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...AWAKENING THE GIANT WITHIN!

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**Taking Your Place in the Endtime Move of the Spirit
of God**

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Dedication

Revival is Here Again is neither intended by the author to be an exhaustive historical study of revivals nor a theological discus on revivals. Rather, the books is intended to serve as a wake-up call to sleeping hearts, challenging them to arise from spiritual stupor to the place of a renewed and genuine personal pursuit of God and His presence like never before.

Revival is Here Again is further intended to fan and stoke the embers of revival in the hearts of those who are already on this lonely path of pursuit of the genuine glory of God as has been promised us by God for the end time Church! This book would hopefully awaken a genuine desire in the human heart to deepen a personal search and study on how to actualize “personal revival” in one’s life.

I dedicate this book to four categories of people. First and foremost to the entire Church family that I have been privileged of the Lord to serve as an under shepherd for the past thirteen years, House on the Rock, The Refuge, Abuja, Nigeria. This book was born out of a series of teachings that the Lord led me to minister to that local assembly in the later part of the year 2011. The messages brought an amazing turning point to the entire congregation the series of teachings served to lay a strong foundation stone of the revival the Church is

presently basking in today. If I had the opportunity to every choose who and where I pastored in the future, I would still choose this wonderful Church family of God. It has been simply sheer delight serving as your pastor these many years.

Secondly, I dedicate this book to the several faithful servants of God across the globe who have labored tirelessly throughout their lives to see to it that the previous and the present generations of people who live on the face of the earth today walk and partake of God's promised great revival, especially for the last days that we are evidently living in today. The labor of your lives and ministries has contributed immensely to the revival that the body of Christ is experiencing all over the world today!

In particular, I dedicate this book to one of such great servants of God who has deeply positively affected my life and personal ministry in several ways, Bishop Tudor Bismark. He is clearly one of the "Apostolic Voices" that God has raised out of the great continent of Africa in our times. I have been privileged of the Lord with the honor of hosting him consistently for a number of years at the annual conference of our Church in Abuja, Nigeria: "It's Your Time Conference." Bishop Bismark made a statement to me as he ministered in our conference in September, 2011 that I believe further inspired the "birthing" of this book and perhaps the several others

that are presently being written by me! That statement was, “Pastor Goodheart, where are your books?”

For me, such a statement was more than a simple question coming from the lips of a man or even a notable servant of God; rather, I considered the question to be exactly what the Father God was asking me at that time. It was almost like I heard God ask me through the vocal cords of His servant. I’m glad that since that question was asked, I can present the “first fruit book” of the several others I believe that God will give me the grace and divine enablement to write in my lifetime. All glory and praise to our faithful God...! Special thanks to God’s servant, Bishop Tudor Bismark for being used of the Lord in this peculiar way to midwife the birthing of my books to our world.

This particular book, *Revival is Here Again* will ever be considered as being very special to me because it encapsulates and captures what I consider to be one of the “primary messages” that God has put within my heart for this generation.

Thirdly, I dedicate this book to my editor – Pastor Dan Ezra and the entire editorial team of Ezra Media Limited who worked tirelessly, masterly weaving in and out of my several messages to churn out what we have today as this book. From the moment I met Pastor Dan Ezra a few years ago, he made a commitment to assist me in my

book-writing venture. From that day till now, he has literally been on my heels to ensure that the several books that I carried in the womb of my spirit for the past few years become concretized and birthed. Without his encouragement, support and most professional editorial input I'm quite sure that the writing of this book may have been something that was still deferred to some distant future.

Fourthly, but most certainly not in any way the least, I dedicate this book to the Almighty God who alone is called "Faithful and True," the fountain source of inspiration and revelation knowledge. All credit and glory goes to God for the reality of this book because in many regards, I consider God Himself to be the actual "author" of **Revival is Here Again**. I have only been privileged of Him to have captured a portion of His heart beat for this generation and to so document the same into a book such as this. To God alone be all the glory!

Whilst I knew for several years that I would someday begin to put the messages God had given me into book form, I was very weary of and deeply concerned by the several books I saw on too many bookshelves that I lacked a genuine and substantial message. Too many of such books seemed to me to be merely bits and pieces of other people's books rearranged, recycled and put together into "another book." In other words, many books we find today are lacking in "originality." I

personally did not want to go in this manner of simply “writing a book just for the sake of writing a book.” As such, I have been quite glad that it has taken me these many years to finally put together what I’m most pleased to mention was born out of a “genuine message” that God placed in my heart. Even though I have been used by God as a vessel to write the book, as the author, I have gotten blessed over and over again with each time that I had the opportunity to read portions or all of the draft copy of this book,

It is my heartfelt prayer for you that as you read this book, that it will genuinely set your heart ablaze for God like never before. As your life catches the revival fire of God, may your life burn with great passion and zeal for God. See you at the top... on the other side of eternity... basking in the greater glory of our God, when your days of carrying the revival fire of God on the earth are over. Let’s catch the revival fire, and work tirelessly for our King and His Kingdom; for “... *the night cometh when no man can work.*” *John 9:4.*

Goodheart Obi Ekwueme

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PUSH ME to pick up my pen and write my books. As last, here they begin to come, my sister.

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May everyone be a full partaker of the mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God reserved for these last days.

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Foreword

There have been so many global visitations in history where God showed up in significant ways. Revival has come as a result of God's grace and blessing for a Church, a people and a nation.

Around the world, God is raising men and women with remarkable gifts of revelation knowledge and understanding of "manifestations of His glory." Africa has become a seed-bed for such gifts and anointing. God is bringing an awakening to the "Body of Christ" and the need to address this phenomenon and the pertinent issues that will bring another level of spiritual awakening, power and authority is eminent.

Pastor Goodheart Ekwueme addresses many of those issues in this book, and aligns truths and realities in a way that encourages the readers to sincerely consider their own ministries, and nations to experience the manifest presence and glory of God.

Nigeria has had significant visitations or revivals in the last century, and no one can tell the story of these revivals better than an apostolic gift from Nigeria. Pastor Goodheart captures the very essence of revival, in a unique way, and embraces the spiritual dynamics both biblically and organizationally to release the Spirit of

revival. We believe that the very best has come for the Church.

Bishop Tudor Bismark

Introduction

There is a shift in the realm of the Spirit. God will not watch you miss out of the glorious things He has prepared and preserved for you. He is set to move you from your history into your destiny. The force of the Spirit shall translate you from where you are right now to where God has ordained for you. You will go from glory to glory. God will do great and mighty things in you, for you and through you.

The following pages are the notes and timbre of the call of the Spirit, to stir your heart and to reposition you for a definite visitation of God that will make you a wonder and praise on the earth.

Chapter One

It's Recovery Time

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein; they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And

David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And He answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

1 Samuel 30:1-8

The journey of life is seldom a smooth and a simple equation. It is a most simplistic approach to assume and expect that the journey of life is one that can occur

without the interjection of a few bumps and twists along the pathway. Life is full of challenges, tests and trials. Even you know this from your personal experiences. Many who have been presumptuous that life would be a smooth sail without any form of obstacle or resistance to their progress and advancement has greatly been disappointed along the way. Experience will readily make you understand that we are not completely exempt from the tests and the trials of life. As long as the breath of life is trapped on our nostrils, there are certain things you and I will continue to go through that I call a part of normal living.

Somebody somewhere has just come out of what you are presently experiencing. And somebody somewhere is coming into what you are coming out of. Very contrary to some erroneous religious teachings, we realize that even when we become believers, God doesn't exempt us from tests and trials, but He guarantees us that whatever battle we engage in, we come out triumphant. We are born to win.

*Now thanks be unto God, which **always** causeth us to triumph in Christ, and make manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.*

2 Corinthians 2:14 (Emphasis mine)

God's prophetic Word is that you will **always** come out on top of every situation you encounter in life. God

“causes” you to triumph in Christ Jesus. Even though you are not precluded from having challenges, you have God’s word to supply you the needed resilience and staying power that is necessary to always turn the tides in your favor.

