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MICAH 4:1-2

"The kingdom does not just advance by evangelism alone. The kingdom advances by influence."

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FOREWORD

This message was ministered on the evening of the fifth day of the Refiner's Fire Camp Meeting, hosted by the Anglican Communion in Oji River, Enugu State, Nigeria. It was Apostle Joshua Selman's final teaching assignment of that edition, and it brings to a close a series in which he set out to answer four questions about the ecclesia: what the church is, what it has been sent to do, where it must rise, and what makes it truly impactful.

Part One gathers the first three answers. He restates the three definitions of the church, the two kingdoms and their agendas, and the six mandates of the church. He then names three errors that can proceed from the pulpit and six areas in which the church must grow, and he insists that the zenith of spiritual transformation is not knowledge but love.

Part Two is the heart of the evening. From Micah 4 and Matthew 5, he presents ten pillars on which every impactful, apostolic church must stand: prayer, evangelism, discipleship, faith, power, value and productivity, influence, corporate social responsibility, unity and love. Each is drawn with plain, familiar illustrations, from Samson's two pillars to a borehole in a Zaria prison.

Part Three preserves the ministration that followed: prayers for grace, healing and deliverance, an impartation for a new generation of men and women of fire, a prayer for help from the sanctuary, and the altar call. 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, parts, chapters and subheadings have been added, and punctuation has been corrected.

Read it slowly, and as he urged at the close, find out which pillar is broken or missing in your life and in your church, and restore it.

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MAIN MESSAGE

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PART ONE

THE CHURCH REVISITED

Four Questions
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Errors from the Pulpit
Where the Church Must Rise
Governance, Fatherhood and Love

CHAPTER ONE

FOUR QUESTIONS

The church is God's strategy for extending His salvation program to the nations.

A QUICK RECAP

YESTERDAY WE BEGAN TALKING about the ecclesia, the church, and I said that God had sent me to this year's edition of this conference to answer four questions.

The first was to bring a redefinition of the concept of church: to help us understand what the church is. The second was to help us understand the assignment of the church. We touched a bit on that yesterday. This morning, particularly at the pastors' session, we took the third area: an X-ray of the current state of the church, with a view to showing us the areas that need improvement in order for the church to rise and become that bride of Christ in experience.

And tonight I will be showing you the principles that can cause a church to become impactful and truly apostolic by that definition. We will be looking at the elements that must be present in every church, every assembly and every believer in order to be impactful.

THREE DEFINITIONS OF THE CHURCH

By way of recap, I told us yesterday that there are three major definitions of the church.

First, we looked at the church as a spiritual strategy. We said the church is God's strategy for extending His salvation program to the nations. It is God's strategy for building and refining men. It is God's strategy for preserving truth and moral excellence. And it is God's strategy for demonstrating and revealing the love of Jesus to a dying world.

Second, the church refers to a collection of believers bound in one faith and a common destiny in Christ. It represents believers who are joined to Christ by one Spirit. I told us that an individual cannot be called a church. An individual can be a member of the church, and an effective one at that, but the church is a unified collection of believers. It is called the body of Christ.

The third definition I gave us yesterday is that the church is also an institution. Beyond a strategy, beyond the people, the church represents an institution. Paul, in 1 Timothy 3:15, calls it "the pillar and ground of the truth." It is the institution that preserves the program of God and allows all kinds of kingdom activities to happen within that assembly of God's people.

CHAPTER TWO

TWO KINGDOMS AND SIX MANDATES

We are not just called to be doers. We are also called to be revealers.

THE CONCEPT OF KINGDOMS

WE WENT ON TO look at the assignment of the church, and I told us that if we are to truly comprehend the assignment of the church, we must consider the concept of kingdoms. We agreed yesterday that there are two principal kingdoms: the kingdom of God's dear Son, the kingdom of light, versus the kingdom of darkness.

We said both of them are spiritual kingdoms, but they depend on physical infrastructures to exert their dominion upon the earth. These infrastructures are threefold: men, ideologies or belief systems, and institutions. That is the only way the program of God is extended in the earth, and it is the only way the program of Satan is extended in the earth. He uses men, he uses ideologies or belief systems, and he uses institutions.

God Himself has a program for all men. The Bible says He "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." His program for the nations is that the lordship of Christ is instituted first in the hearts of men (we

call that salvation), and then that His value system, His governing influence, finds expression across every stratum of human activity.

THE AGENDA OF DARKNESS

Satan also has an agenda. I did not take the time yesterday to tell us about the program of Satan, but he does have a counterfeit program. Satan has a fourfold agenda.

Number one is to stop men from having a real encounter with Jesus Christ and accessing the life that comes through the gospel.

His second agenda is to incite rebellion against the lordship, the government and the value system of Christ. He seeks to replace the value system of Christ with perverted values.

Number three: Satan's third program across the nations is to institutionalize global hostility against everything God and everything kingdom come. The widespread global hatred for the church is not human engineering. There is an intentional program to institutionalize hostility against all those who love Jesus and any program at all that reveals Him to the nations.

And the fourth program of Satan is to stop men from accessing light, the light that brings liberty. He does that by weakening their passion for the word and for the things of God, and then by creating a distance between them and those who bear this light.

These, and more, are generally the programs of the kingdom of darkness. Satan, as the head of a demonic kingdom, has a very organized program, the same way God has His program.

THE SIX MANDATES OF THE CHURCH

We said there are at least six assignments of the church. The church has a mandate, and the mandate, generally speaking, is sixfold.

The first assignment of the church is priesthood and prophetic intercession. We have the mandate to enforce the will of God in prayer and to restrain the program of darkness in the place of prayer.

Our second mandate is soul winning and world evangelization, global missions: to see that everybody is saved and that this gospel is taken to the ends of the earth.

The third assignment of the church is within itself: the maturity and the transformation of the saints. We achieve that through the sound communication of doctrine and the principles of the kingdom. "Doctrine" comes from the Latin *doctrina*; the Greek is *didaskalia*. It means a body of knowledge, the fundamental truths of the kingdom, truths that build an individual from an infant into a person of stature.

The fourth assignment of the church is to be a revelation and a representation of the invisible God: to be living epistles. That means we are officially authorized to be the face of Jesus upon the earth. The invisible God, whom men do not see and cannot see, they understand by looking at the church. As we manifest the character of the Spirit, and as we manifest the life and the wisdom of the Spirit, men can learn God as they look at our lives. We are not just called to be doers. We are also called to be revealers. A witness is not just a validator by doing. He is also a validator by being.

The fifth assignment of the church is that God has mandated us to be revealers and dispensers of His supernatural power. The kingdom that we are part of is a kingdom of power. There are problems that have plagued mankind from time immemorial, and the church has been vested with supernatural power to

provide solutions: solutions that defy science, solutions that defy the scope of human reasoning.

THE BODIES THE SUPERNATURAL WEARS

Let me digress for a moment to say this. Supernatural power can also find its expression through science, through the arts and through technology. So when I talk about the church dispensing the power of God, the supernatural should not be limited to signs and wonders alone, because the church has a mandate to display the manifold wisdom of God.

Science is an expression of the supernatural. In fact, science is one of the bodies the supernatural wears to reveal itself upon the earth. Art is one of the bodies the supernatural wears to reveal itself on earth. So is technology. When we talk about power, we do not just limit it to raising the dead and healing the sick. That is the one science cannot do. But in addition to that, we need believers who can demonstrate the power and the wisdom of God: witty inventions, technology, advancement affecting the social economy of a territory. The church has a mandate to be revealers of the power and the wisdom of God.

SALT AND LIGHT IN A TERRITORY

The sixth assignment of the church is to be agents of change, bringing about territorial transformation and preservation: agents of change influencing every stratum of human activity with the values of the kingdom. The Bible calls us salt. The Bible calls us light (Matthew 5:13–16). The assignment of salt is to add taste and to preserve. The assignment of light is to expose darkness and to bring illumination.

The church has an assignment to its territory. So the church in Oji River has an assignment to Oji River. There must be transformation, and the transformative work of the church in society is threefold.

Number one is moral transformation. That is the first area of transformation the church should bring to a territory. We should raise the moral standard of any territory because of the presence of the church, its values and its teachings. Crime should reduce. Vices should reduce to the barest minimum. That attests to the presence of the church. Gathering ourselves every day is wonderful, but the real proof of the presence of the church is that the moral decadence within a territory is reduced to the barest minimum.

The second transformative area of the church is the belief systems of the people, bringing about values like responsibility. If the church is planted within a territory, all the young men should be serious because of the presence of the church. They should not be idle. The church has a responsibility to set up community-building and transformative programs: not just preaching, not just crusades. Crusades are wonderful; they bring in souls. But we need transformative programs that attend to people regardless of faith. The church has an assignment to help make the people within a territory valuable.

I am summarizing, so let me not take all my time. That is the assignment of the church.

CHAPTER THREE

ERRORS FROM THE PULPIT

It is not enough to communicate truth. It must be served with the intelligence of a chef.

THE ERROR OF FALSEHOOD

THIS MORNING WE DID an X-ray of the current state of the church. I am doing this recap because it is important to connect it all into one long string, so that you understand my thoughts so far.

I began my discussion this morning by saying there are three errors that can proceed from the pulpit. This was particularly for ministers.

The first is the error of falsehood, or apostasy: a deviation from the known patterns of God. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF PRINCIPLES

The second error that proceeds from the pulpit is the misappropriation of kingdom principles. That means using correct kingdom principles and applying them wrongly: giving, honor, prayer, fasting. These are powerful kingdom principles, but we also need to know how to apply them in a way that does not become destructive or manipulative. Giving is a potent kingdom principle, but it can be taught in a way that becomes an instrument of manipulation. Honor is a correct kingdom principle, but it can be taught in a way that becomes human worship.

