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FOREWORD

If God is sovereign and mighty, why do so many prophecies never come to pass? In this message, ministered at a miracle service of Koinonia Zaria, Apostle Joshua Selman answers with a principle that he says has remarkably impacted his own life: the God-man partnership. God has bound Himself to a principle in the earth, and every activity upon the earth, good or bad, is man-dependent.

He begins by comparing a prophetic destiny to an admission letter: it authorizes the journey but does not guarantee the outcome. From Genesis 1, Psalm 8 and Psalm 115:16 he shows that man is God's highest creation and the authorized steward of the earth, and from the pool of Bethesda, the valley of dry bones, Daniel in Babylon and the raising of Lazarus he shows God waiting for a man. He then names the believer's greatest enemy: not demons, but carelessness and nonchalance, warning that Satan is as powerful as your refusal to obey God.

The tone is fatherly and direct. He speaks plainly to young women and young men, to husbands, to entrepreneurs and to ministers, and he closes with three recommendations: invest in prayer, contend for transformation, and be consistent in obedience and work. The night ends in ministration, prayers for healing and favor, and an altar call.

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Read it slowly, and as you do, ask yourself the question this message keeps asking: what is my part?

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MAIN MESSAGE

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CHAPTER 1

THE GOD-MAN PARTNERSHIP

SPEAK TO ME BY YOUR WORD

Are you ready for tonight? Blessed be the name of the Lord. The word of God contains His wisdom, and every time He speaks to us, it is because He desires to lift us by His word. The Bible declares that the entrance of His word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I'll run through a few thoughts. God has placed something strong in my heart. I had to scribble this note and add a few things to it this morning for the sake of what God is going to be doing tonight. So please lend me your attention for the next few minutes as we look to the word of God, and we pray that He will speak to us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we will encounter His word and encounter His power.

Pray for one minute: "Father, my heart is open. Speak to me. Speak to me by Your word. Let it come like fire. Let it come with power." In Jesus' name we pray.

CONCEPTS THAT HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE

There are many concepts in the kingdom that have transformed my life. I have learned a few things in my walk with God. And, in no particular order, there are many, many kingdom concepts that have changed my life. For instance, the value of encounters. Encounters have changed my life. I have learned the value in encountering the God of the Bible. I have learned a few other things, like the law of honor, and it's transformed my life remarkably. I've learned the power of diligence; it's transformed my life remarkably. I have learned the concept of warfare: that in the realm of the spirit, you cannot prevail in this life without learning the art of contending for your portion in Christ.

And one of the concepts that has impacted me so much is this that I'm about to share with you. So I decided to pick it, because I think it is timely and relevant for the Zaria family, especially in light of the happenings across the globe and across our nation. It is what I titled "The God-Man Partnership."

It's a concept that has remarkably impacted my spiritual life: coming into the awareness that for destiny to be actualized, and for the purposes of God to be established in any life and in any territory, this rule of God-man partnership must be kept at all times. Anyone who compromises on this understanding, or this approach to life, has already subscribed to be a loser. Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord.

DESTINY AT THE MERCY OF TRAINING

But let me give a quick preamble. I wrote something here. I said every believer's prophetic destiny, no matter how spectacular, is at the mercy of the kind and the quality of training he or she receives. It is true that we all have prophetic destinies in Christ. But no matter how spectacular the prophecy on your head is, the manifestation of it will be at the mercy of the kind and the quality of training that believer receives.

That means it is possible for a believer to have such a noble and spectacular prophetic destiny, and at the end of your life you never amount to much. You do not live out even 10% of your script. And that will be predicated on the kind and the quality of training that is available and that you submit to. Are we learning now?

So when you find out that some people emerge as great, as champions, as exceptional people in the kingdom, versus those who remain failures in life, it may not necessarily be that one had a unique prophecy as against the other. It may be, among other factors, that one was fortunate to submit to methodical mentorship, was structured in his understanding, and that one person will emerge like the eagle and become exceptional, and the other one will remain very, very mediocre in life. So your prophetic destiny, no matter how spectacular it is, is at the mercy of the kind of training that you receive.

AN ADMISSION LETTER

I recall a statement that I made one time; I think it was in Abuja. I said, "Knowing God's desire and ordination for your life is like receiving an admission letter." I think those were the words I used. When you come into Christ, the knowledge of what God wants to do with your life is likened to a student getting admission.

When a student gets admission into a college or higher institution of learning, it just means he has the potential to go through that secular enlightenment. It does not guarantee that he will learn. It doesn't guarantee that the system will benefit him. Are we together? An admission letter is a mere statement that your walk within any college or any institution is now authorized. You can attend the lectures to train. You are part of the students. But it does not guarantee that you will become great. It does not guarantee you'll become a doctor, or a lawyer, or an engineer, or an architect, or an arts person, in whatever form. Are we together?

An admission letter, I wrote here, does not make you become. It only gives you the authorization to begin the journey of transformation. So many believers know what God has said concerning them. Like the dear lady who gave the testimony, they have come to a point where some of them believe they are the modern-day Esther, the modern-day Elijah. Many people claim all kinds of anointings and offices. They say, "I'm the Joseph of my generation." And it may be true that there is a pre-ordination for them that way. But it is like receiving an admission letter. It does not guarantee that you will manifest it in experience. And let me tell you, you can spend your entire days off the script of your destiny, completely off the script of your destiny. Hallelujah.

Among the many factors that help us actualize destiny is this concept of God-man partnership.

CHAPTER 2

SOVEREIGNTY AND PARTNERSHIP

BALANCING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

It has really impacted my life, because I used to think, knowing the sovereign power of God, that because God was and is and remains sovereign… And the Bible, in describing God, does not leave any gap or any loophole for God being a weak God. The Bible lets us know that He sits upon the circle of the earth.

And when you study the nature of God, sometimes, if you do not manage your understanding, it makes it look like anything that happens is exclusively how God wants it to happen. After all, He's a mighty God. Why should something happen around a life that God does not know? When you read things like "He declares the end from the beginning," Satan can slip in through that revelation and begin to program a life of defeat, because it will leave you believing that God is aware of your situation (and that is right), and that means that the situation is happening at His permission and is a product of His will for your life. Do you follow me so far? Hallelujah.

And so, in understanding the sovereignty of God, if you do not balance it with this God-man partnership, you will allow the devil to cheat you on many grounds in life. You will keep receiving things that are not the will of God, saying "amen" to them, because Satan will make you believe that, after all, God is too mighty. That means if you are struggling with your rent, struggling with some sickness, struggling with defeat in an area, you just believe that God will help you.

And we have all kinds of wise sayings, especially on this side of the nation, sayings like *haka*. You've heard people say it must be the will of God that your child is not empowered to go to school. It must be the will of God that your business is failing. It must be the will of God. And then we have other supporting sayings, like "One day e go better." You hear people say, "I know one day my turn will come." And when you look at it from the lens of God's word, you will know that those who believe and propose that idea are only wasting their time.

God is mighty, no doubt. God is sovereign, no doubt. God is almighty. He created the heavens and the earth. But He's programmed within that earth (are we together?) a principle that He's bound Himself with. And among the many principles that govern the earth is this God-man partnership.

I'm going to share a few concepts very quickly and then tie it in to pray with us, because so many of us do not know that it doesn't matter what dream you have, what vision you have… Make reference to my teaching on Sunday, "It Came to Pass." It's also an annex of this concept, helping people know that prophecy does not manifest by itself. There is a role the believer has to play. Are we together now?

MAN IS GOD'S HIGHEST CREATION

Write this down, please. I wrote here for you to know that man is God's highest creation. Settle that for a fact. God created many things, but in His creation He did not accord the same honor and the same ranking to all His creation. God did not leave us in the dark as to the fact that He is the Creator of all things, but He created beings and things to function at several layers, the highest of them being man.

Genesis 1:26–28: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion." Dominion. He did not speak to men and animals. He did not speak to men and other spirits. He spoke to man: dominion

over the fish of the sea, and so on and so forth. Then the Bible says He created man in His image and created man in His likeness.

And I've taught you that the image of God is a spiritual quality: the glory of God, the wisdom of God, that which makes God, God. And the likeness of God means He created man to function like Him. Are we together? Having His likeness and His functionality. So the Bible tells us that man is God's highest creation.

You also see that in Psalm 8, beginning your reading from verse 3:

> **PSALM 8:3-6**
> *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.*

Dominion over how many? The works of Your hands. And You have put how many things? All things under his feet. Paul made reference to this in Hebrews chapter 2, also attesting to the fact that man is God's highest creation.

EVERY ACTIVITY ON EARTH IS MAN-DEPENDENT

The second thing I want you to know, as you have heard me say many times in this house, is that every activity upon the earth is man-dependent. Every activity upon the earth: once it is on earth, man must be involved. Please do not forget this. Every activity upon the earth, good or bad: promotion, man-dependent; breakthrough, man-dependent; prosperity, man-dependent; the spiritual growth of believers within the cosmos, man-dependent. Is someone learning now?

Behind the destruction of any man are spirits in partnership with men. Behind the rising of any man are spirits, or the Holy Spirit in this case, in partnership

with men. Are we together? When it has to do with the business of the earth, man has to be an active part of that equation. You cannot remove man from the equation of business on earth and have it succeed.

Even our redemption, in many regards, was man-dependent. There were men who played roles: from Joseph, to Mary, to Simeon the prophet, to Anna the prophetess, to Joseph of Arimathea, to Simon of Cyrene, to the disciples, now apostles. It is impossible to do anything upon the earth without man. If God is to prosper you in the earth, there is a role that man has to play. If Satan is to attack you upon the earth, there is a role that man has to play. If prophecy is to manifest in your life upon the earth, there is a role that man has to play. Are we together?

