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# HIGHER GROUND



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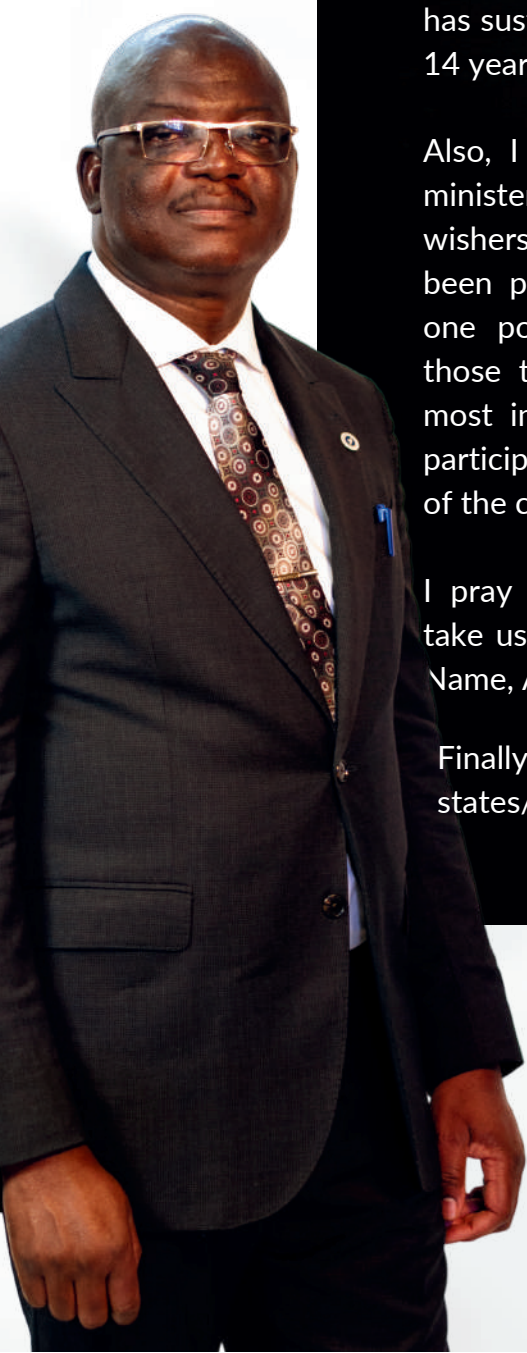




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# PASTORAL DESK



On this 15-year anniversary, I am using this medium to congratulate the entire membership of RCCG Jesus House Huntsville for how God has sustained the church in the past 14 years.

Also, I want to appreciate all the ministers, workers, members, well-wishers and everyone that have been part of this great mission at one point or the other including those that are just joining us and most importantly for the effective participation towards the progress of the church.

I pray that the almighty God will take us to Higher Grounds in Jesus Name, Amen.

Finally, let me use this medium to welcome our guests from in and out of the states/country. You are highly appreciated. Shalom!

The Theme for this year's anniversary is Higher Grounds Philippians 3: 14 "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". My prayer is that at the end of this programme, everyone will have a divine encounter with God in Jesus name, Amen.

I also want to use this opportunity to welcome our Daddy in the Lord, the Assistant General Overseer and Continental Overseer, the Americans - Pastor Dr. James Fadel and the Provincial Pastor - Pastor Enefaa Fenny to the RCCG Jesus House Huntsville Alabama. We wish them a happy stay in Huntsville Alabama.







## CONGRATULATION JESUS HOUSE HUNTSVILLE

On behalf of my immediate family and RCCG The Americas I, I rejoice with you, Pastors Peter & Kehinde Oyediran, and all the workers, ministers, and parishioners of RCCG Jesus House Huntsville, AL! God has touched so many lives through you in these fifteen years of existence because you have allowed Him to minister His love through you. We thank you for all you do and pray that you will all also be blessed in every way (Genesis 12:2).

God is able and willing; He is with you and for you (2 Corinthians 9:8). Therefore, the LORD has made you bloom with many leaves and accompanying fruit for which we are very grateful to our Sovereign and Almighty God. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV) says "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." We know that this celebration of your 15th church anniversary is God's reminder of His unconditional and everlasting love for RCCG Jesus House Huntsville even as He calls you all to higher ground.

Your years of service have been a gift to a community in need. We pray that the LORD will bless you as you have been a blessing to many. The LORD will answer your prayers, give you revelations of Him and heaven, keep you all strong, fruitful, and fulfilled in the Christian race. He will give you all peace and joy in abundance as you commemorate the crystal anniversary of RCCG Jesus House Huntsville, in Jesus' Name.

Congratulations!

Yours in the LORD's Service,

Pastors (Drs.) James and Manita Fadel  
Assistant General Overseer & Continental Overseer, The Americas  
The Redeemed Christian Church of God

# EDITOR'S DESK



I have seen the Lord's goodness, mercies, and compassion.

With a grateful heart, I present the 2023 edition of the Anniversary magazine.

All thanks to God for His unfailing love, mercy, and grace toward me, my family, and my loved ones.

My profound thanks go to the magazine committee and Pastor Peter Oyediran for their dedication, sacrifice, and support in making this project a success. I pray that the Almighty God favors you, blesses you, and establishes the works of your hands.

To everyone that comes in contact with this magazine, may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Happy 15th Anniversary to the RCCG Jesus House Huntsville family. May the Grace of the Lord Jesus be you all, Amen!

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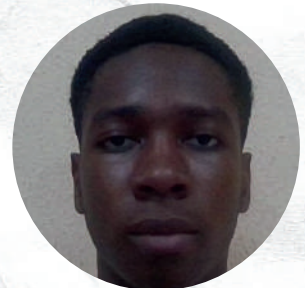
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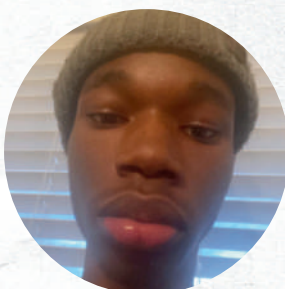
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# RCCG JESUS HOUSE HUNTSVILLE

*Celebrating the God of Grace*

## WHO WE ARE

RCCG Jesus House Huntsville for All Nations is a church for all races, tribes, and nationalities.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to equip the saints for heaven, giving hope to the hopeless, and where dreams come true.

## WEEKLY SERVICES



### Sunday Service

**Sunday** - Worship Service (10:00 am)



### Digging Deep

**Wednesday** - Bible Study (6:00 pm - 7:00pm)



### Mount Zion Hour

**Friday** - Morning Prayers (5:00am - 6:00am)



### Night Vigil Service

**First and Last Friday of the Month** 9:00pm

**Romans 10:13**

**"Whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

**"Whosoever" INCLUDES you! Why don't you surrender your precious life to him?**

# LEADERSHIP



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# Meet Our Teams

## *Church Administration*



## *HODs*

Heads of various department for year 2023



## *Choir Department*

The ministrels and singers of the church





## *Men of Vision*



We are dedicated men, brothers on a mission to deepen their faith, support one another, and make a positive impact. We come together for meaningful discussions, service projects, and fellowship, strengthening our faith and forging lifelong bonds. Join us on this journey of spiritual growth and camaraderie as we strive to be the men God calls us to be.

## *Women of Valor*



The Women of Valor is a thriving community of strong and dedicated women. We gather to strengthen our faith, share life's experiences, and serve our community with love. From meaningful discussions to fabulous events, we're all about nurturing our faith while having a blast.



# *God's Heritage Children Department*



God's heritage is a joyful playground for kids to grow in love, laughter, and faith. With interactive stories, games, and activities, we make learning about God an adventure they'll cherish.

## *Young Adult & Youth Affair (YAYA)*



We are focused on navigating life with faith as our guide. In our journey, we will demonstrate how faith is cool and real, with vibrant events, inspiring discussions, and unforgettable memories. The ultimate goal is a transformed life.



## *Rooted Teens*

This is where faith meets fun. Our spot is the ultimate hangout for all the cool and curious teens out there. We're all about faith, friendship, and a whole lot of fun – from epic game nights to inspiring discussions.



## *JHH Dance Teams*

We are the rhythm of our worship, where faith and movement come together in harmony. We express our love for God through the art of dance, sharing joy, hope, and praise with the congregation.



*YAYA Dance Team*



*Fine Girlz for Jesus*



*Fine Boyz for Jesus*



## *Accounting Team*

We account for all the funds that go in to the church. Working diligently to ensure to financial succes of the church.



## *Transportation Team*

We are deliver people to the church on a timely manner. As a team we work behind the scene making sure people are delivered safely to and back form the church.



## *Welcome Team*

We keep in touch with every member of the church. We do follow-up and routine checkup calls for both new and old members, as well as visit the sick and new mothers.



## *Drama Team*

We are the creative arm of the church, bringing God's message through powerful and insightful plays ministered in songs, actions, and words





## *Evangelism Team*

A dedicated community working to spread the gospel of Christ to all corners of our community and beyond. Through outreach, events, and sharing the love of Jesus, we aim to bring people closer to God and strengthen their faith.



## *Media Team*

Lights, camera, action! We are all about capturing the spirit of our church family in pixels. From snapping joyous moments to sharing uplifting messages, we're the behind-the-scenes crew that makes every service and event shine.



## *Kitchen Team*

Beyond eating Rhema, we ensure there's food for our events. By blending flavors and fellowship, we are serving up delicious dishes and warm smiles. Thanks to this team, every gathering is a feast for the soul and stomach.



## *Food Pantry*

Spreading kindness, one box at a time! Here, we show compassion within and beyond our church. We're on a mission to fight hunger and spread hope in our community. Join us to be a part of the pantry that's changing lives, one box at a time.





## ***Sanitation Team***

Making cleanliness a joyful ministry! Our Sanitation Department is the unsung hero behind the scenes, keeping our sacred space sparkling and safe. We may not dance, but we sure do sparkle and shine.



## ***Decoration Team***

We are passionate about adding beauty to our church. We're the dream team behind the church's visual magic, ensuring every event and service is a feast for the eyes. We make every event, season, and service look fantastic.



## ***Tribe of Praise***

1, 2, 3, Sing!!! We are a dynamic group of young voices united in praise and worship. We come together to create beautiful melodies that resonate with our faith and bring joy to our church family.



## ***Welfare Department***

Sharing Love, One Visit at a Time! Our Welfare Department is on a mission to turn missed Sundays into brighter weekdays and new beginnings into warm welcomes. We're the friendly faces that reach out with love and support to those who need it most.





## *Sunday School Team*

This is where learning knows no bounds. From kids to adults, we come together to explore, discuss, and grow in our faith journey. Our teachers create a welcoming environment where every age group can share in the wisdom of God's Word.



## *Prayer Department*

We stand as intercessors lifting our intentions and requests to the heavens. We gather frequently to lift our voices, share our burdens, and seek God's guidance through the power of prayer.



## *Protocol Unit*

Our Protocol Department is all about extending loving hospitality to our guest ministers. From airport pickups to making sure they're comfortable, we're dedicated to making them feel right at home.



## *Ushering Team*

We are the friendly faces at the door, ensuring every member and visitor feels welcome and comfortable. We're here to assist, provide guidance, and create a peaceful atmosphere for worship.







The Bible says, in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." The words above might have been said thousands of years ago but remain true today. Have you been overcome with the woes of life? There's always a lot happening in this world that could affect our minds, health, finances, family, and more negatively.

If you find yourself struggling with no sense of hope; I implore you to seek God and all these things will work out. I can assure you of this because of the loving-kindness of the Father that never changes. All it takes to start is one conversation with him, so why don't you taste today and see his goodness? Simply say:

### **The Salvation Prayer**

Father, it is written in Your Word that if I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in my heart that You have raised Him from the dead, I shall be saved. Therefore, Father, I confess that Jesus is my Lord. I make Him the Lord of my life right now. I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead. I renounce my past life with Satan and close the door to any of his devices. I thank You for forgiving me of all my sins. Jesus is my Lord, and I am a new creation. Old things have passed away; all things become new in Jesus' name. Amen!

### **Prayer for our needs**

Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all-around peace in our body, soul, and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us.



# **SERMON EXCERPTS**

- **HIGHER GROUNDS**
- **BACK TO BETHEL**
- **WHEN MERCY SPEAKS**
- **RECOVERY OF THE AXE HEAD**
- **THE POWER OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING**
- **THE GLORY OF THE LATER HOUSE**
- **A CALL TO ACTION**



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# HIGHER GROUNDS



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## GENESIS 1:27-28

It is in the original plan of God for us to operate on a Higher Ground. God created Man with the authority to dominate but sin took away that dominion. Glory be to God that there is Redemption through Jesus.

Rev. 5: 10, And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

God created us to be kings and priests to rule on this earth, however the only way to reign is to operate on a higher Ground.

The following point will help you on your journey to Higher Ground.

