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“I know what He can do. But I also know what He can do through me.”

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FOREWORD

Ephesians 3:20 is one of the most quoted verses in the church, yet few believers stop to ask what it is really saying. In this message, ministered at the Raising an Altar Conference 2026 at RCCG Jesus House, Abuja, Apostle Joshua Selman walks through the verse phrase by phrase and arrives at a sobering conclusion: the limit is never on God's side. It is in the capacity of the vessel through which His power is meant to flow.

He opens with a word on ministering unto God in worship, then turns to his text. First, "Now unto Him": before anything else, the verse introduces a Person, and he describes that Person through Isaiah 40:28 and six attributes of God. Second, "able to do": the foundation of Bible faith. Third, "above all that we ask or think": prayer and the believer's belief system as the two dimensions of man's participation, with Psalm 78:41 as a warning that men can limit the Holy One of Israel. Finally, "according to the power that worketh in us": God's power is measured out through the believer, and the key to enlargement is prayer and transformation.

The tone is that of a careful teacher in a room already full of worship, drawing on everyday pictures: a step-down transformer, the knob on a tap, a candle lighting another candle, a crown on the head of a child. He closes with a prayer to be enlarged, an altar call and a blessing for fresh fire upon every altar.

This edition has been prepared from the live transcript. The preacher's words, order and voice have been preserved. Only time stamps, sound cues, songs and unnecessary repetitions have been removed, chapters and subheadings have been added, and punctuation and capitalization have been corrected.

As you read, take his closing prayer as your own: Lord, let Your power find limitless expression through my life.

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MAIN MESSAGE

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CHAPTER 1

MINISTERING UNTO HIM

THE SUPERIOR DIMENSION OF WORSHIP

The pastor just brought us into the more superior dimension of worship. There is ministering unto Jesus, or unto God, and then there is receiving from God in worship. Most times we focus on receiving in worship. So we get into the place of worship, but our focus is not Him. Our focus is what we can get from His presence. And there are interventions in the place of worship. But if you focus on intervention, you will not understand intimacy, nor the transforming power of worship.

How you know you are ministering to God is that there are no requests. You don't ask; you extol Him. The word is *barak*. You stoop down to bless the Lord. He said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." To bless does not mean to say, "Lord, I bless You." It means to demonstrate a depth of reverence such that you forget about your needs. You forget about your pain, and you fix your eyes on Him and just pour out from your alabaster box. That dimension of worship is what leads people into deep encounters.

You come out of that place changed. The version of you that began that worship will never be the version that ends it. There are many things you don't need to ask if you focus on ministering to Him. I'm saying that just to give you perspective on what just happened here.

MANY DIMENSIONS OF WORSHIP

There are many dimensions to worship. There's the warfare dimension of worship, where you use worship as a two-edged sword and you command victories. There are times when the worship ministers to you, because you are acknowledging the things that are done in Christ. The communication of your faith becomes effectual when you acknowledge everything God has done. But there are times you just minister to Him. He becomes the object. You are in an audience of One. You lose sight of the fact that you are in church, that you are before people, and you just pour out your heart.

Encounters come from that kind of experience. An encounter is an experience that helps to deepen your conviction about God. Do you know there are times in that place, as He is magnified, your problems become small: the financial situation, the health situation? Not because the answers have arrived, but because He has become magnified in your heart, and you get up from that place with a true spirit of faith. This is not mechanics. You know you are a victor because you have encountered Him.

HE IS LORD OF HOSTS

So let me encourage every one of us: when we have these moments of worship, you're not wasting your time. There is a deep work of conviction and growth that comes from there, even if this is all we do tonight before we leave. You see, most believers don't know how they are changed in God's presence. We have a definition, mechanically, of how we think we are changed, but the dynamics of transformation in the spirit are a deep mystery.

It is God who defines the approach for each service. That's what it means for Him to be Lord of hosts. It's good to be organized, but don't be so organized that you throw Him out. He knows how to minister. And if He chooses the path of worship and nothing more, then you stay there, and you stay as though you are wasting your time. That frustration is coming from the flesh, because the flesh

does not know how to rest in His presence.

When you stay in His presence, it is a kind of fasting. You are fasting, but this one is not just abstinence from food. You are bringing the flesh under an influence that compels compliance. The flesh is very sensitive to the presence of God. It will start fabricating thoughts: "Your bills are not paid." All kinds of things. "Remember, your wife will be angry. It's one hour now." Whilst all of that is going through your mind, just stay. That's how you tame the flesh.

And once it stays there, a point will come when it will give up, and glory begins to rest upon you. Ideas: the next ten years of your life become defined in that one moment. Graces sometimes rest upon you that you are not even aware of. You will leave the place not knowing the kind of deposit you've carried, until you go on stage the next time, or you go to your place of work. You just see possibilities. You can't know exactly what time it rested on you. You just knew that you were busy ministering to Him.

THE WAY OF THE ALTAR

Anybody who understands the business of power and grace with God knows how to minister to God. I think it's a lost art of worship. I just felt convicted to take a bit of my time to help us really understand this, because sometimes, with all due respect, when we invite people to worship, we already have a preconceived idea. And don't get me wrong; it's good to jump and celebrate. But there are times when God Himself knows the audience He's ministering to, and He knows how to help you get your desires. Praise the name of the Lord.

So it's very profound. As soon as I saw him just ministering to the Lord, I knew exactly what was happening, because I sensed in my heart that a lot of spiritual investment has gone into this meeting. You know, when people's hearts are set, God reveals Himself first, before His wisdom, before His hands. Sometimes we just want His wisdom so we can use it to profit.

Listen: the way of complete growth is threefold: the way of the altar, then the way of victory, then the way of purpose. This is how God raises men. He teaches you the way of the altar, then He teaches you the way of victory, then He teaches you the way of purpose. If you know the way of victory alone, and you do not know the way of the altar, you will be a frustrated winner. You will be a winner without a deep relationship with God. So He shows you the way of intimacy. Then He gives you the resources that cause you to walk in victory. Then He helps to define the assignment that those resources and that victorious living should serve. Praise the name of the Lord. Has someone been blessed already?

A SANDWICH

Good evening, everybody. It's my joy and my honor to be here. Thank you, Pastor. Thank you sincerely. Let's honor and celebrate the ministry of the one and only Pastor Nathaniel Bassey. Praise the name of the Lord. I sincerely want to say thank you to the leadership of RCCG Jesus House. It's a joy to share in fellowship, and I trust that God will speak to us, in Jesus' name.

I just sense that I'll walk a bit with my time, and maybe towards the end I'll ask Pastor Nat to lead us again. I still believe it's not a full stop yet in this worship. It's a comma. There's something I need to bring. You know how a sandwich is: the first layer is there. So allow me to drop my thing, and then he will come, and we'll have a great impact. The Lord bless you. Please, you may be gloriously seated. Thank you. Hallelujah.

