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## *The Minister's Message*

*January is the month in which we step out on, celebrate and exercise our faculty of faith. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matt. 17:20)*

*Faith has been defined as, "The perceiving power of the mind, linked with the power to shape substance." (Revealing Word) Faith is our spiritual assurance that we can do the seemingly impossible. It is through Faith that we can draw to us our heart's desire right out from the invisible Substance that is God.*

*According to our opening scripture, we see that Faith, working in Spiritual Substance, can accomplish all things, for with God all things are possible. Whatever is our heart's desire, if we can perceive it in our mind, and believe it in our heart, then we can have it manifested in our lives as we believe.*

*The illuminating power of Faith is the uplifting power in us making us master of all the forces centering in spiritual consciousness.*

*Abram in the Old Testament represents Faith unfolding. As Abram grew in consciousness to the point where he could stop depending on his humanness and depend on Spirit, he had a change of name or change of nature. His new name was Abraham, "father of a multitude". He was now able to leave his father's (Terah) consciousness and step out on faith and be prosperous. (Read the story in Genesis 17.)*

*Peter in the New Testament, represents Faith. Peter was headstrong and wavering at times but he was illumined enough to recognize the Christ. When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" They replied that they thought He was John the Baptist, Elias, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But when He asked them directly who they thought he was, Peter was able to say "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."*

*Jesus was pleased, and answered, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matt: 16:16-17)*

*The word Peter means "rock". A rock is steady and firm and we must be willing to abide in the consciousness that says that we will stand on principle and claim our divine inheritance of good in the face of any appearance to the contrary.*

*Faith is the rock upon which we must stand if we are to inherit all that the Father has provided for us as part of His Absolute good. We must have faith in God, Faith in Christ indwelling us, and faith in ourselves that we can accomplish all things through Christ, our indwelling Savior.*

*Having faith in invisible substance builds a real understanding of the uplifting power in us making us master of all the forces centered in Spiritual consciousness.*

*As we continue to serve God in spirit and in truth, let us not be weary of praising and thanking God for all the good we expect to receive through faith.*

*Affirm often: "I have faith in God in me to prosper me in all ways and I am grateful." Happy New Year! Happy New You! You are blessed and abundantly prospered right now.*

*By: Rev. Joyce Anderson*

## MOMENTS OF TRUTH

*If God brings you to it,  
He will bring you through it.  
During happy moments, praise God.  
In difficult moments, seek God.  
In quiet moments, worship God.  
Experiencing painful moments, just trust God.  
For every moment, thank God.*

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## FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

*The disciple is: PETER  
The spiritual idea is: FAITH  
The color is: DARK BLUE*

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## ACKNOWLEDGE GOD IN ALL YOUR WAYS

When you are in a right relationship with God, all else will adjust itself correctly and harmoniously. The precise counsel is to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. That is to say, when you sincerely desire Divine Truth and seek it with all your heart, it will answer all your questions, solve your problems and satisfy your desires. When your life is in strict conformity to the Divine Plan, you will want only what God wants you to have, therefore you cannot possibly be disappointed. God is love, hence He wants you to have the wonderful things he has created for you, all of which are your good and ultimate progress into His kingdom.

You are transformed by the renewing of your mind and being filled with the fruits of righteousness. Therefore God works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. You are not sufficient of yourself, for alone you could do nothing. You are wholly dependent upon the Divine Father. Trust, therefore, implicitly in Him and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways, in every thought, aspiration and enterprise, seek and acknowledge Him and He will direct you in the paths of truth, love and righteousness. God is all, and as His Divine creation you are privileged to participate in His bounty.

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is Good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.” (Ps. 100:4-5)

By: Rev. Bertha Harroo-Bernard

## TSUNAMI RELIEF DRIVE

The New York Center of Truth has so far collected \$850. We hope to collect at least \$1000 which will be donated to the Red Cross to aid the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Thanks to all those who donated funds for this relief effort.

## THE ROVING REPORTER

We must exercise our minds as well as our bodies to stay fit mentally and physically. The roving reporter has found a free gym which not only offers equipment for exercising but also offers trainers to help you.

The Brownsville Recreation Center located at Linden Blvd. and Mother Gaston Avenue is offering free swimming classes on Saturdays. This program is open to all ages from tots to senior citizens. Registration is January 29, 2005 and February 5, 2005 from 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. Come early. Registration is conducted on a first come, first serve basis. For more information call the City of N.Y. Parks and Recreation Aquatics hotline at (718) 699-4219. A picture I.D. is required to register.

## HAVE A GREAT LIFE IN 2005

A life of greatness is not reserved for the chosen few. You can choose to create a life of greatness for yourself with extraordinary meaning by doing Small Daily Acts of Greatness.

A great life is nothing more than a series of great, well-lived days strung together like a necklace of pearls.

As you live your days, so you create your life... The point is, if you show up fully each and every day and play your best game during your waking hours, then you will be guaranteed an extraordinary life.

By devoting yourself to continuous improvement and excellence in minor ways each day, your life can be transformed. In order to be transformed, you must renew your mind by receiving new information. Two ways are by reading wisdom literature and attending classes at NYCT.

Doing Small Daily Acts of Greatness is a very powerful concept. It means living our best lives, each and every day, by doing small things well each day. So I invite you to take more risks, think outside the box. Be more loving, be more innovative, develop deeper relationships, and dream more.

Do not forget to surround yourself with people who are living the life you want to live and you should try to be the kindest person you know. So, run towards your fears and do what you are afraid to do.

Your great days will lead you to your great life in 2005.

By: Lynette Sam

## SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, January 30, 2005 is Spiritual Communion.

February is Anniversary Month. Please start telling your friends and family in preparation of the sale of tickets for our anniversary luncheon which will take place on Sunday, March 6, 2005.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop. Rev. Ann Jefferson will be hosting a Spiritual Gifts Workshop on Saturday, February 19, 2005. Rev. Ann will also be our guest speaker at our 11:00 A.M. Sunday service on February 20, 2005.

The Men Expressing Christ will be sponsoring their annual theater play titled “A Song for You” which is an insightful, multimedia dramatic production with music about the life of the extraordinary artist, Ms. Lena Horne, during the Civil Rights era at the Billie Holiday Theater in Brooklyn on Sunday, March 20, 2005 at 4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. See Mr. Freddie L. West for your tickets.

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