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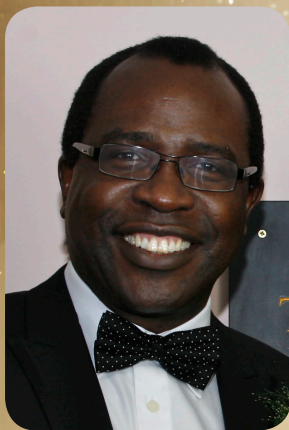
SALVATION PRAYER

Are you saved? Do you have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ? Do you know whether you are going to heaven or hell when you die? (Rom. 6:23) If the answer to any of these questions is 'No', we invite you to pray something like this... **"Lord God, I ask you to forgive me for my sins and make me a new person today. I believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead for my salvation. I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I receive forgiveness, healing and deliverance today. I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit. Help me to know you and follow you from this day on. Thank you for saving me!"** The Bible says that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom 10:14). If you have just prayed this prayer for the first time, please get in touch with us so that we can send you some materials to help you to grow in your new relationship with God.



THE CROSS

THE PLACE OF DELIVERANCE AND VICTORY



REV. KOLA EWUOSHO

If the Foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalms 11:3)

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

“And I also say to you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall

not prevail. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matt. 16:18-19)

The many problems encountered in the Church of Christ today can be traced to the destruction of foundations in the Church. There has been a systematic conditioning of members of the Body of Christ in their minds, attitudes and expectations to gradually reduce the efficacy of the cross of Christ and the manifestation of God’s power to effect deliverance from many things that assault the people of God in these last days. When the foundations are destroyed, the righteous ones are limited in the scope of what can be

done. Paul claims to know nothing amongst the Corinthians, but Christ and Him crucified (I Cor. 2:2). Clearly the foundation of the Christian’s life is Christ; His life, death, burial and resurrection. The absence of the revelation knowledge of the finished work of Calvary and its impact on our lives is the reason for the many “extra biblical methods and practices” that many are engaging in to bring about the manifestation of God’s power that we see today. It is no secret that there is a great hunger for God’s power in the lives of many today, more than there has ever been before. The foundation of what was accomplished by the death of Jesus on the cross is almost extinct in the minds of many. The struggle for supremacy over the works of the devil is almost a lost battle in many quarters. This calls for a great need to revisit our foundations again so we can repair the breach and restore the paths to dwell in as stated in Isaiah 58:12, We “Shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations

“He became what we were so
we can become what He is”

of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the breach and the Restorer of streets to dwell in”. For some time now, the Lord seems to emphasise through





my recent studies and teachings, the need to be clear about our **Foundation** which should lead to our **Maturity** and hence our **Manifestation** as mature Sons of God. I have also shared on the Three Reasons why Jesus Christ Came. He came as our **DIVINE EXCHANGE** - also as our **DIVINE PATTERN** for Sonship and also as a powerful Revelation of God's love to the human race.

DIVINE EXCHANGE: FOUNDATION

DIVINE PATTERN: MATURITY

DIVINE LOVE OF GOD: MANIFESTATION

Our study today is to begin to see what was accomplished for us on the Cross and how we can appropriate all that has been made available to us. I see three parts to this study: the first is what the accomplishments were on our behalf on the cross; then how we appropriate them; and finally, what kind of life we ought to live (what lifestyle we need to cultivate) so that what has been accomplished can become our experiential reality.

One day I had an intense insight about the plight of the human race: Sin is the root of our problem and we don't seem to know what to do to stop it and its effects in our lives. Sin destroys the sinner! No matter the color or race, one thing all humans have in common is the sin nature. Sin is what Satan took advantage of to bring separation from God in the life of human beings. Sin gives Satan a foothold in our lives to steal, kill and destroy. No matter how good we are in other endeavors, sin will end up destroying everything good in its path. The only remedy to sin is the Cross of Christ. At the cross, justice and mercy meet together. The weakness and foolishness of God have proved to be more powerful and wiser than the wisdom of men. The cross represents God's "weakness": the weakness and shame of His Son dying on the cross; it also represents His "foolishness": How can dying produce victory over evil? The Devil seemed to have the victory momentarily. His death on the cross is the basis for the reconciliation with the human race and the defeat of Satan. Jesus was the priest and the offering was His body and blood. Once and for all His sacrifice was made and all the provisions are eternally available to whosoever believes.

"Through the cross of Christ, God's eternal provision has been granted to meet all we will ever need."

"By one offering He has perfected forever those who were being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14).

A DIVINELY ORDAINED EXCHANGE

All the evil due, by justice, to come to us came on Jesus, so that all the good due to Jesus, earned by His sinless obedience, might be made available to us. There are nine specific aspects of the exchange:

Jesus was **punished** that we might be **forgiven**;
 Jesus was **wounded** that we might be **healed**;
 Jesus was made sin with our **sinfulness** that we might be made righteous with His **righteousness**;
 Jesus died our **death** that we might share His **life**;
 Jesus was made a **curse** that we might receive the **blessing**.
 Jesus endured our **poverty** that we might share His **abundance**.
 Jesus bore our **shame** that we might share His **glory**.
 Jesus endured our **rejection** that we might enjoy His **acceptance**.
 Our **old man** died in Jesus that the **new man** might live in us.

In addition to these real exchanges that took place at the cross, there are five different aspects of deliverance that we may receive if we apply the cross in our lives. Through the cross we receive deliverance from the following: this present evil age (Galatians 1:4); from the law (Gal. 2:19); from self (Gal. 2:20); from the flesh (Gal. 5:24.); and from the world (Gal. 6:14).



This is what God wants the cross to do in us as we receive the help of His Spirit to work in us.

Through the cross of Christ, God's eternal provision has been granted to meet all we will ever need.

The scripture says He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified through the cross.

We now have a new identity (a new creature in Christ

Jesus), a new authority (in His name), and hence we can carry out the assignments He has for us (winning the lost and discipleship of the nations). We are also given total victory over Satan and his cohorts by virtue of the cross. He stripped principalities and powers on the cross and made an open show of them. Satan knows more about his defeat than many Christians.

IGNORANCE CAN BE COSTLY

There are two kinds of knowledge: head knowledge, and heart knowledge. Both have their place. Others call them sense knowledge and revelation knowledge. When Peter declared the identity of Jesus in Mathew 16:16, He said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus said that flesh and blood did not reveal this to Peter but the Father in heaven. There is knowledge revealed spiritually to us through the agency of the Spirit of God. We also can come into knowledge through other avenues. Apostle Paul had the revelation of the finished work of Calvary (what happened behind the scenes that was not obvious to all at the Cross). This kind of knowledge has transformational power and can empower us to overcome our natural limitations. Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1 and 3 are very important in our understanding. We need to pray that God will grant us a revelation of the reality of what took place on the Cross for the entire human race not just for us believers. Believing positions us to begin to take advantage of these things.

