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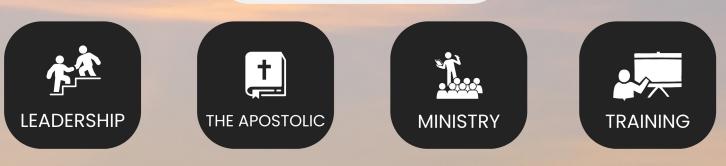
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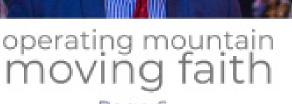


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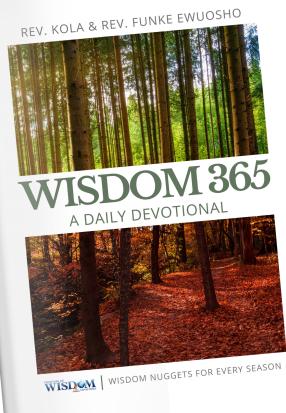
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OPERATING mountain-moving FAITH

OW TO MOVE THE MOUNTAINS IN YOUR LIFE...

So many people have seemingly insurmountable problems that act as mountains in their lives. They need mighty faith (mountain-moving faith) to move these mountains.

When we read the accounts of mighty faith moves in the Bible, we all seem to desire to be able to have such testimonies in our lives. This article is written for you to come to the place where you can overcome internal challenges like low self-esteem, lack of faith and confidence, the effects of past failures in our lives, and generally a lack of desire for any adventure in faith. Many people have come to the conclusion that moving mountains is an occasional occurrence that we can expect from time to time, not something we should consider as a common experience in our lives.

In this study we shall look at some occurrences recorded in the Bible and learn the conditions that prevailed in the lives of others; we will see how certain conditions can become more of our lifestyle!

The story of David and Goliath captures insights for a victorious faith in God. We see the giant defeated through the exercise of faith in God in the life of a young man called David. The main enemy a believer has is Satan. He has expressed his tendencies through the giant we will be studying in this article. We shall see the exercise of faith and the thought-patterns that go with mountain moving faith.

The enemy sure knows how to define the lines of the battle. He also knows how to play the game of intimidation so as to paralyse the opponent before they engage in the battle itself. These ingredients are necessary to learn about so we can prevent the enemy's actions from getting us to lose the battle even before we engage them in the fight.

1 Samuel 17:4-11 (NKJV)

And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam,

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and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him. Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

The camp of King Saul and all Israel heard the words of the giant and they were greatly afraid. Keeping our hearts from the fear of failure, fear of defeat, and fear of death itself becomes a great part of our walking in victory. What they saw and heard created fear in them. So, we know that what our senses comprehend can produce fear in us. This is especially so if the interpretation of what we see and hear translates into fear of destruction such as the size of the giant, his weapons of warfare and then his bold declarations. How do we guard our hearts from the logical conclusions that our minds have been programmed to have, based on our past experiences or analysis of our situations?

Now we read about someone who had what it took to overcome the fears and was willing to act on his apparent advantage over the enemy. The Bible introduces us to the young man David who had a well organised life, as he paid attention to the instructions from his father and obeyed the family expectations of watching over the flock while the older brothers went to war with the king of Israel. He was a responsible young man and did not waste his time in frivolity. His brother's opinion of him did not stop him from taking action against what he considered as defiant behaviour against the God of heaven. From the book of Psalms, we can tell that the man David was a worshipper and that he held highly the honour of the God of heaven, his God.

1 Samuel 17:20-31 (NKJV)

So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle. For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel." Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

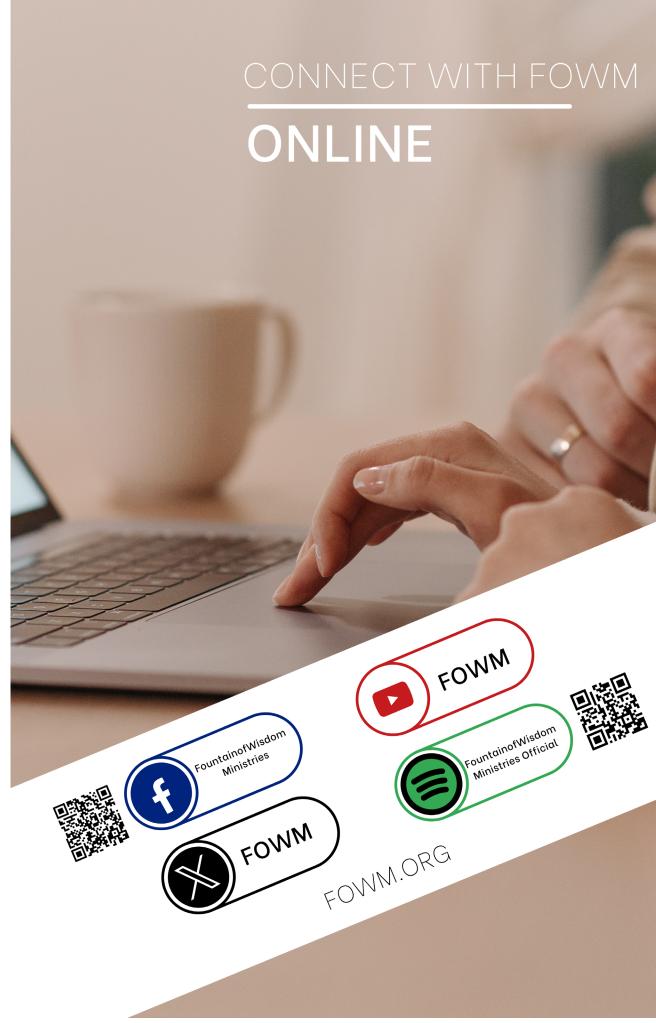
And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him.

