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ear Reader,

It is with great joy and gratitude to God, that I write this letter covering our latest magazine from Harvestime Church, of the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries (FOWM) International - the Wisdom Digest.

This magazine is dedicated to my beloved wife, Rev. Funke Ewuosho, who turns 60 years old in the month of June 2023. This magazine celebrates her life of service to God, of being a blessing to humanity, of faith and obedience to the call of God on her life. A combination of passion for God, love for humanity and a desire to see God's Word and power transform human life. She has seen many sick people get healed, and many needs met, as God's power flows when she prays for them. Countless lives have been transformed through her teachings from God's Word. Her prophetic insights bring home truths from the Bible with such accuracy and power. She is a woman that God has blessed, equipped, and empowered to speak His Word, release His power, and demonstrate His love for the entire human race. We, her family, and those she pastors and mentors, are immediate beneficiaries of these impacts from God through His beloved and anointed daughter, my dear wife, Rev. Funke Ewuosho.

This magazine also contains my article teaching on 'Supernatural Christianity'. Too many believers have lost touch with the supernatural dimensions available to everyone who believes, as the Master Jesus told us to expect signs to follow the believing ones. There is also another article that is titled, 'The Lifestyle of the Overcomer', by Rev. Funke: a

There is also another article that is titled, 'The Lifestyle of the Overcomer', by Rev. Funke: a study on the lifestyle of the overcomer in Christ.

Every reader of this magazine is in for a treat: a combination of insights into the truths of God's Word, and inspiration to become more of what Christ Jesus, our Lord, paid for, by His death, burial, and resurrection. This sacrifice has made so much available to us, and we need to study, apply God's Word to our lives and become all we are destined to be in Christ. I trust God that every reader will be so impacted that they will want to bless others with a copy of this magazine. Thanks for reading through. Be blessed and equipped to be the overcomer you are meant to be, as you embrace the supernatural dimensions of the Christian faith that we have.

God bless you real good!

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A tribute to Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho By Rev. Kola Ewuosho

y caring, loving and gorgeous wife of 35 years and counting: she does not look her age, at all. She looks lovingly younger than that! Wow - gorgeous, beautiful, looking young and smart. She is prudent, real, and genuine to the core.

Proverbs 19:14 (NKJV)

"Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD."

Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV) "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD."

I am blessed and highly favoured to have married my dear wife.

To capture some of the outstanding attributes that we celebrate as she turns 60, I looked into various aspects of her

life. I will share just a few of the values and qualities that she has in abundance...

She is a spiritual mother to many across the nations of the earth; a loving mother who cares for her children, both spiritual and natural - sensitive to their needs; and plays a major role in ministering value to them.

A sound teacher of the Word of God with prophetic insights and thorough application of the Word to the Body of Christ at large. Rev. Funke brings a refreshing Word, that is relevant, applicable and lifetransforming to hearers everywhere. Her knowledge of the scriptures is very admirable as she combines Old and New Testament scriptures accurately. Listening



to her teachings have been life-transforming.

A sensitive person who is always available to meet the various needs of others, and willing to help those who are teachable to learn and grow to become better human beings.

She has a holistic approach to life that enables her to see the big picture many times, while others may be carried away with immediate perspectives.

A spiritual and natural helpmeet to me, her husband: always encouraging me to be and do all that is in

> my heart. She is lovingly supportive with very intelligent contributions. She prays a lot for me. Her spiritual contributions are superb.

> She is a demonstrable proof that God's Word works and produces increase in the lives of the ones who live by it. Both Old and New Testaments are loaded in her heart. She is a doer of the Word of God, allowing it to be final authority in her life. She is super blessed.

She is one who pays attention to detail in many aspects of life; from health - both spiritual and natural, to different facets of life, ministry, social, etc. I have seen one who has grown in wisdom, stature, favour with God and favour with man. Every aspect of her life has been affected by God and His Word.

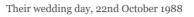
Join me in celebrating my wife's 60th birthday this year - 2023. Happy birthday my sweetheart and dearly Beloved. Many happy returns of the day, long life, and prosperity in Jesus' Name. Amen. More grace and anointing for our future together.

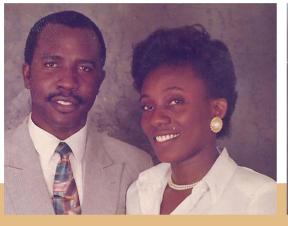
Love you loads! Your hubby, Rev. Kola Ewuosho

Rev. Funke Ewuosho's first international ministry trip was with her husband, in April 1992, to the United Kingdom. And she has since ministered (mostly alongside her husband) in different parts of the UK, Kenya, USA, Ghana, the Republic of Ireland, Sicily, Argentina, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Brazil, Cameroon, etc.



Early days: Revs. Kola & Funke Ewuosho met during their youth service in 1986







Revs. Kola & Funke Ewuosho celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary in 1998













SUPERNATURAL CHRISTIANITY

ARTICLE BY Rev. Kola ewuosho



his study was inspired by the message Pastor Funke, my wife, preached on, 'The Kingdom, the Power and, the Glory'. The power indeed belongs to God!

The early church embraced a supernatural Christianity, and we can see the changes that have taken place since the gradual restoration of the church after the dark ages.

God has been restoring His truth and power since the dark ages. The dark ages represent a period in the history of the church when almost everything was lost.

This present church is in the age wherein God has restored the truth about His power. So we need to build into our consciousness that God has restored the truth about His power and He wants to demonstrate that power on our behalf.

The question on many minds has been this: "why don't we see miracles that we read about in the book of Acts?". This article will attempt to give some answers.

We shall look at some miracles and study how the Apostles operated and received the help of the Holy Spirit and experienced His power flowing in and through them.

Acts 3:1-10 (NKJV)

A Lame Man Healed

"Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 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, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."

Peter explained to them what made the man whole:

Acts 3:11-16 (NKJV)

Preaching in Solomon's Portico

"Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. 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."

So we see that faith in the Name of Jesus played a major role in this supernatural event. Other things include: boldness to step out; and confidence that the power of God will be made manifest to heal the man. There is the corporate side to things as well as the personal side to these things. That they all recognised the hour of prayer is a corporate dimension to this miracle; they were all going to attend to their prayer time. A climate of expectation followed this corporate prayer time, so that it was not just another religious activity. The personal side was Peter knowing that he had the Name of Jesus and the power behind that Name was available to him as he stepped out in faith to operate in that Name, helped by the Holy Spirit. "So we see that faith in the Name of Jesus played a major role in this supernatural event. Other things include: boldness to step out and confidence that the power of God will be made manifest to heal the man."

We see some of these ingredients in the various miracles recorded in the scriptures.

Acts 8:4-8 (NKJV)

Christ Is Preached in Samaria

"Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

From the case of the miracles done through Philip, we can see vivid miracles; people heeded the things spoken by him when they heard and saw the miracles he did! Words were spoken, faith was involved, and healings took place as demons obeyed the instructions Philip gave. So the anointing (the presence and power of the Holy Spirit) was very visible in the ministry of Philip.

