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Heart to heart

It is with great anticipation we welcome you to this forum. It is a Fountain of Wisdom Ministries' (FOWM) forum where understanding, knowledge and wisdom from God's Word can be imparted to readers all over the world. Our mission includes developing people to the place of fulfilling the destiny God has for them as they discover, develop and deploy their God-given potential to bring about the greatest of blessings to themselves and to mankind around. This is so they can live out their full potential.

It is known that when purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable. Many challenges in life succeed in taking our attention away from the purpose of things and relationships as well as even our own purpose. If I am sugar, my purpose is to sweeten whatever I come in contact with, not to freeze water or anything, because I am not a freezer. Why then should I be worried that I am dropped inside hot coffee? I just melt and sweeten the coffee. That is my purpose; I am not affected or worried about the temperature of where I am placed. We worry about so many things and give our minds to a lot of stress, partly because we do not reckon with God's purposes in our lives.

What is God's purpose for our minds? Do we allow any thoughts that jump into our minds or do we select our thoughts? Philippians 4:6-9 (KJV) How much peace we enjoy in our lives can be linked to understanding God's purpose for giving us our minds, selecting what we think and refusing anxieties. It is amazing how much peace we forfeit just because we do not do things the bible says we should do. These things reveal God's purposes for our lives.

Read the amplified translation of Philippians 4:6-9 as it throws more light on these things. "Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]. Finally, [a]believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable and worthy of respect, whatever is right and confirmed by God's word, whatever is pure and wholesome, whatever is lovely and brings peace, whatever is admirable and of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think continually on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart]. 9 The things which you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things [in daily life], and the God [who is the source] of peace and well-being will be with you."

Who determines how much peace we enjoy in life? Is it our circumstances or what we do with them? It is said that it's not what happens to you that matters but what you do with what happens to you. Your choices are based on the knowledge you have and they determine the outcomes in your life. Let God's Word influence your thoughts - the gateway to your choices in life.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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SETTING AND ACHIEVING GODLY GOALS

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NO GREAT ACHIEVEMENT WAS EVER PRODUCED WITHOUT IT BEING SET AS A GOAL.



To set a goal is to take the initiative that, given the perceived available resources, and the given circumstances, one desires a particular outcome and one goes for it. Goal setting is the art of purposing in one's heart what exactly one wants to achieve or accomplish. It has many benefits as it helps us steward our time and possibly increase our potential. All through the Bible we see goals set and achieved, even though the word "goals" isn't written in the Bible. No great achievement was ever produced without it being set as a goal, even if it was not described as, or called, a goal. Goal setting can become a tool to help time management as well as inspire productivity and help accomplish great things in life. It can be used by an individual or any organisation and the results can be phenomenal when used properly. When written down, goals can become like a blueprint for the process we choose to go through to accomplish great projects.

GOD THE FATHER HAD GOALS

God set goals from creation. Even when we read the conclusion of things in the book of Revelation, we see that He had

set goals too. Jesus, in all His life on earth, also set goals from age 12 till the cross. His goal was set to do the will of the Father.

Genesis 1:24-28 (KJV)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Jesus said He finished the work that the Father gave Him to do.

John 17:4 (KJV)

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

John 4:34 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 9:4-5 (KJV)

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.



For us believers, some goals have been set for us in the Bible. They are character and service goals.

Romans 8:29-30 (KJV)

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

To be conformed to the image of the Son is to be transformed in character, having intimacy with the Father, as well as in demonstrating God's power in our lives. Our Lord Jesus becomes the example by which we measure our progress in the things of God. He also gave us the mandate to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. He promised us that signs will follow our ministries, as we lay hands on the sick and cast out devils.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-18 (KJV)

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and

is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

We need to take these goals of global soul winning and discipling the nations, and break them down into little 'goal chunks' of goals that will lead to the overall picture. We have 'action goals' as well as 'outcome goals'. We need action goals that will lead to the overall results we expect. A goal such as reading the entire Bible in one year will bring us closer to God as we meditate on the scriptures we read and broaden our knowledge of the Word of God.

IN THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD JESUS ON EARTH

Many of those in the ministry of Jesus, who demonstrated their faith in His ability to heal them, can be seen as setting faith goals. Actually, goals are faith statements and faith needs goals for effectiveness.

Matthew 9:20-22 (KJV)

And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee

GOALS ARE FAITH STATEMENTS AND FAITH NEEDS GOALS FOR EFFECTIVENESS.

whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 9:27-31 (KJV)

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

Their faith needed the goals they had set for God's power to move in on their needs. "What would you have me do - That I may receive my sight". They needed to be clear as to what they wanted accomplished and they needed to speak it out in faith. The principles of faith include believing in your heart, speaking with the mouth as well as acting like the Word is true. Wrong beliefs also affect the operation of faith. Believing in the Word of God is a choice we make.

2 Corinthians 4:13 (KJV)

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

So we can see that our choices affect how and what we believe. Our beliefs affect our thoughts, decisions and actions. Our actions eventually affect the outcomes of our lives. Why don't we see what the Bible says, make a commitment to the saying, doing and acting on the Word, that is, set goals to do these things, and then commit ourselves to doing them and watch the outcomes of our lives?

GOAL SETTING BENEFITS

1. Goals bring about focus in our lives.

They determine what to do and what not to do. Daniel is an example of focus in the Bible. He purposed not to defile himself in chapter one of the book of Daniel, and in chapter six, he had purposed in his heart about his praying times.

Daniel 1:8 (KJV)

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Daniel 6:4-5 (KJV)

Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

Daniel 6:10-11 (KJV)

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

Daniel lived a focused life. In the face of adversity he remained focused. He had set goals, based on his understanding of the will of God for him, he had set himself some goals and they governed every part of his life.

A LIFE THAT IS FOCUSED IS A MORE PRODUCTIVE LIFE THAN ONE THAT IS NOT FOCUSED.