- Assess and recognizes where you are (Phil 3. 12 -14) You must be dissatisfied with your present situation. Have the unquenchable yearning that you can operate on Higher Ground.
- You must have a hunger and thirst that nothing can quench. A rugged determination.
- You must have the tenacity and selfless dedication.
- Forget those things that are behind. (Isaiah 43 : 18 - 19) If you let go of the past you will be able to focus on your present and future goals, see clearer and strategize. (Phil. 3: 13)
- Our God is a God of Progress and is always doing new things. (Philippians 4: 13, Deut. 28 : 13)

## PRICES FOR HIGHER GROUND

- Consecration: You must be set apart and sold out for God. no more personal agenda.
- Be focused: Do not allow distractions. Walk with the wise. Fly with the eagles.
- Continuation: You must continue to aspire higher everyday. Let Jesus be your ultimate standard. Psalm 1: 1-3 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."
- Conservation: You must be willing to keep your Higher Ground status Alone with God will help you in this regard. Gen. 32 : 24 - 26 "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

Jacob was left alone and he wrestled with an angel and would not give up until he prevailed and conquered.



# BACK TO BETHEL

Pastor Peter Oyediran

## Genesis 35:1

***Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."***

Bethel is a place of encounter with God. The essence of going back to Bethel is to return to that place of your divine encounter with God.

Jacob encountered God at Bethel while running away from the face of his brother Esau.

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob - after making peace with his brother dwelt at the city of Shechem in Canaan but God instructed him to go back to Bethel where Jacob had a special encounter with God the first time.

In our days, many believers have drifted further away from God. God wants us to get back at the foot of God's ladder of fellowship again. Covenant ourselves to Him and dedicate our lives to His service. Some believers in Christ have backslidden from the faith but God is calling us to come back to a place of fellowship with HIM.

Jacob had left Bethel 30 years when God called him to return back to Bethel. This simply meant Jacob needed to return back to God's presence and rebuild the relationship with God and dwell in His presence.

Psalms 27: 4

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

### WHY DO WE NEED TO GO BACK TO BETHEL?

God wants to take us back to the days long gone by. It seems the Heavenly vision some of us saw when we first gave our lives to Christ have faded away and God is calling us back unto repentance as God begins to lift us from one level of greatness to another, we forgot where God brought us from.

We forgot that He brought us from the Miry clay and set our feet on the Solid rock.

Psalms 40: 2-4

2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Our desire to preach the Gospel, win souls for God and stand tall for God anywhere has started to dwindle and God is saying come back to Bethel - A place of divine encounter with God.



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BETHEL" ON OUR  
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# WHEN MERCY SPEAKS

**PASTOR C. T. ONI**

**Romans 9:10-13**

**And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."**

**This month the Mercy of God will speak for you in Jesus name**

**God will use mercy to solve your problems**

**Mercy is the platform that allows favour to flow towards a person or a thing.**

**What is Mercy?**

**Compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone when it is within one's power to punish or harm**

**The word mercy is from the latin word "merced or merces" which means "price paid"**

**Jesus paid the price for our sins Col 1:14**

**-An act of kindness, compassion or favour Act 20:28**

**Mercy - is the nature and attitude of God.**

**Mercy - is the patience of God.**

**Speak to utter words or articulate sounds.**

- The ordinary voice.
- To communicate vocally
- To deliver an address

**Mercy is the cancellation of the ugly past.**

**God's Mercy**

**It is compassion and the kindness that is shown on the offender that deserves judgement and his punishment is cancelled through forgiveness.**

- Mercy is when God stoops low as the superior to serve man who is inferior. Heb 4:14-16
- Mercy is when God set aside judgement to let His love for you prevail
- Mercy is when your failure does not count. As new chapters of favour are opened.
- Mercy is when the voice of compassion speaks louder than that of judgement.
- Mercy is the major requirement in the school of divine assistance and double/durable wonders. Titus 3:5.

**Mercy can speak**

**James 2:13; Mercy rejoiceth against judgement. Matt 5:7. It makes others to be merciful unto you.**

- When mercy is at work

**How mercy speaks.**

**1. Mercy can speak healing: Mathew 9:27-30. Their blind eyes were opened.**

**2. Mercy can speak of fruitfulness- turning delay barrenness into fruitfulness. Luke 1:58, Isaiah 1:10-19.**

**3. Mercy can speak deliverance- Canaanite woman: Mathew 15:21-28.**

**4. Mercy can speak hope where there is no hope- 1 kings 17:8**

**5. Mercy can speak salvation- John 8:1-10, Luke 1:54-55. The widow of saraphat.**

**6. Mercy rejoice before judgement- James 2:13**

**What happens when mercy speaks.**

**1. Impossibility becomes possible-Matt 17:14-21, Mark 9:22-23**

**2. There will be deliverance- protocol Matt 15:21-28, the Canaanite woman**

**3. There will be healing: mark 10:51-52, Luke 17:11-19 Lord have mercy in/ heal me**

**4. You enjoy what you do not deserve or qualify for. Matt 15:21-28**

**John 8, Romans 8:15-16. The children's food was given to her.**

**The most disadvantaged become repositioned into the most advantageous estate-prison to palace.**

**5. Heaven will stand still for you. Mark 10:49-51- divine attention**

6. Protocols are broken for your sake.  
The food that was not intended for her was given to her. Matt 15:26-27

7. Barrenness will be terminated: Elizabeth- Luke 1:58, 1 Sam 1:9-19. Mercy blessed the effort.

8. You enjoy divine preferential treatment. Jacob was preferred than Esau.  
Rom 9:10-13, Daniel preferred to Saul 2 Sam 7:15-16

9. Speedy answers to prayers-Mark 10:46- Difficult requests are answered; Moses Exo 33:18-23

10. Divine exception from judgement: Lk 23:39-43. John 8:1-11. Lot Gen 19:19  
Woman caught in adultery  
The thief on the cross  
The woman was condemned to death but mercy says no: the devil wants to destroy your destiny but mercy says no.

11. Enjoy divine favor- Gen 39:21  
May mercy locate you/speak for you today.

#### **How to provoke the mercy of God.**

1. Be merciful unto others- Matt 5:7

2. Mercy works at the instance of faith. Mark 10:52, Matt 9:27-31. 2 blind men,  
when mercy is speaking nothing is impossible,  
it can still be well for you inside the well-  
Daniel/Joseph

3. You need to humble yourself-  
It takes humility to cry for help Luke 18:13

4. You need to cry for mercy- A closed mouth  
is a closed destiny Mark 10

5. You must be redeemed by the blood of  
Jesus: Blood of Jesus cry for mercy. Heb 12:24

6. Confess your sins: Pro 28:13

Conclusion: it is only by mercy you can receive  
anything from God that can become anything,  
that you are alive today: to get to heaven you  
need mercy.

#### **Prayer Points.**

1. God of 11th hour miracle let mercy speak for me this day in Jesus name.

2. Father please by mercy solve my problems today and answer my prayers today in Jesus name.

3. Father let mercy break protocol for me today and give unto me what I don't qualify for or deserves in Jesus name.

4. Father let mercy speak healing to my body today in Jesus name.

5. Father let mercy do the impossible in my life today in Jesus name.

6. Father let mercy promote me in Jesus name even position I do not qualify for.

7. Father let mercy terminate every delay in my life and turn my barrenness into fruitfulness in Jesus name.

8. Father by your mercy cancel every appointment of death upon my life in Jesus name.

9. Father by mercy rescue my soul and destiny from the coven of witches /wizards in Jesus name

10. Father today where my faith cannot get to, let mercy speak for me in Jesus name.



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# RECOVERY OF THE AXE HEAD

2 Kings 6:1-7

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

It is high time that believers retrieve back their lost Axe Head that has entered into deep Rivers.

- Your Axe Head is the weapon with which you engage in battle. Jeremiah 51:20-21
- Your axe Head is also the gift inside of you which is particularly unique to you. Isaiah 32:15
- Your axe Head is your power for service. Luke 24: 29

## WHERE DID IT FALL?

You must be conscious of the loss of the Axe Head.

2 Kings 6:6-7

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

## WHAT TAKES AWAY OUR AXE HEAD?

### **SIN**

Isaiah 59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

### **DELIBERATE WORK OF EMPTIERS TO WEAR OUT SAINTS OF GOD.**

Nahum 2:2 For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

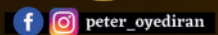
### **OFFENSE AND STRIFE.**

Ephesians 4:31-32

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

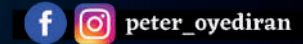
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Your season of total Recovery has come in Jesus Name, Amen!



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# THE POWER OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING



Luke 17:11 - 19

Ten Lepers Cleansed

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Praise and thanksgiving are vital tools towards entering the presence of God.

Psalm 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

In our text today, We heard about the story of the Ten Lepers who stood at a distance crying out for Jesus to heal them. Jesus healed them but only one returned to give thanks to God.

It is important for us to know that Thanksgiving grants us access into the very presence of God. Praise is the act of proclaiming the greatness of God, extolling Him for who He is. We are to continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God. When you praise God your spirit is elevated into His presence.

Psalm 22:3; says that God inhabits the praises of Israel.

Thanksgiving is the act of expressing gratitude for all that He has done. It is a way of saying OH LORD I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME.

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; Prayer and supplication needs to flow from the lips of a thankful heart.

The heart of Thanksgiving will make the gates of Heaven swing wide open.

Praise and Thanksgiving will usher us into His presence. Make up your mind to praise God and give Him thanks as you go on your journey in life.



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# THE GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE

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In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the Lord by the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2 vs 1 - 9”

1. Our God is glorious - full of glory, shines, Powerful, Wealthy, Great, Strong and Holy. (Psalm 24 : 8, Isaiah 42: 8 , Exodus 15 : 11)
2. God wants to fill the Church, the body of Christ, the end time believers and by extension, the whole universe with His Glory. (Haggai 2 : 7, Numbers 14: 21)
3. Jesus came down from Heaven to this world to manifest God's glory. John 2: 11  
This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 11 : 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- The only antidote to darkness, shame and wickedness in our world today is the manifestation of God's Glory. Isaiah 60 : 1-3 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."
- The world is groaning and waiting for us to manifest the latter house glory. Romans 8 : 18 - 19 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." John 14 : 12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

## The Glory to be manifested in this last days are:

- The Glory of the new birth (John 3 : 3, vs 5 - 7, Ephesians 2 : 4 -6, Colossians 1:27)
- The Glory of healings, miracles, signs and wonders including the baptism of the Holy Ghost. (1 Peter 2 : 24, John 14 : 12, Mark 16 : 15 -17)
- The Glory of the Kingdom wealth (Haggai 2 : 7- 8, Zechariah 1 : 17)
- The Glory of christ Second coming (Matthew 25 : 31, Colossians 3 : 1 - 4)

## **How can I manifest the Glory of the latter house?**

- **Pray consistently to experience more of God's Glory**

**Exodus 33 : 17 - 19**

*17 And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.*

*18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.*

*19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.*

- **Be dead to the flesh and the world**

**Exodus 33 : 20** *And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.*

**Romans 8 : 18** *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

- **Be thirsty and hungry for God's Power and Glory always**

**Psalms 63 : 1 -2**

*1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*

*2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.*



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# A CALL TO ACTION



Definitions/ meaning of Arise is to:-

- Prepare for action.

A few life lessons from this family

## **1. YOU MUST HAVE A ROADMAP FOR YOUR LIFE.**

Don't be a Solomon Grundy- A rhyme many of us learned as children: -

- Solomon Grundy, born on a Monday, christened on Tuesday.
- Married on Wednesday, Took ill on Thursday.
- Grew worse on Friday.
- Died on Saturday.
- Buried on Sunday.

That was the end of Solomon Grundy.

Terah took Abram, Sarai and Lot out of Ur of Chaldeans their home country.

- Canaan was supposed to be their destination, but they settled at Haran.
- Did he get distracted?
- Or maybe because it reminded him of his late son. HARAN
- Did the journey get too long or

**Life Happened** - Unfortunately, **Terah died in Haran.**

- He did not make it to his destination!
- We do not know if the blessings of Abram were meant for Terah.

Terah stopped **ALONG THE WAY**, he did not get to the promise land. **-He Settled!**

## **Unfinished Projects:**

- Many are in the middle of various projects but get distracted and abandon it because doubts set in

Some just made fresh plans at the beginning of the year!

- We call it **NEW YEAR RESOLUTION** Make sure you keep moving. - Get into action
- You are not at your destination yet. Micah 2:10

**REVISIT, REVIEW, or REALIGN**

The enemy of the best is the good- **what does that mean?** You cannot settle for second best.