This same Philip started out as one of those who served at the tables but later grew to become a fully-fledged Evangelist.

Some foundations need to be laid. We want to see how the first 12 disciples of Jesus positioned themselves for the supernatural to keep happening through them. We see they needed to be focused.

Read Acts 6:2-7

Prayer and the Ministry of the Word

We see that the Apostles gave themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word of God. So without distractions from other legitimate things to do in their sphere of influence, they chose prayer and the ministry of the Word as priorities. Fresh dimensions of the Spirit of God are possible through prayer. A lot of spiritual ground can be covered when we give ourselves to prayer and the study, meditation, and ministry of the Word of God. There is nothing too small or too big to pray about: from miracles to salvation of people, to how lives will be impacted, to personal needs. God answers prayers! Prayers should precede every step we take in our Christian faith.

MESSAGES FOR SUPERNATURAL CHRISTIANITY



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Do you know your identity as one who is more than a conqueror? With every level you overcome, you develop greater confidence and experience greater victories in God. Rev. Kola teaches on identity, and pulls on biblical truths about who we are as conquerors in Christ!

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There are different types of prayer in the Bible:

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NKJV) Pray for All Men

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"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,"

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

So prayers of all kinds should be made with thanksgiving, for all people, and in all challenges of life.

The ministry of the Word is about giving God's Word through the teaching and preaching of the Word. But since we cannot effectively give what we do not have, we cannot minister God's Word if we do not receive it first, through reading, hearing, meditating, and speaking the Word into our own lives. Faith is involved in this process and needs to be highly developed in us if we want to experience the supernatural life we are talking about in this study.

Many do not understand that mere obedience to the Word, about laying hands on the sick and expecting them to be healed, is not just an operation of the gift of healing; it is God confirming His Word with signs following. We need to stay 'hungry' to see more of God's power released in and through us as we delight in His Word, act on it in faith and expect to see His miraculous power manifest itself in our midst. It is usually as we step out in faith doing the Word of God that the gifts of the Spirit swing into operation in our lives.

Faith for the Supernatural: Back to the Basics of Faith

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 (NKJV)

By Faith We Understand

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

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."

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Read Mark 11:22-26 (NKJV)

Faith for the Miraculous

The lifestyle of faith demands the speaking, thinking, and acting on the Word of God by faith. It is believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth. That heart-to-mouth connection is one of the secrets of faith operations. We are to speak to mountains and not use our mouths to describe how big they are.

The operation of faith demands intake of the Word, believing for miracles and listening for the leading of the Holy Spirit who is inside the believer. We see the need to have a heart devoid of offence or unforgiveness. Faith works by love.

Joshua 1:8-9 (NKJV)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Revelation Knowledge

There seemed to be a greater knowing of the power in the Name of Jesus in the lives of the early Apostles and leaders in the early church. They had knowledge of the weapons of our warfare and of our tools for dominion, as instruments of power that are available to the church. These instruments are the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, and the Word of God. Our launching pad is our prayer life. The power of corporate prayer of the church cannot be ignored. The same Peter who was used of God to say "look on us, silver or gold have I none but such as I have, I give you..." in the book of Acts chapter 3, also needed the corporate prayers of the church in Acts 12, to experience deliverance from a clear death sentence.

Read Acts 12:1-12

The early church knew the power of God was available to them through corporate praying. They had knowledge at a different level.

We should be praying for ourselves what Apostle Paul was praying for the church at Ephesus, in Ephesians chapter 1. This is the prayer for the knowledge we have to become revelation knowledge in and to us. This enables us to walk in a greater dimension that the knowledge produces in and through us. When Jesus said He will build His church on the Rock, it was centred around Peter having the revelation of who Christ is.

Matthew 16:15-19 (NKJV)

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are

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"The operation of faith demands intake of the Word, believing for miracles and listening for the leading of the Holy Spirit who is inside the believer." "The church has been built on the Rock, Christ Himself. The keys of the kingdom are already ours; we can bind and loose and heaven will respond to us as we do so in the light of God's purposes."

Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

So we return to the prayer Apostle Paul prayed:

Ephesians 1:15-22 (NKJV)

Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,"

We need the revelation knowledge and impartation of wisdom for every truth we encounter in the Word of God. This comes by prayer and meditation in the Word. The keys of the kingdom belong to the church, yet how many know those keys and how many know how to use them?

The Name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, our position of authority in Christ as well as the Word of God and our obedience to it, all constitute some of the keys of the kingdom. The church has been built on the Rock, Christ Himself. The keys of the kingdom are already ours; we can bind and loose and heaven will respond to us as we do so in the light of God's purposes. Revelation knowledge is what empowers us with the power of the reality behind the knowledge we have come into.

As we look in the book of Acts, what are the ingredients for supernatural Christianity? They are as follows: being genuinely born again, born of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the finished work of Calvary; being filled with the Holy Spirit of God who empowers us to do the will of the Father God; a strong desire to please God as we obey His instructions both in the written Word; and instructions given by the Spirit of God who lives within us.

We need our faith to be fully activated not only when we need something to happen but as a lifestyle. This is made real, through the speaking of God's Word as we build into our consciousness, the reality of who we are in Christ and what position of authority we occupy in the expression of God's kingdom on earth.

Our prayer life is the place for intimate discussions with God by His Spirit in us. He wants to see people saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. We are His agents for that to happen. As we embark on efforts to plant His Word in people, we expect them to receive Christ as their Saviour and become children of God. There are various things that need our prayers if things are to line up according to God's plans and purposes for the human race.

Revelation knowledge of the Word of God comes to help us as we walk in the power of God. Our boldness to step out in obedience to His Word is also a factor in experiencing the supernatural side of our faith. Finally, we should always give all the glory to God for what He is doing in and through us by His Word and His Spirit in us as we walk in love, operate in faith, and avoid strife, offences and grudges with one another. Step out to win souls for the Lord and expect miracles when hands are laid on the sick to be healed.

Let us all step into the supernatural as we function as the expression of Christ on earth. The things He did we can do also as we believe in Him.

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

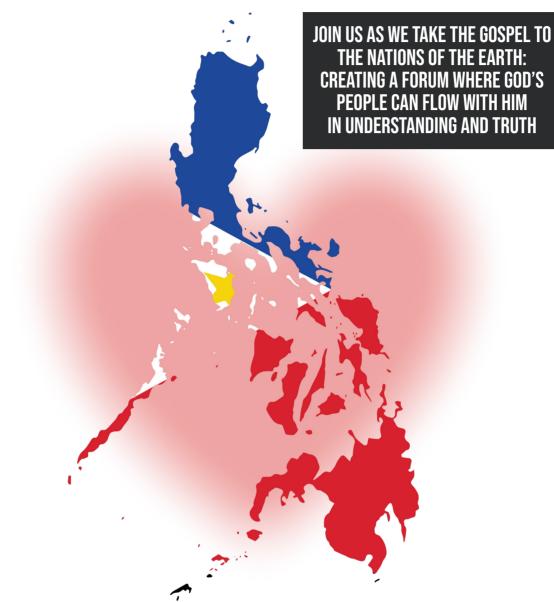
The Answered Prayer

"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 time to step out into the supernatural dimensions available to us in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour! Amen.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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SIT DOWN WITH Rev. Funke

An exclusive chat with Rev. Funke Ewuosho, as she celebrates 60 years of God's faithfulness. She reflects on the past 60 years, and shares some secrets to living a full life!