Every activity upon the earth is man-dependent. Psalm 115 and verse 16: "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." Please do not forget. A very powerful concept. One: man is the zenith of God's creation. Number two: every activity upon the earth is man-dependent. Hallelujah.

CHAPTER 3

GOD WORKS THROUGH MEN

HE WILL VISIT YOU THROUGH MEN

Tonight is a miracle service. Many of you are gathered. You have come to encounter God, but He will visit you through men. Are we together? When that equation balances, a yielded, available man and the God who is ever willing, it produces a miracle.

The man at the pool: there was no prophecy that he was supposed to be there 38 years. His problem was not “I have no God.” His problem was not “I do not have an angel.” There was a spirit, but there was no man. The one who had a man, in partnership with a spirit (in this form, the angel), had a breakthrough. Are we together? John 5 and verse 7: “I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool.” “I know where the answer is. I see the angel when he stirs it. But I have no man.”

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

In Ezekiel chapter 37 we see the Holy Spirit there, wanting to orchestrate the resurrection of the nation of Israel in that vision of dry bones. The Spirit of God was there, but the bones remained dry. But when He found a man, He had to carry that man in the spirit. He was a man, but he was in the spirit. And when he got there in the spirit, He said, “Prophesy. I will give you the words, but you, as man, the authorized steward of the earth, speak.” He said, “So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise.” The sound did not come because the Holy Spirit spoke. The sound began when the man spoke. Is someone learning now? This is very important.

God, desiring to reveal to the church the things that would happen thereafter, as mighty as God is, was incapacitated until He could find one man called John. John said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," banished on the isle of Patmos. When God could find one man, John was translated into the spirit, and He said, "Write: for these words are true and faithful. You are seeing them, but bring them as a man and document them." We call it today the Revelation.

PRAY FOR MEN, NOT ONLY THINGS

Every activity on earth… If you know this, there are some prayers you will not pray. Your prayers will be long, but not full of many words, because already you know what leads to what. Are we together? Many of the things you are asking God for: instead of asking for the things, ask God for the men. Praying for men will give you more results than praying for things, because the things you desire are connected to men. "Father, I'm trusting You for promotion." You are right. But if God touches the heart of one man, that prayer can be answered immediately. Are we together now? Who is learning?

Activities upon the earth are man-dependent. Anything at all. Do you notice that when Satan wants to destroy a family or a territory, he remains helpless? All the spirits are there. The spirit of jealousy cannot work until there is a man it walks through. The spirit of envy cannot work until there is a man it walks through. Are we together? All kinds of spirits. Do you know that if there are no men, spirits remain powerless? The basis of their operation is the presence of men. That's why they crave men.

The Holy Spirit, as God's mighty Spirit, is authorized to function upon the earth as God. However, classically speaking, His work is enhanced with the partnership of men. When God finds a man… Ezekiel 22:30: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Can you imagine? The God of heaven is seeking for a man so that He will not destroy a

land, and He did not find one. The God-man principle. Who is learning? This is very powerful.

CHAPTER 4

YOU HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY

WHATEVER GOD HAS SAID

The third thing I want to tell you is that every man has a role to play to make his destiny and God's program come to fruition. Every man has a role to play in making his destiny and God's program come to fruition. This is powerful. No matter what God has told you, you have a role to play.

You are going to be a healing evangelist? You have a role to play. You are going to prosper? You have a role to play. God is going to use your worship to bless nations? You have a role to play. You are going to become a kingdom financier? You have a role to play. Are we together? "Apostle, I had a dream. In that dream I saw the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowing." Joseph, you have a role to play. Right from the foundation of the world the Lamb was slain, but if it is to be actualized, you have a role to play. "Train up a child." God tells you your child will be a great prophet. You have a role to play.

Now, here's what happens in church. Because of the inaccurate understanding of concepts like the grace of God, the inaccurate understanding of concepts like favor, the inaccurate understanding of concepts like the sovereignty of God and the predetermined counsel of God, many believers shy away from the responsibility component of kingdom living, and they keep wishing things, prophesying things that never come to pass.

GO FORWARD

After 400 years, an end had come to the prophecy of the captivity of Israel in Egypt. You would think God did it magically. You see, when you see God talking about that deliverance, you would think a man did not play a role. He parted the Red Sea with the breath of His nostrils. But don't forget, the people would have died there. He told Moses, "Wherefore criest thou unto me? My breath is ready to part it, but I need a man. Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

DANIEL UNDERSTOOD BY BOOKS

When Daniel was in Babylon in captivity, he said, "I Daniel understood by books." By prophecy it was revealed to him that the captivity of God's people in Babylon had come to an end. But do you know, inasmuch as that prophecy was there, nothing happened until he gave himself to prayer? He began to intercede. The moment he interceded, a message left heaven through the angel Gabriel to bring him that message. But then the Bible tells us that on his way coming, he was withstood by the prince of Persia, and Daniel kept praying.

A man was praying. You can imagine how powerful God is, and yet answers did not come until 21 days. And when the angel came, he said, "Listen, you don't know what was happening in the heavenlies. I am come to make thee understand." Only God knows how many things, according to God's calendar, would have happened in your life by now, and in my life by now.

PROXIMITY IS PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY

This is one of the reasons why you are gathered here. "God wants to bless me, but He will come and meet me in my room." No, sir. In the spirit, distance is no barrier, but proximity is not only an advantage; it is proof of responsibility. Are we together now? It is proof of responsibility.

You hear that Jesus is in town doing a crusade, and you remain in your room as a cripple. He will pass through that town, and you will remain there. But if you can find people who can tear open the roof and let you down, then you have announced your healing too. Are we together now? So many, many believers do not know that it is not just dependent on God. "Apostle, God told me I'm in the days of His power." Show me what you are doing about it. Show me your participatory role. "Apostle, God told me I will prosper." What are you doing now?

WHAT WAITING ON THE LORD IS NOT

Here is what believers say. I would say it is the inaccurate understanding of what we call waiting on the Lord. I need to tell you what waiting on the Lord is, and what waiting on the Lord is not. There is what we call the wait of faith. Are we together? Abraham believed God in hope. But while he was believing, he did not cross his hands. There were things he was doing.

You are waiting for ministry? Let me see the books you are reading. Let me see how you are opening your mind to be trained. Let me see your daily investment in prayer, your daily investment in the word. Are we together? Let me see you surviving negative conditions. You have 100,000; instead of buying hair, you bought a book. You are sowing to the Spirit. The Bible says every man is a farmer, and there are records in heaven. Every day there is a register being marked. The day your cloud is full of rain, it begins to pour upon the earth. It's as simple as that.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MAN UNDERSTANDS

Men have understood how powerful they are, such that right now they have manipulated geography. It doesn't happen so much in this part of the world, but do you know that there are many parts of the world where they can make rain fall? So in their world there's nothing like a rainy and a dry season. The rainy season comes when they want it. That's the power God gave man, because they found out that, as abstract as climatic conditions are, at a micro level they can manipulate them.

There's something called hydroponics in agriculture right now. Who would have known that you can grow potatoes and legumes without them touching the earth? Because they extracted what in the earth really makes it grow. They know it's not the sand. The sand only carries something, and they extracted that thing from the sand, and the crop still grows. In the mind of the crop, it is still in the ground. Is somebody learning? I'm showing you what happens when man understands what God has put within him.

My dear people, let me tell you something. Your ten years will still look like today if you do not know that it is the God-man partnership that defines your destiny. There are people who will be healed shortly. There are people who will be delivered shortly. Do you know why? Because God came and you came. Don't forget: God came, and you came. If God came here and did not find you, He is still faithful to His word. He will return, knowing He honored His word. "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be." They are His people. He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Who is learning?

CHAPTER 5

FAITH THAT TAKES A STEP

AFTER YOU PRAY, TAKE A STEP

Our world, for too long, has folded our arms in irresponsibility, waiting for God to do everything for us. We don't get up and take action. A young man is trusting God for a job, and all he's doing is just praying. As wonderful as prayer is, it is not the only key to a job. When you are done praying, you stand up as a sign that you believe God has answered your prayer, and take a step of faith. What you should get in that place of prayer is wisdom and favor. You prove that it has come on you by taking a step, at least to drop your CV somewhere. Is someone learning what I'm saying now?

THE KINGDOM CHEF

A lady tells you, "I want to set up a business. I will feed kings." And she's never gone for any training. What your mother taught you is all you know how to cook. And as wonderful as that is, you cannot rise beyond certain levels. But show me the one who will go on the internet. Rather than gossiping, she's browsing: "How do you become a professional chef?" Enter. "Okay. You need to do a course. That course is $20,000." Now, that is where God comes in. That one is not your business. Every time you see what is bigger than you, stay away from it. That's not your part of the equation. You are not alone. Learn this principle, so you are not afraid.

$20,000, and all your father has given you is 10,000? Who told you your father is your only father? He's the first one you knew, but not the only one. Is someone learning?

And you browse it: “Okay, it will take $20,000 for me to become a chef.” What do you do? Number one, you write it down: “It is in my destiny to become a kingdom chef. I will need $20,000.” Are we together now? Find a scripture. What has God said? Are we together? “Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will.” You write it down. “Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.” You write it down. “I will loose the loins of kings.” You write it down. You paste it on the wall.

Then you start where you are. There is a training for 5,000? Start with that one. Don’t sit down dreaming and saying, “In the name of Jesus.” No. That is your goal, but you start where you are. He says, “Abraham, lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art.” Not where you want to go: from where thou art. Who is learning tonight?

