



We are a people who are hungry for new experiences with our God. We don't believe in conserving the experiences of the past. Our vocation is not religion but a deeper relationship to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you are ready to join us in our pursuit of God, you are most welcome here at GO Centre. It is our prayer, that you may be able to know Jesus and know Him as our crucified redeemer. We are glad you came! Allow Jesus to meet you and experience His presence which will change your life. Be blessed!

Pastor Helmut Reutter

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2 Corinthians 12:9

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2 Corinthians 12:9-10

*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Matthew 5:48

**Sunday 24 December 2023**  
**Service Moderator: Pastor Victor Tembo**  
**Preacher: Pastor Helmut Reutter**

**Matthew 2:1** Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." 3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 6 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'" - (NLT)

**Matthew 27:54** When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" - (NIV)

### Disciples identify God's grace in weakness

1. Consider how the Almighty sent His Son as a baby
2. How the Father kept His Son safe when Satan raged
3. Christmas reminds us that our weakness is not defeat
4. Satan's onslaughts on Jesus have never succeeded
5. The cross shows total helplessness but in it we reign

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TOMORROW: Christmas Service** at 10:00 hrs - You are welcome to share! Don't miss!

**Tuesday:** Bible Study Class resumes on 09 January 2024 for new Discipleship lessons.

**Wednesday's 18:00 hrs:** Run To Win on TV & Social Media. Don't miss this teaching!

**23-26 January** We meet for prayer every evening at 17:30 hrs - Plan for this time!

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** with all God's Blessings from Pastor & Mrs Reutter

### Regular Meetings

<b>Sunday</b>	09:30 hrs Sunday Service and Children's classes
<b>Wednesday</b>	18:00 hrs Run To Win: Weekly Bible Study Online
<b>Thursday</b>	18:00 hrs Home Fellowships in various locations
<b>Saturday</b>	12:45 hrs Choir Practice 15.00 hrs Youth Meeting
Other activities will be announced.	

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### Your Scripture for the Day

**Monday:** **2 Corinthians 12:9** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. - (NIV84)

**Luke 2:40** And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. - (NIV84)

**Luke 2:51** Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **52** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. - (NIV84)

**Tuesday** **Matthew 2:7** Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" 9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. - (NLT)

**Wednesday** **Matthew 2:13** When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. 17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: - (NIV84)

**Thursday:** **Matthew 2:19** After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." 21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23 and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." - (NIV84)

**Friday:** **Matthew 4:5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" - (NIV84)

**John 19:17** Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18 Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. 19 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. - (NIV84)

**Saturday:** **Luke 22:39** Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. 40 There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation." 41 He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. 44 He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. 45 At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation." - (NLT)