It is known that when light is focused, it can penetrate or break steel. When not focused, it does little damage, if any at all. That's how it is with us... we accomplish more when we are focused than when we are diffused, doing whatever comes our way. A life that is focused is a more productive life than one that is not focused.

2. Goals bring achievements. When we set clear specific goals we can measure our achievements. We should learn to set SMART goals that are: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Tangible together with a set time frame to achieve as well as timed goals. If there is no time for accomplishment, it is just a wish; not a goal.

3. Goals bring balance to our lives. There are different areas of our lives where we can set goals. The Lord Jesus Christ grew in stature, in wisdom, in favour with God (spiritual) and in favour with man (social). (Luke 2:52)

So, if we set spiritual, relational, as well as our leadership and personal development goals, and we put a workable plan in place to accomplish these goals, in the light of our peculiar circumstances, we can see growth in all areas of our lives. Otherwise, we let other certain areas suffer as we neglect vital aspects of our lives in view of other desires we may have. Many have let key relationships suffer as they went about their businesses or ministry. We need physical goals for fitness, and proper dieting. We need career goals too. But we also need soul winning goals as well as spiritual growth goals.

4. Goals bring about discipline in our lives. Write down your goals, achieve them and enjoy doing so! Review your goals from time to time to set ones that are more demanding on you as you improve and stretch yourself. Keep growing as you allow your goals to bring discipline into your life. God set the goal to work for 6 days and rested on the 7th; you also should have goals for resting at least one day out of 7. Remember goals can be the blueprint for the life God wants you to have, if you set them according to

His Word and after thoroughly praying through. Goals for sharing your faith, for your service to benefit others and your spiritual growth will all bring discipline to your life.

5. Goals bring about creativity. When someone sets a goal to read 25 books in a year, the person suddenly realises that there are many ways to read books, like audio books while driving etc. Challenges bring about creativity, when we allow ourselves to take them on. Watch out for creative ideas as you set goals.

6. Goals bring about growth. They bring about new levels of faith as well as excitement. Fun goals also bring about enjoyment.

Growth has to be intentional. Spiritual as well as mental development demands intentional engagements. Reading and meditating in the Word as well as reading other healthy books add to your knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

7. Godly goals bring about godly results. They stretch your faith and bring glory and honour to God. Godly goals should be birthed in prayer so that God's will is established. It is crucial that we align our lives with God's purposes for our lives. God reveals His purposes through His Word and by His Spirit and also by the godly desires He plants in our hearts.

Romans 12:3-8 (KJV)

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity;



he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

PRINCIPLES OF GOAL SETTING

1. Make sure your goals are statements of faith.

2. Follow the instructions in God's Word. Set goals that help you accomplish them. Set short term and long term goals.

To be conformed to the image of Christ, goals need to be set for Bible reading, study and meditations daily. Also, prayer goals will be necessary for quality time with the Father God, by the help of His Spirit. Praying in the spirit regularly will call for goals to be set concerning a set time to do so and duration; daily, if possible. The Great Commission was given to the entire church but each person and each church need to have times dedicated to soul winning, discipleship, market place training and special outreaches. These demand goals.

3. Goals help build anticipation and energy. Goals give us something to look forward to. When we set goals we need to identify what we need to do, what we need to overcome and every other thing necessary to accomplish the goal. We may need to count the cost of what it takes to accomplish the goal. Can we afford to pay the price? We must learn to go from goal to goal without any loss of enthusiasm. We need to set greater goals after we accomplish the ones set already.

4. We set goals for what they force us to become. The becoming is one of the greatest benefits for goal setting. So we set goals for what they force us to become to accomplish the goals. When we set the goal to read the entire Bible throughout

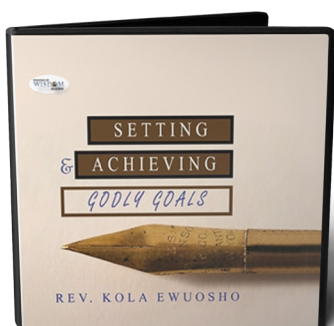
the year, what do we become by doing so? We get closer to God, we know more about Him and we become really affected by the Word of God. So we become more spiritual for a devotional goal of reading the Bible daily and completing the entire Bible in one year. We become more like Jesus. To achieve is usually preceded by becoming. Things change for good when we set these kind of goals. We know more, see more things in the spirit and therefore can be more Christ-like in our character.

5. We need to set goals that are initially out of reach but not out of reality. We need goals that can stretch us and our faith but not goals that are out of reach or beyond our reality. The size of your goal should reflect the size of your God. Take it in little bits so that you do not get presumptuous but rather stay in faith.

Purpose in your heart that you will be an effective steward of your time and talents. Make up your mind that you will take responsibility for what happens in your life and future as much as it lies with you. Embrace God's picture for your life from His Word. Learn to speak to yourself according to the provisions of Calvary; not the opinions of negative people around you. Begin setting godly goals so that you can grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Keep a journal or two for recording goals, answers to prayers and other insights you learn as you grow in the Lord. Set goals for the use of your time and for the future you desire in God. Set goals to study the Bible, to pray, to win souls and to help others become better disciples for Christ.

God will reward your life with excellence in all areas of your life. Amen.

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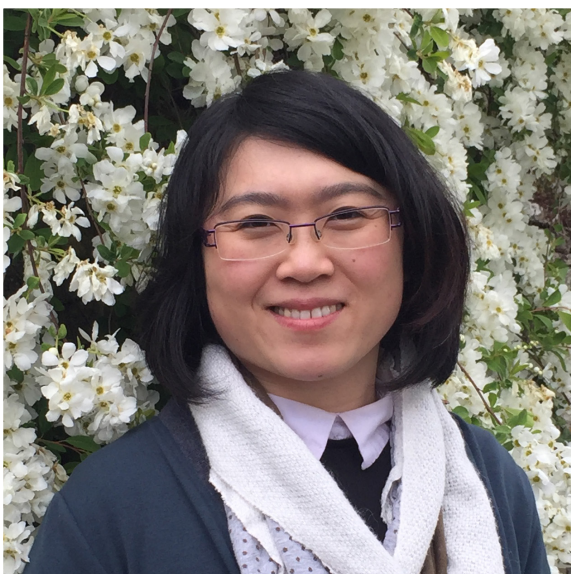
REAL LIFE STORY

**'My life
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I want to testify how good and faithful our God is. I thank God and also thank Pastor Funke for giving me this great opportunity.

