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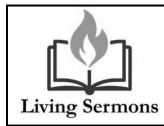
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Foreword

The Church has never been called merely to survive history; she has been commissioned to shape it.

*In this timely message delivered at **London Summer Word Camp 2026 – Day 1**, Pastor Dolapo Lawal reminds believers that the Great Commission is not a passive invitation but an active mandate. Jesus did not instruct His followers to withdraw from the world, but to enter it as salt that preserves, light that illuminates, and ambassadors who faithfully represent His Kingdom.*

Throughout these pages, you will discover a compelling call to embrace a Christianity that extends beyond the walls of the local church. This sermon challenges every believer to examine whether their faith is influencing culture or merely reacting to it. It addresses the necessity of spiritual maturity, the importance of compassion in ministry, the reality of spiritual warfare, the power of signs and wonders, and the believer's responsibility to carry the gospel into every sphere of society.

One of the defining strengths of this message is its emphasis on Kingdom purpose. Success, influence, education, leadership, and professional excellence are presented not as personal achievements but as opportunities through which Christ can be revealed. Pastor Lawal repeatedly points the listener back to God's original intention—that His Kingdom would find expression through ordinary believers who surrender themselves completely to His purposes.

As editors, our responsibility has been to preserve the preacher's voice while presenting this sermon in a format suitable for careful reading and long-term study. Every effort has been made to maintain the warmth, conviction, illustrations, and pastoral burden of the original message while improving readability through thoughtful editing, consistent formatting, and careful proofreading.

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This book is more than the transcript of a sermon. It is a call to examine our generation's stewardship. It asks difficult but necessary questions: Are we merely waiting for Christ's return, or are we actively extending His Kingdom? Are we pursuing personal success, or are we leveraging every opportunity to glorify Christ? Are we willing to be used by God wherever He places us, regardless of the cost?

It is our prayer that as you read these pages, the Holy Spirit will stir within you a renewed burden for souls, a deeper compassion for people, greater confidence in the power of the gospel, and a fresh commitment to serve Christ faithfully in your family, your profession, your community, and the nations.

May this message not simply inform your mind but transform your heart, strengthen your faith, and inspire you to become an effective witness of Jesus Christ in your generation.

For the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

— Wisdom Epsi

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Main Message

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Introduction

There is no such thing as salt soup. Nobody wants to eat that. You add salt to soup. So, if you are going to be the salt of the earth, it means you are not, quote and unquote, like what you are salting. You are an addition, and that addition makes all the difference.

If we are going to go into the world, we are not going in to have more money because people in the world already have money. So, if we are going for money, then we are no longer salt—we are simply another bowl of soup.

We are not going to have more influence just to be influential. We are not going because we want to be liked. We are not going because we want to look nice. I don't know if you're understanding what I'm saying.

We are coming with a different flavor.

If we are the salt of the earth, then we are coming to shine light. Jesus says it again in **Matthew 5:14 (KJV):**

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

So, the first thing we learn is this:

We are **in** the world as a location, but we are forbidden from adopting the world as our orientation.

Chapter 1

Influence Is Always Happening

Maybe I should pause here and say this. I've noticed something in my interactions with people. If three friends begin spending time together—or even decide to live together—within less than three weeks, without conducting any election, somebody will naturally emerge as the leader.

It can be something as simple as this:

Mr. A says, "Let's go to the UK."

Mr. B says, "Let's go to England."

The two of them begin arguing, and then Mr. C walks in and says, "I think we should just say UK."

Immediately, the other two agree. There was no election. Nobody appointed a leader. That is influence.

Some people simply carry a natural weight that influences everyone around them. If you are in a friendship, a workplace, or any environment, and you are not leading, it simply means you are following. If you are not influencing, then you are being influenced.

You may argue with that statement, but that is the reality.

Evil Communication Corrupts Good Manners

I had a friend during my days at the University of Lagos that helped me understand what the Bible means when it says:

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." — **1 Corinthians 15:33 (KJV)**

Let me put some balance here.

If you are not yet spiritually mature, don't rush into the world because the world can "cook" you.

Suppose God delivered you from alcoholism. You used to spend your life in clubs, and now you have a burden for people who go clubbing.