Many people are suffering from the effects of their **nature**, **nurture** (how you were brought up, the principles and values which were portrayed as correct and acceptable to you and have become part of you. It includes whatever you suffered in how you were brought up, whether rejection or acceptance) and **culture** (how your environmental issues affected you). Being unaware that these things have been taken care of on the cross, they go on suffering the rejection, failure-mentalities, limitations and sicknesses of the past. We all need to come to the cross and by faith receive what Jesus suffered to make available so we can live wholesome lives and glorify the Father God. In his writings, Apostle Paul calls us to take full advantage of our new position in Christ as seen in Ephesians 1-3 and challenges us to our responsibilities, relationships and thereafter warfare in Ephesians 4-6. We are accepted in the beloved (Eph. 1:6) because He bore

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our rejection on the cross (when He cried "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?") and we gained the acceptance due to Him as a result of a sinless life! He suffered shame on the cross that we may share in His glory. He was perfected through suffering that He may bring many sons to glory.

Isaiah 53 spells out the picture of our suffering Saviour. Wounded for our transgressions,

bruised for our iniquities and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed. He was rejected, smitten of God and afflicted. He bore the sins of mankind on himself. Our Messiah fulfilled the justice requirement of God the Father and gained full redemption for the entire human race. Now we can, and should, proclaim salvation in no other name but the name of Jesus our Lord and Master. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law" (Gal. 3: 13-14). He bore the curse of poverty on the cross.

In Deut. 28:45-48, we read the curse of nakedness, thirst and hunger. Jesus was naked, hungry and thirsty on the cross. He took on himself these entirely so we do not need to have any of it in our lives. He became a curse on our behalf that we may be free from the effects and influence of the curse that befell the human race as a result of sin. He also took on our poverty so we can take on His riches. We now have the blessing of Abraham, God's covenant friend. He was blessed in everything.



"We need to pray that God will grant us a revelation of the reality of what took place on the Cross for the entire human race not just for us believers."

There are three dimensions to this understanding: 1) Knowing what God has done for us through the cross of His Son Jesus as well as the deliverance the cross has brought to us. 2) Receiving and appropriating these things by faith through our believing, confessing and declaring these things to be so over our lives and the lives of our believing loved ones. 3) Then cultivating a lifestyle that is in harmony with these things. So if we are delivered from the curse, we do not go about practising habits that attract

the curse again. We maintain our victory through a lifestyle of faith that pleases God. (Hebrews 11:6).

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

God ordained the cross from the beginning of time in which Jesus, as Priest, offered Himself to God as the sacrifice. By this one sacrifice He made provision for all the needs of the whole human race in every area of our lives, for time and for eternity. All the evil (due by justice to us) came on Jesus that all the good (due to Jesus because of His sinless obedience) might be made available to us.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7.)

"Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet

we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5).

Redemption means to "buy back". Jesus went into the slave market of sin

that Satan was in charge of and paid the price to redeem us from the hold of our enemy. He was punished in our place so

that we are forgiven! Grief and sorrow literally mean sicknesses and pains. He was wounded for our healing. Matthew 8:17 tells us that He healed literally in His days on earth to fulfill this scripture in Isaiah 53. His wounds provide our healing. Physical healing is in the atonement. Our salvation is an all-encompassing word. 1 Peter 2:24 tells us He bore our sins and by His stripes (wounds) we were healed. Healing has been obtained for us. Let us rise up and receive it.

The Greek word for save is "sozo" and it means amongst other things, healing as in Matthew 9:21-22. "Made well" here means 'be saved'. Also in Mark 6:56 the word "made well" is the Greek word "sozo". They were saved from sickness. It also means deliverance from demons (See Luke 8:35-36). The same word is translated as "saved" and "healed". Deliverance from demons has been provided by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and it is part of salvation. Even raising a girl from the dead is part of our salvation package as seen in Luke 8:49-50. Again "made well" is the Greek word "sozo". The raising of the man at the gate beautiful in the book of Acts 4:9 is described by Peter as "sozo" as well when he explains the means by which the man was made well. The name of Jesus, and faith in His name, made the man whole. There is no salvation in any other (see verse 12). This great Salvation demands our attention.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

(Hebrews 2:3). We need to dig around what our salvation has to offer and not suffer want for neglect or ignorance of what is ours in Christ Jesus.

The following steps will help in appropriating all He did for us:

We repent of any known sin; renounce Satan's influence in any area of our lives; Receive our victory and then make our declarations of

faith in the finished work of calvary. Find the scriptures that tell us what His death (on the cross) provided for us. Confess and receive it by faith, personalizing it as you accept it for yourself. Give thanks for what is now yours in Him and start acting like His Word is true. Finally, cultivate a life of intimacy with God so that you can build faith through your speaking of, and meditation in, His Word. Receive grace through your humble attention to Him and build an inner image of what is yours. Begin to "see" yourself in the new light of the victor not the victim, the winner not the loser and the blessed not the cursed. Spend time in God's presence in prayer and worship. Get to know Him and He will reveal His plans and purposes to you. He will show you things you never knew about your life, your future and what has been freely given to you along with His giving of our Lord Jesus Christ. (See Jeremiah 33:3 and Romans 8:32.)

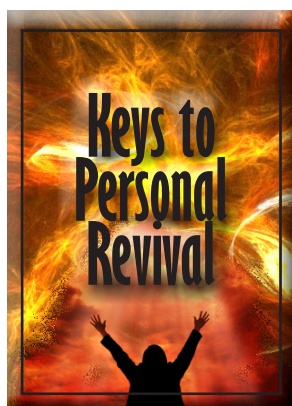
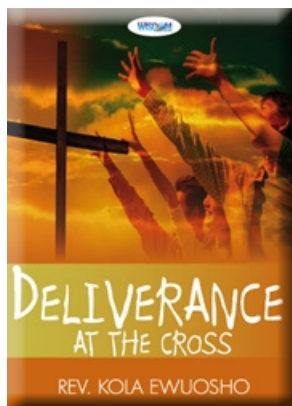
Then go out and influence others with this knowledge and inspire them to receive Jesus as Lord of their lives too.

God bless you,

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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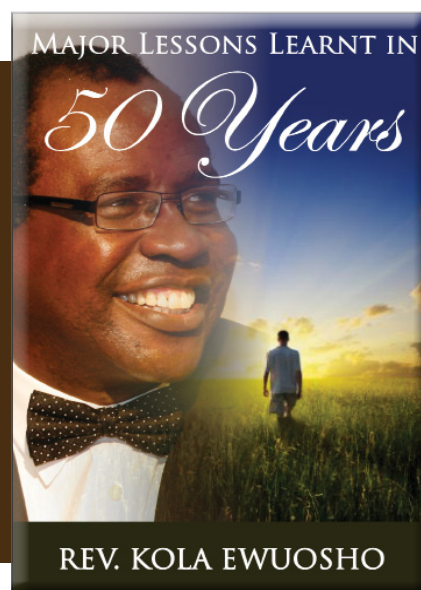
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"When you said, 'Seek My face', my heart said to You 'Your face, Lord, I will seek'."

