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Foreword

Every time Jesus spoke, lives changed. When He healed the sick, forgave sinners, and showed God's love, people found hope. His words still have power today. In this message, T.L. Osborn reminds us that Jesus did not only come to save us. He also came to show us how to live. He teaches that God now lives in every believer through the Holy Spirit. Because of this, we can continue the work that Jesus began.

*As you read these pages, you will notice one big message again and again: **Jesus is alive, and He lives in you.** This is not just something to know with your mind. It is a truth to believe with your whole heart. When you believe it, you will begin to see yourself the way God sees you. You will have courage to pray, to love people, to share the gospel, and to trust God for things that seem impossible.*

Our editorial team has carefully prepared this book from the original sermon. We corrected grammar, spelling, and punctuation to make it easier to read, while faithfully keeping T.L. Osborn's voice, passion, and message. We have not changed his teaching. Our goal is simply to help you enjoy it as if you were sitting in the meeting where he first preached it.

We encourage you to read slowly. Keep your Bible open. Look up the Scriptures. Pray as you read. Ask the Holy Spirit to make these truths real in your life. Our prayer is that this book will do more than give you information. We pray it will build your faith, strengthen your walk with Christ, and inspire you to continue the ministry of Jesus wherever God has placed you. May your heart be filled with fresh courage as you discover the wonderful truth that Christ lives in you.

Grace and peace,

— Wisdom Epsi

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

Begins Here

Introduction

Today, we are teaching these seven sessions on what we call **The Miracle Life of Jesus**. The foundation for these studies is found in the first sentence of the Book of Acts.

I have noticed that in some languages it appears as two or three sentences, but in our Bible it is one long sentence that does not end until the close of *Acts 1:4*. Within that opening sentence are seven major principles, and those principles are all concerned with one great truth—**continuing what Jesus began**.

I do not know what you think, but I believe that is what we are all about: carrying on what Christ began.

As I looked carefully at those first four verses, it struck me how significant it is that the Book of Acts begins this way. Those seven principles form what we might call a bridge between two ministries:

- The ministry of Jesus through the body of a Jewish man from Nazareth.
- The ministry of that same Jesus through your body, your life, and your spirit.

That is the concept we must carry with us—not only in ministry, but throughout these studies.

We are talking about **continuing what Jesus began**.

Sometimes we repeat that phrase so often that it becomes little more than a cliché or a doctrinal slogan. My prayer is that during these seven sessions it will become much more than that to you.

We are here to continue His ministry.

Jesus paid the price so that this would be possible. We ought to honour what He paid for by becoming His messengers. That is the predominant theme of these studies because it is the predominant theme of the Christian Church.

Jesus showed us how, and then He made it possible for us to continue what He began.

CHAPTER ONE

The Miracle Life

When I began thinking about this, I realised that everything in Christianity is a miracle.

Would you agree?

Christ's birth was a miracle.

His life was a miracle.

His ministry was a miracle.

His death was a miracle.

His resurrection was a miracle.

His ascension was a miracle.

Everything about Christ is miraculous. Therefore, everything about Christianity is miraculous.

I thought to myself, *Miracle life!* We believe in miracles. We are miracles. The Church is a miracle. Everything about us is miraculous.

I truly believe that I walk in the miracle life.

Then another thought came to me.

There are seven foundational principles in that opening sentence of Acts. The word **Miracle** also contains seven letters. I wondered if I could use that word as an acronym to provide a framework for these studies.

That seemed both fitting and memorable.

So that became the structure of these lessons.

M — Model

In our last session we discussed the first letter of **MIRACLE**:

M — Model.

We derived that truth from the opening words of *Acts 1:1*:

"...of all that Jesus **began both to do and teach.**"
— *Acts 1:1 (KJV)*

If we are going to continue what Jesus began, then He must be our model.

That was the focus of our previous lesson.

I — Inspiration

Today we move to the second letter:

I — Inspiration.

The verse says:

"...until the day in which he was taken up..."
— *Acts 1:2 (KJV)*

Those words have always inspired me.

When I consider His life and ministry—from beginning to end, until He was taken up—I find my joy there. I find my courage there.

That is where I receive my inspiration.

If we are not inspired, we are in trouble.

Today's Major Question

Each session will revolve around one major question.

What makes the Christian faith more than merely a religion or a philosophy?

Along the way, we will consider several smaller questions.

- The early Church literally imitated Christ. Should we do the same today?
- Are Christ's principles still practical, or are they merely part of history?
- Are biblical miracles still needed in this century?

The great truth we want to discover today is this:

Jesus continues His ministry through us.

How These Seven Lessons Fit Together

Let me give you another perspective so that you can see how these seven lessons connect.

When you finish all seven sessions and place them together in that little folder, you will possess something of tremendous value.

During your darkest moments, you can review these truths, and they will help lift you out of discouragement.

These lessons contain the essence of what I have learned.

Let me emphasise something.

I am an old man.

I have travelled a long road.

I am not merely talking about theories.

I have lived this.

I have proved these truths in real life.

What I am sharing with you works.

When these seven lessons are gathered together, they will stimulate your study, your preaching, your teaching, your witnessing, and your walk with Christ in your own generation.

The Seven Perspectives

All seven lessons are drawn from that first sentence in the Book of Acts.

I believe that is profoundly significant.

M — Model

How we see God.

That was the focus of our previous session.

I — Inspiration

How we see ourselves.

When we finish today's lesson and read our confession together, you are going to feel very important.

Hallelujah!

R — Response

How we see our world.

A — Action

What are we to do about our world?

That will be our fourth session.

C — Credibility

How are we to do what we are called to do?

L — Limits

Why do we succeed, and what are our limits?

Let me repeat them.

- How we see God.
- How we see ourselves.
- How we see our world.
- What we are to do about it.
- How we are to do it.
- Why we succeed.
- What our limits are.

I hope those thoughts stay with you.

These are the bridge principles through which we discover the kind of person God wants us to become.

Why?

So that we can experience the miracle life of Jesus and continue what He began.

As I said in the previous session—and I will say it many more times—

Jesus takes us beyond religion into God's miracle life.

CHAPTER TWO

The Book of Acts

The Book of Acts is the continuation of the Gospel accounts. The Gospels reveal the ministry of Christ. Acts reveals the ministry of Christ's followers.

Our Bibles call it *The Acts of the Apostles*, but personally I have never liked that title. That heading is not part of the inspired Word of God; someone added it later.

I think it would have been better called:

The Acts of Believers.

Our major question remains:

What makes Christianity more than a religion?

The answer is simple.

We discover that **Jesus continues His ministry through us.**

We Are His Workmanship

Let us read *Ephesians 2:4–10*.

These verses are so familiar to charismatic believers that sometimes we can read them without appreciating their depth.

Yet these words contain the very heart of Paul's revelation.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

— *Ephesians 2:4–10 (KJV)*

Say it with me:

"I am His workmanship."

That is the purpose of these studies—to introduce the principles that enabled the early Church to continue what they saw Jesus do.

Now continue reading in *Ephesians 2:20–22*.

"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

— *Ephesians 2:20–22 (KJV)*

To me, that is tremendous.