**Some KEY QUESTIONS OF LIFE** Ps.32:8

- Who are you?
- Where are you going?
- Where are you now? – **assessment time.**

## **2. YOU MUST EMBRACE CHANGE**

Two things I can say is constant in life. Change & Death, and for those of us who live in this part of the world. **TAX**

**Even God recognizes change- He created seasons Dan.2:21**

Embracing change may mean it is time to break some family norms.

- A change of career
- Be the first to graduate.
- Have non-regular job

**A tough instruction came to Abram in Gen.12:1 after the death of his father.**

- He had to leave the known.
- His family
- His father's house
- His comfort zone

Can you imagine if you must relocate to a new state with little or no preparation? Especially if it is sudden.

- It is even worse when you do not have any resources! - No clue what to expect.

**In this call to action: -DO A TARZAN. - You must SWING. (explain)**

Are you bold, enough to quit your job to pursue your heart's desire?

**We are told that Abram departed as the Lord has spoken to him. Is.30:21**

It was a tough call for an ordinary shepherd.

- but Abram AROSE as commanded.
- He obeyed the Lord and packed up 75 years of accumulated possessions.
- He left the place he knew and understood for the journey to the unknown
- He did not realize God had a bigger and better plan for him.
- God saw beyond where he was.
- God saw him as father of nations, A role model, a leader!
- GOD KNEW he was called to SHINE.
- Abraham had to move before he received something new.

**Embrace your future by embracing change.**

The world we live in has changed and we must embrace the change or remain stagnant.

**Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past are certain to miss the future.**

- Please don't let your past dictate the FUTURE.
- Embrace your future by embracing change.

Life will not always show you the answer immediately, but it unfolds as you go along. 1Sam2:9A

### **3. PREPARE FOR A MINDSHIFT**

MINDSHIFT is knowing that a **"Setback in life is a set-up for a come back"**

**Rom.12:2a**

- Mindshift is about changing the way you do things.
- Mindshift is adjusting how you THINK or with WHAT YOU SAY
- Mindshift is making LIFESTYLE CHANGES.
- Mindshift is having to leave some people behind because they belong to your yesterday.
- You cannot allow them to hold you back.

If you don't program your mind, it will be programed without your knowing it.

**In life, you don't get what you want, you get what you are.**



#### **4. DON'T PLAY SAFE – YOU CAN'T PLAY SAFE**

Many people go thru life trying not to do anything big – TRYING TO PLAY SAFE  
**HELLO THERE IS NO SAFE POSITION IN LIFE.**

- People on the ground have been killed by airplanes.
- People in their homes have been killed by cars crashing through

Remind yourself that: -

- **Faith is acting like God is telling the truth.**
- **Faith is acting like it is so, even though it is not so, that it might be so, because God said so.**

Faith is knowing who is speaking to you and choosing to trust the person.

- Faith is refocusing on God.

Abram's action was based on his knowledge of God.

- He believed what God told him.

Abram knew God would turn his trash to treasure.

#### **BECOME A RISK-TAKER, BE AN ATTACKER**

Someone who plays it safe, does not want to lose their seed, will not let it out of their hands/sight

- **Everyone has seeds of greatness in them, but those seeds only grow in the field called RISK**

If you cannot risk, then you cannot grow.

If you cannot grow, you cannot become your best.

This is the CALL to ACTION

**You are called to ARISE, SHINE for your light has come.**

**The glory of God is all over you- YOU CANNOT AFFORD to waste it**



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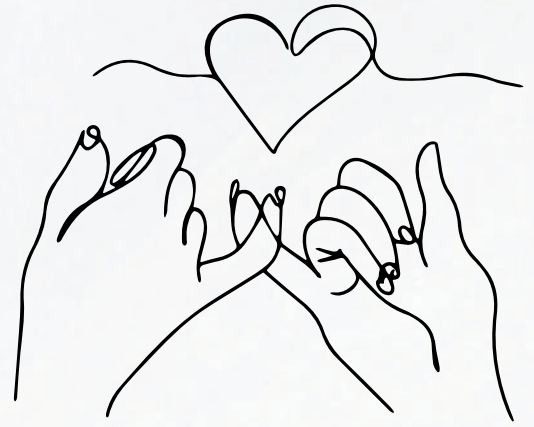
# FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS



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# THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN



You've probably heard of the five love languages: physical touch, gifts, words of affirmation, acts of service, and quality time. The concept was created by Gary Chapman, Ph.D., a marriage counselor known for his best-selling book *The 5 Love Languages*. Dr. Chapman's theory is that we all express and experience love in the same five ways, but everyone—including children—has one specific way that matters most to them.

**What Are The Five Love Languages And How To Spot Them?**

As explained by Dr. Chapman in his book, children receive and show love in five ways:

1. Quality time
2. Words of affirmation
3. Physical touch
4. Acts of service
5. Receiving gifts

## The Five Love Languages of Children

Whether you are struggling to cope with a sudden attitude change in your child or your second baby has flipped your parenting philosophy right out the window, you can benefit from understanding and identifying the five love languages.

### 1. Words of Affirmation: Don't Skimp On The "I Love You's"

Children who speak this love language really pay attention to your words as they hold a lot of meaning for them. If your praise and verbal declarations of love have your child beaming, their love language is words of affirmation. Such children often shower you with loving words too.

To show love to such a child, you can:

- Get down to their level and tell them you love them.
- Make sure they listen to you, praising them to other people.
- Occasionally put note cards in the lunch box (handwritten work too).
- Appreciate their efforts, "you did so well!"
- Call them by an affectionate name.

Remember that while insults will bring down any child, they can genuinely cut deep for a child that wants to hear your loving words. Thus, it is essential to let them know you love them unconditionally.

Thinking before you speak to your children and HOW you speak to them is vital. Regulate your tone and always choose to reply empathetically.

### 2. Physical Touch: Shower Them With Kisses and Cuddles

If your child leaps on you as soon as you get home or if they keep touching you, it is a sign that they crave physical touch. For such children, an "I love you" with a hug or small hand squeeze is much more potent than just a verbal declaration.

To show love to such a child, you can:

- Snuggle with them on the couch during movie night.
- Cuddle with them before sleep or as you read to them.

- Hug and kiss them often.
- Give high-fives and
- Give high-fives and squeeze hands as a gesture of love.
- Playfully wrestle with them or call for family hugs.

Remember a slap or spanking is hurtful to any child, but it is devastating to one whose primary love language is touch. Research has also shown that dads tend to become less physically affectionate when their daughters start to grow older because they feel ill at ease, says Dr. Markham. She suggests making a habit of good-morning and good-night hugs, even as kids get older.

### 3. Quality Time: Prioritize One-on-One Bonding

If your child constantly asks you to play with them, listen to them, or even show you different things, their love language is probably quality time. Such children feel most valued when their parents give them undivided attention, even for a small allotted "special" portion of the day.

It is not so much about WHAT you do but HOW you spend this bonding time. Even small gestures such as stopping to pay attention to your child when they walk into a room can reassure them that their company is valued.

To show love to such a child, you can:

- Let them choose the activity for a daily fun one-on-one session.
- Have meals together.
- Have a heart-to-heart conversation before bed.
- Take them along to run errands.
- Play with them or go for walks.

Remember never to isolate such a child to discipline them as they are much more sensitive to feeling abandoned and will consider this an extreme punishment.

### 4. Gifts: Use Presents As Tokens of Love

Children who tend to hold onto things even when they do not use them or remember who gave them what as a present for a long time equate receiving gifts to feeling loved. Keep in mind that these gifts are not just things for them to own but an extension and expression of your love. So while your children may appreciate the occasional splurging, they will love small personalized gifts just as much. From cards to photo books to even giving flowers from your jog, such kids view gifts as your way of valuing them. But remember not to go overboard and always give age-appropriate items.

To show love to such a child, you can:

- Get a gift you can work on/ play with together.
- Choose thoughtful gifts they will be interested in.
- Give them stars and stickers for every small milestone.
- Gift them a photo book celebrating your time together.
- Allot a special place to display their gifts.

However, do not use gifts instead of other love languages, or they will lose their value as a token of love.

## 5. Acts of Service: Fulfill Special Requests

Perhaps the most challenging love language to master is that of acts of service. Children who speak this love language tend to find self-assurance and security in having their parents help with all kinds of things, from getting their clothes on to fixing a toy. Instead of thinking of it as picking up after your child constantly, view acts of service as a way to make them feel extra loved.

- To show love to such a child, you can:
- Tuck them into bed.
- Make their favorite meal.
- Help them organize their room.
- Support them while doing homework.
- Occasionally make an exception to do a chore for them.

While you cannot keep saying yes to every request, weighing your response even when denying your kid is crucial. Although teaching kids independence is crucial to their growth and confidence, instead of turning down their requests completely, you should walk them through various steps of getting the task done and providing support where needed.

Love Language	May Be Your Child's If	Show Love By:
Words of Affirmation	Love appreciation, beam with they hear "I love you," thrives when given verbal affirmation	Saying "I love you" frequently, often praise theme to others when they're within an earshot
Physical Touch	Love to cuddle and kiss, clingy when they see you after a few hours	Giving lots of kisses, hugs, and cuddles, squeeze hands, and playfight
Quality Time	Keep asking you to look at things or play together, want to tell stories all the time	Have meals together, make time for a daily fun activity of their choice, ask about their day
Receiving Gifts	Remember what they received as gifts for a long time, love to display presents, save wrapping papers	Give meaningful gifts without occasion, buy their favorite fruits, bring flowers from a walk
Acts of Service	Want help with (sometimes mundane) tasks, ask for assistance regularly, say, "you do it for me"	Support them with homework, do a chore for me as an exception without asking, help them make their bed

**Excripts from The 5 Love Languages of Children: The Secret to Loving Children Effectively**

**By: Gary Chapman, Ross Campbell**





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# GODLY PARENTING

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## WHAT IS GODLY PARENTING

According to the Cambridge Dictionary, parenting can be described as the raising of children and all the responsibilities and activities that are involved in it. This includes providing physical, financial, emotional, social, and spiritual support for the child from infancy to adulthood.



In biblical terms, it is a divine assignment with clear expectations to train your child in the way of the Lord. (Prov 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it). It is also a role that comes with accountability.



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## CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLY PARENTING

### SELF-DISCIPLINE

Always remember that you are a mirror to your children. It is therefore important to be a godly example that is worthy of emulation by your children. Lois and Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5) demonstrated godly behaviors which were reflected in the life of Timothy. You can choose to be a model of godliness rather than worldliness and Christlikeness as opposed to self-centeredness. (Colossians 3:23-24, And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ).

### ABILITY TO GROW IN THE LORD

Submit yourself to the Holy Spirit who can teach you all things. You don't have to be a Pastor, Teacher, or Deacon/Deaconess to receive the teaching of the Holy Spirit. You need to draw wisdom and strength from the Holy Spirit daily to make godly decisions that will impact the lives of your children in positive ways. Children are distinct from one another, even identical twins, and the Holy Spirit can guide you to discover the blueprint of every child. (John 14:26, But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you).

## **ALWAYS PRAY OVER THE CHILDREN**

Pray over the children without ceasing, even when things are going well or not as expected. We always hope for the best for our children, but sometimes things might not be exactly the way we expect. Never give up on your children, keep praying, and be expectant that God can turn every situation around. In the parable of the prodigal son, the fatted calf is a symbol of festive celebration and rejoicing for someone's long-awaited return which means his father did not give up on him and was hoping that one day, he would come back home (Luke 15: 23-24, And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry).

## **DISCIPLINE**

This is the responsibility of both parents (Prov. 1:8, My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother). This should be done with love and understanding. Children are not only exposed to the teaching of their parents but are also influenced by other forces. Discipline will help the children to understand the role of authority and know the difference between right and wrong as well as the consequences of bad behavior. For discipline to be effective, it should be applied with wisdom so that it will not lead to rebellious acts from the child.

## **ACKNOWLEDGE GOOD BEHAVIOR**

Always praise your children and reward good behaviors when necessary. If the only thing you are pointing out to your children is bad behaviors, it might have a negative impact on their lives thinking they are good for nothing. Speak and confess positively into their lives.

## **SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Another character in the story of the prodigal son was his elder brother who lacked understanding about repentance, confessions, forgiveness, and the grace of God. His father spent quality time with him when he angrily refused the invitation to be part of the celebration in honor of his brother who was lost. If you don't spend time with your children, it might be difficult to identify areas of weakness that need to be addressed in a timely manner.

## **BE SUPPORTIVE**

Provide help with schoolwork and other educational activities. The teenage years can be very challenging considering the role of society in the lives of children. Take time to understand the challenges they are going through and provide necessary guidance and support.

Teach them how to make the correct biblical decisions even if others are doing otherwise (Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things).

