

**经节：其中惟有嫩的儿子约书亚和耶孚尼的儿子迦勒仍然存活。**

**（民数记十四章38节）**

他人的决定与不顺服，不会废除神在你身上的旨意。其他人的行为会影响你，但没有人能够阻止神在你身上的作为。约书亚和迦勒相信神，然而，因着其他人的惧怕与悖逆的连累，他们被迫在旷野漂流四十年。

你是否曾经觉得某人阻挠了神在你身上的旨意？也许是某人阻挡你得到一份新工作，或挡住你升迁的机会。也许政府不批准你的申请，或委员会不同意你的建议。你是否相信人真的可以阻挠神成就在你身上的计划？

神的旨意行在约书亚和迦勒的身上。祂给他们主要的任务，不是进入应许之地，而是作属灵的领袖，来事奉那些百姓。约书亚和迦勒不可能自己置身于应许之地，而同时又带领那些漂流旷野的百姓。神把领袖们放在一个位置，好叫他们在自己国家的百姓中，可以发挥属灵的影响力。结果他们成为后世后代属灵领袖的榜样。就算如此，神最后还是把约书亚和迦勒带入应许之地，诚如当初祂自己所应许的。他们的确延迟了进入应许之地的时间，但是他们没有受到阻挠。要记住：没有人能够阻挠神成就在你身上的计划。凡神所谋定，必作成，没人可以阻挡祂的计划（以赛亚书四十六：11）

### **No One Can Prevent You**

***But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land. Numbers 14:38***

The decisions and disobedience of others will not cancel God's will for you. Other people's actions will affect you, but no one can prevent what God wants to do in and through you. Joshua and Caleb trusted God and yet were forced to wander in a wilderness for forty years because of the fear and disbelief of others.

Have you ever felt that someone was thwarting God's will for you? Perhaps someone kept you from getting a job or earning a promotion. Perhaps the government would not approve your application or a committee disagreed with your recommendation. Do you believe that mere man can stop God from accomplishing His purposes in your life?

God did everything He intended to do in the lives of Joshua and Caleb. His primary assignment for them had not been to enter the Promised Land but rather to serve as godly leaders for their people. Joshua and Caleb could not lead the people if they were in the Promised Land by themselves while the people were still wandering in the wilderness! God kept these leaders in a position where they could exert a godly influence upon their nation, and, as a result, they became models of spiritual leadership for generations to come. Even so, God ultimately brought Caleb and Joshua into the Promised Land just as He had said. They had been delayed but not thwarted. Be assured of this: No one can hinder God from carrying out His plans for your life. Once God sets something in motion, no one can stop it (Isa. 46:11).

4月18日（星期一）- 标题：**给第二次机会的神**

**经文：你们可以去告诉祂的门徒和彼得，说：「祂在你们以先往加利利去。在那里你们要见祂，正如祂从前所告诉你们的。」（马可福音十六章7节）**

神是否给失败者第二次机会呢？祂就是这样对待彼得的。彼得当初骄傲地告白自己是耶稣最忠实的信徒（马太福音廿六：33）。然而，彼得不仅在那危急存亡的一刻，与门徒四散逃跑，也厚颜无耻地否认自己认识耶稣（马太福音廿六：69-75）。彼得失败了，他悲惨地跑到外面痛哭（路加福音廿二：62）。

复活的主是多么地怜悯彼得！在坟墓旁的天使给那几个妇人特别的指示，好叫彼得知道耶稣已经复活了。耶稣还特意把彼得带到一旁，让彼得再次肯定自己的爱与献身（约翰福音廿一：15-17）。复活主也选择彼得作五旬节的主要发言人，那天门徒的数目约添了三千人。

神想要领你由现在的地方，到祂要你去的地方。当祂找到祂受挫的门徒时，耶稣第一句话是：「愿你们平安！」（约翰福音二十：19）当你失败，令耶稣失望时，祂对你说的第一句话也是：「愿你们平安！」耶稣会在你沮丧时带给你平安。然后，祂会让你再次两眼朝向祂，你会相信祂并跟随祂。如果你使你的主失望，不要灰心，牢记在彼得身上所发生的事。神尚未把你训练成门徒呢！

### **The God of Second Chances**

***But go, tell His disciples--and Peter--that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. Mark 16:7***

Does God give second chances to those who have failed Him? He certainly did so for Peter. Peter had proudly announced that he was Jesus' most reliable disciple (Matt. 26:33). Yet Peter not only fled with the other disciples in the moment of crisis, but also blatantly denied he even knew Jesus (Matt. 26:69-75). Peter failed so miserably that he went out into the night and wept bitterly (Luke 22:62).

