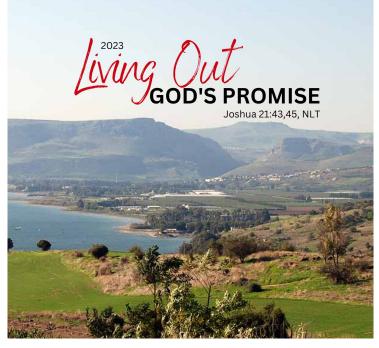
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### Are You Thinking?

"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another" (Romans 12:1–5, HCSB).

As disciples, we are called to think. A nonthinking disciple is actually no disciple at all. We are called to think about what God has done for us. A true disciple must not be guilty of selective amnesia. A disciple must not lose sight of what God has done for him. God could have left us to ourselves, but He extended mercy to us. The mercy that God extends to us is so great that Paul expresses a plurality of mercies. Paul calls us to reflect upon all that God has done to save us. This reflection should motivate us to do the only thing that would be reasonable. The only reasonable thing to do was to present what we were about to lose forever to the One who saved us from such a horrible plight. The only thing that makes sense is to give God the totality of ourselves as an offering of gratitude.

We are called to think about how we are fashioning our lives. Paul challenges us to think about what we are allowing to shape us. Far too many of us are permitting the world to squeeze us into its design. Paul calls this conformity. This conformity easily happens to non-thinking disciples. Non-thinking disciples go along to get along. They find themselves, without thinking, modeling their lives after the paradigm of this world. The disciple is to allow no longer the world to shape them but freely yield to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. transforming work is nothing short metamorphosis. It is a change that comes from the inside that creates a whole new sense of being and demeanor on the outside. The scripture says this metamorphosis takes place through the renewing of our minds. Non-thinking disciples feel that there is nothing wrong with their minds. However, when you think about it, the thing that impedes our spiritual

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### **Sermon Topics**

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IT HAPPENED AT
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THE RIGHT KIND OF
PRAYER
Matthew 6:9-13, KJV

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Rev. Dr. Tracy Thompson

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

### Winning or Victorious

America is obsessed with winning at everything. It is often done at all costs. It translates from the war rooms to the athletic fields to the top of the corporate ladder. Business language is infused with the vocabulary of the locker room and battlefield. They battle to win in a competitive market and dominate the opposition with an aggressive plan, sometimes "destroying their opponents."

The argument is often made that intense competition builds character. Learning how to win and lose is supposed to toughen us and give us confidence. Yet, as anthropologist Jules Henry has said, "a competitive culture endures by tearing people down."

My brother recently talked to me about all the losing teams he was on from Little League to College. He asked me what makes winning teams consistently victorious. My thought was that those teams had a very special player or coach.

But is there a difference between using the word Winning and the word Victory or Victorious?

One of the main differences between what is a victory and what is winning is that the latter can have a more subjective character. To succeed, it does not necessarily require that an opponent be defeated; since the win depends on what the person considers success, and success is something quite subjective; everyone has a particular idea about what it is.

So, you can win by overcoming a fear, being the best in a competition, setting up the business you have always dreamed of and getting the desired job. That means winning can be achieved by indirect means. But to win a victory you need to act directly with regard to the matter you are opposing.

Jesus won the supreme victory at the cross. Sin was atoned for, and the power of sin and death was broken. Victory is the appropriate word for Jesus directly defeating his adversary.

God intends for you to be victorious in life! It doesn't matter what you are going through, the victory is available in Christ Jesus.

1 John 5:1-5 NLT says: "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves His children, too. We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God."

When you made Jesus the Lord of your life, you gained the biggest victory of all—life over death. No person on this earth is immune to the persecution of the devil, but God's Word is victorious!

Jesus is the One who stands exalted like no other, you will discover both the fullness and the summation of everything you will ever need in heaven and on earth. It's all there—in Him. Everything you need for victorious living is in Jesus. We all face many twists and turns in life. When we focus on our problems, however, the things we encounter seem unmanageable, leaving us dizzy and heading toward a disastrous fall. The Bible reminds us that if we keep our minds steadfast, or focused, on God, He'll keep us in "perfect peace" (Isaiah 26:3). Perfect peace means that no matter how many turns life takes, we can remain calm, assured that God will be with us through our problems and trials. He's the "Rock eternal" the ultimate "spot" to fix our eyes on because His promises never change.

May we "spot" our eyes on Jesus as we go through each day, going to Him in prayer and studying His promises in the Scriptures. May we rely on God, our eternal Rock, to help us move gracefully through all of life. Family, let's share, remember, focus and "spot" on this important scripture. John 3:16 (ERV), "Yes, God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him would not be lost but have eternal life."

### Writer's Ministry Lesson: Real Worship

"Let Everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 150:6).

Are you saying "yes" to God? Like most Christians, you probably agree that you've already said "yes" to God. After all, you've accepted Christ as your Savior and committed your life to Him. But what if I asked you what constitutes good worship? You just may give me an answer vastly different from other Christians. This is because some of us have been conditioned to view worship as good when we like the music being played during worship, the choir that's singing, or even the way we feel during worship. However, real worship is centered solely on God, not our preferences. In his book, The Seven Basics of Belonging, Tom Rainer states that "Worship is more than what you experience in a church service. Worship is a posture of submitting to God's will," (Rainer, pg.15). Therefore, our preferences cannot be a measure of good worship, only the submitted posture of our hearts to God.