God is calling His people to seek His face. More than ever before, this

is the time to seek the face of God, for His intervention in our nation, our families, and in every area of our lives. God didn't say we should seek His hand, but to seek His face; there is a great difference between the two. But, like someone said, if we seek God's face, He will embrace us with His hand. Yes, "with His mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm" (Deut 26:8). God said "if His people will humble themselves, and pray and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their

land" (2 Chron 7:14). Unfortunately what we have mostly today are groups of people seeking the hand of God and not His face.

People are no more humbling themselves; they are not willing or ready to turn from their wicked ways; yet they want God to heal and bless them.

In Psalm 63:1-2: "'O God, You are my God; Early will I seek you; ... 'So I have looked for you in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.'"

David wasn't looking for God's power and glory; He was seeking God, thirsting after Him and looking for Him in the sanctuary! We have got everything the wrong way round. I believe that we will begin to see the power and the glory of God when we begin to seek Him.

To "seek" means: to search out; to strive after, to ask, to beg, to beseech, to enquire, etc.

In Isaiah 64:7: "And there is no-one who

calls on Your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of You, for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our impurities".

This sounds like both an indictment against the people of God and also a challenge to stir themselves up to lay hold of God.

1 Chronicles 16:11 says: "Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually".

Oh, how we need the strength and the might of God in our situation!

But why do we have to seek God or look for Him; after all He said He will never leave nor forsake us? (Hebrews 13:5).

He is the ever-present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). He is Jehovah Shammah, the Lord

who is ever present with us. Even Jesus said, He is where two or three are gathered together in His name (Matt. 18:20); and He is with us always, even to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20). For one, God is everywhere but He does not manifest or show Himself

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everywhere.

Jesus said to His disciples:

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest** Myself to him (John 14:21).

To “manifest” means: to appear, to come to know, to reveal, to exhibit, to make visible, be conspicuous etc. God wants to manifest Himself in our gatherings and in our personal lives. When God shows up in a place we see the different dimensions of His glory, His shekinah glory, His ethical glory and His functional glory! Remember that Jesus was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee but that didn’t stop them from running out of wine. Even when they did, Jesus didn’t do anything about it until someone asked Him. Jesus could be the unseen Guest at your table, the silent Listener to your conversation; but He wants to be visible and audible – the choice is yours! When they asked Him to do something about the wine, Jesus did. And the Bible calls that the “beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory ...” John 2:11).

Why do we have to seek God? Isaiah 45:15 says: “Truly, You are the God who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, the Saviour”.

However, God does not hide from us but for us - to seek Him out. He said His plans for you are for good and not evil; to give you a future and an expected end. “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³**And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.** ¹⁴I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity;” ... (Jer. 29:12-14).

In Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty (ie. Inaccessible) things which you do not know”. God wants to give us “inside information”. In the parable of the sower, Jesus said some things or some dimensions of the Spirit are not given to those outside to know but to those inside (Matt. 13:11). They are called the mysteries of the Kingdom of God! The word translated as “call”, often describes calling out loudly in an attempt to get someone’s attention or for calling on the Lord’s name as in Isaiah 55:6: “Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near”. And in Joel 2:32: “and it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (or delivered).

The children of Israel cried out to God in their bondage and their cry came up to God. The Bible actually says “**so God remembered** His covenant”

and looked upon them and acknowledged them (Ex. 2: 24). Does God actually forget? Did He forget He had a covenant with their fathers? Why did they have to cry out to Him, and what if they hadn’t cried out? Hannah wept greatly and cried out to God; she asked God to remember her and not forget her (1 Sam 1:11).

In Psalm 61: 1, 2:

“Hear my cry, O God, Attend to my prayer; ²From the end of the earth I will cry out to You, ...”; Psalm 71:1 “... attend to my cry”; Psalm 55:2 “attend to me and hear me”; Psalm 86: 6, 7: “Give ear, O Lord to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications. ⁷In the day of trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me”.

Do you remember Blind Bartimaeus? When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me” (Mark 10:47). The people warned him to be quiet, but he cried out the more until Jesus heard him and commanded him to be brought to Him. Why did Bartimaeus still have to cry out to Jesus? I believe that one of the conditions we must fulfil to see the manifestation of God in our lives, is to cry out to Him.

James 4:8: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you”. And also in 2 Chronicles 15:2: “...The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you”.

Zechariah 1:3 “... Return to Me, ... and I will return to you”. God said exactly the same thing in Malachi 3:7. The truth is, God never left; we were the ones who did. God is constant, there is no variation or shadow

of turning with Him (James 1:17). He says: “For I the Lord I do not change ... ⁷Yet from the days of your fathers, you have gone

away from My ordinances” (Mal 1:6,7). Psalm 145:18,19: “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. ¹⁹He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them”. Psalm 73:25: “But it is good to draw near to God”.

Why do we have to seek God?

In Proverbs 25:2, “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search out a matter”. Deuteronomy 28:29 says: “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed to us belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do the words of the law”. Job talked about when the secret of God was upon his tabernacle – in the days of his youth (Job 29:4). Psalm 25:14: “The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him”. God said He will give us the treasure of darkness and hidden

riches of secret places (Is. 45:3).

God isn’t keeping those things from us but for us. The Bible talks about “an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, and does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4).

It is our glory to search out what God has kept for us, and when we do, it is ours and our children’s for keeps! When we seek God, He reveals those things to us; He said when we call on Him, He will answer us and show us great and “inaccessible things which we do not know” (Jer. 33:3).

HOW DO WE SEEK HIS FACE?



“Why did Bartimaeus still have to cry out to Jesus? I believe that one of the conditions we must fulfil to see the manifestation of God in our lives, is to cry out to Him.”

The first step towards seeking God is for us to have a deep hunger; a desire to seek God's power and glory. The Psalmist said "Early will I seek Him, my soul thirsts for Him, my flesh longs for You" (Ps 63:1). Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are blessed because they shall be satisfied (Matt 5:6). We must have deep hunger in our souls to see the genuine move of God in our time. We must stop playing religion "having a **form** of godliness but denying the power thereof (2 Tim 3:5). It takes the power of God to change a nation; to transform a sinner to a worshipper of God; to break yokes of bondage, etc. Gideon asked the angel, "If the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are the miracles which our fathers told us about?" (Judg. 6:13). I believe the time has come to not only ask those questions, but also to be willing to be positioned accurately enough for God to move in and through us.