PRIMING YOUR CREATIVITY

There are people who want to run great crusades, but they will never come to a miracle service like this to be inspired. If I were you, if I’m trusting God to carry an evangelistic and apostolic anointing, I come to a meeting like this and I sit down inside. There are things I want to see. I will go outside and sit down. I want to see the view, because I am priming my creativity. I don’t need anybody to know me as a big man. I’m looking for something. And you sit at the back, and while you are watching, you are seeing possibilities: what God can do with a man.

“Nobody comes to my program in Zaria.” You are learning now: that is a lie. Your magnetic property spiritually is too small. That’s why you cannot draw them. Are we together now? So you go back, and you know, “Ah, this is it.” When a magnet is not strong enough, it can’t pull. Where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered. Believe what I’m telling you.

EVERYBODY RESPONDS TO YOUR CLIMATE

You say nobody wants to favor you. It's not true. I came in here the day before yesterday, and a whole department carried seeds, and they were giving to me still in my house. What will I do with it? They saw you, and they left you. Don't say there's no money. There's no money for you. But under a certain climate, men can favor you. I want you to believe this. Take away all those excuses. There is the God-man factor.

Everybody responds to you as per the climate you are carrying. Believe what I'm teaching you. You think it's just because I'm a man of God? No, sir. The people blessing me today were on earth when I was suffering. They were on earth. So what changed? Not them. Every helper ordained for you is already alive. There is no baby coming from anywhere. All the adults to help you are there. But when you learn that "my destiny depends on God, and it depends on me"…

LEAN NOT, BUT DO NOT FOLD YOUR ARMS

If you drive your destiny alone, you are leaning on the arm of the flesh. Proverbs 3:5–7: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Verse 7 says, "Be not wise in thine own eyes": self-sufficiency. It says, "fear the Lord, and depart from evil." So you don't lean on your own strength, but you don't fold your arms and say, "God, You are my God. Do anything You want to do." It sounds very powerful, but there is a role to play.

ROLL AWAY THE STONE

When He needed to bring Lazarus out… Let me show you how to bring anything out from the place of hiding to a place of manifestation. Key number one: He told the men, "Take ye away the stone." He didn't roll the stone by Himself. "I will do the speaking; you can't do that one. But roll away the stone." They rolled away the stone, and then He shouted, "Lazarus, come forth." And Lazarus came out. The Bible says he came out, but he was bound with grave clothes. Jesus did not loose him. He told the people, "Loose him, and let him go." The God-man principle. Is someone learning?

One time He saw somebody who was born blind. The Bible says He spat on the ground, made clay, rubbed it on his eyes and said, "Mr. Man, as blind as you are, you won't get any miracle if you sit there. Find your way to a pool called Siloam." Can I tell you? When God says, "Find your way," He has created the way for you to go there. That's how His word is. If God says, "Build a house," don't say, "How will I build it?" If He says, "Build a house," there is an engineer in the prophecy. There is a helper in the prophecy. Yours is to believe first.

Let me tell you this: nothing without faith is affordable. Nothing. It doesn't matter what it is. Destiny, anything: without faith, it is too expensive for you. I hope somebody's learning.

CHAPTER 6

YOUR GREATEST ENEMY

CARELESSNESS, NOT DEMONS

Every man has a role to play. Now let me tell you this. Your carelessness, your nonchalance in paying attention to your role, will become your greatest undoing, not demons. Let me repeat myself. Your carelessness or nonchalance in complying with this principle will become the greatest enemy, the greatest sabotage to your destiny, not demons.

If you think demons are the worst entities as far as enemies of your destiny are concerned, you got it wrong. Do you know why I'm saying that? With one prophetic word, you will cast out those spirits. But with one prophetic word, you may not easily cast out the carelessness of many years. Are we together?

If you ask me, "Apostle, define for me the greatest enemy to my destiny; arrange them in order of priority," the first will be you. The second will be ignorance. Then the third will be Satan. He's there, but he cannot be the first. No. It's an insult to your understanding to believe Satan is your greatest enemy. He's not. Believe me, he's not. He's there, but he's not.

Where was Satan when the people were tearing open the roof to let someone down? They got that healing, and he was not mentioned in the equation, because by their action he lost his power to manipulate them. Are we together now?

AS POWERFUL AS YOUR REFUSAL TO OBEY

Satan is as powerful as your refusal to obey God. Write that down: Satan is as powerful as your refusal to obey God. Let me repeat that again; may it enter your spirit man. Satan and demons are as powerful as your refusal to obey God. To the degree to which you refuse to obey God, refuse to walk in keeping with His principles, that is the degree to which you have empowered Satan. Hallelujah.

"Apostle, I desire a change of story." Show me the steps you are taking. "I'm waiting on the Lord. I know God will do it." My brother, let me advise you without prophesying: you are going to waste your time. You will waste your time and schedule pain in your heart. "But God is going to lift me." Let me see what you are doing. "I'm studying the lives of those He has lifted." That's right; I see the God-man principle working. "What are you doing?" "I'm honoring the lives of those He has lifted. I'm studying from Scripture how He lifts men, while waiting for my lifting to arrive." So when he says, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait," he does not mean, "I will mark time in carelessness."

I'm telling you, your carelessness, your nonchalance, is what empowers Satan and demon spirits. Your active participation means having this consciousness: "The program of God for my life, the program of God for my family, are we together now, the program of God for my destiny, depends on God, and it depends on me." Have this orientation and keep it at the back of your mind. Every time you hear God say, "I want to do something," this is what you should hear: "I'm looking for the man who will stand with Me to make it happen." He can do it without you, but He's designed a system that incorporates man. Who is learning?

THE IRRESPONSIBLE AMEN

So if God says, "I want to prosper you," don't just say, "Amen." "Amen" is the first step, but not the only step. All the amens you are going to be shouting from this time on, do not shout an irresponsible amen. There is an irresponsible amen, meaning, "God, I don't want to do anything. You just do everything." "God will change your child." "Amen," and you stop. No, you'll be disappointed. "God will give you a job." "Amen," and nothing happens.

When you shout "Amen," let it be like putting the car in first gear. When you put it in first gear, you don't stop driving. First gear means you are beginning to drive. You don't control the mechanics, but once you engage first gear, you begin to move. Hallelujah.

Show me a believer who has received a prophecy, no matter how accurate: "I see your September becoming glorious. I see you receiving the gift of a house." And let's assume that it is accurate. I tell you, you will be surprised in many regards. September will pass, and it will look like God were sleeping. But He is alive, watching you violate His law, loving you so much, but bound by the integrity of His word, because He has magnified His word above all His name. Who is learning now?

WHEN NOTHING IS SOWN

So drop that statement, "One day e go better," immediately. If you are comforting yourself, that's fine. Whether it will ever happen is between God and you. How many people do you know who have said, "One day e go better," and it never went better?

Because if you are not sowing on your ground, something will still grow. What do you call it? Weeds. Agriculture describes weeds as unwanted plants. They are unwanted to you. When the devil finds a barren land with no seed, you have invited him. Automatically he will come, and he will sow tares among the

wheat.

I'm praying for someone where you have allowed the devil to cheat you, by folding your arms and allowing the course of your destiny to nosedive. In the name of Jesus, let tonight be your night of redemption. Let it be your night of salvation. Let it be your night of increase, in the name of Jesus.

LUCK IS NOT A STRATEGY

Can I tell you? Listen to me. A little boy of ten years who believes that he's ordained for a great life, and that little boy begins to sit here in Koinonia every week learning: that boy is preparing for destiny more than a 30-year-old man who is just hanging prophecies in his house and sleeping.

You are as fortunate as your diligence and obedience. I have taught you that luck is not a strategy. You cannot use luck as a strategy. No. You are as lucky as your diligence and your obedience. Are we together? Praise the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 7

MAKE IT A PROJECT

LEARN WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW

Anything that is not working in your life, make it a project. The first level of knowledge you need is to learn how to know what you don't know. Learn it. There is an art to recognizing what you do not know, and then you begin to learn it.

There are many men of God here who, by your ordination, should be so powerful, but you've not even exhausted one-tenth of the grace of God apportioned for your life. Do you know why? Because all you are doing is wishing, admiring, claiming and overestimating yourself. The day you humble yourself and recognize, "This is my pre-ordination, but this is where I am; let me humble myself and start climbing that ladder," then you begin to make strategic progress. Who is learning?

There are many business people thinking they are doing well, thinking they are excelling. Are we together? "Oh, I am an entrepreneur." What are you doing? You sleep from morning till night, then watch one documentary. You think you'll make it that way? Go and find out: those who finish sacrificing their children still work hard. After killing their children, they still come back. You would think that, after killing their children (God forbid), everything would work out for them. No, sir.

PROVE THAT YOU BELIEVE HE IS COMING

Go and see secular artists, people who do not have the advantage of the Holy Spirit. They wake up all through the night, while believers are snoring, writing songs: "This part will not work." They cancel it; they start again. They are not too tired, because their career depends on it. But many believers are waiting for the Holy Spirit. And by that, what they mean is, "Who am I to write a song? The Holy Spirit, He says He will give me a song in the night." Prove that you believe He's coming by getting up to carry a pen, carry your guitar, carry your keyboard: "Spirit of the living God, I am ready." Every time the student is ready, the teacher comes. Who is learning?

"Lord, speak to me," and you are lying down on your bed, sleeping and snoring. You think the Holy Spirit does not know the value of His voice? The Holy Spirit does not have low self-esteem. He knows His worth. And if you don't place value on His word, He won't speak to you. Because when He speaks (if it is God that speaks to you), the next thing to do is to write. If you are not ready to write, His voice will not come, because His words are faithful and true. Is someone learning tonight?

GOD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MY PARTICIPATION

My destiny depends on God, in partnership with my participation. My prosperity depends on God, in partnership with my participation. Koinonia's excelling depends on God, in partnership with my participation. Who is learning now? My joy and my peace depend on God, in partnership with my participation.