If indeed you are not to be a victim but conqueror, it behoves you to know that there are quite a few battles of life you are going to fight. If the Bible calls you a conqueror (Romans 8:37), it means there are certain things in this life that God has set aside for you to conquer and to overcome. That introduces you as a fighter. Without you being willing to put up a fight, you are not yet ready for victory. Paul said,

*I can do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4:13*

Think about the most challenging situation of your life, and remember that through Christ, you can do “*all things*.” Jesus will give all that is needed to overcome or come over the situation. What got some others stuck as obstacles will be for a stepping stone for a miracle. God has a way of making all things work together for your good by turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones. The things that others saw as hindrances will be your own ladder to the next level of glory.

*And we know that all things work together for good to them
that love God, to them who are the called according to His
purpose.
Romans 8:28*

God said He'll make out a symphony out of the discord and out-of-tune notes of your life experiences. Let the devil do his worst therefore. Your Father is a master Conductor. When they throw lemon at you, you can turn it into lemonade. Every test is to give you a testimony. Every trial is to establish your triumph. God is on your side working out everything according to the counsel of His will to make sure that you are on top. He said you shall be "... *above only, and thou shalt not be beneath...*"
Deuteronomy 28:13.

Before victory is recorded in any man's life, there must come a season of battle and contention. What you are not ready to resist will definitely remain. What you are not willing to confront, you will not conquer. So, what you don't want, don't watch. Stir up yourself to contend for your glorious destiny.

*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them;
because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the
world.
1 John 4:4*

The God that is in you is greater than all the devils in the world put together. You are simply wired for any kind and form of challenge. You must guard the loins of your mind and ensure that you maintain a victor-mentality. You are not a victim. There's a Champion on your inside, no matter how you look or what you confront on the outside.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
1 Corinthians 10:13

Now, get this settled once and for all – If you ever find yourself in a test, trial or temptation, it's because you have what it takes to handle it. Don't wonder how. The "Way-maker" says, He'll make a way. No matter how dark and long your night have been, remember,

... Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
Psalm 30:5

Our adventure in this book will turn your life around and establish your destiny in glory as God has ordained. What you are going through is simply the platform for your breakthrough.

Expiring Your Night Season

There is an expiry date on your night season. The expiry date of weeping is at the point of joy, excitement or exuberance, which are characteristic of praise. Joy joins you to God, the source of all that we'll ever need.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
Isaiah 12:3

To bring your night season to an end, get excited. Paul and Silas understood this well in their night season. Their feet were fast in prison stocks. These men have been doing the will of God and helping others to experience Jesus. They were arrested and maliciously handled before being thrown into a penal complex in Philippi. The record says that,

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
Acts 16:25-26

Paul and Silas chose not to complain in their midnight hour. They prayed. In midnight prayers, we often express painful or despairing emotions. But Paul and

Silas kicked against that and chose to get themselves excited through praise. The prison workers must have wondered at them singing praises with hands and feet in chains. They were bound physically, but their spirits were free and enthused. Paul and Silas initiated their liberty by engaging praise. By inducing joy through their praise, the Almighty God Himself stepped into their midnight hour and loosed the bands from their hands and feet.

Anybody can praise when things are right and okay. Anybody can be excited when things are working their way. But you must learn to give God "praise on credit." Advance praise, is an expression of great faith. If you are persuaded of the things that God has in stock for you, you will celebrate Him continually. Your celebration will put an end to your night season. Joy can change the season of your life!

The devil doesn't expect you to praise when you record a temporary loss. But in your sorrow, you can tell the devil that you have a living hope. (1 Peter 1:3).

The Clash of Kingdoms

Humans are in the midst of a raging battle between the hosts of light and the forces of darkness. There is a direct confrontation and collusion between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of satan. Satan is evidently not

excited about your life. He is jealous of you and mad against your glorious destiny in Christ. Peter called him "... your adversary, the devil..." 1 Peter 5:8. The angel told John that satan is "... the accuser of the brethren..." Revelation 12:10. An adversary is a person, group or force that opposes or attacks opponent, enemy or foe. There is no better way to define the operations of the devil. Jesus said,

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Your real enemy is not your husband or your wife. Your enemy is not the purported witch or wizard in some remote area. The sworn enemy of your life and destiny is satan, the devil. Satan is the one you should confront and conquer. Sometimes, satan uses human smoke-screens to perpetuate his acts, but ultimately, behind the façade and the veil is the devil himself.

You must rise up vehemently in opposition against the forces of darkness. The Bible says,

From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12

If you really want victory, you have to come to the point in your life when you declare, "Enough is enough! I ain't gonna take this mess anymore." The warrior king needs to arise from within you and go into battle. If you show up in the ring, God guarantees you victory.

The battle we are called to fight is called, "... *the good fight of faith...*" 1 Timothy 6:12. It is so called because the end has been determined before the beginning. The battle is determined before you ever stepped on the battle ground. You were crowned the winner before the contest. The mess you've been through is going to become a message. Your pain is going to turn to some gain. Your test will metamorphous into a testimony. It is your destiny that every trial you go through end in triumph. It's all a matter of season. It shall come to pass. Your story will change. The Bible declares,

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

The verdict of God in every battle you face is clearly - you are more than conqueror. Therefore, you can handle "this." No matter what the issue is in any area of your

life, you can handle it. You are born again to be unstoppable. You are born again to be irresistible. You must come to that point of faith and conviction that God has already secured your victory before you ever got into the challenge.

Count all the things you go through as common. Many times, we don't commonize the challenges we go through. We allow them to be over-magnified in our eyes and minds. If you know half of what some people are going through and are still smiling and clapping, what you are going through, no matter how tough it is, is common. Victory is born, the moment you begin to commonize your challenges. When one door is shut, seven other doors are open. The door had to be shut because it was not meant to remain open in the first place; it had a season.

There are certain people and things in your life that are just scaffolds. They are only props. A scaffold is useful for a season. When we are done with our construction, the scaffolds are dismantled and taken away. So, there are people in your life who are meant to be scaffolds. They have their great seasons of usefulness. But you have to cast them away when their seasons are over. God has brought you into a new day and you don't need the scaffolds anymore. Scaffolds might have aided your purpose in the past, but can become barriers to your

progress today. This is true about your relationships. Therefore, push out the scaffolds,

*And it shall turn to you for a testimony.
Luke 21:13*

The great apostle, Paul in the midst of one of his most challenging times said,

*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy...
Acts 20:24*

Don't let common things move you. It is actually complimentary for God to allow some things come your way. God judges that you can handle them. Some of us don't know what we are worth, or what we are able to cope with until we've been through quite a few things. My years of ministry have been most instructive and edifying to me. I've been through the School of Hard Knocks. There have been days I wondered if I could handle one more punch. But through it all, God showed me that I had what it takes to handle what He allowed to come my way. The weights He put on me has broadened my shoulders; don't let yours break your back.

Next time you are confronted with a test; look inward: you already have what it takes to handle it. Don't look around. Those who look around see the shadows.

Rather, lift up your eyes *“unto the hills, from whence cometh (your) help.” Psalm 121:1.* Those who look up see the glory. For *“... with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26.*

Construction engineers conduct endurance test on materials they use, especially in bridge construction. They simulate the weight that may eventually come on the bridge. I think God allows some trials to simulate or measure our strength and capability.

All Have Record of Losses

One of the common denominators of those who are alive here on earth is that as we move on destiny's course, the likelihood that we have lost a couple of things along the way is very high. Some of us have lost time and opportunities. Others failed to maximize certain relationships. The losses show in our dissipated energies, finances, and so on.

In the Chapter of the Losses, in Luke 15, Jesus dealt on three kinds of losses:

- i. the lost sheep,
- ii. the lost coin and
- iii. the lost son.

The situations that warranted the loss in each of the parables are completely different. The shepherd lost one sheep out of one hundred. The loss was non-voluntary; it wasn't deliberate. The sheep strayed off from the fold. There are losses you can't explain. They didn't happen by your volition, choice or carelessness.

The lost coin depicts that the woman might have missed it out of carelessness. The woman was responsible for the loss of her coin. You may have lost things due to your not being careful as you ought to have been. Your loss of focus has made for some things to pass through your fingers.

The lost son is a classic case. The son walked out of his father's house out of volition, to go and spend his inheritance in a faraway country. His loss was not by mistake or happenstance. There are losses that you caused or allowed to happen.

The good thing about this chapter of the Bible is that the three losses recorded were ultimately found despite why and how they were lost. It is evident that God is not behind the losses, but He orchestrated the recoveries.

