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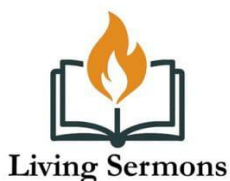
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Foreword

This message stands as a strong call back to the original mandate of the believer: to be a living witness of Christ in the earth.

At the heart of this sermon is not merely instruction on evangelism, but a restoration of identity. The believer is shown not as a passive observer of the faith, but as an active carrier of the life, power, and testimony of Jesus Christ. Evangelism here is not presented as an occasional duty reserved for a select few, but as the normal rhythm of the Christian life—flowing through conversation, relationships, workplaces, and everyday encounters.

What emerges clearly throughout this teaching is that witnessing is both experiential and practical. It is rooted in personal encounter with Christ and expressed through boldness in speech, prayer, and action. The Holy Spirit is revealed not as a distant influence, but as the One who enables and confirms the believer's testimony in real time.

There is also a strong emphasis on the necessity of stepping beyond hesitation. The message confronts the tendency to overthink spiritual action, calling believers instead into obedience expressed through doing. In this way, faith is not reduced to internal agreement, but demonstrated through engagement—speaking, praying, and acting upon the promptings of God.

Equally important is the reminder that the gospel advances through ordinary believers. The early church did not grow through a select few, but through scattered believers who carried the message wherever they went. That pattern remains unchanged.

This sermon also challenges the modern believer to embrace spiritual boldness, not as recklessness, but as trust in the integrity of Christ's name. In doing so, it restores confidence that the gospel is still backed by power, and that testimony is still a valid expression of divine encounter.

As you read through this transcript, may it do more than inform your understanding. May it awaken a renewed sense of responsibility, courage, and participation in the great commission. And may it stir you again to see that every believer is called—not just to believe the gospel—but to carry it.

—Wisdom Epsi, Chief Editor

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Main Message

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Ice Breaker

If it is funny, you don't laugh. If it is dry, you laugh. So if it is not funny, you laugh... if it is funny, you don't laugh.

Do you understand?

Are you single? You are single... that is why if it is funny, you don't laugh—because I have not even started.

You are already laughing.

Are we on course?

Let me ask you something simple.

What car did Jesus drive on earth?

Lexus.

You just got it.

Was Solomon happy or sad?

Sad.

Why? Because he mourned alone.

Why did the chicken die?

Because it entered the wrong country—Chicken Republic.

Who was a DJ in the Bible?

Samson—he brought down the roof.

Let me stop... I will continue next week.

Introduction

Now we are continuing our series: *Sharing the Gospel*.

I want to share something very simple today, and then we will pray.

It is going to be doctrinal.

We are reading many Scriptures.

The Calling of an Evangelist

I want to begin with this question:

What is the doctrinal distinction between the office of an evangelist and every believer evangelising?

Because this can be easily confused.

Paul told Timothy:

“Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.” — 2 Timothy 4:5
(KJV)

That does not mean Timothy was an evangelist by office. He was a pastor.

Paul was instructing him: *don't remain only within the confines of the church—reach others.*

So there is a difference between:

- The **office of an evangelist**
- And **every believer evangelising**

The Believer and Evangelism

Let's make it clear:

Evangelism for believers is not optional

Every believer must do it.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...” — Matthew 28:19–20 (KJV)

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” — Mark 16:15 (KJV)

This is the Great Commission.

It is not for a select few.

It is a command to every follower of Christ—regardless of gift, office, or maturity.

The Life of a Believer is a Witness

The signs that follow believers are not suggestions.

They are evidence of life in Christ:

- Cast out devils
- Speak with new tongues
- Lay hands on the sick and they recover

The believer is not meant to only receive ministry.

The believer is meant to *carry ministry*.

The Church and Ministry Balance

The church today often becomes a place where people come to sit, watch, and receive.

But Scripture shows something deeper:

Ministry is not reserved for the pulpit alone—it is the responsibility of believers.

If the believer's Christian life never extends beyond personal survival, something is missing.

Faith was never designed to be self-contained.

Equipping of the Saints

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers...” — Ephesians 4:11–12 (KJV)

For what purpose?

“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry...”

This means:

The fivefold ministry exists to equip the saints—not replace them.

The goal is not spectators.

The goal is a functioning body.

Every Believer is a Worker

The work of ministry is not done by a few people.

It is done by believers.

A church is not meant to be a place where one man carries the weight of all spiritual responsibility.

That is not sustainable.

When that happens, burnout comes.

And many times, breakdown follows.

The Burden of Souls

Some believers go years in church without a single soul connected to their life.

Yet Scripture expects that believers become witnesses.

Evangelism is not a programme—it is a lifestyle.

It is not only for crusades.

It is for everyday life:

- Workplace
- Family
- Neighbourhood

If your Christian life cannot extend beyond Sunday gatherings, something must be realigned.

We are not called to consume only.

We are called to witness.