CHAPTER 2

NOW UNTO HIM

EPHESIANS 3:20

My assignment is to do Ephesians 3 and verse 20. I mean, if you ask me to teach on Ephesians 3:20, especially after Pastor Nat ministers, you're simply calling for a vigil. Praise God. But we'll walk with what God has granted us grace to walk with, and wherever we're able to stop, we'll stop. Praise God.

I love to teach the word of God, because when we understand the word of God, it helps our conviction, and it strengthens us in our walk with God. Our walk with God depends on alignment and understanding. So the Bible says, "Now unto him…" Can we read together? KJV; I have it here. All right, let's read together. One, two, go.

> **EPHESIANS 3:20**
> *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

The Lord bless the reading of His word, in Jesus' name. Hallelujah.

TWO "UNTO HIMS"

There are at least four layers for consideration in this scripture. It's a very deep scripture. Now, when you read contextually, beginning from verse 1 and ending at verse 21, Paul began with a defense of his apostleship. He said, "If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward," and so on. He was defending his apostleship: that through the election of grace he was given the apostleship to minister to the Gentiles, and that he was given a mystery that had been hidden before time but has now been revealed to His apostles and prophets, and so on and so forth.

And then the verse that connects to this starts from verse 14. We're not going there, but when you start your reading from verse 14… In fact, let's just do 14, and then we'll jump back to 20. Ephesians 3:14: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." So that's how it led to that prayer. He was praying a prayer, and then it doubled as a charge.

By the time we get to verse 20, he says, "Now unto him…" Now I want to read this portion of Scripture in a way that will help us understand. Watch my reading. I'm reading 20 and 21. "Now unto him…" then go to verse 21: "…be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages." I jumped everything, because the whole subject of discussion is Him: not just the power, not just "exceeding."

Back to 20. It says, "Now unto him." You will notice that there are two "unto Hims." Verse 20 says, "Now unto him." Verse 21 also says, "Unto him." So you have to focus there. He's talking about a Person. Before you explore the subject of His power, and the church, and all of that, the real emphasis is Him. He's introducing a Person there: "Now unto him." This is very important.

THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

You know, Paul was one person who had an abundant revelation of God. And he says, "Unto him." So we have to pause and take those three words very seriously: "Now unto him." Forget about what He's able to do; we're coming there. But your understanding and appreciation of what He's able to do depend on knowing the Him he's talking about.

This is not the first time Paul is talking about Him. In Philippians 3 and verse 10 he says, "That I may know him." That Him is introduced again. Is someone following now? So we are defining that Him: "that I may know him," and when I know Him, I will know "the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings," and so on and so forth. So it starts by knowing Him.

In John chapter 1, verses 10 and 11, let me show you a portion of Scripture there. He says, "He was in the world, and the world was made by him" (that same Him again) "and the world knew him not." Are we learning already? So we're opening up Ephesians 3:20, and he starts by saying, "Now unto him." And I'm putting perspective there. He says He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and yet the world knew Him not. Verse 11: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." You cannot receive Him until you first know Him. Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord. This is very powerful.

THE PEOPLE THAT DO KNOW THEIR GOD

In Daniel 11 and verse 32, the Bible says (a popular scripture), "But the people that do know their God…" The result of knowing their God is, number one, they "shall be strong," and number two, they shall "do exploits."

So very quickly, before we talk about the subject of God's ability: who is He? Because Paul says, "Now unto him," and it would be a careless assumption to just assume that everyone here understands the Him Paul is talking about, because "him" means many things to many people.

He says, “Now unto him.” So, very quickly, Isaiah chapter 40 and verse 28 is a profound description of this Him, the God that we serve. The Bible uses three very clear expressions. Verse 28: “Hast thou not known?” He’s talking to those who don’t know Him, or are not sure of who He is. “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard?” Then he gives Him three profound descriptions. Number one, that Him is “the everlasting God.” Number two, that Him is called “the Lord,” Yahweh. Number three, that Him is called “the Creator of the ends of the earth.”

THE LORD: OWNER AND SOURCE

“Now unto him,” the everlasting God. “Now unto him,” the Lord. The word “Lord” there means absolute owner: not contractual; the owner, not a steward. When you say you are a landlord, it means you own the property. It doesn’t necessarily mean you own the land; you met the land there and bought it. So the word “Lord” there does not just mean one who is the current owner. It means He’s the originator, the source. Are we together?

So that ownership does not just talk of possession. It talks of being the source. “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof.” Are we together? We’re defining that Him now. “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard?” Number one, He’s called the everlasting God. Number two, He’s called the Lord. And number three, He’s called the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Did you know that just describing Him begins to affect you? So that by the time you start talking about His ability, when doubt wants to rise, you will remember who this Him is. We are talking about the everlasting God.

CHAPTER 3

WHO HE IS

SIX ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Now, from a theological standpoint, there are six major attributes of God. Let me run the list for you: six major attributes, the qualities that define God. When you are trying to define or describe God, you define Him by and through His qualities.

ETERNAL

Number one: God is eternal. The word “eternal” there means there’s no beginning and there’s no end. He has always been, and will always be. Every other thing and every other person has a beginning. The Bible says, “In the beginning God.” Not “from the beginning”: “In the beginning God.” Hallelujah. God is eternal.

SELF-EXISTENT

Number two: He’s self-existent. “Now unto him,” the self-existent One. That means He does not owe or derive His existence through partnership with another entity. Self-existent means He does not depend on anything outside of Himself. There’s no other factor He depends on to sustain Him.

I’ll give you an example. Did you know that just lacking oxygen alone, you will die? Just lacking food, you will die. But God is self-existent, meaning nothing outside of Himself needs to contribute to supporting His living. Are we understanding what Paul is saying now? “Now unto him,” the self-existent God.

If you take away oxygen from me, I'm in trouble. In fact, if you take away just good food alone, I'll be in trouble. Take away water, and I'll be in trouble. Take away humans and leave me alone. One of the ways they punish criminals is to incarcerate them and leave them alone, because human beings thrive on connection. But the Bible says God is self-existent, meaning He's not frustrated by the absence or the presence of anybody or any factor. Everything resides within Him. Whatever makes for His sustenance is within Him. Self-existence.

IMMUTABLE

Number three: God is immutable. It's a profound quality. "Now unto him," the immutable God. Do you know what it means to be immutable? He's unchanging in His Person and His character. His methods can change; His ways are dynamic. But His Person is consistent. What does that mean? We can trust Him. We can trust Him. The Bible says that with Him there is "no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

This is a quality that men are pressing to have. It is what we call integrity. Integrity is not something that comes to men by default. That's why you celebrate people when you find that they are persons of integrity, because it is not intrinsic in men to have integrity. We bend based on the situation we find ourselves in. But when the Bible says He's immutable, that's the reason we can trust Him, because we know that a thousand years from now His character will not change. Hallelujah. "For I am the Lord, I change not."

