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# Foreword

*Redeemed to Flourish in Hard Times is not merely a teaching on faith; it is a divine call to spiritual responsibility in turbulent times. In a generation marked by uncertainty, economic shaking, fear, and increasing instability across nations, this message stands as a timely reminder that the believer is not ordained to sink with the world system. Rather, the redeemed are empowered to triumph gloriously through the force of living faith.*

*One of the strongest cries that echoes through these pages is the instruction to “buy the truth.” Not admire it. Not quote it casually. Not celebrate it emotionally. But buy it — until revelation becomes personal conviction and conviction becomes living experience.*

*Throughout this message, Bishop Oyedepo unveils faith not as a religious slogan, but as an active spiritual force that must be cultivated, protected, exercised, and sustained. He reveals with striking simplicity that faith is not waiting for God to move, but putting God’s Word to work until Heaven confirms it with undeniable proofs.*

*As you journey through this book, you will encounter truths that challenge complacency and awaken spiritual hunger. You will discover:*

- *Why possession begins with acquisition.*
- *Why understanding is the birthplace of faith.*
- *Why prevailing circumstances cannot silence the triumph of truth.*
- *Why faith must remain alive and growing in stormy times.*
- *How confidence in God becomes the platform for supernatural victory.*

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*The days ahead demand strong faith, unwavering conviction, and absolute dependence on God’s Word. This book is a timely companion for that journey.*

*Read prayerfully. Read expectantly. Most importantly, buy the truth.*

*Grace and peace.*

**— Wisdom Epsi**  
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**Main Message**

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## Buying the Truth

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Hallelujah!

May no treasure dropped here today since we began be wasted in anyone's life. "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." — Proverbs 23:23

You cannot possess what you will not purchase. Buy the truth and sell it not. Not recite the truth. Not quote the truth. Buy the truth. It becomes a possession by buying into the truth revealed. Then it becomes a reality.

Buy the truth, sell it not — also wisdom and instruction. Every light from Scripture is a treasure. Jesus said:

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." — Matthew 13:44 (KJV)

Every truth of Scripture is a treasure that creates the future. May no one trash any treasure being deposited on this mountain.

Everybody heard it, but how many bought it? Everybody saw it, but how many bought into it?

You cannot possess what you will not buy. Possession begins with acquisition. We need this perspective in our personal walk with God. The Word shows the light; you buy into it. It shows the way to go; you buy into it.

Lift up your two hands and receive grace — grace to buy the treasures of the truth, the wisdom that enthrones, the instruction that distinguishes. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Grace to buy into it!

It is one thing to buy a book; it is another thing to buy into what it contains. You can get a tape or any material and still say, “I don’t agree with that.” Nothing comes out of it. Grace to buy into every treasure of truth that comes my way — in my private devotions, in my studies.

In Jesus’ precious name.

Amen.

## **Buying Into Revelation**

I read T.L. Osborn’s book *The Purpose of Pentecost* in one sitting, and I saw for the first time that the Holy Ghost is a Person.

I bought hook, line, and sinker into it.

I became eager to share it with others. When I got to where they were, I could not find them. Then I said:

“Holy Spirit, You are truly present. Lead me now to where they are.”

I bought into it.

Then I heard Him say, “Go forward.”

For the first time in my life, at age twenty-two, I heard the ever-refreshing voice of the Spirit. I am still hearing that voice now.

My whole being bought into it. I said, “Where do I go from here?”

He said, “Make a left.”

I said, “Holy Ghost, please check this. These are people working in the ministry.”

Then He withdrew. Ah! I am sorry.

I knew when He left.

I saw Him as a Person, and I bought into it.

He led me to where they were without any human aid. As I got towards the end of the road, I looked to my right and saw clothes hanging on a line. Then one of them jumped up and said:

“Hey! How did you know we were here?”

The Holy Ghost came upon me.

It is one thing to find the treasure; it is another thing to buy it.

Many people walk through shopping malls only to look around. They inspect everything, comment on prices, admire products, and walk away having bought nothing.

That is how many people treat revelation.

When I saw Matthew 6:33, I bought into it with a vow. I entered the covenant.

It is one thing to find; it is another thing to buy.

What you do not buy cannot become yours.

# Prosperity Is a Covenant

When I saw Deuteronomy 8:18, I bought into it, and it changed my life forever.