How compassionate the risen Christ was to Peter! The angel gave the women at the tomb special instructions to let Peter know that He was risen. Jesus took Peter aside to allow him the opportunity to reaffirm his love and commitment (John 21:15-17). The risen Lord also chose Peter as His primary spokesman on the day of Pentecost, when three thousand people were added to the church.

God's desire is to take you from where you are and bring you to where He wants you to be. When He found His defeated followers hiding together in an upper room, Jesus' first word was "peace" (John 20:19). Jesus' first words to you after you fail may also be "peace." Jesus will find you in despair and bring you peace. Then, He will reorient you to Himself so that you can believe Him and follow Him. Don't give up if you have failed your Lord. Remember what happened to Peter. God has not yet finished developing you as a disciple.

4月23日（星期六）- 标题：**活水**

**经文：因为我的百姓做了两件恶事，就是离弃我这活水的泉源，为自己凿出池子，是破裂不能存水的池子。（耶利米书二章13节）**

基督徒的生活应该没有「灵性枯竭」的时刻。神说祂在信徒的生命中，像一口自流源泉。自流源泉是由地底深处涌出的水泉，是清凉、解渴、新鲜、永不停止、永不再渴。这是一个拥有圣灵内住、灵性更新者的写照。

你是否曾听过有人说自己正面临灵性枯竭的基督徒生命？他们是怎么说的？他们是否说，神缺水不能解决他们的灵性问题？你不应有这种念头，就算你心中的活水泉源变成了涓涓细流，也不需找遍全国，企求灵性更新的泉源。研讨会、退修会和书籍，的确可以激励人，但你若是一个基督徒，活水泉源就在你的心里。

你是否把活水泉源换成破裂、不能储水的人工池子？你为什么把自流源泉换成贮水池呢？自流源泉永远不会枯竭，破裂的池子会枯竭。如果你现在正面对灵性枯竭，是否因为你正试着在人工池中，找寻属灵精力的泉源？每回这个人工池子都叫你失望。耶稣邀请你：「人若渴了，可以到我这里来喝。」（约翰福音七：37）你是否被活水更新？这活水只有耶稣能够给你。

### **Living Water**

***For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns--broken cisterns that can hold no water.***

***Jeremiah 2:13***

There should never be "dry spells" in the Christian life. God said that He would be like an artesian well in the life of a believer. Artesian wells bubbled forth with a cold, fresh, never-ending supply of water from the depths of the earth, quenching any thirst and always satisfying. This is the picture of the spiritual refreshment that belongs to the person in whom the Holy Spirit resides.

Have you ever heard people say they are experiencing a dry spell in their Christian life? What are they saying? Are they saying that the Lord ran out of water? It should never cross your mind that the fountain of living waters residing within you should ever be reduced to a trickle. You don't need to run all over the country trying to find sources of spiritual refreshment. Conferences, retreats, and books can all bring encouragement, but if you are a Christian, the source of living water already resides within you.

Have you exchanged the living fountain for man-made cisterns that cannot hold water? Why would you exchange an artesian well for a broken water tank? Artesian wells do not dry up. Broken cisterns do. If you are experiencing spiritual dryness right now, is it because you have been attempting to find your source of spiritual refreshment from man-made sources, which will fail you every time? Jesus extended an invitation to you when He said: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37). Have you been refreshed by the living water only Jesus can provide?

4月22日（星期五）－ 标题：**属灵的持续力**

**经节：以利亚对亚哈说：「你现在可以上去吃喝，因为有多雨的响声了。」**  
**（王纪上十八章41节）**

当你寻求遵循神的旨意的时候，「成功」会转移你的注意力。以利亚主要的任务是预告旱荒的开始与结束（列王纪上十七：1）。神要以利亚向亚哈王宣告旱荒的原因，是百姓不敬拜真神，反而拜偶像。在以利亚执行任务期中，有一件场面壮观、戏剧化的事情发生。以利亚与巴力的先知们对决，吩咐火从天上降下来，并且杀了几百名巴力的先知。这是圣经记载有关神施展的大能中，最令人肃然起敬的事迹之一。以利亚可以单单专注于这件事。火从天降要比下大雨来得神奇多了！

当一些神奇的事发生时，我们很容易被引入歧途。如果以利亚活在今日，他可能开始一个「火从天降」事工！戏剧化的事物远比平凡的事物，来得有吸引力。消灭几百位巴力先知，是任何先知最高的胜利。然而，以利亚继续持守他的任务，他宣告将来的大雨。这是他主要宣告的信息。

如果不注意，你可能会被胜利冲昏了头，没有完成神原来指定你的任务。你今日的成功，是否变成你明日的不顺服？

### **Spiritual Persistence**

***Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." 1 Kings 18:41***

Success can distract you as you seek to follow God's will. Elijah's primary assignment was to announce when a drought would begin and end (1 Kings 17:1). God had told him to proclaim Ahab that the drought was an act of judgment upon a people who worshiped idols rather than God. In the middle of Elijah's assignment, a spectacular thing happened. Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and called fire down from heaven, putting hundreds of priests of Baal to death. This was one of the most awesome displays of God's power recorded in Scripture. Elijah could easily have focused strictly on that event. Fire falling from heaven is much more spectacular than a rainstorm!

