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REV. KOLA EWUOSHO

We can expect His power to make the difference in our lives and situations

The men and women who walked with God in their days, as recorded in the Bible, were people who knew their God, His strategies and His ways. They knew the resources at their disposal and knew their enemy too. One of such men was David, the king of Israel. Others were Daniel and the mother of Samuel, Hannah, to mention a few. God is the master of the breakthrough. David found that out through his experience with God.

We see from the following scripture how David experienced God granting him the breakthrough he needed. God wants to do something similar for us too, but are we ready to learn who He is and how to function with Him? When we learn and apply what we see in His word we can expect His power to make the difference in our lives and situations.

2 Samuel 5:17-25

"When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they all went up to find [him], but [he] heard of it and went down to the stronghold.

The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.

David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to David, Go up, for I will surely deliver [them] into your hand.

And David came to Baal-perazim, and he smote them there, and said, The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like the bursting out of great waters. So he called the name of that place Baal-perazim [Lord of breaking through].

There the Philistines left their images, and David and his men took them away.

The Philistines came up again and spread themselves out in the Valley of Rephaim.

When David inquired of the Lord, He said, You shall not go up, but go around

behind them and come upon them over opposite the mulberry (or balsam) trees.

And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then bestir yourselves, for then has the Lord gone out before you to smite the army of the Philistines.

And David did as the Lord had commanded him, and smote the Philistines from Geba to Gezer".

Our other example is found in the book of Daniel:

Daniel 6:16-23

"Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, May your God, Whom you are serving continually, deliver you!

And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that there might be no change of purpose concerning Daniel.

Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting, neither were instruments of music or dancing girls brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

And when he came to the den and to Daniel, he cried out in a voice of anguish. The king said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, Whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?

Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever!

My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent and blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, [as you very well know] I have done no harm or wrong.

Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel should be taken up out of the den.

God is interested in our entire lives

So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no hurt of any kind was found on him because he believed in (relied on, adhered to, and trusted in) his God".

In these two examples we see the following factors:

We need to:

- know our God, know His ways, resources, supplies/provisions and strategies.
- know our enemy and his strategies.

These were not just for individual experiences; these factors governed their entire lives. Some only come to God to ask for His intervention in certain areas of their lives. God is interested in our entire lives. Nothing should be left to chance. We need to come into a real relationship with our covenant keeping God. As we continue our study we shall also see that God can do things for you, with you and through you!

KNOWING GOD AND HIS WAYS

As we read through the following verses of scripture, note that God speaks and then we position ourselves to receive from God by believing and coming into alignment with what has been said.

Jeremiah 32:27

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?"

There is nothing impossible for God to do. He needs us to believe Him and take Him at His word, trusting in His willingness to demonstrate His power on our behalf.

Luke 18:27

"But He said, What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Mark 10:27

"Jesus glanced around at them and said, With men [it is] impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

Mark 9:23

"And Jesus said, [You say to Me], If You can do anything? [Why,] all things can be (are possible) to him who believes!"

An example is seen in the early church in the book of Acts. When they faced threats, they did not cower in fear, they believed and prayed.

Acts 4:29-33

"And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly, While You stretch out Your hand to cure and to perform signs and wonders through the authority and by the power of the name of Your holy Child and Servant Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom and boldness and courage.

Now the company of believers was of one heart and soul, and not one of them claimed that anything which he possessed was [exclusively] his own, but everything they had was in common and for the use of all.

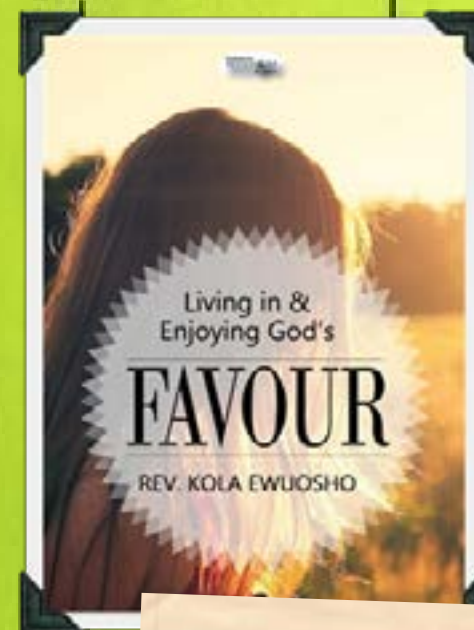
And with great strength and ability and power the apostles delivered their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace (loving-kindness and favor and goodwill) rested richly upon them all."