THE ERROR OF IMBALANCE

The third is the error of imbalance, or the incomplete communication of truth. I gave an example this morning. If you want to dial my number and you have eight out of the ten digits, will it call my phone? No. Not because the digits are wrong, but because they are incomplete. It is dangerous to give people incomplete truth. It can still become a weapon of destruction. Truth must be balanced and wholesome to provide the kind of power contained within it.

I gave us another example. If I want to make soup, and I add all the leaves, and then I carry one mudu of salt and put it in that pot, what have I done? I have exaggerated the relevance of salt within that food. That is how truth is. It is not enough to communicate truth. It must be served with the intelligence of a chef, because every man of God is a spiritual chef.

Jeremiah 3:15: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." In John 21, Jesus speaks to Simon: "Lovest thou me more than these? … Feed my lambs." Pastors are feeders. They nourish people. And there is such a thing as malnourishment. A man can be malnourished and remain stunted in the spirit, even under a

sincere pastor. So the third error that can proceed from the pulpit is the error of incomplete truth, or imbalance.

CHAPTER FOUR

WHERE THE CHURCH MUST RISE

When you overcommend people, you lead them into passivity.
When you overcorrect people, you lead them into condemnation.

COMMENDATION AND CORRECTION

WE THEN WENT ON to list five or six areas where the church needs to rise. The goal is not to condemn and tear down the church. The church has done many great things that are commendable: crusades, soul-winning campaigns, empowerment programs. All of these deserve commendation.

Let me tell you a principle I have learned. The way God builds people is through the dual principle of commendation and correction. When you overcommend people, you lead them into a state of passivity, and the press to continue is no longer there. But when you overcorrect people, you bring them to a point of condemnation, where they become discouraged.

You see that model used by Paul the apostle. He would commend the church, and then he would point out the areas that needed to be adjusted. We see the same thing in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, with the seven churches that were then in Asia Minor. You see the way God corrects the church. He commends them: "You have stood for Me. You have done this." "Nevertheless I have

somewhat against thee." Then He tells them what to do and the consequences that follow.

Every time you overcommend people, it leads to a sense of passivity, relaxation and slumber. So there is a limit to commending people. Commend people, but do not overcommend them. And correct people, but do not overflog issues, particularly when the willingness to change is already there.

The prodigal son had already repented enough. The father did not need to talk to him about his fall again. Read your Bible: you never hear the father of the prodigal son discuss what happened. How do you lose a son for so long, and then he comes back, and you never discuss it? Because the boy had already repented. Sometimes, when we overflog issues, it goes beyond the scope of correction and becomes a communication of self-righteousness. And the Bible says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

It was upon that backdrop that we brought out six areas that need to be adjusted and corrected within the church.

CONSECRATION, CHARACTER AND LOVE FOR GOD

Number one: the area of consecration, character and the sincerity of our love for God. Inasmuch as God has helped us, there is still a lot to be done in terms of deepening our consecration, our character and our love for God. I said that many of the things that have proceeded from the pulpit or from the church that are not good testimonies about priesthood have their root in not having a deep enough love for God. Loving God and having the fear of God is the background for doing many things, and for avoiding many things that bring reproach to the name of the Lord.

DOCTRINE AND KNOWLEDGE

The second area the church needs to look closely into, for the sake of purification and growth, is the area of doctrine and knowledge. In addition to character and consecration, there is still a lot of work to be done in doctrine and knowledge. What is the scope, the boundary of information, that a believer should learn? What should we learn, and what should we not learn? What do we believe, and what do we stand upon?

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

The third area where the church needs correction and adjustment is principles and practices: our strategies and our methods. How we obtain the results we obtain matters, not just that we obtain results. Things like prophetic actions, the use of mediums, sacraments and all of that: there is a need for an examination of our principles and our methods, to make sure we do not adopt Babylonian methods, antichrist methods and occultic methods to achieve spiritual things.

It is true that the Holy Spirit is very dynamic in His operation. We find in the Bible that He uses different ways of achieving the program of God. But there is a way God does not function. And when you know God, in spite of all the diverse ways He functions, you can know that this strategy is Babylonian in origin, or that this strategy is occultic in origin. If there is no examination of our strategies, we will be celebrating results whose strategies came from hell.

If Moses throws down his rod and it becomes a serpent, Jannes and Jambres can also use occultic power to throw down their rods, and they will become serpents. So the issue is not whose rod became a serpent. The issue is what power sponsored it.

TESTS FOR EVERY PRACTICE

There are very unchristian principles, regardless of how dynamic the Holy Ghost is. Listen to this. Any practice that violates human dignity is questionable. Any practice that violates the ethics of consecration is questionable. When you begin to engage in practices that are erotic and very demeaning to human beings, whether in the name of prophecy or anything else, you cannot say it is the Holy Ghost doing that.

When Nebuchadnezzar became an animal, it was not a strategy. It was a curse upon him. So when you make human beings become like animals to achieve spiritual goals, something is wrong. Anything that demeans human dignity, man being the highest of God's creation, deserves to be probed. Anything that sells an idea of lust, and gratifies the flesh, is not a spiritual strategy. And anything that does not directly reveal the glory of God, but reveals self, is not a strategy.

You can use these indices. Not to judge, but to say, "I love this man; he is prophesying. This church is acting this way." As dynamic as the Holy Ghost is, you can know that this principle gratifies the flesh, not Jesus, and that this one reduces human dignity. Immediately, you can use it as a litmus test to know that it is not correct.

If, God forbid, I asked a gentleman or a lady to come out and stand here, and I asked them to pull up their clothes in front of everybody as a prophetic act: the Holy Spirit is not that foolish. The first revelation of the Holy Spirit is as the God of intelligence. No matter what kind of prophetic act it is, based on the lens of Scripture, we have to probe it. Something is wrong.

If I look at someone and ask the person to transfer all his money to my account for my benefit, ignoring his will, the Holy Ghost will never do that. Even at the expense of your eternal destiny, He leaves you to choose. Anything that comes with manipulation is suspect. So, inasmuch as the path of the Spirit is very

dynamic, you can use the lens of the word, the character of doctrine and the character of God Himself to test spirits and to test operations. This is very important.

ENGAGING THE WORLD WITHOUT SETTLING IN SODOM

The fourth area the church needs to correct is defining our role and our level of involvement in matters of state. It is important that we do that. On one hand, there is a clamor not to associate with unbelievers. On the other hand, there is a mandate to go to the unbelievers. So the church has to define the rules of engagement as far as interacting with people is concerned.

I gave us a balance this morning. I said the church is a reaching entity. We cannot alienate ourselves from matters of church and state and souls. The unbelievers are the reason we are here; we were sent to win them. However, reaching unbelievers must be done with caution, so that we do not soil ourselves in the same mud we are trying to bring them out of. The believer must reach, but he must reach with intelligence, in a way that preserves his consecration.

An example of a man who made that mistake is Lot. Lot was a righteous man, inasmuch as the standard of righteousness then allowed. But he made a mistake in the way he engaged with Sodom and Gomorrah. He found himself in the middle of Sodom. When he first settled, he did not settle in the middle of Sodom. The Bible says he pitched his tent toward Sodom. But by the time the angels came to save him, he had already gone into the middle of Sodom.

So be careful when you settle near Sodom. When you go to preach, you are not supposed to tabernacle there. You go to win souls, and then you leave. You take the souls to a place of safety. Even if the souls do not come with you, you plant the seed and return to the place of safety. There is danger in settling near Sodom, because Sodom is very alluring. You will start moving in and not even

know when you have moved in. You who started as an evangelist can become the chief practitioner of what you were sent to deliver men from.

The idea is not to run away from unbelievers. When we run away from unbelievers, who saves them? But we must engage them, knowing that Babylon is also looking for us. We must engage with wisdom: we sow the seed, and then we step back to make sure our consecration is still there. That is why it starts from the altar before it gets to the mission field. It does not start from the mission field. It starts from the altar, ensuring that your consecration and your walk with God are intact. Then you go and minister to them, and then you return to a place of safety.

CHAPTER FIVE

GOVERNANCE, FATHERHOOD AND LOVE

The zenith of spiritual transformation is not knowledge. It is love.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

THE FIFTH AREA WE said needs to be corrected is the area of leadership and governance, encapsulating everything from spiritual fatherhood and mentorship to church leadership, governance and succession principles. All of these are matters that need to be discussed.

I said that we need to be careful, and we need to correctly redefine spiritual fatherhood and spiritual authority. There has been a mix of all kinds of things in the body of Christ in the name of fatherhood. There are many concepts of fatherhood in the body of Christ that, upon closer examination, are occultism and witchcraft. That is not fatherhood. The practice is an antichrist practice, even when it is done by sincere and well-meaning people. So we must approach the issue of fatherhood with intelligence and look at the blueprint the Bible gave.

There are many people today who cannot know God because they have to honor their fathers. They cannot grow in grace because they have to honor their fathers. Even when they see that the principles and the practices are wrong,

they have to honor the fathers. There are young people fighting battles they know nothing about, because there is a creed that they must join and fight with their fathers. It is unintelligent. Fatherhood must be approached with a lot of respect, sacredness and balance. The same applies to mentorship and to the issue of church governance.

A PROGRAM THAT OUTLIVES ITS FOUNDER

I told us that, particularly in Pentecostal and charismatic circles, because the entire work is built around one person (with all due respect, nothing is intrinsically wrong with that), the model has been proven through the years: unless you work within that model and add a few things, it does not sustain itself. There is no longevity to it.

