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# Foreword

Shiloh has always been more than a gathering. It is a prophetic mountain — a place of divine encounter, spiritual realignment, and covenant advancement. Yet, in this historic Encounter Night message, we are confronted with something deeper than inspiration. We are confronted with responsibility.

**“Engaging the Power of Training to Operate in the Supernatural”** is not merely a sermon; it is a Kingdom blueprint.

In these pages, the mantle of apostolic authority meets the discipline of personal engagement. The message dismantles passive Christianity and restores the original order of the Kingdom — a do-it-yourself covenant walk, where light received must be light engaged, and revelation discovered must become revelation practised.

What stands out powerfully in this charge is clarity: The supernatural is not accidental. It is not theatrical. It is not fabricated. It is trained into.

The Bishop unveils, with scriptural precision and experiential weight, that God’s acts are commanded by His ways. And His ways are accessed through disciplined pursuit, deliberate learning, and proven obedience. The end-time Church is presented not as spectators but as soldiers — trained, responsible, and equipped for dominion.

As you read, do not approach these words casually. This is not content for admiration; it is instruction for transformation. The grace released here is not for comfort but for command.

May this book awaken you. May it reposition you. May it compel you to train.

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# ***Main Message***

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## Introduction

The Lord spoke to me years ago: *Wherever you see the word faith, put expectation.* Faith is the substance of things expected, the evidence of things not seen. When your expectation is Word-rooted, God's integrity is committed to make it happen.

This Encounter Night will be an encounter indeed for you. You saw the miracle children today. They are all products of encounters — encounters with the God of Shiloh at the main sessions, at the specialised sessions — God manifesting Himself.

He will appear to you tonight. He will end every trace of affliction in your life. In the same vein, every siege of barrenness in every family, in every lineage, is over tonight. Father, thank You. We are set for Your Word. Appear to us as individuals, in Jesus' name. Give the Lord a big hand of praise, and please be seated.

## His Ways Command His Acts

*"He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel."* (Psalm 103:7)

His ways are always in command of His acts. He shows you what to do. When you do it, His acts are committed to manifest. People are busy following results.

No — we follow the steps that communicate results.

We are not to follow results; we are to follow steps.

Christ left us an example that we should follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21). Follow the steps — not the results. Otherwise, you will be chasing shadows.

# Engaging the Power of Training

Tonight, in this part three of this study, we are looking at:

## Engaging the Power of Training to Operate in the Supernatural

Interestingly, God trains.

*“It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect... He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.”* (Psalm 18:32–34)

God trains.

You must be trained to develop muscles to break a bar of iron with your bare hands. We saw how He trained David. When David confronted the lion and the bear, he said:

*“I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.”* (1 Samuel 17:35)

God trains.

And He said, *“For I am the Lord, I change not”* (Malachi 3:6). If Abraham trained his servants, who trained Abraham? God trained Abraham.

*“And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants... three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them.”* (Genesis 14:14)

Training is critical to operating in the supernatural. Jesus trained the twelve. One missed steps; eleven stood strong. Three — Peter, James and John — had special sessions others did not have.

After He left, they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

When Peter raised Dorcas from the dead, he put them all out — just as Jesus did (Acts 9:36–40). He understood the training.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8). He still trains His own today.

Paul said:

*“But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man... but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”* (Galatians 1:11–12)

Jesus trained Paul. And *“God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.”* (Acts 19:11–12)

It is one thing to be taught. It is another thing to be trained. Jesus’ training model was to teach and then send them to practise.

*“He ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.”* (Mark 3:14)

That is training.

The end-time Church is ordained as an army.

Joel chapter 2 gives the picture.

*“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion... for the day of the Lord cometh...”* (Joel 2:1–11)

*“And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army...”*

Training is the culture of the military.

*“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”* (2 Timothy 2:3)

The redeemed are defined as soldiers.

Only trained men prevail in battle. How disposed we are to training will determine our level of command of the supernatural.

The ways of God shall become commonplace in these last days.

