**



Difference between Faith and optimism.

Optimism is hopefulness and confidence about the future or the success of something.

Hebrews 11:1 AMPC

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

With faith all there is a confirmation and assurance!!!

# 1. What has God said about us and to us?

Remember Joshua? God spoke to him

Remember Abraham? God spoke to him

All men of faith had a direct encounter with God. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

## **Hebrews 11:6 AMPC**

*But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].*

## **Romans 10:17 AMPC**

*17 So faith comes from hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ.*

God has said:

**Psalm 91:1-2,5,7-8,10 AMPC**

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]. I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!

You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked) that flies by day,

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you. Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked.

There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent.



## 2. Overcoming our insecurities

It's human to sometimes feel inadequate and even doubt. God understands this.

Faith is the imposition of God's kingdom realities on a broken world. And that takes a lot of courage and doggedness. It just won't happen.

We have to keep imposing it every day even when everything around us is saying the contrary.

We can't give in or give up. That's what the scripture calls our fight of faith.

## **Judges 6:13,15 AMPC**

And Gideon said to him, O sir, if the Lord is with us, why is all this befallen us? And where are all His wondrous works of which our fathers told us, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian. [15] Gideon said to Him, Oh Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

***Even after all that the Lord had said to him... Gideon was still doubting... See below***

## **Judges 6:17 AMPC**

*Gideon said to Him, If now I have found favour in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You Who talks with me.*

Even after he has spoken, many of us still find ourselves in that space of unbelief trying to really match up to what God has said

### 3. What do we believe – faith or fear?

#### **Romans 10:17 AMPC**

So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

#### **Joshua 1:7-8 AMPC**

Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

#### **Judges 6:22-24 AMPC**

And when Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face! The Lord said to him, Peace be to you, do not fear; you shall not die. Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord is Peace. To this day it still stands in Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

There was a change after he came to recognise God was with him... we need to have that personal understanding



# 4. Walking with God

## We walk with God by faith

Hebrews 11:6 AMPC

But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

***Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God - we keep meditating on it, keep talking it, keep seeing it and keep saying it. Keep saying what God has told you and said about you.***

That way we are in agreement with God and give Him the right of way to do what He wants to do in our lives through His spirit and ministering angels.

Faith arose in Gideon - Judges 7:13-17 AMPC (Gideon heard someone speak about what dream of his victory and faith arose in him). Gideon forgot again but the man talking about his dream reminded him.

***Even though there are insecurities you just keep going.... Not because you have it all figured out, but because God said so. He told you something and you are standing by that which He has told you.***

## Philippians 4 :6-8 AMPC

Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God.

And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].

Finally, believers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable and worthy of respect, whatever is right and confirmed by God's word, whatever is pure and wholesome, whatever is lovely and brings peace, whatever is admirable and of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think continually on these things [centre your mind on them, and implant them in your heart].

- **We Pray and He hears us**
- **His Peace takes hold of our hearts**
- **Our part is to continue to think and meditate on His word and His peace will continue to guard our hearts**

**Prayer**



**Announcing...**





# Conversations with...

**Neil and Hazel 12.30pm, 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
What do we do when God provides  
Opportunity?

**Inus and Julia 8pm Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Living with children at home

**Ibi and family 12.30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Cooking with mama



# Prayer opportunities





**Next week...**





# Jubilee Connects

Goodbye! Stay safe!

Hold onto Jesus

Connect with your Home Group

Look out for your neighbours

Please continue to give if you are able during this season to support the team as they lead and guide the church.

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