Jesus started a program, and He was secure enough to hand it over to 120 people, and He left. He left the Holy Ghost, and He left. And He has never been insecure about the program. He knew the program would not fail. Imagine if Jesus had to come back in the flesh every week to supervise what we are doing. He was secure enough to train people, hand the program to them, leave the Holy Ghost with them, and leave. Regardless of their character deficiencies, about two thousand years later the program is still alive today. Yet many of our visions do not survive ten years, because sometimes we are too insecure to trust others. Yet God trusted us.

There is a level of preparedness required to start, but nobody can ever be prepared enough for the work of the kingdom. Many times the preparation happens as we grow. So if God can take a risk with you, you must also take a risk with others. Becoming overprotective and emotional over the work has damaged the program of God. People can be children, but they cannot remain children forever.

One day, allow the young people to lead the prayer. One day, allow the young people to organize the crusade. They will make mistakes. One of the blessings of

fatherhood is that it is better for your sons to make mistakes in your presence, while you are alive to correct them, than for you to watch from heaven as they scatter everything you labored to build. I prefer my sons to make mistakes in my presence; at least I am alive to correct them. What if the prodigal son's father had been dead? Who would have restored the boy? The presence of the father was the hope for the boy: even though he left, at least the father was alive to receive him back.

EMOTIONAL MATURITY

The sixth area where the church needs correction and growth is the area of emotional maturity and the management of differences among pastors and among denominations.

There are many things that come from the pulpit that we think are God. They are not God. Ministry, as we know it, is a composite of many things. Spirituality is a major part, but not the only part. There is leadership and organization. There is excellence and productivity. There is also emotional maturity. There are many anointed but emotionally immature leaders. There are many anointed but emotionally immature platforms and denominations.

With all due respect, Jesus taught us how to coexist with one another. Conflict and all kinds of differences are a human thing. They did not start with us. They have been there from time immemorial. And the Bible provides a template for peaceful coexistence among brethren, and within the wider world.

RESPECT IS NOT AGREEMENT

I told you that the campaign of hate will never birth the program of God. We must learn to respect one another even when we do not agree with one another. Respecting people's differences has nothing to do with necessarily believing them.

Even God in heaven respects the sinner's choice. If a man makes up his mind that he will not accept Jesus, Jesus will not say, "I wasted My time. I died for you on Calvary's tree. If you do not receive Me, you will die." No. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." That means not everybody will receive Him. As mighty as He is, God respects men. If God respects men, men must respect men. That I do not agree with Bishop Ike does not mean I have to hate him. It does not mean I have to hate the Anglican Communion. It does not mean I have to hate a church or hate a man of God.

LOVE: THE ZENITH OF TRANSFORMATION

Sometimes we spiritualize insecurities. We spiritualize fears. We spiritualize our concerns, turn them into sermons and make it look as though the Holy Ghost is inspiring us. It is not true. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of truth. The Holy Ghost bears the character of love.

Listen. The zenith of spiritual transformation is not knowledge. It is love. If you are growing spiritually, the real proof is not just enlightenment, but love. Any level of enlightenment that diminishes your love for God and for people is fake. The Bible says the proof that you love God is how you love those around you.

I come from the North. I have interacted with Muslims and with other people who are not Christians. Inasmuch as we continue to advocate for their salvation, I am a practitioner of responsible Christianity. By the privilege of what I do, God has granted me access to governments and people, to presidents and kings, and I engage them while preserving my values and respecting people. I do not tear people down just because they do not believe what I believe.

THE BANE OF FANATICISM

I am passionate about God, but I hate fanaticism. Go and study it: fanaticism and extremism have been the bane of many, many civilizations. Do you know what fanaticism is? Hatred based on differences, and extremism. And sometimes we sell it in church in the name of passion for God. Any love for God that demands that you hate the brethren in order to love Him did not come from God.

The more you grow in Christ, the more you understand the value of one human being. You will not hate men cheaply, go to bed, and wake up with hatred burning in your heart. That is not the spirit of Christ.

I told the pastors in the East: do not hate one another. I know that there are people acting in ways they should not. I am not blind. I know there are people merchandising the gospel for gain. But we hate evil, not men. Separate the practice from the persons. And then mentor the people under you not to sell hatred as a strategy. That is a devilish thing.

I am a passionate lover of Jesus, but fanaticism has not built any society. I am a student of history. By the privilege of God's help upon my life, I can look at life and nations from a bird's-eye view, and there are things I can see from that altitude. Fanaticism has never moved Africa anywhere. Fanaticism has never moved any region in Nigeria anywhere. Those who spearheaded the causes we celebrate today were people wrapped in love. They loved people.

And there are many dimensions to love. Tolerance is a dimension of love. Forgiveness is a dimension of love. Mercy is a dimension of love. Grace is a dimension of love. You cannot say you love God and yet not allow these things to happen in your life.

DO NOT MOCK ANOTHER ALTAR

Do not go around, see a church holding a crusade, and say, "Look at these crazy people. Look at what they are doing. See how they are clapping. See how they are dancing." Once you begin to do that, the young people we are raising think the only way to please us is to let us know they hate what we hate. So even when they know it is not right, they are under duress to keep doing the same thing. We will destroy the program of God that way.

I never go to a region attempting to help that region by hating the region. God knows I love the East, and not because I am here. I have been very vocal about my love for the East, very vocal about my love for the West. "For God so loved the world." God cannot trust you with the grace to change a territory and a people you hate.

I have had the honor of preaching across almost every major denomination. I have my personal convictions. I have my reservations. However, that is not enough reason to hate people. I have heard people say things that I know are not doctrinally accurate. I have seen people behave in ways that I know a man of God, or a denomination that understands God, should not behave. My response to them is intercession. And where God provides a platform to show them, I show them in love, not from a standpoint of superiority.

You cannot help people by making yourself look better than them. Jesus did not save us by making it look as though He was above us. He came to our level. "He came unto his own." That is how you bless people: you reduce yourself to their level, not by compromise, but by humility. The Bible says, "Let this mind be in you." I am showing you how to win people.

If you come with a sense of self-righteousness and say, "Everybody in Oji River, you are not serious. Where are the men of God here? Why are there no hospitals? Shame on all the pastors," imagine if that were how I came. Here is an array of people who fear God, who pray and who do what they are doing.

There is always room to rise, but you must come in the spirit of meekness, knowing that we are all instruments of God's mercy.

LIFE, LIBERTY, HEALING AND HOPE

When the Spirit of God is revealed in a place, there are four things that characterize His presence. Number one is life. Number two is liberty. Number three is healing. Number four is hope. If you do not find these four things, it was not the Holy Ghost there. Life flowing like a river. Liberty, setting you free from the shackles of ignorance and opening your eyes to see the way of the kingdom more perfectly. And healing.

I sense in my spirit that this session has brought a lot of healing to wounded pastors: pastors who have been doing their best, but who have been disregarded by those who have gone ahead of them, as though they were wasting their time and not doing ministry. Please find comfort, my dear brothers, step by step. If God has granted grace to some of us, by privilege, to be ahead, it is not because we are better. He says, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." That is why we have come: to strengthen our brethren. We are a united team.

The days of celebrity Christianity are over. We have come to hold the hand of a brother and say, "God has shown me a way. I can help you too. Let's go. God has shown me the way of power. Let me lead you by the Spirit. God has shown me a more excellent way of ministry. Let me lead you." Not "Go down; go to hell." That is not the way of Christ.

And to the one who is not doing ministry well: there is always room to change. Do not be ashamed to change your principles and practices. You can go back and trust God to study the word of God again, and edit your sermons. To the one whose Christian experience is not a true representation of what Jesus died for: there is always room for change. That is the power of the gospel.

PART TWO

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CHAPTER SIX

THE PILLARS OF THE HOUSE

An attack on the prayer system of any church is an attack on the future of that church.

THE MOUNTAIN OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

LET US GO TO TONIGHT'S TEACHING. I want to show you the keys to an impactful and an apostolic church. That will be my final assignment for this edition of our gathering. Micah chapter 4; we will read the first two verses.

> **MICAH 4:1-2**
> *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.*

These are the last days. It shall come to pass here in Oji River that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains. Receive it as a prophetic word.

SALT AND LIGHT

In Matthew chapter 5, Jesus began a conversation that we call the Beatitudes. He started contrasting the kingdoms of this world and the modus operandi of the unbelieving world with the way the kingdom functions. He would contrast the way men looked at things with the way things should be done in the kingdom.

By the time we arrive at chapter 5, verse 13, He says, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Verse 14: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

Then He says, "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel." That means this is not the way it should be. They pick up the lamp that is lit and put it on a candlestick, so that it gives light unto all that are in the house. That means there are always people in the room waiting for light.

Then He says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The word "let" means permit. Do not restrain.

THE BATTLE AXE OF GOD

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is ordained to be an impactful entity. Jesus was speaking in Matthew 16:18. He says, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church of the Lord Jesus is a winning church. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an advancing entity. It is an entity that is valuable to civilization.

I told you it is God's strategy. In Jeremiah 51 He says, "Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war." He did not say you have it. You are it yourself. With you I will break this. With you I will do that. You are My battle axe.

TEN PILLARS

But there are a number of pillars, and I will give you ten of them very quickly. There are ten pillars that make for an impactful and a truly apostolic church: any church, any body of believers, the church across any region.

Everybody look at this beautiful structure. How many of you see that there are pillars that hold this structure up? By the time you find a way of cutting away all of these pillars, the entire building will collapse and kill people.

The way Samson destroyed the temple of the heathen gods was to find the pillars. He pushed just two of the pillars. Not ten, not five. He laid his hands on two pillars, and as soon as he pushed them, the Bible says the building collapsed. He killed more people at his death than in his lifetime. That means there were at least more than three thousand, because in one incident he slew about three thousand Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey.