David prepared his heart to face the giant. He avoided being offended by his brother's remarks about him. How many times do we allow offences to water down our confidence in God? The distraction would have taken root in David if he allowed his brother's comments to affect his self-image; and the way he handled it showed that he had a strong sense of a healthy image of himself as a servant under God, to bring about the glory of God in this situation rather than to bring about his own image as a champion. The offence would have polluted his self-image if he had allowed it.

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We see the giant defeated through the exercise of faith in God...

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So, David was now ready to face the enemy, watch his words, actions and expectations.

Read 1 Samuel 17:33-54 (NKJV)

See David's purpose: that everyone shall know that there is a God in Israel, and the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's and He will give the giants into the hands of the Israelites (see verses 46-47).

Lessons to learn from the experience of David includes the following:

1. Know the truth about the God you serve as you seek to honour Him.

2. Have a sense of identity that is beyond your human shortcomings.

3. Appreciate the victories that you have experienced through your relationship with God.

4. Know how to count on God's help for future victories.

5. Have an upright heart as you take responsibility for what is going on in your life. Don't blame others or give excuses for the negative things you experienced in life. Rather, learn from them to become better.

David could have run from the lion and the bear, (letting the sheep be killed in those situations) being concerned with only his own life and survival. Instead, he went after the lion and the bear counting on God's willingness to help him and give him victory as he sought to deliver the sheep from being killed by those animals.

These formed the testimonies of his confidence in God and, using the stones he had, he was willing to go after the giant who was defying the Name of the living God.

Watch him speaking back at the giant as he declared words to counter what the giant had said. So, there was a war of words.

In our lives things speak to us; mountains, circumstances and situations all speak to us, and we respond to them internally. David responded to the words of Goliath.

He ran towards the giant having spoken words pronouncing the death of Goliath. Without a sword in his hands, David said he was going to cut off the head of the giant. What did he have in mind when he was declaring that the head of the giant was coming off?

We see faith and the aspects of the faith life: believing with the heart, speaking the words you believe and acting on the Word of God. Faith also affects one's expectations and helps one to define or interpret one's actions in accordance with the beliefs in one's heart. The big connection is the heart and mouth connection.

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith

in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

In Romans 10:9-11, we see the connection between the heart and the mouth where the subject of faith is concerned:

(NKJV) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

We have a different covenant with God. It is different from the covenant David was operating under, but the principles of faith and victory are similar. We are based on a better covenant; the one made available by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is called the new covenant based on better promises. The basic principles for victorious living is revealed to us through Christlikeness as we pattern after our Lord Jesus Christ in character and power. We need to build every aspect of our lives on the Word of God.

Luke 6:46-49 (NKJV) Build on the Rock

(Matt. 7:21–27)

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

The foundation of our lives should be based on coming to God, hearing His Word, and doing the Word of God. This is made possible by not letting the nurture we were brought up in or the culture (environment) we grew up in, affect us to the point that the deposits that have been made by these things, to influence us to do things contrary to the word of God. So why does anyone hear what Jesus says and not do them? The answer lies in these statements:

"Lord what informs what we do and how we live have been established in our lives before we met you. And these things that come from our nature, nurture and culture have programmed our lives so much that we have difficulty in doing what You say we should do."

"The basic principles for victorious living is revealed to us through Christlikeness as we pattern after our Lord Jesus Christ..."

Jesus is the Living Word, and the Bible is the written Word of God. Throughout the ministry of Jesus Christ on earth, the miracle working power of God was flowing almost with ease through Him and He told His disciples that they could do greater works than He did. Even though, on one occasion, He told them that they needed praying coupled with fasting for some demons to get out of someone.

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

The Answered Prayer

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

It is faith in His Name that is needed for the power in that nature to flow out to heal people like it happened to the Apostle Peter in the third chapter in the book of Acts. He later explained that it was faith in the Name of Jesus that made the man whole.

Acts 3:2-9 (NKJV)

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

Acts 3:12-16 (NKJV)

So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

It is time to move those mountains in your life and surroundings!

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It's our faith that draws on the power of God! The faith of others and the words of faith spoken over us isn't enough to sustain us - it's our own faith that sustains us! The highest level of faith is believing what God says, taking Him at His Word.

"For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:4-5 (NLT)

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God's Faithful Provision

We dreamt of being a whole family again, joining my wife who had recently begun a new job in the UK. Trusting God, we listed our car to raise funds for flights. Amazingly, a generous family stepped in, removing the need to sell. This allowed us to keep the car and use it for the benefit of our family in Ghana.

In August 2023, with faith in our hearts, we arrived in the UK. Within two weeks, God blessed me with a job! Two months later, a generous family gifted us a car. Just this January 2024, my prayers were answered again - a formal school position, exactly what I applied for!