How about my health? It depends on God, in partnership. If you smoke, you will die. Period. That is your participation. Your carelessness is your contribution to your destruction. It is your contribution. Are we together?

You dump all kinds of things in. I said it, I think in Abuja or so, that as a revenge mission (and we do that a lot in Nigeria), when God begins to bless you, you eat three wraps of swallow, or three wraps of whatever. You go to the restaurant, and they mix three soups, and that's wonderful. The soup is not the problem; it's what you are eating the soup with. And you gather everything, then two bottles of minerals, no water, and you call it wealth. You will eat and belch your way to death. See what happens to people. Repeat that for two years, and you have shortened your life by at least two years.

So when you say, "I shall not die," what you are saying is, "Lord, You have spoken, and I obtain it, and I will begin to walk in keeping with it." Are we together now?

HEALTH: THE WORST-PERFORMING AREA OF MY LIFE

I've shared my story with you many times. At the end of the year I do my retreats, and I look at every aspect of my life. And for three years in a row, I found out that my health was the worst-performing area of my life. I had to come to the honest admission: "Mr. Man, if you want to live long serving the purposes of God, even though you have the healing anointing, you will still die like Elisha." Don't say, "I have a unique healing anointing." You will die. You'll be surprised. People will touch your grave and receive healing, but you are dead. Take what I'm saying seriously.

Do you know we have medical doctors here? Medical doctors teach that for every ten years of your life, you have to redefine your health program. That means from what age? From 20 to 30 years, there is a way you approach life from a health standpoint. Once you clock 30 to 40, for that ten years you have to redefine your health program. From 40 to 50, you redefine your health program. A man who is 40 who is taking milk like a baby will die. You'll be surprised. A baby can take breast milk alone for six months. It is a blessing; it's even recommended. But an adult who takes that much milk is dying. Who is

learning? So once you receive all these miracles tonight, you must go back with this consciousness.

FIRST THE BLADE

Every time you see darkness prevailing in your life non-stop, it is because the God-man principle has been compromised. God said He will prosper you. He gave you 1 million; a million you wouldn't otherwise have gotten. As soon as you got that 1 million (are we together?), the tithe you didn't bring. The giving you didn't give. You didn't support the house of God. You called foolish friends, like the prodigal son, and you began to spend it on riotous living. You, who have never gotten 400,000, got 1 million, and you spent 500,000 celebrating a birthday, over a life you have not done anything with. Can't you just give God glory, worship Him, cook something and eat? Maybe take yourself to a restaurant, and save that money.

And God says, "I tested you with 1 million." Can I tell you something about God? God never gives you the whole gift at once. No. The way the kingdom works is "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn." So when God wants to make you a millionaire, He will test you with 1 million and watch. "It's too small. I can't give to the house of God. It's too small. There are other people richer than me." And you are a careless rioter with it. God says, "For the sake of this man's destiny, let's withdraw that program until his consecration."

It is not every withdrawal that is demonic. Some things are the mercy of God, to help you until you learn. Believe me. Is someone learning tonight?

CHAPTER 8

DILIGENT IN HIS BUSINESS

SEEST THOU A MAN

We're going to pray, because there are people for whom, if God does not step in (please listen), if God does not step in to help you, your life will not make progress. You will keep making assumptions.

"Apostle, I want to stand before great men." What did the Bible say is the requirement for standing before great men? "Seest thou a man" (not an angel, not a spirit, a man) "diligent in his business?" Not necessarily in everything, but in his business. You don't need to know everything, but that which God will use to exalt you.

You're a man of God, and God has told you He will use ministry to lift you. This is your assignment. I was telling the School of Ministry students this morning: every verse you quote is wrong. Every chapter you bring is wrong. Your members correct you from the start of the sermon to the end of it. Sir, you are not going anywhere. You tell them, "Lift your hands," and nobody will shout "Amen," because members are not stupid. They are doubting the spirit of revelation on you. Why will they not doubt the spirit of power? Because it is the same Spirit.

I pray for you; I'm preaching from my heart. I pray for you: the spirit of laziness and irresponsibility, may it die in this place tonight. Shout "Amen" at the top of your voice. May it die in this place tonight. Hallelujah.

WHEN YOU ARE THE DELIVERER

Look at me. Gentlemen, you come from a family where there are witches and wizards. Clearly, you saw them kill your father, kill your elder brother, kill your sisters. You saw people who went ahead of you. Some of them loved God, but because of their ignorance, they died like chickens. Doors did not open. What makes you believe that, when you are careless with your life, practicing passive Christianity, you will be exempted? Are we together?

Somebody who has an elder brother who is a prayer warrior can decide to make trouble, both on earth and in the realm of the spirit, because he has something to support him. Whatever it is, he can run to God and to his brother. But you who do not have anyone, you who are the deliverer: don't stand before Pharaoh until you have met God. Are we together?

So when others who already have leverage (they come from a family of missionaries, with prophecy on their heads, they have people interceding for them) are still praying and growing for hours and building capacity, you, who came from a background of witches and wizards who chase you in the spirit and chase you physically, know that your destiny is at risk, and you are just being passive: "I know my life will be better." It won't be better, sir, until you make up your mind: "God has delivered me by prophecy, but I must engage the keys that make it manifest in my life."

AN INDOMITABLE TEAM

As for me, I've made up my mind. As far as me and God are concerned, I will not fail. I can fail alone, but me and God, we have become an indomitable team. Is someone learning now? I can fail alone. In fact, without God, my destiny has failed already. But once God comes into the equation, no, sir. No, sir.

This is the good news I have for someone tonight. You have been standing alone, but remember, there is an ally. I can't remember where I was preaching

this, but I taught them. Some of you watch wrestling; I used to watch a lot of wrestling, the WWE or WWF, that wrestling where they beat people. Now watch this. There's what they call a tag team, based on mutual agreement. Have you seen it sometimes? They are whipping the person in there, he's almost dying, and the other person is energetic: "Just touch me. Try, even if you have to crawl. Just touch my hand. I can't jump in; the referee will sanction me."

And that's how God is. God is saying, "This thing was not supposed to be you alone. You have been struggling. Who told you that you will pay the school fees alone?" You have not called on heaven for assistance. You have not learned His way for assistance. Your life can be easier than it is.

THE WORD RESPONDS TO THE BELIEVER

My brother, it's not because you are in Zaria. It's because you are ignorant. The blessing will meet you anywhere. It is still the earth. Zaria is not another planet. Zaria is still the earth, and it is still the Lord's. Is someone learning now?

The word of God, I have told you, has equal value everywhere. It does not respond to situations. It responds to the believer. The word of God does not respond to situations; it responds to the believer. It is your business between you and God that shows in the environment. Is someone learning?

God is giving you increase. All right: as a man of God, for instance, you want increase in church, increase in growth. Question: what is the key to increase? You think people are just going to come because you're a man of God, because you are Joshua Selman? No. They love you, but they have problems. They have needs. It's in the word, right here: the principles. "They are life unto those that find them." It doesn't matter where you are. I'm telling you with all humility: I have proven this from nation to nation. It has equal value everywhere.

There are no sentiments. Don't bring me the sentiment of the color of your skin, of who your father is or is not. It's not true, sir. It says, "The Lord thy God will

set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee." It doesn't matter where you are. Zaria is a disadvantage because you called it so. Zaria is a disadvantage because you saw it so. By the mercies of God, it was right in this city that the Lord began with us. There are no excuses. Don't give me that excuse and say, "It's because I'm in Zaria." If you were in Lagos or America, it would have been worse. Here, they will not arrest you. There, you would have been in jail. Are we together?

SHOW ME

I'm provoking you before we pray. I want your heart to be angry. I want you to be dissatisfied. Are we together? "My life cannot continue like this. My life cannot continue like this. I keep wasting and delaying prophecy, and the reason is that I think one day God will do it: 'My God will do it. I know God will do it.'"

Let me see what you are doing. Show me your prayer. Show me your fasting. Show me your learning. Show me your training. Show me your submitting to mentorship. Show me your submitting to those who have gone ahead. I can predict your future without prophesying.

Show me a man diligent in his business. Show me a young man who does not have money to eat yet, but he will buy books and pray. When others are sleeping, he's praying. But he will not just pray alone; he will go for knowledge. He hears that there is a training to build capacity. He's online with only a 2,000 naira recharge card. He will translate it into data, listening to a message every day, going behind the room, praying. After your lecture, you find a place and pray. You are making investments. No one is seeing you, but there are angels seeing you. There are demons seeing you. There is a register in the spirit. I tell you, a day will come when your cloud will be full of rain, and it will empty itself on you, on your mother, your father, your children.

CHAPTER 9

A WORD TO YOUNG PEOPLE

TO THE LADIES

Let me speak to every gentleman here; I will come to the ladies. Let me even start with the ladies.

Ladies: "Apostle, I'm trusting God to marry a very good man." Let me tell you, it will never come to pass by wishing. If you don't behave well and pray well and dress well and greet people and be virtuous and be productive, building capacity more than investing in beauty, God will not give you His son. He's not stupid. The person you are praying for, I hope you are the one he's praying for. Did you hear what I said? The person you are praying for and claiming in your dreams: I hope you are the one he's praying for too.

You disobey your mother, insult everybody, act like a loose and careless girl. Are we together now? No respect and regard for anybody. You live in a world of your own, in laziness; the least chore, you are not able to do. Capacity: zero. I'm rebuking you in righteousness. And then you sit down and make expensive claims in your room, that someone who is fasting and praying, paying the price, building capacity, will just come to you. And if they ask you why, you say, "I'm beautiful." You think God is that stupid? You don't like what you're hearing. Let me come to the men.