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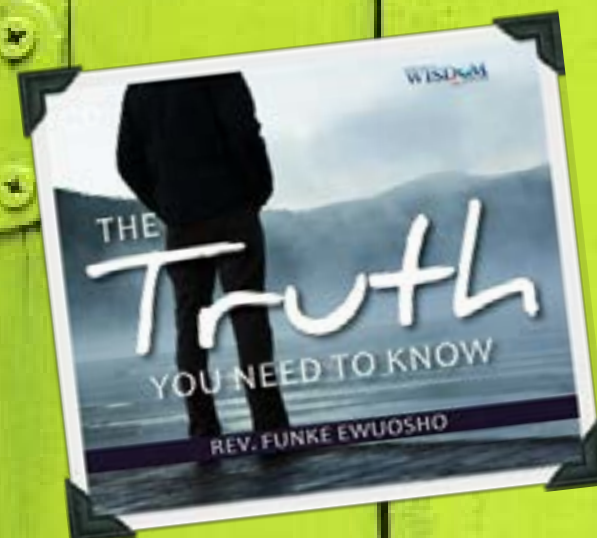
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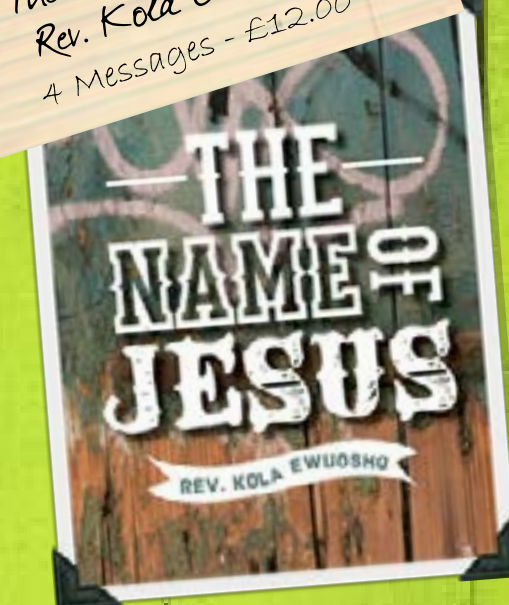
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God's
power
can do
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for you,
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you and
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God's ability is available to all who believe.

2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]."

John 14:12-14

"I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

[Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM]."

Sarah got her miracle too. Our God keeps covenant. He kept his covenant with Abraham.

Genesis 18:10-15

"[The Lord] said, I will surely return to you when the season comes round, and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son. And Sarah was listening and heard it at the tent door which was behind Him.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in years; it had ceased to be with Sarah as with [young] women. [She was past the age of childbearing].

Therefore Sarah laughed to herself, saying, After I have become aged shall I have pleasure and delight, my lord (husband), being old also?

And the Lord asked Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I really bear a child when I am so old?

Is anything too hard or too wonderful for the Lord? At the appointed time, when the season [for her delivery] comes around, I will return to you and Sarah shall have borne a son.

Then Sarah denied it, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh."

God's power can do things for you, through you and around you!

Examples of people, for whom God did things, includes Daniel in the lion's den. God sent His angel and stopped the lions from killing Daniel. Sarah having a baby at old age will also be included in those for whom God did things. God doing things through people will include David killing Goliath. God doing things around people will include anything that includes a corporate believing, like Paul and Silas praying and praising God in Acts 16.