*“He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.”* (Micah 4:2)

David said concerning Saul's armour, *"I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them."* (1 Samuel 17:39)

It is not enough to have weapons. They must be proven weapons. What you preach does not matter as much as what happens by your hands. The notes you take do not matter. It is what comes out of the notes that does.

So much has been written down. So little has been proved.

## **Training as a Lifestyle**

When the Lord called me into ministry from Jeremiah 6:16:

*"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths... and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."*

There is nothing new under the sun. You do not understand what they did — you cannot get to where they were. That sent me into studying biographies of great ministries. I saw what made ministries work. I saw what made ministries fall.

That training stabilised my adventure in ministry.

*"Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."*  
(Hebrews 6:12)

It is a process. If you are not willing to follow the steps, you are going nowhere.

# Nothing of Value Is Free

When we wanted growth in our cell system, we bought 400 copies of *Building Successful Home Cells* and gave our pastors an assignment:

- What should we be doing that we are not doing?
- What should we stop doing?
- What should we improve?

Within one year — 100% growth plus.

Through training.

I trained in faith. I trained in prosperity. I trained in the supernatural through books, journals and materials from proven ministries.

Daniel said:

*“I Daniel understood by books.”* (Daniel 9:2)

Paul said:

*“Bring the books...”* (2 Timothy 4:13)

Training in the Kingdom is a lifelong school.

*“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”* (Romans 11:33)

The earlier you register, the better for you.

Nothing of value is free. It is training that turns trash to treasure. There is more in you than you ever know. Locate those who have found what you are looking for and engage with it.

Stop looking for who to blame. Find out what you lack. Between now and next Shiloh, you will be a wonder to yourself.

# The Power of Discovery

One discovery changed a man's life permanently:

*“As the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.”* (John 5:26)

As He sent Him, so He has sent us (John 20:21).

Life!

He quickeneth whom He will. It is time to be awake. It is time to be awake.

## The Kingdom Is a Do-It-Yourself Kingdom

The Kingdom of Christ is a do-it-yourself kingdom. Whatever faith makes God absolutely responsible for the outcome of our lives is an irresponsible faith. A man was born blind. Jesus said to him:

*“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.”* (John 9:7)

How would he know? Let him find out. He went, washed, and came back seeing. That is Jesus for you — whatever He tells you to do, do it. But you must know what He tells you to do. That is where training comes in. Get to know what He tells you to do. Then doing it becomes practice. And when you do it in faith, you commit God to perform it.

My prayer is that you leave here taking full responsibility for the outcome of your life. You are worth much more than you think. All you need is for your eyes to be opened to see it.

## **Indwelling Presence and Manifest Presence**

At new birth, Jesus came in. You have His indwelling presence. But as your love for Him grows, you begin to experience His manifest presence. His indwelling presence is your birthright. His manifest presence is your responsibility.

*“He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”* (1 John 4:16)

*“As he is, so are we in this world.”* (1 John 4:17)

You carry heavenly potential inside you. It is your love for God that triggers its manifestation.

Let your love for God come alive.

You will be amazed at how much you carry.

## **Love: The Secret of Command**

Paul was a man of uncheckered love for God. They exclaimed, *“The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.”* (Acts 14:11)

He was beaten with stripes. He was shipwrecked and spent a night and a day in the deep. A venomous viper fastened on his hand — and they expected him to swell and die. But he shook it off into the fire (Acts 28:3–5).

They changed their mind and said he was a god.

*“But for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”* (Philippians 1:21)

*“Love is strong as death... Many waters cannot quench love.”* (Song of Solomon 8:6–7)

When your love for God is in place, you are naturally in command of the supernatural.

## Training Through Testimonies

One of the great aids to my training in the supernatural has been testimonies. They are triggers of faith.

The testimony of Smith Wigglesworth gave me my place of authority over demonic powers. We were in a crusade. Five of us in one room. As we entered, a human-sized structure walked through the door. A huge bird flew out of the window.

I said, “Brethren, the devil should not announce when we pray. Go and sleep.”

We slept.