TO THE GENTLEMEN

Gentlemen, gentlemen, gentlemen. Let me not see you roaming around, playing, jumping up and down, believing that just because you are jumping up and down, all that will happen is that you will find one business online, and the internet will just magically make you rich. I'm giving you advice now. Go and settle down and learn how life works. If not, one day they will arrest you and jail you as a gentleman. You will bring shame and reproach to your parents.

I tell you, we have a generation of lazy men who have underestimated the real price of greatness. They think all it takes is to buy a laptop, or get a phone, get some app somewhere that gives you money, and magically become a millionaire. Who taught you that? Where did you learn that deception from? Are we together? You see many young people roaming around, looking like thieves. They are not growing. They are not doing anything. They steal, they lie, they cheat; they do all kinds of things in the name of the Lord.

THE DIGNITY OF LABOR

Pepper. Look at me. Let me teach you something. If this is all I say, listen to me. Pepper. You know what I mean by pepper? Pepper was about 90,000, I think, around September last year. By December last year, it was about 300,000. Some of you had 1 million lying down in your account doing nothing, waiting for money to magically fall. Whereas somebody who was not that educated, but serious with his destiny, carried that 1 million, bought ten bags of pepper with prayer and kept it. And by December, he had doubled it.

The dignity of labor, instead of this carelessness and illusion that many people carry. When you see great people, you don't see what happens behind the scenes. Beware. We live in a world where there are a lot of lies on the internet. You must learn to be diligent. There is dignity in labor. Are we together now? There are children who have the privilege of very wealthy parents. If that is not your case, roll up your sleeves while you are praying, and work. Are we

together?

ENTITLEMENT

I was sharing with the School of Ministry students this morning about a gentleman who misbehaved. I rebuked him and blocked his line this morning; usually I don't do that. He just carelessly sent me an account number and said I should transfer to him. Was it 1 million or 2 million? Can you imagine that? How much is your salary? This is how people have become irresponsible. They just believe they are entitled. They call expensive amounts. A young person who has never stayed in one room by himself: you ask him, "Where do you want to stay?" He names the most expensive estate. Even your parents could not stay there. Are you seeing what is wrong?

This has moved to fatherly advice now, so just allow me to land there before we start praying for the sick. Very careless people: you bless them with money, they consume it, and they run away from you. Give an average young man money and see what he does with it. The next thing, he's going to go and buy clothes. Someone who is using a rubber band to tie his phone together: ask him what kind of phone he wants, and he will tell you, "iPhone 16."

Listen, don't laugh. You are under this grace; don't behave like that. And if you have been like that, get away from that thing. Whoever taught you that you must carry an iPhone 16 to show you are making it? Don't allow people to deceive you. They are depressed every day by their life of falsehood, and they come and sell you a lie.

INVEST IN YOUR MIND

Gentlemen, when you are done praying, go and read books. Start with your mind. “Apostle, I have 100,000. What can I do with it?” 100,000 will not do you any business. Invest in your mind. Invest in your mind. Go for training. Use it to buy data. And then the investment in your mind will give you what is sizable enough to invest in real value. Who is learning?

Man of God, don’t go around looking for people, telling them, “I’m a man of God; invite me.” That’s not how people grow. Stay with God and grow. Stay with God and serve. Stay with God and be mentored. Because you prophesy does not mean you are ready. Do you know the burden of ministry? In one month you will preach all the messages you have. You will stand and look stupid before the people you have been praying would come. Now they have come, they look at you and say, “This man is not serious. Please, let’s go and look for someone who will help our children.” There are certain men of God under whose grace a responsible family, a mother and her children, will never come and sit. They don’t want to waste the time of their children. Nothing you are saying is intellectually enlightening. It is not challenging anybody. You are not learning anything. You are raising careless people, hooligans around you.

I REPENT

Now church is quiet. It’s called a miracle service. It’s still a miracle service. This is the real miracle, because you can be healed, you can do whatever, but this is the miracle: to be able to walk in it.

Lay your hands on your head for one minute. And I’d like you to cry, in the name of Jesus: “I repent of carelessness. I repent of irresponsibility. I repent of laziness. I repent of an entitlement mentality.” Please go ahead and pray: “If it must happen, it is up to me.”

Outside, are you laying your hands on your head? I'm pressing on you because you are a champion. I'm pressing on you because you are a destiny shaker. I'm pressing on you because there is something within you that the world is waiting for. Take a minute to pray: "Lord, I now see that it's not just a demonic issue. I now see that I have violated the God-man principle." Hallelujah. Praise God.

SMALL STEPS THAT QUALIFY YOU

There are young people today whose parents have more than 50 cows. They can tell the father, "Why don't you give me one cow, two females, one male? At the end of two years, I will return the cow," instead of asking for money.

Let me teach you something in life. Your step of obedience is not truly what rewards you. It is what qualifies you for your reward to arrive. If you know that secret, nothing will be too small. If you can save 5,000 every month, at the end of one year you would have saved how much? Only 60,000. 60,000 cannot run your life. But God will watch you saving that 5,000, because 5 million is coming. But 5 million will only come to a man who has a culture of respecting savings. Are we together?

My dear people, be serious. Don't sleep and snore your way through life. Your parents are awake in the morning, and as a young man you are sleeping. And it's not like you are sick; it's not medical advice that you should lie down and sleep. Please stand up. Wake up in the morning. Are we together?

TO HUSBANDS

If you're a gentleman here and you are married, never allow your wife to cry for food. Let me speak for a minute to the men. If you are married and you are raising a family, the day your wife looks at you and says, "What will we eat?" and you say, "I don't know," on that day you have an answer to give before God. I don't care who you are. Are we together now?

It's amazing how irresponsible people are. A man folds his arms, and it is the woman who is running around the house doing everything, with the children running around. And with all due respect, let me tell you this: you must stand up as a man and do your best in taking care of your family. There are times when seasons can go bad, and the wife can stand up. That's a good woman. But it should not be forever. Roles were defined in the Bible. That's why marriage is not by force. Since you have now chosen to marry, do what they say you should do. Hallelujah.

With all due respect, and I say this not to condemn: do you know that I have the honor of training so many children, and for some of them, their parents are alive, their fathers are alive, and they have never asked who is paying the fees of this child, who is paying the accommodation? Some of them I started with in primary school; they are in university, some are finished. I have never seen the fathers.

Listen: you see, the person who loves you is the person who presses on you like this. If I didn't love you, I would just shout, do a miracle service; you would fall under the anointing, shout, and then we would go. But you won't grow that way. It is the heart of love that is making me tell you this. Some of you did not come from families where you were disciplined, so the church is midwifing it, to cut away some of these excesses.

CHAPTER 10

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS

ONE: INVEST IN THE PLACE OF PRAYER

Now, let me give you three recommendations. We're about to pray. Three recommendations. Are you ready? The greatest way to partner with God, or maybe I should say one of the greatest ways, not just a way: number one, invest in the place of prayer.

Koinonia Zaria, my beloved people, I saw so many people outside in the overflows. It reminds me of our days in this place. Amazing, beautiful memories. But hear me: whether you are standing in any of the overflows outside, even if you don't have space to sit, be like me when I stood at the Reinhard Bonnke crusade ground. I didn't have a seat, but I had desire. I didn't have a seat, but I had hunger. Nobody knew who was there, but there was passion and fire. He's gone to be with the Lord now. But glory be to God, we took advantage of that time.

My first recommendation, everybody: you want to partner with God? Please take your prayer life seriously. Wake up in the morning; wake up in the afternoon; wake up in the night. Kill prayerlessness. Everybody lend me your attention: kill prayerlessness.

"Apostle, but what about me? My own area is business." Pray the more. Pray the more. There is the king of Tyre to contend with. Business goes beyond buying and selling. A time will come when it is a spirit transaction. It's a matter of covenants and alliances, not just buying and selling. Pray. Everybody say, "I will pray in the morning. I will pray in the afternoon." Not from a fanatic's standpoint, but from the standpoint of a responsible believer who understands

what he is doing. Every day, it's a prayer investment you are making.

The Bible says you can sow to the flesh or sow to the Spirit: "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." "Pray for me." People will pray for you. But there is a register you must sign by yourself. Are we together? Say, "I will pray." Obtain grace. Zaria, pray outside. Pray, every part of the overflow. Pray, those following online. Make prayer a culture.

I didn't say "have a prayer meeting." I said "pray." That you are coordinating a prayer meeting does not mean you are prayerful. That's just the ritual of leadership. Please be prayerful. There are many prayer group coordinators who don't pray. "Lord, I'm investing in my destiny." Sometimes, no prayer points.

You are traveling from one state to another. Instead of wasting your time snoring, sleeping and gossiping, you have your earphones plugged in. That's what we used to do in those days, and we still do it now. You can't waste three hours from here to Gombe, from here to Zamfara, from here to Lagos, listening to someone lie to you, reprogramming everything you've heard since last year. You are blocking your ears in the name of Jesus: "What fire is in your spirit?" By the time you are done with your five-hour journey, you have received; you have grown more from the time you started the journey to the time you arrive. Do you know why? Destiny is a function of time.

You will not always have that time. You've heard me say it: young lady, pray now, before you marry. The reality of motherhood will not allow you to pray like you want to again. While you are praying, there is a baby crying that you must feed. You won't have the time again. Commit to prayer, my dear people. Commit to prayer. This is how champions are made. It doesn't matter what God has called you to do: prayer is like a universal charger. It charges anything, any kind of phone, regardless of what you will do with it. Pray for one minute. Commit to prayer.

The God-man principle. The Spirit and the bride principle. The co-laborer mentality. In Jesus' name we pray.

TWO: CONTEND FOR TRANSFORMATION

Number two: the second way to partner with God in actualizing your destiny is to contend for transformation. Oh, I wish I had time to walk this through with you. Contend for transformation.