Knowing Who You Are

You can sit here in America, in a beautiful Bible school with outstanding facilities, and become so familiar with these truths that they no longer move you.

But when you stand before needy people, these are the truths that sustain you.

These are the truths I cling to.

These are the truths I rehearse within my spirit.

They give me the courage to walk confidently to my place of ministry, Bible in hand, ready to be God's messenger to the people.

That is an awesome responsibility.

Without understanding these truths, you will never minister with confidence.

I told you last week that every time I stand before a multitude, I tell them:

"I am God's messenger to you."

I believe that.

I feel that.

I speak with that authority.

That is why I diligently search the depths of God's promises and the truths hidden within them.

I want to know who I am.

I want to know what my mission is.

I want to know how I am to fulfil it.

So I do not step forward with fear.

I step forward with assurance.

I know who I am.

The devil knows who I am.

And he is very worried about me.

So I move ahead, and he looks for the nearest exit.

He already knows the truths we teach.

It is only when **we** know them that he is forced to back away.

Be an Inspired Preacher

Today's theme is **I — Inspiration.**

Please, be an inspired preacher.

Have you ever seen a preacher with a frown on his face preaching about the joy of the Lord?

Do not become that kind of preacher.

Remember this:

The people you minister to already have enough problems. Do not give them more.

Do not think your calling is to frighten people or condemn them.

Do not become the kind of preacher who almost seems delighted that hell is hot enough for those who refuse to believe.

Never be that kind of preacher.

Whenever I invite people to receive Christ, I do everything I can to present the beauty of the Gospel.

If someone chooses not to respond, I simply tell them:

"God is not angry with you. He will patiently wait until another preacher comes along—perhaps someone you like better than me—and maybe that person will persuade you."

That is the spirit we should have.

I am talking about inspiration.

Do not be the kind of preacher who enters the pulpit and makes all the lights go out.

Be the kind of preacher who makes the lights come on.

Let your smile...

Your joy...

Your countenance...

Your attitude...

...tell people that you have something wonderful to bring them, something worth hearing.

I marvel at how many sad preachers we have.

I used to think they were all in Russia.

Apparently, they are not.

Let me ask you something.

Are you alive?

Listen to these words of Jesus from *John 5:25*.

This is not a major doctrine, but it is a wonderful truth to remember.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

— *John 5:25 (KJV)*

When Jesus spoke these words, redemption had not yet been completed.

He had not yet died.

He had not yet risen.

He had not yet ascended to the Father.

The Holy Spirit had not yet been poured out.

Yet Jesus was so thrilled with His mission that He could not keep silent about it.

He knew what was coming.

He knew what redemption would accomplish.

And He rejoiced in declaring it beforehand.

He said:

"The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

Then let me ask you once again:

Are you dead?

You Can Come Back from the Dead

I am republishing my book, **The Message That Works**. If you can, get that book. If you cannot, we will try to make it available to you. It will not be off the press for a little while, but I want you to have it because it is so important.

I wrote the introduction to that book and gave it this title:

You Can Come Back from the Dead.

I believe one of the greatest needs among preachers and Bible students is simply to know how to be happy.

Someone once said, "You cannot preach the Good News looking miserable."

You have to preach the Good News gladly.

We are the hope of the world.

We have the greatest message on earth.

No other religion tells people what we tell them.

Remember that.

When you look around the world, you realise that what Christ brought is unique. The message of Jesus Christ is a message of love, grace, hope, and life.

That ought to be the message for which we are known.

What Does Inspiration Mean?

Let me ask you again:

Are you alive?

What does inspiration mean?

I love this definition.

Inspiration is to stimulate a person to creative action.

Isn't that wonderful?

Are you creative?

Or do you simply think the thoughts other people have already thought for you?

So often, religion tells us we are not permitted to think a fresh thought. We are expected only to repeat what has already been approved.

But let me ask you:

Are you alive?

Are you inspired?

Inspiration stimulates a person to creative action and creative thinking. I love to preach about inspiration.

It means:

To awaken and quicken the creative impulse for high achievement.

I want to achieve something in my generation. I want the creative impulses God has placed within me to be awakened, inspired, and released. Some of you would be shocked to discover how creative you really are if you were not tied to religious traditions that forbid fresh thinking.

Let me say that again.

Some of you have tremendous creativity hidden inside you, but it remains buried because you feel obligated to think only thoughts that have already been approved for you.

Think.

Create.

God is not finished. He has not stopped thinking. He has not stopped revealing truth. He has ideas for this generation. This is a generation of technology, and God has ideas for it. Inspiration means to enliven or infuse the mind and spirit.

I want my spirit to be infused with the inspiration of His miracle life.

That is what excites me.

One day I read something that so impressed me that I copied it into my notes.

It said:

"Most human beings are already dead."

That statement is one reason I wrote the introduction entitled **You Can Come Back from the Dead.**

I believe **The Message That Works** will bring people back from the dead all over the world.

Think about it.

Most people are already dead in one way or another.

They have lost their dreams.

They have lost their ambitions.

They have lost their desire for a better life.

They have compromised their potential.

They have settled for mediocrity.

They have accepted despair.

I hate that.

God is the source of life and inspiration.

Never fall into that trap.

The devil wants to extinguish your passion until you become dull and lifeless.

Then you begin criticising every other preacher because they have a crowd while you do not.

Why?

Because you bore people.

No one wants to listen to someone who is not excited about the message they are preaching.

I believe what I am sharing with the world.

Many people have accepted lives filled with tears.

They are alive physically, but inwardly they are dead while their hearts continue to beat.

Never become like that.

They have boxed themselves into a negative world.

They have chosen to give up.

Never do that.

They have chosen to die before their time because when the light inside goes out, deterioration begins.

Do not let that happen.

They have chosen death when they could have chosen life.

You can come back from the dead.

Hallelujah!

Do not come to Bible school only to die of boredom because you have become familiar with the truth.

Come to Bible school.

Receive the truths that are taught.

Let them become life within you.

People may choose to die inwardly, but they can also experience the greatest miracle in the world.

They can come back from the dead.

CHAPTER THREE

Christ's Life After Death Inspires Me

On the back of your folder are ten important truths.

Let us begin with the first one.

1. I Am Inspired by Christ's Life After Death

Think about that.

Would that have been the first thought that came into your mind?

I believe it must come first because we are talking about the ministry of Jesus continuing through believers after His return to heaven.

The same Jesus.

The same ministry.

The same Holy Spirit living in us.

That is the miracle.

I am inspired by Christ's life after death.

He died.

He paid the price for us.

Then He lived again.

He entered a new kind of life.

God raised Him from the dead and gave Him resurrection life.

Then Jesus said:

"...because I live, ye shall live also."

— *John 14:19 (KJV)*

That is resurrection life.

That is what brings people back from the dead.

That inspires me.

Christ—my Lord and my model—came back from the dead.

He lives today.

He is not a dead prophet.

He is alive.

Because He lives, I can have that same life.

That is the message I want to proclaim to the world.

People are poor.

They are grieving.

They are hopeless.

They feel unloved.

They feel forgotten.

I want to tell them:

"There is life for you."

