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Dear City of Praise Family,

⁶ *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.* ⁷ *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

⁸ *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* ⁹ *Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

¹⁰ *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.* ¹¹ *To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

(Proverbs 5:6-10)

God bless you,

*Bishop Joel and
Pastor Ylawnda Peebles*

LION'S ROAR STAFF

Bishop Joel Peebles & Pastor Ylawnda Peebles,
Diane George and Evan George

TIME TO GROW

By: Bishop Joel Peebles

Growth and transformation comes with the storm.

God has a plan to take all of us to new levels and higher heights, but we will never experience who we can be and the power and depth of our future until we really sell out to Him and allow His Word to transform us.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Many of us want God to change us, but not to transform us. We just want God to tweak us, just enough that we can remain comfortable, but still in position for a blessing. We want to claim to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior but live the same lifestyle and keep the same friends. We may be willing to make small changes; however, true spiritual transformation actually turns our lives upside down. God changes us completely.

Oftentimes in order for God to mold us and make us we have to go through the storm.

Matthew 8:23-27

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Jesus was unimpressed by the storm, but the disciples were so upset by the storm that they questioned Jesus and the very truth of his power. But what they found out was that even the winds and the waves had to obey him, and they watched Him calm the very storm that they were afraid of. Your storm and your wilderness is painful. It hurts. But if you trust God no matter what happens in your life, if you don't give up but keep your feet planted in God and His promises, if you allow God to guide you through it, you will come out of it at a new level of faith, growth and spiritual maturity. You will come through blessed and victorious.

1 Peter 5:10

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace [who imparts His blessing and favor], who called you to His own eternal glory in Christ, will Himself complete, confirm, strengthen, and establish you [making you what you ought to be].



MICHAEL HUMPHREY

High School Senior & National Honor Society Scholar
On The Road To Temple University!

Michael Humphrey is an eighteen-year-old senior who attends Frederick Douglass High School. He is currently a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) at his high school and has also received an Honor Roll Certificate as well as the Principal's Honor Roll Certificate. Michael has personified service since he was an elementary student by volunteering in many capacities as a Student Leader in the City of Praise Family Ministries City Kids Children's Church.

It is not surprising that he has continued to be a servant leader as a member of the NHS where he has worked on service projects benefiting his high school and community. He was the Committee Chair for a Blood Drive which he organized with others at his school. As the Committee chair, he eagerly accepted the role of educating people about the importance of donating blood while also informing them the reasons for donating and addressing stereotypes.

Michael is also one of the club leaders for his school's "Positive Outlook Mental Health Club" which focuses on creating a safe and healthy environment for his classmates. Some of the activities that he has organized in this club include making stress balls and slime, engaging in karaoke and yoga to name a few. Notably, Michael was a member of the Frederick Douglas High School Mock Trial Team where he had the distinction of competing in matches against other schools. A devoted COPFM member, Michael enjoys serving in the City's Control Room, working



with the Slides for the Confessions and the Message, operating the Church's Zoom, and at times operating the cameras during service. We who know him can confirm that he is a devoted gift to our ministry.

Michael believes God has gifted him to be a peace maker and has given him the characteristic of helping and encouraging people. We are certain he will continue these traits when he attends Temple University in the fall following his May, 30, 2023 graduation.

Michael's favorite scripture is John 8:7: "So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

COPFM EVENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

All events are free, and open to members
and non-members!

MONDAYS

- ▶ **Morning Devotions** | 8am | Zoom
- ▶ **AAU Basketball Practice (HS)** | 5:30 – 7pm | Academy
- ▶ **Strength Training Class** | 7pm | Academy
- ▶ **Biblical Exposition** | Every Monday | Agape Hall

TUESDAYS

- ▶ **Stretching Class** | 6:30pm | College Multi-Purpose Room
- ▶ **Mastering Marriage** | 7:00pm | Chapel (Registration Required)
- ▶ **AAU Basketball Practice (MS)** | 7:30 – 9pm | Academy

WEDNESDAYS

- ▶ **AAU Basketball Practice (HS)** | 5:30 – 7pm | Academy
- ▶ **Bible Study** | 7:45pm | Zoom
- ▶ **AAU Basketball Practice (Lady Lions)** | 8:00pm – 9:30pm | Academy

THURSDAYS

- ▶ **AAU Basketball Practice (MS)** | 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- ▶ **Choir & Production Rehearsals** | 7pm | Main Sanctuary
- ▶ **Dance Rehearsals** | 7pm | Dance Room
- ▶ **Strength Training w/ Brad** | 7:30pm | Academy

SATURDAYS

- ▶ **Cardio Fitness** | 8am | College
- ▶ **Zumba** | 10am | College
- ▶ **Transformation Squad** | 11am | Academy
- ▶ **AAU Basketball Practice (Lady Lions)** | 1:00 – 3pm | Academy

SUNDAYS

- ▶ **Sunday Service** | 10am | Main Sanctuary
- ▶ **Teen Church** | 10:30am | Bishop's Hall (2 & 3rd Sundays)
- ▶ **Tween Church** | 10:30am | Agape Hall (2 & 3rd Sundays)

EVENTS:

- ▶ **DIT & MIT Class** | May 6, 2023 | 8:30 – 9:30am
- ▶ **Leadership Meeting** | May 6, 2023 | 10:00 – 12:00pm
- ▶ **Youth & Young Adults** | Car Wash Fundraiser | May 7, 2023 | 12:00 – 2:00pm
- ▶ **Y/YA Bible Study** | New Members Room | May 9, 2023 | 7:00 – 9:00pm
- ▶ **Mother's Day** | May 14, 2023
- ▶ **Teacher's Matter Event** | May 19, 2023 | 5:00pm – 8:30pm
- ▶ **City Kidz Training** | May 20, 2023 | 10:00am – 12:00pm
- ▶ **Youth & Young Adults** | Car Wash Fundraiser | May 21, 2023 | 12:00 – 2:00pm
- ▶ **Youth & Young Adults** | Bowling | May 27, 2023 | 2:00 – 4:00pm



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