I don't know what you lost. I don't know when, how and why you lost what you lost. But what I do know is that as far as God is concerned, whatever you've lost is about to be recovered. God will sidestep the reason or reasons

for the loss and ensure your recovery. God is bringing recovery and restoration your way in this season.

Your Losses Are Not Lost

It is interesting to note that God does not allow whatever you have lost to be gone. The thief might have succeeded at stealing from you, but God does not permit him to devour what belongs to you. There is a divine restraint on the devil to check his activities in your life.

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amelekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein; they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way... And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? and He answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake them and without fail recover all.

1 Samuel 30:1-8

The devil is a liar. There is an invisible wall of defense around you and all that pertains to you that tells the devil, "Thus far satan, you can't touch!" Satan is forbidden to devour what belongs to you.

God is responsible for your not losing everything. If it wasn't for God who was on your side, you would have lost everything. God spared you from utter destruction.

You are still alive because He sustained you. Therefore there is hope.

For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
Ecclesiastes 9:4

You might have lost a few things, but thank God, you are still here. He will strengthen the things that remain and restore whatever was lost.

The Prophetic Mandate

I perceive that there is a prophetic agenda to bring restoration to the Body of Christ. It's hovering over our Churches across the globe. God said,

And I will restore to you the years that the locusts hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be ashamed.
Joel 2:25-26

When it is recovery time, God sets aside the reason for the losses. This is your season, there is nothing anybody can do about it; whatever is lost is coming back. This is a move of the Spirit. Lost and closed issues are being

visited. I see God's restoring and renewing relationships, businesses and careers.

What have you lost in your life? If you've lost time and opportunities, He's about to renew your youth and to bring up new things into your life. Your health and wealth shall be recovered. Your calling and vision shall be restored. The embers of that holy fire dwindling in your soul shall be rekindled. Your lost passion for God and for the things of God shall be revitalized.

Double for Your Trouble

When God does His recoveries, He doesn't bring back those things the same way. He brings you double for every trouble. This is divine justice. God makes up for all charges and damages beyond the actual value of what was lost. God will make the devil to pay collateral damages for everything he stole from you. The Bible says,

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6:30-31

The thief is not necessarily the one who broke through your door to rob you of your valuables. He's not necessarily the one on the highway who blocks you to drain you. Jesus revealed that satan is the culprit. (John

10:10). You are to find him, and then, God will make him pay back sevenfold of what he has stolen from you. Satan can only be found by revelation knowledge.

Sevenfold restoration is all about perfection and fulfillment. God is going to restore back to you until you say, "It's enough." He said, in His restoring back to you, it shall be "*good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.*" Luke 6:38. God will satisfy you.

The discoveries you will encounter in the following chapters will certainly bring about recoveries in every area of your life. Expect minimum, sevenfold restoration of every loss. I see you in your multiplied state through the forces that will be triggered in you and by you as you study this book.

Chapter Two

Revival is Here Again

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted,
that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of
refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And He
shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:
Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restitution
of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His
holy prophets since the world began.*

Acts 3:19-21

I want to highlight a few things from the Scripture above by way of backdrop for what the Lord has put in my spirit to share with you here.

*... When the times of refreshing shall come
from the presence of the Lord.*

Verse 19

The Message Translation of the above Scriptures reads,

*Now it's time to change your ways!
Turn to face God so He can wipe away your sins, pour out
showers of blessing to refresh you.*

Verse 19 (The Message)

The Bible didn't speak of the "time" of refreshing, but "the times of refreshing." It speaks of plurality of

refreshing, which means that God will not only refresh you once; He will refresh you again and again. Several other versions and translations of the Holy Bible rendered the word “refreshing” as restoration, recovery, and revival. The Bible says in verse 21,

Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Scholars have struggled to interpret that word “restitution” over the years. Again, the Message Translation says,

For the time being He must remain out of sight in Heaven until everything is restored to order again just the way God, through the preaching of His holy prophets of old, said it would be.

The American Standard Version says,

Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His holy prophets that have been from of old.
Acts 3:21 (American Standard Bible)

Again, the Amplified Bible says,

Whom Heaven must receive [and retain]

until the time for the complete restoration of all that God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets for ages past [from the most ancient time in the memory of man].

Acts 3:21 (Amplified Bible)

Now, the Holy Bible speaks of Heaven, not only receiving Jesus but of Heaven retaining Jesus until something happens upon the face of the earth. Jesus is not going to come until certain things have happened on earth and among the saints. One of the acid tests of the eminence of Jesus' return is when the times of restitution or restoration of all things kicks in, so that the Church will enjoy divine recovery, totally restored to her place of dominion and glory. At that time, the Church begins to experience revival.

*Wilt Thou not revive us again:
that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?
Psalm 85:6*

I have a strong impression in my spirit that "Revival is Here Again!" It means that dying things are about to come to life. It means that weak things are about to be strengthened. It means that the sick are about to be made whole. It means that the tired are about to be fired up again.

It is evident that we are living in very interesting, challenging and difficult days on the earth today. The

earth is literally groaning under the pangs of various changes and the rapid experience of the transformation that the earth is facing from several quarters. If you pay attention to the media, you will discover that we are living in challenging and interesting days.

The Bible declares in Romans 8:22,

*For we know that the whole creation groaneth
and travaileth in pain together until now.*

It's good we see the certainty of terms employed by the Holy Spirit in this verse of Scripture. He says, "For we know..." We are not guessing, insinuating or in doubt, "... we know...!" We know with clear assurance that the whole earth is in travail until now.

*All around us we observe a pregnant creation.
The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply
birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us.
The Spirit of God is arousing us within.
We're also feeling the birth pangs.
Romans 8:22 (The Message)*

Prophetic Scriptures pointing to our time and season are being fulfilled at very alarming speed. The many orders, systems and structures that men once relied upon for support and aides are all beginning to fail. The Ivory Towers are overwhelmed by ever increasing challenges

of insecurity, terrorism, sickness and poverty. The very best of world economies are crumbling with no foreseeable answers or solution at sight. The foundations and pillars that many once trusted in are all giving way. It does not require excess spirituality to recognize that our world is in a state of transformation that calls for the attention of all, especially those who finds themselves in a Church pew.

The challenges of our time are wake-up calls and warning signals from Heaven that we are indeed living in the days of the fulfillment of prophecies that were spoken about the end of time. These signs are so clear and urgent on the Church to wake up and arise from her stupor and spiritual slumber. The Bible declares in Ephesians 5:14-16,

*Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest,
and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See
then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
Redeeming the time,
because the days are evil.*

These are evil days. It's amazing that with all the evidences before our eyes, and the Holy Book open in our hands, many Christians have refused to take heed to the signals of the Spirit to arise from their lethargy. To some, life is still nothing other than "business as usual." But, for what God is doing on the earth at this time, it is

no longer business as usual for the Church and for the world at large.

You can't afford, like Esau, to sell out the possibility and potentials of the glorious destiny that God has for you for a pot of porridge. You can't afford to trade the eternal for the temporal. You can't afford to trade the supernatural for the natural. It is just not worth it. Don't let apathy rob you of such a glorious destiny. It is time for you to wake up spiritually. The Bible speaking in Hebrews says,

*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them
who through faith and patience
inherit the promises.
Hebrews 6:12*

The Bible further says in the book of Romans chapter 12, verse 11:

*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit,
serving the Lord.*

There is a loud call from God today to wake the saints from their place of slothfulness and inertia. He wants you in the place of spiritual fervor and tenacity. God is yearning to see His children full of passion and zeal for the things of the Spirit. Of Jesus, it is recorded,

The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up.

John 2:17

Jesus had one consuming desire to please God and to fulfill His will here on earth. The heart desires of many of us today are very far from pleasing the Lord. Our hearts are charged with selfish yearnings that only satisfies our carnal propensities. Only few are truly yielded to God to see His Kingdom come to pass in them and around them. Jesus praying in John 10:17-18 said,

*Therefore doth My Father love Me,
because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No
man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have
power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This
commandment have I received
of My Father.*

Jesus was so loved of the Father *because* He laid down His life in pursuit of the Father's will. And,

*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13*

Today, we have multitudes of self-seeking folks who offer to God lip-service songs of how much they love and adore Him. When God weighs such worship, He finds that they are empty and void of fervor and the passion

for His glory. The case of the Church today is similar to that of the children of Israel in Isaiah 29:13,

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour Me, but have removed their heart far from Me...