Jesus died for you.

Then He came back with a new kind of life.

Now He offers that very life to you.

That is our message.

Too often people preach about the resurrection only at Easter.

Wonderful.

But what about the other 364 days of the year?

That is what I preach all year long.

He is alive today.

You can live today.

He has come back to continue living and ministering through us.

That is why I am inspired by Christ's life after death.

The Story of Vida McKenzie

I have written down so many stories that I would like to tell you, but if I tell them all, we will never finish these ten points.

I remember being in England.

A very tall, well-built black gentleman approached me after one of the meetings.

He towered over me.

He thanked me warmly and then asked,

"Brother Osborn, do you know Vida?"

For a moment I thought.

"Vida?"

Then I realised.

"You mean Vida McKenzie?"

His face brightened.

"Yes."

"Do you remember her?"

Remember her?

I could never forget her.

That conversation took place only a year or two ago, but the story itself went all the way back to 1949 in Jamaica.

The man standing before me had not even been born at that time.

He said,

"My mother was one of the four women who brought Vida to your meeting."

I remembered immediately.

Four women had pushed Vida into the meeting in a wheelbarrow.

She had suffered a massive paralytic stroke.

She was unconscious.

She had not opened her eyes.

She had not even blinked.

Her tongue had hung from her mouth for four days.

Those four women brought her there in faith.

The young man asked if I remembered.

Of course I remembered.

Why was Vida healed?

I remember walking slowly around that wheelbarrow, looking carefully at her and thinking about the life of Christ that was living in me.

I thought,

She can have that life.

Hallelujah!

Jesus said,

"...because I live, ye shall live also."

— *John 14:19 (KJV)*

Then I remembered the words of Jesus:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

— *John 5:25 (KJV)*

I have heard His voice. I live.

Have you heard Him?

I reached down, took Vida by the hand, and cried with a loud voice, "Vida, open your eyes in the name of Jesus, and be healed!"

Then we waited.

Silence.

Everyone was watching. After a few moments she gathered her tongue back into her mouth.

She turned her head.

She blinked her eyes.

She looked up.

I took her by the hand and pulled her to her feet.

She stood. She was completely well.

And she walked home.

Glory to God!

I am inspired because Jesus came back from the dead.

Glory to God!

I am not a dead preacher.

Do not become one.

The world already does not want preachers.

The last thing they need is a dead one.

Do not become dull.

Do not become lifeless.

Think about the things that make you smile.

Think about the things that fill you with joy.

You become what you choose to think about.

Your expression...

Your walk...

Your relationships...

Your attitude toward people...

...all depend upon what occupies your thoughts.

And you control your thoughts.

Learning to Think Life

After Daisy went to be with the Lord, I had to learn this lesson personally.

We had been sweethearts for fifty-four years.

When that relationship was suddenly gone, I felt as though I had lost the better half of myself.

I was lonely.

I hardly knew who I was anymore.

It took me more than a year to recover.

I wrote a book during that season because I needed to express what I was experiencing.

But eventually Ladonna and I said to one another,

"We cannot stay here mourning forever. We must do something."

So, shortly after Daisy's funeral, we travelled to Russia and ministered in ten different cities.

That was not easy. How did we do it?

By choosing our thoughts. Instead of dwelling continually on the loss, we deliberately remembered the blessings. We controlled our thinking. That is something every believer must learn. If you are not a joyful preacher, ask yourself:

What are you thinking about?

What are you filling your mind with?

We are talking about the continuation of Christ's ministry through us.

Jesus believes in us.

Believe in yourself.

Agree with God.

Do not disagree with Him.

It is always right to think the way God thinks.

Meditate on that.

There is nothing wrong with thinking God's thoughts after Him. Here is a statement I want you to remember.

The manifestation of God in Christ's flesh becomes the realization of Christ in our flesh.

If you can grasp that truth...

Digest it...

Hold on to it during your discouraging moments...

...it will put a smile back on your face.

When you are no longer bored, you will stop boring everyone else.

God revealed Himself through Christ during the days recorded in the Bible.

Today, Christ reveals Himself through believers.

Do you believe that?

Let me say it again.

God through Christ in Bible days becomes Christ through believers in our day.

We admire what God did through Jesus—and rightly so.

But what about today?

Jesus said that those who hear His voice shall live.

Glory to God!

I live.

You can live.

Today Christ continues His ministry through believers.

Can you accept this truth?

God sent Jesus. Now Jesus sends us. He was joyful.

We should be joyful. He walked in faith. We should walk in faith.

When we think the way He thought, we begin to live the way He lived. There are twenty-four chapters in the Gospel of Luke in which the Word became flesh in one Person. There are twenty-eight chapters in the Book of Acts in which the Word became flesh through believers.

And notice this:

The Book of Acts has no formal ending.

There is no final "Amen."

Why?

Because we are still writing the continuing acts of believers today.

CHAPTER FOUR

Christ Shows Us Ourselves

In our first session we learned:

Christ came to show us God.

Today we discover another truth.

Christ came to show us ourselves.

Say it aloud:

"He shows me... me."

Lesson one:

He is our **Model**.

Lesson two:

He is our **Inspiration**.

God Came to Our Level

Let us move to the next point.

2. I Am Inspired by Christ's Example of Showing Us God in the Flesh

I am inspired because God came to my level.

Jesus said,

"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

— *John 14:9 (KJV)*

God came to us in human flesh.

He did not come merely as an invisible spirit.

Sometimes we become so occupied with pursuing spiritual experiences that we forget God's own method.

God became flesh.

Why?

Because people can relate to flesh.

God can outdo every one of us in being spiritual.

He does not need us to compete with Him in spirituality.

He needs us to surrender our humanity to Him.

Be the person God created you to be.

There is one thing God desires that He does not possess unless we willingly offer it.

He wants your body.

He wants your flesh.

Give Him your flesh.

Let Him live through you.

Let Him reign in His temple.

Christ Shows Us God—and Ourselves

Do you believe that?

I am inspired by Christ's example of showing us God in the flesh.

For three years, Jesus transformed lives because He revealed what God is like in human flesh.

Then He did something even more astonishing.

He showed us what God is like **in us**.

Think carefully about that.

Last week I told you that you are constantly making decisions while you listen. Be careful.

Do not allow your mind to place these truths on hold by saying,

"That sounds good, but let me think about it."

"I am not ready to accept that."

"That sounds too extreme."

"That sounds too spiritual."

Your decision-maker is working all the time.

While I am speaking, your mind is constantly evaluating what you hear.

You can quietly dismiss these truths by saying,

"That is too much."

"That is beyond me."

"That is stretching things."

Do not do that.

Receive the truth.

When I teach these things in Africa or India, people rejoice because they recognise the truth immediately.

Hallelujah!

I believe that is exactly how people responded when Paul preached these truths.

They were amazed.

They were astonished.

Here in America we have been greatly blessed.

We have abundant teaching.

We have many preachers.

We have tremendous opportunities.

That is not criticism—it is a blessing.

But we must guard ourselves.

We must never allow all the grace that surrounds us to make us spiritually passive.

Sometimes we know so much, yet do so little.

