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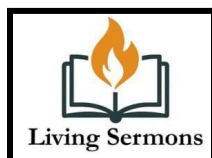
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Foreword

It is with immense joy and profound gratitude to God that I present this manuscript to you. In these pages, you will encounter truths that stir the heart, ignite faith, and awaken the spirit to the possibilities that God has ordained for His children. The message of testimonies, vision, and divine empowerment shared by this ministry is not merely for reflection—it is a call to action, a call to rise and walk in the fullness of God’s plan for your life.

As you journey through these teachings, you will witness the transformative power of testimonies: how God’s faithfulness in the lives of others becomes a pointer to your own inheritance. You will see that true vision is the catalyst that compels the believer into action, propelling ordinary men and women into extraordinary impact. From the stories of lives changed, to the practical insights on receiving from the Lord, this book is a gateway to understanding faith in operation, obedience in practice, and salvation in experience.

It is my prayer that as you read, your heart will be opened, your faith will be strengthened, and your life will never remain the same. May the Lord bless you with revelation, courage, and the capacity to act upon the word you receive, so that you too may become a change agent in your world.

—*Wisdom Epsi, Chief Editor*

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Main Message

Begins Here:

Introduction

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Shall we lift up our two hands to heaven and just worship Jesus? Let's welcome His presence, the presence of the Holy Ghost tonight.

He's been here ever since the convention began, and He's here again tonight. Let's lift up our hands and worship Him in spirit right now.

Celebrate Him! Magnify Him! We worship You, Jesus. Holy Spirit, we celebrate You today. Thank You, and thank You in Jesus' precious name.

Let's give the Lord a big hand of praise. Amen. You may please be seated.

It is a joy to be here tonight at this great event, sharing fellowship with our friends. I believe it has been a great time, and it shall go even greater until this convention is over.

My wife, our team, and I have come all the way from Nigeria, and tonight, we will take you through a very exciting journey on **engaging violent faith for a supernatural turnaround**.

The theme of this great convention is **Faith to Change the World**, but only changed people can change the world.

You cannot give what you don't have. Only changed people can change the world.

The Power of Transformation

Until Peter was changed, he could not become an agent of change. While hiding in the upper room, they could not change anybody. But when the power came, Simon—once shaky—became Peter, the Rock. The power in him turned him into an agent of change.

Until you are changed, you cannot be a candidate for changing your world. It has to begin with you. What you don't have, you cannot give. Only charged people can change the world.

It is important to be charged with the power of God—power that empowers you to be an agent of change. That happened with Peter. When Jesus came, He returned in the power of the Spirit and began to change His world.

Until you are empowered, you cannot become an agent of change. Tonight, we will look at that dimension of empowerment.

Faith That Bears Proof

If your faith lacks proof, it is fake. Faith is the evidence of things hoped for; if it lacks evidence, it is not genuine. It becomes theoretical, with no root, and cannot bear fruit.

It is important to understand that we are looking at faith from a biblical perspective—the faith that changes men who will change their world. From the days of John the Baptist, the Kingdom of God has been violent, and only the violent can take their portion.

It takes spiritual violence to fulfil your glorious destiny. In 1 Timothy 6:12, we are told:

“Fight the good fight of faith.”

Faith is no mere talk; faith is a fight. A fight of faith is necessary to lay hold of what belongs to you in eternal life. You are ordained to fight, and if you are not a fighter, you will never become a winner. Nobody wins a prize without putting up a fight.

The story of the persistent woman in Luke 18:1-8 demonstrates this. She needed justice and went to the unjust judge. Though he would not answer her initially, she persisted, and he finally

granted her request. Jesus said, “*Shall the Son of Man find faith on the earth?*” That is violent faith—the faith that will not let go until the desired result is obtained.

The Lion Within

All children of God belong to the tribe of Judah. Hebrews 2:11 tells us Jesus was not ashamed to call us brethren. Every believer has a lion in him—the strongest among beasts, unyielding, unshakable (Proverbs 30:30).

Genesis 49:8-12 describes Judah prophetically as the Lion’s whelp. His eyes are red with wine, a symbol of spiritual aggression and violence.

To operate as an agent of change, you must awaken the lion within. This is spiritual wine that empowers violent faith for exploits. When you do, you operate more than a conqueror and become an agent of change and deliverance for others.

Spiritually, we are lions, but the lion within must be stirred or aroused to manifest. Violent faith must be cultivated and nurtured to secure victories.

Faith Is a Spiritual Force

Faith is not a religious theory; it is a mystery of the Kingdom. 1 Timothy 3:9 says faith is “*holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.*”

Faith empowers mastery over situations.

Consider this testimony: My wife was in the labour room, and the doctors contemplated a Caesarean section. I arrived and simply declared, and the child was delivered naturally. Later, she revealed she had suffered a miscarriage months earlier—but what was impossible in the natural was reversed by the power of faith.