You have heard me say that your belief system is your contribution to the making or the destruction of your destiny. Please write that down: your belief system is your official contribution to the making or the destruction of your destiny. What you believe is your contribution to wrecking your life or making your life. You believe in failure, so your life will go. You believe that somebody somewhere is responsible for the outcome of your destiny, so your life will go. You believe you are weak and defeated; you believe that Zaria is a disadvantage, so your life will go.

But you have what I call a winner's mentality. Oh yes, sir. What is a winner's mentality? "I am one with Christ. I can fail alone, but me and Jesus cannot fail together." What is a winner's mentality? "Though my beginning be small, my latter end shall greatly increase." What is a winner's mentality? "A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." "There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again… through the scent of water it will bud." Are we together now?

What is the mentality of a victor? "The hand of the diligent shall be made fat." "The talk of the lips tendeth only to penury." What is the mentality of a victor? A diligent person: if one door closes, you don't waste your time crying. You force another one to open. "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Are we learning tonight?

THINK LIKE HIM

Your second assignment, as far as partnering with God is concerned, is to think like Him. “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” It didn’t say “two men.” Can two walk together, even if it is you and God?

Ladies and gentlemen, imagine two people here, one facing this way and the other facing that way, and they hold on to each other, and they want to move. Can they walk together? Talk to me. There’s going to be a drag, according to who has energy at any time. They will move this way; they will move that way. There may be motion, but there will not be progress. But when you find two people with their hands locked, hand in glove, they can either move this way together or move that way together. For some of you, God is going right; you turn right today and turn left tomorrow, and you keep wasting your own time.

God does not have a future. God does not have any destiny to achieve. All things are settled, finished, in Him. When He thinks, He’s not thinking about Himself; He’s thinking about you. “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” Jeremiah 29:11.

Invest in transforming your mind. “Buy the truth.” The truth is not cheap. Buy it with humility. Buy it with endurance. Buy it with hunger. Buy it with patience. Are we learning now? Buy it. Listen to messages every day. Go online after Koinonia is over and spend some time listening. “Apostle, I don’t have a job yet.” Good for you. Whilst you are waiting for the job to come, be investing. Technology has given us an unfair advantage to accelerate growth and accelerate transformation. Are we together? Contend for light.

THREE: BE CONSISTENT IN OBEDIENCE

Hallelujah. Let me give you number three. So, one: commit yourself to prayer. Two: commit yourself to the transformative ministry of the word and the transformative ministry of the Holy Ghost. Get a knowledge upgrade; passionately press for knowledge and transformation. Number three: obtain grace to be consistent in obedience. Obtain grace to be consistent. Are we together? Be diligent. Be competent. Be consistent in everything that you do. Hallelujah.

Consistency. Listen to me. Between the person who is hardworking and the person who is consistent, the one who is consistent will have his result by far, whereas the person who is merely hardworking will remain where he is. Consistency: the staying power, the ability to remain.

Let me tell you the truth. The day you plant is not the day you reap, but it is the day you know you can start counting toward your day of reaping. Are we together? From the day a farmer plants, he can start counting. Am I right? If you have not planted and you are counting, you are just shadowboxing. Start counting only when you plant. How long does it take corn to grow? Talk to me, someone. Three months. So if you plant corn in March, when do you expect it, under normal circumstances? June. Am I right?

MY FATHER WORKETH

"The night cometh, when no man can work." Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you: it is a signature of champions that they work. You will work. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." It may mean your business: do it with diligence. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." All right: you cannot get a job now, but you can start your poultry. Work it seriously. Don't allow the birds to eat their eggs and eat one another, and then blame the devil. Get up. You know when you should feed them. Be there. Are we together?

You are a young man. You can get a basin and start a fish business. There are people here (and I'm glad we have a number of our people here) who have set up companies. I tell you, try to get their fish: orderly, excellently done, and they are making it. One of the biggest poultry people in this city is right here. He started it right here. God has honored him and lifted him. He has spread his company now. Soon it will even become a conglomerate, in this same Zaria. Please don't give any excuse. Say, "I will work." Shout it. One more time: say, "I will work."

Friends can come together and get someone to draft an agreement for you. Work. You can rent farms. Farm. Rent farms. Farm something. Be serious. Trust God for a job.

SPY THE LAND

For some of you, you may need to take a step of faith. Travel to Abuja for a weekend. Travel to Lagos for a weekend, and say, "Lord, I'm just trusting You to open the door. I'm going there to spy out the land. I've done Zaria. He said, 'All the land which thou seest,' so let my eyes see somewhere else too." And then you return: "I saw the land. There were giants there. But it was not only giants I saw. I saw milk, and I saw honey. I know what to do with the giants. But that milk and honey, my portion: you must come to me." You believe that? Say amen.

Inasmuch as I've said stay in Zaria, sometimes, if where you are staying is not profiting you, take a step of faith and see what else God is doing somewhere else. Are we together? Don't say, "I've never traveled anywhere since I was a child." Take a step of faith. That's why it's good to have a family of believers, so that when you go somewhere, believers can protect you and wolves will not go and destroy you. But you'll be surprised how many jobs have your name on them, but the people do not know you are there. Work.

Never look down on yourself. Don't say, "The color of my skin is black, and that means I'm disadvantaged. I am a Nigerian. I am an African." No, sir. The same Lord is rich unto all.

A CO-LABORER WITH CHRIST

I've stretched you already tonight. We're going to have to pray, because for someone, you didn't just come to hear. You came to receive, and to receive that miracle. Can we take one minute to pray, and then we rush to the time of ministration? Go ahead. Rise up. Hold hands with someone on your left and right. Please begin to pray in the spirit for one minute.

Go ahead and pray: "The co-laborer mentality. The Spirit and the bride principle. I'm a co-laborer with Christ. I have a divine partnership with the spirit realm. It is God and me, in a divine, well-defined partnership." Go ahead and pray, outside. Make sure you pray. Everyone, pray.

"Father, it's time for me to redefine my possibilities. I submit myself to Your word. I am a champion in the making. No power, no curse, no yoke, no enchantment against my destiny has the power to destroy me. Though my beginning be small, my latter end shall greatly increase." Make prayer investments in the next one or two minutes. All the overflows, make sure you are praying, my dear children. Let it be from your heart. "It must be well with me. I am the righteous. I say to my destiny by the Holy Ghost: it is well with me. My tomorrow is blessed, next week blessed, next year blessed. Koinonia blessed. Glory to glory, by the power of the Holy Ghost." In the name of Jesus. Shout "Amen" like you believe.

CHAPTER 11

MINISTRATION

EVERYTHING LIMITING MY GLORY

Now we are going to pray just one more prayer, and then I'll begin to minister to you by the Spirit. There are thousands of people in this place, and you came here. Some came to this place sick in their bodies. Some came to this place wounded, with a broken spirit. Some came here carrying a death sentence on their heads: not on paper, on their heads. Your head became the canvas that spirits wrote on: "You should not cross this day," and you drop down.

Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to pray one prayer. In this prayer, add your mother to it, add your father to it, add your sister to it, add your brother to it, add your spouse to it. Are we ready? You are going to pray that prayer and say, "Father, everything limiting my manifesting, limiting my revealing the glory of God, whether it's poverty, whether it's an attack: I intercede for myself and all those who are connected to me. May it drop dead now." Open your mouth and pray. Please pray seriously. Pray like you came to church.

Everything limiting the manifestation of His glory in your life: it may be sickness; it may be delay; it may be demonic attacks, programmings of darkness. Come on, Zaria, pray. "Let it give way: everything stopping my advancement, stopping my joy, fighting my rising, fighting my shining. I contend, I contend, I contend, in the name of Jesus."

IMPARTATION FOR THE SEASON

Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. The power of God is going to come upon you now. Let me tell you what He's doing. The power of God will begin to move in this place, everywhere, inside and outside. We may not have the space, but He will do a fast work. It is a massive work of impartation. This is not deliverance. This is impartation: impartation of the graces needed for the season.

Therefore I stretch my hands everywhere across this place. I bring you life. I bring you power. I decree and declare in the name of Jesus: let the anointing of the Spirit (for some, the anointing for your next level; for some of you, the anointing for a new season, a new order of things) fall upon you now. I decree and declare that glory will rest upon you, in the name of Jesus.

Someone is a prophet in hiding. Someone is an apostle in hiding. Someone is a seer in hiding. That grace will find you tonight. You've sat under this grace; may it rest upon you. I decree and declare ministerial callings, distributions of anointings. I pray for you right now: let that grace fall on you. Drink of that grace. I release that anointing on your destiny.

I'm praying for you, in the name that is above all names. Whatever has blocked your eyes from seeing (no prophetic dreams again, no sight and no vision), young and old, wherever you are, let there be a restoration of spiritual experiences: restoration of prophetic experiences, restoration of extraordinary spiritual experiences.

I'm seeing fire just around the stomachs of people. I believe this is an activation of graces, activations of anointings. I stretch my hands: let that grace rest upon you. "Spring up, O well." I call that virtue locked up within your spirit: let it begin to find expression. There's a reason why we bring them out; it's not for show at all.

THE GRACE FOR SPEED

In the name of Jesus, let me declare the grace for speed. You have compassed this mountain too long. You have been standing in the same position. The spirit of delay: I decree and declare speed to your life, speed to your destiny, speed to your career, speed to your family, in the name of Jesus.

The grace and impartation you have received, in the name of Jesus Christ, may it begin to manifest in your destiny. May your destiny begin to speak, in the name of Jesus. I stretch my hands, and I bless every one of you. This anointing you have received, may it speak evidently in your life from tonight. In the morning it will speak; in the afternoon it will speak; at night it will speak. In the city it will speak. In the secret place it will speak. In Jesus' name we pray.