God truly has a plan, just as Jeremiah 29:11 promises. We are forever grateful for His provision and blessings.

Stanley

The Lord Healed me!

Yes, indeed our God is faithful, and He is committed to His Word! I want to *thank the Lord for healing me from a breast lump*.

I woke up one morning and discovered a lump on my right breast. I was gripped with fear and cried. I called a close sister in church, and told her about it and she joined me in all night prayers.

Not long after, Rev. Mother was around for the Ingathering in August 2023. The Wednesday before the Ingathering week, Rev. Mother preached about casting out fears and she said we should not go to God based on our fears but by faith. In addition, she spoke about dealing with the fears first because that is what the devil takes advantage of. I kept speaking the Word of God over my mind and casting out all fears until my confidence grew to approach the throne of grace with faith in my heart.

I kept praying everyday about the issue, but it seemed like nothing was happening. Then Rev. Mother gave a word again. She said, "stop praying, you have prayed enough. Now start declaring the Word over that situation; start commanding that mountain to become a plain!" As soon as I yielded to those instructions, I noticed the lump was reducing in size! Then I started taking communion every day and applying anointing oil.

During that Ingathering, I came out and hands were laid on me. I didn't receive an instant miracle, but Rev. Mother gave a word on Wednesday after the conference: "You might not receive an instant miracle, it can take a month or two for you to experience your total healing but keep confessing the Word." And I did just that! Each time I felt the itching that came with the lump, I declared, "the Lord has healed me and I am healed," and I noticed that the itching would stop each time I made this confession.

The final victory came in December 2023. During a service, Rev. Mother preached and prayed for us. She said, *"Now, receive your total healing, your healing is complete and perfect."* I received those words and that was the last time I felt the lump.

I am grateful to God for healing me and I want to thank Rev. Mother for all her words and teachings - indeed God works wonders through her. Thank you.

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RE-DIGGING THE WELLS OF FAITH

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And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them." (Gen. 26:18).

Abraham is often referred to in many circles as, "The father of faith;" and he was indeed!

God told Abraham that in him shall all the nations of the earth be blessed (Gen.12:3c)- "So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham." (Gal. 3:9). Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, "that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus," (Gal. 3:13-14a). Also in verse 29: "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

So, as Abraham's seed through faith in Christ; we must re-dig the wells of faith as often as necessary. You would recall that Isaac re-dug the wells, because the Philistines had stopped them. There are many things that could stop the wells today- criticisms or persecution for instance. Jesus, in the parable of the sower, said the seed that fell on stony places are those who receive the word with joy, but get offended when trials or persecution arises (Matt. 4:28). Jesus also said at the end of the age, among other signs, many will be offended (Matt.24:10).

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Unfortunately, faith has been one of the most mis-communicated, misunderstood and abused subjects in the church; and because of this many believers have been so put off, that they don't want to touch it at all. Faith is, however, so vital to the life of the believer; that it cannot discarded or even relegated to the background, for any reason- no matter how cogent or justifiable. We therefore need to re-dig the wells of faith; however, with a more balanced understanding of the purpose and application thereof this time around.

Here are some of the reasons why we must re-dig those wells:

• The Bible says, "The just shall live by faith." (Rom. 1:17c). Though this, primarily, refers to the righteousness which comes by faith in Christ Jesus, as contrary to that which comes by fulfilling the law of Moses; it also implies other things-

i. That faith is the believer's lifeline, i.e. their life depends on it! Apostle Paul puts it this way: "The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20c NIV). And faith comes by the hearing of God's word (Rom. 10:17). The same way the physical body needs food for it's sustenance; the human spirit is also sustained by the constant hearing of God's word- "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."" (Matt. 4:4c).

ii. We are in the last days and we're warned that there will be times "of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]." (2 Tim. 3:1c AMP). When Jesus spoke about the signs of the end of the age, He told His disciples to look up and lift up their heads (Luke 21:28), in spite of all those terrible things that would characterise the last days. Notice He didn't tell them to look down or

be downcast! In another place, He said to them, "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33c). It, however, seems to me that it would require faith, for anyone to be able to look up or be of good cheer in times as these- "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7).

iii. "Faith is the victory that has overcome the world." (1 John 5:4); i.e. without faith the believer would live a defeated life in this world.

We must always remember that we are in a warfare (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:11-13). Faith is part of the believer's armour- "above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." (Eph. 6:16); we can only imagine how vulnerable we are, without the shield of faith!

So, faith is a must for anyone that would live a victorious life in this world.

Satan is called the god or ruler of this world (John 14:30; 2 Cor. 4:4), and the whole world lies under the power or control of the evil one (1 Jn 5:19); but good news- "whatever is born of God overcomes the world." (1 John 5:4b). Therefore, every believer in Christ Jesus is a world-overcomer! God didn't save us and then left us at the "mercy" of satan; Jesus prayed to the Father: "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one." (John. 17:15).