*In conclusion, shower your children with unconditional love without discrimination. Marital conflict might be inevitable, don't drag your children into it. Allow the peace of God to rule and reign in your home.*



# WHO *is* YOUR GUY

If you read that title and thought of a secular song first, immediately visit Pastor Peter for prayers. Jokes aside though, take a moment to ponder on who you can refer to as your guy(s). You can even make a list. Once you're done, you can continue reading. In this article, you'll walk through a list of things to look out for in your guy(s). Afterward, refer to the list you made and see how many people you put on that list and check all the boxes.

Now, you might be wondering who should go on that list. Your guy is one who can influence your decisions as a result of their words or lifestyle; this person is able to speak into your life. This is the person you find yourself around often and believe that they'd have your back. It is very important who you choose as your guy as it could make or break your life. In Proverbs 13:20, the bible says

“Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.” Here are seven expectations you should have for the person you regard as your guy:

**Your guy is wise:** Just like the bible verse above tells us, you will be wise if you associate yourself with wise people. This does not mean to simply be street-smart. While common sense is valuable, the book of Proverbs emphasizes the need for wisdom. This is one truth we know, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”. No matter how intellectual your friends are, you are in trouble if they lack the fear of the Lord.

**Your guy has your back:** Don't believe me, ask Jonathan and David. We see in the lives of these two what the bible means by a true

friend is born for a time of adversity. The friendship of Jonathan and David is a perfect example of how friends respond during troubled times. If your guy dips when the water is stirred and only returns when all is calm, you need to watch out.

**Your guy is willing to sacrifice:** The friends Jonathan and David are not just unique because Jonathan protected David when the former's father tried to kill the latter (bible gossip 🙄). We often ignore the fact that David was taking away from Jonathan what should have been his according to human standards. Imagine being a prince and helping a commoner who you know would take the throne after your father. Be real! Many would count it as foolishness. However, that's just who your guy should be to you and vice versa.





### **Your guy speaks the truth:**

A true friend is willing to call and correct one's mistakes in love. Friends who support wrongdoings are guiding one down the path of destruction. Mordecai was Esther's guy for sure. After guiding her to a point of honor, he did not hesitate to remind her that her silence over Haman's proclamation was wrong. He straight up said if you don't do right, the Lord will provide another option. That should be the expectation we have for the people in our circle. After all, the bible mentioned in Proverbs 27: 9, "the sweetness of a friend's counsel that comes from the heart" makes the heart of the recipient glad.

**Your guy intercedes:** We have been commanded to pray for all. So, it should not be a new thing for "your person" to pray on your behalf, especially when you are not present. Abraham was in Lot's corner and we see how he pleaded that Sodom would not be destroyed.

their heavenly Father, stick to them closer than a brother. When you find the ones who take your name before their heavenly

**Your guy gives you your flowers:** The bible that says to let another praise you still stands true. Strangers are able to offer praise when they see the glory in one's life. However, there's a joy that comes from having a friend who can be your hypeman. We are called to encourage one another in 1 Thessalonians 5:11. This should be done on a regular basis. Your guy should give you the flowers you deserve without asking for them. Of course, physical flowers are included too.



**Your guy is hardworking:** Two is better than one when they both labor. There is value in hard work; it is imperative all members of the friendship remember this. Surround yourself with diligent people. This in itself is a form of motivation; even science agrees. The concept of body doubling shows that people work better when there is a supportive presence.

If you want to improve your work ethic, surround yourself with people who have a great work ethic.

At the end of the day, the ultimate guy is Jesus. Can you say Jesus is my guy with complete confidence? If you can, that's awesome. If not, please see your church leaders or spiritual mentors for counseling and prayers. Also, can Jesus say the same about you? Think about it!!!

You made it so far. I hope you went down the list for each person you have on your list. Take a few seconds to score them and reflect. Can you truly say this is my guy? Once you're done with that, score yourself as well. It is not enough to have your guy(s), can someone say the same for you? If a person on your list was asked the same question, would they mention you?



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# THE ROLE OF *MEN* IN THE FAMILY

**BY ABEL OSAGIE**

Men play a vital role in the family, being an anchor of the family makes the male man the father and a husband. The word father in Hebrew means Abba, which also means source and sustainer, whatever you source you sustain while husband came from two words house and bond which means (house bond). Men glue the family together, the male man is the foundation of the family, and the foundation carries the entire weight of the building. Men are built by God as the foundation of the family. The capacity to shoulder the entire responsibility is built in them, it's just that a lot of them have not recognized it.

Men are providers, they provide resources such as money, direction, affection, love, vision, wisdom, and knowledge for the family.

Men naturally are teachers, God gave men instruction as to how the earth should be governed God expected the men to teach the women and their children. That is why when things went wrong in the Garden of Eden God did not ask the woman, he held Adam responsible. He expected him to have taught his wife all that God had shown him or told him. When we say man is the head of the home it doesn't mean man is superior in any way,



what it means is to protect the family from danger, he should be able to see ahead his wife and his children, he should take initiative to protect the family God has entrusted in his hand. the man should be willing to influence the outcome of his home with Godly values, Being the head of the home means you are the first servant, you are the one to lead by example, as the Bible puts it you are the priest of your home, you are to lead prayer, the lead protector, the lead provider, it doesn't mean you have to make the most money, it means you recognize the importance and the significant of your home. Husband and wife are partners for life till death do them part is the duty of the man to know his wife God giving purpose and helping her call it out is your responsibility to help her stir up her gift you become the chief servant of her you help her bring that dream to pass, you are the first in the home to encourage her, you are the first in the house to point the children to the right direction leading them by your example of Godliness, leading them of faithful and financial stewardship.


Man takes the initiative and he doesn't passively allow things to fall apart in his home. You're the first to forgive, you're the first to apologize, man is the first giver, we are the first to be generous. What makes a strong or great man is he does whatever it takes to unify the family, that is what the man is willing to do.

You are the number one leader trying to leave a legacy. When we are talking about leadership we are talking about how you empower your wife and your children that when you are gone you have lived so well you left your children's children and their children's inheritance that is the responsibility of the man or husband. Identify the gift of your partner and your children and help bring it to fruition. That is the role of the male man in the family.





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# MENTAL HEALTH

## WHY IT MATTERS

By Ndongo Likembi, DNP

Mental health includes emotions, psychology, and our social well being. Sometimes, our mental health affects how we think, how we feel and act. It also helps us determine how we deal with stressful situations, deal with others and make critical decisions (SAMHSA,2023).

*Know some myths and some facts:*

### Myths:

- Children don't experience mental health issues
- People with mental health conditions are violent
- People with mental health cannot tolerate stress or holding a job even when their health is been manage medically
- Mental health issues are a result of personality weakness
- There is no hope for people with mental health issues
- Therapy and self help are a waste of time for people with mental health
- It is not possible to prevent a mental health conditions

### Facts:

- Mental health issues can affect anyone
- One in 5 American adult experienced mental health condition in a given year
- One in 6 young people have experienced some major depressive episode
- One in 20 Americans have lived with a serious mental illness, such as anxiety, depression, bipolar, mor schizophrenia
- Suicide is one of the top leading cause of death in USA

### How to Talk About Mental Health

Mental health is essential to a person's life in the same way as physical health. Hesitation to talk about mental health adds to the notion that the topic is a taboo. It is important to normalize conversations surrounding mental health so people can feel empowered to seek the help they need. There are many resources to help one discuss mental health issues with loved ones (SAMHSA, 2023).

If you have or believe you may have a mental health problem, it can be helpful to talk about these issues with others. It can be scary to reach out for help, but it is often the first step to helping you heal, grow, and recover. Having a good support system and engaging with trustworthy people are key elements to successfully talking about your own mental health (SAMHSA, 2023).

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Again, remember, mental health is like any other disease: it deserves treatment.



- Find someone—such as a parent, family member, teacher, faith leader, health care provider, or other trusted individual, who:
- Gives good advice when you asked
- Assists you in taking actions that will help
- Likes, respects, and trusts you and is someone you like, respect, and trust, too
- Allows you the space to change, grow, make decisions, and even make mistakes
- Listens to you and shares with you, both the good and bad times
- Respects your need for confidentiality so you can tell them anything
- Let's you freely express and validates your feelings and emotions without judging, teasing, or criticizing
- Works with you to figure out what to do the next time a difficult situation comes up
- Has your best interests in mind



# DARE TO SEEK MORE

BY OLUWASEUN OMOTAYO

When the multitudes say there's a casting down for them, we shall say there is a lifting up for us. I have said this several times growing up, especially during trying moments. It is very easy to begin to decree this at rock bottom or in the face of situations where it seems like all hope is lost. What about when all is going well?

My mind wandered back to this statement while thinking of higher grounds recently. It is very easy to desire to be at the top when one is at the bottom. We define what the bottom looks like and what it means to be cast down. However, I'm certain this has left a number of people in a phase where they seek a lifting up when it seems like the current peak they are at is disturbed.

We can seek higher grounds in various areas of life, such as finances, academics, careers, and more. Of course, the critical aspect to desire higher ground is in one's spiritual walk. Lest this article leaves one wondering if this is a cry that God has not done enough, I must call out that Jehovah himself is more than enough.

While he is more than enough, we can never be Christian enough. Consistency with God is great and a sign that one is not lukewarm. However, being consistent with the same routine that brought you to your current level in your relationship with God is simply madness. If you prayed every morning as a new Christian, that's wonderful news. If you are doing just that consistently six months later, there is a cause for concern.

The Christian journey is one of continuous search, where we begin to unlock new dimensions of our mysterious creator. We must seek to attain higher grounds spiritually while experiencing the full manifestation in the physical. Can you pray for healing and people get healed? Wonderful. Walk by and let your shadow heal them.

The key to higher grounds in the spiritual walk is intimacy. We must move from simply recognizing Christ as our savior to acknowledging him as Master and Lord. While this is a good spot to be, we must continue to seek until we establish friendship. He desires that we are his friends, and doing so does not take away from his place as our Lord.

Once we can call him a friend, it is imperative to strive for more. There is a point where we can call him our lover without fear or doubt about our standing with him. Being friends with God is great, and it definitely does not seem like a casting down is occurring but imagine the lifting up that occurs when we come into the fullness of the relationship as lovers.

There is eternal gratitude that Christ would even want to be regarded as our savior but can you dare to seek more? Where you are might be great; it is important to enjoy the process, while you do so, can you continue to seek his face?



# REACHING HIGHER GROUND

## A Spiritual Ascent

In the journey of life, the concept of "higher ground" carries profound spiritual significance. It encapsulates the idea of transcending earthly challenges and reaching for elevated perspectives that align with divine principles. This theme is not only a metaphorical representation of our spiritual growth but is deeply rooted in the teachings of the Bible.

### Embracing the Call to Higher Ground

The call to higher ground is not a mere suggestion; it is a divine invitation echoing through the pages of Scripture. In the Psalms, David declares, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2, NIV). Here, the hills symbolize the higher ground, a place where our dependency on God is not only acknowledged but celebrated.

### Overcoming Challenges Through Faith

Life's challenges often act as obstacles on our path to higher ground. The Bible reassures us that faith is the key to overcoming these hurdles. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20, NIV). This powerful metaphor emphasizes that even the smallest seed of faith can empower us to surmount seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

### A Higher Perspective on Purpose

Reaching higher ground is not just about overcoming challenges; it's also about gaining a higher perspective on our purpose in life. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, encourages believers to focus on higher things: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8, NIV). This elevated thinking directs our attention toward a purpose that transcends the mundane and aligns with the divine.

### Cultivating a Higher Ground Community

As a church community, the call to higher ground extends beyond individual journeys. The Apostle Peter exhorts believers to "be holy, because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16, NIV). Holiness here signifies a separation from worldly influences and a commitment to a higher standard. When a community collectively embraces the call to higher ground, it becomes a beacon of light, drawing others to the transformative power of a life aligned with God's principles.

### The Journey to the Ultimate Higher Ground

Ultimately, the concept of higher ground finds its culmination in the pursuit of a deeper relationship with God. The Apostle James encourages believers to "draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8, NIV). This intimate communion with the Divine represents the pinnacle of our spiritual ascent, where we experience the fullness of God's grace and the fulfillment of our purpose.

In conclusion, the theme of higher ground encapsulates the essence of our spiritual journey. It's a call to lift our eyes beyond the challenges of this world, to overcome obstacles through unwavering faith, to gain a higher perspective on our purpose, and to cultivate a community that reflects the holiness of God. As we ascend to the ultimate higher ground in communion with our Creator, may our lives become a testament to the transformative power of a life lived in alignment with divine principles.

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# THE BENEFITS AND BIBLICAL WISDOM OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE

BY ENGR. DAVID TETLEY

## INTRODUCTION

As important as temples made with hands are, what does the Bible say about them?

Acts 7:48 says Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet. The follow up question is where does God dwell if He doesn't dwell in temples built with hands?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 clearly answers that as stated below:

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies."