The common thing in all instances is the faith of the individual involved. Our faith is needed for God to do things for us, in us and through us. One amazing story is that of the woman with the issue of blood who practically initiated her healing by pressing through the crowd and touching the hem of Jesus' garment. God's power was activated through her faith. You can read her story in Mark 5:24-35. Many of the records of healing in the Bible reveal how the faith of those who received was involved in their experience of God's power. There are times when God initiates healing and at other times people do. At almost all times, people's faith gets involved. What a privilege we have to be able to initiate things and heaven backs us up. When Jesus spoke about the church He was building in Matthew 16, He gave them authority to bind and loose. I believe many things have already been loosed in heaven awaiting the church to loose them or allow them to come into manifestation here on earth.

Matthew 16:16-19

"Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven.



And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven."

ENTERING INTO HIS REST

Many struggle to see God's power manifested in their lives. There is a place in God called 'entering into His rest'. After we have done our due diligence in believing, acting, speaking and expecting His Word to be fulfilled in our lives, we labour to enter His rest. We do not allow unbelief and ignorance of His ways to derail us from experiencing His power in our lives. This is because unbelief and ignorance are two ways that the enemy can take advantage of us. Laziness and carelessness are some other ways too. Let us not allow the enemy of our souls (satan) to have any foothold in our lives. Satan's allies are the unrenewed mind, carnality and other fleshly tendencies not brought under the Lordship of Christ.

Hebrews 3:7-11

"Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as [happened] in the rebellion [of Israel] and their provocation and embitterment [of Me] in the day of testing in the wilderness, Where your fathers tried [My patience] and tested [My forbearance] and found I stood their test, and they saw My works for forty years.

And so I was provoked (displeased and sorely grieved) with that generation, and said, They always err and are led astray in their hearts, and they have not perceived or recognized My ways and become progressively better and more experimentally and intimately acquainted with them.

Accordingly, I swore in My wrath and indignation, They shall not enter into My rest."

Hebrews 3:12-19

"[Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God.

But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him].

For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) and share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first new born confidence and original assured expectation [in virtue of which we are believers] firm and unshaken to the end.

Then while it is [still] called today, if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them].

For who were they who heard and yet were rebellious and provoked [Him]? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?

And with whom was He irritated and provoked and grieved for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dismembered bodies were strewn and left in the desert?

And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who disobeyed [who had not listened to His word and who refused to be compliant or be persuaded]?

So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out].”

Hebrews 4:1-3

“Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still holds and is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it], lest any of you should think he has come too late and has come short of [reaching] it.

For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe).

For we who have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on God) do enter that rest, in accordance with His declaration that those [who did not believe] should not enter when He said, As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest; and this He said although [His] works had been completed and prepared [and waiting for all who would believe] from the

foundation of the world.”

Hebrews 4:10-12

“For he who has once entered [God’s] rest also has ceased from [the weariness and pain] of human labours, just as God rested from those labours peculiarly His own.

Let us therefore be zealous and exert ourselves and strive diligently to enter that rest [of God, to know and experience it for ourselves], that no one may fall or perish by the same kind of unbelief and disobedience [into which those in the wilderness fell].

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analysing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.”

UNDERSTANDING UNBELIEF!

Unbelief is a function of the thoughts we permit in our minds.



These thoughts hinder our acceptance, hence believing and receiving God’s truth into our hearts. This can be seen in the account of Jesus not being able to do mighty works because of their unbelief.

Mark 6:2-6

“And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue; and many who listened to Him were utterly astonished, saying, ‘Where did this Man acquire all this? What is the wisdom [the broad and full intelligence which has been] given to Him? What mighty works and exhibitions of power are wrought by His hands!’ Is not this the Carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here among us? And they took offence at Him and were hurt [that is, they disapproved of Him, and it hindered them from acknowledging His authority] and they were caused to stumble and fall.

But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honour (deference, reverence) except in his [own] country and among [his] relatives and in his [own] house.

And He was not able to do even one work of power there, except that He laid His hands on a few sickly people [and] cured them.

And He marvelled because of their unbelief (their lack of faith in Him). And He went about among the surrounding villages and continued teaching.”

Their unbelief was a function of the kind of contrary thoughts they had permitted in their minds. What we believe and the thoughts we allow determines what is inside each one of us. Sometimes we do not allow beliefs that are contrary to God’s word and yet we still do not get results. This is because faith needs to have corresponding actions for the results to be seen. Many believe they do not have faith simply because they do not see results. They do not ask themselves whether they have applied themselves to corresponding actions that faith demands. So it is possible to have faith and not get results if we do not act out our faith. Faith must be based on God’s word, believed in the heart, spoken in expectation and acted upon. So we have **Believe, Actions, Speaking, then Expectations!** (BASE).

