

## Embrace

### Romans 14:1-12

A new year has started. May this be the year in which you enjoy the covenant, wait for God's time schedule, and always focus on the covenant to turn your life into a masterpiece. With the foundation of the masterpiece, you must challenge yourself towards the things above and continue to pass on this amazing inheritance to the next generations. To wait, concentrate, and challenge are what you must continuously repeat until you receive the Lord's call. This is what you will do on the day the Lord comes again. For the sake of fulfilling this covenant, there is something more specific that you must do. It is to pray for the 100 mission teams in South America, 100 churches in the United States, and the 5,000 tribes movement in South America to be fulfilled. In addition, the Biblical evangelism movement must take place in the church. The disciple-centered system of evangelism must continuously arise. You may also personally have many important prayer topics. May this be the year to pray together to receive many answers. Answers that accumulate are a masterpiece. When the answers that God gives accumulate that will all become a masterpiece.

#### 1. **Embrace**

- 1) Verse 1, "As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions." This means to accept and rather pray for the one who is weak in faith.
- 2) Verse 2-3 states that there is nothing to say about that person because God has welcomed him. If God has welcomed that person, that's it. There is nothing more for you to say.
- 3) Verse 4 states, "Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls." This means to understand them, accept them, and pray for them.
- 4) Verse 8, "For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." With this Word alone you could say that all situations have been summed up.
- 5) Likewise, today's message tells you that you should accept those who are weak in faith and to not criticize their opinions. This means to accept and understand each person's situation, circumstances, and spiritual state.
- 6) You must wait as you embrace and pray for everyone and anyone. Especially for your brothers in faith, there is nothing more to say.
- 7) This does not mean that you must embrace just anything. You must be able to reject the incorrect things and embrace people; however, you must be able to clearly differentiate the content of them. You must never go down a different path after losing hold of the covenant because of something that occurs between people.
- 8) 2 Timothy 4:1-2 states, "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." He states to be ready in season and out of season and to exhort for the long-awaited judgment.
- 9) You may embrace all things, but you must not follow after the incorrect things. You can be told firmly not to do so, but that is a spiritual battle against Satan. The reason is because you must not go down a path that is different from the covenant.
- 10) However, no matter how much you reprimand and are aware, you must first fundamentally embrace, understand, and exhort others. You must gain the other person's heart and save them. You can never do world evangelism if you befriend those that you have a liking to.
- 11) You can never save the entire world by yourself. But you must also not be discouraged by this fact, thinking that you are the spiritual problem. When you make a resolution and arise, God will bless you and open the way for you. This is because this is God's will.
- 12) Just as it is recorded in today's bible passage, you must embrace not only your brothers, but every situation and incident. There is no coincidence in this world. And there is no curse for those who hold the covenant. Your fate will be overturned and all of your problems will surely become blessings. This is one of many conclusions that is recorded in the Bible. There is only one condition. It must be the covenant, for you must live by the covenant and challenge with the covenant.
- 13) May you first receive the blessing of receiving healing, conquering and having victory so that you may embrace all people and understand all problems, situations, and incidents. You are the first to benefit if you help others. You must embrace all of the present problems and bring them before the Lord for you will benefit from this first.

- 14) The closed doors may open and answers that you never imagined could be answered. It is God who gives you answers, but He receives them through the person and incident that receives it. This is a lifestyle that church officers must keep in mind. Your ministry as a church officer could change after you embrace, understand, exhort, and maintain a posture that is patient.
- 15) This lifestyle is not only for church officers, but for all people who wish to become witnesses after receiving answers. You must make your life masterpiece. All those that desire to live a life in which the covenant is fulfilled must live this way.
- 16) The fundamental is the covenant. However, to have the posture that embraces, understands, and devotes to your field, you must go deeper into the covenant. This is not an easy task, but may it become a precious start to a life with this posture and for a life masterpiece. May every family receive this blessing for this new year.

## 2. **Masterpiece**

- 1) Anyone who lives holding to the covenant of Jesus Christ will live the life of a masterpiece. Everyone desires for their lives to be a masterpiece. It is stated in the Bible that anyone who holds to the covenant will live this life.
- 2) Before Joseph received the dream from God, he heard the messages many times from his father, Jacob. Joseph's younger brother, Benjamin was sent out to work, but Joseph stayed at home with his father. What do you think Jacob did to Joseph for the spiritual blessings?
- 3) Joseph heard the Word of God starting from Genesis 1:1 from his father. Also, he received the dream from God and the dream was fulfilled upon his life. He lived a life of masterpieces.
- 4) While Moses' mother nursed him, she told the Word of God starting from Genesis 1:1. Whether the infant was able to understand the Word or not, she staked her life to relay the Word. She prayed so much for it.
- 5) When Moses was placed to live in the palace, he could not receive the Word of God from anyone. Therefore, many of the Biblical scholars testify that Moses wrote the book of Genesis after he arrived in Midian because he was on the run from killing someone. There was no one else that lived life like him.
- 6) The start of you to live the life of a masterpiece that God has prepared for you starts from listening to the Word of God. You must continuously listen to the Word as you listen, have thoughts, write down the Word and so on. Then, your life will be fulfilled according to the Word of God that comes in your heart. Once the Word comes in your heart, you must hold to it and pray. You must repeatedly do this.
- 7) Many times you listen to the Word and you forget it. However, if the lifelong covenant comes in your heart, then you will receive lifelong answers. It is because it will be done according to the Word.
- 8) There are certain words of God that repeatedly hit your heart throughout the days, weeks, and years. That is God's plan for you. You must live by holding to Jesus Christ and the Word. The Word that hits your heart will make your life. Then, the promise will be fulfilled and it will become a masterpiece. May you never forget and have this as your lifelong answer.
- 9) You have received important Word for 2024. May you not let it pass by, but place this covenant in your heart. Receive the Word as the answer for the year. May you embrace everyone, incidents, and situations as you pray throughout the year. May it be the time to hold to the covenant and your spiritual eyes open to God's desire.