This is the 9th year since God saved me and planted me in Harvestime Church, UK. I want to thank God for giving the vision to Rev. Kola and Pastor Funke for the church, which is to raise people of creativity and wisdom, walking by faith and in victory, seeing to the advancement of God's Kingdom in every sphere of human existence; a people of integrity and transparent honesty, walking in God's love and radiating His glory, reaching out to others for reconciliation and reaching up to God to be carriers of His Will on earth.


I thank God for Rev. Kola's life and his obedience to God's calling, through which I have heard God's Good News and I have experienced His love and power. Through Rev. Kola's teaching, I learnt that I am a new creation: the old has gone, all things have become new! He taught me that offence is a bait of Satan that I cannot afford to keep. I have learnt to always give it to God, and forgive (70 x 7) each day. I have learnt how to reach out and to be the salt and the light of the world. I learnt about confessing Psalm 91 daily; which delivered me from a potential accident on the motorway! I was also so blessed by the prophetic word for 2017: a year of supernatural harvest, divine favour and divine restoration. I receive it in the name of Jesus. I pray that God will reward Rev. Kola abundantly, and give him double honour and renew his strength like eagles.



I want to thank God for Rev. Funke's life. She inspires me in every area of my life. She loves God deeply; she studies God's Word diligently; she serves God wholeheartedly; she is always willing to minister God's love to His people; she always dresses well! I have learned a lot from all her messages. I have learned how to pray and am still learning. I've learned the 20/80 time management rule (the Pareto Principle). I have countless lessons and testimonies from Pastor Funke's messages. I thank God for her life. I pray that God indeed perfects all that concerns her. I love her a lot!

I also thank God for my brothers and sisters in The Lord, who ministered love and value when I needed it. I am so inspired and encouraged by the commitment of those serving the Lord at Harvestime Church.

Julie

A close-up, profile view of a woman wearing a brown, textured hat and a dark, textured coat. Her eyes are closed, and her hands are clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

The Prayer of Fellowship

(Part 1)

“He promised to do whatever we shall ask in His name.”



By Rev. Funke Ewuosho



The Bible teaches us that there are different kinds of prayers- “*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*” (Eph 6:18a NIV). In this article, we shall be looking at the “Prayer of Fellowship.”

Jesus said He is the Vine, we (the Believers) are the branches, and the Father is the Vinedresser or Gardener; “*and just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.*” (Jn 15:4 AMP).

He seems to be speaking here about the fruit of prayer (inasmuch as it applies to other areas too); because in verse 7, He 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.*” Jesus wants us to bear much fruit- even in prayers; He said the Father is honoured and glorified by this; and we also show

ourselves to be His true followers!

Jesus promised to do whatever we shall ask in His name (Jn 14:14); and also that the Father will give us whatever we shall ask Him in Jesus’ name (Jn 16:23). Notice that these are two different kinds of prayers- asking in Jesus’ name and asking the Father in Jesus’ name. For instance, in the healing of the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, Peter commanded the man to rise up and walk, in Jesus’ name; he didn’t ask the Father. (Acts 3:1-10). However, when Peter was taken to be killed by Herod, “*the church was earnestly praying to God for him.*” (Acts 12:5 NIV).

The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, absolutely, that we cannot bear fruit unless we abide in Him, or being vitally united to Him; i.e. being in fellowship with Him. We already have a relationship with Him, by believing in His name; but for us to be fruitful, we must abide in Him.

How then do we abide in Him; that is, how do we maintain that vital union with Him? One, by the Holy Spirit, and two, by His words.

Jesus said to His disciples, “*However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].*” The Holy Spirit was to be, not only with them (as Jesus was), but to also be IN them; and not just for a limited period, but forever! (Jn 14:16-18).

“We mustn’t allow our sins to hinder or break our fellowship with the Father”

The apostle Paul also prayed for the Corinthians that the fellowship (or communion) of the Holy Spirit be with them all. (2 Cor 13:14).

Jesus called the Holy Spirit, the Helper; and one major way He helps us is in the area of prayers. *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God”.* (Rom 8:26-27). The Apostle Paul said when he prays in a tongue, his spirit- by the help of the Holy Spirit within him- prays. (1 Cor 14:14 AMP).

Jesus said, If we live in Him and His words live us, we can ask whatever we will, and it shall be done for us. (Jn 15:7). It seems that our prayer life cannot rise above the level of the words of God abiding (that is, actively living) in us! The Bible says, we ask and do not get, because we ask amiss. (Jas 4:3). God’s will is revealed in His words to us. No one who has the words of God living in them, asks amiss; because he will know how to ask according to God’s will! *“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”* (1 Jn 5:14-15).

It’s also important to note the partnership between the Holy Spirit and the Word of God; and the roles they both play in helping us pray according to the will of God. The Holy Spirit gives life to the words of God; and He also guides us into the truth of God’s words- so we can rightly and accurately handle the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15). The Holy Spirit will never contradict the

words of God.

The Basis of our Fellowship.

Before we go on to discuss the Prayer of Fellowship, it would help a great deal to examine the basis of our fellowship. The Bible says our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 Jn 1:3). God is our Father, and that is the basis of our fellowship with Him! Whereas you could have a relationship without being in fellowship; you can’t have any meaningful fellowship without having a relationship in place, first and foremost.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray to their Father. He said, *“pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathens do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”* (Matt 6:6-9). We must therefore know God as our Father, see Him as such, and address Him in that manner; to have that fellowship with Him in prayers.