LIBERTY FROM CAPTIVITY

Let me minister deliverance by the power of God, to those trapped by agents of darkness, trapped by curses, trapped by yokes, trapped by the evil speaking of men. I want to pray for you, those outside; make sure you participate. Online, make sure you participate. With one declaration of deliverance, ten years of captivity can come to an end. Shout the name "Jesus" at the count of three, and at the shout of that name, fire will fall from heaven, and for some of you, it will burn every satanic installation over your life. Are you ready now?

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray upon my brothers and sisters, inside here and outside: people who have come desiring Your touch, desiring an end to captivity. Lord, I thank You, because You honor Your word and bring them liberty right now as I pray.

At the count of three, every spirit loitering around your destiny, loitering around your family, masquerading as occurrences, repetitive patterns, keeping you down: I declare that your liberation has come. One, two, three: shout "Jesus." I cast out those spirits. Ancestral curses, all kinds of yokes, patterns,

negative dreams, negative occurrences, repetitive cycles: I decree and declare, right now, as I speak to you by the power of the Holy Spirit, I set that altar on fire.

THE DOOR THAT REFUSED TO OPEN

I prophesy over someone: the door that has been closed, that has refused to open, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that door opened now. Open now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Now lay your hands where you are trusting God for a miracle, where you are trusting God for healing. I'm hearing a name: Aisha. Aisha, the Lord is touching you and touching your family. If it's a family member's name, stand where you are and receive by faith. Father, I stretch my hands over Aisha. Every orchestration of darkness, witchcraft orchestrations of darkness over Aisha, give way now. What God says to one, He says to all.

I'm hearing a name: Bumi. In the name that is above all names, anything that has to do with a witchcraft installation, by the power that raised Christ from the dead, going up and coming down, repeating seasons like a cycle: in the name of Jesus, I decree and declare you are set free from it right now.

I'm hearing the name Amos. One prophetic declaration: receive it by faith. God is rewriting things. Amos, whether you are online, whether you are here following, whether you are outside, I pray for you wherever you are. By the power that raised Christ from the dead, everything that is called witchcraft in your life that is tying you down, be broken.

THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB

The power of God is coming on people who have attacks in the area of fertility. I'm seeing an anointing, and I'm hearing a cry of children, like babies. There are spirits tying down families to make sure they will not celebrate children. I don't know who belongs to such a family. Whether you are standing in for yourself or standing in for your loved ones, I decree and declare prophetically: anyone standing here trusting God for the fruit of the womb, your season has come, in the name of Jesus.

PATTERNS OF INSANITY

I want to pray for someone. You have a pattern of people losing their minds in your family. There is a pattern: people begin to act as though they have a mental condition. It may not be you; it may be someone. A demonic pattern: someone must begin to behave as though they have a mental issue. Who is that person? Come quickly. Salvation is coming for you now.

I'm going to pray for you as a point of contact. And when I pray for you, it doesn't matter whether the person is in a psychiatric hospital or the person is at home, trapped. I want you to reach them and tell them how we prayed for them.

I decree and declare: every spirit of insanity programmed into these families here represented, by the blood of the eternal covenant, I command that spirit out of their lives and out of their families. Be set free now. Whether it is you or someone in your family, I bring you liberty in the name of Jesus. Church, are you agreeing? Shout "Amen" for them. By the blood of the eternal covenant, whether it is for you or your loved ones represented everywhere, the spirit of insanity, I decree and declare, may it leave them like it left the madman of Gadara, in the name of Jesus Christ. Please return to your seat rejoicing.

AN ANOINTING OF FAVOR FOR JOBS

I'm going to pray for the sick shortly, but I feel led to do something very quickly. You are a graduate here, and you know that there is a mysterious pattern behind not getting a job and things not working. Don't trample on anybody, but run and find your way. Come and stand here quickly. I want to pray for you. Don't stand laughing; don't stand jesting. Release your faith.

Listen, gentlemen, can I tell you the truth? There is a technical, intellectual value side to getting a job, but there is a spiritual side to getting a job. There are those for whom it is just because they have not packaged the value that is needed and useful. But there are others who have done their due diligence, and a spirit decides to sit on their destiny. I want to pray for you. I know some of you are not standing for yourselves alone, but I will pray for you. "Despise not prophesyings." Watch the wonder-working power of the word. I want to place something on your head. There is a grace that God places on men that distinguishes them.

I want to pray for those who are connected. You are not able to come here, but you are standing in front of the LEDs. Please believe by faith, in the name of Jesus. Right now I pray for you, everyone here trusting God for a job. Wherever your job is (in Zaria, in Abuja, in Lagos, anywhere across this nation, in Europe, in America, in Canada, in China), I decree and declare: everywhere there is an allocation for you, by the power of the Highest, I place an anointing upon you right now.

I place an anointing of favor. May it gravitate you towards where help is, and bring help to where you are. Therefore I decree and declare: may you find a good job right now. For some of you, by next week a job comes. By next month a job comes. Before the miracle service next month, a job comes, in the name of Jesus Christ. Shout, "I receive." Please return to your seat rejoicing. Hallelujah.

FOR STUDENTS

Now the Lord is leading me to pray for a special group of people, and I don't want you to be embarrassed, but I'm going to pray for you. There are people in this place who are students, and it's not laziness. There is a mysterious spiritual attack over your academics. You can't explain why you are where you are. Some are lazy, but honestly, there are those who are not lazy, especially if you've seen a replica of that pattern. You know that there is a mysterious occurrence around your academics. You need a miracle. Run to the front right now, very quickly, and come and stand, and let God give you a visitation, quickly, please.

The power of God is breaking that yoke. Some of you, as you are standing here, are immersed in that glory. That demonic embargo is breaking right now. This is why it is called a miracle service. Look at me. Don't be embarrassed. You are the only one who knows the pain you are going through. For those who are lazy, the grace to be diligent is released upon you. But there are those who, after doing your best… I see people coming out in Overflow Three. I'm going to pray for every one of you. You're connected by screen, but there is no distance.

At the count of three, all those who have stood are going to make a declaration. I'm going to pray a prayer and count to three, and all you will say is, "I am free." By the time you shout, "I am free," for some of you, it will be like a chain on your mind just loosing, and releasing you into a realm of intelligence.

Father, the ten-times-better anointing that came upon Daniel in Babylon and distinguished him, I pray for you. Every attack on your mind, on your intelligence: at the count of three, as you shout, "I am free," let that altar give way. Let that programming in the spirit to keep you begging give way. Are you ready now? One, two, three: shout, "I am free." I cast out that spirit right now. Release their destinies now. I cast out that spirit of intellectual backwardness right now. Release them to a life of excellence. Release them to a life of grace and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Now I pray for every single one of you. “God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” Therefore, fear leaves your life now. Fear of failure leaves your life now. As I’m praying for them, I’m praying for you: every manipulation of fear, fear of the past, fear of the present, fear of the future, fear of the opinions of men, I banish that spirit from your life.

Hear me: your next exam, may it be your best exam ever. I decree and declare against mysterious occurrences of missing scripts and mysterious occurrences of interchanged marks. I pray for you, by the power that raised Christ from the dead: may God restore, restore, restore, in the name of Jesus Christ. Please return to your seat rejoicing.

SICKNESSES THAT HAVE NO NAME

Everyone who is trusting God for a miracle in your body, listen. Let me tell you this. As they return, lend me your attention, everybody, all the overflows; please look towards your screen. Can I tell you this, ladies and gentlemen? There are mysterious sicknesses right now sweeping across the earth: sicknesses that come in the guise of others that are known, but upon treating them, they don’t go. They look like malaria, but it’s not malaria. They look like typhoid, but it’s not typhoid. They look like cancer, but it’s not cancer. Sicknesses that have no name.

I’m about to pray a very serious prayer right now. If you came here trusting God for healing, now is your time: whether you came here unable to walk, unable to hear, to see, to move any part of your body. You heard the testimony of the gentleman with SS: supernaturally, with one prayer, it was gone completely. That is God for you. Place your hand. The hymn writer says, “Oh, what needless pain we bear.” They tell you something is wrong with your womb? Place your hand there. Something is wrong with your heart? Place your hand there. Something is wrong with your eyes? Place your hand there. If it’s a part of your body you cannot touch, just place your hand on your chest. You can stand in for

your mother, stand in for your father. Perhaps someone is following from the hospital. I'd like you to believe. I want to release that faith right now with you and speak the word of healing.

THE HEALING ANOINTING WORKS LIKE A DRUG

You see, look at me. The healing anointing works like a drug. When you swallow a drug, the problem may not be with your mouth. It may even be a problem with your limbs. But once that drug enters into you (are we together?), the entire pharmacology of that drug was already designed to know how to break itself down and correct what needs to be corrected. Are we together? And your attention is not on the drug you swallowed; the attention is on the symptom. You know the drug is working because you get up and the boil is gone. You get up and the pain is relieved, or gone.

That's what I want you to do. Are we together? Look at Jesus Christ; keep your eyes on Him. But once I'm done praying, I'd like you to begin to check yourself. Listen: don't assume that automatically you will be touched. The power of God is there, but remember, I taught you, it is always a co-laborer principle: the God-man partnership, the Spirit and the bride mentality. So God's power is resting on you, and you receive by faith and do what you were not able to do. I need you to not walk back with the sickness you came with. I've been sick before. I know what it means to be really, really sick. It's a satanic thing.

BE HEALED NOW

Place your hand. Father, in the name of Jesus, this is a miracle service. We've come as extensions of Your power and Your grace, Your healing power. As Your glory moves across the length and the breadth of this room, this arena, outside and even online, I decree and declare right now that everyone who is under the influence of any and all spirits of infirmity: be free from them now, in the name of Jesus.