We can quote all the doctrines.

We know all the rules.

Unless we deliberately allow the voice of God to raise us from the dead, we risk becoming hearers without being doers.

The Lord wants us to become living representatives of God in the flesh—right now—to help people.

More Than Religious Performance

Sometimes, even in Pentecostal circles, we train people until they no longer feel qualified to minister to anyone.

They think they must first go home and "pray through."

Why?

If Christ lives in you, then everything you need is already there.

Believe that He is in you.

Some people think that unless they tremble, shake, or feel emotional, they are not spiritual. Forget all of that. I am Pentecostal, and I thank God for the Pentecostal movement.

But let us not carry those ideas to unhealthy extremes. Let us not create another religious system simply by giving it a Pentecostal name.

Christ Revealed God in the Flesh

I am inspired by Christ's example of showing us God in the flesh. First, He showed us what God is like in Christ. Then He showed us what God is like in us.

Jesus declared:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

— *John 14:12 (KJV)*

That is an astonishing promise.

Another tremendous verse is *John 1:14*:

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."

— *John 1:14 (KJV)*

To many people, taking that truth seriously sounds almost sacrilegious.

After all, this was one of the reasons Jesus was rejected.

People accused Him of blasphemy because He declared that God had come in human flesh.

Today we repeat those words almost casually because we have heard them so often.

But never forget how revolutionary they really are.

The Miracle at Bethesda

Look at *John chapter 5*.

Jesus encountered the man at the Pool of Bethesda. The man had waited for years, unable to enter the water when it was stirred because someone always stepped in ahead of him.

Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed. The man explained that he had no one to help him. Jesus simply told him to act.

"Rise, take up thy bed, and walk."

— *John 5:8 (KJV)*

The man obeyed.

He was healed.

That miracle set the entire fifth chapter of John's Gospel in motion.

Study that chapter carefully for your own inspiration.

As you do, remember this:

Everything Jesus said about His Father can also encourage us because the Father of Jesus Christ has become our Father.

If you believe that the Father of Jesus is your Father, then you are embracing the Gospel.

The Story of Kariuki

I will never forget Kariuki, the man who was healed in Nyeri, Kenya.

He had been mentally tormented for fourteen years.

His hair was matted.

His beard was filthy.

Fleas crawled through it.

He wore almost nothing except a rag around his waist.

He ran constantly throughout the countryside.

Day after day he ran from village to village.

He would collapse from exhaustion, sleep by the roadside like a stray dog, then get up and continue running.

He survived by grabbing food from marketplaces as he passed through.

One of our workers wanted desperately to bring him to the crusade.

Then he had an idea.

I love ideas.

He held up a bottle of Coca-Cola.

That caught Kariuki's attention immediately.

The worker gave him the drink, gently led him into his pickup truck, and brought him to the crusade.

Kariuki always carried rubbish in his arms.

Whatever he found, he picked up.

He was terrified of letting it go.

That night he stood in the middle of the crowd, arms full of rubbish, while I preached.

I knew nothing about him being there.

Do not give me credit for what happened.

God loves people.

While I was preaching the Gospel, Kariuki suddenly looked down at the rubbish in his arms.

He asked,

"What is this?"

The young soul winner quietly helped him put it aside.

Then Kariuki looked around at everyone else.

"They're clean," he said.

"I'm dirty."

"Why am I dirty?"

The demons had left him.

He had been set free.

How did it happen?

I never touched him.

I never prayed for him personally.

I never even knew he was there.

Do not give me either the credit or the blame.

I simply preached the Gospel.

Remember this lesson.

The Gospel itself is the power of God.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

— *Romans 1:16 (KJV)*

We do not pray the power down.

We preach the power out.

The Gospel goes forth, and people are healed.

That has happened in every crusade we have ever conducted.

It will happen again.

Come with me to Thailand.

Watch what happens among the Buddhists.

Many of them have never heard these truths before, yet they will be healed just the same.

After Kariuki was healed, he came onto the platform to testify.

His hair was still long.

His beard was still wild.

He was still dirty.

The crowd watched to see how I would respond.

I looked at him and said,

"Kariuki, you're beautiful."

Everyone was surprised.

Then I shook his hand and said,

"Give me a hug."

He embraced me.

The whole crowd applauded.

People love to see genuine love.

If you love people, they will follow you.

They will help you.

If you are constantly angry with people, they will quietly move away from you.

You will never gather a crowd that way.

Remember that.

I put my arm around Kariuki and said,

"Look at you."

"You're my brother."

He smiled.

Then I remembered that I was ministering in an area where family relationships through the father carried tremendous significance.

So I said,

"Kariuki, did you know that your Father is my Father?"

"We have the same Father."

He hugged me again.

The people applauded once more.

What wonderful fellowship the Gospel creates.

We later bought him a new suit.

We took him to the market. He had a proper bath. He received a haircut and a shave.

We gave him a Bible. Before his mental illness he had learned to read, so he could read the Scriptures well.

For the remainder of that crusade, Kariuki sat beside me on the platform. Every day he walked up the steps carrying his Bible like a prince.

The people loved it.

It was a beautiful testimony to the transforming power of Christ.

That is what love accomplishes.

Let Jesus Be the Centre

Sometimes I like to torment the devil.

He has tormented people long enough.

Now I enjoy seeing him defeated.

Since Kariuki could read, every day I would tell him which Scripture passage we would read.

Then, during the service, I would invite,

"Brother Kariuki, would you read today's Scripture?"

He would stand with dignity and read the Word of God before thousands of people.

That is the Gospel.

That is continuing what Jesus began before He returned to heaven. That is our mission.

We can continue His ministry if we stop trying to take the credit. Sometimes we become more conscious of our "anointing" than we are of the Lord Himself.

We think people must touch us or receive something from us.

Forget all of that.

Let Jesus be the Prince, Let Jesus be the King, Let Jesus be the Star. Your anointing has its place, but Christ must always remain the centre.

Grow up.

Become a Jesus person.

My Father Works—and I Work

The miracle at Bethesda caused tremendous controversy because Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath.

The religious leaders became angry.

Jesus answered them with remarkable simplicity.

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

— *John 5:17 (KJV)*

Think about what He said.

That is exactly the point we are discussing.

I am inspired by Christ's example of showing us God in the flesh.

He healed the man.

When criticised, He did not claim the credit.

He pointed directly to the Father.

"My Father works...

"...and I work."

He wanted all the glory to go to His Father. Verse 16 tells us:

"And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him..."

— *John 5:16 (KJV)*

Then came His explanation. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

Instead of calming the situation, it made the leaders even angrier.

Verse 18 says they sought all the more to kill Him because He called God His Father, making Himself equal with God. That has always been the opposition to this truth.

I Can Do Nothing of Myself

Twice in this chapter Jesus explained His position. In *John 5:19* and again in *John 5:30*, He declared:

"...The Son can do nothing of himself..."

— *John 5:19 (KJV)*

And again:

"I can of mine own self do nothing..."

— *John 5:30 (KJV)*

Notice that.

Jesus never boasted about Himself. He never glorified His own power. He simply acknowledged His complete dependence upon the Father. That is His example for us.