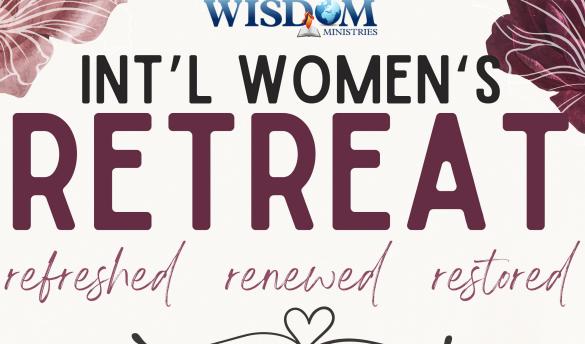
iv. That faith should be the believer's lifestyle. Faith isn't something you "do" every now and then, rather it's what you "do" regularly; the early church, "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42c).

Faith is not a panic button you press when you're in trouble. This is one reason why many believers' faith suffers a shipwreck or failure; they wait until they are faced with a desperate situation, and then try to apply their faith. They act like the Israelites, who quickly brought in the ark of the Lord to the battlefield, when they realised they were being whipped by the Philistines. They presumptuously thought that would suddenly turn the battle in their favour; but they were thoroughly beaten (1 Sam.4:1-11).

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The Bible says, "let us hold firmly to the faith we profess." (Heb. 4:14c NIV) or as the KJV puts it, "let us hold fast our profession." That implies that faith should be your professionyour "full-time" job, if one could put it that way; and not what you do at weekends or occasionally as amateurs! Someone said, "Faith isn't faith, until it affects your DAILY thinking, believing, speaking and actions." I couldn't agree more with that statement. Jesus said, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says." (Mark 11:23c); so it is what you continually say that moves your mountain! The woman with the issue of blood: "For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health." (Mark 5:28 AMP).

Faith must first be built in us- and like the proverbial Rome; it's not built in a day! Faith comes by hearing (not having heard) the Word of God (Rom. 10:17); so, there must be a constant hearing, speaking and interacting with the Word of God, for faith to be built in our hearts.

2. Every of God's provisions is accessed and received by faith! Let's start with the basics; i.e. salvation- "For by grace you have been saved through faith," (Eph. 2:8a). We must remember that "salvation" is a generic word, which isn't just limited to the new birth; but also includes: deliverance, healing, prosperity, safety, peace, etc. So, we can rightly say we are healed through faith! I remember sometime in the 90s, when I was believing

God for my healing; the enemy told me I stood no chance, as there were people who were doing much more for God, and yet died sick. But thank God for the Holy Spirit, our Teacher, the Spirit of truth- who guides us into all truth; He quickened Ephesians 2:8-9 in my spirit: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." He then said to me, "You are healed by grace through faith- and not by your works!" The entrance of that word brought light to me; God lit my candle and enlightened my darkness, and I was able to take my healing by faith. No wonder the Bible says, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." (Isa. 59:19c). How many believers have failed to receive their healing, because they are thinking it's about how good or bad they are? The Bible says, "Therefore it [the promise] is of faith that it might be according to grace," (Rom. 4:16).

Everything God provided for us is on the platform of GRACE, and not works; and grace is accessed by FAITH! "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand," (Rom. 5:1-2a). God's throne is called the throne of grace; and we're told to approach it boldly, i.e. confidently- in spite of our weaknesses and faults (Heb. 4:15-16)! The Amplified Bible calls it, "the throne of God's unmerited favor;" so you didn't work for it. For instance, the Bible says we were healed by the stripes of Jesus (2 Pet. 2:24); Jesus already got healing for us, we only need to take it by the hand of faith.

3. The Bible says, "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). So you can't please God without faith, no matter how hard you try or how well you mean.

But what does that mean or why is that? *i*. How do you please someone you don't see (the Bible says, no one, except the Son, has ever seen God- John 1:18)? So, anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists. It has to therefore be by faith; because faith is "the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1c). By faith Abel "offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain," (Heb. 11:4a); i.e. he didn't just bring a sacrifice to God, his faith was involved! Faith is of the heart; Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24). Our faith is what makes our offerings and sacrifices acceptable to God- not just the activities. God isn't pleased with offerings not made in faith- faith that He exists and that He will reward. God said, "I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek Me in vain'" (Isa. 45:19b). God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, and those who come to Him must believe that (Heb. 11:6)! The Bible says, "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name," (Heb. 6:10a). Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38). Also, "knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord," (Eph. 6:8a). It is therefore not a mark of humility not to expect God to reward us!

ii. Obedience pleases God; and it takes faith to obey God. In Hebrews 3, "unbelief" and "disobedience" were used interchangeably! The Israelites couldn't enter into God's rest because of disobedience (KJV- "unbelief"). They rebelled against God's commandment to go take the promised land and were overthrown in the wilderness; so He wasn't pleased with them (Heb. 3:16-19).

Noah was told to build an ark, to save his family; and he did it, even though it had never rained before then (Heb. 11:7; Gen. 6:13-22)! Abraham left his country and his family, "not knowing where he was going." (Heb. 11:8c; Gen. 12:1-4). By faith, Joshua and the men of war encircled the walls of Jericho for seven days; after which it fell (Heb. 11:30; Josh. 6). We could go on and on. This is one major reason why people don't obey God- like Thomas, they want to see it (or feel it) first, and then believe or obey! Someone said God told him; "If you knew what was at the back of your mountain, you would move it!" The Bible says, "He who observes the wind will not sow, And he who regards the clouds will not reap." (Eccles. 11:4). You can't just sit there waiting for a "favourable" or "convenient" time to do the right things- "In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand;" (Eccles. 11:6b).