Then you decide to return to the club.

You enter praying in tongues.

Before long, the evangelist is dancing.

That is the balance I'm trying to establish.

I understood the Scripture before, but this particular story made it much clearer.

The Silent Power of Association

While I was on campus, I started a fellowship.

A young lady used to attend faithfully. She normally came with an older sister—or perhaps a cousin. She was in her first year of a diploma programme, so she couldn't secure accommodation on campus and had to live with her relatives.

Eventually, she entered her second year and got a room in Moremi Hall.

Those who attended the University of Lagos understand what that means.

The first thing I noticed was that she stopped attending fellowship.

The next time I saw her, I was already pastoring a youth church and holding healing meetings on campus.

She told me she had been praying and asking God for mercy. Then she remembered, "I know someone who prays for the sick," so she came looking for me.

Maybe I should mention this here because it may speak to someone's heart.

To the glory of God, in our ministry we have recorded at least five testimonies of people who tested HIV positive and later became HIV negative.

So, this young lady came to me and said she had HIV.

I asked, "What happened?"

She began to tell me her story.

When she moved into the hostel, her roommates never directly pressured her.

They simply lived their lifestyle.

They would return and begin counting dollars.

For almost two weeks, they said nothing to her.

Eventually, she approached them herself. She asked, "What exactly are you people doing? Help me understand."

That was when they introduced her to that lifestyle.

Do you see what happened?

They never preached to her. They communicated without speaking. Communication is not only what people tell you. Sometimes, communication is simply remaining around the wrong environment long enough. As I mentioned earlier, we have seen God reverse HIV in several cases.

I still believed God for her. Sadly, in her own case, nothing changed.

Don't Push Your Luck

What is the lesson?

Don't push your luck.

You may think you are Jonah.

You may actually be the young prophet.

The young prophet never got a second chance.

So why test it?

There is no point finding out. Don't push it.

As important as it is to go into the world, the greater priority is first to remain in Christ. Jesus taught us that it is in abiding that we bear fruit.

Play the Offensive, Not the Defensive

The second thing we learn from **Mark 16:15** is that we are called to play offense, not defense.

Jesus said:

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

Notice the instruction:

Go.

Many Christians have developed a defensive mindset. Let me give you an example. Suppose a prophet came to you and told you that you had only three days left to live. How many of you would immediately begin fasting?

Be honest. Most people would. You would cry out, "Lord, have mercy!"

But if somebody told you that in three days God was going to bless you, chances are you would not fast. That is the mindset of the average Nigerian Christian. Whenever something negative happens, we suddenly become people of intense faith. When something positive is promised, we become casual. I've tested this many times. If someone says, "Let's pray against..."

The prayer meeting immediately becomes loud. But if someone says, "Let's pray for..."

The response is usually weaker.

Why?

Because our fervency often appears only when we become defensive. That is not the pattern we see in Scripture.

The Pattern of Christ's Intercession

Even in intercession, many believers pray only as a reaction to problems. A crisis happens, and suddenly everyone gathers to pray. But look at the example of Jesus.

In **Luke 22:31–32 (KJV)**, He said:

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not..."

Notice something.

Jesus prayed **before** the crisis. He was not merely reacting. The same picture is presented in **Hebrews 7:25** and **Romans 8**, where Christ continually intercedes for His people.

True intercessors pray ahead of time. They do not wait until disaster arrives. Many of us need to change our disposition. We are called to be offensive, not defensive.

We go into the world. We do not sit back waiting for the world to come to us. We are the ones carrying the light.

Two Ways Christians View the World

There are only two ways a Christian can view the world. The first is to live waiting for Christ's second coming because the world has become too corrupt.

We say, "This world is finished. One day, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet, we shall all be changed."

So we simply wait. The second way is to believe that because Jesus has already come, we are called to change the world. We have to choose. Are we merely waiting for His return?

Or are we transforming the world because He has already come?

I believe the Lord prefers the latter because He taught us to pray:

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." —

Matthew 6:10 (KJV)

We should not have an escapist mentality.

Not,

"Lord, let me die and finally rest."

Why not live and work?

Why not occupy until He comes?