. How does it feel to celebrate your diamond jubilee?

A. It feels great. It feels like an accomplishment; praise God!

Q. What are you most grateful for in this season?

A. I'm most grateful to God for the gift of life; because "Anyone who is among the living has hope—"(Eccle. 9:4a NIV). I'm grateful for health- it is indeed wealth! I'm also grateful for my husband and for family; because they have been and are always there- in good and not so good times. I'm grateful for my spiritual family (FOWM) and for the privilege of being in Ministry.

Q. As founder of the women's ministry, the Virtuous Women's Fellowship, you have said many times that you enjoy ministering to women. What are some of the things you would advise young women starting out in ministry, and are raising a family?

A. My advice to them would be that they should understand that life is in phases, and should therefore do what they can do in the phase they are in right now, and make the most of it! If, for instance, their kids are still of school age, they shouldn't compare themselves with older women. There are things they will not be able to do now, but thankfully, kids will not be in school forever; so you can do them later. There was a phase where I had to make my girls' hair, cook for my kids, do school runs, etc; but now, they've all left home!

One thing that also helped me to accomplish the things I was able to in that phase of my life, was using my time wisely-doing the right thing at the right time! The Lord taught me in those days that there are things that are best done in the school hours, when you have 'peace and quiet', with no distractions; and there are things you can do even with them around.

Q. What would you say about raising godly and healthy children in today's world where discipline and value systems seem to look different than they did some years ago?

A. I know that evil seems to be more rampant in the world today, than it was many years ago- ('no thanks' to the internet!); but the truth is, there has always been evil around! Every generation has its own challenges; so, the first thing is to identify the nature and peculiarities of this generation's. For instance, how do we tackle the challenges posed by the internet and smart phones? This is compounded by the need for the two parents to work; and thereby outsourcing most of their parenting roles. The Lord told me that the major answer to the decadence in the society, is having strong families; so parents have to be more hands-on and more involved with their kids than ever before.

Q. You are a teacher and an advocate for being content in life. How have you been able to apply the principles of contentment while aiming for relevance/success?

A. It's simply by understanding that contentment isn't complacency; but, being happy where you are, on the way to where you're going! Because you know you haven't arrived, you keep pressing towards your goal- and that is how you stay relevant. E.g. as a teacher of God's word, I'm always studying the Word and applying myself towards excellence.

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FROM WOFCC CHURCHES IN NIGERIA

ear Rev. Mother General,

One of the greatest blessings anyone could have is that of a godly mother. You co-birthed the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries (FOWM) with your dear bunchy, our father, the Rev. Mike Kola Ewuosho. Being the great mother that you are, you have tirelessly nurtured the work from conception to date, never giving up even when faced with great hostility against yourself by popular culture, tradition, the hordes of hell, and sometimes, even from those you stood to deliver from a lie. With diligence, you cared for the growth of your first born, the Nigeria church, ensuring the fruits of the work are thriving, well fed, well brought up, and well clothed in garments of righteousness. Nobody encounters your real spiritual children without reckoning that they must have come from a good spiritual home. We are witnesses of your faith, patience, love, endurance, teaching, lifestyle, and purpose in life. We have seen you overcome persecution and endure hardship and have seen the Lord rescue you from all of it. Your sincere love for and faith in God have been transmitted to us through your lifestyle, your confident assurance, and confession whether in good or bad times.

Your life has been a steadfast example of a believer in the Lord Jesus, a true worshipper of God, an adherent of His Word, and a dedicated follower, in word and in deed. You have, against all odds, resisted worldly teachings about the place of women, and have fulfilled the Word of God by standing side by side with your husband to "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28). We have been greatly strengthened by the shade and covering you provide in the spirit and socially, and how you have carved acceptance of the Word and will of God as a desirable way of life in the midst of opposition.

So today we your children arise and call you blessed! Why? Because many women have done well, but you truly surpass them all! By following your teaching, we have excelled in our relationships with God, the brethren, family, friends, business and work colleagues, customers, and in personal care for our bodies and health. Thank you for sincerity, for truth, for honesty, for faith, for faithfulness, for friendship, for celebrating with us, for weeping with us! As we wish you a happy birthday today, we thank you for being a fountain of wisdom.

From, All your sons and daughters in Nigeria (For Word of Faith Christian Centre churches in Nigeria)



REV. FUNKE - EARLY YEARS IN MINISTRY









People lose relevance because they began resting on their laurels. But Paul said, "My friends, I don't feel I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead." (Php. 3:13 CEV).

Q. What are some of the pains you have gone through in life that have positively shaped who and where you are today?

A. I think I can rightly summarise my pains under one heading- relationships! Like I said in one of the chapters of my latest book ('Diamond Drops'); your greatest strength could also be the area where the enemy attacks you the most! I know the pains of betrayal, but I've also learnt, by God's help, to turn my pains into power. I have become better and stronger, through my pains. One of the major lessons I learnt is that not everyone values correction: "Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt. So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you. Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more." (Pro. 9:7-9 NLT).

Q. You keep on getting younger, stronger and more agile. Can you share one or two of your secrets to staying youthful, strong and healthy?

A. Sincerely (not being religious), I believe the first secret is my walk with God: "But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." (Isa. 40:31 NLT). One of His benefits is the renewal of one's youth; and I regularly confess His words on that. Secondly, I DO take care of myself. I believe health is vital for the fulfilment of purpose; so I take it seriously. I love knowledge, so I read up stuff about health and beauty; and apply diligently any useful information I glean. Thirdly, I avoid stress- especially, mental and emotional stress! Another secret is wholesome relationships; I have many friends. I do what makes me happy, and I don't spare!

Q. What is your secret to successfully balancing your family life, ministry, relationships, healthy lifestyle, and more?

A. The Holy Spirit- He is the Spirit of wisdom and counsel; He's been my Teacher and Helper.

First of all, I had never thought any aspect of my life was inferior to the others, or less important than the others; rather, I believe that what happens in one area, will impact the others! For instance, I made up my mind from the beginning of our marriage, that our family life will be carried alongside Ministry (I think I talked about this in my book, 'Diamond Drops'). Of course, it meant me going at a slower pace; like someone said, it's faster when you're going alone, than when you have to wait for someone!

But I believe it's safer and more effective to go with others; "Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor." (Eccles. 4:9).