4. It takes faith to persevere to the point of receiving God's promises; we are told that Moses "persevered because he saw him who is invisible." (Heb. 11:27c NIV). How could you see someone who is invisible? Simple- by faith! Faith kept Moses going on, in spite of all the challenges he faced- "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward." (Heb. 11:26). God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him; but you must hang in there and not quit- "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise" (Heb. 10:35-36). Actually, God says His soul is not pleased in anyone who draws back from living by faith (verse 38); so quitting is not an option! Jesus told his disciples a parable about the persistent widow, "to show them that they should always pray and

widow, "to show them that they should always pray and not give up." (Luke 18:1c NIV). We must not become spiritually lazy or indifferent, "but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:12).

It's time to re-dig the wells of faith that have been lying dormant and unused (or under-used) inside of you. The Bible says, "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith):" (Rom. 10:8c); so, go right ahead and start re-digging!

God bless you, Rev. Funke Ewuosho

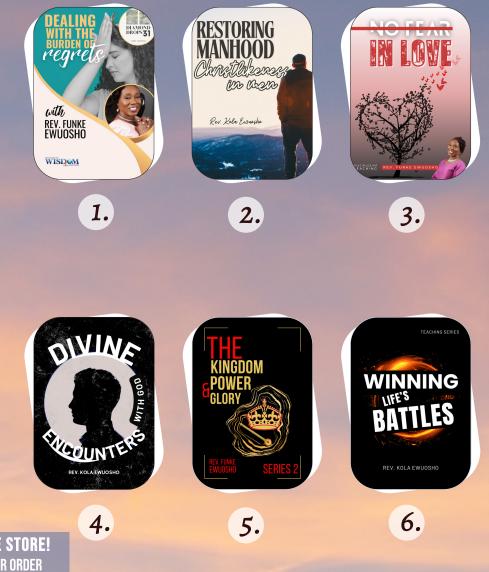
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RTW CONFERENCE 2024

e had a wonderful time at our annual Restoring True Womanhood (RTW) conference in March 2024, in Kano, Nigeria! The theme this year was 'Women of Faith', inspired from Hebrews 11:35. This international gathering, hosted by Rev. Funke Ewuosho, welcomed delegates from all over Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, the USA and the UK. Don't miss out on the RTW conference coming up in March 2025!



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Psalm 107:20 (NLT) says, "He sent out his word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death." The Word of God has power to save! Jesus cast out spirits, raised the dead, and healed the sick, with the Word. The Word is the seed, which must be received, planted, and watered. In this teaching message, Rev. Funke shares from scripture, how the Word is sent, and how we should respond to the Word in order for it to bear fruit in our lives. Listen/watch and be blessed!

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Sequel to 'Winning Life's Battles'. "But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world." 1 John 4:4 NLT

Our faith is the key to overcoming the world! Our identity in Christ includes being more than a conqueror. Remember, Adam was created for domination. God's purpose for creation is to dominate and be victorious in all things! Be blessed as you listen to this message by Rev. Kola Ewuosho.

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WINNING LIFE'S BATTLES 6. By Rev. Kola ewuosho

Life is a battle - so we need to be battle-ready! This doesn't just mean being conscious of the enemy. Being battle ready means that your lifestyle is defined by diligence and discipline; it involves winhing over the flesh every day! In doing so, we can experience victory in every area of our lives. Afterall, our goal is to conform to the image and standard of Christ. The guarantee for peace is battle-readiness. Listen to this message series by Rev. Kola Ewuosho and be blessed!

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HAVING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIMES 9. By Rev. Funke Ewuosho

"From the tribe of Issachar...All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take." 1 Chronicles 12:32 (NLT). When you have an understanding of the times, you are in charge and you will be above any and every situation. It's not enough to know the Word, we must understand it. Whatever we understand, the devil cannot steal from us. In this prophetic message, Rev. Funke shares a 3-part study: the role of understanding; know the times we are in; and what we ought to do. More than ever before, we need to have an understanding of Satan's strategies, and insight into what God is doing. Be blessed as you watch/listen.

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Key Scripture

"What are you, O great mountain [of obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel [who will rebuild the temple] you will become a plain (insignificant)! And he will bring out the capstone [of the new temple] with loud shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" Zechariah 4:7 (AMP)

MONTAINS by Rev. Funke Euruosho

The first mountain that must go...

...is the mountain of <u>unforgiveness</u>. Galatians 5:6 (NIV) says, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

"By my Spirit..."

"Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my Lord?" Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my Lord." So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel. 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:1-6 (NKJV)

You need the strength from God to move mountains! Mountains will move by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When you speak, the Holy Spirit goes to work!





Possessing your possessions...

Take possession of everything that is yours! Obadiah 1:17 (NKJV) says, ""But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, And there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."



READ NUMBERS 13:27-30 What lessons can we learn from this passage? Everything that has stood as an obstacle in your life shall be removed!

OVERCOME EVERY FEARI Fear hinders us from possessing our possessions. Study these scriptures below... Numbers 14:9 2 Timothy 1:7 Proverbs 28:1 Numbers 13:30

You need an endless supply of the Holy Spirit!