This powerful verse reminds us that our bodies are a divine gift that God dwells in. It is therefore important that we honor God by taking very good care of the temple He has given us and also maintain it well. One major way we can take good care of our bodies is by engaging in physical exercises. It not only benefits our bodies but also plays a significant role in nurturing our souls.

## 1 Running/Jogging



### Importance

Running or jogging is an excellent cardiovascular exercise that primarily targets the lower body, including the legs and buttocks.

**Benefits** It helps improve cardiovascular health, strengthens leg muscles, increases bone density, burns calories for weight management, and enhances endurance and stamina. Additionally, it can boost mental health and reduce stress.

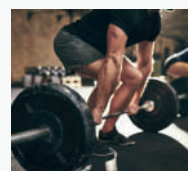
## 2 Push-Ups



**Importance:** Push-ups are a compound upper-body exercise that targets the chest, shoulders, triceps, and core.

**Benefits:** Push-ups help build upper body strength and muscle definition, improve posture, and enhance overall upper body endurance. They are also effective for developing core stability and can be modified to suit different fitness levels.

## 3 Deadlifts



**Benefits:** Deadlifts are excellent for building lower body strength, increasing overall muscle mass, and improving posture. They also help strengthen the

core and lower back, which can reduce the risk of lower back pain and injuries.

## 4 Planks



**Benefits:** Planks are fantastic for building core strength, stability, and endurance. They also engage the muscles of the shoulders, arms, and legs, providing a full-

body workout. A strong core is essential for maintaining good posture and preventing back pain.

## 5 Swimming



**Benefits:** Swimming provides an excellent cardiovascular workout while also toning and strengthening muscles throughout the body. It enhances lung capacity

and can help with weight management. Swimming is particularly gentle on the joints, making it a suitable exercise for individuals with joint issues or injuries.

## CONCLUSION

Physical exercise is an essential aspect of honoring God with our bodies, maintaining good health, and being better equipped to fulfill our spiritual duties. The Bible encourages us to recognize the divine significance of our bodies and the role they play in our spiritual journey. By combining physical exercise with spiritual growth, we can strive to lead more balanced and fulfilling lives, ultimately serving both our Creator and our fellow human beings in a more meaningful way.



# SHATTER THE MIRROR

## ...not the image...

It has always been an identity issue. Even the devil knows who you are and what you carry on the inside. That's why he does everything by distracting you with his lies and painting a picture of the exact opposite of who God says you are.

Genesis 1: 26-28 AMP, MSG. The Word of God tells how our likeness is to that of God's own. Spiritual personality and Moral likeness are all characteristics of who God is and who you are. A goat can not give birth to a sheep nor can a lion give birth to a dog, why would you think God will give birth to anything other than a god?

### **Psalm 82: 6. John 10: 34**

So many people stand in front of the mirror and see their physical reflection, maybe due to one reason or the other a part or some parts of their body has been disfigured, they begin to think less of themselves which affects the way they view both their spiritual personality and moral likeness of God in them. I want to tell you vividly that it is the lie of the devil and that it is a decoy he has been using for so long even since man was created to distract, disrupt, and/or disorient man from achieving what God's plan and will is for man.

The devil tries to make you doubt one of God's Words and if you allow him to succeed, he will make you doubt all God's Words concerning your life, purpose, promises, and covenant that He has written about and for you. Genesis 3: 1-5 GNT

### **When you stand before the mirror who do you see?**

1. Do you see a physical failure (maybe because you've failed at an attempt) or do you see a success (because you're created in God's image and He has never failed and will never fail)?

2. Do you see an emotionally damaged person who is wallowing in all forms of emotional sickness/ diseases or do you see an emotionally balanced person who has a God that cares even about your emotions? James 1: 16-20, Proverbs 15: 18, Galatians 5: 22-23, Romans 12: 2

3. Do you see a weak, tired, and weary person or do you see a strong, agile, and versatile person? Philippians 4:13, Joshua 1: 9

4. Do you see a stammerer full of anger or an eloquent and meek servant of God?  
Exodus 4: 10 - 16. God does not call the qualified but He qualifies the called.

5. Do you see someone who has all it takes to be famous, rich, and well-known by yourself or do you see someone who has been called and helped by God to be who you are or have what you own? Judges 4: 4-5, 9

6. Are you clouded by how good-looking you are physically (and you let yourself fall into immoral acts) forgetting that your spiritual being needs to be projected more (because of your assignment, purpose, and destiny)? Genesis 39: 6-9 AMP

7. Do you see someone who is to be condemned due to your sinful life and/or ways on to eternal damnation or someone who by God's mercy has received grace and life eternal?  
James 2: 25





# SHATTER THE MIRROR

...not the image...

**Who the devil says you are or who you think you are outside of God is NOT who you are. WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE! YOU ARE WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE!!**

## **Who does God say you are?**

Here are a few scriptures that describe who God says you are:

Jeremiah 1: 5, Genesis 1: 27, Psalm 139: 14, 1 Peter 2: 9, Matthew 5: 13 - 14, and John 14: 12

How can you activate (or walk/ work) in God's image?

You do not choose when to activate God's image in you, rather in all areas of your life, you must reflect God's image. You were created in His image and likeness.

Genesis 1: 27. Starting from your spirit man as God is a Spirit you are also a spirit and what you have inside of you will begin to reflect on the outside (your physical being). It is not enough to start well but also to end well and strong.

**As this year is our 15th year anniversary in RCCGJHH, I will be sharing 15 ways to position yourself if you must activate God's image in your life.**

### **1. A relationship with God**

- a. Study the Word (Joshua 1: 8 NLT)
  - b. In His presence (Psalm 77: 13 TPT)
  - c. Have faith (Hebrews 11: 6 TPT)
- Romans 4: 16-23

### **2. A righteous life** (Genesis 6: 1-8)

### **3. A consecrated life**

To be separated or set oneself apart is an intentional act of consecration. You do not consecrate yourself by mistake. (Daniel 1: 8) NLT

Daniel was determined in his heart. He was willing to deprive himself of the pleasure that others got, all because he loved God.

Daniel 1: 15- 21, Daniel 6: 3

### **4. Fear of the Lord** Proverbs 8: 13 (NIV)

### **5. Obedience**

Deuteronomy 28: 1-14

It is in the place of total and complete obedience that covenants and promises are fulfilled.

### **6. Discipleship.**

2 Timothy 2: 1:2

The process of discipleship is to continue in an endless chain of disciple-making

### **7. Total surrender.**

Romans 12: 1-2

Hmmm... my mentor says and I quote: "The heart of a matter is the matter of the heart."

### **8. A contrite heart.** (A heart of repentance)

Psalm 119: 47-48

Sin only shows that the flesh has taken the front wheel of someone's life. The moment you allow the spirit to take charge, sin will be under your feet. No matter how many times you fall short of God's glory, repentance from sin (not allowing the same kind of sin to conquer you) is all you need to restore your connection with God.

### **9. A grateful heart** (Thanksgiving as your lifestyle)

1 Kings 8: 63

Thanksgiving is the basic unit of our communication with God. It is the most repeated expression of faith between man and God. Thanksgiving is important because it is a sure sign that a person has a true and vital relationship with God. The faithful are called to give thanks to God for everything and not only to be thankful but to rejoice

Psalm 95: 2

Giving thanks at all times:

When you are happy, be thankful.

When you are sad, be thankful.

When you need or want God to bless you, be thankful.

When you are blessed, be thankful.

When you are sick, be thankful.

When you are healthy, be thankful.

Never stop giving thanks because it is only the living who can give thanks.

### **10. A forgiving heart**

Jesus forgave the Romans who nailed him to the cross. He even forgave every chief priest, elder, and crowd member shouting for his death while placing its responsibility on their heads. Jesus forgave them, which means they were not held guilty for his death.

He also forgave people who did not know they were doing something wrong. He asked Heavenly Father to forgive the men who crucified Him. They didn't know they were hurting the Son of God. Jesus forgives people because He loves them. He actually prayed for Peter whom He knew was going to deny Him.



### 11. A bold heart.

Case study: 3 Hebrew men

Daniel 3: 16. I have not seen anyone who boldly stood up for God and was disappointed nor forsaken. God always comes through for such a person. He comes to rescue at the right time that will compel those doubting or denying Him to surrender to His leading. He shows up when the testimony will be undeniable and of a must, all glory must be ascribed to Him alone.

Daniel 3: 9-20. If you do not stand for something, you will fall for anything. Be bold standing for God.

### 12. A humble heart.

Proverbs 29: 23 TPT

Proverbs 15:33 AMP

Esther 8: 1-8 Has God elevated you to a position but you think it is merely for your pleasure? No. God does not work that way because He is always mindful of His children and will strategically position His loved ones to be the armor bearer for those who are in need for such a time as this present time that you are in. Esther 4: 13-16

### There are 4 ways by which people portray humility:

**Natural humility:** these are people who are naturally humble and they don't have to force it. If you belong to this category, be thankful and work on other areas that need improvements.

**Contrived humility:** people who fake humility fall into this category. Either to manipulate others or for some selfish reasons, they are humble towards others. This disingenuous strategy is usually short-lived and obvious to all, causing even more damage than unapologetic arrogance. If you belong to this category, it is better you stop it and ask God for grace for a humble heart.

**Humbled humility:** this category of people has been humbled by poison or situations of life. Not that they necessarily want to be humble but they have been faced with issues and challenges of life that have compelled them to be humble. If you belong to this category, I pray for God to intervene and give you the grace to be humble indeed not because you are pained.

**Intentional humility:** if you truly desire to become a more humble person in spite of your natural tendencies then here is the category where you belong to. It is owning who you are, and putting specific strategies in place to behave more humbly. This does not come naturally so you have to ask God for the grace and He will impart you with it.

There are those who are not humble at all. They have allowed pride to overshadow them and that will only end in disaster. No one, most importantly no child of God should find Humility paves the way and brings about favor.

There is grace and more grace for being humble. James 4: 6 TPT

### 13. A willing heart.

Luke 1: 26-35, Luke 1: 38 MSG

Mary was ready to serve in any capacity as long as it pleased The Lord. She was available and usable. She was fit for The Master's use! 2 Timothy 2: 19-22

### 14. Sacrificial heart

Mark 14: 3-9 Have you ever imagined saving all that you earn in a year without touching a cent out of it and then you gather it all and bring it as an offering unto The Lord?

That was exactly what Mary did. She did not withhold anything from Jesus, she went as far as breaking the jar of oil which means nothing will be left of it. Furthermore, she used her hair to wipe Jesus's feet. If this act of Mary is not sacrificial, I do not know what is.

What is that thing that represents the alabaster box in your custody? Not necessarily a jar of oil but what seems so important or expensive that you think it is too much to give directly or indirectly to The Lord?

1 Corinthians 4: 7 Everything we are, have, own or would ever be, have or own is from The Lord and He did not give us to hoard them rather to glorify Him and be a blessing to others.

There have been many debates about giving: how to give, when to give, what to give, who to give to but I will say when you are inspired to give, do not hesitate or begin to reason how logical it is. Just give and give both willingly and cheerfully. For God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 7

### 15. Heart of Service.

Case study: Elisha. 1 Kings 19: 16, 19

Serve, serve, serve, and keep serving. Whether it looks like it or not, you have to keep serving. Serving God with utmost delight and not grudgingly, serving God because you love Him and not for the reward you will get (though it is rewarding and the reward is sure, that should not be your motivation. Hebrews 11: 6). God should be your motivation and pleasing Him should be enough good reason to serve Him.

Matthew 6: 33 is a scripture quoted by believers but how many are truly letting it shape their lives? Instead of seeking God's kingdom and righteousness first, every other thing has taken that first position in people's lives but we always want God to put us first. Who is deceiving who? Galatians 6: 7

Luke 10: 27 is another scripture that cannot be obeyed in parts but in totality if you really and truly want to serve God. Daniel 11:32, 2 Corinthians 3: 16-18

In conclusion, it is not a once and for all thing. All of these must be done continuously to have a sustained encounter and to do great exploits. No one said it is going to be easy but His grace is sufficient for us. When we lean on Him for support, fixate on Him for direction and live for an audience One, He is more than able to carry us through.

*By Ireana Adeniji*

# The Business of Forgiveness



By Emmanuel Oni

We are all familiar with the Lord's Prayer. Well, if you are not, I encourage you to learn this profound teaching of the Lord found in Luke 11:1-13. However, for now, we'll focus on one key point that holds great significance.

*"Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone  
who sins against us."*

Debts are meant to be paid. Loans, mortgages, credit card purchases, and car payments are taken with the intention of eventually paying them off. However, there may be unfortunate circumstances where one cannot meet these financial commitments, leading to default and a negative financial situation. It can sometimes be a burdensome debt that seems nearly impossible to overcome. Imagine, though, a debt that is genuinely insurmountable—a debt that we could never repay. This is where the concept of sin comes into play.