If the Lord is with us, why are all the things happening in our nation, in our society, in our families, in our lives, and even in the church? And where are miracles we read about in the Bible?

We must remember that each generation needs to see the power of God and not just be told about it, or else these things will become fairy tales or myths! Someone must take up that challenge in their generation, and for their generation, like Gideon.

When God saw the hunger and passion in Gideon, He said to him, "Go in this might of yours and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites, **have I not sent you?**" (Judges 6:14).

God is always looking for someone to send; someone with enough hunger and desire in them to see a change, to see God's Kingdom come and His will being done on earth as it is in Heaven. When God sees such a person, no matter how insignificant they are, He empowers them. God said to someone who was threshing wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites, "Go in this might of yours.". Why would the Angel of the Lord call such a man a "might man of valour"? (v. 12). Take a look at Gideon's credentials: "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh and I am the least in my father's house" (Judges 6:15).

It isn't your background or your own ability that God needs to get the job done; rather, it is your availability, your willingness, your

"If the Lord is with us, why are all the things happening in our nation, in our society, in our families, in our lives, and even in the church? And where are miracles we read about in the Bible?"

readiness and your desire.

1 Cor 1:26-31: ²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called.* ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, **and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;** ²⁸and the base things of the

world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and re-

demption— ³¹that, as it is written, "*He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.*"[God can't force anyone to be used who doesn't want to be used. Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Is:6:8). Then he said "Here am I, send me". God said He sought for a man among the people, who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Him, on behalf of the land so that He should not destroy it, but He found none (Eze. 22:30). Take note of the state of things in that land – "The people of the land have used oppression, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy, and they wrongfully oppressed the stranger (verse 29). Doesn't that sound familiar? The Psalmist said he looked for God in the

sanctuary to see His power and His glory. He said in Psalm 42:1-3, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul pants for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God (or see the face of God)? My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually said to me 'Where is your God?'".

There are things in and around us today asking us "where is your God?" but we can turn that around if we would begin to seek the

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face of God. Instead of them asking "Where is your God" they can be saying among the nations "The Lord has done great things for them" (Ps. 126:2); when the Lord shall turn back our captivity! Verse 5 says "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy".

We should stop being satisfied with how things are, we must desire to see things the way they ought to be. The Apostle Paul said "For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power" (1 Cor 4:20). And he said when he came to the Corinthians his speech and his preaching "were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that their faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God"(1 Cor 1:4-5). It seems to me we are living in the days where our faith rests more in the wisdom of men, than in the power of God – the power of God to heal the sick, make the lame walk, raise the dead, give sight to the blind, set the captives free, etc. Thank God for the wisdom of men; thank God for what doctors are doing – but we need to see the miracles again! God is well able to heal, save and deliver without the help of man; He is the self-sufficient and all sufficient God. We must stop being satisfied with just





speaking words, we must become hungry to see the demonstration of the Spirit and the power of God when we preach. After all, “The word God speaks is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb 4:12). Jesus said the words which He speaks are spirit and life (John 6:63). And “Where the word of a king is thee is power” (Eccles 8:4).

God anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power, He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). Jesus said we shall receive power to be His witnesses when the Holy Spirit has come upon us (Acts 1:18).

However, it isn’t enough to have a hunger and a desire to seek the Lord, those things must translate into action. The proof of desire is pursuit; “One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: 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” (Ps 27:4). To seek the face of the Lord, we must learn to dwell in His presence; we must learn how to withdraw from time to time from the busyness of our age and to spend time in His presence. The god of this age has so much arranged our lives that it is almost impossible to have time to dwell in God’s presence; yet he is mounting up challenges that would require nothing short of God’s intervention to solve.

It is in God’s presence that we can find the solution to life-threatening challenges;

I. Fasting

One of the ways the people of old sought God was through fasting. The psalmist said his soul thirsts for God and his flesh longs for Him (Ps 63:1). Jesus said those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be satisfied; and those who ‘mourn’ shall be comforted (Matt 5:4). In the Old Testament, when people sought God’s face through fasting, they put on sackcloth, this signifies mourning “But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth, I humbled myself with fasting” (Ps 35:13).

Psalm 69:9,10:

“Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproached You have fallen on me

¹⁰When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting”.

He said his knees are weak through fasting and his flesh is feeble from lack of fatness (Ps 109:24).

We have so many examples of people in the Bible who sought God’s face with fasting when they needed his intervention in their cases.

“It is in God’s presence that we can find the solution to life-threatening challenges; break-ups in marriages, terrorist attacks and turmoil in the nations, etc.”

Nehemiah – When he heard about the state of Jerusalem and the survivors he said he wept and mourned for many days; “I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven” (Neh 1:4). Nehemiah laid his requests before God; he needed great favour with the king to go and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. That was a difficult thing, especially

because Nehemiah was a slave. But after seeking the face of God in fasting and praying he testified: “And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me” (Neh 2:8).

Esther – She faced a humanly impossible and life-threatening situation. She asked Mordecai and all the Jews in Shushan to fast for her and she and her maids would fast likewise; then she will go to the king. Rather than the king ordering her death, he stretched his sceptre towards her. Esther didn’t perish, she

lived and also had all her requests granted and more!

Daniel – When he discovered from the Books God’s prophetic word through Jeremiah, he set his face toward God to make request by prayer and supplication

with fasting (Dan 9:2,3).

God told **Joel** to consecrate a fast and to call a sacred assembly of His people. He asked His people to cry out to Him and if they did, the Lord would answer them and turn their reproach around (Joel 1:14; 2:15-19).

In the healing of the boy with epilepsy, Jesus cast out the demon. When His disciples asked Him why they could not do it, He said to them “**This kind does not go except by prayer and fasting**” (Mark 9:29). Fasting intensifies your prayers.

Jehoshophat – When he was told that a multitude was coming up against him he “feared and set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord, and from all the cities of Judah, they came to seek the Lord” (2 Chron 20:3,4). When they sought the Lord He answered and sent help to them.

Ezra – He proclaimed a fast so that they might humble themselves before God to seek from Him protection for themselves, their little ones and their possessions as they travelled along the road. “So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer” (Ezra 8:23).

break-ups in marriages, terrorist attacks and turmoil in the nations, etc. The Psalmist said he did not understand the things going on around him until he went into the sanctuary of God (Ps 73:16, 17). God has the answers to our issues, but we must learn to seek His face to get those answers. God wants to give us counsel; the Spirit of God is also called the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge (Is 11:2). “You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Ps 16:11).

How do you seek His face? How do you cultivate His presence? What do you do to dwell in that presence?