OMNISCIENT

Quality number four: He's omniscient. This one is popular. We know that "omniscient" here talks about the fact that He's all-knowing. This is profound. You may have heard me say that God's knowledge is not progressive. God does not learn. His knowledge is absolute. If He should learn, that means there's someone higher than Him who educates Him. God cannot learn. There's nothing like progressive knowledge. There's nothing like, "Okay, God, I want to inform You." He knows all things. You see, there's no such thing as future with Him; His realm is now. It's a very deep mystery about God.

The Bible says, "There is no searching of his understanding." The vastness of His understanding is beyond human comprehension. God is omniscient: He's all-knowing. Perfect knowledge, perfect understanding, perfect wisdom.

OMNIPOTENT AND OMNIPRESENT

Quality number five, very quickly: God is omnipotent. Omnipotent means He's sovereign. He's all-powerful.

And finally, God is omnipresent. He's not affected by time and space. The psalmist said, "Whither shall I flee from thy presence?"

KNOWING HIM FIRST

I'm just giving you perspective. Remember, we're still dealing with Ephesians 3:20. I hope I've not lost you. "Now unto him." Now you understand the Him there: the eternal One, the self-existent One, the all-powerful One. That revelation of Him will immediately help you believe every other thing that follows the "Him": "Now unto him that is able to do." Now you will not doubt that statement, because you have a definition of that Him. Are we together? Praise the name of the Lord.

“Now unto him.” Most believers do not take the time to know Him, but they focus on the things He can do, and they find that there’s a conflict in their minds, because the description that follows that statement is a very ambitious one. It is one that, if you don’t know Him, will look like a lie. It says, “Now unto him that is able to do,” then it defines how far He can do: “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” That statement does not make sense. But when you know the Him, it begins to make sense that it is true. Because “as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Is somebody understanding now? Praise the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 4

ABLE TO DO

ABLE TO SAY, ABLE TO THINK, ABLE TO DO

So let's go to the second part of this discussion very quickly. Ephesians 3:20. The Bible says that whoever that Him is, by the time you are done exploring the riches of who He is, He "is able to do." This is profound. It talks about ability. It talks about capacity.

There are people who are able to say, but they are not able to do. Hallelujah. There are people who are able to think, but they are not able to do. The one who is able to do must be all-powerful. Psalm 62 and verse 11, a popular scripture, says, "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." Someone say, "Power belongs to God."

In Exodus 15 and verse 11 (I think it was the song of Moses and Miriam), a profound scripture. We have made songs out of this scripture. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?" (We're still talking about the Him.) "Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

WHAT "ABLE TO DO" MEANS

Able to do. Able to do means able to give a child, even without a womb. Able to do: we're giving perspective. Able to do means able to pick an individual from a dunghill and announce him, regardless of who believes you or not. Who is learning? Able to do means He's able to restore. Able to do means He's able to save even to the uttermost.

There are things that, when you see them, you know it was God that did this one. There are men who can do things. There are even some things Satan can

do. He said, “An enemy hath done this.” When you see stealing, killing… But there are certain acts of redemption and intervention, and when you see them, you know: this one is God’s signature. He says that when you understand that Him, then you know how far He is able to do.

Able to do means He’s able to lift. Able to do means He’s able to anoint. When you find a man who is lifted by God from nowhere to anywhere: able to do. The One who is able to do has visited him. Did the Bible not say, in Genesis chapter 21 and verse 1, “And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said”? Only God can do that one. “And the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken.” That’s it right there.

WILLING AND ABLE

There are people who say, “I wish I had the money; I would really help you.” And they have the heart, but they are not able to do, because the ability to do is a description of capacity, wherewithal. There are times people have the heart. Remember, a man asked Jesus Christ as He walked upon the earth. He said, “If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.” And Jesus said, “I will; be thou clean”: meaning, “I have the power to do.”

Blind Bartimaeus understood this about Jesus, and he said, “Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.” It’s not “Can You do it?” “I know You can do it. If You don’t do it, it is simply because You don’t want to.” And He stopped. He said, “What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” And he said, “That I might receive my sight.” Able to do.

That is the foundation of Bible faith: that you have a revelation of who God is and the extent of His power. Ephesians 1:19–21 says, “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe.” Is somebody learning now? Say, “God is able to do.” Shake off unbelief as you shout it. Say, “God is able to do.” He’s able to do; it means He’s able to lift. I would not be surprised if by next week I hear that you have left where you are for another dimension. No, it is those who do not know Him who will doubt and ask, “How did it happen?”

CONNECTED TO THE ONE WHO IS ABLE

Able to do: meaning, when people doubt you, you say, "Be careful. I'm connected to the One who is able to do": able to make, able to fix, able to mend, able to start again, able to restore. Is faith rising in someone? Able to open doors, able to close doors, able to frustrate the tokens of the liars. Conviction: "Now unto him that is able to do." Someone who does not have a job, say, "Able to do." Able to do means He has the power. The one without a child: able to do. To do what? "As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child." Able to do. Sarah laughed: able to do. This is a powerful revelation.

AN ASSIGNMENT ONLY HE CAN DO

When you know God is able to do, you will not fear the assignment He gives you. God will never give you an assignment that you have the capacity to do on your own. No, He will give you an assignment that He can do through you. We're coming there. One of the ways you know you heard God is that what He told you makes you afraid. If it's easily achievable, most likely it is a familiar spirit. God will tell you something only He can do, because at the end of that journey, what that instruction makes of you is better than the achievement. It's a journey that will stretch you until you trust Him. Is somebody learning? Able to do.

I want that revelation to get into you before we move to the next level. Someone say, "Able to do": meaning He's able to draw my helpers to me on time. Able to do: meaning He's able to restore all the months that have been wasted, from January till September. Is somebody learning? He's able to do: meaning He's able to anoint me with fresh oil and lift me and announce me as a sign and a wonder to the nations. Able to do: He's able to put a coin in the mouth of the fish, so that I can simply go and pick it up and have the resources.

Listen: able to do also means able to make. It says, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things…" The reason we doubt God is that we do not know the Him, and then we have not taken time to really explore the fact that He's able to do. You know, we sing it, "He's able," and we dance, but we really don't understand what we're saying.

HIS CREDENTIALS

And He left His credentials, the things He has done. You want to know how far God is able to do? Read your Bible. He made the heavens and the earth. Read your Bible. He brought Israel out of Egypt regardless of Pharaoh. He didn't have to kill Pharaoh to bring them out. He brought them out while Pharaoh was alive, to show that Pharaoh did not need to die for deliverance to happen. Pharaoh only died when he tried to stop what God had done. Is somebody learning? Able to do.