God is the Father from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. (Eph 3:14-15). That is the basis upon which we pray and expect Him to hear us, and upon which we ask Him for our “daily bread” and other needs. You don’t just turn up in someone else’s father’s house, expecting them to feed, clothe and house you!

Jesus’ Example in Prayers of Fellowship:

Jesus, throughout His earthly Ministry was in perfect fellowship with the





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Father. He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness (or lonely places) and prayed. (Lk 5:16). It was after one of such times in prayer, that His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray (Lk 11:1-5). Someone said, the way to get your people to pray, is by you being a prayer person yourself! In another instance, the Bible says, *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”* (Mk 1:35 NIV). Jesus spent the night praying to God, and in the morning, He chose His twelve apostles from His many disciples. (Lk 6:12-13). At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus said, *“Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me,”* (Jn 11:41-42) Truly, Jesus did nothing of Himself; His works and words flowed from His fellowship with the Father!

We Can Come Boldly To The Father!

Because God is our Father, we have access to His presence. We have an open and standing invitation to come boldly- that is, fearlessly and confidently, to the throne of grace, to obtain whatever we need- whenever we need it. (Heb 4:15-16). We’ve been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus; i.e. we have a right-standing with the Father. We are now God’s children- not slaves; and we did not receive the spirit of bondage that makes us to fear, but we received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” (Rom 8:15-16). We’re part of God’s family; we are members of His household- how comforting and reassuring!

God loves us, and His love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”* (1 Jn 4:18). Even when we sin and miss the mark, we can still come to God; because *“we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”* (Heb 4:15). We mustn’t allow our sins to hinder or break our fellowship with the Father; the Bible says, *“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”* (1 Jn 1:5-6). We already have an Advocate with the Father- Jesus Christ, the righteous; so all we need to do is to

humbly confess our sins to our Father, and *“He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* The Bible says, *“For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.”* (1 Cor 11:32).

Our Fellowship with other Believers:

In addition to knowing that our fellowship is with the Father; we also need to note that the word, “our” isn’t singular- it’s plural! God is the Father of a family; it isn’t therefore just about an individual’s fellowship with Him, but our fellowship with one another also. For instance, the Bible doesn’t just talk about us confessing our sins to God, but to one another also- *“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”* (Jas 5:16).

God’s blessing is commanded where His people live in harmony or unity. (Psa 133). When they were all with one accord in the upper room, the promise of the Father- the Holy Spirit, came in like a mighty rushing wind. (Acts 2:1-4). As the people lifted up their voice (not ‘voices’) in unity, the prayer room was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 4:24-31). And the church, at the beginning- “So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46-47).

The Bible says Faith works (i.e. activated and energized and expressed) through love. (Gal. 5:6). And on the other hand, wherever you find envying and strife, you also find every evil work! (Jas 3:16).

The Prayer of Fellowship- Seeking God:

Now we can begin to examine the prayer of fellowship. Jesus said, *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”* (Matt 7:7). Most people can relate with the fact that there are things they’ve asked God for, that they haven’t yet received- though they’ve done all they know to do! Could it be that it’s time to seek the Lord concerning those things?

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HE GOT HEALED BY THE POWER OF GOD
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THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

This is to express our appreciation for the Partners God has given us in the ministry who are also partakers with us of the grace of God on this work. Remember for every life touched, you partake of God's reward for the labour of reaching others for His kingdom purposes to be fulfilled in their lives on earth.

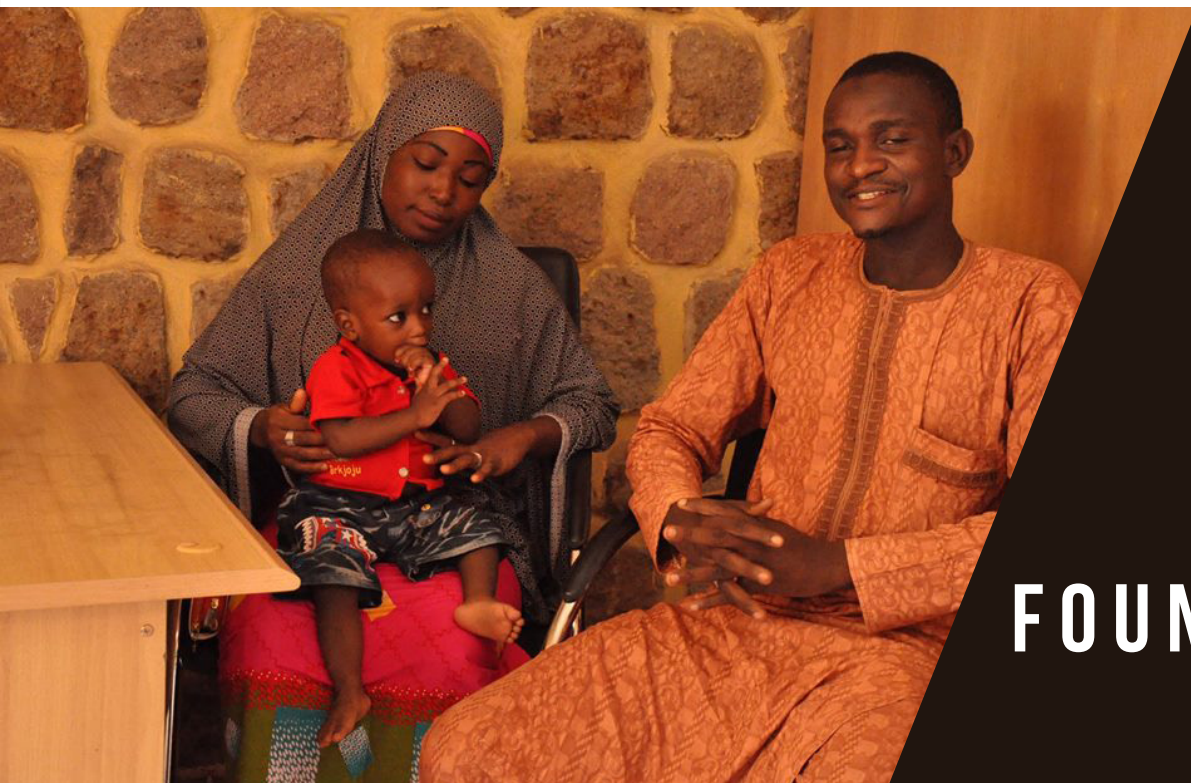
In March of this year we took a trip to Costa Rica in Central America where we had the privilege of preaching, teaching, praying for the sick as well as for the infilling of the Holy Spirit in two different parts of the country. We ministered to pastors and leaders in one town where two associations of pastors from other parts came together for the meetings. I ministered on 'Laying Proper Foundations' as well as 'Reprogramming Your Heart for Productivity in the Kingdom of God'. It was explosive! Many were impacted and lives were transformed as they received the Word of God.