That was why I resigned my job as a state counsel to join my husband in Kano, right after our wedding (without a job waiting for me!). Also, in year 2000 we relocated together as a family to the UK- no one was left behind! My health is also tied to Ministry: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels," (2 Cor. 4:7a). One of the men of old said at his death bed (he was just 29 years old!); that God gave him a message and a horse to ride on to deliver the message, but he has over-flogged the horse, and so he could no longer deliver the message. The horse was his body; he died of obesity. Moreover, the Lord told me that sicknesses and premature death, are part of satan's strategies to stop people from fulfilling their purposes in life.

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FROM HARVESTIME CHURCH (SURREY, UK)

FOWM UK wants to wish Rev. Funke Ewuosho a happy 60th birthday:

Dear Pastor Funke

On behalf of Harvestime Church members,

We thank God for your life and your ministry. You are a dedicated, hardworking and diligent servant of God who serves with grace and integrity. You are a gifted teacher who lives by the Word and preaches what she lives! On your 60th birthday, your diamond jubilee - may your new age be filled with peace, grace and favour. May God continue to elevate you and use you mightily. May He satisfy you with long life and prosperity, and may you enter into newer and untold levels of His grace upon your life and ministry. May you accomplish all that you desire and set your hands to do. May you have rest on every side and as your days are, so shall your strength be in Jesus' Name. God bless you and happy 60th birthday!

Harvestime Church (Surrey, UK)

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HAVING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIMES

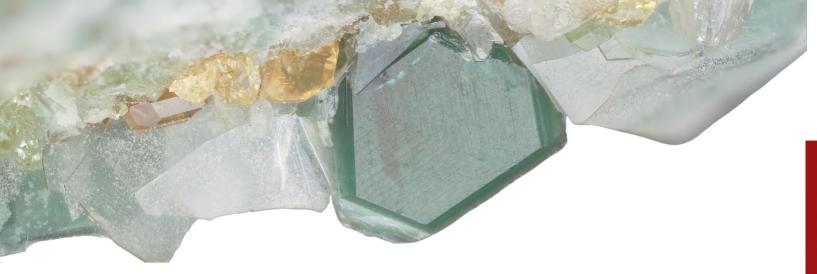
When you have an understanding of the times, you are in charge. You will be above any and every situation. It's not enough to know the Word, we must understand it. Whatever we understand, the devil cannot steal from us. In this prophetic message, Rev. Funke shares a 3-part study: the role of understanding; 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.

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Q. For decades, you have touched so many people all over the world; whether you are at home or on the pulpit, your life continues to bless others. What's the secret to being a blessing to anyone you meet or relate with?

A. It's very easy; just be who you are on and off the pulpit! I have only one life that I live before God and people. I'm not trying to impress anyone; what you see is what you get. I don't believe it's only when I'm behind the pulpit that I'm ministering; but Ministry is my entire life. I've heard people mention what they learnt when they were in my home; and some have talked about what they learnt from my relationship with my kids. Someone even observed how I pay attention and take notes, when my husband is preaching. And in all of these cases, I wasn't conscious I was teaching anyone anything; I was just being me!

I also believe Ministry is a huge responsibility; someone said, the power to lead is also the power to mislead and to destroy. People have come to believe in me- in my leadership and judgement; therefore my words and actions can make or mar their lives and destinies. So, I owe them the duty of care, to ensure that I am following Christ, as they follow me (1 Cor. 11:1). I believe some day, I will give to God, the account of how I stewarded this trust.

Q. Can you share with us some of your greatest joys from being in full-time ministry for 35 years?

A. Seeing lives that have been touched and changed, is one of my greatest joys in full-time Ministry. I still have people in my life, who I've known for about 3 decades; I remember where they were then, and where they are now. Jesus said to His disciples, "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you." (Jn. 15:15). It's a joy to see those ones now operating in their own gifts and calling; being a blessing in turn, to many others.

Whatever you give comes back to you- even in greater measure; like I said in my latest book, 'Diamond Drops', people are your greatest assets, so invest in them. One of my joys is when some of them now minister back to me, in words of encouragement and prayers. Relationships are also like currencies; and you can't be stranded wherever you find yourself on the face of this earth!

Q. What can we look forward to from you in the next 5 to 10 years?

A. More books written! Engaging in other areas of Ministry, in addition to pastoral ministry. One of my desires is to have a special school (details to be revealed later); as part of the legacy I'd love to bequeath to generations coming behind: "Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." (Psa. 71:17-18 NIV). And to get more involved with philanthropic endeavours.

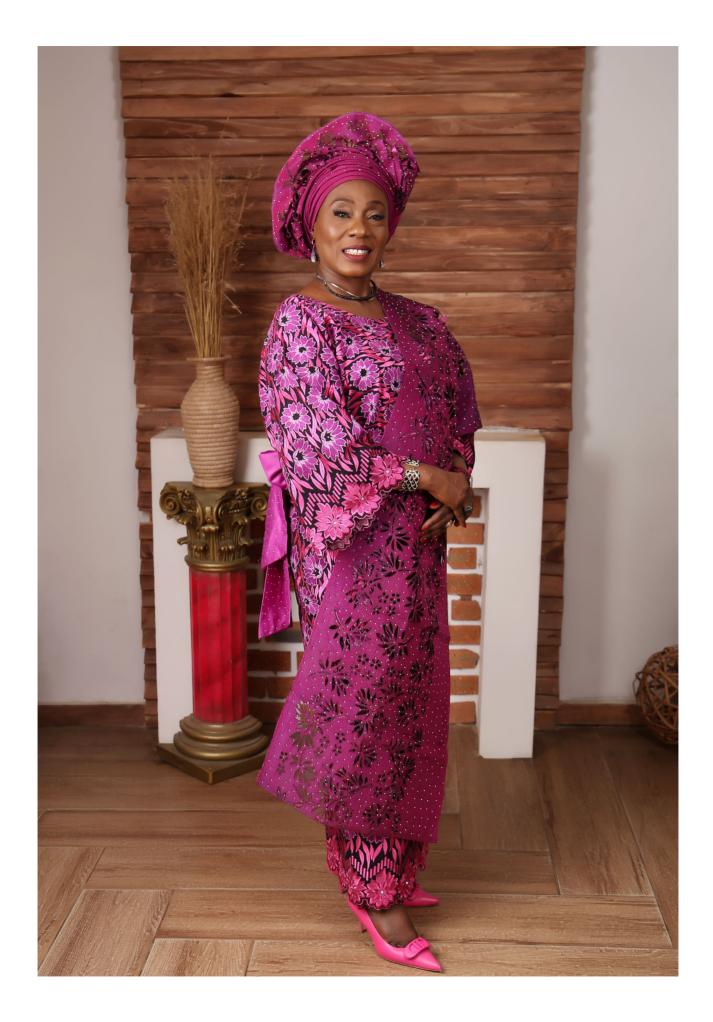
Q. What or how would you best characterize this new season of your life?