“**Believing with the heart**” implies that we believe by choice and put our whole being behind it. It implies being established in the belief!

Romans 10:9-13

“Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.

The Scripture says, No man who believes in Him [who adheres to, relies on, and trusts in Him] will [ever] be put to shame or be disappointed.

[No one] for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. The same Lord is Lord over all [of us] and He generously bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him [in faith].

For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.”

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CORRESPONDING ACTIONS ARE VITAL FOR FAITH TO BE PRODUCTIVE

James 2:17-20

"So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).

But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith.

You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]!

Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?"

Sometimes even the act of praising God is an action that shows we believe and expect God to release His power on our behalf. We see this in Acts 16 when Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises. Jehoshaphat also put the praise singers ahead of his army when they had committed the situation to the Lord and had received from Him that the battle was the Lord's. See 2 Chronicles 20.

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

SPEAKING AND EXPECTING GO HAND IN HAND

Mark 11:22-24

"And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly].

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and does not doubt at all in his



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- We allow mental pictures (called hope) of the things we desire from Him to be retained in our minds.
- We maintain contact with God by His Spirit for any further instructions from Him.
- We usually will have a note of victory in our spirits after praying about the matter and we enter into His rest where these desires are concerned.

Abraham was an example of one who entered God's rest according to what God told Him. We can learn from the father of faith.

Romans 4:16-21

"Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favour), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all.

As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the non-existent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

[For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.

He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb."

No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question), concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God. He was fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.

LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM

We need to call the things in our lives as God calls them. "By His stripes you were healed already" 1 Peter 2:24. Place your hope in God's word. Stop considering the natural alone, consider Him who has spoken. If it is a sickness or disease, do what you can in the natural to alleviate the pain or the spread of the disease, but maintain your faith in God. Maintain your joy through praising God who is faithful. Become fully persuaded that God is able to keep His Word.

Enter in and experience the master of the breakthrough!
Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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My journey into freedom & emotional healing



Reverend Kola said this is going to be a year of testimonies and I stand in agreement with him taking the opportunity to testify that God is a living God, He is real, mighty and faithful - He watches over His Word to perform it and He can move mountains!

Eight years ago I cried out to God asking for a man who would genuinely love me and whom I could establish a family with. Two months later I met the man who I thought I had been waiting for and I convinced myself that God answered my prayer. This man was married at that time with two children but he reassured me that his marriage had broken down a long time before I came into his life. Eventually they divorced each other and we got engaged with the hope of getting married soon. I had been brought up in a Christian family yet lacked the understanding and revelation of the Word of God. I wasn't aware that living with a man who I wasn't married to was against God's will and was contrary to His Word. I thank God for my friend who invited me to Harvestime Church and for Reverend Kola and Pastor Funke, for their faith, for their ministry, their obedience and commitment to God. I began a journey that was long and very painful but I learnt from Pastor Kola that there is a price to pay and a position to take for the privileges to be enjoyed in life. My faith was as tiny as a mustard seed but it was growing by the day as I was hearing and hearing the Word of God twice weekly in this church.

On one occasion I went to speak to Pastor Funke about my situation. She said I needed direction, wisdom and strength from God to do the right thing and she prayed for me. By God's grace I received these three things. When I realised what I was doing was wrong, I stopped the relationship and offered my life to the Lord.

Pastor Funke's message, "What To Look For in Whom I Will Marry?" was one message that really helped me in my journey. I could not relate the man I was with to this message no matter how many times I listened to it. I encourage single ladies and those just about to get married to get this message as it will change your life forever!



"I was set free from the bondage of physical, verbal and financial abuse."

Pastor Funke's message "Strength For The Journey Ahead" also helped me. I am also grateful to one of the ladies at church who said to me "You don't pick or choose a man, my darling, and ask God to bless it... it doesn't work that way! You ask God to choose the man for you and let Him lead you to that man!" I have taken her advice and the outcome will be another testimony of mine soon!