He has already given us His power.

He has already given us His authority.

The Scope of the Mission Is Total

Number three:

The scope is total.

Jesus said:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — **Mark**

16:15 (KJV)

There is no territory, industry, family, culture, or nation where Jesus does not desire to be Lord.

Once we understand this, we stop thinking that God belongs only inside church buildings.

One time I intentionally read the entire Bible with one focus:

God as King.

He came into our lives to rule, and through our lives to reign.

He reigns over us, and then He reigns through us.

Are we still together?

This does not mean dominating people.

It means serving people.

We Are Sent With Signs and Wonders

Number four:

We are sent with signs and wonders.

This cannot be overemphasized.

If we are going to do ministry...

If we are going to evangelize the United Kingdom...

It must be accompanied by signs and wonders.

Christian apologetics can explain why a virgin had to give birth.

It explains that the Seed had to be pure. But apologetics cannot explain the miracle of a virgin conceiving. That miracle transcends the laws of biology. The only way it makes sense is through the power of God.

Notice something.

God never sent Moses to Pharaoh without first giving him the encounter of the burning bush. In other words, if God is going to send you into something greater than yourself, He first has to reveal something greater than yourself.

Look throughout the Scriptures. The people God used mightily usually began with an encounter. Jesus Himself said:

"But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works..." — John 10:38
(KJV)

In other words, Forget the grammar. Forget the arguments. Believe because of the works. Have you ever seen a blind person receive sight?

Those miracles are earthly demonstrations of spiritual realities. There is an incredibly strong argument for the Christian faith, and one of its greatest evidences is the reality of miracles. When my iPhone develops a fault, who repairs it?

Apple.

Why?

Because they made it.

When God repairs the human body, He is demonstrating ownership of His creation.

Miracles silence arguments about who truly made man.

Think about the man born blind.

Jesus spat on the ground, made clay, anointed his eyes, and instructed him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.

It was almost as though the Creator was forming new eyes.

Chapter 2

The Technology of Miracles

Many of us desire miracles. But there is also what I call **the technology of miracles**. If Jesus is going to multiply bread, there is usually an instruction attached.

He told the people, "Sit down in groups of fifty."

Imagine if that happened in Nigeria. People would probably rush the bread before the miracle even occurred.

But Jesus said,

"Sit down."

The person sitting in the very last group had to believe that five loaves and two fish would eventually reach him.

He had to sit.

He had to wait.

At the wedding in Cana, they needed wine. Jesus said, "Fill the six waterpots with water."

Then He instructed them to carry that ordinary water to the master of the feast. If they refused to obey, there would have been no miracle. Miracles often require participation.

Your obedience becomes part of the process through which God demonstrates His power.

I'm simply trying to say this:

We will not see miracles if we are unwilling to do the works that produce miracles. One of the characteristics of a miracle worker is that they are not constantly looking for miracles to happen to them.

Think about it.

Many of us still see ourselves as the woman with the issue of blood in the story.

Yet the Bible says:

"...as he is, so are we in this world." — **1 John 4:17 (KJV)**

We confess,

"Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." — **1 John 4:4 (KJV)**

Yet we are constantly looking for someone else to pray for us.

We run from pastor to pastor.

But if the Greater One truly lives inside you, why do your mental models communicate something different?

Sometimes we confess one thing with our mouths while our actions reveal what we actually believe.

If we are going to see the power of God manifested, believers must be willing to demonstrate that power.

Compassion Produces Power

Can I say something here?

Many Christians are not compassionate. The Lord once showed me one of the reasons we do not see signs and wonders as frequently as we should. He taught me through something as ordinary as Lagos traffic.

One day, while I was in a vehicle, a little child came knocking on my window. The person driving me immediately tried to chase the child away. The Lord spoke to my heart and simply said, "That is hardness of heart."

At first, I didn't fully understand it. Later, while I was preaching, the connection suddenly became clear.

The Miracle That Didn't Happen

When I first gave my life to Christ, by God's grace, I simply believed what I saw in Scripture. The Bible said they laid hands on the sick, so I laid hands on the sick. People recovered.

I thanked God. Then, like every typical African mother, once my mother realized that people were getting healed, she became my publicity manager. I prayed for my younger sister.