Sin is such a debt that we are utterly inadequate to settle on our own. A debt Jesus paid for us all. So that "as many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God." You have been cleared of the debt of sin. Now then, in this same merit, we should offer mercy to others. The story of the ungrateful servant in Matthew 18:21-35 provides us insight into the business of forgiveness.

In this journey of forgiveness, we must handle business well. In business, we have to make a budget for others. You know your sister will hurt you again, or your friend will repeat the wrong words. Therefore, you need to upgrade and tell your constant source of annoyance that "I have forgiven you in advance." You've to budget for the imperfections of people and their unthoughtful words. Living this way, you increase wealth in your LOVE bank account and nurture healthier relationships. Likewise, you have the "70x7 credit card" with no upper limit, auto-renewed daily to support your financial freedom from bitterness and hurt. Why hesitate to unburden your heart from the toxic weight of anger? You have become eligible for this invaluable emotional and spiritual resource by embracing love and rejecting hate.

Lastly, remember to keep a savings account. Save forgiveness for yourself, too. For in the economy of heaven, it is acceptable to forgive yourself because Christ has forgiven you. "The earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof." Since the owner of it all has declared you free from all the debts, you owe nothing, not even to yourself. Shun self-doubt and ungodly guilt; instead, welcome a life marked by reconciliation and forgiveness. With the Holy Spirit as your trusted financial advisor, you will be set on the right path to avoid eternal financial ruin.





Dear child of God,

There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. For they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. The Lord will stand with you and give you strength. He will make your feet like hinds' feet [able to stand firmly and tread safely on paths of testing and trouble]; He sets you [securely] upon your high places.

You will lift your eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh your help. Your help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. The Sovereign Lord is your strength! He makes you as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. You can do all things [which He has called you to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers you [to fulfil His purpose—You are self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; you are ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses you with inner strength and confident peace.] You are convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return]. And you know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about you] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you. The Lord your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and He will refresh your life with His love.

Come to Him, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and He will give you rest. He will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains amid the valleys; He will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. For He knows the plans He has for you, they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. But the path of the just (righteous) is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect day. Happy art thou, O child of God: Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places. But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

So I pray for you to receive God's grace and mercy for Higher Grounds in this season and time.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria A.



# Royalty

1 Peter 2:1-9

**W**hat is royalty? Royalty means people of royal blood or status. According to the Bible, royalty is when you are born again and have a very strong relationship with God. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 2:9 that we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Each and every one of us belongs and is a member of the Royal Priesthood if and only if we have given our all to him.

## King of Kings

Why is God called the King of Kings??

God is called the king of kings because he is the king of all and has made us kings, and priests unto himself. Rev 1:6

God is called the king of kings because he created the heavens and the earth. He was here even before we were created. Gen 1:28 God is called the king of kings because he is the King over all earthly kings. He enthrones and dethrones.

God is called the King of kings because he has authority over all his creations such as nature, and animals. Exodus 14:21, Joshua 10:12-13.

## Kings and Queens that disobeyed God in the Bible

- **King Saul, Son of Kish**, from the tribe of Benjamin, disobeyed God when God told him to kill all the Amalekites and he spared some in 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-9 which made him lose his position as King in 1 Samuel 15:26. I pray we will not lose our position in IJN. A lesson from the life of Saul is that when God tells us to do something, don't do it halfway, do it completely. Obedience is better than sacrifice, 1 Sam 15:22
- **King Nebuchadnezzar**: Nebuchadnezzar, One of the kings in Babylon, was flourishing well when he allowed pride in his life and God demoted him to the kingdom of animals. Daniel 4:28-3

## Kings and Queens that obeyed God in the Bible

- **Esther**: Hadassah also known as Queen Esther was a young lady who was brought up by her uncle Mordecai. She was one of the women chosen to be the next queen in place of Vashti. She found favor in the sight of the king when she was brought into the palace. Esther 2:17. Esther obeyed God when God told her to fast and pray to save her people.

- **David**: David was a man whose father was Jesse from the tribe of Judah. David served and obeyed God, and was committed to the work of God. A lesson from the life of David is that whenever he sins and realizes he sins, he would ask God for forgiveness and turn back to God. That's why he was known as a man after God's heart. Acts 13:22
- **Solomon**: Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba. He obeyed God that God gave him a bountiful sacrifice that God even asked what he wanted. 1 king 3:4-5
- **Jesus**: The Messiah, son of Mary and Joseph, from the tribe of Judah, the best of all kings. He is our savior, redeemer, healer, anchor, prince of peace, and above all, he is the king of all kings. He obeyed God when God sent him to die on the cross of calvary for the sins of humanity. Phil 2:8

We are royalty because Jesus Christ has come to reconcile us through his death and resurrection and has made us joint heirs with him. Jesus is the embodiment and personification of Royalty. In other words, he himself is Royalty. We can see the people who obeyed God and the people who disobeyed God. Their results were different. So are you royalty? Have you surrendered your all to him? If not, it's not too late, you can give your all to him. Make him your Lord and accept him as your Lord and Personal Savior. By doing this, you will now become a member of the royal priesthood. Now you have become a royalty. You are now a King/Queen.

I don't have a palace, I am not restricted to a town or a city, anywhere I show up I rule. Anywhere I show up is my territory. I am a king because my father is a king, I rule on the earth, I reign everywhere because

the bible says in Revelation 5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God, And we shall rule on the earth." In Jesus Name. Amen.

*by Oluwatofunmi Adojutelegan*





# GERMINATION AND NURTURING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AS A SON

The Holy Spirit is the greatest revelation in the entire history of all mankind. This statement can quickly become a debate. Some may argue that time has produced some mind-blowing manifestations, from medical innovations to the entertainment industry. But before you draw a conclusion, join me as we take a trip into the mind of the Father of Light and draw an understanding of the essence of his Spirit and His work in us.

In his infinite wisdom, the Lord poured out his Spirit upon men so that by all means, we also may have an experiential knowledge of him. In the same vein, we become conduits for Him to express himself to all creation. The first train of thought for the ordinary man is, WHY?. Why do we need His Spirit? We are doing just fine with our body, soul, and spirit. Why do you have to express yourself to the men you created? Moreover, the scripture in John 1:3 says *"Through Him, all things were made; without Him, nothing was made that has been made."*

We also have the bible to help us know Him, and he can use anything and everything he created to express himself. Thus the question, WHY is his Spirit needed?

The answer is not far-fetched, but God answered why we need the Holy Spirit and all He has to offer.

Since the beginning of Genesis, we have seen many great men of different spiritual capacities and abilities. Time will fail me to mention all of them, but the book of Hebrews chapter 11 did justice in cutting across an array of men that left a mark in time due to their exploits with God.

Unfortunately, all of them had a certain unique level of limitation due to their human nature. If we genuinely remember our bible stories, we can recall that Abraham had an Ishmael dimension, and Jacob had a relationship with deception. Moses had an affair with anger that cut his Journey short.

David was sabotaged by his genitals, Jephthah spoke more than he could digest, and Elisha was so powerful, yet he couldn't heal himself. Samson overestimated himself and lay with his destruction. Even Samuel, in all his mighty exploits, had no parental wisdom. This long list will not end with a single man without blemish.

God knew that the earthen vessels he created with treasures could not sustain themselves against the daily offers from the flesh to live a compromising life. Many do not know or refuse to acknowledge that the devil we stand against is thousands of years old; thus, he has an advantage of time and ownership in deception. Hence Jesus spoke extensively in John 14 -16 on Why we need the "HOLY SPIRIT." As a believer, a significant part of Faith is the ability "to do." I believe our walk with God is characterized by three elements: our heart's posture, actions, and words.

However, Jesus knows our heart posture depends on an intentional desire and longing for God. Our utterances are a function of the level of transformation that originated from hearing God's Word. Finally, our actions are the product of the heart's desire and the Faith that has stemmed from his Word. Ultimately the synergy of all three dimensions is the reality of the true believer's life. Unfortunately, we cannot do all of the above due to human limitations. The Bible said in 1 Corinthians 8:2 *"Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know."* Hence with our multiple schools of thought, we are still limited. Despite the applause of men and the self-acclaimed praise, we do not know as we ought to know. It is for this reason Jesus said in John 14:26 *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you."* The ability to learn is an innate feature in men.

We do not know everything, thus the need for a teacher who can demystify strange occurrences and teach us all we need to know per time and season. Life is complicated, and the ability to always have a solution to daily issues is only possible with help from another source. It is for this purpose the bible says in 1 Corinthians 2:11

*"For who knows a person's thoughts except their own Spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."*

The above scripture simplifies the need for the Spirit of God in man, as this union gives us access to the mind of GOD. What more tremendous privilege do we have than the ability to know the thoughts of the creator of the universe. The Unsaved mind will not fully absorb this satisfactory knowledge, but worse is the realization that some believers cannot apprehend the reality of the Spirit God dwelling in them.

Another intricate need of the Holy Spirit is the providence of growth in Man's life. Again, one may wonder, seeing that as time passes, a man grows; hence how does the Holy Spirit affect growth. Sadly, biological growth is the least dimension of growth a man should experience. Unfortunately, it is the most celebrated level of growth compared to Emotional, Professional, financial, and, ultimately, spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth is considered the most important among all the levels as this is the only level with an eternal value. It is also the pedestal to receive guidance in other non-physical levels of growth; for those who believe in the power of God. Thus, to explain this need, we will use biological growth as a reference point.

As a Christian, you are first a child in the faith, and then your desire is to enter into Sonship. In the same way, as Puberty begins to occur physically, teenagers refuse to be categorized as children because they start to aim for more responsibilities that prove their maturity. Thus, we must begin to show some spiritual understanding that a sincere desire does not cause growth but an actual change in choices. For example, the bible says in 1 john 2:12-14

*"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven through His name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers. After all, you know Him from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one."*

An evident testimony of a child in Christ is his ability to fall quickly, commit sin and repent. Still, the above scripture comforts a child in the Faith, for forgiveness is readily available. In progression, the bible mentions the difference between a child and a son in the ability to "overcome" evil. Thus the ultimate question is, are

you a child or a Son? For we can deduce that the distinguishing factor between the former and the latter is the difference in "Choice" when put in the same scenario. Hence, I urge you to take a break, stretch your legs, grab a snack, and ultimately say a prayer of understanding. We will resume this journey in the next part of this series as we head into the fruit of the Spirit and how they are nurtured.

***By Joseph Edoki***





# WHAT WAS SEEN, HEARD, AND TOUCHED

By Fola Aluko

The bible says in 1 John 1:1-4, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that [a]your joy may be full."

We're often told about the effectiveness and power of God's word. Hebrews 4:12 records that "the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..."; however, in trepidation, God's word loses efficacy in our lives. I wonder why this remains the case. What is preventing us from utilizing the full potential of the power in the Word? In the reference text, John recounts an experience he had with the rest of the Apostles, and he expresses his confidence to that effect to his audience. His experience concerning the word of God is expressed in reality as what he's "heard", "seen", "looked upon", and subsequently, "handled" (John 1:1). John had first-hand knowledge of God in this manner through Jesus (the Word) and was, as a result, full of courage to utilize the Word and talk about Him to others.

Many believers today are living without the Word embedded in their hearts. Many do not have an experience of Jesus (through the Bible or prayer) that serves as a turning point in their relationship with God. As a result, we find ourselves living our lives with gaping holes in our hearts. What is our relationship with God's word? Have we internalized Him, such that we've simulated a hear, touch, and feel experience with Him? It will remain difficult to live victorious Christian lives, and climb onto Higher Grounds, without an intimate experience of Jesus Christ made real to us. It will continue to seem like a herculean task to tell people about Jesus unless we have a resolution through the Word that makes Him real to us.

The word of God is truly piercing and can be applied to gloomy and dark situations around us, but without an experience through Faith, it would fail in potency in our lives. As we rejoice during this Anniversary, let us be encouraged to seek a fresh breath of God's Word in our lives, so that it may become real to us, backed with power and grace to do exploits. I pray that every limitation, fear, and anxiety be driven out, as we begin to apply God's Word with courage, and I trust that the Lord will indeed supply all our needs. Amen.





# HIGHER HEIGHTS

BY PASTOR MRS. KEHINDE OYEDIRAN



The concept of "higher heights" holds a profound significance in Christian spirituality. It symbolizes a spiritual journey towards greater closeness with God, moral growth, and the pursuit of holiness at an elevated level. This explores the multifaceted dimensions of "higher heights" in a Christian context, examining its biblical foundations, its role in personal transformation, and its impact on Christian communities.

In the Christian faith, the concept of reaching higher heights finds its foundation in various passages of the Bible. One such passage is found in the Book of Isaiah, where it is written, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31, NIV). This verse symbolizes the aspiration to rise above earthly limitations and find strength and guidance in the Lord.

Additionally, the Apostle Paul encourages believers to seek higher heights in their relationship with Christ when he writes, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:2, NIV). This instruction emphasizes the importance of focusing on spiritual growth and eternal values.

