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Time to Believe God's Promises by Iris L. Jenkins, PhD

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Psalms 118:8 (KJV) "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man"

God has spoken so many wonderful promises over the lives of his children. Throughout the Bible, God promises to provide special blessings for His faithful and obedient children. He tells us about His plans for our lives. He tells us of the good things He has in store for us. He wants us to understand all that we have access to, through His Son, Jesus Christ. He promises never to leave nor forsake us. He promises to supply all of our needs. He promises us an abundant life. He promises to both hear and answer prayer.

While God's promises are certainly revealed in scripture, God cares enough about us to remind us of them in our daily lives. Sometimes, we are reminded through a sermon. Other times, God uses complete strangers to speak a word of encouragement to us, to remind us of what He has promised. Still other times, the reminders come to us through songs. God's promises may be revealed through the love shown to us by family members and friends. He reminds us in many ways. Yes! God reminds us over and over again, because He wants us to know that His promises are not only true, but they are for us! He wants to fulfill them in our lives but needs us to believe.

Too often we struggle to trust and believe God's promises. We get sidetracked by what we see and hear, especially when it does not live up with what God has said. This is why God reminds us in His Word that we walk by faith and not by sight. He wants us to trust and believe that He's going to take care of us. We praise and worship God, but are quick to accept the words of people over the Word of God.

When we receive a bad report from the doctor, we trust those words over God's promise to heal. (James 5:14-15) When people tell us that our circumstances are going to cause us to lose our minds, we trust those words over God's promise to keep us in perfect peace. (Isaiah 26:3) When people tell us there's no way we're going to make it with the finances we have, we trust those words over God's promise to supply our every need. (Philippians 4:19) When people tell us that we have no hope for our future, we trust those words over God's promise to give us an expected end. (Jeremiah 29:11)

It's time for us to believe God's promises. How can we be *believers* if we choose not to believe? It's time to reconsider whose voice we are listening to. Are we listening to other people, our own voice, the voice of the enemy, or the voice of the Lord? If we listen to the Lord, trust and believe, we will begin to see a difference in

our lives. We will experience the hope, the peace, and the joy God intended for us to have all along.

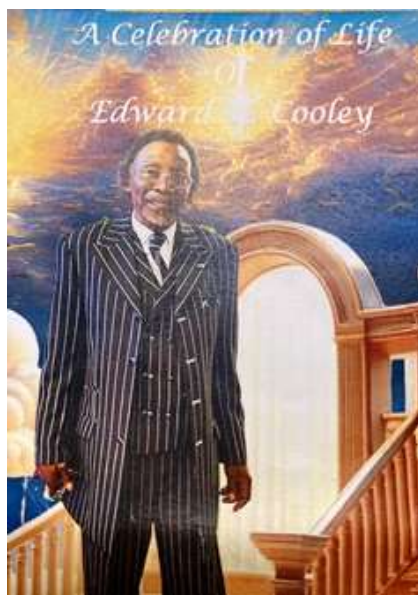
Renzo Report

Pastor Renzo attended a New England Alliance Prayer Meeting held at the C.S.Lewis House in Northfield MA, April 5th, sharing the mission of Redemption Gate with several attendees. The rest of the month of May and June Renzo spent diligently working for rise Up New England. Many of the meetings were for Prayer, like the April 25th, where Renzo filled in for Reggie Cole.

Many other Prayer Meetings followed, along with Board Meetings, Executive Meetings, Connection Classes, etc. all with the purpose of revival in New England. In addition, Renzo and Betsy participated in a powerful Mission Pioneer Valley Prayer and Worship Service under a tent at the Wesleyan Methodist Church on White Street, Springfield. About 85 Believers from many congregations came together crying out to God for revival.

In the last 15 months Renzo had invited pastors from 215 New England churches to be part of the Evangelistic Celebration with Michael Youssef that took place on June 22, 2024.

In Memory of Ed Cooley



This month we want to Memorialize the “Home-going” of Pastor C.S. Cooley’s brother, Edward Cooley, on June 9, 2024, with a fine Memorial Service at Freedom House of God Church. Ed Cooley, Pastor’s older brother, who spent a lifetime of loving and service, was 78 years old. He passed away somewhat unexpectedly on a Sunday afternoon, after having attended church. In the afternoon, Ed was helping someone with a project, which he did frequently, then went home to rest. He fell asleep and with a big smile on his face, went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

His Memorial Service was attended by a huge crowd of family and friends, even filling an over-flow room. Standing room only! The service was lovely, music was inspiring, and Pastor Cooley gave the Eulogy. Burial was at Veteran’s Cemetery in Agawam, followed by a Reception at the Fraternal order of

Eagles 148, on St. James Ave. in Springfield. A huge display of balloons was released in Ed’s honor.

Report on Pastor Cooley’s Famous Fish Fry , June 14, 2024. This last event was also successful, raising over \$282 for the Holy Grounds winter expenses! Thank you for your participation and we hope you enjoyed the good food!

Regular Events: Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible – Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Services at 10 a.m. with Pastor Bobby Quinones.