Another turning point in my life was when I was filled with the Holy Spirit and received the gift of speaking in tongues at the church Alpha course. Since then the heavens opened up in my life, God began to talk to me and I started to hear Him!

Thank God for Pastor Kola who said to us that even if we are in the wrong relationship we can and we should depart in agape love and peace and encouraged us to always do what the Word of God says. So I have been! I've been praying, fasting, giving, forgiving, casting out devils, laying hands on the sick and preaching the Gospel to the man whose spiritual eyes and ears were shut to the Word of God.

Last summer Pastor Kola gave a prophetic word that someone would receive a major breakthrough in their life in six months, which would be January time. And that is exactly what happened! On 31st January I was set free from the bondage of physical, verbal and financial abuse of a man filled with a demonic spirit.

I thank God for the temporary home I was offered and all the love and support I have received from the family that God has given me at Harvestime Church.

I can now declare loud and clear that I am a victorious Christian woman and while there is life in me I will defeat the enemy and will not let him do anymore damage to my life!

Pastor Kola gave the Prophetic Word for 2015, that this would be a year of Divine Restoration, Demonstration of the Word of God, Elevation (God will lift us up and will place us where we truly belong) and Divine Favour. I have already experienced all of these and it's only February! I am looking forward to the rest of the year!

Thank you Father for sending Jesus to us and thank you Jesus for giving your life for mine.

Katarina

MAKING A BETTER PLACE FOR YOURSELF



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There is a vast world out there- the world of Finances, Education, Media, Politics, Relationships, etc; and one might wonder how to make a better place for oneself- if possible at all! Everywhere - that matters, seems to be occupied; and it looks like there is no place for you. If you already have a 'place' you wonder if it's worth all that trouble, or any trouble at all, making a better place for yourself. But I assure you, it is- it is worth every legitimate effort it takes; because God placed you in this world to win. Right after He created mankind, "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...." (Genesis 1:28a | NKJV)



In talking about how to make a better place for ourselves, the story of the sons of prophets, comes readily to mind.

And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

2 Kings 6:1-7 | NKJV

What then can we glean from this story?

1. A Realisation

And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. (2 Kings 6:1 | NKJV)

You must come to the point, where you realise you need some definite change or changes in your situation. The prodigal son of old, "came to himself" after a while; and decided to put an end to his misery, by returning to his father! "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. (Matthew 5:3 | NLT)

You must come to the point where you realise that there is something better and bigger than where you are. God told Moses to tell the Israelites, that they had been around the same mountain for too long; and to instruct them to go forward.

Let the realisation generate a hunger and a dissatisfaction in you, for MORE.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

(Matthew 5:6 | NKJV.)

Gideon realised that Israel wasn't in the right place; they were being oppressed by the Midianites.

You must SEE the need to be better and bigger in life! You mustn't only live for yourself, but for generations after you. If you thought only about yourself you would probably not see the need for something better; but the Bible says, "Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren," (Proverbs 13:22a | NLT). What Gideon did wasn't just for himself. What Esther did wasn't just for herself. Jesus definitely didn't do what He did for Himself; but for the whole world! We must also think in terms of leaving a legacy behind us.

Note, however, that there is a difference between dissatisfaction and discontentment; as there is between complacency and contentment.

2. The Knowledge of what to do; and the willingness and readiness to do it

Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell. (2 Kings 6:2a | NKJV)

Notice that they said, "Let US..." They didn't say 'you' or 'them.' The sons of the prophets knew what to do and were ready to participate in whatever needed to be done, to make a bigger place for themselves. They took responsibility for what they wanted.

Also, in verse 7, when Elisha made the axe head to miraculously float; he said to the one who had accidentally dropped it, "Pick it up for yourself." And so he reached out his hand and took it.

Note that though God will do for us what we can't do for ourselves; He expects us to do what we can do.