“My son David, My plan is not a promise. It does not answer to prayer. Do not pray for prosperity. It is not a promise. It has no respect for fasting. It is a covenant. Until your part is played, I am not committed.”

I bought into it.

Then I screamed:

“I can never be poor!”

Now they say, “The richest pastor in the world.”

Why?

Because he never borrows. He never begs.

People say, “He is a local man. He does not travel.”

Wake up, my friend. You better get to buy.

You buy with the obedience of faith.

Not money — obedience of faith.

You find it and say, “Yes, I got it. I am set for it.”

## **Faith Defines Destiny**

What defines the destiny of the believer is faith. “It is unto you according to your faith.”  
— Matthew 9:29

We can cry from now till tomorrow, but what you do not believe, you are never empowered to become. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” — John 1:12 (KJV)

What you do not believe, you will never experience. You receive and believe, and then you are empowered to become what the Word says. The Word became flesh. The Word will never become what it says without your faith and my faith. Faith is the lifewire of the believer.

“The just shall live by faith.” — Habakkuk 2:4

“The just shall live by faith.” — Romans 1:17

“The just shall live by faith.” — Galatians 3:11

“Now the just shall live by faith.” — Hebrews 10:38

Faith is the substance of our redemption. Everything Jesus did only becomes a reality through faith. The price He paid will be wasted without your faith and my faith in place. Faith is the substance of Christianity.

## **The Supernatural Power of Faith**

Faith is the key to a world of unlimited possibilities. “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” — Mark 9:23 (KJV)

Not most things — all things. No one sinks because of storms. People sink because of doubt. Jesus said to Peter:

“O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” — Matthew 14:31 (KJV)

Little faith cannot ride the storms of life. The stormy days are not coming; they are already here. Therefore, we need accelerated commitment to building our faith so we do not sink. Faith does not jump on people. Faith is cultivated by people.

## **Faith Comes by Understanding**

“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” — Romans 10:17 (KJV)

There are two kinds of hearing: hearing and understanding.

The Ethiopian eunuch was reading the Scriptures, yet he lacked understanding until Philip explained them.

Understanding stirs faith.

Understanding provokes faith.

It is not reading the Bible like a religious routine. It is understanding what is written.

That is why we study — to arrive at understanding.

We study materials that help our understanding, especially from those who have proved what they teach.

I had many books on church growth written by people who were not pastors. I kept them for reference, but I studied those whose churches were flourishing.

That is wisdom.

Faith does not come by mere reading. Faith comes by understanding.

“With all thy getting get understanding.” — Proverbs 4:7

When understanding comes, faith comes alive.

# Faith Has Unlimited Capacity for Growth

Faith has unlimited capacity for growth. “And your faith groweth exceedingly.” — 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Faith never stops growing if you never stop doing what grows it. The stronger your faith, the greater your command of the affairs of life.

Paul said:

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” — Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

You build your faith to the point where anything God says goes. Anything God says goes. We built a sanctuary in Kaduna in two weeks. I was with Frederick K.C. Price, and suddenly I sensed the prompting of the Spirit: “Get back. Start building now.”

I stood up and said:

“This building is finished in two weeks.”

And we dedicated it in two weeks. You build your faith to the point where any command from Heaven goes. Not imagination — God speaking to you.



## **The Spiritual Understanding of the Word**

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Faith grows through spiritual understanding of the Word. Some people see the Bible as literature. Some see it as philosophy. Others see psychology. But to us, it is the Word of God. Grace to commit to what grows faith — receive it now.

Grace to commit to what grows faith and put you above the issues of life — receive it now. Lift up your right hand and pray:

“Lord, grant me grace to commit myself to what grows my faith.”

## **A Stormy Season Requires Strong Faith**

Please be reminded: we are in a highly stormy season in human history. This is why faith is a non-negotiable requirement for every child of God to triumph gloriously in this season. Anybody can sink if his faith is not strong enough to ride the storms.

Therefore, we must commit ourselves to building faith that will keep us going in season and out of season.

# What Is Faith?

Faith is obeying God to prove that we believe Him, thereby committing Him to perform His Word. Faith is not merely a belief system. Faith is an active spiritual force.

God told Abraham:

“Get thee out of thy country...” — Genesis 12:1

And Abraham departed.