Worship is the first basic of belonging (Rainer, pg.15). When we come together to worship God, we are operating as He intended. Corporate worship gives God glory, as each of us says "yes" to God by giving ourselves completely, understanding that the motivation for our worship is to get God Himself, and not get something from God (Rainer, pg. 15-16).

What is the definition of worship? Worship is ascribing to God the supreme worth that He alone deserves. (Pate, C.M., (1996), Evangelical dictionary of biblical theology, p.97) Simply stated, worship is praise, adoration, and reverence of God. God, the sustainer of life, creator of the universe and all that is in it, is worthy of more praise than we collectively can give Him in our lifetime. Therefore, we must guard against lackadaisical worship where one is halfheartedly going through the motions. Not many of us are bubbling with energy and fiery passion every day, especially early in the morning and late at night, but the point is to have our hearts and minds engaged and focused on God who is worthy of our praise and the object of our worship. Understanding that we are in the presence of our holy, creator, God when we worship Him is a safeguard against routine or uninvolved worship. God is worthy of our best.

Worshiping God on a regular basis is beneficial to us. Our spirits are lifted. Our love and faith in God are openly expressed to the Lord in the presence of other believers. Consequently, God is exalted. Moreover, an internal unity occurs within the body of Christ (Rainier, pg. 19). Regular worship makes us healthier and stronger (Rainer, pg. 21). We become stronger Christians, a stronger church, and spiritually healthy individuals. Rainer states that a worshiping church will pray, elevate the study of the Word of God, sing together, participate in communion, and serve others (pg.21). The more we consistently worship God with engaged hearts and minds, the more we will "say yes" to God's Word, His Will, and His Way.

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growth and development the most is a mind that has not been renewed. A renewed mind is a mind that has been realigned by the Holy Spirit with the mind of God. It is only the renewed mind that will know what it takes to please God.

Disciples are called to think soberly about themselves. Too many of us are guilty of either marking ourselves up without a sanctified cause or marking ourselves down without a sanctified cause. We are to realize that whatever we are that is of any value is solely due to God and not to ourselves. Whatever we have going for us is a result of God's grace upon our lives. We must not claim credit for what God has done and we must not discount what God has done, we must think soberly about ourselves. Thinking soberly about ourselves would eliminate the unholy attitude of superiority among us. It would prevent us from thinking that we are better than each other. Thinking soberly about ourselves would also dismiss the isolating position of inferiority among us. It is an affront to God to discount and count as less than the grace God has bestowed upon your life.

As disciples, we are to think about who we are to others and who others are to us. God in His wise design has made us interdependent. God has not designed us to operate with each other. The church has become infected with the worldly virus of individualism. This virus renders the body ineffective. It highlights the individual parts at the expense of the whole. The world we live in encourages us to compete with each other and teaches us nothing about being a complement to each other. This disease of individualism has infected our churches and our denominational work. We are here for the benefit of each other. The Divine wisdom of mutual reliance runs counter to the isolationist, autonomous attitude that says -- "leave me alone." God created interdependence. Without interdependence, the body would never function properly. The same is true for the church locally and at large.

We must think about the unique contribution God has designed us to make for the benefit of the body. We must not seek to bring sameness where God has designed uniqueness. Every disciple has his God-given role to play. What an insult to the creative mind of God to be created with originality and then choose to live our whole life trying to be an unauthorized copy of somebody else. Just be who God made you be and with His blessing let that be your contribution for the good of the body.

Hezekiah Walker also helps us:

I need you; you need me. We're all a part of God's body. Stand with me, agree with me. We're all a part of God's body.

It is his will that every need be supplied. You are important to me; I need you to survive. You are important to me; I need you to survive.

I pray for you; You pray for me.
I love you; I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you; I need you to survive.

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Shalom,

Pastor Nathan Johnson

### **POSTING SCRIPT**

### **CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHURCH CLERK**

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (TMBC) is seeking an initiative-taking and focused professional to work alongside the Sr. Pastor and Church Clerk to facilitate efficient delivery of various organizational communication channels. This position interfaces with various levels of Church leadership and external partners daily representing the church and Christian values.

#### **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES**

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  - Creation and Publication of the Monthly Newsletter.
  - Collaboration with ministry leaders to Create and Publish: Event Programs and Flyers.
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  - Clerical support to Sr. Pastor, Business Manager, Assistant Pastor, Facilities Manager, Church Clerk, Administrative Staff and Ministry Leaders.
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  - Manage the maintenance of Church Membership through Servant Keeper.
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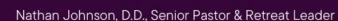
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Sis. Annette Peace





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Sundays - 11:00am -

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Church in Prayer & Study with Pastor Johnson Zoom Meeting: 584 878 336 Weekly Sunday School Lessons

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August 6, 2023 - Inheriting the Kingdom Galatians 5:13-26

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August 20 - Judgment in the Kingdom 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

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Sister Shirley Caviness for the loss of her Brother, **Brother Ray Ward** 

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