People were prayed for to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit and many spoke in tongues.

To God be all the glory! We went from there to the capital city of San Jose where we ministered in another church having three services on Saturday and Sunday. Here we prayed for someone who didn't need to go back with the walking support he came to church with. He got healed by the power of God when hands were laid on him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. To Him be all the glory. We believe many were healed as hands were laid on them.

The testimonies abound to the glory of our Lord. God has opened a great and effectual door for us into this great nation. We plan to make it an annual programme to reach out to the nation of Costa Rica and other nations in Latin America.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho



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MEET UMMAR; he was born with one Clubfoot and was brought to our Wisdom Foundation Centre at 2 weeks old on the 29th of March 2014.

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Today, Ummar walks perfectly. His father's smile speaks volumes because he can now envision a brighter future for his son. (see photos)

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The Prayer of Fellowship

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The psalmist said, *"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 inquire in His temple."* (Psa. 27:4).

God wants us to seek Him- *'When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."* (Psa. 27:8). To seek the Lord also means to inquire and require of, the Lord.

After David became king over Israel, the Philistines came against him, so David inquired from God if he should go up against them, and if the Lord will give him the victory over them.

God gave him a go-ahead, and the victory. When they came against him once again, David inquired from God again and God gave him the strategy for the war and he got the victory again! (2 Sam. 5:17-25).

When Jehoshaphat was told that a great multitude was coming against him, he set himself to seek the Lord- he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. *"So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord."* (2 Chron.20:4). And as they prayed, they heard from God, and they got the victory; they spent 3 days gathering the spoil of war, and God also gave them rest all around from their enemies.

After the Amalekites had raided David and his men; David inquired of the Lord, saying *"Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?"* And the Lord gave him a go- ahead; so David pursued and overtook the Amalekites, and he recovered all they had carried away. (1 Sam.30: 18-19). Notice that every time they sought God, He spoke to them; and whatever He said to them always brought about victory in their situations! Jesus said, *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'* (Matt.4:4c).

Coming Into Rest- On Every Side!

When Judah sought the Lord, during the reign of Asa, He gave them rest on every side; and they *"built and prospered."* (2 Chron.14:7). And when the king of Ethiopia came against them with an army that was more than double their number; Asa cried out to God, and He gave them the victory. Notice that when they sought God, they had rest on every side; but when they didn't, they had no peace- they had one trouble after another! (2 Chron.15:3-6). Many times we just want to rush out there and do stuff, but it always pays to seek God; the psalmist said, *"Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;"* (Psa.40:16b).

God wants to give us rest- peace and quiet; in spite of the troubles, pressures, anxieties, fears, uncertainties and worries, that we have around us in the world. But that peace doesn't happen automatically, we must allow Him to lead us- *"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams."* (Psa.23:1-2 NLT). God told the Israelites, *"I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river,"* (Isa.48:17-18).

When the apostles returned to Jesus, with the report of what they had done and taught; Jesus told them to come away just by themselves to a deserted place and rest a while. The Bible says, there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat! (Mk.6:30-31). We must know when to stop for a break. Jesus said, *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* (Matt.11:28-30).

“God’s promises are meant to bring us into the rest God wants for us- if we would believe them.”



How do we come into that rest?

a. We must take HIS Yoke upon us- by casting off ours!

We must cast the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. (1 Pet.5:7 AMP). It also means realising that, *“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones.”* (Psa.127:1-2 NLT).

b. We must learn from Him- the Master Himself, through the Word.

Jesus said *“Let Me teach you”* (NLT); God gives grace to the humble! Jesus lived a stress-free life; even in the storms, He was so deeply asleep that His disciples had to wake Him up! He didn’t lose His peace when He was told that Lazarus was terribly sick; neither did He when they ran out of wine at the wedding He attended. What was the secret? Jesus Himself said, *“the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;”* (Jn.5:19-20). He said it again, *“I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”* (Jn.8:28). That was the key to His successful and stress-free Ministry; i.e. His fellowship with the Father. It was in that place that He saw what the Father was doing; and was also taught by the Father. And that was why He said we too can do nothing, except we abide in Him and His words abide in us. While Martha was worried and troubled about many things; Mary sat at Jesus’ feet, hearing His word! (Lk.10:38-42). That is the best place to be; the Psalmist said, *“I’m asking God*

for one thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole life long. I’ll contemplate his beauty; I’ll study at his feet.” (Psa.27:4 MSG).

c. We must Believe His Word.

God’s promises are meant to bring us into the rest God wants for us- if we would believe them. For every concern, worry or anxiety, there is at least a promise of God to counter it; but unfortunately, a lot of believers don’t believe! Just like the Bible says, ‘but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, (Heb.4:2-3a). God keeps us in perfect peace, when our minds are fixed on Him and trust in Him. (Isa.26:3).

d. By Praying in the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes, when you’re agitated or you sense the anxiety coming over your soul; you may just need to spend some time praying in the Spirit.