So: "Now unto him," and then He "is able to do." I like this. Able to do. Able to lift, able to change, able to bless, able to transform, able to restore, able to make, able to mold, able to attract. This is very profound. This is how Bible faith rests. So "now unto him," the everlasting God, the eternal One, the self-existent One. Hallelujah. "For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." The Potentate, not threatened by anyone's existence.

Leaving Pharaoh alive, He still brought Israel out of Egypt. That's a profound revelation. Most times you kill the enemy; you strike the head of the serpent; then deliverance happens. But He said, "I can still bring deliverance. I can come into the camp of the enemy, still leave them alive, pick the one I want and take him out." The God of heaven.

Someone say, "He's able to do in my life." That means you should be grateful, but not surprised, that God decides to change your story tomorrow. No, it's those who don't know Him who will doubt and say, "Are you really sure He's God?" The Bible says, "Now unto him." Always remind them about Him.

I'm showing you how Bible faith rests on the revelation of Him and the fact that He's able to do. "The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah." He's a God of limitless possibilities. He's a God of limitless capabilities, never lacking in strength, never lacking in wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

ABOVE ALL WE ASK OR THINK

WHY ADD THAT?

Let's go to the third part of the discussion. So, "Now unto him"; He's "able to do." Then Paul introduces something that I thought was unnecessary. For a long time I wondered: having already defined that He's able to do, why stretch our creativity again? I thought the other information was unnecessary.

"Now unto him." All right: the focus is now on Him. "Able to do": you have told us about His ability. Then he says, "exceeding abundantly." Then he says, "above all." Then he does not stop there. He now brings us into the picture. He brings in something about men. Please pay attention. He says, "above all that we ask." Why did you have to add that? You could have just said, "exceeding abundantly, far above," and stopped there. But he says, "above all that we ask or think."

By making that contrast, he introduces a very important part of understanding how God works through men. Now look at this. If I say XYZ is wealthier than Dangote, or XYZ is wealthier than Elon Musk, by making that contrast I also reveal that they are standards themselves. Did you get my illustration? So he says, "above all that we ask or think." Let's stop there for a moment. That will be our third junction.

ASKING AND THINKING

"Above all that we ask or think." He reveals to us immediately that the doing of God depends on two dimensions of man's participation: your asking and your belief system. Please listen carefully. He can do above it. But the usual rule, as far as God manifesting His power is concerned, is that there must be participation through your asking and your thinking: "above all that we ask or think." Paul is meticulous in his description. That means, as a rule, to get God working in your life, your prayer is a factor and your belief system is a factor. But even with that, He can go above it. He's not neglecting that rule. He's saying, "This is the rule," but because God is so mighty, above and beyond your adherence to that rule, He can go above it. Who is learning now? Everybody say, "Ask." Say, "Think."

HAVING IS A FUNCTION OF ASKING

In James 4 and verse 2, the apostle James tells us why we do not have. He says, "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not." Simply because you do not know that having is a function of asking. Having help is a function of asking. Having breakthrough is a function of asking. Is somebody learning now? Are we understanding what Paul is saying? That every time you find those who have, it's because they have learned how to ask.

Matthew 7:7. Jesus is teaching now, not an angel. He says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Here is the rule that governs it. Verse 8; let's read together. One, two, go.

> **MATTHEW 7:8**
> *For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

Everybody say, “Every one.” This is not exclusive to men of God. This is not exclusive to those who are in the West or the East. It says “every one.” This rule of asking as the basis for receiving is for everyone: “For every one that asketh receiveth.”

No wonder blind Bartimaeus received: because he did not assume; he asked. Is somebody learning? No wonder the woman with the issue of blood received. No wonder the feast that was going to turn into an embarrassment at the wedding in Cana was saved: because the people could ask. She said, “Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.” There will be a “do.” So He’s able to do “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask.” We’re coming to “think.”

John 16 and verse 24. Jesus is speaking. He says, “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” Ask. Someone say, “Ask.” We could spend all night teaching on asking. Asking is one of the dimensions of intelligence that believers must press into, to understand how to ask. “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” It shows you the dynamics of prayer: that when it has to do with God manifesting His power in the life of a man, there is a dimension of the results that is a product of asking, asking, asking. “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Ask.

YOUR BELIEF SYSTEM IS ALSO PRAYING

But then he introduces something very profound. He says, “ask or think.” For those of you who understand English, when I say, “Sit here or here,” what I’m saying is that either way you are not disadvantaged. Are we together? “Sit here or here” is an attempt to show that they measure almost the same in quality. Is somebody learning now?

Okay: “ask or think.” Meaning that in the realm of the spirit, your belief system is as powerful as your prayer life. Your belief system is also a prayer warrior, and there is something it is asking God to do or not to do. So you can pray well,

and then your belief system cancels out everything you are praying. And the Bible says God hears it all.

So your prayer can be saying, "God, move me forward," but your understanding is saying, "God, let me remain here." Is somebody learning now? When God wants to release His power to be at work in the life of a man, your prayer life and your belief system must both grow.

Many believers are prayerful, but they are not transformed enough to allow the answers to arrive. One of the greatest ways God answers prayer is to cause the man praying to grow to a level that can allow for the answer, because providing an answer is capacity-dependent. He gave to one five talents, to another two talents, to another one: not according to His love, but "according to his several ability." And at the end of the parable, you see that he was right.

God will not take a man with one-talent capacity and give him five talents; four talents would be wasted. He taught us that He's not the God of waste, by saying, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." So there are many things we are asking for correctly, but we do not have the capacity to receive. Are we together?

THE CROWN ON THE HEAD OF A CHILD

"Lord, give me the nations." A great prayer, a sincere prayer. But if God places that burden on you… Perhaps you have heard me say that the crown that is a symbol of royalty, and the scepter that is a symbol of royalty, will only be a burden on the head and in the hand of a child. Imagine carrying a little baby, dropping a heavy crown of pure gold on the head of that baby, and then giving the baby a heavy scepter. You didn't enthrone the child; you are punishing that child to death. What is missing is not the crown. It is not the scepter. It's capacity.

Imagine taking the armor of a warrior, the shield of a warrior and the sword of a warrior, and giving them to a baby to lift. It would be wickedness. You are not arming the baby for victory. So you see that many, many believers are not able to experience the power and the possibilities of God because they do not know how to ask, and then they do not know that their understanding, the construct of their belief system, can affect what flows to them.

THEY LIMITED THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL

Let me show you something in Psalm 78 and verse 41. Who is learning? "Ask or think." Psalm 78:41. I'd like you to read this scripture with me, if you love Jesus. One, two, go.