In the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus asked the people to show Him where they had laid Lazarus; He got them to take away the stone they had laid against the cave, where Lazarus was buried; and after He had raised him from the dead, Jesus said to the people to "Loose him, and let him go." (John 11:33-44 | NKJV)

Jesus asked the man who had been bedfast for thirty eight years if he wanted to be made well. He told him to "Rise, take up your bed and walk." (John 5:6-9a | NKJV)

When they ran out of wine at the wedding at Cana; Jesus' mother told the servants to do whatever He says to them! Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. (John 2:5-8 | NKJV)

It isn't enough to realise the need for something, you must be ready to ACT!

You must be willing to do something about your situation.



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out of our **BOAT OF COMFORT!**"

You must be willing to do something for yourself.

You must be willing to PARTICIPATE in the process, and not be a spectator - watching others do things for you.

3. Venture out

Let's go down to the Jordan River, where there are plenty of logs. (2 Kings 6:2a | NLT)

A lot of times we feel not much is happening or available, just because of where we are! Our vision, perspective and scope are mostly determined by where we are. We need to step out of where we are, to move away from our present location and position; to see that there is more in life and to life!

In finding a wife for Isaac, Abraham warned his servant not to take any girl from Canaan - where they lived; but to go away from there to his country. (Genesis 24:2-4 | NKJV)

Have you ever heard the maxim, "a bird in hand, is worth two in the bush?"

We all have our comfort zone; but to make a place for ourselves in any area of endeavour, we must step out of our boat of comfort! We must be ready to 'push' ourselves. We must be ready to attempt what we have never done before or haven't done in a long time. Jesus told the man who had had an infirmity for thirty eight years, to rise up, take up his bed and walk!

Jesus said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

Though an experienced fisherman, Peter had toiled all night and caught nothing. Yet he had a choice between ignoring the words of Jesus or launching out into the deep, and letting down his nets for a catch. Good he chose the latter, and the Bible says they caught more fish than they could handle! (Luke 5:4-7 | NKJV) That was from nothing to surplus! There is more fish in the deep, stop fishing in shallow waters, launch OUT into the deep.

I say to people who say or feel, there is no place for them, 'Move Up!' Because I found out that there is more room at the top - if only one would pay the right price. The price of adding more to your present qualification, going the 'extra' mile, being ready to do what a lot of people are too lazy to do, thinking out of the box, etc.

4. Recognition of the place and role of others, ahead of you

"Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, 'Go.' Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." (2 Kings 6:2-3 | NKJV)

Don't be a loner. No man is an island, entire of itself. You need others in your life. There is nothing like a 'self-made' man! Apostle Paul, in spite of his spectacular conversion said; "Then three years later I went to Jerusalem to get to know Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days." (Galatians 1:18 | NLT)

You need to recognise them, because you WILL be needing:

a. Their blessing.

Nothing can be more reassuring and encouraging as the nod, and sometimes a gentle 'push' from someone who has gone ahead, in a field we are about to step into! It gives you a feeling of not being alone in it. The sons of the prophets asked Elisha, Give us permission to go down to the Jordan where each of us will get a log. We'll build a roomier place." Elisha said, "Go ahead." (2 Kings 6:2 | MSG)

What about Ruth? She said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favour." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." (Ruth 2:1-2 | NKJV). And she ended up in the field of Boaz who was a relative of Elimelech, Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth - who later became her husband! The Bible says, "If you honour your father and mother, things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3 | NLT

The apostle Paul, needed the blessing and approval of the apostles who were ahead of him. He said, "Then fourteen years later I went back to Jerusalem again, this time with Barnabas; and Titus came along, too. I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. While I was there I met privately with those considered to be leaders of the church and shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles.

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PARTNER'S UPDATE

Fountain of Wisdom Ministries in Ghana recently opened a new health centre in Accra. They also held a medical outreach, providing free health check-ups, eye screenings, medicines and clothing to the poor and needy within the community. Please prayerfully consider partnering with Fountain of Wisdom Ministries globally. Together we can bring practical help and hope through the Word of God to communities around the world. Contact us for more information about the different projects that you can partner with or visit www.fowm.org/partners to register and become a partner today.



I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing.”
(Galatians 2:1-2 | NLT).