‘For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing;”’ (Isa.28:11-12a). The Bible also says the one who prays in the Spirit edifies- that is, builds up himself. (1 Cor.14:4).

When we pray in the Spirit, rather than give in to anxieties, we can build up our faith- *“[make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher]”,* above the situation. (Jude 1:20 AMP).

Keys to Seeking God Effectively:

a. Seek God with a pure heart. Jesus said, *“Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.”* (Matt.5:8). Don’t seek God with idols in your heart- i.e. with your mind already made up, or a hidden agenda, or a wrong motive, or a preconception, etc; or else He will answer you accordingly! (Eze.14:1-4).

“We mustn’t seek God just anyhow or carelessly or haphazardly.”



Do you know we hear God according to the contents and disposition of our hearts? We are told to seek the Lord while He may be found, and to call upon Him while He is near; and because His thoughts and ways are higher than ours; we must forsake our own ways and thoughts, and take on His. (Isa. 55:6-9). God says two people can’t walk together, except they are going in the same direction or are in agreement (Amos 3:3); and it only makes sense to know that we are the ones to align our ways with His- not the other way round!

King Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God, because he removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images; and then commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment. (2 Chron.14:1-4). So it’s time to pull down the strongholds of preconceptions, contrary mind-sets and belief systems and the high things, etc, in our lives; so we can see and hear God clearly.

b. Seek Him diligently. *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Heb.11:6).* We mustn’t seek God just anyhow or carelessly or haphazardly. Jesus said, *“But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.” (Matt.6:33 AMP).* First things first; the Kingdom of God comes ahead of every other thing! Notice the same trend in how Jesus taught His disciples to pray; before it came to us and our needs, it was first about God- His name, His Kingdom and His will. (Matt.6:9-13).

We don’t have to be legalistic, but we shouldn’t be reckless either! We are told how to approach God’s presence; to *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” (Psa.100:4).* No wonder, David- even after he had lost everything, had to first of all encourage himself in the Lord, before inquiring from Him about how to recover all. (1 Sam.30:6-8).

David’s first attempt to bring the ark of the Lord ended up in a disaster, in

spite of his good intentions! Rather than inquire to know the right way to do it, he acted presumptuously; he moved the ark on a new cart, instead of on the shoulders of the Levites. (1 Chron.15:12-15). The Bible says, *“Desire without knowledge is not good— how much more will hasty feet miss the way!” (Pro.19:2 NIV).*

c. Seek Him humbly. *“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” (Matt.5:3 NLT).* It’s interesting to note that this is the first, in the Blessedness series! God resists the proud, but gives grace to (i.e. favours) the humble. (Jas 4:6-7). When the king and the people of Nineveh repented, at the preaching of Jonah; God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them. (Jon.3:10c). God said when He shut up the heaven and there is no rain, if His people will humble themselves, and pray and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will He hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron.7:13-14).

The psalmist said, *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.” (Psa.51:17).* The Bible, however, talks about two kinds of sorrow; namely, godly sorrow- which leads to repentance and salvation; two, worldly sorrow- which leads to death. (2 Cor.7:10-11). Peter typified godly sorrow, as he remembered the words of Jesus when the cock crowed- because he had denied the Lord three times. Peter repented, and was converted indeed. Judas, on the other hand was filled with worldly sorrow, when it dawned on him that he had betrayed innocent blood; but he went on to hang himself. (Matt.27:3-5). God never gives up on us, even when we miss it; He promised never to leave us nor forsake us. *“So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.” (Joel 2:12-14).*

So, we mustn’t give up on ourselves; we can get up and get going again.

We must never allow our past blunders to hinder our future destiny; there is still a lot more we can achieve in God, in spite of our failures. Don’t forget that a failure isn’t one who failed, but the one who quit! *“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the*

feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. (Heb.12:12-13).

d. Seek Him with all your heart- i.e. wholeheartedly. God said, *“And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”* (Jer.29:13). We must mean business with God, to get the kind of results we desire to see in our lives. The psalmist said, *“O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.”* (Psa.63:1-2).

Hannah was an example of someone who sought God with all her heart; the Bible says, she was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. And she made a vow, that if the Lord will give her a son, she will give him back to the Lord. (1 Sam.1:10-11).

When Hezekiah became terminally ill, and was told by the prophet that he was going to die; the Bible says he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord; he pleaded his case with Him and wept bitterly. God responded to Hezekiah; He sent the prophet back to him with these words- *“I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years.”* (Isa.38:5). Some of us give up too soon, and some don't put up any fight at all; like Eli, they say, *“It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him.”* (1 Sam.3:18c). And that is the most defeatist, though very religious, stance to take; when God Himself has invited us to plead our case with Him- bringing forward our strong reasons! (Isa.41:21).

Jacob wrestled with the Angel throughout the night; he said to the Angel *“I will not let You go unless You bless me!”* (Gen.32:26c). Jacob was blessed; his name was changed from Jacob (supplanter/deceiver), to Israel. (triumphant with God). It is such tenacity that gets result; Jesus said people ought to pray and not give up, or lose heart. He said, *“And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”* (Lk.18:7-8).

Faith pleases God, and it is also the victory; we must always remember that the Israelites were overcome in the wilderness because of their unbelief!

The woman with the issue of blood, the Syro-Phoenician woman, Blind Bartimaeus, were also examples of those who sought God with all their heart; and they found Him in their different situations.