She recovered. My mother began calling all her friends. "My son is working miracles! If you have any sick person, bring them."

One of her friends had fibroids. I prayed.

The fibroids disappeared.

After seeing God work several times, confidence naturally began to grow. Faith became easier because I had testimonies to remember.

One day, I went to buy an MTN recharge card.

At the shop, I saw a young lady using crutches.

Her condition wasn't extreme. She still had both legs, but she couldn't walk properly.

Immediately, I thought,

"This is easy.

I'm in the healing ministry.

This is bread and butter."

She handed me the recharge card and asked for payment.

I confidently replied,

"By the time I'm done, you won't ask me for money."

She looked at me as though to say,

"Who is this small boy?"

I asked her,

"Do you want to walk?"

She said,

"Yes."

I said,

"You will walk today."

She agreed.

So I laid my hands on her.

Then I looked away confidently and said,

"Walk."

Nothing happened.

I prayed again.

"Walk."

Nothing happened.

Again.

Nothing.

I tried three times.

Four times.

Then I remembered Peter's words:

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee..." — Acts 3:6
(KJV)

So I decided to help her physically.

I lifted her up. By this time, people had already gathered around us. The poor girl was trying her best to cooperate. Eventually she lost balance and fell. One man standing nearby finally shouted, "You want to kill this girl!"

That was when I stopped. I walked away in complete embarrassment.

The Lesson God Taught Me

When I got home, I told God, "I'm not praying today.

No worship.

No prayer."

Of course, we laugh about it now.

Eventually I went back to Him and asked, "Lord, I know You still heal because I have seen You heal many people.

Why didn't she get healed?"

The Lord directed me to **Acts 10:38 (KJV):**

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Then the Holy Spirit pointed out something I had never really noticed.

He said,

"Did you see that Jesus went about **doing good**?"

He wasn't healing people merely to display power. He healed them because He genuinely cared about their condition. That day the Lord taught me something I have never forgotten. **No compassion, no power.**

Does your heart actually break when people are sick?

Praying From People, Not Just For People

There is a level of intercession where you are no longer simply praying **for** someone. You are praying **from** them. You enter their situation. You imagine their pain.

You see a blind person, and in your heart you place yourself inside that experience. What would life be like if you could not see?

Then your prayer changes. You are no longer trying to sound spiritual. You are pouring out your heart before God. There is a dimension of healing ministry that is deeply intercessory. Think about Jesus.

When Lazarus died, Jesus already knew He was going to raise him. Yet before performing the miracle, He wept.

Why?

Why cry when you already know the outcome?

Because His compassion was genuine. The Bible tells us:

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities..." — **Hebrews 4:15 (KJV)**

Sometimes we have many high priests today who are not touched by the feelings of people's infirmities.

In that sense, they are not functioning in true priesthood.

The Evidence of Fellowship With God

When you see people living in darkness, does your heart genuinely feel burdened?

Or do you simply think, "At least I'm okay."

That attitude will never take anyone far with God. One of the greatest evidences of genuine fellowship with God is that God's interests become your interests. Have you ever seen someone insult your close friend and immediately felt like defending them?

Or someone speak badly about your spouse?

You might tease your own family members yourself, but when someone else does it, something rises inside you.

There is a depth of fellowship with God where His reputation matters deeply to you.

That was Elijah's disposition.

The honour of God's name was at stake.

I believe one of the problems with much of modern Christianity is that our faith has become excessively personal.

Everything revolves around me.

My blessing.

My breakthrough.

My success.

Holy Spirit, help me.

True Priesthood Is Vertical and Horizontal

Priesthood must always be both vertical and horizontal. Let me show you from Scripture. The Lord visited Abraham together with two angels. After speaking with him, God said, in essence, "I am about to destroy Sodom. I cannot do this without first telling My friend Abraham."

So God revealed His plans to Abraham. Immediately Abraham entered into intercession.

He said, "My nephew Lot lives there."

Then he began negotiating with God.

"If You find fifty righteous people, will You destroy the city?"

God said,

"No."

"What about forty?"

"No."

"Thirty?"

"No."