A. It's definitely a new day and a new season in my life! The next 30 years of my life shall be characterised by wisdom-Divine wisdom: "Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown." My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life." (Pro. 4:5-10 NLT)

To see regular updates from Rev. Funke, follow @RevFunkeEwuosho on Facebook and YouTube









FROM WISDOM CHAPEL (GHANA)

Happy 60th Birthday to our dear mother, Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho. Indeed you are a great woman of virtue and substance. You have been a role model and a source of joy and encouragement to us all in the Ghana Church. Thank you for always being there for us and inspiring us to do more for the Kingdom of God.

Today, we your children call you blessed and we cherish and appreciate you greatly. Your impact spans generations and transcends gender, as you have made personal deposits in each and every family represented in FOWM Ghana.

As you celebrate this significant milestone, we ask for God's multiplied blessings, grace, and strength over your life. As you have laboured over us, may the Lord replenish you a thousand-fold and may you receive more love, a fresh anointing and all the desires of your heart.

We wish you new victories and greater heights in Jesus' Name. We love you Mummy. Onyame nhyira wo!!!

From Wisdom Chapel (Ghana)



ribute to a Wonderful Sister, Reverend (Mrs) Olufunke Olasubomi Ewuosho

We rejoice as we see you turn 60 years old and thank God for His faithfulness over your life in the past years and in the present. Congratulations!

The dainty, energetic, intelligent and smart little girl of yesterday, by God's grace has emerged today as a godly, strong, beautiful, diligent and gracious woman of God (Prov. 22:29).

Our sister is a powerful and impactful preacher, teacher and practical instructor of the Word of God. She is quite a mature and experienced minister of God.

By the grace of God and through His inspiration, you have positively impacted the lives of many which has made you a Mother-in-Israel indeed.

You may not be a practicing lawyer as you were trained to be, but your charisma and all your acquired skills are being expressed in the delivery of your ministerial assignments and messages.

Our dear sister, Olasubomi Olufunke, has a very good sense of humour and a large heart. She is a firm, amiable, and wellrespected woman of God, who has proven over the years that she is here for a purpose and to fulfil that purpose.

Olufunke Olasubomi, daughter of Pa. Jonathan and Mama Victoria Shodeke, both of blessed memory, we your siblings are very proud of you, and happy to be related to you.

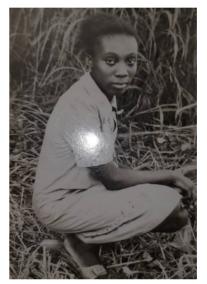
Let your light continue to shine before men that they may

Where it all began ...

Born on Wednesday, 12th June, 1963 to Mr. Jonathan O. Shodeke & Mrs. Victoria O. Shodeke (both late); in the city of Ibadan, in the southwest of Nigeria. She is the 4th child, among 5 other children (Olufunmilayo, Olanrewaju, Aderibigbe, Olufemi (late) and Bamgboye).

In 1965, when she was barely 2 years of age, the family relocated to Victoria Island, Lagos.

Rev. Funke had her primary education in Lagos; and was later back in Ibadan for her secondary and tertiary education.



Rev. Funke Ewuosho in Secondary School

see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven (Matthew 5 vs 16).

As your days are, so shall your strength be. You shall flourish like the Palm tree and grow like Cedar in Lebanon, because you are planted in God's House, you shall flourish in the House of our God, You shall still be fruitful in old age and never go into extinction but will remain relevant to your generation, and generations unborn, you shall be fat (satisfied) and flourishing in Jesus mighty Name, Amen. (Psalm 92 vs 12 – 14).

CONGRATULATIONS! DARLING SISTER. CONGRATULATIONS! REVEREND MOTHER. CONGRATULATIONS! DAUGHTER OF ZION.

Mrs. Oluwafunmilayo E. Lawani For all your siblings

Rev. Funke at 5 years old



Rev. Funke (far right) during her primary school years. Photographed with her father, brothers and neigbours







In 1984, Rev. Funke graduated from the University of Ibadan, with a Bachelors Degree in Law.

BELOW: with her late brother, Olufemi, and family members.

Rev. Funke was called to the Nigeria Bar in 1985, as a solicitor and advocate of Nigeria.



FROM WISDOM CHAPEL (KENYA)

Happy birthday Mum.

We celebrate you and thank God for your life. Indeed, we consider this a divine connection that has impacted our lives for greater productivity. Mum, you have been so faithful, consistent, committed, and passionate in your service to God. Thank you for your love and kindness to all of us. You are a mother like no other.

May God bless you mum beyond measure and reward you abundantly for all you are doing for us and the body of Christ at large. New dimensions of grace, strength, wisdom, health and all-round rest is your portion in Jesus' Name. We love you Mum and from Kenya we rise each day and call you blessed.

We thank God for the many wonderful years of service and your labour of love.

Mrs Nellie Simiyu For Fountain of Wisdom Chapel (Kenya)



In 1989, Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho welcomed their first baby, Samuel Kolawole Oluwapelumi; and were further blessed with two more babies -Morenikeji Ruth and Joanna Kanyinsola.

ur dearest mother,

What a joy to be loved, cared for, and raised by you. Your timeless words of wisdom have been our guide and your overwhelming love has been our anchor throughout the years. We have watched how passionately you (still) answer the call of God to His people, all while being true to yourself as a wife, a mother, a sister, and a friend. Today we celebrate who you are - and especially who you are to us: our beloved mother and friend. Growing up, nothing was too trivial for your attention; you taught us how to cook, how to prepare for our future selves, and ultimately how to live with all sense of purpose in Christ. Now, in our older years, we still relish every opportunity to gist with you, ask for counsel, and discuss politics. Even in our older years, you still pray for us and pray with us. You still gift us with 'cute' things you see at the store when you go shopping. You still hold us and reassure us in faith, that "everything will be fine". And with your youngest at 30 years old, there is no saying truer than the one that says "a mother's job is never really done".

We love you tenderly and pray for you especially.

Lots of love, Your three musketeers - always: Samuel, Keji & Joanna



Photo taken at home on Rev. Funke's birthday (2022). Pictured with Rev. Kola, and their children - Sam, Keji (with her husband, Moses), and Joanna (with her husband, Mark)





Tribute to my Golden Mother

My beautiful and anointed mother, God bless the day I met you in 1994. You had come to speak at the National Christian Corpers' Fellowship in Kano, and I was so inspired by your poise and courage. There was something about you that drew me to you. I was privileged to have a one-on-one meeting with you afterwards, where you spoke into my destiny and promised to help me. You have kept that promise ever since.

Life of impact



I am grateful to God for bringing you into my life. You saw beyond the natural and took me under your wings. You have always lived a life of faith and I was blessed to see that firsthand behind the scenes, while I lived in your home for almost seven years. Those years shaped me in more ways than I can count. Your 'sticktoitiveness' to God's Word was lived before me and has been an anchor for my own walk with God. It is amazing to see that steadfastness in you as the years go by.

You and dad's commitment to your marriage gave me a new perspective on marriage and gave me the courage to believe God for mine. Your commitment to God and one another through the years is an inspiration worthy of emulation.

Mother of mine, you have stood as a pillar in the Body of Christ in your own unique way and you have given birth to many sons and daughters, whose lives have been greatly impacted by your life and ministry. You are a trailblazer and a pacesetter.