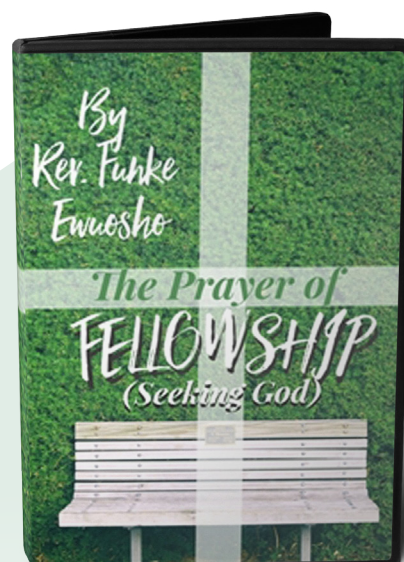
In subsequent teachings, we will be looking at the Benefits of The Prayer of Fellowship. Just to mention three of them: one, Divine Exchange- *“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;”* (Isa.40:31b); two, Revelation- *‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’* (Jer.33:3); and three, Keeping ahead of the devil and circumstances- *“They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.”* (Psa.37:19).

In a nutshell, engaging in the prayer of Fellowship constantly, will help you walk in the victory that is already yours in Christ Jesus.

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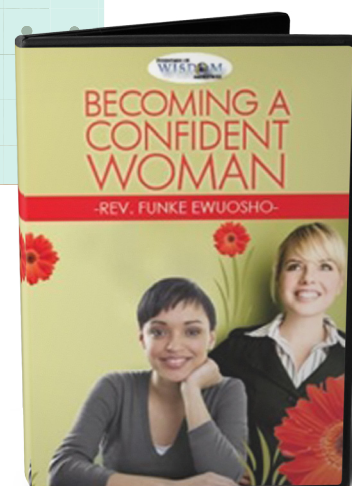
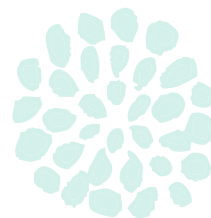
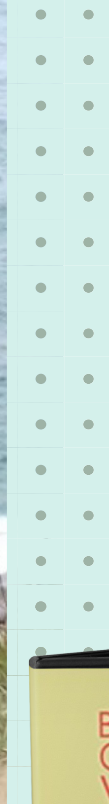
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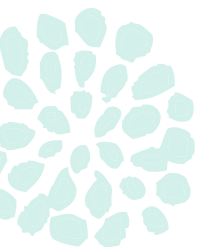


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He is my Confidence...



In one of the messages preached by Rev. Funke, 'The Prayer of Fellowship', she said something that caught my attention: God is committed to you getting results! I was lacking confidence in playing the piano for years. Recently, I was overwhelmed with fear and anxiety because I had just one week before I was scheduled to play at 3-4 meetings- one after the other! Weeks prior to the meetings I decided to ask Pastor Funke for help. She gave me another perspective, which really blessed me. I received her words from God as though a Father was talking to his daughter. She helped me understand the root of my anxiety; and she gave me some steps that would help me to grow in my confidence. I also found a message called 'Becoming a Confident Woman', by Rev. Funke, which led me to more answers to what I had been praying for: www.fowm.org/store



"Lack of confidence is being timid and shy and that is not from God" (He has not given us the spirit of fear and timidly but of power and love... 2 Tim. 1:7)

"Lack of confidence is when you don't know who you are in Christ; when your identity is not rooted in His perfect love." (His perfect love drives away all our fears. 1 John 4:18)

I had read those verses so many times in the past, but I had never really paid attention to them like I did now! This message opened my heart to receive what God had for me. God is committed to us getting results when our hearts and attitude are right.

The time came for the meetings and I played knowing that my confidence is in God: I finally knew that I am his daughter and no longer a slave to fear! (Rom. 8:15). I want to give thanks to God for His love and patience, and for bringing people to my side to bless me and to fulfil His purpose in my life. I pray that this brings you hope as you keep trusting in Him. He is committed to you getting results in your situation. His perfect love never fails.

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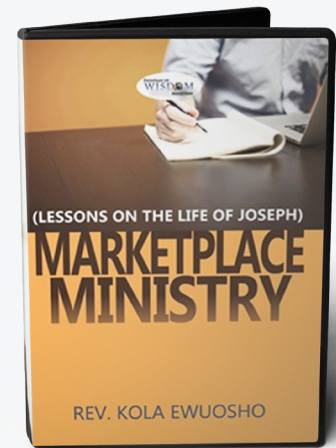
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God didn't intend for us to struggle all through life - though we do have struggles in life. He didn't plan for our lives to be full of pains and woes- enduring through life, and then some day escape into eternity. He didn't plan for us to barely go through life- merely existing and achieving nothing. No; He said, His purpose is to give us a rich and satisfying life- "more and better life than they ever dreamed of." (John 10:10c MSG). God didn't plan for your life to be a short one; No, He said He will satisfy you with long life! The number ONE secret to enjoying life is to know YOU have a purpose in life, to discover that purpose and to begin to fulfil it. This message expounds more on the secret to enjoying life to the full. You will be blessed!



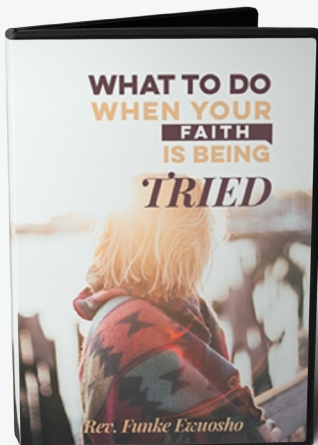
We can interact and deal with truth. God is the God of Truth; Jesus said He is the Truth; the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth; and the Word of God is called the Truth! We are told to admit to the truth of what is in us. We are told to speak the truth in our hearts, and not lie! We are told to speak the truth to others in love. We are to believe the truth. We are warned about the dangers of not loving the Truth! Truth protects, Truth sets free, Truth heals, Truth is a weapon, Truth will out, Truth prevails, Truth is consistent, Truth goes on forever! The human nature doesn't automatically embrace Truth- it resists truth, because it finds it very uncomfortable and totally opposed to its feelings, desires and thinking. In this teaching, Rev. Funke explores the vast power of Truth; and how we can enjoy that power.