Majority of us are found wanting on the scale of eternal justice. I wonder how many of us readily admit that our love for God is questionable. It comes to a point when God places demands on our lives to demonstrate our love for Him and to Him, we begin to question whether it is God or the devil, because we never really laid down our lives for Him.

I imagine what transpired in the heart of Abraham when God requested that he sacrificed his long-awaited and beloved child of promise, Isaac on Mount Moriah. I see some Christian speaking in tongues and binding the devil for such evil thought. I hear someone say, "Get thee behind me satan." Whereas, it was the voice of Almighty God testing Abraham, not for his destruction but to certify the strength of his love and faith. The test was to give Abraham an eternal testimony as it is today. Watch this, beloved; there are certain places in God you will never step into until you pass certain examinations.

You don't leave one grade to the next one in school until the examiner is satisfied through your performance in an

examination. Some of the difficulties and challenges you are passing through for several months, and may be several years, are promotion examinations to take you to the next level of intimacy, power and blessedness in God. I've also been there in the time past, and my score sheet is not what I'm proud of. But I noted that months down the line, God confronted me with similar tests again. Not to see me fail again, but because He wants to promote me. God is in our trials to make us triumph, and to turn our tests into testimonies. I have watched Him turn what I considered as obstacles into miracles. Be strong therefore, because things are about to turn around for you. Your sickness and infirmities are turning to health. Your lack and want are giving way to abundance.

When the moment comes that God places a demand for you to give sacrificially to Him, drop every consideration for personal projects at hand. When God opens opportunity for you to be a witness for Him, don't give excuses of being shy and inarticulate; yet you can engage your friends in unending hours of discussions. Some people only remember how busy an executive they are when they are called upon to render service in the Kingdom. Yet the executive has enough time to watch all the Premier Leagues and Championship football matches, and hang out with friends at the clubs. It seems to me that human beings will always find time to accommodate what they consider to be important to them. We always create time for whatever we consider

to be important. The importance we attach to Bible Study and prayers shows in our attitude to such activities. If the things of God are important to you, you will naturally make out time to be present. If God is on the throne of your heart, you will be excited to be part of the privileged ones to give towards the establishment of His will on earth.

Can you boast of having given God your best to this point? Does Jesus occupy the place of importance in your life and your programs? Is God just a back up for you or one of the alternatives you sample? Do you give priority to Him in the things that you go through? Is God just an after-thought in the events of your life? Does God merit your first-fruits? God should not be receiving tips from you in the name of offerings. God is not your steward or waiter; He is the source of every increase you see. You are dependent on Him. Jesus said,

*I am the Vine, ye are the branches; ...
without Me ye can do nothing.
John 15:5*

If you think your strength and expertise brought you to where you are, you are self-deluded. Your beauty didn't give you that great husband. You are not where you are now because of your intelligence and connections. There are more intelligent and well connected people who are down and out in life.

*So then it is not of him that willeth,
nor of him that runneth,
but of God that sheweth mercy.
Romans 9:16*

The very life we live is a gift from God, because *“it is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed...”* Lamentation 3:22. His mercies have spared you and me from the grave. We have escaped the snare of the fowler. We have not been swallowed up by the vagaries of our times because He is with us.

God wants you to give Him the first place both in your heart and in your life. You see, God is a jealous God. He is an all, or a nothing God. Somebody said, “He’s either Lord of all, or He’s not Lord at all.” You either go all the way with Him or don’t go any length at all. There is a call of the Spirit for men and women who will go all the way with God in these end times.

Examine Yourself

You can discover where your heart is by observing two things.

i. Where Your Money Goes

I can tell where a man’s heart is by studying his cheque book stub. If I look at your bank statement in the last nine

months, I can tell you where your heart is. Somebody's heart is in the diamond he bought. Someone else's heart is in the house he has built.

If your heart is towards the Lord, there should be a commensurate flow of your finances into His storehouse. Sometime ago I flipped through the stub of one of my cheque books and I was pleasantly surprised to note that the reoccurring beneficiary of my issued cheques is House on the Rock. Jesus puts the truth so clearly,

*For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.
Matthew 6:21*

Then He admonished in verse 33-34 of the same Scripture:

*... Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added
unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the
morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient
unto the day is the evil thereof.*

Where your money goes is a pointer to what you truly love and worship.

ii. Where You Spend Your Time

The second platform on which you assess your love for God is on the distribution of your time. Where and with whom you spend your time tells of your interests and commitment. Those who struggle with the love of God have problem spending quality time in the place of prayer and in the study of God's Word.

One of the enemy's strategies to drag people away from God these end times is to make the things of God seem boring and tiring. In giving us clues to the season of the end of time, Jesus said, among other things,

*And because iniquity shall abound,
the love of many shall wax cold.
Matthew 24:12*

Satan makes people's heart cold and callous to the things of the Spirit. You are on a most dangerous path, when the things of God no longer excite or interest you. When the things of God become mere routines, or common tasks that you observe to numb your conscience, then you are on the devil's top list. When prayer, Bible Study, giving and involvement in the service of the Lord become obligations you must fulfill to keep the Pastor or leader off your tail, then you have lost the love of God in your heart. Insensitivity to the things of God is a sign of great spiritual danger and must be addressed most decisively and urgently. When your love and passion for God begins to dwindle, you stand in such a spiritual danger that you are in need of emergency resuscitation.

These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear; clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.

Jude 12

“Twice dead” means, we who were spiritually dead in Adam, came to Jesus Christ and were revived, being dead again as a result of spiritual lassitude; lack of passion and vibrancy. To be twice dead is to come to the end of the road. An unbeliever is once dead, and is better than a believer who suffers twice death. There is a grave danger I trust the Holy Ghost to help you understand here.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:4-6

The Lord spoke to the Church of Ephesus, as He is reiterating to the Church today,

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:4-5

God is earnestly calling the Church to the place of her first love. God knows you. He weighs your actions and assesses your motives. He will not accept being relegated to the outer courts of your life.

Those who refuse Him His place in their hearts will have their candlestick removed from its place. The figurative expression employed by the Master here is most grievous. It implies having to suffer another spiritual death after being born again and being spiritually revived in the very first place.

The Bible says,

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 20:27

No one can contemplate the implication and the eternal danger of spiritual death. Satan is fighting hard these end times to lure well meaning believers to mellow into a state of spiritual lukewarmness where they naturally

make themselves to become enemies to God. If he succeeds at drawing your heart away from God then he has succeeded at fulfilling his original scheme against your destiny.

*So then because thou art lukewarm,
and neither cold nor hot,
I will spue thee out of My mouth.
Revelation 3:16*

These are not words coined by the craftiness of a man. They are the very words of Jesus. If there is any place I don't want to ever get to in my walk with God, it is the point where I am so spiritually lukewarm that God have no option but to spew me out of His mouth. Lukewarmness is a dangerous zone you should fight with all that is in your power not to ever get into.

Beloved, the Spirit of the Lord is calling out to the Church to wake up from spiritual slumber! We've slept for too long. It's time to stir ourselves to catch up with God's great agenda for our lives before the night falls. To be unserious at this hour and season is to become a ready prey for the devil and become a casualty. This is the time for you to become very hot with zeal, passion and tenacity in your pursuit of the things of God, such that people can witness. Your love for God must be unparalleled. You must love God above every other thing. His love must surpass the love you have for

parents, spouse, children, career and possessions. To put any other thing above the love and commitment to God is to make that thing an idol in your life. And God said,

*Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
Exodus 20:3*

Your idol may not be as crude as a “graven image” or a “molten calf.” Idols can be immaterial. Some people’s idols are in their hearts, consisting of the things they love and place as more important than God and other spiritual matters. When you have to choose between “that” and “this;” if you choose “that” instead of God, then “that” becomes an idol. It’s beautiful to hang out with your pals on a cool evening. But if that is in preference to a Bible Study, then that activity has become idol worship.