If you are just about to get into something, remember there are people who have been there and done that and seen that, before you!
‘Let not the one who puts on his armour boast like the one who takes it off.’ (1 Kings 20:11c | NKJV)

b. Their Counsel

“Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong. Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; for by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety.” (Proverbs 24:3-6 | NKJV)
Or, “So don’t go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.” (NLT)

Plans succeed through good counsel; don’t go to war without wise advice.
Proverbs 20:18 | NLT

Naomi gave wise counsel to Ruth, as to how to get Boaz; she said to Ruth, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?” Hear Ruth’s response to her, “All that you say to me I will do.” And she did! (Ruth 3:1-6 | NKJV)

“People who despise advice are asking for trouble; those who respect a command will succeed. The instruction of the wise is like a life-giving fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares of death.” (Proverbs 13:-14 | NLT)

c. Their intervention.

But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, “Alas, master! For it was borrowed.” So the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. 2 Kings 6:5-6 | NKJV

As we go on in life, sometimes things do happen along the way, that are beyond our ability and know-how, to handle; and the saving grace would come from those who have gone ahead of us!
Things happen that we don’t have the answers to, and sometimes we do run out of steam. At the wedding in Cana, the Bible says they ran out of wine. But the good thing was that they had also invited Jesus and His disciples to the wedding; His presence sure saved the day!

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like a 'SELF—MADE' MAN!"

5. Hard work

To make a place for yourself, you must be ready for hard work- of course, intelligently directed!

There is actually no room, any where that matters, in this world, for lazy people; except you are ready to settle for far much less in life.

When Boaz asked the harvesters who Ruth was, they had this to say about her; “She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes’ rest in the shelter.” (Ruth 2:7c | NLT)

Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men. (Proverbs 22:29 | NKJV). The key word here is ‘excels.’ It isn’t just enough to do something to barely get by, you must also seek to excel in what you do! The Bible says, Daniel distinguished himself above the other governors, because he had an excellent spirit; and so the king thought of putting him in charge of the whole Kingdom! (Daniel 6:3). To excel means, “to surpass others or be superior in some respect or area; do extremely well.”

Have you ever heard of the maxim, “if wishes were horses, beggars would ride?” The Bible says, “Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.” (Proverbs 13:4 NLT).

Also, there is no ‘short-cut’ to sustainable wealth or success! To make a place that will outlast even you; you must be ready to work hard.

“Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.” Proverbs 13:4,11 | NLT

“An inheritance hastily gotten [by greedy, unjust means] at the beginning, in the end it will not be blessed.” (Proverbs 20:21 AMP)

6. Getting something from others - you don’t have it all

But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, “Alas, master! For it was borrowed.” (2 Kings 6:5 | NKJV)

It is alright to ‘borrow’ something from others, that you don’t have, and you need - to make a place for yourself. I guess there is ‘good debt’ and ‘bad debt.’

No man is an island, entire of itself. You need others. You need something from them. Others have some things you don’t have. No one has it all.

Like the Wedding tradition, “Something old, something new, something borrowed.....”

“In making a place for yourself,
don’t depend solely on the natural;
but expect the **MIRACULOUS!**”

Be humble to ASK! If you don’t ask, you don’t get.
But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6 | NKJV)

7. The miraculous.

So the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. (2 Kings 6:6 | NKJV)

In making a place for yourself, don’t depend solely on the natural; but expect the miraculous!

The Bible says, and it is so true, that “No one will succeed by strength alone.” (1 Samuel 2:9c | NLT).

Have you noticed that not everyone who has the qualification, not everyone who has the skills, not everyone who has the ability; has succeeded in making a place for themselves, in the world? There is another dimension to making a place for yourself; and it is the supernatural dimension! Some people call it luck; but the Bible calls it FAVOUR or GRACE. Ruth’s life, in the Bible, exemplifies this.