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It seems to me there is a connection between faith and fasting; and also between the Anointing and fasting. Fasting empowers our faith and

generates the anointing. Jesus lived a fasted life. He was in the wilderness and fasted forty days and nights. At the end of the fasting the Bible says, Jesus returned in the Power of the Holy Spirit and He declared thereafter: "The Spirit of the Lord

is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; ... to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:14-18). The yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. Fasting, however, does not usually stand on its own, it must be coupled with other spiritual activities.

II. Prayer

I believe that one of the keys God has given to us to operate in the Kingdom effectively; to lock and unlock, to bind and to loose, is the key of prayer. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (Jas 5:16). The Amplified Bible says "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available (dynamic in its working)". No wonder Satan fears a praying Christian, or a praying church, because prayer is one thing that can put him in check. Jesus said whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on earth is loosed in heaven. Heaven responds when we pray on earth! Elijah prayed earnestly that it

offered to God for him by the Church" (Acts 12:5). God responded from heaven; He

sent an angel who delivered Peter from the maximum security prison where he was being held to be killed. God delivered Peter from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people; because the Church prayed earnestly. Things will change if, and when, we pray.

The enemy fears your prayer life, so he seeks to attack it. In Babylon, a decree was written that whoever petitioned any god or man for thirty days, except the King, should be cast into the den of lions (Dan 6:7). This was aimed at Daniel; he knew it but he didn't

allow that to stop him from praying. His praying momentarily got him into trouble but God delivered him. His test became a huge testimony to the king of Babylon. Jesus lived a life of prayer "So He himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed" (Luke 5:16). (See also Mark 1:35, Luke 4:42; 6:12; 9:28-29; 22:39-46) Jesus sought the face of God in prayer all through His earthly ministry. Prayer was one major key to His being focussed on His assignment on earth. He said He does only what He sees His Father doing. In the place of prayer, Jesus maintained communion with the Father. It is in the place of prayer that we can dwell in the presence of God.

III. Time in the Word

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out from the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4). One of the ways we seek God's face is by spending time in His Word. His Word reveals His mind, His ways, His will, and His plans to us. Jesus

would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months; and he prayed again, and heaven gave rain and the earth produced its fruit (Jas 5:17,18). How powerful is the prayer of God's people?

In the Book of Acts, Herod, when he saw that the killing of James pleased the people, then took Peter also to kill him. The truth is, when the devil gets away with something he gets bolder and stronger, except someone stops him! This time around, the Church woke up; "but constant

(ie. Earnest) prayer was

said: "If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you" (John 15:17). God and His Word are one, so if we have His Word abiding in us when we pray, our prayers will be in alignment with His will. As we fellowship with His Word, His Word begins to shape even our desires; and then when we ask what we desire, we get it! "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Ps 34:4). Psalm 1 talks about the man who delights in the Law of the Lord and meditates in it day and night. God's Word is not only His will; it is also His covenant and His Bond. We come to Him based on His Word – the provisions of His Word. "Now, this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we have asked of Him (1 John 5:14-15).

When Daniel understood by the books the will of God concerning the Jews in Babylon, he set his face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplication with fasting (Dan 9:23). Can you see the connection between the word and prayer? Daniel saw something in the books that prompted him to pray, because he understood God's will by the books! Gods says after seventy years are completed in Babylon He will visit His people and perform His good word to them, "then (not before then) you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me and I will listen to you" (Jer 29:10). God only listens to us when we pray in line with His will. Let us spend time with God in His Word. Martha was busy with domestic matters but Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and heard His word. Jesus said Mary had chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her (Luke 10:38-40).

There are matters that God has hidden in His Word, not from us, but for us, and it is our glory to search them out. The Bible says the things which are revealed to us belong to us and our children forever (Deut 29:2); but the responsibility is ours to dig them out. We must position ourselves in the study of, and meditation in, the Word of God to reveal those things to us.

IV. Praise and Worship

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"But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel" (Ps 22:3). The KJV says "O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel". God reigns in the praises of His people; He dwells in our praises.

"Those who seek Him will praise the Lord" (Ps 22:26).

After Jehoshaphat and Judah had gotten a prophetic word from God and they were to go out in battle against the multitudes; Jehoshaphat appointed those who should

sing to the Lord and praise the beauty of His holiness, to go in front of the army. The Bible says, as they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against their enemies and they were defeated (2 Chron 20:21-22).

What about Paul and Silas in prison? At midnight they prayed and sang hymns to God and suddenly there was a great earthquake that shook the foundations of the prison and loosed everyone's chains (Acts 19:25-26).

We can always set aside time to seek the Lord by spending time praising and worshipping Him. As certain teachers and prophets in Antioch ministered to the Lord and fasted, God spoke to them by His Spirit (Acts 13:1-2). God speaks to us as we minister to Him.

Have you noticed that, strictly speaking, the only times in our church meetings that we minister to the Lord is in the time of worship. We should make more time for that even in our closet. The Psalmist said he desired to be in the house of the Lord, just to behold His beauty! (Ps 27:4).

V. Waiting on God

"The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him; ²⁶It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord" (Lam 3:25-26). Apostle Paul said, we should stand, having done all (Eph 6:13). Waiting is one of the most difficult things the flesh finds to do. The flesh loves activities – Jesus cursed a fig tree that had leaves but no fruit!

"I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me and what I will answer when I am corrected" (Hab 2:1).

God has a lot to say to us, but we must learn to wait, watch and listen. After Jehoshaphat and all of Judah fasted and prayed, they waited to hear what God would say to them. Moses said to the children of Israel; with the Red Sea in front of them and the host

of Pharaoh behind them: "Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see them no more forever. The Lord

will fight for you and you shall hold your peace" (Ex 14:13,14).

In seeking the face of God, don't jump ahead of God, wait on Him and wait for Him.

¹⁵For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not, ¹⁶And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses"— Therefore you shall flee! And, "We will ride on swift horses"— therefore, those who pursue you shall be swift! (Is 30: 15-16).

Have you noticed that because we are under so much pressure, taking out a day or two to seek God's face, and hear His counsel, before making a decision, seems unaffordable; we fear all hell may break loose on us if we did. The swifter and faster we run, the swifter and faster our problems are catching up with us. One day spent with God can save us a lot of chaos and crises. Jesus said the cares of this age, the deceitfulness of riches and desires for other things come in and choke the word and **we** (not the word!) become unfruitful (Matt 13:22). Someone actually said, you are too busy not to pray! "Life is fragile, handle with prayer". God said "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10).

God wants to be God in our lives and in our situations; but we must let Him. Seeking God is rewarding – He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6). "Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You" (Ps 40:16).