We can’t afford to be hiding our Bibles and our Christian identity anymore. Jesus said,

*... If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and
take up his cross, and follow Me.
Matthew 16:24*

You have a personal cross to carry as you follow Jesus. I perceive very strongly that we are in the days when Matthew 6:33 should be our mantra. I urge you by the Holy Ghost today to let your motto be:

*I seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and
ALL other things
shall be added unto me.
(Paraphrased)*

I guarantee by the integrity of God Almighty that as you seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, God shall add unto you houses, money, cloths, mobility, lifting and every other thing that is a need in your life. Go ahead and make God first in your finances, your time, and your relationships. Give God the first hours of your day in prayers and meditation. Make it a culture that before you have audience with men, you have must have spoken to and heard from God. Put God first.

To survive and thrive in these perilous times, God must come first in all that you do. Nothing should rank in importance as your God. All other things and idols scrambling for a place of importance in your life must be displaced and dispossessed. Don't be caught worshipping things. Some women are tied down to their trinkets and pieces of gold and diamonds. Some people's hearts are stolen from God by pieces of leather and metals packed as cars. There is nothing made by men that is worth of worship. Put God first, and right in front of you, if want to make headway through life.

I pull out the challenge of the Prophet Elijah to you today.

... How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him...

1 Kings 18:21

We serve the true and living God. The one whose hands are not short so that they cannot save. The God whose ears are ever attentive to our supplications. The one whose eyes run to and from the length and breadth of the earth to show Himself strong on our behalf. The one who loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us so we can live for Him. The Omni-potent one that we don't need to fight for. He is our warrior and defender. He is God, the Lamb and the Lion. He is the battle-axe of Israel. He is God that when He takes over in any battle of life, it is over with the battle. He is God to whom you can introduce your Pharaohs. He is the one who vanquishes the Herods. He makes highways in the Red Seas. It's time therefore to take a bold stand holding high the banner of Christ, and let every devil know that there is nothing contending God's first position in your life.

Chapter Three

The Wind of Revival is Blowing

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And He said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, Thou knowest. Again He said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said He unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then He said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel...

Ezekiel 37:1-11

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

This is your hour of visitation. A sudden change shall take effect in your life before you drop this book. It's going to happen for your ministry, business, career, marriage, and your finances. Your entire life shall experience a Holy Ghost overhauling. For God is about to do "... a new thing..." Isaiah 43:19.

The operation of the Spirit of God has among others, a violent character. Our text says, He came "... as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house..." verse 2. The Amplified Bible renders the phrase as "... a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house..." God is not stingy with His gifts. The wind filled "... the whole house!..." When the wind of the Spirit blows, He guarantees that nothing is left out, or lacking in your life. He ensures that no aspect of your life is left out.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19

It is God's presence that communicates times of refreshing; and He has decided in His mercies to make this season your set time for divine visitation. (Psalm 102:13). Therefore, the Church has come into her set time for God's favor. We have come into our season and time, according to prophetic calendars, to be favored. We have stepped into the future that we spoke about yesterday. This is the season prophesied about in our prophetic history. The hour to favor you is here. This was His counsel before the foundation of the world.

I see, like Elijah, "*... a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand...*" which shall result in the outpouring of the latter rain. (1 Kings 18:44; Zechariah 10:1). Revival is not what is coming any more, rather, revival is already here. While the Church was still praying for Peter's release from prison, Rhoda returned from answering the doorbell with the news: "*... Peter is at the door!...*" Acts 12:13. Likewise, revival is at our doorsteps. It's no more a prayer point.

God does not want you to be a spectator in this move of the Spirit. You can't come this far in your quest for God and still fall short of being an active participator in this

revival. I believe that nothing in this life is too much to give up so you can go up to where your spirit is kindled by this holy fire. I yearn in my heart to be one of the vessels that will bear the proofs of this move of the Spirit. I really want to see the Kingdom come in its power upon my life. I desire to experience the tangible power of God at work in my life. I yearn earnestly to see His glory and the demonstration of His power in and through me.

I will sacrifice just anything in order to be an integral part of the avalanche of glory that God is about to release upon the Church. I earnestly beseech God to endue me with necessary grace to do all I need to do to position myself for this visitation. Because it is "*... Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts...*" *Zechariah 4:6*. I will give up anything, and put on everything that is in the requirement.

We have heard of such mighty moves of the Spirit of God in generations past; I desire to be a partaker of this present one. We have heard enough history. If we will pay the price, you and I will be the history the generation after us will be reading, should the Lord tarry.

Your picking this book from the bookshelf is a clear expression of your quest for transition into this great, mighty move of the Spirit of God. You can step up to be a partaker of this baptism of fresh fire! Do all that you

need to do to join the revival train. This is your moment, maximize it. There is a cardinal step you must take:

i. Be Desperate

You must be desperate and thirsty for this refreshing. It's time to break off from lip-service devotion to the Lord. Desperate people do desperate things to get at their desired change. Are you desperate enough to give up the comfort of your bed at mid-night to seek the face of the Lord in the place of prayer? Are you desperate enough to give up lying, cheating, pride and arrogance? Are you willing to lay all that you consider as dear and important at the altar of God? Are you ready to let go of any "idol" that has taken the throne of your heart?

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouth, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

Psalm 135:15-18

Can you let go of your diamonds, gold and property in order to please God in preparation for His visitation? Nothing in this life is too much to lay on the altar of sacrifice so that the glory of the Lord can descend upon your life.

Revival is not a phenomenon you welcome sitting on your lounge with your legs crossed, while sipping a cup of tea. You don't bump into this glory by casual prayers in your night wears. Revival calls for arduous studies and protracted communion and fellowship with the Father. The quest for this visitation will take you through the path of integrity and character. It calls for personal cleansing and purification.

We have come into our finest season, but we must arise and seize the moment. In your preparation for this visitation, you must “... *lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset...*” you. *Hebrews 12:1*. You must lay aside every fear, worry and anxiety. Shake off the doctor's last report; the legal counsel's verdict. Shake off the prognosis of the economy. Revival calls for laying aside all concerns and making God your focus.

Revival presupposes death. Revival is all about restoration of something that was once alive. Revival means to recover from loss or death; to recall from a state of apathy or lethargy. It is a recall to obedience to forgotten validations of God's heart. It means to re-invigorate, re-vitalize, to restore to awareness of God's truth and power. All through Church history, God has always in His mercy revived His Church. From time to time when the Church veered out of course of obedience, or got into trouble with the devil and they cried out to

God, God in His mercy responds from the throne of grace; forgives them and revives them.

Revival and restoration was always God's answer to a spiritually dying Church. I believe the Church today is in a dire and a desperate need for the revival fire of the Holy Ghost. The Church has become almost a shadow of what God intended it to be. Right now, the Church is at her very best a sleeping giant. The difference between the Church in the Acts of the Apostles and the Church of today is very clear. The Church of today boasts of the form, but definitely lacks the power!

The good news is that it is in God's agenda and mandate for the hour to revive and restore the Church to her glory and power. We can't continue to have brass in the place of gold. We can't settle for the games and tricks being paraded on our Churches' pulpits today. Some men purport miracles where there is none. Men fake the gifts of the Spirit today in quest for popularity and fame. But such men don't last. Let's go for the real thing. It is available and obtainable. In fact, the Bible says,

*The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former,
saith the LORD of hosts;
and in this place will I give peace,
saith the LORD of hosts.
Haggai 2:9*

What a consolation. We are chosen to enjoy greater glory than the men of old! In God's end-time agenda, the Church is in her season of restoration.

*And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,
the cankerworm, and the caterpillar,
and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among
you.
Joel 2:25*

Whatever you have lost shall be restored in this move. Your lost strength and vigor shall be restored. This move will make you better and bigger than you have ever been. God will give you nothing less than a "spiritual make-over." People who knew you will hardly know you when God is through with you.

The Holy Spirit and Revival

We can hardly discuss revival without mentioning the integral place of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the custodian, originator and conveyer of every revival. There cannot be any revival without movements, stirrings, and manifestations of the Holy Ghost. We must appreciate the pivotal place of the Holy Spirit in revival and prepare to yield ourselves completely to Him.

The Holy Spirit is the missing link in our quest for the power and the glory of God in our days.

*For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways
higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your
thoughts.
Isaiah 55:9*

The ways and the operations of the Holy Spirit are in direct conflict with our logics and methods of doing things. Many times, if not all the time, when the Holy Spirit gives instructions, we naturally kick against them, because they are neither conventional nor popular. Walking with and yielding to the Holy Spirit calls for departure from your own self, by pushing aside your systems and stepping out of your comfort zone.