So pillars are very important. When you push the pillar away, the entire building collapses. There are ten pillars of a living, vibrant, impactful and apostolic church. That means your church as a local assembly, your church as a congregation of believers within a region, must be built upon these ten pillars.

Every true church that is making impact for Jesus is built upon a number of these pillars. But for a church to fully bring satisfaction to the heart of God and fulfill its mandate, it must press to keep all ten.

THE FIRST PILLAR: PRAYER

Pillar number one: every true apostolic church, every impactful church, must be built on the prayer pillar.

Luke 18:1: "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Any church that must become vibrant, apostolic, reaching, evangelical and impactful, and even have longevity of impact, must be a praying church. The prayer pillar must be guarded and defended by all godly means. An attack on the prayer system of any church is an attack on the future of that church and the relevance of that church.

Mark 1:35–37. When Jesus Himself walked upon the earth, the Bible says, rising up a great while before day, He went out and departed into a solitary place, and there He prayed.

Believers must be trained and mentored to understand that prayer is part of the believer's growth process. Prayer is not for prayer warriors. Prayer is not for preachers. Prayer is not for ordained ministers. Prayer is for all men. Pastors, we must teach our people to pray. And the church must be founded on a systemic prayer program.

In the place of prayer, we enforce the will of God. In the place of prayer, we restrain the program of darkness. In the place of prayer, we obtain our positions. In the place of prayer, we build intimacy with God. When the devil wants to fight the program of God across a territory, he brings the spirit of slumber.

In the apostolic model that was left to us, Acts 2:42, you will find four major elements, and prayer was one of them. The Bible says, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 6:4: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and

to the ministry of the word." Not prayer or the ministry of the word: prayer and the ministry of the word.

So a vibrant apostolic church must be a praying church. We must train our people to value prayer, and we must train our people to pray accurately. You can dissipate energy and yet not create an effect in the spirit. The Bible says, "The fervent and effectual prayer of the righteous." There is a kind of prayer that prevails, that is dynamic in its working. Fervent means heartfelt. Effectual means consistent with the will of God. If your prayer is outside the scope of the will of God, it cannot be answered, because "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." Not as we desire, but according to His will. There are rules to prayer.

THE SECOND PILLAR: EVANGELISM

The second pillar upon which any vibrant, apostolic, evangelical and impactful church is built is the evangelism pillar. Every church must be a going church. Every church must be a reaching church. Every church must raise fishers of men.

Mark 16:15. He gave us an instruction: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The Bible says, "How shall they hear without a preacher? How beautiful are the feet of them that bring good tidings!"

Listen to me. Evangelism must not die in our time. And evangelism must go beyond crusades and evangelical campaigns. It takes millions to organize one crusade. How many crusades can you organize in a year? But everybody can be a soul winner. Everybody cannot do the work of an apostle. Everybody cannot do the work of a prophet, a pastor or a teacher. But everybody can do the work of an evangelist.

If we do not save people, the devil will continue to have human bodies that he can use to wreak havoc and to fight God's program. We must become fishers of

men. He says, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." God is a maker. He makes men fishers of men. You must be passionate about souls, genuinely so.

I have been in this business of soul-winning all my life, serving God. I have seen the value of it, and soul-winning does not have to be a transactional thing: "I am saving souls so that God will give me this." No. It is a privilege and an honor. Let us ensure that we are invested in the business of soul-winning.

CHAPTER SEVEN

DISCIPLESHIP AND FAITH

Your real value to the kingdom is not your salvation. Your salvation benefits you.

THE THIRD PILLAR: DISCIPLESHIP

EVERY CHURCH THAT MUST be a winning church must place priority on discipleship.

Discipleship is the reformative and transformative process that builds the culture of the kingdom in men. Discipleship is an ongoing process that embeds the character and the excellence of Christ in men experientially. Discipleship goes beyond learning the tenets of a denomination. It is a lifelong process of culturing men to become like Christ, producing responsible kingdom citizens.

Let me tell you this: the maturity of the saints depends on discipleship. And there are many things that make up the curriculum of discipleship. You must teach people, for example, how to walk in love. You must teach them how to live by faith. You must teach them victory over the flesh and over mammon. You must teach them how to die and live for Jesus. You must teach them how to prioritize the things of the kingdom. You must teach them prayer. This is how people become mature in the spirit.

A believer who is saved but not transformed through discipleship is still a danger to himself and to the program of God.

THE REAL VALUE OF A CHRISTIAN

I have made a statement in a number of places, but let me make it here. The real value of a Christian is not just in your being born again. It is in your being mature enough to drive the program of God.

Your real value to the kingdom is not your salvation. Your salvation benefits you. Your real value to the kingdom is your growth and your maturity. When you grow and become mature, God can trust you with His program. You now become an advantage to God's program. There are many babes and many children in church. As newborn babes, we must desire the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby.

So, on the discipleship platform, we must be very intentional about the teaching ministry. Miracles are powerful, but you cannot raise men using miracles. Miracles were designed to attract men and to bring men. Then you submit to sound doctrine and you are taught.

And let me tell you this: until you teach people to respect the word of God, they will always run away from the teaching ministry. It takes grace for people to endure sound doctrine, and they must be mentored into it. Once you teach people to just receive miracles and run, the moment you want to teach them the word of God, they say, "This thing is too much. I need answers now."

SOME ANSWERS ARE IN YOUR GROWTH

There are many things we are praying for whose answer is in our growth. One of the greatest ways God answers prayer is to leave the request and cause the person praying to grow, because that prayer request is a symptom of a lack of growth. There are some things you will not need to pray for if you grow.

It is like a young child praying to have a beard on his face: "Daddy, let us pray. Let us ask God." You say, "Listen, my son, just grow." And as the child eats, as he

grows spiritually and intellectually, one day he will get into the reality of his teenage years. One day he will become an adult. And the thing he was rushing to enter, he becomes tired of it.

Have you seen someone in a hurry to drive, who wants to attain eighteen years by force? He is thirteen, but he says, "I can drive." You say, "Be patient. It is just five more years." "Ah, it is too far." Then one day he is twenty-five, and they ask him, "Are you ready to drive?" He says, "I am busy." The same person who was itching to drive. Growth is very powerful.

Can I tell you? God gives speed, but do not hurry seasons. In the season you are in a hurry to enter, you will miss the one you just left, because seasons come with burdens and with responsibility. Now that you are not traveling everywhere, do not be itching around, calling and asking, "Is there a program for me?" Be patient. Keep taking root downward. A day will come when you will be so stretched in your ministration that the capacity you built yesterday is what will help you survive today.

THE FOURTH PILLAR: FAITH

Pillar number one, prayer. Two, evangelism. Three, discipleship. Number four is the faith pillar.

Romans 1:17: "The just shall live by faith." Hebrews 10:38: "Now the just shall live by faith." Ephesians 6:16: "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

Believers must understand the irreplaceable value of faith in the believer's adventure. In fact, the entire work of the believer is called the faith. Believers need to be trained to trust God. They need to be trained to engage the word so that it provides profit for them. If you do not know how to walk by faith, you will not be able to walk in the possibilities of the kingdom, because everything in this kingdom runs on the economy of faith. Everything.

I am sure that when God gave his lordship this vision (maybe one day we will hear him tell us the story of this place), I know that the initial structure and all of that took less than a month. That is faith.

The Bible says, "The time would fail me to tell of Jephthah and Barak," men who through faith subdued kingdoms, shut the mouths of lions and wrought righteousness. It takes faith.

There are no guarantees in life. Your guarantee is faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world." "Apostle, I am praying. I have been speaking to my uncle about sponsoring me." My brother, let me save you a heart attack. Take your eyes away from your uncle and look unto Him.

Faith demands absolute trust in God. Faith demands engaging the word of God, believing that God is able. There are things I have done in my own little walk with God. I know what faith is, and I know what He can do. Bible faith delivers. You must learn to walk by faith. Matthew 4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Bible says there remaineth a rest to the people of God. They heard the word just like we did, but the word did not profit them. The real profit of the word comes when you mix it with faith: the real profit of the word of healing, the real profit of the word of advancement. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE POWER PILLAR

"We are sincere" is not a language hell understands. Hell only understands the language of power.

POWER TO DRIVE THE PROGRAM OF GOD

PILLAR NUMBER FIVE IS the power pillar. A living, vibrant, apostolic and impactful church must be built on the power pillar.

Acts 1:8: "Ye shall receive power … and ye shall be witnesses." Acts 4:33: "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Acts 10:38: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth … with power": not just with faith, but with power.

You need power to drive the program of God to fruition. You need power to get revivals. You need power to keep the forces of darkness at bay. Being a sincere man of God is not enough. Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, it takes more than sincerity to drive the program of God. "We are sincere" is not a language hell understands. "We are genuine" is not a language hell understands. Hell only understands the language of power.

The Bible says, "Ah Lord God, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power." Psalm 66:3: "Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto

thee." The mountain will not move, sir, until you know how to lift it. And it takes power.

I pray for you in the name of Jesus that before tonight is ended, and before this conference is ended, for someone, the power required to function, the power required for the hour, may it truly rest on your life.

THE FORCE THAT COMPELS COMPLIANCE

Power: supernatural signs and wonders. Power: healings and deliverances. I define power as the force that compels compliance. I define power as the capacity to influence outcomes.

You need power. There is a devil out there on a rampage, wanting to tear your church down, wanting to tear your reputation down, wanting to tear your children down, to tear your business down. Beloved brothers and sisters, it takes power not just to preach. It takes power to live. Do you know it takes power not to die before your time? It takes power to shut the grave and say, "Not now." "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" That is the language of power. It is not a suggestion.