You are forgiving, accommodating, patient and abundantly gracious. You are jovial, loving and generous. You are passionate about the things of God, yet fun to be around. You relate with your heart and embrace others regardless of who they are and where they come from. You are fearless and your faith remains unshaken in every situation. You are hardworking and your tenacity is admirable.

Thank you for many years of impact. Thank you for your love, care, and support through the years, for me and mine. Thank you for always being there both in the good times, and the challenging times. Thank you for being authentic to the core. Thank you for being many things in one to me. My "thank yous" are endless 'Iya Alani'.

As you celebrate your 60th birthday, may the Lord continue to increase you on every side in Jesus' Name. May your light continue to shine brightly for the world to see, and be drawn by its brightness to the Lord, whom you serve wholeheartedly. May your rewards come speedily in every area of your desire. May you be continually refreshed and blessed. May your years be filled with health, strength, and wealth in every aspect of your life in Jesus' Name.

My mother, my golden mother, in the world of love, grace and everything beautiful, you will always be celebrated. I love you Momma, always, always. Have a wonderful 60th Birthday celebration.

Oluwatoyin John (aka Alani omo iya e)



Rev. Funke as an invited guest speaker on Nigeria Info 95.1 FM radio- August 2019

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AN EXTRAORDINARY MOTHER Happy Birthday to you, Mum. I celebrate and salute you today and always.

Here comes your 60 happy cheers! You are such an astute mentor, role model, a jewel of inestimable value, and a mother indeed in Israel. We love you. Your imprint remains indelible in my life, family, and ministry. I can't forget those beautiful memories back in the days when I worked directly under your tutelage and leadership. For me, it was a great honour and a distinguished privilege to have served as the first women's leader at the Word of Faith Christian Centre, under your supervision.

Working under you gave me the privilege of learning the ropes of leadership at a very early age. Over the years, you have effortlessly impacted me and countless others with deep spiritual values that money cannot buy.

The unique thing about your mentoring style is the personal touch that goes with it. I can recall times that your call would come in at crisis moment, and the prayers that followed changed everything.

My family and I want to use the occasion of this celebration to say thank you. You symbolise strength, elegance, love, beauty, industriousness, kindness, confidence, devotion, and success.

Proverbs 31 is a composite description of your sterling qualities. It fits you through and through. Thank you for being YOU. Unique, simple, straightforward, outspoken, courageous, caring, and deeply thoughtful.

May the LORD'S BLESSINGS continue to make you richer, more joyful, and fill your life with beautiful memories and all the resources required to comprehensively fulfil your God-given assignment on earth in the Name of Jesus. May the good Lord continue to grant you to see more years of celebration in health, strength, and remarkable ministry impact around the world in Jesus' Name.

Once again, Happy Birthday ma Pastor Pat Emekene (Glory Reign Assembly, Port Harcourt, Nigeria) Rev. Funke has been an amazing inspiration to me.

Her carriage, strength in all she does, how she loves and reveres God, her family life, her wisdom, and tenderness – all have been very inspiring to me.

I've been able to learn and draw a lot from her life and her teachings.

Rev. Funke is a true example of a healthy Christian woman.

Thank you, ma, for being there, being present, and for loving me. I love you ma.

Dr Ajoke Israel-Isiavwe (Kingdom Culture, London)

You are a personal gift to me from the loving generous God. I asked for a home, and He gave it! Our relationship is a work of grace. I don't deserve to have been consistently parented and mentored by a Christian of your caliber, but here we are 24 years later! Thank you for being such an incredible example of Christ, you really remind me of Him, a true reminder of He who seeks and saves the lost. May you see the reward of your labor and may your soul be glad! May the Lord grant you 60 more years in health and in strength in Jesus' Name! Happy birthday my dearest mum!!!

Tessie Kuhe

"Mama o, Mama o, Mama o! Oluwa, da Mama si fun wa. Mama o, Mama o,Mama o. Oluwa da Mama si fun wa." Glory to Jesus, it's 'World Rev. Mother Day'!

Joyous 60th birthday darling Mum! You are a lover of the Lord and His people. You are kind and selfless, a great teacher on stage and off stage, a worthy model, a huge gift that keeps giving, and a superb influence. I have known you for a little over 22 years of my life now and you have been all the way increasingly loving, caring, generous, inspiring, and fun to be with.

I remember well and bless that very day my path crossed yours, Mamze. I never get tired of recounting this as my blessed experience. It was at a vigil that was marking the end of the 3-day 'GrandSlam' meeting, held in Abeokuta and hosted by Pastor Tunde Bakare. A random question was picked out of the ballot box asked by an attendee - whom I am forever grateful to. That particular question was directed to Rev. Funke Ewuosho to answer. And even though questions were only meant for those who had ministered during the programme, the Lord in His goodness knew that I just needed to hear your voice and your Spirit-inspired, intelligent, brave, really liberating response - and the "baby in me would leap for joy". That was exactly what happened, and I approached you after the vigil and asked that you mentor me. Like they say, the rest is history. I had asked the Lord before then for someone like you in my life as I journeyed through life as a believer in Christ Jesus, even when I didn't know that I would later be in ministry. When I count my blessings, I count you twice because you are such an amazing blessing to me.

My Mama is big on the truth that the Word of God works. You insist on what the Word of God says and you have consistently taught us to do likewise. I thank you for joining the Lord to rejoice over me with singing. This has blessed me in ways I might never be able to articulate. Thank you for the many years of nurturing - over two decades. Thank you for being there for me; for your encouragement, for challenging me to go for the best and not settle for less or what is convenient. A thousand words won't suffice. Thank you for your consistent love. I honour and celebrate you. I'm grateful for the many thoughtful gifts, for your prayers, your financial support, your emotional support, and your counsel. I have enjoyed merry moments a whole lot when physically present with you and when away with all those WhatsApp messages and videos.

Thank you, Mama dearest, for being a gift that keeps giving in all ramifications, and for being well rounded.

May our good Lord handsomely reward you my Mama of life. May this new season bring you into God's best for you. May your life be more beautiful and gracious in Jesus' mighty Name. We your children, who you have laboured over to have Christ formed in us, rise today as we would all our days and call you blessed ma.

I celebrate you, thanking the Lord for the gift of you to me, to our nation, to the Body of Christ and to the world at large. I love you loads. Do have many happy returns of today darling Mum!

Your daughter, Pastor Funmi Asaolu (Metamorphosis Christian Centre, Abuja, Nigeria)



2004 - Rev. Funke preaching in Costa Rica one of several Latin America outreaches



2009 - Speaking at the quarterly Women's Breakfast Confernce - FOWM UK

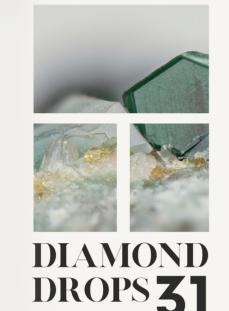


2011 - Annual Restoring True Womanhood (RTW) Conference, in Kano, Nigeria



Ministering at the annual Ingathering Conference, at WOFCC Kano, Nigeria





YOU NEED THE WISDOM OF GOD TO HANDLE EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND COUNSEL, HE IS ALSO THE TEACHER AND THE HELPER; SO YOU NEED HIM IN YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY. NO WONDER, PAUL PRAYED FOR THE CORINTHIANS THAT THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE WITH THEM ALL (2 COR. 13:14)!