> **PSALM 78:41**
> *Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.*

Who did they limit? The Holy One of Israel. Do you know what it means to be the Holy One of Israel? The One who does not change, the One who has integrity; yet they limited Him. A man can limit the unlimited God, literally the hand of God, so that when other people watch you, they say, "Why can't God visit this family?" I'll tell you what is wrong: there is an asking problem, or there is a thinking problem.

For Africa, most of it is a thinking problem, because we have done well in asking. But the reason the answer cannot come is that there is a conflict. The asking is saying, "Lord, open doors." The thinking is saying, "No need." The asking is saying, "Take me higher." The thinking is saying, "No, I can't receive it." The asking is saying, "Open the gates of the nations." But the thinking is saying, "I don't think I'm ready." And the Bible says both of them are sounds that God hears. He's able to do "above all that we ask or think."

How did they limit God? Psalm 78 and verse 19:

> **PSALM 78:19**
> *Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?*

Are you seeing how they limited God? Remember the beginning of our discussion: we said, "Now unto him," and we took time to describe that Him. Now they are saying, "That Him, who is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, the eternal One, the self-sufficient One: can He really furnish a table in the wilderness?" And the Bible says that, by thinking so, they limited God. God could do more, but their minds had already imagined a vain thing.

You will be surprised how many of you have had your thoughts and your beliefs frustrate the prophecy over your life. Not demonic attacks. The devil did not need to attack you. There's already a construct that is in partnership with him. And so he will allow you to keep shouting and shouting and shouting, and you wonder why God cannot be revealed in your life. The problem is not the Him. It is not even His capacity. It is that you have not learned how to ask or think.

THE MIND OF CHRIST

Philippians 2 and verse 5: "Let this mind be in you." Not just "let this life." Perhaps you have heard me teach that it is the life of Christ plus the mind of Christ that equals victory in the kingdom. Listen: the life of Christ plus the mind of Christ equals victory in the kingdom. If you have the life of Christ, you have the potential for an indomitable life. But the life of Christ is powered by the mind of Christ. So he has already told people who have the life of Christ: in addition to having the life of Christ, "let this mind be in you."

If the mind is not in you, it would be like buying a brand-new television and not plugging it into power. Is somebody learning? "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." Say, "I have the mind of Christ." Say it like you are receiving it. Ask or think. I found

this years ago, and it really blessed me.

CHAPTER 6

THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US

LORD, MAKE ME

And I want to tell you this sincerely. The reason the prayer lives of many people in Africa keep frustrating them is not that prayer is bad. It is that they have an incomplete approach. They don't know how to produce victory out of prayer. The value of prayer is that it sponsors transformation, not just that it delivers answers. There are many dimensions to prayer. Africa focuses on the request and petition dimension of prayer: "Lord, give me. Lord, give me." The better part is, "Lord, make me." Because in the place of prayer, the richer, greater assignment of prayer is to affect and to alter the way that you think.

Luke 9:29: "And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering." Nothing was given to Him, but He changed. Are we learning? He changed.

So when you lay hands on someone and say, "In the name of Jesus, be healed," it's not just the correctness of the prayer. Your understanding is a gateway through which the power of God can flow to that person, or not. That is the reason why, beyond impartation, three people can have the same impartation, but for one, the possibilities that flow from his life through that impartation will be richer than for the others. It's not the love of God. It is that the impartation rested on a mind that is more superior and more transformed. Is somebody learning?

LICENSED TO FLOW THROUGH US

Let's go to the final part. Ephesians 3:20. We're doing Ephesians 3. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Now he makes a profound statement: "according to the power" (not the power He has) "the power that worketh in us."

I took time to study that line of the scripture, and here's what it means. Here's the accurate rendition of that scripture: "according to the measure of His power that is allowed to flow and work through us." According to the measure of His power that is allowed; in fact, the literal sense there is "licensed." The measure of His power that is allowed to flow and work through us.

Immediately, that line redefines the whole verse, because the verse is now not just about what God can do. It is about what God can do through us. So the whole story is not just about what God can do. Paul routed it through different junctions to land here: "I'm trying to educate you that the limitless God wants to do something through you, but that you can become an obstruction and a hindrance."

GLORY IN THE CHURCH

Verse 21 gives perspective. It says, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus." That means that when His power flows through believers, when His power flows through the church in an unrestrained dimension, it brings glory to Him by the church. Is somebody learning? So the entire verse is not really so much about God's ability. It is about His ability that seeks to find expression in and through you.

Whether or not your life captures and manifests God's ability does not change the fact that He's all-powerful. Are we together? If you never experience results in your life, it does not change who God is, but it changes how people perceive God, looking through the lens of your life, because we are living epistles.

So it's not enough to say, "Well, whatever; God is glorified." Yes, God is glorified, but He wants to be glorified through you. He wants to be glorified in you. That means He wants your life to be like a Bible that is open, so that if people learn God through your life, they learn a powerful God. They learn a God of limitless possibilities.

"Now unto him," Paul says, "that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all": that's a fact. However, He wants to flow through your life. He wants to flow through the church, so that He will be glorified by the church. God can heal, whether you die of sickness or not. But flowing through you to release the healing anointing gives Him glory upon the earth. God can lift. Is somebody learning now?

It does not matter what happens to us; God is consistent. But He can be consistent and yet be misrepresented upon the earth. The battle is for an accurate representation of God. He's not threatened by what we think about Him. What we think about Him does not change who He is, but it robs Him of the opportunity to be glorified upon the earth. You see that? That whole journey is about glorifying Him: glorifying Him through the excellency of our results.

So when you are talking about God's ability, please learn this: God's ability is not a subject of contention. It does not matter what we think. It does not matter what we say. God is all-powerful, and His power is limitless. But the question is: how much of that power has been allowed to flow through your life like a river, like an oasis flowing through your life to the nations? How much? That's the question we have to ask and answer tonight.

CHAPTER 7

CAPACITY

A PRAYER TO GROW

I wrote a few things here, and I want you to listen. God is all-powerful and limitless. That's something we must fix in our minds. Number two: He wants that limitless power to be manifested through believers, the church. And the limit of the manifestation of God's power on earth is caused by the level of faith, capacity or transformation of the believer.

The prayer, therefore, if you understand Ephesians 3:20, is to say, "Lord, let me grow." If you really understand Ephesians 3:20, it is not just a prayer to learn about God's power. It is a prayer to say, "Lord, let that limitless power find expression through my life. Let that limitless healing anointing find expression through my life. Let that limitless ability that resides in Christ find expression through my life." Are we together?