It takes power to define your portion. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence.

"IT IS WRITTEN" IS GREATER THAN "I SAW"

I remember one time I was about to go on a journey, and a great man of God called me and said, "Apostle, please do not travel. I see an accident, a ghastly motor accident. I saw a crash, and nobody survived it."

I said, "You are right that I am about to travel. But I must travel. I need to go and preach." He said, "Please do not go." I said, "What then is the value of dominion?"

Dominion is the ability to use "It is written" to change what I saw. "It is written" is more powerful than "I saw." While we do not despise prophecy, the real value of dominion is seeing it and bringing it into the obedience of Christ. I said, "I am on my way. I have business to do for the kingdom."

Only God can tell how many times some of our names have been mentioned everywhere. It is only when we get to heaven that we will know some of the things we have eaten in this life. We ate death in the pot, and it nourished our bodies, because they shall take up deadly things.

Let me tell you: when we get to the realm of power, verify that you are in touch with God, so that you do not stand before Pharaoh and die. Power is not something you just play around with. "The people that do know their God."

For someone, in the name of Jesus, after this conference you will stand at the gate of your home, open your mouth and speak, and shift the climate. Genuine apostolic power for signs and wonders, demonstrating that there is power in the blood.

WHOEVER SOLVES THEIR PROBLEMS

My beloved brothers and sisters, listen, and I say this with all humility. A lot of times people say, "Ah, people love Apostle, and they have received Apostle across regions." It is not just because of favor. Get that very clear. People have needs. Whoever can solve their problems, they will make king, even if it is only for that moment. When Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fishes to feed five thousand people, they wanted to make Him king right then: "We can change our minds tomorrow, but for the sake of that bread, now." It takes power to advance. You will live a life as if Satan does not exist. Power makes him a factor of no consequence.

And I am not just shouting gibberish. Believe me. I have seen power. Oji River, I told you yesterday there needs to be a restoration of power and fire upon the

altar. Signs and wonders. On Monday you hear that a dead person was raised. On Tuesday you hear of another miracle. On Wednesday you hear that a woman who could not feed her children met a stranger who just came and gave her a hundred thousand dollars because a prophetic word came. Demonstrations of power. This is how our fathers invited men, beyond printing posters: let people see that God is alive. Where the carcase is, there the eagles will gather.

I can tell you, the reason we are talking too much is that the power to validate the little we say is not there. So we have to keep talking to cover up. There is no amount of intellectual presentation that will replace the absence of genuine power. There is a point in your conversation where your rod must continue speaking. After you speak to Pharaoh, let the rod continue the talking.

POWER DRIVING THE ECONOMY OF A TERRITORY

I made up my mind that I would not just be a man of God sound in doctrine. In those days in Zaria (you can imagine Zaria, a northern place, with all humility), people were coming from across the globe, defying the security situation, for more than a decade. In the week of the miracle service, you would hardly find a hotel room available. Hotels that were about to close were resuscitated, because people would come to stay there. Power driving the economy of a territory.

Genuine power. Let us not watch the sick go back while we say, "God heals," and the sick person is listening. Let us not watch oppressed people go home the same. It does not have to be a special healing service. You are an embodiment of power. This Sunday, not the next one, by the time you hold the microphone, you do not have to say, "I am praying for the sick." You will be speaking, and fire from heaven will fall upon the altar.

I have seen what the power of God can do. I have seen the shock on the faces of people as they watched the cripples rise. These are people who are ordinarily very intelligent and very calculated. How does a man who came to church on a stretcher, or a madman they brought bound in chains, in one moment have the

chains loosed and be running around? There are some things you cannot argue with when you see the power of God made visible in the world of men.

Someone pray for one minute and say, "Lord, greater power." Power for signs and wonders. Power to host and drive the move of the Spirit. We cry for power: power among the youth, power among pastors, power for businessmen, power for mothers, for students. In Jesus' name we pray.

Young people, it is time to carry power, genuine power, power for signs and wonders to shake your campus. "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters … your young men … and also upon the handmaids." Gentlemen, lift your hands. I am seeing light come upon you. That young man: yes, you. I just saw fire resting on that gentleman. In the name of Jesus, I pray for you. May God use you mightily. Take that fire.

CHAPTER NINE

VALUE AND PRODUCTIVITY

Godliness is wonderful, but you must add productivity to godliness.

THE SIXTH PILLAR

THE SIXTH PILLAR IS the pillar of value and productivity. The church must be built on the pillar of value and productivity. Power is important, but there needs to be a display of value and usefulness.

Let me define value for you: your capacity to use the giftings, the skill and the ability that God has given you to provide solutions, to answer questions, to meet needs.

A church that is not valuable to society will remain a beggarly church and a church that cannot advance. Let me tell you the truth. Men will come because of the solutions we carry. He says, "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." We must raise men and women who are not just anointed, but valuable. That will be the key to their becoming.

Do you know that the economic emancipation of the church depends on productivity, not just godliness? Godliness is wonderful, but you must add productivity to godliness. There are many consecrated people in church who are beggarly. There are many consecrated people in church who cannot take

care of their children. They are a burden to society. Nobody will come to a church where they are not being trained.

I heard his lordship the bishop talk about a few things that attend to the area of the economy. God builds people holistically. I believe in being valuable: not just spiritually valuable, but intellectually valuable.

THE CHURCH IS NOT A PLACE OF DUMMIES

The church is not a place of dummies. The church is not a place where losers converge to console themselves under the guise of spirituality. Excellence should come from the church. Wisdom should proceed from the church. A culture of value should come from the church. The best and the finest minds in business and in governance should come from the church.

When we teach people to disrespect knowledge, when we teach people to disrespect skill, when we teach people to disrespect competence because of factors like favor, we are deceiving them. Favor is not all unmerited. There is a dimension of favor that is merited. Proverbs 13:15: "Good understanding procureth favour: but the way of the transgressor is hard."

There are many young people in church today, Bishop, who, if you ask them, "How do you plan to take care of your children?" will say, "God will do it." That sounds like a spiritual statement. It is the marketing of irresponsibility.

The church is a place where you turn lazy people into responsible people. I will never raise a congregation of people who are just godly alone. You have to be productive. And pastors, the more we inculcate the culture of productivity, the more people stop giving us headaches. You cannot pay everybody's rent for them, no matter how kind you are. But they can be empowered.

THERE IS A SCIENCE TO WEALTH

Did you know that being valuable is the official pathway to economic emancipation? There are other factors, but away with all this superstition around the idea of money. There is a grace that brings wealth, but there is also a science to wealth. It is a learnable skill. Productivity.

I detest irresponsibility. Nobody around me remains an irresponsible person; everybody knows that. Once you are around me, you must justify the investment of wisdom, trust and knowledge by being productive.

Are we Bible students? In Matthew 25, he gave unto one five talents, to another two, and to another one. They were not just praying over their talents. The one who foolishly kept his talent was rebuked as a wicked and an unprofitable servant. When God gives you skills and talents, He expects profit. The One who is the epitome of consecration and godliness expects profit. He came back and said, "What have you done with the five?" "Five more." Excellent. "You, two?" "Two more." Excellent. "You, one?" "I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown."

WHEN PRAYER MEETS AN IRRESPONSIBLE HEART

Do you know that the average believer's understanding of how he will meet his needs is "God will do it," or "God will raise somebody and stop that person from sleeping"? There is a dimension of that prayer that is positive. But when that kind of prayer meets an irresponsible heart, it becomes witchcraft.

Somebody labored, built his business, and is sleeping. And just because you think you are a child of God, you say the person should not sleep until he wakes up and finds you to bless you. There is a dimension of that prayer where you are provoking destiny helpers. But there is a dimension of that prayer that meets laziness and becomes equal to witchcraft. A man labors diligently, and you are too proud to go and learn the work under him. You are too proud to

build capacity. You are too proud to go for training. All kinds of capacity-building programs are happening around the East. You do not attend, and you just sit there and say, "God, I know You are the God who loves me." No, sir. Godliness is not a license for irresponsibility.

God is a miracle worker, not a magician. The difference between miracles and magic is that magic is based on superstition and sorcery. Miracles are based on diligence and the working of the word.

BEYOND WORK TO PRODUCTIVITY

Let me challenge all the men here. No godly man should sit down and cross his legs. Get up in the morning and, in addition to prayer, go and be valuable.

There is a difference between work and productivity. Work talks about a dissipation of energy. Productivity talks about a systemic dissipation of energy so that it brings you profit. Beyond being a worker, be productive. There are many people walking. Armed robbers walk. Beggars walk. But productivity is what brings profit.

I made up my mind as a man of God that, by the mercies of God, I would be valuable to my world beyond the scope of the pulpit. So my relevance does not stop at the pulpit. By the mercies of God, I speak to kings. I advise leaders at a governmental level. It is not just ministry. It is not just "Thus saith the Lord." It is "This is the way of wisdom."

Do not just be the person who opens prayers and closes prayers. Be valuable. Let businessmen need you. Let captains of industry need you. "All men seek for thee."

Some of you, by reason of this teaching, go and buy books and get materials. The next time a capacity-building session is happening around the East, pay the price to attend it. Do not be too proud. Growth is not a gift. It is engineered

capacity. Build leadership capacity. Build financial intelligence. Build organization.

A man of fifty is still called a child, and he believes he is a child, while nine-year-olds who do not know God, ten-year-olds, are building apps. They are building companies. There are companies owned by teenagers running into millions of dollars per annum in revenue, and we are the ones praying that they should not sleep until they send money to us. Let us not waste the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

I made up my mind as a man of God that I would never depend on any church member to take care of my needs. God can use them. But I have a mind that is alive. I am not prospering because I am a man of God. I am prospering because I am valuable to my world.