Abraham continued because he was thinking,

"Surely, with everything Lot learned from me, he must have influenced at least ten people."

Remember something else about Abraham.

God said,

*"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him..." — **Genesis 18:19 (KJV)***

Abraham trained his household well.

Notice how his servant later found Isaac's wife through hospitality.

Notice also that when the Lord and the angels came, Abraham welcomed them with hospitality.

Then, in **Genesis 19**, Lot did exactly the same thing when the two angels arrived in Sodom.

You can see that hospitality had become a family culture.

Lot learned it from Abraham.

Chapter 3

The Difference Between Abraham and Lot

Abraham's concern was not only his relationship with God. His concern extended to people. Now notice something interesting. When the angels finally arrived in Sodom, where did they find Lot?

The Bible says Lot was sitting at the city gate. That position represented influence. Yet despite his position, he had failed to influence the city. Abraham demonstrated priesthood that was both vertical and horizontal.

Lot settled into a "me and my God" Christianity. There was very little impact on Sodom.

When your priesthood becomes private, eventually the environment around you begins to affect you.

Lot eventually lost his wife.

Why?

Because whatever you refuse to change will eventually begin to steal from you.

Sometimes we say, "The world is spoiling."

It doesn't concern me."

Eventually, what is spoiling outside will come knocking at your own door. One of the ways you preserve your own life is by fighting other people's battles in prayer.

The Bible teaches that the labourer is the first partaker of the fruits. There is a principle there. Many times, what you sincerely labour before God for on behalf of others also becomes your own preservation.

Three Levels of Demonic Manifestation

Now let me begin bringing my thoughts together. There are three levels of demonic manifestation. The first level is **demonic possession**.

This is the most obvious form. A demon has taken control of a person's life. Many of us have seen manifestations of demonic possession. Sometimes they are frightening. That is the first level. You can understand much of this through **Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)**:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

The second level is **demonic influence**.

This is where the enemy plants suggestions.

Let me give an example.

The Danger of Demonic Influence

Let's consider **2 Samuel 24**.

David instructed that Israel be numbered.

Joab himself questioned the decision, yet the instruction went ahead.

The counting continued for **nine months and twenty days**.

When it was finally completed, the Bible says:

"And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people..." — 2 Samuel 24:10 (KJV)

Only then did David realise what had happened.

One decision.

One suggestion.

One moment of influence.

The consequence?

Seventy thousand people died.

Seventy thousand.

That is the destructive power of demonic influence.

Understanding Demonic Influence

The second level of demonic manifestation is **demonic influence**.

Remember David's story.

That influence remained over him for **nine months and twenty days** before his eyes finally opened to what he had done.

Have you ever heard someone say,

"I don't know what came over me"?

Many people think that is merely an expression.

Sometimes it isn't.

Someone says something to you and you remain calm.

Then another person says something very similar, and suddenly you explode in anger.

That can be demonic influence.

It is demonic influence that causes someone to spend years building something, bringing it to ninety-nine percent completion, and then, in one reckless moment, destroy everything.

It is those subtle whispers and suggestions that attempt to move you away from God's purpose for your life.

That is why we must understand how it operates.

The Battle of the Mind

I once read a book written by an exorcist.

I do not necessarily recommend the book, but one observation stayed with me.

He explained that only a very small percentage of the people who came to him were actually demon possessed.

Many only believed they were.

He described some of the methods they used to distinguish genuine possession from psychological conditions.

For example, they would sometimes sprinkle ordinary water instead of holy water.

People pretending or reacting emotionally would immediately begin manifesting, believing they had been exposed.

That helped them identify those who were simply acting.

Then he shared one particular story.

A therapist brought a man to him because the case appeared beyond ordinary psychological treatment.

They conducted all the usual examinations.

They placed a cross before him.

No reaction.

They sprinkled water on him.

No reaction.

After every test was completed, the exorcist invited the man and his therapist into the office.

He smiled and said,

"I have good news.

You are not demon possessed."

To his surprise, the man burst into tears.

The exorcist said he had never heard a grown man cry that loudly.

He asked,

"Why are you crying? This is wonderful news."

The man replied,

"I wish I were demon possessed.