We are talking about Christ revealing God through human flesh. Then Jesus said:

"For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth..."

— *John 5:20 (KJV)*

What a wonderful statement.

The Father reveals His will to His children.

CHAPTER FIVE

You Can Know God's Will

Many preachers spend their lives praying for God to reveal His will. I had a brother who led me to Christ. He was a good preacher.

A very good man. But he spent half his life worrying about which decision to make. Then he spent the other half worrying about whether he had made the right decision. Some people are like that. They finally make a decision, then spend just as much time worrying about it afterwards.

The Father shows His children what He is doing. Listen to what Ananias told Saul:

"The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will..."

— *Acts 22:14 (KJV)*

Have you ever underlined that verse?

If God has chosen you, then He has chosen you to know His will.

You can know His will. Paul also wrote:

"...that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

— *Romans 12:2 (KJV)*

Jesus Himself declared:

"...I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

— *John 5:30 (KJV)*

Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus repeatedly reminded people that He had been sent by the Father.

Should we not also let people know that we have been sent by God?

The world is full of frightened, discouraged, and hopeless people. When you arrive, do not boast. But let them know that you have come from God with a message of hope Just as Jesus did. Well, they got mad at Him. They'll get mad at you. It's okay.

Verse 36 says:

"The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do."

How about you? We can say the same thing. That's what we do. That's what we're studying for here—so we can go out there and do the works of the Father.

Now look at verse 26.

Why am I reading these things to you?

To show you how Jesus was trying to help the people see that God was in Him.

Now look, students.

Nobody had ever said God was in them. That was considered sacrilegious. None of the prophets said it. Nobody had ever imagined such a thing.

But today we hear it all the time. We believe it, but it can become something we merely agree with instead of something we live.

If it becomes a reality to us, then we will live that life.

This is all in John chapter 5, where Jesus performed that miracle. The Jews were so angry with Him, and throughout the chapter He kept making statements, little by little, preparing them for the truth.

Notice how careful He was.

Careful.

They finally killed Him for it.

Some people will want to kill you if you say too much. Be careful.

Verse 26 says the Father has life, and the Son has life.

Delicate—but He's getting the truth across.

Are you seeing the point?

Then, in chapter 6, verse 38, Jesus says:

"I came down from the Father to do His will."

Back in chapter 5, verse 57, He says:

"I live by the Father."

What does that mean to you?

"I live by the Father."

Everything that's in me is of the Father.

I'm full of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus is in me.

I'm His habitation.

I'm ready.

I'm full.

I live by the Father.

Poor devil.

Believe that.

Let that sink in.

Something is happening in you right now. You're thinking. Watch it. Don't turn it off.

F. F. Bosworth told me once, "When you hear truth, don't say, 'No.' Say, 'Amen. I'll take that. That's for me.'"

I like that.

I remember that old man telling me that. He wasn't as old then as I am now, but I still remember it.

Let it come into you until it becomes part of who you are.

Don't let the devil say, "It won't last. Wait until you get out there where it's tough."

What are you going to do?

Run off under some tree and pray before you face the devil?

Come on.

Grow up.

You are what you are because God made you that way.

All your prayer and fasting didn't produce it.

You don't earn it.

You don't merit it.

All of this is by God's grace.

Besides, you didn't have the idea.

He had the idea.

You didn't want Him.

He wanted you.

You didn't love Him.

He loved you.

You didn't seek Him.

He sought you.

But we Christians have turned it around.

"I love God."

"I sought God."

"I decided for God."

"I made a decision."

No.

That's backwards.

He sought you.

He believed in you.

He trusts you.

He loves you.

I live by the Father.

Wow.

Wake me up in the middle of the night and I'll tell you:

"I live by the Father."

I've said enough about that.

Speak What the Father Speaks

Chapter 8, verse 26.

I'm talking about Jesus showing us what God is like.

I'm impressed.

I'm inspired by it.

When I hear what He said, I say, "I can say that."

That excites me.

That's who I am.

And I know why I am, because I've read this.

I believe it.

I quote it.

I tell people about it.

Jesus said:

"I speak to the world those things which I have heard of My Father."

See the relationship?

You can do that.

That's your mission.

Speak His words, and there will be power.

Speak His words, and devils will leave.

In Matthew chapter 8, Jesus cast out spirits with His word.

That's what happened in Aubergine when those three demon-possessed men were delivered.

I told you about that last week.

How do you explain it?

"I speak to the world the things I have heard of My Father."

When the devil hears that voice, he recognises the accent.

Hallelujah!

Believe that.

We preach the Word.

The Word.

The Word.

The Word.

We're Word people.

But then we go away trying to pray through so we'll have enough power to face the devil.

Forget that.

The Word has been made flesh in you.

Jesus lives in you.

Verse 28 says:

"As the Father has taught Me, I speak."

Simple.

I read it.

I'm taught by it.

The Works Bear Witness

Chapter 10, verse 25.

They were angry with Him.

Cursing Him.

Condemning Him.

Jesus said:

"The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me."

Many people never stop to ask what that means.

What are the works you do that bear witness of you?

Creative works.

That's why I say:

Come back from the dead.

Be inspired.

Let your creative life come alive in the work of God.

"The works that I do bear witness of Me."

Stop and think about it.

John the Baptist sent some men to ask whether Jesus really was the Messiah.

Jesus replied,

"Go back and tell John what you've seen and heard."

They went back and reported that the blind saw, the deaf heard, the crippled walked, and they had heard His teaching. John said, "Don't tell me any more.

That's Him."

What convinced him?

The works.

Creative works.

The Power of the Gospel

The District Commissioner in Nakuru wrote me a letter.

He told me the whole province had been moved.

People were believing the Bible.

People were believing on Christ.

He even said some witch doctors were turning to Christ.

Why?

Because of the works done in His name.

One mother brought her little boy.

He had been born without eyeballs.

No eyeballs.

No eye openings.

She had faith.

Don't blame me.

Don't give me the credit.

I simply preached what the Father told me to preach.

I preached the Good News.

I told them Jesus died for everybody.

He bore everybody's diseases.

He rose again to give everyone new life.

If people believe and receive Him, they receive His miracle life.

That's what I preach.

I don't even know what everyone's problem is.

That little mother believed.

She prayed.

Her little boy could see.

She went wild with joy.

She brought him to the platform.

I moved my hand.

He followed it.

You couldn't see much change at first, except there were openings where there hadn't been before.

She said,

"Look!

There are openings!

There weren't openings before!"

I don't know how it looked before.

That's what she said.

The villagers confirmed it.

Little eyes had begun to form.

She lifted the eyelids.

He could see.

But that's not the end of the story.

The next morning, at the hotel where we were staying, we heard singing and dancing out in the street.

God bless the Africans.

They're so happy.

Do you sing and dance when God does something for you?

Don't be so stiff.

Dance.

Even if you don't have rhythm.

Jesus is alive!

We heard the celebration outside.

That mother was there with her little boy, Simeon.

We went outside to see them.

His eyes were now as large and as perfect as any other child's eyes.

Hallelujah!

"The works that I do bear witness of Me."

That's why the commissioner wrote and said the whole province—even witch doctors—were believing.