Where are all my content people, my social media people? Do you know there are people today who are being hired by companies and paid six figures to help with their branding and their image management? Because there are four aspects to leadership: self or image management, people management, vision or project management, and resource management. And there are people being raised to do all of this. There are people working remotely and earning tens of thousands of dollars because of their capacity. Do not say, "I studied this, and nobody is employing me." Re-engineer yourself.

PRIEST AND KING

The value of praying in the secret place is that you download intelligence you can use in the marketplace. Secret place; marketplace. Priest; king.

Melchizedek: priest of the Most High, king of Salem. Priest of the Most High, king of the tech space. A prayer warrior, but a giant in business. A prayer warrior, but an authority in academia. That is the model of apostolic Christianity.

If you are a priest alone, you will be a slave when there is famine. Jacob was a priest, but when there was hunger, they went to Egypt to eat and became slaves there. So do not just be a priest unto God. You must gain dominion within a territory.

And I mean what I am saying. Pastors, after you are done organizing revival programs, organize capacity-building programs. Bring all the young men in the church together for three days. Get professionals to come and camp with them. Get the finest minds from the East, put them together and begin to train them. Show them the way of profit. Show them the way to build businesses that last. Show them the way to scale their value. These are learnable abilities. Then, when you are done, impart the grace upon them and send them. You will have produced a productive congregation.

CHAPTER TEN

THE INFLUENCE PILLAR

The kingdom does not just advance by evangelism alone. The kingdom advances by influence.

WHOEVER MAKES THE RULES

THE SEVENTH PILLAR FOR an impactful church, an apostolic church, is the influence pillar: rising to positions of influence and leadership, so that you become part of the stakeholders and the power brokers within a territory.

For far too long, the church has not been taught the relevance of influence, and we have become slaves in our own territory. Can I tell you? Whoever makes the rules controls the territory. Believers must have representation across strategic socioeconomic and governmental quarters. The kingdom does not just advance by evangelism alone. The kingdom advances by influence.

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

It took a man of influence to bring the body of Jesus down from the cross. Not just a prayer warrior. When the body of Jesus was hanging on the cross, it took a man of influence called Joseph of Arimathea to negotiate with the government and say, "This man is already dead. Give me His body. I have a tomb to keep it in." It was because of that man's influence that today we can say, "O death, where is thy sting?" Otherwise they would have left Jesus on the tree.

Influence played a role in your salvation. Do not ignore it. I believe in kingdom influence. I have seen what the correct use of influence can do for the kingdom. By the grace of God, God has granted us an elevated platform. He has given us a global platform, and through that platform we have literally mentored kings and nations. Every week I have the honor and the profound privilege of speaking the life, the wisdom and the counsel of the Spirit to a heterogeneous distribution of people across the globe.

Do not downplay influence. Do not allow small-minded people who do not understand the kingdom to throw away the power of influence. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."

THE ATTENTION OF A GENERATION

It is one of the reasons God continues to help you, the East of the Niger: many of your power brokers, even if only religiously, at least associate with God and with the Christian faith. Pray that there will not arise a generation of wealthy and vibrant people who hate God, because the youth will start following after them.

By the time a millionaire is rolling on the ground and worshiping God, what do you think the one who is looking for a job in his office will do? He will also roll on the ground. If I am looking for a job here, and the power broker, the stakeholder, is bowing before the Lord, I had better bow too.

It is easy to change a generation when you can influence them. And the first key to influence is to get the attention of that generation. You cannot influence a people whose attention you do not have.

Someone is going to receive the "hear ye him" anointing tonight. There is such an anointing. The "hear ye him" anointing is the grace that helps you command the attention of a generation, so that they listen to you and become obedient to the faith.

So that when we call on the great people who come from Anambra, who come from Enugu, you will find many believers among them who can gather in a business meeting and say, "Let us pray." And nobody will say, "Let us pray? We are not in church." We will say, "If you do not like it, please step out. It was God who brought us here. Let us pray."

There are certain Middle Eastern nations, Bishop, where, because of their spiritual conviction during their fasting period, even those who travel there for business find the restaurants shut. You must fast too. They do not care who you are or what you believe. You came to get value from them; they are the custodians of that value, so you must obey what they believe about their god.

Believers are too apologetic for being in Christ, and the reason is that we do not have much. So we are afraid: "If I add Jesus to this, they will drive me away." You must become a power broker. By power broker I do not mean it in a lustful way. You must become a stakeholder in matters of governance and in matters of the economy.

MULTI-BILLIONAIRES FOR THE KINGDOM

Let me pray for you from my heart: that out of this gathering, by this time next year, multi-billionaires will arise for the kingdom. I am saying it unapologetically. Multi-billionaires for the kingdom. You will be so wealthy, and yet it will not change you. You will show believers how to manage the resources of the kingdom without being compromised by them.

The next time we are preparing for this conference, you will meet the bishop and say, "What does it take to host the Refiner's Fire conference? Please write out the entire budget for me and just give me the account. Just pray and prepare." I know that for some of you, and I am speaking prophetically, it will not be long from now. God will so help you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Some of you here will be so empowered that you will buy hectares of land, build a

low-cost housing estate and tell believers, "Come, I have reduced the price by fifty percent, because I want to empower believers."

THE POWER OF NATIONHOOD

Let me tell you something before we pray. Your lordship, there is a particular business in this nation, not too long ago, that was folding up because it was losing money, and it was sold to the Chinese. In two months, they made a profit of forty-six billion from the same company that was folding up. As soon as they bought it, they announced to their entire network of business people, "We need to get this company back up. All of you must buy this product." They brought the idea of commonwealth, and in two months the company came back.

But believers say, "Kill this one. Be the one to bring him down." Then we stand alone, and every arrow hits us, because we do not know the power of nationhood. The devil has deceived us into thinking that if someone else is rising just like you, he is a threat to you. So we sponsor the killing of ourselves, the killing of our businesses, the killing of our ministries. We keep kissing ourselves with the kiss of Judas while we think it is brotherhood, and it is a sign to the enemy: "This is the one to bring down."

Lay your hand on your head and say, "The grace to be productive, I receive right now." Turn it into prayer for one minute: the grace to be productive, solution-driven and value-driven, and then influence. Say, "Father, lift me higher for the sake of Your kingdom. Give me visibility and access within the strata of human activity." In Jesus' name we pray.

WITNESSES, NOT JUST PASTORS

Believers must get into politics, but they must be believers indeed: not people who come and lie to us so we vote for them, and then turn and become like the devil, but genuine people who love Jesus and who desire change. Believers must be involved in business and in policy formulation.

Not everybody needs to be on the pulpit to be a witness. People say, "Ah, you are so prayerful, it looks like you are a pastor." No. You can be very prayerful, but your destiny is Daniel the politician. Do not always think zeal and prayer must end up on the pulpit.

Listen to me. There are many politicians on the pulpit struggling to preach. When they stand, they preach as if they were in the National Assembly, because that is where they are supposed to be. The grace they are using on the pulpit is meant for the National Assembly. You hear them talking as if they were addressing a parliament, and people forget they are in church, because their destiny is calling them to politics, but someone told them their zeal must end up on the pulpit. God is raising witnesses, not just pastors. Pastors are a class of witnesses, but not the only one.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

RESPONSIBILITY, UNITY AND LOVE

The way you preach to a hungry man is to put the gospel between two slices of bread and give it to him.

THE EIGHTH PILLAR: CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

THE EIGHTH PILLAR THAT makes a vibrant church an apostolic and impactful church is the pillar of corporate social responsibility.

Any church that does not reach out to its community to make it better cannot affect it. Galatians 6:10: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Not only Christians: all men. Community development programs are very important.

1 Timothy 6:17–19: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

THE GOSPEL AND A LOAF OF BREAD

By the mercies of God, we have programs for the prisons and for inmates. We have been doing this for years. By the grace of God, we have medical outreaches; we work in partnership with our consultants and our medical team. By the grace of God, we do not just have crusades for signs and wonders. There are programs that communicate the love of Jesus to people.

In those days in Zaria, there were families who were not Christians, whose husbands would not allow them to come to church. They might just stand from afar. But once it was a feeding program, they would wear their hijab, come and sit down, because there was food on the table. The way you preach to a hungry man is to put the gospel in between a loaf of bread and give it to him.

There are churches that are large within a territory, and there is no borehole in that territory. They do not build one. But they say, "Come, Jesus will change your life." And the people say, "Jesus did not change our community, and you want Him to change our lives?" There are five widows, and none of them has received one bag of rice in the ten years the church has been there.

START FROM SOMEWHERE

As God gives me grace, it has now been close to two decades (I hope I am not exaggerating, but not less than fifteen years) that I have actively been involved in this, and I am not saying it to brag. There are people we have raised from primary school to postgraduate studies by the mercies of God.

Listen: you cannot do everything, but you can start from somewhere. Gather the young people in a church and tell them, "On Saturday, go to the house of the chief of this community and weed the grass in his compound." Just weed the grass, buy a pack of water and say, "Chief, we are from this church. We have been taught to be responsible. We came to honor you." Impact is not about doing too many things. It is about doing something.

You may not have all the money. Young people, there are many clothes in our houses that we will never use. Why not gather them one weekend and take them to the widows and to young people around? Empowerment programs. I am a firm believer in corporate social responsibility. You do not have to be a billionaire. You just have to be passionate about your society.

Do not have a church in a place where the police station there has never seen anything from you. Back in Zaria, till today, whenever it is Easter or Sallah or whatever it is, the people rejoice, because they know a car will come, rice will come.

