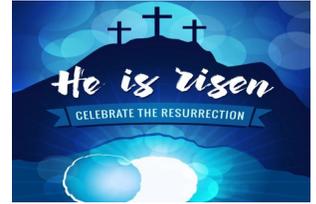




# TEMPLE TALK®



## SPIRITUAL THEME FOR APRIL

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! Our Spiritual Theme for April 2021 is The Life and Times of Jesus Christ. We will be exploring the Man and the Legend. HISTory! I am getting excited just writing about it for this newsletter! Saints and friends we are going in for this one! I plan to use several resources in addition to The Holy Bible. One book that I will be introducing us to is written by one of our Apostolic Literary Geniuses, Dr. Johnny James, entitled JESUS The Ultimate Ology. By the time we wind down on the fourth week I think we will be fully submerged in the Jesus-ology.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you all in the Matchless Name of Jesus Christ! We have entered into the Spring season, a time when blossoms bloom, birds sing, flowers grow, and all is well in the world. It all sounds so poetic, doesn't it? While most of this is true, the reality is that all is not well in the world. There is so much wrong that needs to be fixed. There is injustice, inequality, mistreatment of certain people based on their skin color, or their ethnicity, or their economic status. While the rich continue to get richer, the poor continue to remain poor. Educational opportunities are for the privileged and the elite of society, while the underserved and underrepresented are expected to accept the crumbs from the master's table. Sometimes I just wish the people in power would decide to do something about the disparities that exist between people of color and people of privilege. We do believe that a change is coming, but how long will we have to wait to see it? Will it be in my lifetime, or my grandchildren's lifetime? In order for us to see the change that we want to see, we are going to have to be the change! Let's form co-ops to grow our own community gardens, let's invest in our neighborhoods, let's police our own communities, let's educate our own children, let's empower the next generation by teaching them values and strategies that build wealth and health, not just the outward appearance of affluence. There was a time in history when the black church was a respected institution. A place where black neighborhoods were represented by black owned businesses. The market, the produce stand, the dry cleaners, the funeral home, the barbershop, the beauty parlor, the tailor shop, the dressmaker, etc. We don't have to go back to the way we were, I'll just settle for the way we can be.

Until our next communication,  
Pastor T Marc Gandy

## **E + R = O**

by Elder Calvin Brown, Sr. (Associate Pastor)

It has often been quoted that each of us have the ability to chart our own destiny and put into motion the course of direction we should take to reach our desired destination in life. For some it might be the desire to go to college and further their education, for others it may be a longing to get married, have children, and play a vital role in the development of the community in which they live. Regardless of the aspirations, hopes, and dreams that we strive for in our life's pursuits, there is one biblical principle/formula that can assist us in successfully accomplishing the task we have set before us. The biblical principle/formula I am talking about is  $E + R = O$ . This formula declares that (The Event + My Response = Will Always Dictate the Outcome) As a young man newly married, and taking on the responsibilities of fatherhood, and the many challenges that come with providing for a family seeking to meet the financial, emotional, and at times spiritual needs within the household, I realized that I needed a deeper understanding of how to apply God's word to my life in responding to the day to day struggles and situations that inevitably I would encounter. It was in seeking the Lord that one day while at my job that he gave me this formula  $E + R = O$ . The Lord impressed upon me that life itself is comprised of a series of (Events) and circumstances that which for the most part we will never have control of. The (Event) may be the death of a loved one, a failed relationship or marriage that went terribly wrong, the lost of a job, more bills than income, diagnosis of a terminal disease, a wayward child or close family member falling victim to drug or alcohol addiction, childhood mental or physical abuse, false accusations or lies directed at your Christian character, living through a pandemic, and the list goes on and on. But regardless of the (Event) no matter what it might be, the Lord has given his people the ability to dictate the outcome of every situation in their lives by trusting, believing, and allowing our actions to align with what the Word of God would instruct us to do. The following scriptures and many more support this statement; Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 118:5, Psalm 9:10, Isaiah 26:3, Romans 8:28, Psalm 40:4-5, Jeremiah 17:7-8, John 14:1, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 46:10 Someone in the world coined the phrase several years ago WWJD (WHAT WOULD JESUS DO). These letters WWJD were posted on billboards, printed on t-shirts, and repeated by countless preachers in pulpits all over the world. The answer to this question is that (Jesus would do what his Word told us to do). No matter what you might be facing on today or how challenging the (Event) might be, know that it is (Your Response) in trusting God's Word that is going to dictate the (Outcome) and by faith you are already an overcomer and victorious in Jesus Christ.

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## April Birthdays:

4/2 Charles Green Sr, 4/2 Sharon Penn, 4/3 Faye Jinks, 4/3 Stephanie Pushia, 4/4 Audrey Findley,  
4/12 Asst. Assoc. Pas. Calvin Brown Sr, 4/14 Lynette Randle, 4/21 Jourdan Jackson

## April Wedding Anniversaries:

4/2 Betty & Jimmie Pugh, 4/11 Ellen & Sterling August 4/24 Bonnie & Michael Reddrick



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