One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it.” Naomi replied, “All right, my daughter, go ahead.” So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech. (Ruth 2:2-3 | NLT) Boaz also ‘happened’ to come around when Ruth was still working, and he took notice of her. He asked the harvesters to treat her well; and Ruth thanked him warmly, and asked, “What have I done to deserve such kindness?” she asked. “I am only a foreigner.” (Ruth 2:10c | NLT)

“I have observed something else under the sun. The fastest runner doesn’t always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn’t always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skillful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don’t always lead successful lives. It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time. (Ecclesiastes 9:11 | NLT)

May God’s richest blessings ever be yours.
Rev. Funke



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FOWM KENYA UPDATE

East & Central Africa Strategic Equippers Conference brings together Christians from different churches and ministries across East and Central Africa. For a period of more than ten years, God has been building the hearts of His people through this conference. This year’s theme was Experiencing Divine Restoration and Promotion. God used His servants, Rev. Kola and Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho to truly bless the body of Christ in Kenya. Through their inspired messages, lives were touched and people experienced divine healing both emotionally and physically. Lives have been transformed and solid foundations have been laid. The couples’ and leaders’ meetings brought great reconciliation and healing to marriages, relationships and families. Some of the areas that the Holy Spirit emphasised through His servants were: dealing with the spirit of poverty, destroying and demolishing strongholds and ‘Enjoying the Supplies of the Spirit’. The organisers of the conference, Fountain of Wisdom Ministries (FOWM) Kenya, have been instrumental in planning this annual conference through which many lives have been changed and marriages restored to the glory of God. This year was no exception. God’s presence was experienced during the meetings and many lives were ministered to!

OUR CHURCHES IN KENYA

By the grace of God, Fountain of Wisdom Chapel, of FOWM has born branches which are affecting other parts of the country. These include: Fountain of Wisdom Chapel Nairobi, Harvestime Church Kericho, Harvestime Church Engineering, Fountain of Wisdom Fellowship Nakuru and Harvestime Church Mariakani Mombasa. All these branches were well represented during this year’s East and Central Africa Strategic Equippers Conference.

KENYA TESTIMONIES

Each conference has always had an impact on my life. After listening to Rev. Funke share on 'Enjoying the Supplies of the Holy Spirit', I realized how I have not been maximising all the good things God has freely given to us. Rev Kola's message on 'The Master of the Breakthrough' was also a blessing. This brought to my attention how faith is important for breakthrough and how much the poverty mentality can affect the breakthrough experience. I have decided to pay the price to deal with the poverty mentality. Since then, I have been listening to these messages over and over again and they continue to impact me. Since becoming a part of FOWM a new foundation is being laid in my life; I am fully convinced that God is using Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke to position me to experience all that God has for me, my family and the entire church. Pastor E.W (Harvestime Church, Mombasa)

It was my first time meeting Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke and my life has changed for the better. After listening to our Pastors' messages I knew that there would be a total transformation in my life. They inspired, corrected and rebuked me in very different ways. They imparted knowledge and a thirst in me for God and His ways. It was not sheer coincidence meeting Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke; I believe I was destined to meet them. I encourage anybody who comes across my testimony to know that God is real and is at work in anyone who seeks and hungers after Him. C.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to God for the mighty flow of his grace through his servants Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke in the just concluded ECASE. The servants of God spoke directly into my life, answering all the questions and addressing all the issues I had come with. The only way I knew they were not privy to what was going on in my life was when I heard testimonies from other attendees, who also testified that their own issues had been directly and prophetically addressed. I thank God for using the ministers to hand me specific keys to turn my marriage around and develop me in the area of relationships. I am now experiencing an unusual confidence that only God can give. As it is written in Philippians 1:28 "and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God;" J.M (Kericho)

CONCLUSION

It's undeniable that God has done great things in the lives of His people. His Word brought an illumination into our hearts, impacting the inner man. Some miracles are evident already while others are still in progress. Our prayer is that we will still believe the spoken word through His servant and heed to do all therein for God to complete what He has started.
Pastor S., FOWM Kenya

"I THANK GOD
FOR RECEIVING
THE INSIGHT
ON HOW TO
BE A BETTER
WIFE AND
MOTHER."

I was blessed to attend the couples' dinner for the first time in Nairobi. I thank God for the powerful message brought by Rev. Funke, 'The power of Value'. I thank God for receiving the insight on how to be a better wife and mother. I also experienced my healing from a severe headache later on in the conference during a prayer session with Rev. Kola. I left the conference filled with so much faith to experience divine restoration and promotion in my life.

E.W (Harvestime Church, Mombasa)

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