- 1. Continue hearing and hearing the Word
- 2. Be a person of prayer
- 3. Pray in the Holy Spirit / in tongues
- Build up yourself in your most holy faith



WISEMEN NIGERIA CONFERENCE - MAY 2024

The international Wisemen's Network Conference (Nigeria Edition), hosted by Rev. Kola Ewuosho, took place in March 2024, in Abuja, Nigeria. We were blessed to have a time of encounter with God, with different seasoned speakers, including Rev. Funke Ewuosho. We hope you can join us for the next conference coming up in March 2025!











LOUNGE NIGHT **CELEBRATES ITS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

ounge Night at 10 years!

What a joy it is to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Lounge Night! Hosted by Ignite, the student and young adults ministry at Harvestime Church (FOWM), Lounge Night is our annual outreach event that has been held both on church grounds and at Royal Holloway University of London.



Barnabas Lawson at Lounge Night 2016



Ignite T-Shirts (2016)





Ignite drama team performing a Harvestime Church - June 2017 Ignite drama team performing at



2018 Lounge Night - Gowar common room

Through the years: Lounge Night celebrates 10 years



2019 Lounge Night - worship session





2024 Street envangelism ahead of Lounge Night on Egham Highstreet

Lounge Night is an event that encourages students to share the Gospel through creativity and performing arts, with their peers. We always end the night with an alter call to invite people to salvation, and provide prayer support for all who need it. The success of Lounge Night over the past decade is truly one to be grateful to God for, and we thank God for

2014

In our inaugural year, 2014, we held 3 Lounge Night events at Harvestime Church, in the months of February, June and October. We invited Barnabas Lawson in June of that year to share a message with us. His message 'SET FREE' gave insight into his

the awesome leadership team of Ignite, who have remained committed and faithful! Seeing students and young adults from different walks of life grab the vision of Lounge Night with such passion, makes us know that God is using this work to Ignite His purpose in the hearts of young people.

Join me as I take a trip down memory lane, at both the inception and evolution of Lounge Night over the past 10 years!

Harvestime's youth fellowship has hosted numerous outreaches that have spanned well over 10 years. These

included our Friday night youth meetings, Gospel concerts, 'REAL Hype' concerts, and more. Being a part of these events in my teenage years and young adult life impacted me and put the desire in my heart to be a part of the youth ministry at Harvestime Church. I remember inviting my friends while at secondary school to our Friday meetings; going out to the highstreets to give out flyers; and being a part of the planning team for our 'REAL Hype' concert! Fast forward to graduating from Kingston University in 2013 - I felt a strong pull to go into youth ministry. Long story short, within my first 12 months of working in this ministry, God began to stir different passions and longings in my heart that would later bring forth a fresh vision for the student work at Royal Holloway University. One of the several expressions that were borne during my first year, was Lounge Night. This would be the name for our annual students' and young adults' Gospel outreach event. How could we connect young people from all walks of life to God? One answer that was clear to me was, by getting other young people who have encountered God themselves and speak their language! With this, Lounge Night was launched the following year in 2014. We held 3 Lounge Nights that year - talk about passion! Over the years, we saw more and more university students being drawn to identify with the vision of Lounge Night. It became something that students looked forward to- they made the vision their own!



salvation journey and it inspired others to live lives that are sold out to God. Instrumental to the youth ministry at Harvestime Church, Barnabas was amongst the first group of youth leaders at the inception of our youth ministry. When he later became a student at Royal Holloway university, he led outreaches/cell meetings on campus and was actively involved in campus fellowships.

2015

2015 was the first time we held Lounge Night on Royal Holloway campus (in the Gowar common room). By this time, our student community was growing rapidly. We believe that moving location closer

to students was the best way to harness the growing awareness and effectiveness of our outreach. Tagged 'UNLIMITED', the theme for that year truly reflected our bold step of faith to move to campus. We also invited Rev. Funke Ewuosho as our speaker that year, which was such a momentous occasion for us. Having her honour our invitation to speak made it all that more special!

2017

2017 Lounge Night was tagged 'UNPREDICTABLE' – our first Ignite drama group was formed that year and was made up of RHUL students. They wrote, casted and directed the play, which was also later presented at church during a Sunday service (we enjoyed their performance so much that we invited them to perform the play at church during a Sunday service!). Since then, we have had the Ignite drama team perform at every Lounge Night. The members of the drama team consist of both the new intake of students and existing students. It's a great bonding experience where team spirit is nurtured, and people are encouraged to come out of their shells to do something they may not have done before!



LOUNGE NIGHT INVITATION DESIGNS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS...



2018

This year, the theme was, 'CHANGING THE CONVERSATION'. This was a defining year as this topic allowed students to question their belief systems and challenge them in the light of God's Word. The drama team that year put on a thought-provoking piece that left everyone in deep reflections. We also had our first dance performance (on campus) that year!

2020 & 2021

Due to COVID-19, we were not able to hold Lounge Night in 2020 and 2021. We did however, host our weekly term-time bible study online for the first time! How grateful we are for technology – it was 'almost' like we didn't miss a year!