Faith is a spiritual force, not a principle or strategy. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 says:

“My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”

Faith taps into God's power and converts the world to power, producing victory. Faith is unstoppable, an unstoppable force in the Word of the Spirit (Romans 1:16).

Faith Is Violent

Faith is not gentle; it is a violent force. Mark 2:1-12 recounts the paralytic whose friends carried him through the roof. Their faith was unstoppable, and Jesus healed him instantly.

Faith must be assertive, spiritually resolute, and never giving up on any revealed truth.

Faith is a weapon, a force that can overcome unseen forces, as Ephesians 6:16 says:

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

Faith is the master key to unlimited possibilities (Mark 9:23). All things are possible to him that believes. This is the faith that puts you on the same platform as God, capable of greater works than Jesus Himself said.

Faith Brings Resurrection

Every situation is reversible by faith. Consider Lazarus: Though dead, Jesus said, *“Thy brother shall live.”*

Faith can raise the dead, heal the sick, and restore the lost.

Recently, a child was hit by a vehicle and declared dead by three hospitals. The mother, guided by prophetic instruction, carried the child home and prophesied life over him. By 5:30 a.m., the child came back to life. This is violent faith in action.

Faith must move from the mind to the heart. What is in your spirit responds; what is in your head cannot withstand the storm. Romans 4:17-21 shows *Abraham staggered not at God's promise, fully persuaded of the truth, prevailing circumstances notwithstanding.*

Violent faith brings deliverance and reverses the impossible.

The Need for Violent Faith

There are giants in every man's promised land (Numbers 13:25-33).

To possess your inheritance, violent faith is essential.

Opposition will always exist (1 Corinthians 16:9), and every Red Sea, fire, or swelling of Jordan requires aggressive faith to overcome.

Characteristics of violent faith include:

- **Spiritually resolute:** unbending, unyielding, assertive
- **Persistent:** never giving up on revealed truth
- **Result-producing:** not theoretical, but practical and demonstrative

Faith is empowerment. It is action. It is a violent, unstoppable force designed to secure victory, deliver the oppressed, and bring transformation in the world.

On any revealed truth, the response of violent faith is: *"If I perish, I perish."*

One key characteristic of violent faith is that it makes you confidently restful. You remain calm in the midst of the storm. You are at peace even in conflict.

Genesis 49 tells us, *"He is couched as a lion."* There is an Old Lion within you that cannot be provoked by mere disturbances. Violent faith allows you to turn confidently in any direction without fear.

Someone once asked me, *"Brother David, do you ever have problems?"* I replied, *"Maybe they come. I may not even notice."*

Violent faith makes you confidently restful—you may face challenges, but you remain undisturbed.

The Violent Posture

Another mark of violent faith is posture. Even your look sends fear to the devil. You are not beggarly; you are charged with authority. Violent faith is always on the offensive. It does not wait to defend; it pursues. As the Scripture illustrates, confront what opposes you, or you cannot conquer it. Peter confronted Simon; Paul struck against Elymas.

Violent faith is never passive. It makes you supernaturally bold—you plant your feet firmly and refuse to move until the assignment is complete. The Mighty Men of David exemplified this bravery.

I decree the release of that spirit of boldness in your life: you are fearless and unstoppable.

Empowered by the Holy Ghost

What empowers the violence within us? Psalm 7 and other Scriptures reveal that the Holy Ghost releases a spiritual wine within the believer. When Peter stood in the Upper Room, he declared, *“These men are not drunk as ye suppose.”* The wine here represents the Spirit of God—intoxicating the lion within, making you spiritually violent against the devil and his works.

The anointing of the Holy Ghost establishes authority. It makes men bold, fearless, and perpetually in command. The fresher the anointing—the *oil*—the more violent and effective the believer becomes.

Fresh Oil through Ministry

Ministering to the Lord provides access to fresh oil. Psalm 92:1-10 tells us to give thanks and praise, and that doing so results in being anointed with fresh oil. Prayers, fasting, and worship are important, but ministering actively to God maintains a constant supply of oil, keeping the lion within alive and ready.

The fresher your oil, the more violent your faith. A well-fed spirit rises to take charge whenever needed.

The Wines that Empower

There are several “wines” the believer must experience:

The Holy Ghost Wine

Intoxicating the lion within, making you spiritually violent.

The Word Wine

Isaiah 55 reminds us that God’s word comes freely, and it has intoxicating power. The Word is available at various levels:

- Water (basic)
- Milk (for growth)
- Meat (for doctrine)
- Strong Meat (for the mature)
- Honey (delightful, sweet)
- Wine (powerful, intoxicating, empowering for violence)

Wine intoxicates in a way the other levels cannot—it provokes authority, courage, and spiritual action.

The Prayer Wine

Prayer is another wine.

Recall Hannah (1 Samuel 1:9-17): her lips moved, yet her prayer reached heaven. This is the “prayer wine,” facilitated by the Holy Ghost. Praying in this way provokes divine attention and builds violent faith. Praying in the Spirit lights revelation on your path.