The pursuit of higher heights in Christian life is a central theme that urges believers to continuously grow in their faith and spiritual maturity. It involves a deepening commitment to prayer, diligent study of Scripture, and a life characterized by love and service. Christians seek higher heights to draw closer to God and to become more Christ-like in character and actions.

One of the key elements of pursuing higher heights in Christian spirituality is the cultivation of virtues. Virtues such as faith, love, patience, and humility are considered essential qualities that enable individuals to rise above the challenges of the world and ascend to greater spiritual heights. This journey often demands personal sacrifice, self-denial, and wholehearted surrender to God's will.

The pursuit of higher heights in Christian spirituality brings about profound transformations in individuals. As Christians reach greater spiritual heights, they experience a deeper intimacy with God and a heightened awareness of His grace and love. This transformation extends outward as believers become more compassionate and loving toward others, reflecting the love of Christ in their interactions and relationships.

Furthermore, the transformative power of higher heights extends to Christian communities. Churches that actively promote spiritual growth and the pursuit of holiness at an elevated level create an environment where individuals are nurtured and empowered in their journey. As congregations collectively seek higher heights, they become sources of inspiration and spiritual renewal, sharing the message of God's redeeming love with a world in need.

Lastly, In Christian spirituality, the concept of higher heights represents a sacred journey towards greater intimacy with God and personal transformation at an elevated level. It is deeply rooted in biblical teachings and exemplified by the lives of believers who strive to ascend to greater spiritual heights. The pursuit of higher heights is not a solitary endeavor but a communal one, as Christians support and encourage one another in their faith journey. As individuals and Christian communities reach higher heights, they become living witnesses to the transformative power of God, embodying the timeless message of faith, hope, and love that is central to the Christian faith.





# PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

## STAYING VIGILANT AGAINST PHONE AND INTERNET SCAMS

By Andrew Sunday

In today's digital age, staying connected through our phones and the internet has become a vital part of our lives. However, as we embrace this technology, it's essential that we also protect ourselves from those who seek to take advantage of our trust and goodwill. Therefore, bringing your attention to the importance of safeguarding your personal information and being aware of phone and internet scams.

### UNDERSTANDING THE THREAT

Scammers, unfortunately, have become increasingly sophisticated in their methods, and they often prey on unsuspecting individuals, including members of our church community. These scams can take various forms, such as fraudulent phone calls, phishing emails, and text messages. They may claim to be from a trusted organization or even impersonate someone you know, like a friend or a church leader.

### WHY PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PRECIOUS

Personal information, including your name, address, financial details, and even access codes, is invaluable. It can be used by scammers to commit identity theft, gain unauthorized access to your accounts, or carry out fraudulent activities in your name. This not only has financial consequences but can also harm your reputation and personal security.



### STAYING SAFE TOGETHER

Here are some essential tips to protect yourself from scams:

- **Be Skeptical:** Always question unsolicited messages or calls asking for personal information or access codes, even if they appear to be from trusted sources.
- **Verify:** If you receive a suspicious message or call, contact the supposed sender directly through a known and trusted method to confirm its legitimacy.
- **Educate Yourself:** Stay informed about common scams and tactics used by fraudsters. Knowledge is your best defense.
- **Protect Your Personal Information:** Avoid sharing sensitive data with anyone you don't trust completely.
- **Secure Online Activity:** Ensure your online accounts have strong, unique passwords. Use two-factor authentication wherever possible to add an extra layer of security.
- **Report Scams:** If you encounter a scam or suspicious activity, report it to the appropriate authorities and your phone or internet service provider.

As we embrace technology, let us also embrace the responsibility to protect ourselves. Stay safe, and may God's grace continue to protect us all.



# LEGALLY

## CAVEAT EMPTOR- LET THE BUYER BEWARE



In my 15 years of practice in Nigeria, one of the most interesting observations with the public, especially individuals or small business owners is to avoid the lawyer until there is a problem that is much bigger than what it would have costed to retain legal advisory from the onset. Majority of clients only come in after the fact or when they have been sued and require a lawyer to represent them in the lawsuit. Having crossed to the United States, even I am amazed at the level of legality that go into every single aspect of the society and every transaction. Coming from a jurisdiction where the law is either non-existent, obsolete, unenforced or frustrated by sheer lawlessness, injustice, poverty and a weak criminal justice system and civil climate, it is great to know that the law works here in the United States and to a large extent are enforceable and reliable. The rule of law and equality before the law works. Unfortunately, it can become a bad thing where you become victims of legality and the same law works against you, either due to ignorance, disregard or inputting old ways from your experience in other places into the new culture.

An individual becomes victim of legality when inadequate or no understanding of the legal terms and implications, lost rights, privileges or inadvertent liabilities, unfair but acceptable practices, particularly in trade and commerce, among others. Immigrations, Consumer Loans and Real Estates are three major areas where immigrants experience the most bout with legality. It is interesting that both old and established immigrants continue to fall into pitfalls of legality and pay dearly- sometimes even without knowing because a lot is buried in the books. Our accent (No matter how hard we try to change it mostly gives us away), Credit Score (Which shows no significant history commensurate to age and status) and uncommon names are quick giveaways that many players in these sectors have used to identify and sometimes deal with the unwary consumer/ client who are immigrants and may be totally or partially aware of the rights, privileges, pitfalls and connotations of certain terms that have established usages. Here are a few Scenarios:

### Scenario 1 Immigrations

Cecilia was introduced to a lawyer in Chicago, she provided details and agreed to a total of \$12,000 fee upon completion of her immigration process. At the end of 5 years, several disappointments and \$27,000 due to unforeseen appeals gone. She realized that the assurances from her lawyer was not enforceable as he was only required to do his best under the law and he was entitled to his fee, regardless of the outcomes of the matter. She later heard that Lawyer Ben was a good real estate lawyer, but he had just ventured into Immigrations Law to diversify his law practice and mainly outsourced the immigrations cases to his junior lawyers who have very little experience or understanding of immigrations.

### Scenario 2 Consumer Loans

Soji bought a set of furniture from a Furniture Store. The Store had advertised a 0% interest. He was new in town and he was just building his credit, even though he was 32 years old. He had come from a country that had no Credit Score system and this was all new to him. It was even more exciting that unlike his home country, here in America, he could get the furnishing he needed for his new apartment and offset the payment over time, with the 0%. Soji was approved for \$2500 which he went ahead and picked some simple furniture with the hope to pay up and be debt-free soon. He paid the first 3 months on time and was quite happy with his progress. In the 4th month of his loan, his balance came

back and he now owed \$4,671.89. He thought it was a typographical error, but no it was not. The 0% had elapsed in 3 months and the interest had ballooned by such staggering percentage that he would take forever to payback. He called and emailed, and realized that the information was buried somewhere in a document he signed. He has to deal with it, because he had signed it with the condition.

### Scenario 3 Real Estates Mike

was excited about buying his new home, he had a good job, been around for some years and he was very frugal about his expenses. His bank and financial institutions flooded his mailbox and inbox with all sorts of offers. He and his wife had gotten ready to buy their new home and they were checking on google and different sites to see the home of their dream. Realtors in their city soon found them and they were quite excited by the abundance of offers and perks that each offered them. Mike's wife had been a lawyer in Nigeria and had done a number of Real Estate transactions, they agreed not to retain a Realtor- they believed they would instead bargain with the seller and get some discounts off their purchase. They closed on a freshly upgraded 4- Bedroom FSBO and were quite impressed with the willingness of the seller to give generous discounts. It has been 2 years and several repairs and work done. The savings was long gone and an attempt to annul the sale has been impossible. The 22 year old structure was falling apart and so was their joy.

These three scenarios can be addressed under the principle of Let the Buyer Beware (Caveat Emptor); In Nigeria, it is simply called "Shine your eye". It is a fundamental principle in most contractual and commercial transaction that places the burden of due diligence on the buyer of a good or service even when you are dealing with professionals. Caveat Emptor requires the buyer to be responsible for ensuring suitability, non-defect, compliance or any other satisfaction and standards that the buyer would expect to receive and enjoy from the particular purchase. Due to the potential for sellers to have more experience than the buyer about the transaction, there is always a chance that the buyer would not be able to provide the needful due diligence, which invariably puts the buyer in a position detrimental but yet legal and acceptable to the advantage of the seller.

As much as is within the power of a buyer, get professional or legal assistance especially with big ticket purchases and expenses and be sure to take time to read through documents before you sign- ask questions and ensure that you get clarifications on the immediate, mid term and long term concerns- financially and otherwise. Let The Buyer Beware that the smiles, kind gestures and customer service is primarily for the benefit of the business owners- do not get carried away to avoid costly consequences.

When next you sign or deal in any document or commitments that have legal implications, remember, emotion or ignorance will cost you dearly. Shine your eye and let the buyer beware. Always!



**Barr. 'Ola Grace  
Okinbaloye.**

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# JHH Dance Team



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In the scriptures, we see dance used as a way to celebrate Gods glory and goodness. In Psalm 149:3, it says, "Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp."

In Psalm 149:3, the scripture encourages praise through dance, emphasising the physical engagement of faith. Similarly, after the miraculous Red Sea crossing, Miriam led the women of Israel in a dance of celebration, expressing gratitude to God for deliverance from the Egyptians (Exodus 15:20-21).

King David demonstrated the authenticity of dance in worship (2 Samuel 6:14). His spontaneous and exuberant dance illustrates that worship does not have to be rigid or formal, but a genuine expression of devotion to God.

Dancing as a way to praise God goes beyond just a physical activity or entertainment; but a spiritual exercise, as it is a way to show gratitude for what God is about to do, is doing and has done.



By Kunbi  
Jaiye-Williams



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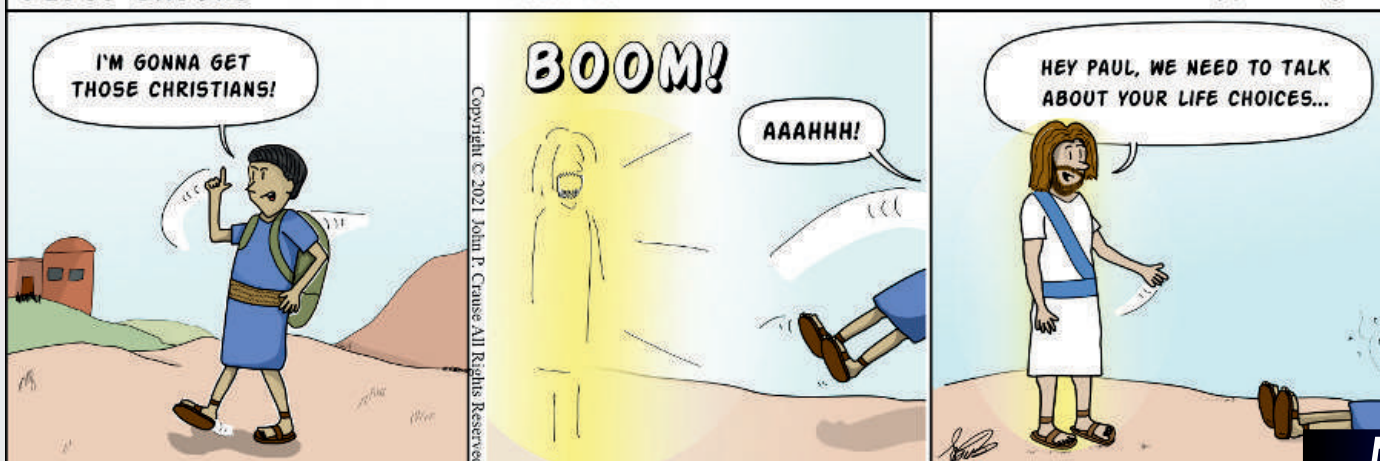
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## BIBLE LAUGHS - JESUS