Now you're telling me that the battle is my own mind."

That story stayed with me.

Many of the battles believers face are not always possession.

They are influences.

Suggestions.

Whispers.

Thought patterns designed to derail you from God's will for your life.

That is the second level.

Systemic Penetration

The third level is what I call **systemic penetration**.

This is where I really want to focus.

The Bible refers to these spiritual realities as principalities and rulers of the darkness of this age.

In the Greek language, the word describes high-ranking spiritual authorities that operate over regions, nations, cultures, governments, ideologies, and entire systems.

They are not primarily attacking one individual.

They are colonizing structures.

Their objective is to institutionalize darkness.

Darkness becomes embedded in education.

In law.

In media.

In economics. In culture. In worldviews. Eventually, an entire society begins to normalize what God calls sin.

When sin becomes legal...

When sin becomes celebrated...

When sin becomes institutionally protected...

That is systemic penetration at work.

Creating Counter-Institutions

So how do we confront this?

I have only two thoughts.

The first is this:

Counter-institutions must be created.

If darkness is entering education, our response cannot be prayer alone.

Christians must enter education.

If darkness is shaping government, believers must enter government.

If darkness is shaping media, believers must enter media.

Too often, however, many Christians are driven almost entirely by money.

Everyone wants the highest-paying profession.

Everyone is chasing financial success.

But many are not asking,

"Where has God placed me for His purpose?"

Please don't miss this.

The goal is not simply to become Esther because she became queen.

Many queens existed.

Esther's significance was that she occupied that position for God's purpose.

Likewise, earning a first-class degree does not automatically glorify God.

What gives that achievement purpose is what you do with the opportunities it opens.

Unbelievers graduate with first-class degrees too.

The goal is not merely to become Joseph because he became prime minister.

The goal is to become the Joseph who preserved God's covenant people while serving as prime minister.

So my ambition is not simply to succeed.

My ambition is to succeed in a way that establishes Christ within institutions.

Being the best is never the final destination.

It is only a means to an end.

Eventually you must ask,

"What next?"

Purpose Beyond the Church

Many believers have unintentionally limited Christianity to church activities.

If they are not preaching...

If they are not leading worship...

They feel there is nothing else they can do for God.

As though the Christian life ends at the church building.

But there is so much more.

There is so much to do.

Think about Esther.

For Esther, skin care became part of her consecration.

She prepared herself because God had positioned her for an assignment.

The point was never beauty for its own sake.

It was preparation for purpose.

Don't misunderstand your assignment by trying to imitate someone else's calling.

Esther was not called to be Elijah.

God is not looking for copies.

Notice how God works throughout Scripture.

The children of Israel did not shout around every wall they encountered.

Jericho happened once.

Samson killed with the jawbone of a donkey once.

He did not preserve it as a permanent method.

Yet many of us want to keep repeating yesterday's method instead of listening for today's instruction.

God desires fresh obedience, not religious imitation.

Do We Want God to Use Us?

As you leave this conference, ask the Lord to minister to your heart.

God needs people for many different assignments.

Let me ask you a question.

How many of you want God to boast about your life?

To be able to say,

"Have you considered My servant?"

Now here is the real question.

Do we want God to use us?

Or do we simply want to use God?

Because if God wants to reveal a particular dimension of His nature—even the doctrine of suffering—someone must be willing.

Sometimes we admire Bible characters without counting the cost of their calling.

It is beautiful to talk about Mary.

It sounds inspiring.

But Mary also watched her Son suffer.

She carried enormous pain.

When you understand the terms of her assignment, many people would have run away from it.

There comes a point where our prayer must become,

"Lord, take my life and use it however You choose."

Like the little boy who gave Jesus his five loaves and two fish.

He did not take a basket of leftovers home as his reward.

His greatest reward was that God used what he surrendered.

Until we reach that place of complete surrender...

We are not ready.

We are not ready.

We Must Go and Preach the Gospel

The second response is this:

We must preach the gospel.

Look at **Matthew 24:14 (KJV)**:

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

We must go.

The gospel is not simply a lifestyle.

The gospel is not moralism.

When we preach the gospel, we preach Jesus Christ.

We are not merely teaching people good behaviour.