The gospel was never designed to end with us—it was designed to pass through us.

Evangelism is for all believers—and it is not optional.

And it happens in everyday life.

Wherever you are, that is your field.

That is your assignment.

That is your witness.

Make sure you are known like that.

One of the things evangelism does is that it keeps you grounded.

My mom is here—when I gave my life to Christ, we used to go to a particular place, my mom and I. Karaoke—you know what that is. So one day I went there with her. We sang. Someone came to me, connected to a very popular secular artist. I will not say too much, but you get the picture. They gave me a card. They expected me to call.

When I called, they told me what it would entail.

Then I heard the song they wanted me to sing.

I will never forget the chorus:

“The girl should be mine...”

And I said, *God, if I sing this thing... I am gone.*

Two weeks before that, I was preaching: *Give me Jesus, nothing can satisfy me.*

So imagine now singing *“the girl should be mine.”*

What saved me was commitment. I had already said things publicly that would bring shame if I went back on them.

That is what evangelism does.

It helps you behave.

When you know you are representing Christ in your workplace, when temptation comes, you remember: *I am a child of God.*

Evangelism in Everyday Life

It happens in everyday life—your workplace, your family, your neighbourhood.

Even at home, my mom would say to me:

“Ah, but you are a pastor now.”

Meaning: *why are you speaking like that?*

That accountability shaped me.

Persecution and Scattered Believers

When persecution scattered the early church, it was not apostles who went everywhere preaching.

It was ordinary believers.

“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” — Acts 8:4 (KJV)

The apostles stayed in Jerusalem, but believers went everywhere preaching.

Three Key Truths About Evangelism

1. Evangelism is not optional

Every believer must do it.

2. It happens in everyday life

Not just in church gatherings.

3. It does not require a title or special office

We are all called to be witnesses.

We Are His Witnesses

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...” — Acts 1:8 (KJV)

A witness is:

- A testifier of what they personally know
- One who speaks from experience
- One who has seen, heard, and encountered

In Greek legal context, a witness gives firsthand testimony—not hearsay.

So when Jesus says *you shall be my witnesses*, He is speaking of experiential testimony.

The Cost of Being a Witness

The word witness also carries cost.

In the early church, witness became tied to sacrifice—even death.

Stephen became a witness through martyrdom.

Sometimes your life itself becomes evidence of Christ.

Power and Witnessing

Even angels do not preach the gospel.

Even Jesus sent men to preach to men.

Why?

Because witnessing requires experience, encounter, and authority from testimony.

The Reality of the Gospel

You cannot deny the resurrection.

You may argue about the body, but you cannot deny the power in the name of Jesus.

There is no other faith system with consistent living miracles like Christianity.

When Jesus is called upon, power responds.

That is witness.

Two Forms of Witness

1. Power witness

Miracles, signs, and wonders.

2. Personal testimony

What God has done in your life.

Even your transformation is a witness.

You were angry before. Something changed. Now you are different.

That change is evidence.

Every Experience is a Testimony

Nothing God allows in your life is wasted.

Every struggle becomes a future testimony.

Every victory becomes evidence that Jesus transforms lives.

Evangelism and Boldness

Many believers avoid evangelism because of fear—fear of embarrassment or rejection.

But what are you afraid of?

You are carrying the name that transformed billions.

If others preached it when it was unpopular, what excuse do we have now?

Planting, Watering, Harvesting

In evangelism:

- Some plant
- Some water
- Some harvest

Not every encounter produces immediate response, but every encounter has purpose.

You are a Witness in Court

On the day of judgment, your testimony becomes evidence.

If someone rejects the gospel you shared, you stand as a witness that they heard.

That is the seriousness of evangelism.

The Holy Spirit And Witnessing

“You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you...” — Acts 1:8
(KJV)

The Holy Spirit enables the witness.

Evangelism is not just human effort—it is Spirit-enabled.

This is why signs follow believers in the world, not just in church.

Word of Knowledge and Evangelism

Evangelism often flows prophetically. Jesus used word of knowledge with the woman at the well. That encounter opened a city. Sometimes a single divine insight opens a whole harvest field.

Faith in Action

Many think miracles are reserved for a few, but often, it is simple obedience:

A thought comes. A prompting comes. A word comes. And you act

That becomes the channel of power. Evangelism is not complicated. It is life, obedience, and witness.

You are either:

- Planting
- Watering
- Or harvesting

But you are always a witness.

Final Exhortation

We are not called to be spectators.

We are called to be witnesses.

And the Holy Spirit empowers us to carry that witness into every space we occupy.

You can start with the flow of the conversation and bring it to Christ. Maybe you see people talking about stock exchange. You know, you can just enter the conversation from there and before you know, you start talking about wealth. Before you know, you start talking about Solomon. Before you start talking about the foolishness of Solomon, how he ended up with 700 women. From there, you enter, you know, the full wisdom of God is in Christ. I'm telling you how I've penetrated evangelism before.