THE DAY GOD FOUND A VESSEL

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above." I tell you this: if Pastor Nat comes and picks up the trumpet and begins to blow, and suddenly you're getting healed, you're getting delivered, you're getting transformed, do you think that was the only time God wanted to reach you? No. That was the time He found someone with capacity enough to allow that dimension of His power to flow through to you. Is somebody learning?

If I walk up to someone right now who is sitting in a wheelchair, and I say, "Stand up," and he stands up, the day that person stood up was not the day God yearned for his healing. It was the day God found a man with capacity enough

to allow His power to flow. Are we together? Now, if I speak over your life and say, “By this time tomorrow…” and it happens, I can tell you that most of the time it is not that that tomorrow was the time preordained. It was the day you coincided with the vessel that could host God’s power enough to produce that possibility.

So when God looks powerless within a territory, it is because the vessels He wants to flow through do not have capacity enough, and they keep misrepresenting His potential. Is somebody learning? When Satan seems to prevail over a territory and makes God look incapacitated, He is still all-powerful. He is still the everlasting God. But He is not seen as the everlasting God within that territory, because Satan still seems to have dominion. So the call, therefore, is for believers who have capacity. Do you understand this now?

PRAYER AND TRANSFORMATION

And he shows you that the way to that capacity is prayer and transformation. Say that after me: “Prayer. Transformation.” That, right there, is the key to dominion: prayer and transformation. As we submit ourselves to prayer, and as we submit ourselves to learning and transformation, what happens is that there is an enlargement within us. Who is learning now? An enlargement within your spirit. And as you are enlarged, the power flows: “according to the power that worketh,” not according to the power He has. The power that works.

THE STEP-DOWN TRANSFORMER

So there’s what we call a step-down transformer. Hallelujah. Because what leaves the power-holding company is too high for what arrives at your house. Are we together? So there is a step-down transformer. However, there are times when the light that comes to your house is a misrepresentation of what left the power-holding company, either because there is a poor connection, or the wires are wrong. Are we together now?

So, based on your interpretation, you say, “The power-holding company: their voltage is not strong,” whereas there’s nothing wrong at their end. High voltage left heaven, but by the time it got to your family, it was not power enough to produce anything. Who is learning? This is very true. Not power enough, sir. Not power enough. So it keeps misrepresenting God. Not power enough. “I know you laid hands.” Not power enough. It’s a capacity problem. “God is not a man, that he should lie.” It is always a capacity problem.

And you are saying, “Apostle, so now what do I do?” Ask and think. Let that be your assignment: ask and think. That’s the way of growth. “Ask” represents prayer: every day you keep submitting yourself. And then you submit yourself to transformation. As you do this, there is an enlargement in the spirit.

NOT JUST THE PREDETERMINED COUNSEL

God wants to move. But every move of God requires a certain dimension of the anointing, and that anointing does not just depend on the love of God. It depends on the capacity of the saints. Capacity. Don’t just covet the results that you see. They are not just a product of God’s predetermined counsel. They are a product of capacity. There are many people serving God whom God cannot trust with a national assignment, because this one requires capacity, not just hearing. You can hear accurately, and the vision never comes to pass.

The Lord sent me here. This is my assignment: to explain that scripture, so that our focus is not just on His power. No, there’s nothing wrong with God’s power. “Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power.” But the question is: why can that power not be revealed here and now? It’s not God, sir. It’s not God.

THE WOMAN BOUND FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS

So there was a woman who was bound for eighteen years, Pastor Nat. Every time she went to the synagogue, she was bound. Every time she heard them speak about "unto Him" (remember, the whole sermon was on that Him), I'm sure she would hear them read about the Healer, the Lifter, the Great One, the everlasting God. And she kept wondering for eighteen years.

One day… One day, this One was not just God. He was God who became man and built capacity. So it's not just about God; it is that God came in the flesh and had capacity enough. And He looked at the woman and said, "No, we can't delay on this woman. Thou art loosed." And the power of God that was always there, but could never reach down, reached her, because men did not have the capacity. They did not know how to pray, and they did not contend for transformation. Hallelujah.

HOW JESUS BUILT CAPACITY

Two things Jesus did that brought Him capacity. Number one: He prayed. Mark 1:35: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Number two: He submitted Himself to learning, to the point that His parents thought He was missing, and He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Question: was His Father's business learning in the temple? No. His Father's business was representing the life of God. But that was the pathway: to learn. By the time Satan came to Him in Matthew 4:4, His answer was, "It is written." Capacity.

Let me tell you: what I'm teaching you is an uncomfortable truth. Most times when we see people serving the program of God at certain heights, we look for very nice words, like "the predeterminate counsel of God." And sometimes humility is wonderful, but sometimes humility does not let you see the truth about what really happened. Not that it's bad; you understand? So we just say, "God be glorified," and it's true. But let me tell you the truth: this is a capacity

issue. Capacity.

GLORY IS IN WEIGHTS

There is a level of weight that you can carry in the spirit, such that you step into a place and you will not need to open your mouth: the level of immersion that will happen to people. This is the reason why, even though we are saved, we keep pressing. The Bible talks about the weight of glory. It says, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” Glory is in weights.

With all due respect, ten people can hold this trumpet and play skillfully, but the issue is not the sound; it is the weight. A man of God like Daddy GO can open his Bible, read a simple scripture and say, “Let me speak to my sons and daughters, in the name of Jesus.” It’s not the words; it is the weight. If you want to verify, repeat it. Repeat the same statement. Repeat the exact same thing. Not by divination. Repeat it. Everybody say, “Weight.” Amen. Oh yes, sir.

I was teaching my people, and I said: in boxing there’s featherweight (it is still weight), there’s lightweight, there’s middleweight, there’s heavyweight. So you may have weight; it may be a reality at a level. You see that now? You cannot put someone who is a featherweight to fight the battle of someone who is a heavyweight. It would be unfair. Even the association that regulates it will not allow it. I told my people: a heavyweight loser will still defeat the featherweight champion. That’s the person who lost there.

This journey is not just about the power of God. It’s about enlarging yourself so that you will be a carrier of weight. If there’s one word I want you to go back home with tonight, the word is “capacity.”

YOURS, BUT NOT UNDER EVERY CONDITION

So we claim a lot of things without understanding that they are capacity-dependent. That you found it written in Scripture does not mean it will be your reality. When the Bible writes promises, it is based on the assumption that the person who covets those promises is also willing to contend for the capacity. The Bible takes for granted that you understand these promises are yours, but not under every condition. Yours, but not under every condition. Influence: yours, but not under every condition. Finances: yours, but not under every condition. Greatness: yours, but not under every condition.

That is the reason why not everything in the kingdom is a gift. There are things that are rewards. They are rewards because they are capacity-dependent. Is somebody learning? Now you see the value of worship. Now you see the value of prayer. Now you see the value of consecration. You see the value of fasting. Those things will look useless and a burden to you if you do not know that they are the things that help to enlarge you, so that the power that is at work in you can rise to that level.