When something spectacular happens, we can easily be sidetracked. If Elijah lived today, he might have begun a "Calling Down Fire from Heaven" ministry! The dramatic is far more appealing to us than obedience to the mundane. Destroying hundreds of Baal's prophets would appear to be a climactic victory for any prophet of God. Yet Elijah persisted in his assignment. He announced the coming rain. This had been his primary message, and he delivered it.

If you aren't careful, you may become so distracted by the successes you experience that you never complete what God originally assigned you to do. Will your success today cause you to disobey tomorrow?

4月19日（星期二）－ 标题：**认识神**

**经节：你们查考圣经，因你们以为内中有永生；给我作见证的就是这经。然而，你们不肯到我这里来得生命。（约翰福音五章39—40节）**

查经不会给你永生。你可以背诵整本圣经，及讨论圣经学者的研讨课题，却从未经历圣经的真理。人喜欢书过于书的原作者，实在令人不可思议。书不会当面质询你的罪，但作者会。你能漠视书，却很难拒绝那位想要与你沟通的作者。

耶稣时代的法利赛人以为神喜悦他们对圣经的知识，他们能够引用又长又复杂的经文，且喜爱背诵经文，常一连好几个小时地研究神的律法。然而，耶稣强烈谴责他们，因为他们虽知律法，却不认识神。他们以自己的圣经知识为傲，却拒绝邀请去认识神的儿子。

你能够想象自己明知神对你此生所有的应许，却埋头做其他的事？你可能正要转向追求那些替代品。那些替代品也不见得是坏事，它们可能包括在教会事奉、做好事，或者读几本属灵书籍。没有任何基督教活动，可以替代你与耶稣的关系。当使徒保罗把自己所做的每一件「好事」与认识耶稣比较，他把那些好事当作「废物」（腓立比书三：8）。永远不要为了有宗教活动就心满意足，要以建立与耶稣基督个人心灵悸动的成长关系为至宝。

### **Knowing Christ**

***You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.***

***John 5:39-40***

Bible study will not give you eternal life. You could memorize the entire Bible and be able to discuss minute issues of biblical scholarship and yet fail to experience the truths found in its pages. It is a subtle temptation to prefer the book to the Author. A book will not confront you about your sin, the Author will. Books can be ignored; it is much harder to avoid the Author when He is seeking a relationship with you.

The Pharisees in Jesus' day thought God would be pleased with their knowledge of His Word. They could quote long, complicated passages of Scripture. They loved to recite and study God's Law for hours on end. Yet Jesus condemned them because, although they knew the Scriptures, they did not know God. They were proud of their Bible knowledge, but they rejected the invitation to know God's Son.

Can you imagine yourself knowing all that God has promised to do in your life but then turning to something else instead? You may be tempted to turn to substitutes. These substitutes aren't necessarily bad things. They might include serving in the church, doing good deeds, or reading Christian books. No amount of Christian activity will ever replace your relationship with Jesus. The apostle Paul considered every "good" thing he had ever done to be "rubbish" when compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ (Phil. 3:8). Never become satisfied with religious activity rather than a personal, vibrant, and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

4月20日（星期三）－标题：**膏耶稣的脚**

**经节：马利亚就拿着一斤极贵的真哪哒香膏，抹耶稣的脚，又用自己头发去擦，屋里就满了膏的香气。（约翰福音十二章3节）**

马利亚似乎被吸引到耶稣的跟前。在所有耶稣的跟随者中，马利亚是那一位去膏抹耶稣脚的人，这并不令人讶异。门徒们似乎也有同样的机会，可以表达自己的爱，但他们的骄傲阻挡他们向耶稣表达爱意（约翰福音十三：12-13）。马大也愿意服事，可是她与耶稣的关系却异于马利亚的。当马大为了伺候耶稣，在厨房忙碌时，马利亚正喜乐地坐在耶稣跟前，聆听祂的道（路加福音十：38-42）。因为马利亚是如此认识及爱上耶稣，她自然能够谦卑自己，强烈地向耶稣表达爱意。如此深刻与诚挚的爱，只有从与耶稣亲密的关系，才能培养出来。