2024

2024 marked the 10 year anniversary of Lounge Night! This year was extra special for us as we celebrated this milestone. Held in the Shilling Auditorium at Royal holloway (second year running), we had a great turn out, and impactful performances and ministrations by our young adults and students. Through it all, we have learnt to trust in Jesus and to depend upon His Word!

I would like to thank my parents, Rev. Kola and Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho, for believing in the vision of Ignite and for their prayers and support in the growth and strength of this work. Their example of leadership, commitment and faith has been my source of inspiration since I was a little girl. Having them as leaders has given me a blueprint for leadership and the encouragement I needed and will need in both high and low moments. The seeds they sowed and continue to sow into my life, as both my physical and spiritual parents, are shaping my reality today.

I'd like to also thank the Ignite Leadership team from the bottom of my heart. For their dedication and contribution to the growth of this work. This is just the beginning!

Yours in Christ, Keji



Ignite team at Lounge Night's 10th Anniversary. Wearing new Ignite branded t-shirts

WOFCC SULEJA TEENS

WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTRE SULEJA BRANCH AKA - GREAT ACHIEVERS TEAM

The Great Achievers Team was founded in the year 2013 and it has had a tremendous impact on the young people in the church, as many teenagers through mentorship and God's Word have found purpose and direction for their lives.

The teens' arm of the church aims to build a consciousness of the possibilities of God in the heart of the young ones, helping them understand the truth that they are in the world but not of this world and that they have an advantage over those out there because of the Spirit of God within them.

We meet twice a month, every first and third Sunday, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. Our meetings are not only limited to the church teenagers but also the community at large, as other teenagers join us every fortnight.

We study various topics and give room for the discovery and development of talents.

We also hold teen conferences once a year where we invite speakers to teach and inspire the young ones to be all that God has called them to be. Our next conference is coming up in August.

We have considered the following series from January to date:

1. The Possibilities of God Within a Man.

2. The Power of Dreams.

These two topics were taught explicitly making the teenagers understand that God does great things, and He can do great things through them. Also, that their dreams are valid and can come to pass with the help of God if they put in the work.

Many great minds have come out of the teen church and are doing exploits in different parts of the country. We trust the Lord that many more will emerge, making a difference in their world with the help of God.

The Teen church is a place where the young ones freely express themselves as they ask questions that bother their hearts and get clarity. We trust the Lord that we will continually expand and increase in capacity and grace.

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the east & central Africa strategic equippers **CONFERENCE 2024**

The East and Central Africa Strategic Equippers (ECASE) Conference is an annual event hosted by FOWM, where we gather as East and Central African nations to be charged, equipped and challenged for effective service. This year the conference begun on Wednesday 17th April through Sunday 21st April at the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel Eldoret, Kenya. The meeting had attendance of two hundred and seventy delegates from Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, DRC and various parts of Kenya, as well as students from the surrounding institutions of higher learning. The theme this year was "For Whatever is Born of God Overcomes the World...", which was taken from 1 John 5:4.

We had a total of eight sessions with Revs. Kola and Funke Ewuosho, subdivided into morning and evening sessions. Wednesday evening was the opening session. Thursday sessions and Friday morning session encompassed the general meetings, while Friday afternoon was dedicated to married couples. Saturday sessions were special meetings, starting with the youth session in the morning and ending with an evening split session of both ladies' and men's meetings. The conference was culminated by a powerful Thanksgiving Sunday service, alongside ordination ceremony.

The theme of faith was extensively handled by our parents Rev. Kola Ewuosho and Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho, and we are forever transformed!

Clear emphasis was on our becoming doers of the Word and not mere hearers. Rev. Funke was able to expound on the fact that the Word of God will work for those who work the Word! Rev. Kola was also able to reiterate that our desire should be to experience the Word of God. Another emphasis was the necessity of faith in the path of fulfilling destiny, since our potential is discovered, developed and deployed as we live by faith. The goal of our victory in faith is to fulfill destiny!

The event was very impactful and life transforming; with many having received testimonies of healing, restoration and impartation. From the previous meetings, many testimonies came forth of the move and power of God securing their healings and restoration of homes and families. Many walk in prosperity and divine promotions. We learnt the aspect of practicality of a Christian life by embracing growth in personal development as inspired from Luke 2:52.

The Reverends were also able to have a session with the church workers of other Ministries and were able to challenge them to restructure their operations to ensure efficiency. We were indeed impacted by the conference having received lasting lessons on eternal transformation that has set us on course to a victorious faith life in Christ.

Pastor Samuel (FOWM, Kenya)

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Photos from ECASE Conference, April 2024

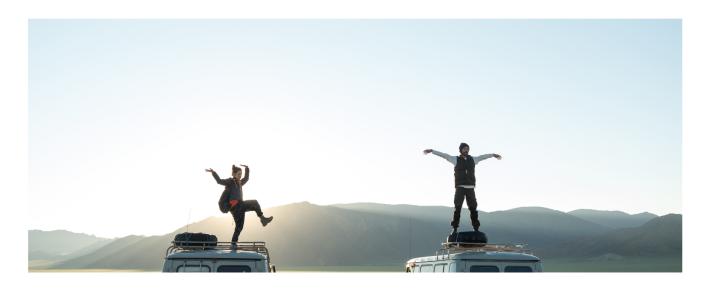






VICTORIOUS LIVING

BY MARK NZEI



"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." John 17:15

Today's world is filled with challenges. Personal challenges amidst the news of wars, conflict, and famine in the world. It can be hard to keep up. Oftentimes I find the best way to deal with the news is to learn how (and when) to disconnect from it. Not to assume that everything is great outside, but to ensure that while we stand in the gap as intercessors for others, we also build up ourselves in the midst of adversity, finding strength in faith and experiencing the triumph of God's love and grace. This perspective proves even more crucial when we go through personal challenges that we simply cannot 'disconnect' from.