The more you pray in the Holy Ghost, the more violent your faith becomes. It strengthens your confidence to confront every challenge with authority.

The Testimony Wine

Finally, there is the **testimony wine**. David's courage to face Goliath was fueled by testimony: *"The Lord who delivered me from the lion will deliver me from this Philistine."* Testimonies intoxicate faith—they provoke bold action and inspire victory.

Do not neglect these wines. They awaken the violent man within you, making you confident, bold, and unstoppable in the kingdom of God.

The Bible says, *"Bind up the testimonies, and seal up the law among my disciples"* (Isaiah 8:16–20).

It is vital to engage your understanding of the testimonies of yesterday when confronting your battles today. In the same vein, the testimony of Jesus among the brethren is a spiritual inheritance. God has made this available for each of us. The Ark of testimony is being restored to the body of Christ, and every testimony of the Lord is prophetic (Revelation 19:10).

Every testimony among the brethren points to your inheritance yet to be delivered. Psalm 119:111 says, *"Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart."*

When you embrace testimonies, they can intoxicate your spirit. The testimonies of men like Wigglesworth, Copeland, and others stir something within, showing that if it was done for them, it can be done for you.

Listening to and reading testimonies opens your heart to the power within them. Often, believers receive their own testimonies through the testimonies of others. This is a powerful spiritual practice that should be embraced.

The Vision Wine

True vision empowers the visionary to act immediately. Every true vision puts the visionary on the run. You cannot have a Word from the Lord without being set into motion. Jeremiah describes it as *fire shut up in his bones*—he could not contain it. Galatians 1:15 confirms that every word from the Lord compels immediate action.

A vision carries divine accompaniment:

1. **God Goes Before You:** He prepares the way for your journey (John 10:4–5).
2. **God Goes With You:** “*Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age*” (Matthew 28:20).

If God is for you, who can be against you? Only true visionaries can change the world. Without a vision, one cannot become a change agent. Abraham’s impact came through vision; every true influencer has acted upon visions.

Faith in Action: Personal Testimony

For 31 years, God’s backing has never lacked. Our ministry has never borrowed or begged, and today it is a multibillion organisation. Last year alone, 291,000 souls were saved.

God’s instructions sometimes require immediate obedience, even when unbudgeted. For example, God spoke about acquiring an aircraft. Within six months, it landed, fully paid for.

Since 1996, our operations have been continuous.

When God speaks, everything hears—animate and inanimate: the sun, the moon, the sea, the storms.

Developing spiritual capacity to receive from the Lord is the gateway to becoming a change agent for the Lord.

Final Charge & Altar Call

You cannot pray off a prophetic agenda, you can only seek an exemption.

You cannot stop famine, drought, earthquakes.

No nation, economy, or environment is inherently safe.

Salvation and revelation are the keys to security and exemption.

You must seek exemption through revelation.

Salvation is the gateway to abundant life, eternal security, and freedom from oppression. Faith operates only when one is born of God, as *“whatever is born of God overcomes by faith.”*

Invitation to Salvation

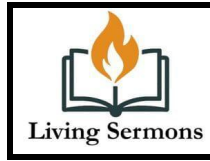
Salvation is the gateway to eternal life.

It redeems us from the oppression and harassment of the enemy.

The benefits of violent faith are only for believers. For those that have received salvation.

Transformation is real and available to all. Accepting Jesus brings a life free from harassment and aligned with divine purpose.

“Wherever you are tonight, please stand. If you want to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, rise to your feet. Let us pray with you.”

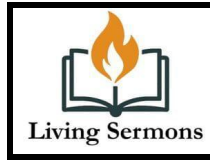


About the Speaker

Bishop David Olaniyi Oyedepo is a man sent from God, a prophet to this generation, and one of the foremost voices in advancing the frontiers of God’s Kingdom on earth today. He is the Founder and Presiding Bishop of *Living Faith Church Worldwide* (also known as Winners’ Chapel International), with a global network of churches spread across all continents.

A visionary leader and apostle of faith, Bishop Oyedepo received the divine mandate in 1981 to “*liberate the world from all oppression of the devil through the preaching of the Word of Faith.*” Since that time, his ministry has remained a living proof of that commission—raising men and women of stature, excellence, and Kingdom relevance across nations.

Bishop Oyedepo is a prolific author whose books have transformed lives globally. Titles such as *The Winning Wisdom*, *Understanding Financial Prosperity*, *The Miracle Seed*, *Walking in Wisdom*, and *Success Systems* continue to inspire millions in their walk of faith and pursuit of purpose.



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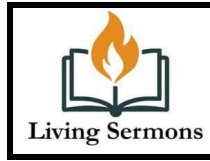
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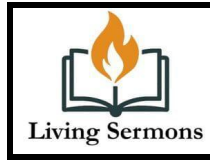
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