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EV. (MRS) FUNKE EWUOSHO ON HER INVESTITURE FOR 2019 LEADERSHIP AWARD AS ICON OF PEACE AND UNITY

[Excerpts on citation of Rev. Funke's Leadership award ceremony from the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), March 2019]

Rev. Funke Ewuosho is a brilliant woman of prodigious pedigree with very tall credentials and still growing, she made waves all over the education sector. She is widely read, highly principled, morally balanced and socially interesting. Her profile speaks volumes and sounds like an unedited script of a born achiever. She could be described as an intellectual colossus divinely inspired to redeem mankind from the bondage of ignorance and illiteracy.

ultimately, leadership is not about glorious crowning acts. It's about keeping your team focused on a goal and motivated to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences really matter. It is about laying the groundwork for others' success, and then standing back and letting them shine.

It is on this basis, that [we] stand before you today to humbly and respectfully present to you an ICON OF PEACE AND UNITY of the year in person of a consummate administrative sociologist, erudite scholar, educational psychologist, inspirational mother and a stimulator of human growth.

Women of genius are admired, women of wealth are envied, women of power are feared but only women of character like herself, are trusted. Our Mother standing before us represents a rare class of women with strong will to combine both vision and courage. She is an incomparable inspirational and



March 2019 - Rev. Funke being presented with the Leadership Award at a ceremony held by the NANS Association.

dogged fighter; ma you are a rally point for our generation and a walking encyclopedia to Nigeria

Today students and youth are following your footpath so as to overcome personal circumstance to be able to compete and excel in a global system where knowledge is prized. [We] hope you will continue to serve humanity in your usual magnanimity.

It's [our] pleasure to pronounce your confirmation of award as ICON OF PEACE AND UNITY in recognition of your service to humanity and a symbol of hope to students and youth. Accept our congratulations ma.

Aluta contínua God bless Nígería! On behalf of NANS

FROM HARVESTIME CHURCH (CAMEROON)

Today we celebrate a mother, a mentor, a Prophetess, a Preacher, a restorer of true womanhood, a woman with a heart of gold, a woman who fears the Lord, and a woman of God.

For 60 years God has been good, faithful, gracious, present, mighty, powerful, and much more in your life.

Today we testify of your positive impact in our lives, your words that ring continually in our minds and keep shaping our character, your rebukes that bring us on the right path like the staff of a shepherd, your prayers that made a difference when we were faced with sickness, opposition, affliction, etc...

We definitely see your fingerprint in our lives. You are and have been so much more than what we can pen down. We are grateful to God to have you.

We pray the strength that characterises you so well keeps increasing with your days. We call the next 60 years, the years of the fulfilment of ALL that God promised (Joshua 14:6-14).

New dimensions in God eagerly await you.

You are a blessing and a gift to us, so we rise and call you blessed forever.

A very happy and glorious 60th birthday to you Mum Much love from Harvestime Church (Cameroon)



RESTORING TRUE WOMANHOOD Connect with Rev. Funke Ewuosho



In addition to her pastoral roles and ministry to the Body of Christ, Rev. Funke Ewuosho has a huge passion for women. In 1989, she founded the Virtuous Women's Ministry (under the FOWM). Between 1995 and 2000, she held Women's Leadership Conferences in Kano, Nigeria, and also started the 'Fellowship of Like-Minded Sisters' for Pastors' wives and Women in Ministry.

In 2008 Rev. Funke founded the Restoring True Womanhood (RTW) Ministry and has since hosted international women's Conferences, in Kano. Rev. Funke is the visionary of the RTW Foundation which caters mostly to the financial and material needs of disadvantaged women and children.

In year 2000, the family relocated to the UK (where they have since been resident). Rev. Funke ministered alongside her husband at their regular Believers' Bible Conferences (BBC). Rev. Funke worked alongside her husband to give Apostolic oversight to an existing church group; and also ran a weekly Women's Discipleship program in their home.

In 2003 they started Harvestime Church UK; a FOWM Church. From 2003 Rev. Funke has been hosting quarterly Women's Breakfast Conferences in the UK.

Rev. Funke has written many articles (published in the Wisdom Digest) and also authored a number of books – 'God Has A Plan For Your Life', 'The Deceitfulness of Sin', 'Determining Your Due Season', 'Golden Nuggets For Successful Living', and the latest, 'Diamond Drops: Wisdom for Daily Living'.









THE LIFESTYLE of an overcomer rev. funke ewuosho

You are not helpless! You are not a victim! You are not a failure! More than ever before, we need to embrace the lifestyle of an overcomer. John 16:33 says, 'These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.' In this transformational message, Rev. Funke shares 16 valuable truths about the lifestyle we should lead in order to be overcomers.

John 5:4-5 (NIV) says, "for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

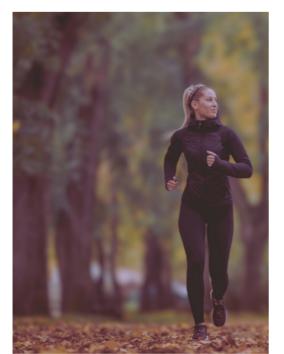
In Christ, you are an overcomer, through the blood of Jesus. Nothing that may confront you can overcome you!

WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT MARK THE LIFESTYLE OF AN OVERCOMER?

1. FAITH

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) says, "For we live by faith, not by sight."

Everything should be by faith! Faith is not faith until it affects your daily speaking and daily action.



2. LIVING BY THE WORD

Let the Word of God be the final authority in your life. Any experience or situation that you are going through that doesn't line up with the Word of God, don't believe it. Spend time fellowshipping with the Word, in worship and in prayer.

3. FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1 John 1:3 (NIV) says, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

What are the different ways of fellowshipping with God?

- Regular prayers of fellowship
- Meditating on the Word
- Worshipping God regularly

4. LIVING AN ANXIETY, WORRY, AND CARE-FREE LIFESTYLE

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV) says, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

5. GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS

It's your responsibility as a believer! Philippians 4:8 (NIV) says, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

6. KEEP YOUR TONGUE FROM SPEAKING EVIL AND FROM NEGATIVITY

1 Peter 3:9-10 (NIV) says, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech."

7. WALKING IN LOVE

Offences can hinder your prayers. Faith works by love. 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."

8. GUARD YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) says, "Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do flows from it."

The gates to the heart include:

- Mouth gate: what you say affects your heart.
- Ear gate: avoid listening to perverse talk.
- Eye gate: behold God's Word and observe to do accordingly.