*The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound
thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and wither it
goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
John 3:8*

The pathway of the Spirit of God is very unpredictable and equally uncontrollable by man. However, every genuine transformation in the life of a believer is initiated by the Holy Spirit. Every permanent change in the saint is obtained, retained, sustained and maintained by the person, the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Church. Giving Him His place naturally results in revival and restoration which are products of

the flow of God's life in a place. Often times, rather than allow the Holy Spirit to move as He pleases, we make efforts to regulate Him.

What you read in Acts chapter 1 through the 28th chapter is the dress rehearsal for what God is set to do in our days. Peter's shadow healing the sick is to be continued. Dead men coming alive are to be continued. Routing cities and turning them "right side up" with the power of the gospel are to be continued. Shaking off the beasts into the fire is to be continued. We are ordained to produce the Volume 2 of the Book of Acts.

The people who received miracles in Scripture were people who were willing to do things that didn't quite make sense to the natural mind. To see the glory of God, you must be ready to do some "crazy stuff" in obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit. For instance, it sounded ridiculous when God called us to facilitate a National Praise Festival in Abuja, the Nigerian State Capital about ten years ago. He titled it JAM - Jesus and Me. We were only about four months old in the city of Abuja. We had no name or fame, there was no cash in our bank account, and we had nobody to turn to in town as sponsors. But I heard the Holy Spirit speak to my heart. Thank God, I was "crazy" enough to obey Him. The rest is history today. It will amaze you, how many manifestations of the Holy Spirit we have aborted because of our unbelief

and disobedience to His leading. I've come to note: It may not make sense, but if it makes God, that's okay!

Abraham had to break away from his comfort zone, in obedience to God's instruction. He left his kinsmen and his father's house to go to a place he does not even know as yet. (Genesis 12:1-4). Is God calling you to separate from a wrong relationship? Is He calling for some sacrifice on His altar? I charge you today, let go, and let God. Release what you are holding onto so that God can give you what is in His own hands.

Logic and rationalism has kept many good men at the periphery of God's blessing. Don't let anything rob you of venturing into the miraculous. What some people are celebrating today are mere pseudo. Counterfeits don't count; they add nothing to your destiny in God. Please, don't settle down for an "Ishmael" when God has your "Isaac" waiting in the path of your obedience. To enjoy divine opportunities, you must be willing to take the risk of faith. Dare to step out in obedience to the nudging of the Holy Spirit whether your spouse, parents or friends believe you or not.

Don't be a chicken believer; milling around with people without purpose. Don't go just because every other person is going. Don't be carried away with the popular. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and stand against the convention when He leads you that way. Don't camp

around people because of some breakthrough they've had; go for the greater things the Lord has for you. Dare to be an eagle. Dare to fly alone. Soar to the sublime heights of your calling.

You can't enter into your future while clinging to your past. You must let the past pass if you must move ahead. Leave your past, to cleave to your future. Paul the apostle said,

... This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:13-14

It's time to press into your destiny. Look away from what is on ground and press for the greater things Heaven has in stock for you. You are much more than what you are in the mirror. You can do much more than you have accomplished today. Your destiny is calling you to "come up hither." God has prepared a throne for you; leave your search for dumb asses and pursue your prophetic destiny. (1 Samuel 9-10).

The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Luke 16:16 (Emphasis mine)

To press implies that you must have some pressure on your inside. You must rise against oppositions. If you press hard enough, no mountain can debar your advancement. If you press hard enough, the valley will be filled. It takes some pressure for the spikes to be smoothed out in your business. You've been too long in that position; it's time to press. You should be tired of being tied down.

You will press your way from the outer courts to the inner sanctum of God's presence. You must press your way from the valley to the mountain top of your aspirations and dreams. You will have to press from zero to hero. Press your way from nobody to become somebody. It is men who press that make their ways from obscurity to the limelight. If you truly press, some things will cave and bow to you. You have allotments in the Kingdom, but you must press to get at them.

Engaging God's Help

How badly do you want the help of God? Divine intervention is not predicated on your busyness in running from pillar to post looking into the hands of men. Your strength and skill has failed you. Your trust in men and human connection has thrust your confidence and left you disappointed. It's now time to let go and let God.

Someone has yoked himself to some paltry monthly sum for fear of stepping into the unknown. You may not see clearly the next level of God's plan for your life till you step out of your dead-end job. Some people have imprisoned their destinies in the name of job security. Don't weary yourself flogging a dead horse, when the Lord indicates that it's time for you to move on.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Scriptures presents three basic symbols of the Holy Spirit. These symbols are prophetic languages to help us discern the nature and ministry of the Holy Ghost.

i. Fire

John the Baptist said,

*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance;
but He that cometh after me is mightier than I,
whose shoes I am not worthy to bear;
He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost,
and with fire.
Matthew 3:11*

The Holy Ghost is fire. At His appearance on the day of Pentecost, the disciples were ignited by His fire. As a result, they were completely transformed. The ones

fearful among them suddenly became bold. The weak became strong. The timid became confident. When the Holy Spirit comes upon a man, such a person becomes a completely different man, branded with zeal, fire and passion for God and for the things of God.

Like Moses' burning bush, the fire of the Holy Spirit burns but does not consume its vessel. In other words, you are working, but God is refreshing you.

The fire of the Holy Spirit purges and purifies. The fire consumes everything in you and around you that your Heavenly Father has not planted in your life, ministry, marriage, business and endeavors.

ii. Water

Water is another symbol of the Holy Spirit. As water, the Holy Spirit comes to refresh and renew us. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter. He gives us comfort and refreshing from time to time. There is something naturally therapeutic about water. Water represents three dimensions of the activities of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.

a. The Well

At new birth, the Holy Spirit comes into the convert as a well of water. Speaking to the woman at the Well of Jacob, Jesus said,

... Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:13-14

b. The River

The river speaks of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit is that River of Life that issues from the throne of God and gives life to everything that it comes in contact with. God said to Prophet Ezekiel,

... These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea; which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live;; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these

waters shall come thither; for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

Ezekiel 47:8-9

c. The Rain

The rain talks about the manifestation of the power and the glory of God. Joel the prophet talks about the former and the latter rain. Zechariah charged us,

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Zechariah 10:1

The rain brings about enduement with power. It brings us into the realm of walking in signs and wonders.

iii. The Wind

The Hebrew word, “rhuwak” is used interchangeably with three English words. It has been rendered as wind, breath, or spirit. Similarly, the Greek word, “pneuma” in the New Testament is translated wind, breath, or spirit. The English word, “pneumatic” is derived from the Greek word, “pneuma.” Now, pneumatic relates to or is typical of air, gases, or wind. It means an air-powered drill. The word, “pneumonia” refers to a disease of the longs or the breathing system.

One wonders why God would symbolize the Holy Spirit as breath or wind. There must be something about the

nature and movement of wind that is synonymous with the working of the Holy Spirit.

There are unique characteristics of the wind that will help our understanding of the Holy Spirit. There are three categories of wind, based on the measurement of their speed and direction. Winds are observed as:

a. Gust

A sudden powerful rush of wind. It also connotes a sudden powerful experience or expression of an emotion.

b. Squall

Strong wind of intermediate duration. Squalls are windstorms or a sudden strong wind, often with heavy rain.

c. Gale

This describes a howling wind, hurricane or a typhoon.

Take note of the following characteristics of the wind as they relate to the nature of the Holy Spirit:

- Wind exists everywhere on the planet earth.
- The impact and the reach of wind can either be localized or of global impact.
- Wind is continually in motion.

- Wind can be experienced in varying degrees, from a slight gentle breeze on a summer night to a devastating hurricane.
- Wind is invisible.
- Wind is unpredictable and uncontrollable.

Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is everywhere. We see Him “... *move upon the face of the waters*” at the opening chapter of the Holy Bible. (Genesis 1:3). At the closing page of the Holy Bible, we hear “... *the Spirit and the Bride say, Come...*” Revelations 22:17. The entire Scriptures are replete with manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit was witnessed to by the Psalmist when he entreated,

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend into Heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139:7-10

We can neither hide from the Spirit of God nor do without Him. It’s “... *in Him we live, and move, and have our being...*” Acts 17:28. Without Him we will simply discombobulate. He is the One that holds all things together.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 3:8

The Spirit is ceaselessly in action and motion, i.e. “*bloweth*.” His presence and effect is evident, but His person is veiled from human eyes. The wind determines its own course. The Spirit cannot be regulated or controlled by any man or system. The wind is self-announcing in impact and effect. The activities of the Spirit need no publicity; they are self-publicizing. The Holy Ghost doesn’t need media flatters. The effect and impact of the wind cannot be hidden or concealed. The movement and path of the wind cannot be ordered or programmed by any man. The wind is mysterious. “... *So is every one that is born of the Spirit.*”

God compares **you** with the wind. When you are yielded to the Holy Ghost, your life and activities are likened to the wind. This mystery was demonstrated on the day of Pentecost. That day marked the transition in God’s saving plan for mankind. That glorious day, the hosts of Heaven stood up in the euphoria of Jesus’ triumph over hell and satan, to witness the transfer of baton from Jesus to the Holy Ghost. Pentecost was the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to His disciple. In John 16, Jesus had promised them, saying,

It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

Verse 7

The Comforter received the baton from Jesus that day, and stormed the upper room with "... a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind..." Acts 2:2. He took charge as the CEO of the New Testament Church. We are in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. It will help our understanding to consider four things that happened on that day.

Lessons From Pentecost

- i. The Sound and the Wind
- ii. Fire as Cloven Tongues
- iii. They Were All Filled
- iv. They Spoke in Other Tongues

The events of Pentecost were initiated by the wind. The wind blows to prepare the way for full manifestation of the Spirit in our lives. The wind of God blasts away every demonic stronghold. He blows away every resistance and barrier to the operation of the Spirit in our lives. The wind confronts and conquers all impossible situations of our lives.

The wind blows to break down barriers of religion and tradition so that the throne of God can one more time be established in the hearts of men.

The wind of the Spirit always calls for action. You can't remain localized or transfixed in one place when the wind blows upon your life, ministry or business.

The heavier you are the stronger the strength of wind to carry you. The strength of wind that carries a chequered leaf cannot move a notebook. The different kinds of wind as we observed earlier are required to move the varying sizes and weights of mountains in our lives. What the gale and hurricane will move cannot be moved by the gust or breeze.

Stagnation cannot exist where the wind of the Spirit blows. It was the move of the Spirit that brought the Church out from hiding to the housetops and street centers with bold testimonies and city-shaking signs and wonders. It was the wind that moved the disciples in Acts into action. The Holy Ghost came as a violent wind to propel the Church into action. It turned those quiet and frightened disciples out of the room; they stormed entire Jerusalem and routed Judea and Samaria with the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Without the wind of the Spirit blowing upon you, you remain helpless and powerless. Satan will push you around and knock you down here and there.

Our pews and several of our altars are full of dry bones today. We have impossible cases posted to our fellowship centers that have remained uncured. But here comes the Omni-scient One asking, "*Son of man, can these bones live?...*" Ezekiel 37:3. I perceive that God is asking someone today: Can you still get married? Can you still carry your own children? Can your marriage survive? Can your business flourish? Can you still make it? Can you walk out of that sick bed? Will you live in your own house? You have to be careful when the God of all knowledge asks you a question. Surely, it can't be that He doesn't have an answer for any of these questions. God wants to turn your attention from what is around you to what is above. He wants you to look away from humanity to divinity. Those that look down see the shadows, but those that look up see the stars.

God gave Ezekiel the key to unleash the wind. He handed down an eternal principle. He told him,

*... Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD.
Ezekiel 37:4*

When you get a hold of what God said, and pronounce the same upon any dead situation, the wind of restoration is released to effect revival in that circumstance. Prophet Ezekiel testified,

*... As I prophesied, there was a noise,
and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to
his bone.
Ezekiel 37:7*

The commotion in the bone yard of Ezekiel's vision was caused by bones looking for their places in the hoard. Every bone located their skull and fitted themselves in their appropriate positions. The movement brought orderliness and cohesion. The bones had taken their forms but they were still as dead and dry. Then the turning point came.

*Then said He unto me,
Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the
wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds,
O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
Ezekiel 37:9*

Let the wind blow. Call for the wind this hour, to blow upon your life, family, business and career.

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
Ezekiel 37:10

There is a fresh lease of life surging into your sick body right now. The quickening power of the Holy Ghost is revitalizing and restoring your life, ministry, family, business and all aspects of your life. The Holy Ghost comes to set you on the path of triumph. He turns captives into captains. He infuses you with energy to confront your contenders and confound them. He gives you what it takes to take the head of your Goliath. The wind is blowing you to the high places. I see you walking in total victory in every area of your life, demonstrating that Jesus is alive.

Chapter Four
Prayer:
The Revival Turning Point

And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea, And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 18:41-46

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

James 5:16-18

I've found that Christians love to engage in many other activities other than to pray. Our Gospel Concerts draw droves of people all across the nations. Our Sunday Celebration Services have a way of drawing huge attendance, whilst on the contrary, when we consider the Prayer Meetings, the number of people in attendance is limited to only a select gathering of people who understand the import, value and necessity of prayer. The situation is quite contrary to the heart and intention of our God. Jesus asked a sagacious question,

Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 11:17

If the Church is to be known for one singular thing, it is to be known for prayer. The Church is not a house of music; it's not a house of praise and worship; it's not the house of preaching; it's not a house of organization and excellence; it's not a house of evangelism. As much as these are activities that makes up the vibrant life of the Church, Jesus said prayer is to be the primary identification mark of His Church wherever it is found. Very clearly, all the other activities go along to be part of what makes the Church vibrant and productive. But as a matter of fact, all those activities without being mixed and rooted in prayer become empty and unproductive.

Music becomes mere entertainment without prayer. The eloquence and exactitude of preaching loses its bite and punch without prayer. Prayer is what gives life, vigor and vitality to everything else we do in Church. It is in the place of prayer that the convicting and converting influence of the Holy Spirit is triggered for effective evangelistic ministry. It is prayer that releases power back-up for the manifestation and confirmation of the prophetic word. It is prayer that awakens a Church from spiritual slumber to a place of vibrancy.

When things are not working in a particular local assembly, you don't have to look far: the prayer room lacks activity. Don't always look at the obvious, consider the subterranean, and ask yourself, what is the level of prayer in that Church? Too many times we try to treat situations by dealing with the symptoms without addressing the causes. When you deal with the symptoms, the root cause can rise again and create more symptoms.

Whenever you are faced with a challenge, don't focus on the undesirable fruit or the fruitlessness, get down to the root and deal with it. When Jesus dealt with the "fig tree," the Bible says, it "... dried up from the roots." Mark 11:20. Prayer is the root and foundation of a victorious Christian walk. The Bible says,

If the foundations be destroyed,

what can the righteous do?
Psalm 11:3

Prayer is the “master key.” Prayer can unlock all doors and make a way where there seems to be no way. Jesus, in approaching His earthly ministry, began with prayer. He prayed, and the Heaven opened upon Him. He prayed to choose His disciples. He closed with prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.

I have learnt over the years that a consistent prayer life is both a requirement and a necessity for a successful Christian life. Prayer is not an elective in Christian profession; rather, it is the major course!

Prayer is not a spiritual gift some believers have. Prayer is a call of God upon every believer. The Word says,

Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh to you...
James 4:8

Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you.
Jeremiah 28:12

Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.
Jeremiah 33:3

The call to prayer is for everybody. Prayer is the channel of communication between believers and their Heavenly Father. I know and believe that some people have received the special gift of intercession, just like some others have peculiar grace for evangelism, but nonetheless, we are called to be a people of prayer, if we are believers. Prayer is a necessity for every believer's life, if he is going to succeed and excel as a child of God.

You may be able to go some distance with a little or no prayer. But you cannot go all the way without much prayer. Some sons of the prophets were able to go some distance with Elijah, but Elisha, the premier son of the prophet went all the way in order to receive the mantle of power. He returned from going all the way as a commander, and the other sons of the prophet witnessed that,

... The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2 Kings 2:15

The one who went all the way received double for all his trouble. You've got to go all the way, if you must see all that God has spoken of you in prophecy. It takes much prayer to activate your potentials in God. Paul spoke to his son,

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before thee, that thou by them mightiest war a good warfare.