So when you say, "I love the Lord," don't just sing it. Build capacity, so that more of His glory can find expression in you. Hallelujah. This is my assignment as a man of God. It's not just preaching. It is that I know there's so much God wants to do, and it can be easily done when the capacity is there.

A BILLION VERSUS A THOUSAND

Capacity can be likened to finances. Let me use that as a final illustration. How many of you know that if you stand here right now, and all that you have, home and abroad, is 1,000 naira, it would affect your confidence in the flesh, isn't it? The moment we start talking about purchases, you hide your face anytime I'm looking at you, because you know that embarrassment is imminent. 1,000 is money, but not enough to buy anything serious. So when we start talking about things like medical bills and the rest, you find all kinds of excuses.

But somebody who has, say, a billion naira is not threatened by what you are saying, because all the purchases are still within his capacity. Are we together? So when we are talking about paying rent and someone says, “Ah, my rent is 15 million,” his own problem is willingness, not capacity. And what’s more, let’s assume somebody makes, say, 100 million every week. Releasing 10 million is like playing a computer game, because it will come back. He has found a way of replenishing. Are we together now? Say “capacity.” So the person can literally solve the problems of ten people right now, and you are wondering. It is his size. With every swipe of the card, he’s not threatened: 10 million, 10 million, 10 million. And you are even afraid for him: “See this risk you are taking.” No, he knows what is there.

DUNAMIS

This is the revelation behind the word we call *dunamis*. There is power that is capable of being replenished, meaning that as it is dispensed, it is not a disadvantage to the one it flows from. It’s like lighting a candle. When you pick up a lit candle and light another one, does it threaten the one that was lit? No. Dunamis: “according to the power that worketh in us.”

CHECK YOUR FEAR FACTOR

How do you know you have capacity? Check your fear factor. Check your fear factor. When the instructions bring fear, it is because you are aware, sincerely, honestly aware: “This one I can do; this one I can’t.” So if God says, “Organize a program somewhere in Maitama,” it is within your capacity; you are not threatened. But if God says, “Okay, rise up; go to Brazil,” the reason you are afraid is not that you doubt God. It’s that a part of you suspects that you will fail. And you are right. And this is not negative confession.

No, I have to stop. We’re going to pray, so that the pastor will come and help us with the other part. The next prayer and worship is dedicated to the stretching of capacity: “Lord, I acknowledge that there is more. There is more.”

THE KNOB ON THE TAP

Look at me. A final illustration. How do you open a tap? Why is there a knob on the tap? What does it control? The flow. Everybody say, "Flow." So the water that comes from the water board is not affected. But how many of you know that if you can only turn it to drip, even after one hour your bucket will not be halfway full? Is it a function of what left the water board? No. It is that you did not learn how to turn it. But there are certain taps that are gushers: as soon as you open them, in less than one minute you can keep filling buckets.

This is how it is in the spirit. Beloved brothers and sisters, hear me. The Bible says, "according to the power," His power that is allowed. My dear brother, my dear sister, the limitation is not from God's end. It is that the power wants to flow through you. A hundred, or a thousand, or ten thousand milliliters wanting to flow into a container that is just 200 milliliters: it won't work. There will be waste. So many times God suspends things, because He does not want to bring waste into your life. Is somebody ready to pray?

IT IS NOT DELAY; IT IS MERCY

There are many things that look like delays. Let me have your attention. It is not delay; it is mercy. Because if it were to land on that bankruptcy of capacity… God has not introduced you to your helpers yet. It's not delay. It is because He knows that men don't forgive. When you stand without capacity and they watch you, they etch your limitation in their minds. Even when you change, they won't give you a chance again. So He suspends your rising, while you are there binding demons. God is saying, "No, this is not the devil. I'm suspending you so that you will build capacity."

So He tests you with the lion and the bear. And then, when you pass, one day He will use a scenario and send you to Goliath. And when Saul looks at you and says, "What gives you this confidence, O little teenager?" you say, "With all due respect, sir, I know Him. 'Now unto him…' I know what He can do. But I also

know what He can do through me."

CHAPTER 8

BE MAGNIFIED

CAN HE DO IT THROUGH YOU?

Listen to me. Many of us know what God can do. But my question is: do you know what He can do through you? Have you given Him the allowance to flow through you? You know He speaks, but can He speak through you? You know He heals, but can He heal through you? You know He blesses, but can He bless through you?

So experiencing the mighty hand of God the way we so desire, and seeing the ability of God, is a call for growth. It's a call for capacity. It's not a call to probe God's power. No, He has proven it from Genesis to Revelation; it is consistent. Is somebody ready to pray? This is how we grow. This is how we rise: capacity.

THE LANGUAGE OF REPENTANCE

"Lord, You can do more, but I have limited You." That song, "Be Magnified": it's not a song for sinners. It's a song for intelligent believers. That's the language of repentance. That's the assignment of a true apostolic ministry: Ephesians 3 and verse 9, "to make all men see."

I'm giving you the prayer point: "Be magnified in my life, in my ministry, in my business. Be magnified in my destiny, over my finances. I'm a man of God, but I have made You too small. The inability to enlarge has made You look small. Be magnified." Go ahead and pray in the spirit for one minute. Everyone, lift your voice. Pray in the spirit.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." But it is according to His power that is allowed through growth: His

power that is allowed through enlargement, His power that is allowed by enlarging our capacity, allowed to flow through you. It says, "Unto him be glory," through your growth, "in the church." One minute; we are praying.

"Father, I contend for enlargement. Let Your power find limitless expression through my life. Work upon my understanding. Work upon my prayer. Work upon my belief system." Please lift your voice and pray, for one minute. Unto Him. In Jesus' name we pray. Hallelujah.

BE IT UNTO ME

Now please listen. We read from that scripture: "Now unto him," Ephesians 3:20–21. "Unto him." But I want to show you the final part. You are now going to say, "Be it unto me." It is unto Him, but it must be unto you. Mary said, "Be it unto me." "Be it unto me" means "I agree." "Be it unto me" means "I take up the burden of enlargement." "Be it unto me" means "I receive grace to stretch."

So you're going to pray. I'll speak over your life and clear the stage for Pastor Nat. I just want him to drive us through that river of worship again.

THE FORMULA FOR ENLARGEMENT

Hallelujah. Within that statement is the formula for enlargement: ask or think. Ask or think: prayer, transformation. Prayer, transformation. So when you desire to be enlarged, the way you go about it is to invest in prayer and then contend for transformation. And the only way you contend for transformation is by methodically submitting yourself to the ministry of renewal through the word, to re-engineer your understanding and your perspectives. You can be prayerful, but if you are not transformed, you will still be a loser, because a major part of the prayer depends on the power at work in you.