9. BE FOCUSED

Be focused on God who called you; be focused on the Word; be focused on the race set before you.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Overcomers are focused people!

10. THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

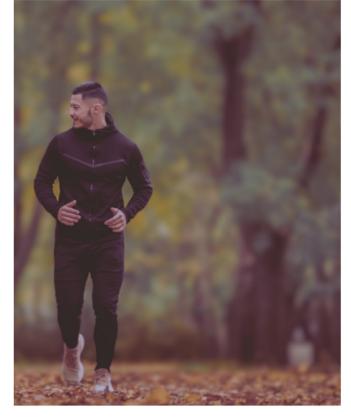
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

11. BE SPIRIT-LED AND CONTROLLED

Romans 8:12-14 (NIV) says, "Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV) says, "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[c] you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

The Holy Spirit motivates, regulates, and guides. Always stay sensitive to the Spirit.



12. WARFARE

Being vigilant in the spirit means being watchful and prayerful.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV) says, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

13. JOY AND REJOICING

Philippians 4:4-6 (NIV) says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

14. GIVING

Proverbs 3:27-28 (NIV) says, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"— when you already have it with you."

15. DILIGENCE AND HARD WORK

Proverbs 10:4-5 (NIV) says, "Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son."

16. NEVER GIVE UP

Luke 18:1 (NIV) says, "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

Study notes taken from Rev. Funke Ewuosho's message, 'The Lifestyle of an Overcomer''.



EASTER & THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

ast Easter, I reflected on how we allow 'Christian holidays' to come and go as yet 'another celebration'. For most, it's another occasion to indulge ourselves, spend time with family, throw a barbecue, and catch up on chores. Still, in all this, I ask myself, how many of us are truly celebrating Easter?

True, we know that Easter is a time of celebration for Christians all over the world. Though, with chocolate eggs, sunshine, and Bank Holidays, what does it really mean to 'celebrate' the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

I believe we have much to celebrate when we consider the power of God's forgiveness, which is at the heart of the Easter story. I spent some time during this Easter break to think more about God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a powerful force that can transform lives and heal relationships. It is a force that can bring peace and joy to those who receive it; a force that can change the world. The Easter story is one of love, sacrifice, and forgiveness. It is a story of a God who loves the world so much that He was willing to send His only son to die for our sins. It is also a story of a man who was willing to lay down his life for his friends - yes, Jesus calls us friends. It is a story of a God who forgives even when we don't deserve it.

Let's start from the very beginning, for indeed, the Easter story really began before Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of Good and Evil, when the consequence of disobedience was decreed: "in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" [Gen. 2:17]. We learn from the scriptures that 'death' here referred to the separation of humans from God, our heavenly Father. For when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they did not immediately drop dead, but were banished from the Garden of Eden. God could not continue to dwell among them after they welcomed sin - disobedience - into their hearts.

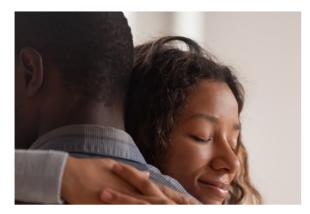
Ultimately, one man getting it wrong, Adam, brought detrimental separation on all of mankind. But even in punishment, God promised that Eve's seed "would bruise the head" of the serpent [Gen. 3:15], thus declaring that one man, Jesus Christ, would get it right - destroying satan and the power of sin, and restoring the relationship between humanity and our Heavenly Father.

Now, with this context, let's fast-forward to the birth, ministry, and betrayal of Jesus Christ. We know Jesus was born miraculously by the Spirit of God through the virgin Mary (hello Christmas), and we know Jesus lived a life of service to God and His people, healing all who were sick and oppressed by the devil. For Jesus knew his mission: to bruise the head of Satan and restore mankind to God. Jesus knew he had to get it right. But this didn't make his mission any easier.

Jesus would be betrayed by one of his 12 inner-circle disciples, Judas Iscariot, for just 30 pieces of silver. Jesus was arrested, tried, and sentenced to death by crucifixion; he was beaten, mocked, and humiliated for absolutely no reason. The Jewish leaders couldn't find a legitimate reason to trial Jesus Christ, so they made up his offence, bribed the authorities, and incited the crowd to violence. Personally, one of the most selfless acts of Jesus' whole ordeal was demonstrated when he hung on the cross, seemingly defeated, helpless and ashamed; he cried out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." In all this, Jesus asked God to forgive the people who mocked and persecuted him without cause. These words are a powerful testament to the forgiving power of God. Despite the pain and suffering he was enduring, Jesus Christ was able to forgive those who had betrayed him, put him on the cross and also ask his Father in Heaven to also forgive them. Jesus did not put his pride, comfort, or power (as the Son of God), over what God had asked him to do. Jesus Christ got it right, and in so doing, restored all of mankind who believe in him.

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Then a beautiful thing happened. Three days later, God raised Jesus Christ from the dead just as He had promised, and today, Jesus' resurrection is celebrated by Christians all over the world on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection is a symbol of hope and new beginnings, and it is a reminder of God's forgiveness and ultimate reconciliation of mankind to God.

The Bible teaches us that God is a forgiving Father, and that He is always ready to forgive us when we repent of our sins. Jesus uses the parable of the prodigal son to depict the forgiving, gracious and merciful heart of the Father [Luke 15:11-32]. Psalm 103:12 says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." When we abandon a life of disobedience, confess our sins to God, and ask for His forgiveness, He blots out our sins and remembers them no more.

Forgiveness is not only important when considering our relationship with God, it is also a necessity in our relationships with others here on earth. The Bible teaches us that if we want to be forgiven by God, we must also forgive others. Matthew 6:14-15 says, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive

others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." When we decide to forgive others, God gives us the power to let go of the anger and resentment, and we are free to experience greater peace and joy in our lives. It's not a coincidence that today research has shown that forgiveness is associated with a range of physical and psychological benefits. It has been linked to reduced stress and anxiety, improved immune function, and lower rates of blood pressure. In addition to the physical and psychological benefits, forgiveness also has spiritual benefits. When we forgive others, we are able to experience a greater sense of connection with God, and we are able to experience His love, mercy and grace more fully.

We've seen the power of God's forgiveness as demonstrated in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The cross is a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice and the ultimate act of forgiveness. When Jesus died on the cross, he paid the price for our sins, and he opened the way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. 1 Peter 2:24 says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." This verse reminds us that through the death of Jesus, we have been forgiven and healed. We have been given a new life, free from sin and shame.

The Easter story reminds us that no matter how far we may have strayed from God, He is always ready to forgive us when we repent and ask for His forgiveness. When we forgive others, we are able to experience greater peace and joy in our lives, and we are able to grow spiritually.

As we have celebrated Easter this year, let us remember the power of God's forgiveness and the ultimate sacrifice that was made for our sins. Let us seek to forgive others as we have been forgiven and let us strive to live lives that are pleasing to God. May we all experience the love and grace of God in our lives, and may we be transformed by His forgiveness. Amen Until next time.

Yours in the faith, Mark Nzei

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