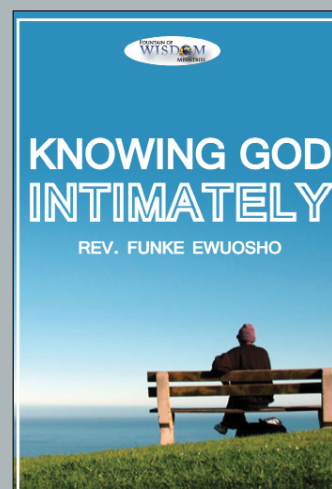
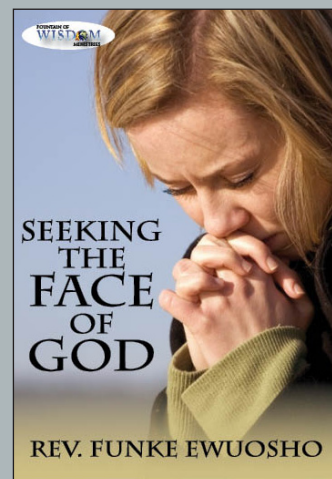
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BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP



God is a God of generations. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; He said that His name is forever and His memorial to all generations (Ex. 3:15). When the children of Israel cried out to God in Egypt because of their bondage, “God heard their groaning, and God remembered His Covenant with Abraham,

with Isaac and with Jacob (Ex. 2:24). The Psalmist said he hasn’t seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread (Ps.37:25). “Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed” (Ps.112:1,2).

God thinks generationally. He never wants whatever He does in one generation to end with that generation. “The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations”

(Ps.33:11). When God made a covenant with Abraham, he had his generations after him in mind, “And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your descendants in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants” (Gen.17:7). And God expected Abraham and his descendants throughout their generations to keep His covenant (v 9,10).

When God gave the land to Abraham, He gave it to him and his descendants forever (Gen.13:14-16). “On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: To your descendants I have given this land, ...” (Gen.15:18). When God calls a man, He has generations in mind. When God called Abraham, He had all the families of the earth in mind (Gen.12:1-3). That woman, bound by Satan for eighteen years, was loosed from her infirmity because she was a daughter of Abraham (Luke 13:16). Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus (Gal.3:13). Abraham’s call and his obedience weren’t personal, they were generational.

We are in a relay race – one generation passing the baton to another. In Hebrews 11 we read about those who overcame by faith; people like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, David, etc. And in Hebrews 12:1, we are told:

“God thinks generationally. He never wants whatever He does in one generation to end with that generation.”



"Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us".

God doesn't want there to be a gap in the generations. God is in (or with) the generation of the righteous (Ps.14:5). God told Moses to tell the children of Israel that they were to observe the Passover as an ordinance for them and their sons forever, and they were to tell their children the meaning of the Passover service (Ex.12:24-27). "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him. We can deduce from this that the key to the continuity and fulfilment of what God has said to one generation to the generations after them also keeping it. God said He will judge Eli's house forever because his sons made themselves vile and he didn't restrain them (1 Sam.3:13). When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel, but his sons did not walk in his ways; they took bribes and perverted justice. They ended the era of judges in Israel because the Israelites now asked for a king.

There is a generation gap wherever there is a failure to transmit what one generation had to another. God wants graces, anointing, giftings, values, wealth etc to be transferred down the generations. Paul said to Timothy "when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother, Lois, and your mother, Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" (2 Tim.13). Elisha asked for the double portion of Elijah's spirit; and when he returned after Elijah had been taken from him, the other sons of the prophets from Jericho saw him and said "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha" (2 Kings 2:15).

The enemy has been the one master-minding the gap between generations; and he takes advantage of the faults and the weakness in all involved.



"Children, obey our parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your father and mother", which is the first commandment with a promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth". And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord". (Eph.6:1-4).

One can clearly see that the responsibility for bridging the generation gap is two-sided; just as the problem isn't one-sided!

Pride, disrespect and lacking honour in the younger generation hinder them from being accurately positioned to receive from the older generation. "There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother. There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness" (Prov.30:11,12).

There is a tendency for the younger generation to think that the older ones have nothing to offer them. Children usually think they are smarter than their parents! "Listen to your father who begat you, and do not despise your mother when she is old" (Prov.23:22).

I remember someone who was go-

ing to start his own ministry saying "I am going to start where I am – meaning he wanted to be his own man. God didn't make a mistake in bringing you through the family, or ministry, He brought you through. Before you think of breaking every tie from your past and going to be our own man or woman; think about this: "Do not remove the ancient landmark" (Prov.23:10). Elisha didn't think about being his own man, he followed Elijah

so closely because he wanted a double portion of his spirit. Elijah gave him a condition: "If you see me when I am taken from you". Elisha saw him and cried out "My father, my father ..." Elijah's mantle fell from him and Elisha took it! Elijah didn't need it in heaven. God wants mantles to pass on genera-

tionally, but there are always tests to be passed to qualify to receive them; tests of humility, focus, faithfulness, loyalty, servant-heartedness etc. Jesus said: "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?" (Luke 16:12). Paul told Timothy to commit to faithful men who will also be able to teach others the things Timothy has heard from him (2 Tim.2:2). Those are four generations right there: Paul – Timothy – faithful men – others! A lot of folks are going around today who think they

are able to teach what they haven't faithfully received; faithfulness comes before ability in God's economy. Instead of blessings passing down generationally, in many cases, what we see are curses. Noah cursed his son who had seen his nakedness and told his two brothers about it. Note the response and attitude of his two brothers; they went in backwards and covered

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their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned away and they didn't see their father's nakedness (Gen.9:20-25). Noah might have been wrong by getting drunk and laying naked but Ham attracted a curse to his own generation by not honouring his father. We must understand that we can still honour people even when we don't agree with them. Honour is often shown in our actions and attitude! Jesus quoted from the Old Testament when speaking to the Scribes and the Pharisees: "For God commanded saying 'Honour your father and your mother', and 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death'" (Matt.15:4).

On the other hand, God commands fathers not to provoke their children to wrath (Eph.6:4). Sometimes the older generation can do stuff that stirs up negative vibes in the younger ones. When someone is pushed to the wall, they are most likely to react violently or negatively. Colossians 3:21 says: "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged". When we push people too hard they just give up trying – they give up trying to be good or pleasing. A lot of young folks become rebellious because their parents just pushed too hard.

In bridging the gap, we are to pass things on to the younger generation. Paul said to Timothy "the things that you have heard from me" (2 Tim 2:2). "That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you may also fellowship with us ..." (1 Jn. 1:3). God told the Israelites to teach diligently to their children, and talk about, the words which He had commanded them (Deut. 6:6,7). They were also to explain to their sons the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord had commanded them.

The older generation must, however, know how best to pass these things on in ways the younger generation can receive it.