Please do not forget this as we step into the next session of prayer and worship. Just have this at the back of your mind: "Lord, I have ministered to You. Please minister to me, and let that ministration come as light that stretches me:

something I need to know, something I need to understand, that will release Your glory to manifest through my life."

ENLARGE US

Let me speak over your life. Father, I just want to thank You for Jesus House. I thank You for the set man over this beautiful church. Thank You for the leadership. Thank You for this conference. Thank You for the ministers who have come from everywhere. I want to thank You because You sent this word to build us. You sent this word to reveal to us the real issue: the reason why You keep getting misrepresented in our lives, our businesses, our communities and our world. You have shown us that it is an issue of the absence of growth and capacity, that our limitation is limiting the flow of Your power.

Lord, we therefore cry for mercy and for help. Enlarge us and stretch us, in the name of Jesus Christ, until all of You can find expression through us. It says, "until Christ be formed in you." I pray, O God, that You enlarge our minds and enlarge our spirits, in the name of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 9

THE ALTAR CALL

ONE SINCERE PERSON

Please let me do the altar call. I'll just do that so that I get out of the way. It's our culture to always give someone an opportunity to make it right with Jesus. The subject of capacity is for those who are in Christ. The journey begins with an encounter, a real encounter with Jesus.

And I'm touched seeing people stretched across the balconies and everywhere, and perhaps those who are following online. When we have meetings like this, we usually encourage people to be very truthful, not to play church, not to play religion. This is a business of destiny. I want to make the altar call, and if I find only one sincere person tonight, I'm satisfied: someone who will be a witness, saying, "Apostle, I truly want to make it right with Jesus. I have seen through the lens of the word that I need His life." And someone is saying, "I need rededication. I can't keep playing games, one leg in, one leg out. I truly want to make it right with Jesus."

Wherever you are, I want to count from one to five, for the sake of time, and give you an opportunity. And I ask any bold person who truly wants to make it right (you are not ashamed of growth; you're not ashamed of Jesus) to come and stand right before me. Even if you are the only one, I will encourage you and salute you as you make your way here. I will count from one to five. I believe there will be more than one person. And no matter how far you are, stretched across the balcony, please be courageous enough to leave your seat and come and stand. Just stand right here and face me.

COME

I begin my counting. One. Let's celebrate them as they come. If you're coming, please hurry up. Make haste. Clear the way for those who are coming. We're in a serious business of salvation. Two. Keep clapping; they are coming. Let's encourage them. Three. Come on, Jesus House. Today can be the beginning of victory for you, my dear brother and my sister. Come. God bless you. Thank you for being courageous enough. Thank you for being determined to allow His grace, His glory, to flow through you. Let's keep clapping; they're coming. Final count: five. Thank you, my dear sisters. Thank you, my dear brother. I see you coming now. Come.

THE PRAYER OF SALVATION

Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord. Now please look at me. My beloved brothers and sisters, first and foremost, I salute you, and I congratulate you. It takes a lot of courage to leave your seat and walk. Some of you are just not courageous enough. But thank you. The Bible says, "To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Two things. All of you will have received a card. Please suspend filling it out for a moment. I will lead you to pray; that's the greater part. When you're done praying, you will be directed to follow the counselors there. You'll be given an opportunity to complete the form. Please complete it legibly. Provide all the information as required, and there will be a group of people who will follow up on you. But I want to congratulate you, in Jesus' name.

Lift your right hand. Let it be high above your head. And those who are following online or connecting by way of the media channels, please make sure you join as we pray this prayer. The business of salvation is everyone's concern. The Bible says, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children." With your hands lifted as unto Jesus, say this loud and say this clear:

"Lord Jesus, tonight I declare that I love You with all my heart. I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died for my sin. I believe You rose again for my justification. Right now I receive Jesus into my heart as my Savior, my Lord and my King. I declare that the power of sin, Satan, hell and the grave is broken over my life. From tonight, I'm a child of God. I go from glory to glory. Amen."

Keep your hands lifted. Father, I speak the blessing over these, my dear brothers and sisters, including those who are watching online. I declare that the grace that keeps, let it keep you, in the name of Jesus, that you will go from glory to glory. You will know Jesus, you will love Him and you will serve Him all the days of your life. No going back. In Jesus' mighty name we pray.

Please do me a favor, all of you. May I request that you follow the gentleman? Please lift your hands; let them see you. I'd request that all of you move in concert. There are counselors who have been trained. They love you. They'll receive the details and then speak a prayer over you. Thereafter, you'll be back in your seat. Keep clapping as they go. Hallelujah.

FRESH FIRE UPON YOUR ALTAR

Please rise up on your feet. Let me speak over you, in the name that is above all names. I agree with you from today: the strength and the grace to stay in the secret place until you are built; the strength and the grace to stay until something from heaven rests upon you. I release that grace upon you. Amen. Shout a receiving amen, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I plant in you a fresh hunger for His presence, a fresh hunger for prayer. Every prayer altar that is dried up and short of fire: in the name of Jesus, I decree and declare, by the power that raised Christ from the dead, fresh fire upon your altar. I pray for you a renewed appetite for the word. Let the spirit of wisdom and revelation rest upon you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

YOUR HARVEST AND YOUR TESTIMONY

I release my faith with you. Whatever you are trusting God for between now and the end of 2026, in the name that is above all names, we call it your harvest. We call it your testimony. I speak to a receiver: the breakthrough, your harvest and your testimony. The open doors, your harvest and your testimony. The liftings, your harvest and your testimony.

I declare: go forward, advance, make progress, leap over walls, run through troops, in the mighty name of Jesus. No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that rises up against you in judgment, we decree and declare, falls.

May the glory of the Lord rest upon your life. May your life be a testament of the faithfulness of God. Men will love God by looking at your life. Men will follow Him by watching you serve Him. In this season, you will taste and see that the Lord is good.

I sense in my spirit to speak over someone: affliction shall not rise up the second time. I don't know who this word is for, but affliction shall not rise up a second time. Here is the word for another person: it will turn out for you as a testimony. Yes, sir. It says, "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." Again, receive it: it will turn for you as a testimony.

In the name of Jesus, I call forth your helpers. May they come from afar: from the east, the west, the north and the south. In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare the blessing of the Lord upon you. May your face shine as that of a victorious believer. Every chain that has held you bound, in the name of Jesus, let it be broken. May God's ability flow through you. May God's wisdom flow through you. May God's might flow through you. You will become an oasis of hope to the nations, in the mighty name of Jesus.

Everything connected to you is blessed: your spouse, blessed; your children, blessed; your business, blessed; your ministries, blessed. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Shout amen seven times.

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