That is faith. “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.” — James 2:18 (KJV)

Faith is not waiting for God to work. Faith is putting God’s Word to work so as to commit Him to confirm His Word in your life.

I believed the picture T.L. Osborn painted. I received it from the Word, and I put it to work. God confirmed it. I received instructions on church growth. I believed them, and we began working on them from the day I came out of prayer.

It has been working like fire ever since. Faith is not waiting for God to do something. Faith is putting His Word to work so He can do something. If you do not work in the fear of God, you cannot walk in the fullness of faith.

## **Putting God's Word to Work**

You do not suffer hardship because the Bible says:

“The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.” — Psalm 37:18–19 (KJV)

It is putting God's Word to work. Anybody can leave Shiloh and walk away saying, “We had a good time. Amazing teachings came forth.”

But how has it added amazement to your own life?

By putting God's Word to work. Some people have reduced faith to a mere belief system.

No.

May you receive grace to move from here and start putting God's Word to work in your life, in the name of Jesus.

## **Fully Persuaded of the Truth**

Faith is being fully persuaded of the truth, prevailing circumstances notwithstanding, until the truth triumphs.

Truth will always triumph. Light will always prevail over darkness. You are fully persuaded that this is God's Word. It cannot fail. “Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” — Psalm 119:89 (KJV)

God cannot deny Himself.

Abraham was fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was also able to perform.

“And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” — Romans 4:21 (KJV)

At one hundred years old, Abraham had a son. Prevailing circumstances notwithstanding, truth triumphed. “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.” — 2 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)

Truth can never crash if there is someone fully persuaded of it. I have zero fear about tomorrow. Trading the truth brought us to where we are. If we do not stop trading the truth, we cannot go down. There is no day darkness can challenge the authority of light.

Walking in the light keeps darkness away on its own. Truth will always triumph, no matter the number of enemies against it.

## **The Confidence of Faith**

I remember when my wife was said to have had a miscarriage. I had just returned from a mission field, and I said:

“It cannot happen. Can I have my food, please?”

There was no panic. Be fully persuaded of the truth until the truth triumphs. I was so rich when I had no money. I have never begged any man for anything. I have direct access to the Source.

How?

Truth that you are fully persuaded of. Somebody is coming out of trouble now. Be fully persuaded that these horrible days on earth are your most honourable days in God’s agenda. These grieving days are your golden days. These troubling days are your triumphant days.

These beggarly days are days of plenty. Get fully persuaded of this, and it will put you at rest. Somebody’s story is changing.

## **Faith Is a Display of Confidence in God**

Faith is a display of confidence in God until the desired result is obtained. “Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.” — Hebrews 10:35 (KJV)

“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.” — Hebrews 10:36 (KJV)

A display of confidence in God until what is desired becomes reality. I can never be poor.

You know something? I saw crowds outside this place long before they appeared physically. I knew this place would never be without people outside because it was ordained already.

That is confidence in God.

Someone once asked me about marriage counselling and the challenges people faced in living together peacefully. I said:

“We sit on the same seat and do not step on each other’s toes because we are neither blind nor wicked.”

Faith is not guessing.

Faith is seeing Heaven’s agenda, believing it completely, and holding on to it until it delivers.

Every area of anyone’s life that is out of order because of a lack of the required faith is settled today.

## **Knowledge Must Be Personally Acquired**

Knowledge is not transferable. It has to be personally acquired. You and your wife may be one flesh, but you cannot transfer your knowledge to her, neither can she transfer hers to you.

Your father may be a professor, but that does not make you pass examinations automatically. Knowledge must be personally acquired. “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” — John 8:32 (KJV)

It is your turn. May your confidence never die again.

## **Faith: A Force Within**

Faith is a spiritual force within that determines the triumphs without. It is a force within that reflects on the outside. The woman with the issue of blood said within herself:

“If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.” — Matthew 9:21 (KJV)

“With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” — Romans 10:10 (KJV)

Faith is a force within. “If thou shalt say unto this mountain, Be thou removed... and shalt not doubt in thine heart... thou shalt have whatsoever thou sayest.” — Mark 11:23 (KJV)

It is drawing from what you believe in your heart.

That is why the Bible says:

“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” —  
Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)

Many people say things with their mouths that are not in their hearts. Faith is a force within that determines the happenings outside.