The works bore witness.

Jesus said,

"If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not."

That's a strong statement.

But we can do the works of our Father if we'll let Him receive the glory instead of ourselves.

Too often we want people talking about our anointing, our gifts, our ministry.

I've travelled all over the world.

I never knew much about all that.

That's Americanism.

God bless America.

I love America.

We've got big churches.

But sometimes we've put on too much.

Jesus continued,

"If I do not the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do them... believe the works."

Believe that the Father is in Me, and I am in the Father.

Remember what we're talking about.

This was the "sacrilegious" claim Jesus made:

"The Father is in Me."

Nobody had ever dared to say that.

Now we've learned to say it.

The next step is to remember it wherever we are.

Whatever situation we're in.

The Father is in me.

God in Us

Then Jesus went even further.

In John 14:16 He said,

"I will pray the Father, and He will send you the Holy Ghost."

"You know Him.

He has been with you.

But He shall be in you."

It keeps getting closer.

Then in John 14:20 He says,

"You will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you."

This is huge.

Then, in John 14:21,

"If you believe Me and My Word, My Father and I will love you and will manifest Ourselves to you, in you, and through you."

Do you believe that?

Say,

"I receive that."

Jesus said,

"You are the branch, and I am the vine."

The vine and the branch share the same life.

There's no mystery.

Just believe it.

Hallelujah!

Friends of God

Then in John 15 He continues revealing our union with God.

If you're going to continue the ministry of Jesus, you must embrace the reality that the Father lives in you.

Then devils will leave you alone.

You'll stop running from meeting to meeting trying to cast devils out of Christians.

You'll grow up.

You'll brag on Jesus.

Hallelujah!

We're in trouble in America.

We've allowed too much pagan thinking into the Pentecostal church.

I've seen witch doctors.

I know how they operate.

We need to grow up.

I hope these sessions help.

You haven't heard everything yet.

I'm after you.

I'm trying to do what Jesus did.

I'm trying to prepare you for the truth:

God is in you.

Once that becomes established in your heart, then we can talk business.

You're going to have all these notes.

They're going to do something for you.

Hallelujah!

Then Jesus said in John 15:14,

"Remember this: You are My friends."

Is that in your Bible?

Underline it.

Never forget it.

"You are My friends."

I love that.

That makes me want to dance.

God and I are friends.

Abraham was called the friend of God.

Well, T. L. Osborn is too.

Don't brag on Abraham and condemn me.

I'm simply doing what Jesus did.

Saying what He said.

Putting it into practice.

It's not enough just to say it.

Let's do it.

In America, things are different.

You may not have huge crowds or dramatic miracles like we often see overseas.

That's alright.

Believe in your ministry.

Believe that when you preach the Word, it works.

Believe that when you minister to people, the Word works effectively in those who hear.

Believe that.

Over a lifetime you'll watch people grow, develop, mature, and flourish.

Hallelujah!

Be courageous.

Be joyful.

Are you with me?

I like that.

Then Jesus said two more things:

"I have chosen you."

"I have ordained you."

Why?

That you should go and experience what I experienced.

Whatever you ask the Father in My name, you can ask just as I asked.

Then later He said,

"If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father."

You'll know what He's like in you.

Then He prayed for them.

I wish I had time to read it all.

After He prayed for them, He was crucified.

He paid for our sins.

His blood was shed for us.

He died for us.

He rose from the dead.

Then He gathered them together and said,

"The Holy Ghost is coming.

You will receive the same life that has been in Me."

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,

for God was with Him.

CHAPTER SIX

(#3): I'm Inspired by Being Like Him

If I can just get you to the place where this comes from within you—**God is in me.**

Jesus is in me.

Yes!

Then I can do the works of the Father, and people will believe because they will see the creative works of God.

I'm inspired.

My creative capacity is working.

Hallelujah!

Jesus prayed for them. What a beautiful prayer. Then they received the Holy Ghost.

The Message of Pentecost

Number three:

I'm inspired by being like Him.

That is an amazing concept.

Listen carefully.

Don't miss this because I have to move quickly.

The message of Pentecost was **not Pentecost**.

The message of Pentecost was **Jesus**.

Some of you didn't catch that, but I'll leave it with you.

Study it.

Did you know it's impossible to teach?

You really can't teach.

You can only give out information.

I can't teach you.

But you can learn.

The people you address can learn.

Sometimes we preachers feel good about our "teaching." We walk around up here as though we're kings, but all we're really doing is presenting information and trying to do it in a way that keeps your interest.

That doesn't necessarily mean we're teaching.

The real question is:

Are you learning?

Some of you didn't learn the last statement I made.

The message of Pentecost was not Pentecost.

It was not the Holy Spirit.

The message of Pentecost was **Jesus**.

I wish the Pentecostal Church had never forgotten that.

Too often our message has become Pentecost.

Tongues.

Now don't misunderstand me.

I believe in tongues.

I pray in tongues.

I speak in tongues like Paul—perhaps more than many of you.

But the message of Pentecost is Jesus.

Do you believe that?

John 15:26 says,

"When He is come... He shall testify of Me."

That is His message.

Now listen carefully.

I'm assuming that you want to continue what Jesus began.

I'm telling you I've been there.

I've done it.

I've travelled all over the world.

I've done what Jesus did, and I'll continue doing it until I die.

If that's what you want, then let the Holy Ghost within you stop talking about tongues all the time and start talking about Jesus.

Read Acts chapter 2.

The message on the Day of Pentecost was Jesus.

John 16:13 says,

"He shall not speak of Himself."

I'm being biblical when I tell you this.

I know what I'm saying challenges much of the Pentecostal world, but it's true.

You're thinking about it now.

Good.

Don't reject it.

Don't put it into neutral.

Take it home.

Study your Bible.

He will not speak of Himself.

Verse 14 says,

"He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you."

That's what I want.

I want people to see Jesus.

I honestly believe that in nearly every crusade we've conducted, Jesus has manifested Himself in some way.

That's the ministry of the Holy Spirit working through us—revealing Jesus.

When His Word is preached, Jesus becomes known.

That's the ministry I want.

That's why people can be healed out in the audience without me ever touching them.

Now don't misunderstand me.

I'm not criticising people who minister by laying hands on others.

That's scriptural.

If you're ministering to just a few people, that's wonderful.

The Spirit of the Lord works through you and brings them life. But in great crowds you simply can't touch everyone. It would cause confusion. People could even get hurt.

I've seen that happen.

I've been knocked down more than once. If I had tried to touch everyone, there would have been chaos.

The Holy Spirit receives from Jesus and reveals Him to us.

Why?

To reveal Jesus in us.

The message of Pentecost is Jesus.

What Does Jesus Look Like Today?

I was teaching this truth one day because I wanted people everywhere to understand it.

I believe this is one of the greatest truths we can communicate today.

We are the continuers of the ministry of Jesus.

Christ lives in us.

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

I'll talk much more about that in the coming sessions.

As I was speaking in Africa, an idea came to me.

After the crusade, all the preachers, Bible students, workers, and believers were gathered together.

I asked,

"How many of you would like to know what Jesus looks like in Africa?"