How did I get there? Wigglesworth told me the devil is under your feet. The days of torment are over in your life. At new birth, you were raised together with Christ and made to sit in heavenly places — far above (Ephesians 2:6).

Not just above — far above. Tell that issue harassing you: I have been raised together with Christ, far above you. Pack your load and go.

## Wake Up to Responsibility

*“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”* (Ephesians 5:14)

Awake to your responsibility. Awake to train up. Training is teaching and practice — learning and exercising. It is not just taking notes. It is putting discoveries to work. Discoveries alone do not equal training. Discovery plus engagement equals training.

No one can train on your behalf. Receive grace to take responsibility. That is the only way not to end up a liability.

I have mentors. I have fathers in the faith. I have never asked them for one thing in my life. I would rather learn how to get it than have someone give it to me.

You are not called to be a beggar. You profit by learning how to obtain, not by receiving handouts.

Wake up. New chapters are opening to your life already.

## **Invest in Training**

All the money I had in 1987, I invested in books. When I returned from a trip, my wife asked what I brought. I opened the boxes — books. I told her, “The content of these books, if comprehended, can make me a manufacturer of the things I would have bought.”

That is investment in value. Nobody cares what you wear. It is what you carry that counts.

## **The Supernatural Is a Finished Product**

You do not have to fabricate the supernatural. It is a finished product. The Bible is the principal resource. Other books only enlighten your understanding of the Bible. You are going places.

You will never be stranded again.

## **Prophetic Charge and Declaration**

Prophetic words are not meant to impress us but to impact us.

*“By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt.” (Hosea 12:13)*

Every siege of Egypt around your life — sickness, failure, threats — you escape tonight in the name of Jesus. Every negative medical verdict is declared averted.

Write down one thing you must return with tonight. One thing only. This platform guarantees your inheritance in Christ — all things that pertain unto life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

Make it known to God.

## **Call to Salvation**

His inheritance belongs to the redeemed. Until a man is born again, he cannot experience what the Kingdom offers. If you desire to be saved or to rededicate your life, pray:

“Lord Jesus, save my soul. Forgive me all my sins and wash me with Your blood. I believe You died for me and rose again that I may be justified. I accept You as my Lord and Saviour. By Your grace, I will serve You all the days of my life. Amen.”

You are covered with the blood of Jesus. You will never return to darkness again.

## **Prophetic Release**

Lift that paper to heaven.

In the name of Jesus — at His name every knee bows — I command every unwanted issue on your list to bow now.

New chapters open to you.

Your health is restored.

Barrenness is overturned.

Marital delay is broken.

Every demonic interference — go in the name of Jesus.

Every curse is broken. Every spell is reverted. Every oppression is destroyed. Whatever is written on that paper is turned to a testimony.

## **Final Impartation**

Such as I have by grace — the grace of tireless training under Jesus — I release upon you now.

No more reading for pleasure.

Begin learning for discoveries.

Receive grace to engage with your discoveries.

I decree next level in your command of the supernatural.

Your testimony is delivered.

Wave that paper — your testimony is flying.

## **Closing Thanksgiving**

Lift your hands and give Jesus thanks. What an awesome God we serve. It was called Encounter Night — and indeed He granted us encounters. In Jesus' precious name, we have given thanks. Amen.

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Congratulate someone as you go.

# 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.

Under his leadership, *Faith Tabernacle*, the international headquarters of the Living Faith Church in Ota, Nigeria, has become one of the largest church auditoriums in the world. He is also the visionary founder of *Covenant University* and *Landmark University*, both established to raise a new generation of leaders with a passion for excellence and divine wisdom.

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.

A father to many, a mentor to multitudes, and a voice of spiritual authority across nations, Bishop David Oyedepo stands as a testament to what it means to live for God with passion, discipline, and unwavering faith. His life and ministry continue to model diligence in service, love for God, and a relentless commitment to Kingdom advancement.

He is married to *Faith Abiola Oyedepo*, a dynamic teacher and co-labourer in the gospel, and together they are blessed with children and grandchildren—all serving the Lord.

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