I once heard a preacher say "Do not live like you are going to heaven, live life as one who is already a citizen of heaven - as one who came from heaven". This challenged me, as a Christian, for if I know where I come from and where I'm going. That should influence my perspective of life while here on this earth.

As Christians - as believers - I believe we all have a duty to share the joy and peace of heaven with the people we meet and places we go. When we allow the challenges of the world to overwhelm us, we can lose perspective of who we are in Christ and our assignment to be a blessing to others.

At the centre of the victorious Christian life is a firm foundation of faith. At its core, faith is complete trust and reliance in God, regardless of circumstances. We can draw inspiration from biblical teachings and examples on how to build our faith, understanding that faith is the

assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

The Scriptures abound with promises of God's faithfulness, provision, and protection for His people. From God's covenant with Abraham in the Old Testament to His assurance of salvation through Christ in the New Testament, these promises serve as anchors in the storms of our life today. By embracing and declaring these promises, we believers can tap into a reservoir of divine power and provision to thrive every day and also affect the people around us for the better.

Inspired by examples of faith, here are some fundamental keys to victorious living which I have gleaned.

The first is surrendering one's will to God and obeying His commands. Jesus Christ exemplified this principle in His earthly ministry, submitting His will to the Father even unto death. Through obedience to God's Word and guidance, we should align ourselves with His purposes and experience the fullness of His blessings.



The second key is prayer. Prayer serves as a direct line of communication between us and our God. It is through prayer that we express adoration and thanksgiving, and make supplication before God. In living victoriously, we must expect our time with God in prayer to be life-transforming. What amazing grace, power, and wisdom is available in His presence.

Ephesians 6:12 reminds us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces of evil. In the face of challenges, prayer is a potent weapon against the schemes of the enemy. Through fervent intercession, we can dismantle strongholds, break chains of bondage, and claim victory for ourselves and for others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

The third key to a victorious Christian life is multifaceted as it involves cultivating various spiritual disciplines, including meditation, fasting, worship, and studying the Scriptures. These disciplines are often grouped (not to place one as more important than the other) to show the importance of fostering intimacy with God, strengthening our spiritual muscles, and aligning us with His will. A great biblical example of someone who cultivated spiritual disciplines is Daniel.

"The Book of Daniel serves as a powerful illustration of what can happen when God and a healthy spiritual leader cooperate to reach their world" John Maxwell Leadership Bible

By prioritising spiritual growth and the spiritual disciplines, believers can deepen their roots and bear fruit that endures through trials.

The path of the victorious Christian life is not exempt from trials and tribulations. In fact, adversity often serves as a crucible through which faith is refined and character is forged. However, what sets us apart is our response to these challenges—a response characterised by faith, perseverance, and unwavering trust in God's sovereignty.

The Apostle Paul famously declared, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). In moments of weakness, we should discover a reservoir of divine strength that sustains us through the darkest valleys. By embracing our limitations and relying on God's sufficiency, we experience the paradoxical power of weakness transformed into strength. Isn't this wonderful?

The fourth key sounds simple but is incredibly powerful - joy. The victorious Christian life is marked by a profound sense of joy that transcends even challenging circumstances. We can choose joy in every situation rather than being dictated by external conditions. This joy emanates from the presence of the Holy Spirit. Even in the midst of suffering and sorrow, we can rejoice, knowing that our ultimate victory is secure in Christ.

The fifth and final key to victorious living (though I really could go on!) is reaching out to others. When we fill ourselves with the love of God, God expects us to share it far and wide! The love of God extends beyond mere sentiments and feelings, to tangible acts of service, compassion, and justice. By embodying the love of Christ, we become catalysts for transformation in our communities and beyond. I'm encouraged everyday to be an agent of God's kingdom, bringing hope and restoration to this broken world through the message of the Gospel of Christ.

Furthermore, in reaching out to others, we should be committed to discipleship and equipping others for the battle ahead. Just as Jesus invested in His disciples, we are called to encourage and empower fellow believers to fulfil their God-given potential. Through intentional discipleship, the impact of the gospel multiplies exponentially.

Finally, one of the greatest encouragements from the scriptures is knowing that a victorious Christian life is not a destination but a journey—a journey marked by faith, perseverance, and the unfailing love of God. It is a life characterised by triumph amidst trials, joy amidst sorrows, and love that knows no bounds. As believers we should embrace the principles and practices we learn in the Bible, and unlock the fullness of God's promises as we become vessels of His grace and glory in a world longing for redemption and hope. May we all strive to live victoriously, for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

As Rev. Funke Ewuosho teaches us through "The Faith Series". I encourage us all to listen, learn and grow.

Until next time.

Yours in the faith, Mark Nzei





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