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Restoring True Womanhood

A look back at the 10th edition of Restoring True Womanhood Conferences!

I had the opportunity to attend the 10th edition of Restoring True Womanhood (RTW) at the Word of Faith Christian Centre in Kano, Nigeria. What an experience! I learnt so much and I trust my life will never be the same again as long as I apply what I've learnt. It was a blessed occasion and really an honour to have worshipped where the ministry began; and the worship was so powerful too! You've got to love kingdom relationships, everyone was so welcoming and we really felt at home! I was challenged with the commitment and heart to serve that I observed from those in Word of Faith Christian Centre, Kano.

The conference theme was 'Repositioning Yourself for Greater Productivity', and whilst I'd heard the main message before, I received a fresh revelation. We have been called to bear much fruit and the things we learn will be effective if we apply the Word of God and lean on the Holy Spirit. I was reminded to look to the Holy Spirit to help me overcome my mountains and that I will be able to do much more by working with Him. We were challenged to make sure we didn't leave the conference without making any changes. Knowledge is power only when you use the knowledge you get and you have to be ready to make changes; I wrote down what I'll do differently and I continue to apply this today. I can testify that I have seen the leading of the Holy Spirit concerning my future as God reveals it step-by-step.

We are blessed to be in this ministry, where the undiluted Word of God is taught. As I said earlier, the key is in applying the Word; I have been challenged to not just be a hearer of the Word but a doer also! Thank you Pastor Funke for the opportunity to participate, and congratulations on this great achievement. To all at the Kano church, thank you for your hospitality and for a job well done!

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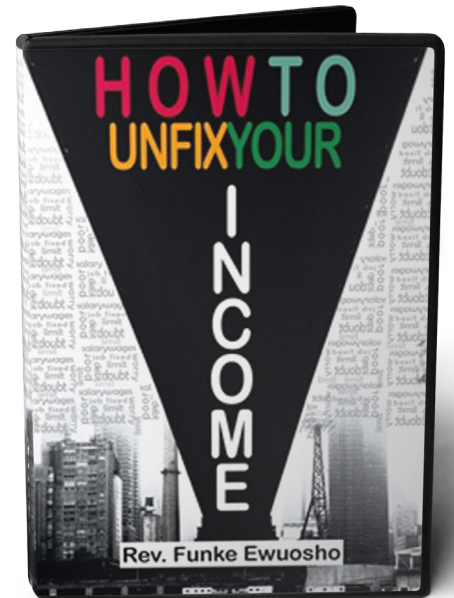
I thoroughly enjoyed Pastor Funke's series "How to Unfix Your Income." I am sure we would all want our incomes unfixed! It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to share with you one of my testimonies regarding one of my income streams - that of child maintenance.

For many years I have received maintenance from my children's father in an extremely haphazard manner. I would often get very frustrated when the agreed sum was not forthcoming. I would call him, text him, leave voicemails requesting that he pay up often to no avail.

I eventually got to a place where I came to the realisation that I had been doing this all in my own strength. I literally gave up and gave it all to God. In prayer, I gave God control over the whole situation, fully recognising that He is my source; not my children's father!

The very next day, (and I mean the very next day!) I received my weekly maintenance for the first time in months. I hadn't even had to ask for it. That was sixteen weeks ago and since then I have been receiving the correct amount on time and without asking. Isn't God wonderful!

Michelle



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THE DANIEL GENERATION

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Tell us a little bit about yourself, Pelumi

I'm 18 years old and a lover of good music- especially jazz.
I'm also an engineer in the making.

**What would you advise young people when it comes to using
their talents for God?**

The truth is, God is the giver of talents and He is the only source of true fulfilment and satisfaction. People who don't use their talents for God end up feeling unfulfilled; this causes them to look to other things when they face challenges (drinking, drugs, etc). Those who do eventually turn back to God, realise that He was the missing piece of the puzzle. Looking to other things and people for success and achievement is nothing in comparison to the fulfilment that comes with serving God with your talents. Use your talents for God and He will take you places and heights you never thought you could go or reach.

Tell us about your musical journey

I was probably about 4 years old when I started learning the keyboard, and then I later switched to drums. I found the sax at age 12 and it's been my passion ever since.

When was the first time you played publicly?

The first time I played in public was at 12, during a children's presentation at church (Word of Faith Christian Centre). I'm grateful for the support of the church because even when I had felt like I wasn't making any progress, I was always encouraged.

What is your favourite thing about playing?

Being able to minister to others!

What do you hope to learn or do in the near future?

My goal is to get to the point where any time I play, the presence of God sweeps through the congregation, and people's hearts will be turned to God.

Thank you for this opportunity to be featured in the Wisdom Digest!



Pelumi, Word of Faith
Christian Center (Lagos)

WILL YOU FINISH STRONG?



Our purposes in life include discovering our potentials, developing them and deploying them to benefit and add value to other human beings. We need to build healthy relationships, develop our own inner convictions and so build strength into our character. We need to learn the principles that govern different aspects of our lives and try to inculcate these into our everyday life. We need to build the right inner image, sow the right seeds and expect a bright future for ourselves and those around us.

Looking around we can see that not many are finishing their journey in life in the strength that only God can provide. Many finish either 'so-so' or finish poorly. Records show only 1 out of 10 finishes strong. Will you be that one? God is not altogether responsible for how we finish, we are. The decisions we make is a function of the knowledge we have, be it right or wrong. The knowledge we have is a function of our relationship with God and others and our hunger to learn and develop. God loves every one of us and has great plans for us all. How we handle His word, His plans and His methods of doing things will determine to a large extent how we finish. He is a constant help, dependable and sufficient to help. We are the ones who determine how much of help we experience by how much of deception we permit in our lifestyle. Sin deceives, blinds and enslaves.

We can say 'no' to sin and cultivate a lifestyle that is not permissive by the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. I pray we make the right choices and allow God to bless and empower us to be all He created us to be.

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