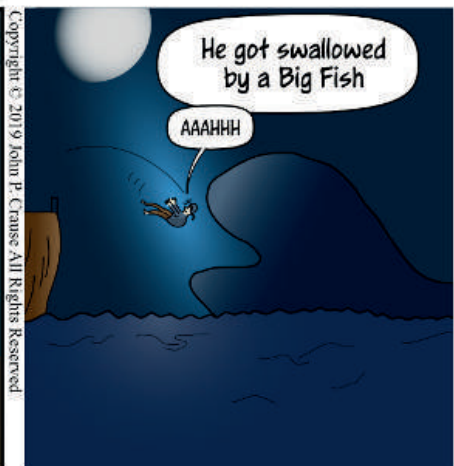


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## BIBLE LAUGHS - JONAH







# Bible



## Scramble It

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2. SERALI

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3. YOHL TPSIRI

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4. GDO

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5. NAGELS

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10. MAMENSDOCT

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11. ROSEMN

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13. ANISI

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14. APAGE

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## Bible Match

MATCH THE POPULAR HYMN WITH ITS CORRESPONDING VERSE IN  
THE BIBLE

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|--|---------------------------|
| _____ 1. AMAZING GRACE                   | A. ROMANS 12:1-2          |
| _____ 2. HOW GREAT THOU ART              | B. REVELATION 4:8         |
| _____ 3. IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL         | C. ISAIAH 53:5-6          |
| _____ 4. JOY TO THE WORLD                | D. GALATIANS 6:14         |
| _____ 5. ROCK OF AGES                    | E. ISAIAH 33:6            |
| _____ 6. THERE IS A FOUNTAIN             | F. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22 |
| _____ 7. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY                | G. PSALM 145:3            |
| _____ 8. THE OLD RUGGED CROSS            | H. PSALM 98:4-9           |
| _____ 9. BLESSED ASSURANCE               | I. ROMANS 11:33-36        |
| _____ 10. TO GOD BE THE GLORY            | J. PSALM 18:2             |
| _____ 11. THE SOLID ROCK                 | K. 1 JOHN 5:13            |
| _____ 12. I SURRENDER ALL                | L. EPHESIANS 2:8-9        |
| _____ 13. A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM | M. PSALM 94:22            |
| _____ 14. JESUS PAID IT ALL              | N. ISAIAH 43:2            |
| _____ 15. CHRIST AROSE                   | O. ZECHARIAH 13:1         |



# How Well

## Do You Know Jesus

LET'S FIND OUT. PERSON WITH MOST ANSWERS CORRECT WINS

1. WHERE WAS JESUS BORN?

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2. WHAT WAS THE FIRST MIRACLE JESUS PERFORMED?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. HOW MANY DAYS DID HE FAST IN THE DESERT?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. WHO BETRAYED JESUS TO THE AUTHORITIES?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. ON WHAT DAY DID JESUS RISE FROM THE DEAD?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. WHO DENIED KNOWING JESUS THREE TIMES?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. NAME THE GARDEN JESUS PRAYED IN BEFORE ARREST?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. WHICH CITY WAS JESUS RAISED IN?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. WHO WASHED JESUS' FEET WITH TEARS?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. WHERE DID JESUS SWEAT BLOOD?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. WHO SENTENCED JESUS TO DEATH?

\_\_\_\_\_

12. WHO WARNED AGAINST CRUCIFYING JESUS?

\_\_\_\_\_

13. WHICH ANIMAL DID JESUS ENTER JERUSALEM WITH?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. WHERE DID JESUS PERFORM HIS FIRST MIRACLE?

\_\_\_\_\_

15. HOW OLD WAS JESUS WHEN HE STARTED HIS MINISTRY?

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# Q&A

## With the Oyedirans

Can you introduce yourselves in a few words?

My name is Paster Peter Oluseun Oyediran, and here is my humble wife Assistant Pastor Kehinde Omobola Oyediran. We are co-pastors of Jesus House Huntsville for the past 14 years.

As we go into the 15th year, what is one moment you can think of and say God is faithful?

The acquisition of this property was a long tough battle, but eventually, God gave us victory, and today, we can proudly say we were able to purchase this property.

In what way has Pastor Mrs. Kehinde Oyediran supported you that most people would not be aware of today?

...She is a woman of prayer. She also likes to take good care of people's welfare, feeding people and assisting people. Many people love coming to church because of her.







Pastor Mrs.Kehide Oyediran what is your advice to women in ministry?

My advice is for them to rely totally on God first and not man. Then, submit to their husbands... submit to God and the man that God has made your head.

Any final words for the people watching?

It is very important for us to know that the time is far spent and Jesus is coming soon. We must not lose guard. ...the word of God tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.



SCAN ME

*For the full interview scan here*





# PICTURE GALLERY





# HIS Grace



**NOV  
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**PASTOR PETER &  
KEHINDE OYEDIRAN**  
HOST ▶



◀ **REV. GEORGE  
ADEGBOYE**  
GUEST MINISTER



◀ **BISHOP  
EMPRAIZ**  
GUEST ARTISTE





# HIS Grace



## KEY POINTS

- *You are to live a life that God is pleased with.*
- *Be an example of a Christian, not a church-goer. You are to be a commercial advertisement for God.*





# Merry Christmas











# Happy NEW YEAR 2023



 **KEY POINTS**

*In this New Year you  
are blessed and highly  
favored*







# 2023 PRAYER *Conference*

MARCH  
**9-11**  
6 PM DAILY

HELP FROM

# ABOVE

**PASTOR ABRAHAM  
ADENIJI**

Prayer Coordinator RCCG The Americas



## KEY POINTS

- *Some areas we need help are problems, power, and process.*
- *You need to send the Holy Ghost to places you can not defend yourself.*





# 2023 PRAYER *Conference*

# HELP FROM **ABOVE**





# ARISE, SHINE

**FEB 24-26, 2023**

**PST. FOLUKE  
AKINOSUN**  
GUEST MINISTER

## KEY POINTS

*Be ready to be a change-agent, to influence the community with your light*





# ARISE, SHINE





# 2023 MEN'S CONFERENCE

GO IN THIS

# THY MIGHT

JULY  
21-23

MINISTERING:  
**PASTOR WALE  
AKINOSUN**



## KEY POINTS

- When God asks a question, he is not looking for answers. He is launching an intervention.
- What you do is not who you are.
- You are too young to be playing safe. You must learn to live with ambiguity.







Men of Jesus House Huntville dressed in Agbada





Youngest father in the Church 2023



Award presentation to Pastor C.T Oni and Pastor Mrs E.F Oni



Gift presentation to Pastor & Pastor Mrs Oyediran from Ministers



Gift presentation to fathers in the Church



Men of Jesus House Huntville dressed in Agbada



Oldest father in the Church 2023



## KEY POINTS

- *A father figure is needed to produce a balanced child in all aspects.*
- *What makes a Father is commitment and relentless devotion to a family life.*
- *The father should be the main provider. Whatever the woman brings is an addition.*



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## KEY POINTS

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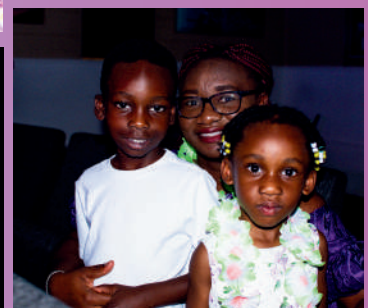
# Mother's Day



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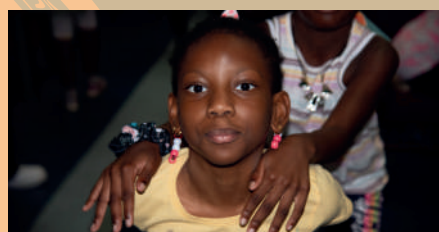
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*Do it! Are you afraid? Still Do it!  
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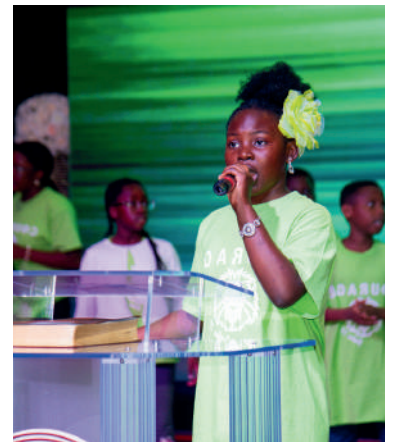
*"Have I not commanded you? Be  
strong and courageous."*

*- Josh 1:9*





# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY





Rooted Teens

# ROYALS

Sunday, March 19th, 2023



Art by Okiki for Royals







# ROYALS

## KEY POINTS

*As a child of God you are a part of His royal family, therefore you are an ambassador of Christ to the earth.*





# DIVINE Visitation

SEPTEMBER 21 – 24, 2023

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# DIVINE Visitation



## KEY POINTS

- *God visits us either individually or collectively to reveal his blessings and favor.*
- *If God finds a place in your life, you will find a place in his plans.*





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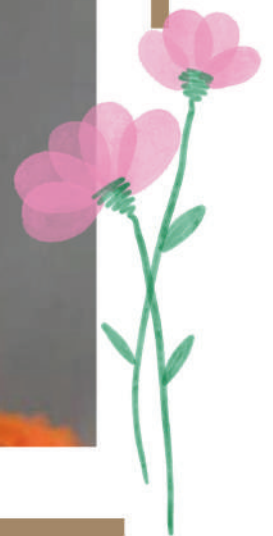
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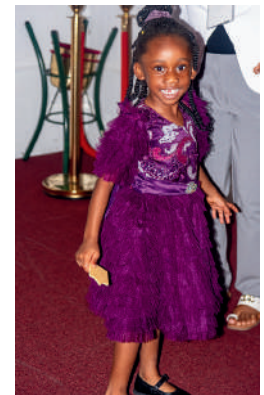
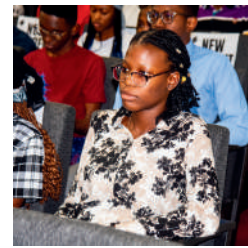


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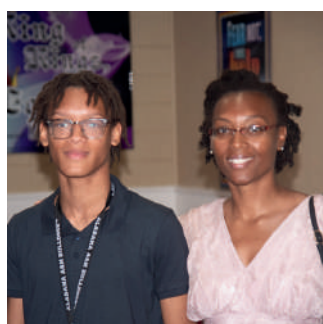
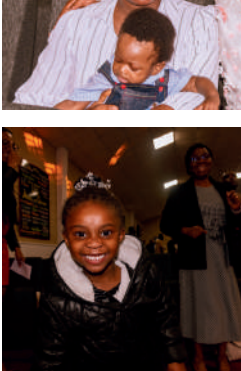
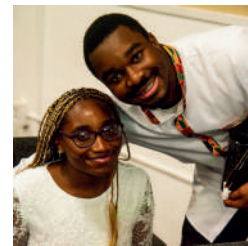












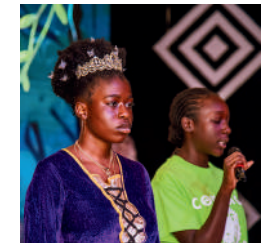








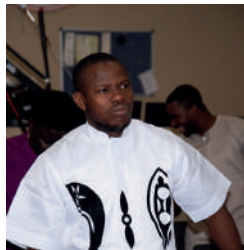
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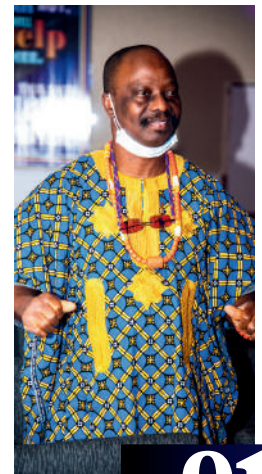
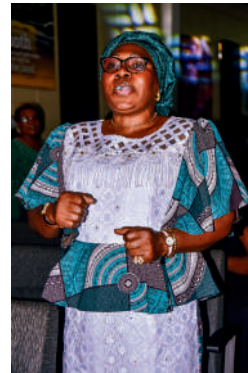
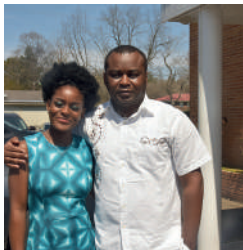
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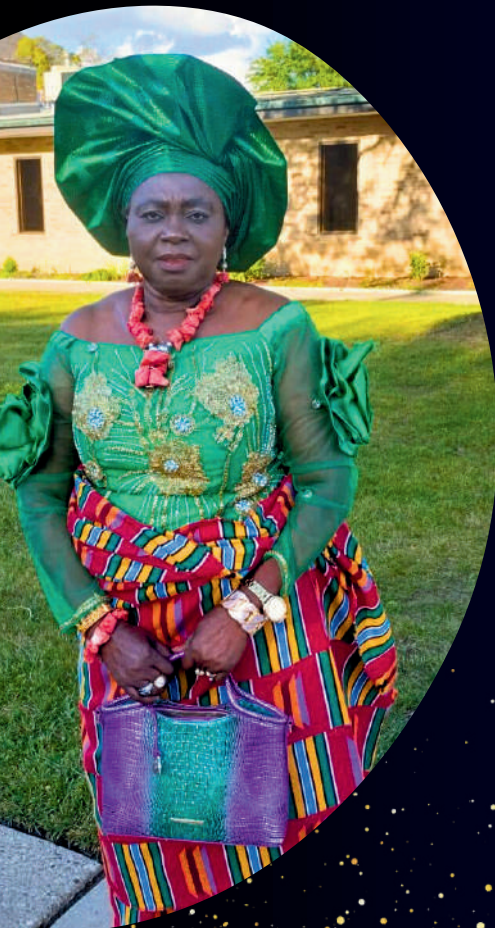


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