The gospel is the same message for both the moral and the immoral.

Our lifestyle alone is not enough.

The Bible says:

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?... and how shall they hear without a preacher?" — Romans 10:14 (KJV)

People cannot hear the message unless someone speaks it.

We must open our mouths.

We must clearly tell people that Jesus died.

That He was buried.

That He rose again.

That is the gospel.

Announce the Kingdom

The word translated "**preach**" carries the idea of making a public proclamation. We are announcing the good news. Jesus has conquered death. There is hope for humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ. We cannot remain silent.

Social media posts are wonderful. Use Instagram.

Use every available platform.

But eventually we must stand before people and verbally proclaim Christ.

Go Where the Harvest Is

The Lord once spoke to me.

He said, "Check the average age of Nigerians."

I picked up my phone and searched.

At the time, it was approximately **18.7 years**.

Then the Lord asked me, "Where do you find people of that age?"

I answered, "On university campuses."

He said, "Go there.

Preach there.

Hold meetings there."

He told me, "This is one of the secrets I am giving your ministry."

Later I was speaking to a group of ministers.

The Lord prompted me, "Tell them."

I thought, "No, Lord. This is my secret."

Again He said, "Tell them."

Eventually I shared it. Afterwards I asked Him, "Lord, why would You give me something valuable and then tell me to give it away?"

He answered, "Because I already know many of them will not go. Students don't have money." Imagine God already concluding that many would refuse because He has already searched their hearts.

God Is Looking for Those Who Will Respond

We travelled to different places during an outreach called **Grace Revolution**.

In one city we were told,

"This is the headquarters of demonic activity."

Yet the Lord said,

"Revival will begin here."

We went somewhere else.

People told us exactly the same thing.

Again the Lord spoke the same promise.

After hearing this several times, Pastor Joseph, who was with me, noticed the pattern.

Everywhere people described as spiritually dark...

God described as the birthplace of revival.

Then, almost without thinking, I said something that I believe was inspired by the Holy Spirit.

I said,

"God told all of them because He is waiting for the one who will respond."

That is what God is looking for.

People who will respond.

Revival Must Produce Transformation

Revival is not merely emotional meetings. Revival produces transformation. Someone once told me, "There is revival in this country."

I respectfully disagreed. He asked,

"Why?"

I said,

"If you can leave your phone in church, go to the restroom, and return to find it exactly where you left it, then we can begin talking about revival."

If there is revival but believers still steal...

There is no revival. If Christians cheat one another in business...

There is no revival. If believers cannot be trusted...

There is no revival. Transformation is the evidence of genuine revival.

Sadly, if someone attempts something unconventional for God today, it is often fellow Christians who become the greatest opposition. Joseph's brothers rejected him before Egypt ever did.

A Missed Opportunity in History

Let me close with a story shared by Evangelist Daniel Kolenda. One of the great turning points in Christian history took place during the thirteenth century. Niccolò and Maffeo Polo—the father and uncle of Marco Polo—visited Kublai Khan, one of the most powerful rulers in the world at that time.

He governed China and much of the East. As they shared the Christian faith with him, Kublai Khan became deeply interested.

He gave them an extraordinary request.

He said,

"Go to your high priest and ask him to send me one hundred men skilled in your faith.

When I am baptized, my nobles will be baptized.

Then their subjects will follow.

There will be more Christians here than anywhere else in the world."

The request was taken to the Pope.

The response was tragic.

The opportunity was ignored. Eventually, only one or two missionaries were sent. They were too few. They arrived too late. By then, Buddhist monks had already reached the empire. An entire civilization moved in another direction. One generation was given a remarkable opportunity by God.

They missed it.

Even today, millions of people continue to live with the consequences of that missed opportunity.

Our Generation's Responsibility

Let me close with this.

Brothers and sisters...

Mothers...

Fathers...

Friends...

We will not answer to God for the mistakes of previous generations.

Neither will we answer for the failures of future generations.

But every one of us will answer to God for what we did with the opportunities He placed before **our** generation.

I believe that opportunity is before us today.

And I believe it is one of the greatest opportunities in the history of Christianity.

May we not miss it.

God bless you.



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