我们向耶稣表达爱意的方式，取决于我们与神的关系。除非花时间与祂在一起、倾听祂的声音、体验祂的爱，我们对祂的爱不可能成长。如果发现自己对耶稣的爱减退，或者心里有挣扎不想服事祂，这对我们是一个清楚的指针，告诉我们应该要多花时间去耶稣跟前。我们可能十分活跃于基督教的活动，却忽略了与祂的关系。在花时间与主亲密地相交、倾听祂的声音、接受祂的大爱之后，我们自然预备好要事奉祂。只要是祂的旨意，即使是付上生命的代价，也在所不辞。

### **Anointing Jesus' Feet**

***Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.***  
**John 12:3**

Mary seemed drawn to the feet of Jesus. It is not surprising that of all those who followed Jesus, Mary was the one to anoint His feet. The disciples would have their opportunity to show the same love, but pride would prevent them (John 13:12-13). Martha, too, was prone toward acts of service, but she had developed a different kind of relationship with Jesus than Mary had. While Martha had labored on Jesus' behalf in the kitchen, Mary had joyfully sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Him teach (Luke 10:38-42). Because Mary had come to know and love Jesus in this way, she was ready to humble herself and offer this poignant expression of love to Him. Such depth and sincerity of love comes only through spending time in close fellowship with Jesus.

The way we express our love for Jesus depends on the kind of relationship we have developed with Him. Our love for Him will not grow unless we spend time with Him, listen to His voice, and experience His love for us. If we find that our love for Jesus has waned or that we struggle to serve Him, it is a clear sign that we must take time to sit at His feet. We may have been involved in Christian activity on His behalf and yet neglected our relationship with Him. After we have spent time in intimate fellowship with our Lord, and after we have heard His voice and received His love, we will be prepared to serve Him, even laying down our life for Him if that is what He asks.

4月21日（星期四）－标题：**提防亚玛力人！**

**经节：又说：「耶和华已经起了誓，必世代代和亚玛力人争战。」**

**（出埃及记十七章16节）**

亚玛力人是以色列人最顽强、最冷酷无情的敌人。当以色列人要进入应许之地，亚玛力人挡住他们的去路（出埃及记十七：8-16）。在以色列人进入应许之地，正享受神的赐予时，亚玛力人联合米甸人，在基甸的时代前来攻打以色列人，令以色列人痛苦万分（士师记六：3）。是亚玛力人造成扫罗王的衰败（撒母耳记上十五：9、28），亚玛力人一直阻挠以色列人长进，劫掠神对以色列人的祝福。因此，神立誓要世代代和亚玛力人为敌。

当你与神同行天路的时候，会有「亚玛力人」使你分心，并且要击败你。神决意挪走任何阻挠你体验祂的完全之拦阻。如果你对工作的投注使你不顺服神，祂会向你的工作宣战。如果任何一种关系、物质或破坏性的行为，使你不顺服神，祂会无情地与它为敌。世上没有一件事对神来说是太宝贵，以致让它拦阻祂在你身上的旨意。神会与它公开为敌。扫罗王以为自己可以怜惜亚玛力人，又同时能满足神的旨意（撒母耳记上十五：8-9）。你可能犹豫不决，不想除去任何使你妥协及不顺从神的人事物。不要与扫罗王犯同样的错误，他没有认真看重亚玛力人这件事，以至於损失惨重。

### **Beware of the Amalekites!**

***For he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." Exodus 17:16***

The Amalekites were the persistent and relentless enemies of the Israelites. When the Israelites sought to enter the Promised Land, the Amalekites stood in their way (Exod. 17:8-16). Once the Israelites were in the Promised Land and seeking to enjoy what God had given them, the Amalekites joined the Midianites to torment the Hebrews in the days of Gideon (Judg. 6:3). It was an Amalekite that caused the downfall of King Saul (1 Sam. 15:9, 28). The Amalekites continually sought to hinder the progress of God's people and to rob them of God's blessing. Thus God swore His enmity against them for eternity.

As you move forward in your pilgrimage with the Lord, there will be "Amalekites" that will seek to distract and defeat you. God is determined to remove anything that keeps you from experiencing Him to the fullest. If your commitment to your job is keeping you from obedience to Him, God will declare war against it. If a relationship, materialism, or a destructive activity is keeping you from obeying God's will, He will wage relentless war against it. There is nothing so precious to you that God will not be its avowed enemy if it keeps you from His will for your life. King Saul mistakenly thought he could associate with Amalekites and still fulfill the will of the Lord (1 Sam. 15:8-9). You may also be hesitant to rid yourself of that which causes you to compromise your obedience to God. Don't make the same mistake as King Saul. He did not take the Amalekites seriously enough, and it cost him dearly.