Now I decree and declare, stretching my hands over you: whether it's a lump in your breast, whether it's pain, fibroids, some abdominal growth, the power of God is touching you as I'm mentioning those cases. Whether it's a growth around your neck (help that woman, in the name of Jesus), whether it's a hearing problem, whether it's a seeing problem (you are not seeing very well), whether it's a growth anywhere around your body. Now, joint problems, not bone problems: joints, particularly your knees, your ankles. In the name of Jesus, be healed now. Shout amen.

Anyone who is here with SS, in the name of Jesus, may the Lord change your genotype now. Shout like you believe: medically verifiable transformation. Let it happen in your body. Anyone with a heart problem, I declare: be healed now. Eye conditions, be healed now. Ear conditions, be healed now. You came here unable to walk: I declare, begin to walk now, in Jesus' name. You came here unable to move any part of your body, perhaps a stroke: I decree and declare, life comes to your body now, in the mighty name of Jesus. Shout a believing amen.

I'm praying for someone: you've been having severe pain in your right breast. Nothing noticeable, but you've been having excruciating pain. The power of God is touching you right there, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I'm praying for someone, based on the vision God is showing me: you are beginning to have early signs of prostate cancer. And this is not supposed to be, because you are not particularly old. In your 40s or 50s, you're beginning to have serious pain: pain on urination, pain around your lower abdominal region. I'm praying for you. Every programming of darkness (this thing killed your father), I'm declaring to you right now: every manifestation of prostate cancer, from its infancy, we kill it now, in the name of Jesus.

Now let me pray particularly for those here, or those connected to those here, who are suffering from cancer. I hate cancer with all my heart, and for as long

as I live I will continue to pray against it. Whether it's liver cancer, lung cancer, leukemia (cancer of the blood), some brain tumor somewhere, cancer of the breast, prostate cancer for men: it doesn't matter in what form or fashion. I decree and declare: cancer dies now.

I'm feeling pain right now, on my lap, the left side. Excruciating pain. I believe that's somebody's condition. I decree and declare, in the name of Jesus Christ: whoever is having that condition, may it leave you now.

Now here's what we're going to do. Let me talk to those inside and outside. I'm going to speak, and you are going to shout "Amen" seven times. At the end of the seventh time, I want you to check yourself. Whether I mention your case or not, in the name of Jesus Christ, listen to me, everybody: I decree and declare that every sickness that came here, God is already touching people. Miracles are already happening, in the name of Jesus. Be healed now. Let the symptoms go away now. Let them disappear now, outside or inside, from your head to your toe. Be healed now. The growth, the pain, will disappear forever. Are you ready to shout "Amen" seven times together? Let's go.

Now check yourself very quickly. Do what you couldn't do. You could not move your legs: move your legs. You couldn't breathe: I'd like you to breathe; be bold about it. You couldn't see: take off your glasses and check yourself. You couldn't hear: test your ears. This is the atmosphere of God's power.

CHAPTER 12

FAVOR AND THE ALTAR CALL

YOUR MOST CONCISE PARTICIPATION

Let's lift hands of gratitude to tell Him thank You. Mighty miracles tonight. My apologies; I've stretched you beyond proportion, but forgive me. Tonight is an unusual night.

Please stretch your hands, and everybody begin to pray. Release your faith as I pray with you over every request here represented, by the power of the Holy Spirit. I know you've been stretched tonight, but this is a worthy bargain. For some of you, you'll be smiling from tonight's service for the rest of this year. Don't be silent. Make sure you are speaking to the Lord.

"For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." "But my God shall supply all your need." My God shall answer your prayer. Hallelujah. In the name of Jesus Christ, stretch your hands. I lay my hands over these requests, every single one of them, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The reason we pray over requests like this is not ritual. It is because, number one, God commanded it. Number two, it is the most accurate representation of your desires. There's not enough time to minister to everyone. It is your most concise participation. As far as your expectation is concerned, you are participating in your miracle.

I want you to shout a thunderous amen as I begin to pray. In the name that is above all names, I pray that every request here written, no matter how long it's been, no matter how long-standing the issue has been, because it came here

before the Lord and upon this altar, may it return to you as answers, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I told you that the answer to prayer many times will require men. Whoever must show up to partner with this prayer for its speedy answer, I pray in the name of Jesus, may God cause them to show up. Everything here representing pain, may it go forever and not return. Everything here representing restoration, may God make it happen on time. May God open closed doors, in the name of Jesus.

I pray for every concern here represented: before next month's miracle service, in the name of Jesus, some of you will not have anything else to write except thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus Christ, I place my hand upon these requests, and I pray in accordance with the will of God: everything here represented, let it come as a harvest of answers, speedy answers, in Jesus' name I pray. And I can always say this: "The Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever." May they be drowned with Pharaoh in the sea, in the name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah.

RECEIVE FAVOR

Praise the name of the Lord. I'm only going to speak one blessing upon you before I do the altar call, and it is favor. Please receive it. Ladies and gentlemen, you need favor. Don't even waste your time arguing it. You need this desperately in your life. It can mean the difference between your today and your tomorrow. You don't have to kneel, but just make sure you receive. It is the dividing line between frustration and honor. Favor is the dividing line between struggle and ease. Marvelously helped by God, until a man becomes as strong as a nation. I pray for you. Shout amen.

And those outside, to the farthest places: now is your time to receive. In the name that is above all names, I decree and declare: receive favor. Let it come upon your head. Let it come upon your hands. Let it come upon your eyes. Let it

come upon your feet. May that anointing rest on you. By favor, may doors be opened. By favor, may God bring strategic relationships. May God restore time. May God restore things by favor. May God bring resources into your life, in the name of Jesus.

You will never be left alone to struggle. May my God, the One who has helped us, the One who has helped this ministry, help you speedily. I declare one more time: favor in the morning, favor in the afternoon, favor in the night. Favor with God, favor with men. Favor with Cyrus, favor with Herod, favor with Pharaoh, favor with Ahasuerus, in the name of Jesus. Hallelujah. Wave your hands, and give Jesus praise. Amen.

THE MOST IMPORTANT CALL

Let me make the altar call. Let's minimize movement. I want to make what I believe is the most important call in this place tonight. I've stretched you, but hear me: Overflow One, Overflow Two, Overflow Three, every other overflow, the main hall here, and the many who are connected and following online.

In all your getting, and with all you're getting, if your life is void of Jesus, you can have miracles that came from Him, testimonies that came from Him, but there's no sustainability. There's no guarantee. You are in this place, and from the start of the service the Holy Spirit began to minister to you through the testimonies, the thought-provoking teachings, the miracles, the manifestations of His power, the impartations. The Lord began to speak to you that if and when the call is made, you should come quickly. I believe that the Lord brought multitudes tonight because there are many who need to be saved. You may be the last person outside somewhere. You may be the last person in any of the overflows, or somewhere scattered in this auditorium. I'm going to give you the honor, and I want you to give me the honor also, of leading you to Jesus.

I will count from one to five, and by the fifth count, whoever is here in front already, I assume you are the one who desires to take Jesus seriously. Now, two

calls in one: whether you are making a first-time decision, or you are saying, "Apostle, I came here confused." If you are outside, I allow you to run and come here, provided there's still space anywhere. When it has to do with salvation, don't say, "I'm sitting too far." I'm counting one. I'm seeing people standing. God bless you as you're coming. Leave your seat quickly and come. I'm counting two.

My brothers and my sisters, listen to me. When it has to do with Jesus, it's beyond religion. It's beyond sentiments: educated or not, young, old, male, female. When it has to do with the business of Jesus, everyone is invited. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It says, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Thank you very much for making this noble decision. It is known to be the wisest decision any man can make on this side of God's kingdom.

THE PRAYER OF SALVATION

Lift your right hand. Everyone, say this after me, as loud and as clear as you can:

"Lord Jesus, I love You. I love You with all my heart. I believe that You are the Son of God. I believe that You died for my sin, that You rose again for my justification. I receive You into my heart as my Savior, my Lord and my King. I declare that the power of sin, Satan, hell and the grave is broken over my life. From tonight I'm Your child. I go forward ever and backward never. Amen."

Keep your hands lifted. Father, thank You for these ones. I decree and declare, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the Lord will bless you. And let this be the beginning of a new journey: a journey to greatness, a journey of faith, a journey to power, a journey of self and destiny recovery and discovery. May the Lord bless you. I decree and declare that Satan has no power over your life. Again,

you will go from glory to glory. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen and amen.

Please look behind me, whether to your right or left. You'll see the PR department waving their hands. In the name of Jesus, please follow them. They will have a word with you very quickly, and you will be back in your seat. Hallelujah. Praise the name of the Lord.

IT IS WELL WITH YOU

Those of you who are here for the first time, we acknowledged you earlier, but please accept my gratitude for making the time to be stretched this night. Please permit that I have stretched you. You will return with testimonies that will be a consolation, in Jesus' name.

I decree and declare: may your weekend be blessed. Shout amen. I declare it is well with you. The Bible says, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him." It is well with you, in Jesus' name. The Lord increase you more and more, you and your children. The Lord cause you to blossom. The Lord cause you to flourish, in the name of Jesus. As you go, you go out with joy and are led forth with peace. Evil will not come near your dwelling, in the name of Jesus.

I declare: everything good in Zaria, may it come to you. Everything good in Kaduna, may it come to you. Everything good in Nigeria, may it come to you. For the students: you are blessed. The workers: you are blessed. We will not hear bad news from Zaria. It is from glory to glory. In Jesus' name we pray.

Together, as a great family, let's share the grace in fellowship: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit, rest and abide with us now and forever. Amen. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever. Amen. God bless you.

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