Many years ago, the prison in Zaria did not have a borehole. The prisoners had to go out for water. I said no. Today, by the mercies of God, that is a thing of the past. In my own locality, where I come from, we are on a project, about halfway through, building boreholes across all the chiefdoms. There are people we have sponsored on all kinds of scholarships and educational programs. It is not just that you are a man of God. It is that you are making a difference with your life.

THE POWER OF ONE

When I was invited to speak at Harvard University, I taught them the power of one. I said great impact is one person at a time. If you remove one from one million, it can no longer be called one million. It is called 999,999. So that one matters. You are that one. Do not wait until you see one million. You can start as one.

The real value of being lifted is that you can use your lifting to wipe the tears of others: not to endorse laziness, but to help people. And sometimes it costs next to nothing.

Some of you seated here right now: if you are trained to be productive, you will already be looking around this church and asking, "What can I do? What can I

change? What can I add?" That is the mind of an apostolic Christian, not "What will they give me?"

After the morning session, I heard his lordship say, "Listen, we cannot let this end here." That is the heart of a shepherd, wanting it to get across to as many people as possible. Let us not train people to come to church where everything is about me and myself.

You have a restaurant, and there are young children around. One day, even if it is once a year, you can cook one small pot of rice or soup and swallow, gather all of them and talk to them about Jesus. With twenty thousand naira you can send a young child to school, and that child may be the Daniel or the Esther of your generation.

We are not called to do everything, but we must do something. Let me speak, therefore, first to pastors and to all who have attained a level of success. Success becomes useless to you at a certain level until it is shared to lift another life. There is only so much you can do with money. There is only so much food you can eat. Start with the clothes in your house. That is the value of conferences like this.

You got a job. You who were an orphan, whom God used somebody to train through school, are now receiving six figures per month. You do not have to set up an official foundation if you do not have the strength yet, but you can gather somebody. Start with Oji River. On my way to the hotel, I saw some young people standing by the road. You can start from there. Some of you live in that locality.

PROVIDE A SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE

The church needs to be light. It needs to be salt. There is a beer parlor not too far from you. Rather than insulting the owner and saying, "You will all go to hell" (that should be an embarrassing statement coming from a Christian), one day visit her and say, "Listen, I know that if you had a better way, you would probably do another business. We just brought you a bag of rice. This is our church. You are invited." That woman can come and start learning the ways of God, and before you know it she will get into something nobler and better.

Can I tell you? Do not condemn people in any area where you have not given them an alternative solution. The church is very good at pointing out what is wrong, but we do not provide superior alternatives.

"Shame on you, young lady. You are prostituting yourself." But that lady got into it because there are five siblings and one sick mother. You who have condemned her, show me the solution you are bringing. Can you pay her school fees so that she stops sleeping with that man? Can you help her siblings? Can they become part of your scholarship program?

"This young man, I hear you are one of these guys doing rituals for money. Shame on you. You are going to hell." After you are done saying that, can you organize a free capacity-building and entrepreneurship program, bringing hands from across the nation to build those people? If you have not shown us the superior way, shut your mouth.

THE NINTH PILLAR: UNITY

Pillar number nine is the unity pillar. We are better together. We are stronger together. We will do more together.

Joshua Selman on his own can do so much and go so far. Bishop Ike on his own can do so much and go so far. But Joshua Selman and Bishop Ike coming together can do far more.

This obsession with wanting to be the face behind certain things is what is killing us. No matter how powerful and yielded we are, we have come to a time in the church age where we must understand the power of synergy, the power of networking and the power of prophetic collaboration: one will chase a thousand, but two will put ten thousand to flight. That is why I respect and honor the bishops and the pastors who have come to support this work.

Unity, as long as it leads to the revelation of Jesus and the betterment of lives. That does not mean you join yourself with everybody. But you can create a system of trusted people who love and fear God and who are bound in purpose.

I am at a point in my life and ministry where I am building strategic relationships across regions, because it makes kingdom impact more efficient within those places. So if I am coming to Oji River, I know there is a man of God with grace and integrity whom I can stand with to build the work there. The same should be true in Asaba, in Enugu, in Yola, in Adamawa, in Ghana: across every region there should be prophetic emissaries, men and women who can stand as lampstands within their territory, so that when you light your lamp here, they light it there, and there, and soon all the lights are lit together.

I pray against the spirit of division across the East, the spirit that says, "It must be by my name; it must be me alone." I pray in the name of Jesus: let that divisive spirit be buried forever.

And can I tell you? One of the greatest keys I know to unity is mutual respect. There cannot be unity until there is mutual respect. I said that already in the morning, so I will not say much on it.

THE TENTH PILLAR: LOVE

The tenth and final pillar is the love pillar. No church in any territory can truly be light and salt unless and until it upholds the love pillar: love expressed in giving, love expressed in compassion, love expressed in care for one another.

Do not just use people. Be there for them. When I came and sat down, the man of God seated close to me whispered something to me. He said, "Apostle, I hope you have been able to rest, and I hope you are refreshed for the night." I was very touched listening to him, because I came to preach. Most people just want to receive from men of God. They do not care whether they are sick or well. They do not care whether they have needs. They do not care whether they are dying. "It is not our business. Just keep serving till you die. If you die, we bury you. Who is next?"

The church must be a place of love. People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Sometimes just pick up your phone and say, "Man of God, how is everything? Are you fine?" "No, it is not an invitation. How is your wife? How are your children? How is the work going?" Do you know it is almost a taboo now to visit a church for no preaching, no seminar, nothing, just to share fellowship, sit down and ask, "How is the work?"

We need to pray that the love of God grows in us. Love is expressed in compassion and care. When you love, you give. When you love, you become thoughtful, very thoughtful.

Some of you have been attending this conference for years, and I am not saying this to manipulate you, but not one naira of your money has come out with the question, "How is the bishop funding this? He is bringing men of God from everywhere, paying their tickets, accommodating them. I am a businessman,

and God has done well for me. I should call him and say, 'Your lordship, how can we participate?'" That is love.

While this can be made an instrument of manipulation, I must tell you the truth. Do not just say, "I love you." Show that you love Jesus. Imagine if Jesus had kept telling us from heaven, "I love you." We would have been throwing stones at heaven in anger right now. But He left heaven, came and died. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends": laying down his resources, laying down his time, laying down his energy, even laying down his life for his friend.

THE TEN PILLARS IN REVIEW

This is my assignment tonight: so that the next time you see a believer or a group of people being marvelously impactful for the kingdom, you will know that God gave them grace, but that the grace is resting upon these ten pillars.

A final recap, and we arise to pray. Pillar number one: the prayer pillar. Pillar number two: the evangelism pillar. Pillar number three: the discipleship pillar. Pillar number four: the faith pillar. Pillar number five: the power pillar, the supernatural. Pillar number six: the value and productivity pillar. Pillar number seven: the influence pillar. Pillar number eight: the corporate social responsibility pillar. Pillar number nine: the unity pillar. And pillar number ten: the love pillar.

PART THREE

FRESH FIRE UPON THE ALTAR

Prayer, Impartation and the Altar Call

CHAPTER TWELVE

PRAYER, IMPARTATION AND THE ALTAR CALL

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WHICH PILLAR IS MISSING?

THIS IS WHY GOD impressed it upon the heart of His servant to help us paint the portrait of the church that represents the dream in the heart of God. While we have done well, you can see from this session, among others, that a lot still needs to be done.

Many of us must go back, check our churches and our lives, and find out which pillar is broken or missing. For some, the prayer pillar is missing: restore it. For some, the discipleship pillar is missing: restore it. For some, the corporate social responsibility pillar is missing: restore it. For others it is the value and productivity pillar, the unity pillar or the love pillar.

EVERY GRACE REQUIRED FOR THE HOUR

Our time is up, and I cannot do much of what I intended to do. But I want to pray three prayers in one.

Number one: pray and cry for the grace and the anointing required to become that church which brings honor to the name of the Lord. Grace manifesting as

wisdom, grace manifesting as favor, grace manifesting as power. "Every grace required for the hour, Lord, release it upon my destiny." The wisdom required to rise as that victorious, impactful church; the favor required, beginning from the Anglican Communion and spreading across every denomination, across the body of Christ, across the East of the Niger, to the West, to the South and to the North. Every grace required, we receive, in Jesus' name.

HE SOLVES THE PROBLEM THAT BROUGHT YOU

I want to release my faith with you. One of the things we enjoy when we come into God's presence is His outstretched arm, revealed to bring supernatural solutions. When you meet the God of the Bible, He does not just build you. He solves the problem that brought you into His presence.

We do not serve an unkind and uncaring God who is concerned only about His program and not the well-being of His children. God is concerned about your life. Some of you came here sick in your body. Some of you came here trusting God for deliverance. Some of you came trusting God to meet you at certain points of need. Lift your voice for the next two minutes and cry out your desire before God: "Do not let me go back the way I came." Faith is vision-dependent, so make your request clear. "Visit my mother. Visit my father. Take away this financial burden from my life. Take away shame and reproach from my destiny." In Jesus' name we pray.

YOKES BREAK, CHAINS BREAK

Deliverance: yokes that have been tying your destiny down, tying your family down. The power of God will break those yokes once and for all. I decree and declare: yokes, break now.

I am hearing "restoration" in my spirit. There are families that have lost things, but the power of God is resting upon you right now. I decree that the anointing brings restoration of anything you have lost. Take that grace for restoration.

I am hearing the sound of chains, and the Lord is saying, "There are families that have been bound for long. It is time to release you." I break that chain over your family. By the power of the Holy Ghost, every chain that has tied your family, tied your destiny: break now. Chains of witchcraft, break now. Curses and yokes, break now.