Immediately I had everyone's attention.

I selected a handsome young African man standing toward the back.

If I had another opportunity, I think I would choose a woman instead—that would really stretch people's thinking.

But that day I chose a man.

He came and stood beside me.

He was tall, strong, muscular, handsome, and deeply respectful.

I pointed to him and said,

"That's what Jesus looks like in Africa."

In Jerusalem He looked like a Jew.

In China He looks Chinese.

In America, He looks like Americans.

Out here in Africa, this is what Jesus looks like.

That illustration helped the people tremendously.

After the meeting, someone saw that young man leaving town with nothing but a small sack.

They asked,

"Where are you going?"

He answered,

"I'm going to be a missionary."

They said,

"You can't do that."

He had only recently come out of paganism.

He had never attended a Gospel meeting until our crusade.

The pastors had almost refused to let him attend.

Thankfully they changed their minds.

Can you imagine?

I chose him without knowing any of that.

Perhaps, if I had known, I might have selected someone who appeared more "spiritual."

Thank God I didn't.

The young man said,

"I'm going to be a missionary.

Jesus said I could go.

Brother Osborn said I could go."

So he went.

He went to the Maasai people.

He was a short little fellow preaching to those tall Maasai warriors.

It looked almost humorous.

I think God enjoys doing surprising things.

That little man had revival among those tall Maasai people.

People were healed.

Devils were cast out.

It's a wonderful story.

What Inspires Me

Pentecost is about Jesus.

Do you believe that?

His ideas inspire me.

His relationship with the Father inspires me.

His esteem for people inspires me.

His equality inspires me.

He levels the playing field.

That inspires me.

The authority He has given us inspires me.

His trust in us inspires me.

(#4): I'm Inspired by Impossibilities

Is that on your list?

Impossibilities.

I enjoy impossible situations.

One night eleven lepers slipped away from the leper colony and came secretly to our meeting.

They were frightened.

They were hiding because they feared the police would find them and take them back.

In that country, lepers were confined to institutions.

When I heard they were there, I felt such compassion.

I thought,

How rejected they must feel.

How inferior they must think they are.

I called some of the preachers and said,

"Go and bring them to the platform.

They deserve to stand here."

They brought them.

All eleven stood before the crowd.

As I looked at them, God's creative inspiration began working in me.

I thought,

"Lord, what are You going to do?

You've brought them here."

Then another thought came.

A better thought than my own.

I had been quickened.

I'm not dead.

I'm alive.

Jesus came back from the dead.

I did too.

Jesus came back for people.

I came back for people.

Daisy and I stood there inspired.

We spoke to the audience for a while.

Then Daisy and I took each leper by the hand.

We laid our hands on every one of them—not on their clothing, but directly upon them.

I still remember the prayer that came out of my heart:

"Be clean, in the name of Jesus."

That's all I said.

I repeated those words over every one of them.

Within a few months a pastor wrote to tell me that one had already been released from the leper colony.

Within a year, every one of those eleven lepers had been released.

Hallelujah!

Those are the works of Christ.

If you don't want to believe T. L. Osborn, believe the works.

Hallelujah!

People need that.

Uganda: Living Beyond the Impossible

I'm inspired by impossibilities.

When we went to Uganda, Daisy arrived six weeks before I did.

The nation had just come through war.

There was virtually no functioning government.

Several armies were fighting for control.

While Daisy was in Nairobi, God spoke to her and said,

"You should go there now."

She called me in Tulsa.

I said,

"Honey, if the Lord said that, then go."

She entered that nation in the middle of terrible conditions.

Everything she tried to do seemed impossible.

No government offices were functioning.

No one could authorise anything.

She wanted to rent a huge field outside the city, surrounded by a wall, but nobody would help her.

Then one morning at six o'clock the Lord woke her and said,

"Go there now."

He impressed her to take money.

The local currency was nearly worthless, so she carried an entire basket full of cash that amounted to only a few dollars in value.

She also took a writing pad and a pencil.

Then she drove to the property.

That little woman went alone.

Women, be courageous.

You can do anything if you believe Jesus is working in you.

When she arrived, the very officials she had been unable to locate were sitting in a little shack exactly where God had told her they would be.

She presented her request.

They immediately said,

"No.

We can't lease this property for a religious meeting."

She answered,

"Yes, you can."

Then she told them, "God told me you would be here today.

This is where we're going to hold our crusade."

They replied,

"That's impossible."

She answered, "Nothing is impossible."

Eventually they agreed, but said, "You'll have to come tomorrow to the office."

She replied,

"No.

You're here.

I'm here.

We'll do it now."

They said,

"We don't have a lawyer.

We don't have a contract."

She smiled.

"I brought my own writing pad and pencil.

I'll write the contract.

Tell me what to write."

She wrote the agreement herself, handed it to them, and said,

"Now sign it."

And they signed it.

That's how we obtained that great crusade ground.

Later, after what became one of the greatest crusades we had ever witnessed in Africa, Bud Sickler flew in with his little aeroplane to take us out of Kampala.

As we flew away, Daisy took a deep breath and said,

"Honey, I've really grown during this meeting."

I laughed.

"Grown?"

You were already a giant.

What do you mean?"

She answered,

"Everything I tried to do was impossible.

But we did it anyway.

Now I'm bigger than impossibilities."

Isn't that wonderful?

That's the Gospel.

That's what we're all about.

The God of Impossibilities

I'm inspired by impossibilities. No problem is too great for Him. No need is too large for Him to supply. No sickness is too severe for Him to heal. No sin is too terrible for Him to forgive. When Jesus calmed the storm in Mark chapter 4, people asked,

"What manner of man is this?"

When the paralytic was healed in Mark chapter 2, they said,

"We never saw it on this fashion."

I'm inspired by impossibilities.

You'll face some in Pakistan.

But the God of impossibilities is already there.

(#5): I Am Inspired by His Faith in People

I'm inspired by His faith in people. Isn't that a wonderful truth?

I wish I had all day to preach on this. I wish I could tell you about the ten revelations Jesus gave to the woman at the well in Samaria. Study them for yourself.

Think about the fishermen He chose. He didn't search for dignitaries or scholars. He looked for ordinary fishermen.

Think about the demoniac in **Mark 5**. Jesus healed that man and then sent him to ten cities as His representative.

That's exactly what we did with Kariuki. Jesus healed the demoniac, and He sent him. We saw the same principle. You can see people healed, restored, and then sent.

That's faith in people.

Jesus looked at the multitudes with compassion because He believed in people.

In **Matthew 12**, the man with the withered hand was healed.

In **Matthew 20**, two blind men cried out. Jesus had compassion on them, touched their eyes, and they followed Him.

He believed in people.

And the wonderful truth is this:

He still believes in me, and He still believes in you.

I like that.

(#6): I Am Inspired by the Way He Forgave Sinners

Preach on these things.

I'm moving quickly because our time is gone, but I want these truths to inspire you.

Preachers, build a sermon around every one of these truths.

I'm inspired.

I'm not dead.

I'm not dull.

I'm not bored.

I'm alive because of the way Jesus forgave sinners.