1. Rules without relationship breed rebellion. There is a need to establish

a good relationship of genuine love, understanding, trust and mutual respect with the younger generation. "People don't care about what you know, until they know that you care". "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, ..." (Heb.,4:15). Rather than being critical and judgmental, the older generation must be understanding.

2. Have a listening ear. God told His people

"Present your case, says the Lord. Bring forth your strong reasons (Is.41:21).

No matter how much you think they are not making sense, don't shout or shut them down, hear them out. Don't listen half-heartedly, watch your body language, listen with attention. Don't just be interested in your own views or your knowledge; remember what you sow you reap! If you sow selfishness you'll reap it in the younger generation. Don't suppress them, let them express themselves.

3. Understand the differences in the generations. Old men dream dreams, young men

see visions; we need both! We must see the good and the advantages in the different generations. Often, the older generation tires to use their experiences to douse the fire and dampen the zeal of the younger generation. Give them a chance to grow, to make their own mistakes, and be there for them. Don't say "I told you so".

4. Letter Vs. Spirit - The letter kills but the spirit gives life! (2 Cor. 3:6) The older generation should be more interested in transmitting the spirit of what they've got rather than the letter of it. Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit; what the younger ones need to catch is the spirit! With

the spirit of Elijah in double portion, he didn't do exactly what Elijah did, but he did almost double the number of miracles Elijah did! "What then shall we say

that Abraham our father has found ...?" (Rom.4:1). The younger generation must desire to know what the older generation found and run their own race.

The older generation shouldn't be bent on the method but on the truth they are transmitting. God does things in dif-

ferent ways; Jesus performed miracles using different methods. Like someone said, "You may miss the note but don't miss the spirit".

What we need is reformation not external conformity. The younger generation has been greatly lost because the denominations, parents, etc have insisted on external conformity. We are not under law but under grace. The older generation should be more accommodating of the younger; more forbearing, more forgiving and more affirming.

5. A worthy example

Don't make it hard on the younger generation to follow your example.

"Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct" (Heb. 13:7).

Paul said the Philippians should do the things which they learned, received, heard and saw in him (Php. 4:9). They should follow after that which is good (1 Thess. 5:15). Also Peter exhorted fellow elders not to lord it over those entrusted to them but to be examples to the flock (1 Pet. 5:3).

We would be fulfilling God's will and the desire of His heart, if we work hard at bridging the generation gap. We should make up our minds not to be part of the problem but to be part of the solution. God said He will send Elijah the prophet "And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse" (Mal.4:6).

Rev Funke Ewuosho





MINISTRY UPDATE

CALIFORNIA, U.S.A

REJOYCE CHRISTIAN CENTER in Brentwood, California is the newest Fountain of Wisdom Ministries church. It was founded by Pastor Kenny Ogunfunmi who was originally part of our church and ministry in Kano, Nigeria. He and his wife Kemi are now labouring in California to see lives impacted with the grace that they have received. The church is making an impact in a number of ways including through their 'Dorcas Distribution Day' and 'Vacation Bible School'. Below, the Pastors share some of the highlights from this year.

DORCAS MINISTRIES

is a ministry that is committed to meeting the needs in our community. To date we have given away over 1500 grocery packets to about 300 households during our 'Dorcas Distribution Days', but more importantly, we have forged friendships, preached the Word of God and ministered the love of Christ to many. Consequently, some of the recipients have actually experienced supernatural transformation and dedicated their lives to live for Christ. As we rejoice in God's provision this year, we are hoping that in the year to come we will be able to offer more than just basic groceries. Given the economic situation, many in our community - be it a senior, young single mother or unemployed person - heartily welcome and look forward to the 'extra' that comes through this ministry.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ran during the school holidays from 12-15th July. The theme this year was "Let the Son (Jesus) arise in you". The children were taught that Jesus lives in them by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and that for Jesus to be manifested in their lives, they have to learn and practise the following: 1) Walking in Love 2) Walking by Faith 3) Being led by the Holy Spirit. The children learnt that Jesus at the age of twelve when He was in the temple sat down, listened and asked questions. We also had an exciting time of worship. In all, it was a fun-time learning about the Word of God and building the lives of our children. (see photos on right)





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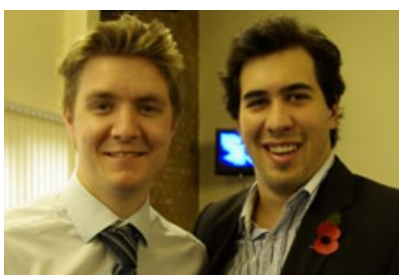
MINISTRY UPDATE

VIRGINIA WATER, U.K

HARVESTIME CHURCH, our church in the U.K, is soon to celebrate her 9th anniversary. The church has grown from just a handful of people to be a strong fellowship of about 200 members. It is also acting as the headquarters for the Fountain of Wisdom Ministies and the base from which Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho reach out and minister within the U.K and around the world. By God's grace Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho have been able to disciple and raise many leaders within Harvestime Church. Over the years, God has also led us to establish different ministries with the aim of reaching and discipling the people of this area and nation. We have our men's and women's breakfasts, our couple's fellowships, street evangelism, choir & drama ministry, cell groups, youth fellowship, youth club, mother and toddler outreach and others. This year we have also had to build a large conservatory to take care of our growing children's ministry. Towards the end of this year Harvestime Church entered a new season of seeking God with our prayer and fasting programme. Many members can testify that they are getting closer to God and experiencing breakthroughs in many areas of their lives.

CARNIVAL CAPERS OUTREACH

In the past years Harvestime Church has had a growing desire to reach the people living in her immediate locality of Virginia Water. This year we had a real answer to prayer when God made a way for our church choir to minister at the village fete 'Carnival Capers'. It is a popular event, attended by the whole community. The choir was given opportunity to sing praise and worship songs on the main stage for almost 2 hours throughout the day! We also had a stall from which we distributed tracts, teaching CDs and shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who would listen. We continue to trust God for the salvation of many in our area.



NEW YOUTH CLUB

This year Harvestime Church also started a monthly youth club to help teens within the church to build stronger relationships and have opportunity to deepen their faith in God. The club is going well and some of the local children have also dropped in to hang out!

OUTREACH TO LOCAL PARENTS

This year also saw the launch of our new mother & toddler group which aims to reach local parents. The sessions includes kids praise and a Bible story. So far we have had over 15 parents attend and we believe this group will go from strength to strength.



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Our church in Eldoret, (the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel), is truly touching lives by the grace of God. Here are a selection of testimonies and photos showing some of the work that the ministry is doing in Kenya.

CHANGED LIVES!