Are you understanding?

So we are still the ones doing the testifying. The Holy Spirit witnesses. The Holy Spirit doesn't witness for us. He witnesses through us and alongside us. Please say a big amen.

Let me give us conversation starters for evangelism.

Ask, *"What church do you attend?"* Once you hear, *"I don't attend church,"* you ask, *"What do you do? Why?"* They tell you why, and then you go in from there. *"Oh, you know Christ?"* And that leads the conversation.

Ask what church they attend. That's a good conversation starter.

You can ask, *"Can I pray for you right now briefly?"* People like prayer. So as you pray for them, also position your mind that God will put words in your heart.

For example, as you pray:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for this my friend here. Lord, I just ask that You give him peace on every side..."

Whatever is coming into your heart, maybe God is giving you specific things—like their upcoming exam:

“Lord, I pray that You give him wisdom.”

It just comes to your heart like that. Don't hold back. Continue praying like that.

There is a point you will pray and the person will open their eyes and say, *“Sir, are you browsing me?”* Because what you are praying is word of knowledge.

You can also ask, *“What are your thoughts on the afterlife?”* That is a little deep though—you can't just start like that—but in conversation, you can bring it in.

Ask, *“What do you think about values?”* Identify what aligns with the Christian worldview and then speak from there. Amen.

You can start with, *“We've been friends for a while and I want to talk to you about something very important in my life.”* Then you enter from there.

You can also say, *“Something happened to me a while back that completely changed my life and how I see life. Can I tell you briefly?”* And you enter from there.

I had a colleague. I brought that guy to my house when I was working in corporate America. I told my wife to cook jollof rice for him. I prayed almost all night for him to come. He was an atheist.

When he got to my house, we first played FIFA. I beat him. Yes, I have to say it because that's what happened.

After a while I told him, *“There's a reason why I brought you. I want to talk to you.”*

He didn't give his life to Christ, but I made sure my conscience was clear that he didn't pass through me without hearing the gospel.

When somebody says they are an atheist and they are bold to say it, why can't you be bold to say what you believe?

Confessing atheism is a theology. So if I can listen to you, why can't you listen to me?

I also did this at Yaba. A particular guy, we were talking and it almost became an argument. I asked him, *"What will it take for you to believe?"*

He thought about it and said, *"Let God pay my school fees."*

I said, *"Give me your account number."*

So you can ask, *"What will it take for you to believe?"* And the person may say, *"I have ear pain, pray for me."* You pray. If it doesn't work, it is what it is. God, I tried.

A man of God shared a story: he prayed for someone who didn't get healed immediately. God told him, *"You will go there every day until he walks."* He went for six months until the man walked.

Sometimes healing is a process. Jesus touched someone twice.

So if it doesn't work once, you insist again.

You might not say it openly, but you can perceive it: if I had spoken, something would have happened. But you kept quiet.

That is how people miss opportunities.

Then I'm evangelising. I'm talking about the power of resurrection.

A testimony was shared in church: people were prayed for and healed in the same service. Over 18 miracles happened.

What if they were not in that environment? They might wait forever for healing.

So we are going to practice.

If you are sick, raise your hand.

Now go close to them. Minister healing. Ask what is wrong. Speak to their body. Tell them to check.

Be precise. If it is fibroid, speak to fibroid. If it is stomach pain, speak to it. If it is leg pain, speak to it.

Jesus said, "*Peace, be still.*" You speak to the situation.

Check yourself and give a note of victory.

You are not saying vague prayers. You are speaking directly to the issue.

And as you pray, people begin to testify.

You couldn't do that before, but now you can try again.

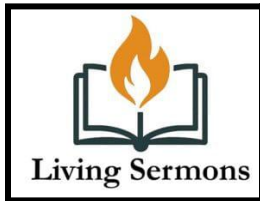
Thank you Jesus.

Now, understand this: the veil has been torn. This is not a normal church. The kingdom life is decentralised.

If you have sickness, you don't need to wait for a pastor. You can speak. Two or three people can gather and pray.

Thank You for confirming Your Word with signs and wonders.

In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.



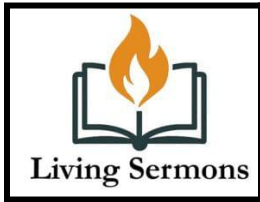
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He is committed to raising believers who are grounded in Scripture, mature in character, and intentional about growth. His teaching addresses real issues—faith, relationships, purpose, leadership, and personal responsibility—without exaggeration or sentimentality.

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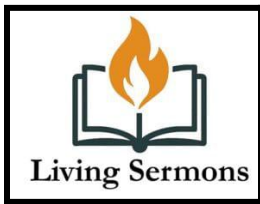
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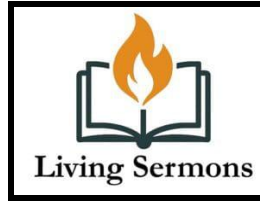
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