Think about:

- The paralytic lowered through the roof (**Mark 2**).
- The sinful woman in the Pharisee's house (**Luke 7**).
- Zacchaeus (**Luke 19**).
- The thief on the cross (**Luke 23**).

And remember:

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

— **1 Timothy 1:15 (KJV)**

That inspires me.

(#7): I Am Inspired by the Way He Healed the Sick

Have you ever preached on that?

In **Matthew 8**, He cast out evil spirits with His word.

In **Mark 6**, people brought to Him everyone who was sick, and He healed them.

That inspires me every time I stand before another crowd.

It gives me courage to encourage people to believe.

(#8): I Am Inspired by What He Said About God's Word

Jesus said:

"The seed is the word of God."

— **Luke 8:11 (KJV)**

The Scriptures declare:

"There hath not failed one word of all his good promise."

— **1 Kings 8:56 (KJV)**

And again:

"I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass."

— **Ezekiel 12:25 (KJV)**

That inspires me.

Hallelujah!

The poor devil is in trouble in Thailand—because I'm coming!

(Laughter.)

Peter wrote:

"The word of the Lord endureth for ever."

— **1 Peter 1:25 (KJV)**

Jesus declared:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

— **Matthew 24:35 (KJV)**

That's what Jesus said about God's Word.

I believe it too.

Do you preach about God's Word?

If you continually tell people what Jesus said about His Word, they'll begin to trust it.

Faith will rise in their hearts.

People will receive the Word, and while you're still preaching, they'll begin to blossom and grow.

(#9): I Am Inspired by What He Said About the World

Do you know what Jesus said about the world?

Sometimes I ask myself,

"Lord, why am I still so interested in Thailand and the nations of the world? I'm an old man. Most people would expect me to retire, settle down, and simply wait for heaven."

Why?

Because of what Jesus said.

"Go ye into all the world..."

And He promised:

"I am with you always."

I want Him with me.

Hallelujah!

Jesus also said:

"The field is the world."

— **Matthew 13:38 (KJV)**

I grew up on a farm.

There were thirteen children in our family.

We were poor.

I know something about farming.

I'm still a farmer today.

Only now I'm sowing seed into human hearts.

When people receive God's Word, that seed begins to grow inside them.

I'm inspired by what Jesus said about the world.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world..."

Lord, I'm Yours.

You're in me.

I'm in You.

We're doing the Father's work together.

That's our mission.

Some people say,

"I don't have a call."

Come on—grow up.

Don't believe that old, worn-out religious tradition.

You are called.

You are redeemed.

You are reconciled.

You are justified.

Look out, devil—**Here I come!**

(#10): I Am Inspired by What Jesus Said About the Harvest

A farmer always gets excited when he sees a harvest.

When I think about India...

Africa...

The Baltic nations...

South America...

The Pacific Rim...

Ukraine...

Poland...

Russia...

Lithuania...

The Czech Republic...

Romania...

China...

My heart comes alive.

The harvest is ripe.

You can't keep me home.

Jesus went through all the cities and villages.

When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion.

Then He said:

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers.

Sometimes people sit around arguing about who God can or cannot use.

Meanwhile, Jesus simply said,

"Pray for labourers."

Women, don't let anyone convince you that God cannot use you.

He can. He does. He will.

Closing Thoughts on Inspiration

I'm closing now.

These are just a few of the things that inspire me.

I wrote them down as part of my outline.

I'm inspired by:

- His mission.
- His example.
- His actions.
- His pattern.
- His conduct.

Here's more.

I'm inspired by **our identity with Him**.

Preach on that.

I'm inspired by **the illumination He gives us**.

I'm inspired by **His impartiality**.

Preach on that, and you'll discover that God includes everyone.

I'm inspired by **the importance of His mission**.

I'm inspired by **the impossibilities that disappear when He goes with us.**

I'm inspired by **the infallibility of His Word.**

Search the Scriptures.

You'll have another great sermon.

I'm inspired by **the infusion of His Spirit within me.**

I'm on fire!

I'm inspired by **His integrity.** We need that today. I'm inspired by **the interpretation of God that Jesus gave us.** And finally...

I'm inspired by **His invitation to follow Him.** Preachers, you've received enough sermon material today to preach for a long time.

What's our foundation?

His invitation:

"Follow Me."

Until the day He was taken up, Jesus continued His ministry. Now I'm inspired to follow Him until the day He calls me home.

- No failure is too great.
- No need is too great.
- No sin is too terrible.

No sickness is too hopeless.

Glory to God!

A Statement of Faith

Take your paper.

Let's prepare to read together.

This is sacred to me.

I smile and laugh to keep you awake, but I never forget how holy these truths are.

I believe these words came from the Father.

They're entering your heart.

They'll shape your ministry.

These seeds will produce fruit.

God's Word always multiplies.

Once you receive it, nothing can stop it from growing.

Hallelujah!

Now stand.

In Africa and India, people gather their belongings, fold their blankets, collect their cooking utensils, and prepare to leave after the meeting.

Do the same.

Stand together.

Let's read this confession before God.

Look into my eyes.

I pray that I've conducted myself today in such a way that you've taken these truths seriously.

I've spent my life proving these truths around the world.

They have never failed.

I've come to you exactly as I've gone to Africa...

India...

South America...

The Philippines...

New Guinea...

Indonesia...

Russia...

Poland...

I'm simply a mouthpiece.

I'm awkward.

But let that encourage you.

If God can use me, He can certainly use you.

I pray that these truths have settled deeply into your heart.

This is serious Kingdom business.

God doesn't send me on foolish errands.

I'm too old for that.

He sends me where it matters.

And I believe **you matter.**

I've condensed today's message into this declaration.

Let's read it together before the Lord.

Say:

"Lord, I open my heart. I read these words in Your presence, from the depths of my heart."

Together:

Lord Jesus, when I heard what You taught and saw Your miracles, Your life and Your ministry inspired me. Until the day You were taken up, Your example proved that my Christian faith is more than a religion—it is a living reality.

You came and revealed God to our world. Now God reveals Himself through me.

The Father was in You, Lord Jesus. Now You are in me, continuing what You began.

You showed me what God is like. Then You showed me what I am to become.

In Galilee You looked like a Jew. In China You look Chinese. Here, You look like me.

The greatest revelation in my Bible is that You are alive in me.

I am inspired by Your person, Your ministry, Your words, Your love, and Your attitude.

You believe in people like me.

The inspiration of Your life energises my life.

You and I are one.

Together we are triumphant, as You continue Your ministry through me.

Amen!

Hallelujah!

The devil is in trouble.

We're loose in the world now.

Nothing he does can stop us.

Nothing.

Hallelujah!

Thank You, Lord.

I pray Your blessing upon every person here today.

Let Your wonderful power work within them.

The seed has been planted in good soil.

It will produce a great harvest.

Hallelujah!

As we think about the churches that will be planted...

The crusades that will be held...

The Bible schools that will be established...

The home fellowships...

The prayer groups...

The soul-winning teams...

The street meetings...

The prison ministries...

May they spread throughout the world because of the people gathered here today.

Thank You for them.

Tattoo these truths upon their spirits.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.



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