Say after me: "Father, I decree and declare that every chain over my life and over my family breaks right now."

THE FIRE FOR PRAYER

I am hearing in my spirit that God wants to raise men of prayer. There are at least thirty people, as I speak, upon whom the fire for prayer will rest. I do not know where they are, but I stretch my hands from the front to the back, from left to right. Daughters of Israel, men of Issachar who must carry the prayer fire: receive it right now. The mantle to pray, receive it. The grace to pray, receive it.

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

Who is Oluchi? I am hearing a name: Oluchi. You are wearing a white head tie. Oluchi, I want to pray for you. The Lord is saying, "Bring to an end witchcraft in the family of Oluchi." When God speaks like this, the idea is not to point out that something is wrong. The idea is to bring redemption. And what He says to one, He says to all.

The Lord is speaking to me. There is a man of God here who has been desiring this. God has told you that you will carry the healing anointing. It has been a cry from your heart. I do not know where you are, but I sense fire coming upon a man of God. You will carry His healing power to the nations.

Three years married and no child. I know there may be many people, but this is what the Lord is ministering to me. If you are that person, come and stand here

quickly. Every demonic siege that has tied your family, particularly the one with the white headband: in the name of Jesus, right now, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that yoke of evil is broken. That yoke of witchcraft is broken.

Please do not come out at random. Listen, not everybody fakes this thing; let me make that clear. There are people who have stayed with God by mercy, and their word is like the word of God.

How many of you believe that God gives children? How many of you believe He is a miracle-working God? You do not have to kneel; please stand. The power of God is coming upon one of you. I am seeing something tied in your stomach. Be released right now. I speak to you according to the time of life: in the name of Him who died and rose again, return with your miracle children. I break the power of witchcraft. The lady wearing red, I am seeing something being loosed from your stomach. Be loosed right now, in the name of Jesus.

Vincent. Is there someone named Vincent? Where are you from, my friend? Anambra State. Go and tell your parents that the month of October is a month of breakthrough for your family. They have been praying. Let me tell you: when your season comes, there is no power in existence that can stop it. Vincent, go and tell your family that the month of October is a month of dramatic breakthrough for your family, in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray for all of you who are trusting God for the fruit of the womb. Madam, look at me: something is leaving you. I decree and declare that every influence that would not let you have your children is released now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

GOD IS A HEALING GOD

If you came here sick, we do not have time for testimonies, but I will pray for you. Lay your hands on any part of your body where you are trusting God for a miracle.

Listen to me, beloved brothers and sisters. God is a healing God; He heals. In the name of Jesus, every spirit of infirmity roaming around your body, from the back to my left and my right: I decree and declare every sickness, every infirmity, eye conditions, blood conditions, be healed now. You could not see: let your eyes open now. You could not hear: let your ears open now. You could not walk: strength to your limbs now. Every organ failure: I bring you life in the name of Jesus. No matter what the sickness is called, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sir, this priest: the Lord is telling me that even though you are a priest, there is an apostolic anointing on you. I do not know you. The Lord is saying I should tell you that He will begin to move you in dimensions of teaching and miracles, these two things. Teaching and the miraculous: you will see them work because of the state of your heart. This is the word of the Lord for you, and I am saying it because it edifies. In the name of Jesus Christ, the power it takes to function in this capacity, may the Lord release it upon you.

THE MANTLES OF THE FATHERS

Now hear me. Reinhard Bonnke has gone. Billy Graham has gone. T. L. Osborn has gone. R. W. Schambach has gone. Many of the fathers have gone. But mantles do not leave the earth for heaven. It means God is looking for the next person who can wear those shoes.

I want to pray a serious prayer of impartation right now. Father, from among the pastors, from among the leaders, from among the sons and daughters, find for Yourself an army of mighty men: next-generation evangelists, next-generation apostles, next-generation miracle workers, next-generation crusaders. The anointing for that level: I decree and declare, let that mantle fall on you now.

The healing mantle: receive it now. The prophetic mantle: as I said "the prophetic," I sensed in my spirit that many people will catch this grace, the

prophetic in an accurate way. I release you right now and open you up to God's channels: prophetic channels, healing streams, apostolic channels, in the name of Jesus. Young lady, you are an usher, but the power of God is coming upon you. You carry that grace. The prophetic: in your dreams you will see things by the Spirit.

Let there be the emergence of a generation of men of fire. Let me pray for the worshipers: the grace to receive songs from the Spirit, the grace to receive revival songs. You will hear them in your dreams as you sleep. Take that grace right now.

FRESH FIRE UPON THE ALTAR

The fire upon your altar that has gone down through carelessness, the fire upon your altar that has gone down through insensitivity: I pray for you by mercy. Fresh fire upon that altar. Prayer fire: receive it right now. Fire for studying the word: receive it right now, in the name of Jesus.

Can I pray for the business people here? May God trust you with the wisdom of the Spirit. I speak over you: step into the realm of billions for the kingdom. I release that grace upon you. Step into the realm where you lay up gold as dust, and yet it will not destroy your consecration, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Two more prayers. I do not know what is covering your glory and will not let you rise to be global. There is a covering cast that can come upon the face of a man, so that his face will not shine. Some of you from Oji River here: your destiny is that you will shine like the brightness of the firmament, to the ends of the earth. But there has been a covering cast. I pray for you by the anointing of the Spirit: receive the "hear ye him" anointing. Receive the grace that commands the attention of a generation, in the name of Jesus Christ. May your products go global. May your ministry go global. May your vision go global. No limits, no barriers, in the name of Jesus.

HELP FROM THE SANCTUARY

Final prayer. Many of you, long after this conference is done, God will still be doing a work in you. The work does not end here. But my final prayer for you is that God will send you help.

There are three things you must learn about help. Number one: help can come too late. Help must come on time to benefit you. Number two: help must come in a quantity that becomes significant in your life. If you are looking for one million and I give you one thousand, I helped you, but I did not help you seriously. The Bible says to come to the throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need. In the time of need, not after the time of need. And help has two assignments: to make things possible and to make them easy. If I am to lift this by myself with one hand, it may be very difficult. But when you come to help me, you make it possible, and you make it easy.

> **PSALM 20:1-3**
> *The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice.*

I am praying it for you again. The Lord hear you in the day of trouble. May the God of Jacob defend you. May He send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion. May He remember your offerings, in the name of Jesus Christ. From today you will be like a well-watered garden. You will go from glory to glory.

I place favor upon your head; let it begin to speak in your life right now. You are blessed of the Lord. I call you a builder and a helper. The hand of the Lord is strong upon you.

I pray for this work: it will only grow from glory to glory, from grace to grace. I pray for the Anglican Communion in Oji River: you will be known as the place

of revival, the place of empowerment, in the name of Jesus Christ. And as you return to your homes when this conference is over, you will carry that revival fire back to your stations. In Jesus' name we pray.

A NOBLE CALL

Keep standing, everybody. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jesus laid down His life for you.

I look at you, and my eyes can hardly see the end of all the people gathered here tonight: thousands of us. But I want to make this call as the final function tonight. It is a noble call. It is a call for those who love Jesus, a call for those who truly need Him in their lives. Wherever you are, I want to give you an opportunity, even if it is for just one sincere person. We had a harvest yesterday; I hope we have the same today.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" At the back of this prophetic campaign is, first, the redemption of souls. Then we can talk about the maturity of the saints. The Bible says that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Wherever you are, you are saying, "Apostle, Bishop, let me use this one opportunity to make it right with Jesus." I know we are stretched for time, but prophetic conferences like this do not happen every day, and it is a good bargain with destiny. If you win with Jesus, you have won with everything else.

There is no need to play games with God. You know that you need Jesus. You know that you need to make it right with Him. You know that you need to go past religiosity into a functional relationship. You are saying, "Apostle, the Holy Spirit is speaking to me that I need to make it right with Him." Wherever you are, run and come. Cry before your Maker. If you are coming, come. You are coming to be born again; make sure you understand what you are doing.

THE PRAYER OF SALVATION

Now listen to me, my dear brothers and sisters, young and old, male and female: you have responded to this divine call. Many of you are still on your way, and there are others joining online. We must take this issue of salvation seriously. The Bible says that whosoever is not found written in the book of life is cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. But Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly.

I am going to ask you to raise your hands high above your head and pray this prayer after me. Please mean it from your heart.

Say: "Lord Jesus, tonight I have heard Your word. I love You with all my heart. I believe You died for my sins. I believe You rose again for me. Right now, I receive Jesus into my heart. Be my Savior, be my Lord and be my King. The power of Satan, of sin, of hell and of the grave is broken over my life. From tonight, I have the life of God. I am a child of God. Amen."

Keep your hands lifted. Father, thank You. These ones have come declaring Your lordship, so many of them tonight. We thank You for the gift of this harvest. Lord, I pray in the name of Jesus that all who have made this decision will receive the grace to live the victorious Christian life. Let it be released upon them right now. And I declare that the power of sin, Satan, hell and the grave is broken off your life. In Jesus' name we pray.

Now, my dear people, look at me. You see that corner to my left, which is your right? There are officials there who are willing to have a word with you. Please be patient with them. They will take your names and your details and pray over you. Thereafter, you may return to your seats.

GLORY TO GLORY

Let me encourage every one of you to make sure you participate in all the remaining sessions, until the very final one. Make sure you witness the crowning of this entire revival retreat and conference.

I want to thank you, Bishop, your lordship, you and your wife and the entire leadership of the Anglican Communion and the body of Christ, for receiving this ministry. I pray in the name of Jesus that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ here in Oji River, and by extension the East of the Niger, will only keep growing from glory to glory and from grace to grace. I declare you blessed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen and amen.

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