



Jesus Christ, our All in all
CrossTalk's 25th Anniversary

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Grab the Opportunity, part 1

**‘Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially to those who are of the household of faith’**

Galatians 6:10

**‘And we know that all things work together for good to those who love
God, to those who are the called according to His purpose’ Rom 8:28**

- † Our Heavenly Father is Almighty and He is Love
- † He protects His children and will make all things, meaning the good and the bad, work for those who love Him
- † And who are those who love Him? Christ told us they are the ones who obey His commandments
 - *‘If you love Me, keep My commandments’ Jn 14:15*
 - *‘He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me’ Jn 14:21a*
 - He who loves the Lord seeks to do all things without compromise; *‘And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him’ Col 3:17*

**‘and the angel called to him, ‘Grab that fish! Don't let it get away’ Tob
6:3a**

- † While Tobias was washing his feet, a huge fish jumped out of the water and tried to swallow one of his feet. Tobias was terrified and yelled. However, the angel saw things from a Heavenly perspective and called to Tobias to have courage and to grab that specific fish **(Tob 6)**
- † Tobias obeyed and grabbed it. The angel further guided him to
 - Cut the fish open, take out its gall bladder, heart, and liver which may be used for medicine, and they were used to heal Tobit and Sarah

- **Cook the fish, eat part of it and salt the rest to take along with him, which was used for body nourishment all through the journey**

Let us grab the time to do all the good that we can

- † ***‘Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can’ John Wesley***
- † **Let us be Christ like and spend our time doing the Father’s will, reaching out to others, no matter what the circumstances are**
- † **Even the Cross did not change the nature of Christ; He reached out to the criminal on His side and preached Him, and He asked the Father to forgive the ones persecuting Him**

Grab the opportunity to do all things hand in hand with the Lord remembering Gamaliel’s words

- † ***‘And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God’ Acts 5:38-39***
- † **When we do the Father’s will, our work will be successful and eternal, *‘Then I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me, ‘Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.’ Rev 14:13***

Grab the opportunity of your weakness to show God’s glory **(Jn 9:1-12)**

- † ***‘And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me’ 2 Cor 12:9***
- † **The Lord chose Gideon, the weakest and the least, to fight against the huge army of 300,000 soldiers. *‘So he said to Him, ‘O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house’ Jgs 6:17***
- † **The Lord appointed His uneducated apostles for the Great Commission to spread His Word to all the nations of the world. Their weakness played a big role in revealing Christ. *‘Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were***

uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus' Acts 4:13

Bibliography

Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Make the most of every opportunity' Colossians 4:2, 5b NIV

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

† Christ gave all Glory to the Father

My reaction

† Am I giving Christ all the Glory?

† Am I putting the truth of Hope in others and guiding them to Christ?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. to become more of saints and less of sinners
4. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
5. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
6. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him
7. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
8. to all the sick, we ask You to heal Marie
9. to all those in prison
10. to the unity of the Christians
11. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
12. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management
13. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
14. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights

15. to the situation in Lebanon, the region, and the whole world

During this coming week, we will lift the Armenian Orthodox Church in prayer

الصلاة الربانية
أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدس اسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
لتكن مشيئتك
كما في السماء،
كذلك على الأرض
أعطنا خبزنا كفايت يومنا
واغفر لنا ذنوبنا وخطايانا
كما نحن نغفر
لمن أخطأ وأساء إلينا
ولا تدخلنا في التجارب
لكن نجنا من الشرير.
أمين

قانون الايمان
نؤمن بإله واحد
أب ضابط الكل
خالق السماء والأرض، كل ما يرى وما لا يرى
ويرب واحد يسوع المسيح
ابن الله الوحيد، المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق، مساو للأب في الجوهر
الذي به كان كل شيء
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا
نزل من السماء، وتجسد بالروح القدس ومن مريم العذراء
وصار إنساناً، وصليباً عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي
وتألم ومات وقبر، وقام في اليوم الثالث كما جاء في الكتب
وصعد إلى السماء، وجلس عن يمين الأب
وسياتي أيضاً بمجد عظيم ليدين الأحياء والأموات
الذي لا فناء لمملكته، وبالروح القدس، الرب المحيي
المنبثق من الأب والابن، الذي هو مع الأب والابن
يُسجد له ويُمجّد،
الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل
وبكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدسة، رسولية
ونعترف بمعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا
وننتظر قيامة الأموات والحياة في الدهر الآتي.
أمين