"Being a member of the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel- Kenya has been among the best things that have ever happened in my life. I have personally been transformed by Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke's messages and my life has never been the same since I met them. Their messages have brought growth in my personal, financial, spiritual and marital life. The couples' sessions have been like a gift sent down from heaven and my marriage has never been happier. With all that I learn each day from your CD's and books I can confidently say that I am well

equipped for all rounded growth by the grace of God! Thanks"

"Coming in touch with Fountain of Wisdom Ministries has let me know that salvation is more than just 'waiting' to go to heaven. Also it has brought balance to my life and my family by teaching us about true Christianity as opposed to religion. May God continue blessing you as you continue sharing light with many more lives."

"I came to know about Fountain of Wisdom Ministries last year. I am very grateful for the teachings, books, CDs & DVDs I have heard, read, listened to and watched. Also I have attended several meetings held in Kericho town, which have been so encouraging to me. They have been a blessing to my life and have made me who I am now. They are shaping me into wholeness." (EM)

"I attended a conference at Kericho, where Rev. Funke Ewuosho was ministering about partnering with God from the book of Philippians 4:10. I got a new revelation that changed my understanding and service to God. Following that I started attending training programs that were being organized by the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries, Eldoret. Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke have touched and changed my life completely. They have taught me more about how to relate with God, my family, God's people and the society as a whole." (Pastor Moses Musakhi)

"It is about 4 years since I got to know Rev. Kola and Rev Funke. I have grown in my spiritual life and now have a closer understanding of the things of God. I know what it means to be a true daughter of God and to serve God. In Rev Kola and Rev Funke, I have met true parents and mentors. I cannot go anywhere else and find such commitment, integrity and excellence. I still have a long way to go but I know I am in the right place." (NS)

I want to thank God for connecting me to Fountain of Wisdom Ministries. This connection has turned out to be destiny. Interacting with Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke and their materials captured in books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and online messages have helped me to encounter truth. I realized that I needed a total overhaul of my life, because everything in my life had come to a standstill! I will forever be grateful to God and to His servants because as I apply the truth they have taught me, my family is now functioning better, I am growing in the area of relationships and my finances have now stabilized. The truth of God's Word has a way of turning you upside down, inside out and the right way up! I am enjoying the ride to wholeness although it is tough! I will forever be thankful to God for letting his grace flow through his servants to me and my family. (Rev. Matayo)

MINISTRY UPDATE

ELDORET, KENYA



(Photos from the children's ministry retreat, Kericho Partner's meetings and Strategic Equippers Conference)

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20th-22nd - Harvestime Church Anniversary
Conference, U.K.

February

Saturday 11th - Women's Breakfast Conference,
U.K.

Men's Conference, U.K.

March

7th-11th- International Women's Conference,
Kano, Nigeria

May

Women's Breakfast Conference, U.K.

Strategic Equippers Conference, Abuja, Nigeria

Word of Faith Abuja Church Conference, Nigeria

Word of Faith Lagos Church Conference, Nigeria

June

Harvestime Church Conference, U.K.

July

Men's Conference, U.K.

Women's Conference, U.K.

August

Ingathering Annual Conference, Kano, Nigeria

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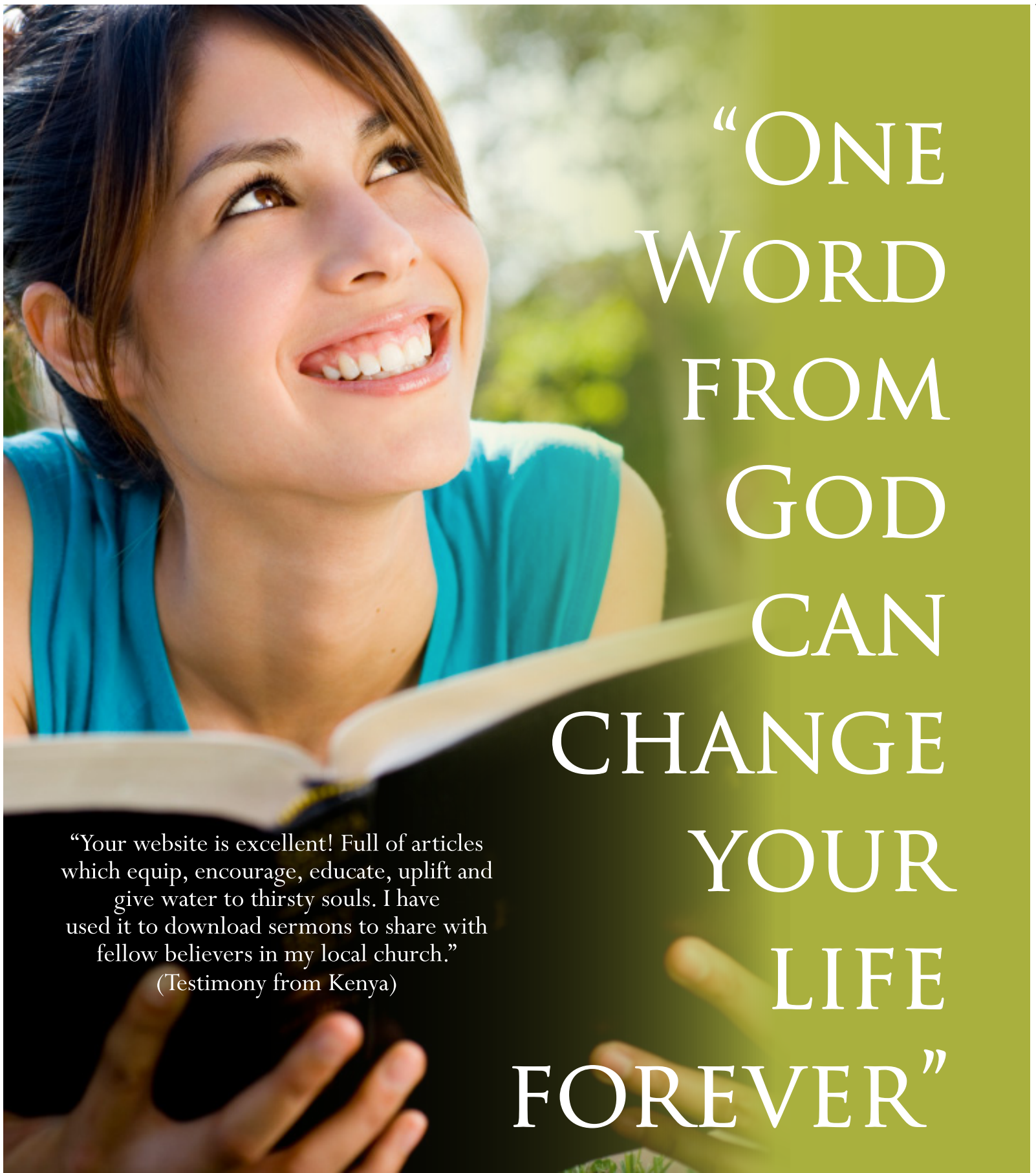
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