## **Access to Unlimited Possibilities**

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Faith is our access to a world of unlimited possibilities. “Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.” — Hebrews 11:33 (KJV)

Through faith they subdued kingdoms. God ordained His Church to subdue kingdoms — to become the breadwinner of the world and the global solution centre of the earth.

But it takes faith.

## **Keeping Faith Alive**

Be prepared to buy into the treasure of truth by subscribing to what it demands to keep it alive. Faith is a living force, and it must be kept alive. Faith feeds on the Word. Faith feeds on love.

The stronger your love for God, the greater your access to light, and the stronger your faith becomes.

The cheapest way to move the hand of God is to put your faith on the line.

“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?” — Isaiah 53:1 (KJV)

There is no prophecy that will come to pass in anyone’s life without faith. “Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance.” — Luke 1:45 (KJV)

Performance is reserved for those who believe.

## **Faith for These Stormy Times**

If we have ever needed faith, it is now. Faith for gallant exemption. Faith for triumph in the midst of turbulence. Faith for abundance in the midst of scarcity. This is the time to become a student of faith. Keep your faith alive and growing.

Alive and growing.

Alive and growing.

## **A Charge for the Miracle Service**

Lift up your two hands and give God thanks for the light that has been shining across our path since this Hour of Visitation began. Thank Him for your takeaways from this feast.

Tonight, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, put your faith on the line. Bring in written form whatever you believe God is set to do in your life. Whatever God can do, faith can make happen.

“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” — Matthew 19:26 (KJV)

“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” — Mark 9:23 (KJV)

Whatever God can do, your faith in God can make happen. Some fellows will see clearly tonight. Some will walk out of wheelchairs tonight. Some have been told they can never have children, but God's Word says:

“There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land.” — Exodus 23:26 (KJV)

Some have received negative medical reports, but tonight, put your faith on the line. God will turn your ashes into beauty. He will turn mockery into glory. He will turn reproach into honour.

Tonight shall be a full-blown miracle service. Come ready and watch God turn your obstacles into miracles and your trials into testimonies.

## **Faith That Refuses Delay**

A man once came to one of Oral Roberts' meetings. After the crusade, he approached the healing room and said:

“Excuse me, I came here to be healed. I am supposed to be healed today. I am not coming back tomorrow. Jesus will answer me today!”

That is faith.

Whatever answer you want today, put it down in writing. Whether spiritual, physical, financial, or social — come believing. Your spiritual life will take a drastic new turn tonight.

Your social life will take an upward turn tonight. Your physical state shall be perfected tonight.

# Thanksgiving and Closing Charge

Lift up those two hands and give God thanks. On the third day, He will raise us up. The Word is already lifting us. It is God who has shown us light.

Give Him glory.

Give Him praise.

Worthy is the Lamb of God. In Jesus' precious name, we are prayed.

Amen.

## Final Charge: Buy the Truth

Earlier, God's servant said to us:

“Buy the truth.”

Possession begins with acquisition. Before buying the truth, you need knowledge. Books are carriers of knowledge. As you read them, you discover truths you can buy into. Many people have bought souvenirs, clothes, and food during this gathering, but they have not bought books.

You have been taking care of your body; now take care of your soul.

Buy the truth.

Books such as:

- *Walking in the Newness of Life*
- *The Blood Triumph*
- *Conquering Controlling Powers*

...are available at the various entrances and bookstores around the premises.

A word is enough for the wise.

Tonight shall be a full-blown miracle service.

I can already see somebody sharing his or her testimony.

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## **Benediction**

With love toward your neighbour, bless him or her:

Surely God's goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life,  
and you shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Amen.

Shiloh 2023!

It shall be so for you.

Amen.



## About the Speaker

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Bishop David Oyedepo is a Nigerian preacher, author, and founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide, also known as Winners' Chapel, established in 1981. He is widely recognised for his strong emphasis on faith, prosperity rooted in covenant understanding, church growth, and the authority of Scripture. Under his leadership, the ministry established Faith Tabernacle in Canaanland, Ota — one of the largest church auditoriums in the world at its dedication — and founded Covenant University, alongside other educational and humanitarian initiatives. Bishop Oyedepo's teaching ministry is marked by a consistent focus on the Word of God as the final authority, the power of prayer, disciplined Christian living, and the believer's victory in Christ. Through conferences, books, and global outreaches, his ministry continues to influence congregations across Nigeria and internationally.



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