1 Timothy 1:18

Take up the prophecies; that you shall be the head and not the tail; that you shall be a joyful mother of children; that you shall live to be of good old age; that you shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, and wage a good warfare in the place of prayer. I know somebody is going all the way to take what belongs to him. You must be all that God said you are! We have hanged around the periphery of our God ordained heritage for too long; but we have come into our season when we shall enjoy the overflow. We shall give it what it takes, and take all that it gives.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12

Doctor Luke recorded,

The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Luke 16:16

Heaven holds some things in reserve for those who will pray until something happens (PUSH). There's a glory

waiting to come upon men who will take firm hold of the horn of the altar until God sends the rain as He has promised.

Prayer is the turning point of revival. There can be revival without much preaching, but there cannot be revival without much praying. There can be revival without much singing and praise, but there cannot be revival without much prayer. There can be revival without much administration and excellence, but there cannot be revival without much prayer. You have to make up your mind for a change in your situation and go ahead to the place where change is guaranteed – the prayer room. Enough of sweat and struggle in the terrestrial, it's time to order forces from the celestial as an "air-force" mercenary. When you gain victory in the heavenlies, whatever you establish, shall be so established on the earth. When you kneel before God in the prayer room, you step out to stand tall before men. In assuring us of the enormous power at our disposal, Jesus said,

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

Matthew 18:18

No believer can possibly enjoy and walk in the fullness of what God has for him without exercising himself in much prayer.

The Lord spoke to my heart, "Pray or be preyed upon by the devil." You'll either continue to enjoy a life of victory and success over the adversary and adversities by maintaining a **consistent** prayer life, or you become a victim of satan's whiles through prayerlessness.

Prayer effectiveness begins with consistency. Prayer is not what you do once in a long while when you feel like it. Regularity is the starting point of developing an effective prayer life. As you mature, longevity becomes an issue. When you tarry in the presence of someone, you will most probably carry the fragrance the person is wearing. The longer time you spend in the presence of God, the more of His glory and aura you carry. Time in His presence affects your speech, actions and reactions. There's always something that robs off on you when you tarry in His presence. Moses did not come back from the mountain the same. (Exodus 34:29-30, 33-35). The glory of God's presence shone on his face. When you tarry, you definitely, carry.

The apostles tarried so much with the Master that what they carried could not be denied. It is written,

... When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled, and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

The apostles did not only speak and dress like Jesus; they had the results of Jesus. They personified Jesus in character and charisma.

Because of the kind of colossal damage prayer does to the kingdom of darkness, satan tries all he can to make prayer unexciting and unimportant to the Christian. He has to some extent succeeded in keeping us cold so he can prey upon us. But once we are in the place of fire, he keeps off of us. The devil respects fire.

When you are in prayer, you stir up an anointing upon your life that makes you untouchable to the devil and to the forces of darkness. (Psalm 105:15).

People faint and lose heart, because they've left their place of power. Jesus said,

... Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Luke 18:1

Getting tired is an indication that you need to get fired up. People suffer spiritual burn out because they give more than they receive. Don't try to do more than you

have energy to do. Constantly charge up your spiritual battery in the place of prayer.

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Has life given you one blow too many? Do you suffer spiritual harassments? Are you a victim of one attack or the other? Are you fixated or dragging on the path of your destiny? You need to zero in and make sincere assessment of the effectiveness and consistency of your prayer life. How satisfied are you with your personal prayer life? The Spirit charges us again,

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Satan is seeking whom he “*may*” devour. So not everybody will be necessarily devoured. There are categories of people who are “*devourable*.” It takes soberness and vigilance to keep the devil at bay. You must be vigilant, consistently keeping your watch in prayers. The devil knows how to avoid Christians who have a blazing and passionate prayer life.

Decide and seal it today that you will not allow the devil to prey on you again. It's time for you to know how to dial the hot line of Heaven and stay connected with God. God has given you free access.

*Let us therefore **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16 (Emphasis mine)

You have an open invitation to the place of power. Don't go there timidly or fearfully. You are not a helpless and forsaken soul, seeking some remote relief from an erratic despot. Approach the throne of God like a son, full of assurance that your Father can and will do all that He has promised you.

It's amazing that despite the arms of God that are wide open to welcome us to the Mercy Seat, so few of us maximize this awesome privilege.

Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 33:3

God is on the other side of the communication channel, waiting for you to dial His number.

Our Master and exemplar, Jesus Christ underscored the place of prayer all through His earthly life and ministry. He used prayer to subdue the forces of darkness.

The enemy knows that with the force of prayer, all the weaponries of God are activated in your life. It is in prayer that you put on the whole armor of God. It's because the enemy knows how powerful and devastating prayer is to his schemes that he resists it in your life. But God has called you to this ministry. It is the secret of your spiritual power. When you pray, demons are disbanded. When you pray, angels are released in your favor. When you pray, God moves.

If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

God is committed to revive and heal our land when we stand before Him in the place of prayer. Revival begins from the prayer room. Revival and the move of God in any nation, starts with the saints coming together in the place of earnest intercessions. Every Goliath that has harassed and terrorized our land would be slain when we come together in the unity of the faith to lift up our voices in one accord and in the name of Jesus.

David rightly understood that the battle at the Valley of Elah was not with Goliath. He perceived that it was a satanic aspersion to cast reproach on the armies of the living God. (1 Samuel 17:26). David knew it was the challenge of the god of the Philistines against the God of Israel. David concluded that it was not his battle, but the Lord's. The Church ought to realize, more than ever before, that the battle for the soul of the nations is not about them, but their God and other gods.

As it was upon Mount Carmel, it is a showdown of the gods. We saw Elijah enter into the place of prayer and call down fire. After building the altar and cutting the sacrifice, Elijah looked up and said,

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the LORD God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell...
1 Kings 18:37-38

This generation has been between several opinions about who is God. It's about time we called down fire, till they also "... *fall on their faces...*" acknowledging: "... *the LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.*" 1 Kings 18:39.

We might have learnt the tenets and principles of prayer. It's time to catch the very breath of prayer and do the act. We must catch the anointing that makes prayer a delight and excitement. Elijah prayed, and fire fell. And if Elijah

is a man of like passion as we are, fire will most definitely fall when we too pray! In the place of prayer, Elijah locked the heavens that it rained not for a period of three and a half years. Again, he prayed, and the heavens opened up and the earth was refreshed. (James 5:16-17).

Features of Effectual Prayers

Not every “prayer” passes for prayer. The elements that make prayer effectual are contained in Elijah’s petition before the Lord. Power prayers are earnest, heartfelt and continuous. God is moved when we are moved for Him and His Kingdom in our supplications. When God’s intents and counsel become our passion and focus in prayer, He meets our needs and even more. Jesus said, “... *ALL these things shall be added unto you.*” Matthew 6:33.

When you learn to move the hands of God, men and women will move for you. Truly, prayer changes things, but more importantly, prayer changes you. When you pray, you will change. Of Jesus it is written:

And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistening.

Luke 9:29

Prayer changes us. Prayer for revival will not only be answered, it will change you into another man after the

order of Saul who was turned into another man. (1 Samuel 10:6).

The last chapter of this book, Power Prayer Points for Revival is essentially a catalog of “prayer points” to fan the flames of revival either in the life of any individual or a corporate entity. As is often said, “... the best of this book has been saved for the last.” In that particular chapter, you would find very practical prayer points that you ought to pray regularly if you are really intent on partaking of the great revival that God has in store for these last days!

You can either choose to go straight to that chapter immediately and begin to pray some or all of those powerful prayer points or you can wait to finish the entire chapters of the book before delving into them. Either which way, I’m sure that your heart is already being ignited with a renewed passion to get into your prayer closet and cry out to God to do something most meaningful with your life. Don’t let this awakened new passion within you to flutter. It’s time to channel such renewed fire and zeal to the place of effective prayer. My sincere heart’s desire and prayer for you is that as you begin to pray earnestly, that your prayers will indeed bring about that “turning point” in your walk with God that you had desperately long yearned for.

Chapter Five

As in the Time of Old

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And where be all His miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites; have not I sent thee?

Judges 6:12-14

Gideon asked questions. He was not going to mystify common reality. I have no intention to exegete our text in this chapter, all I'm lifting from there is the question, "... *where be all His miracles which our fathers told us of...*?"

God in His mercy is in these times and season, quickening our hearts to revitalize our personal walk with Him. I believe that at this point of your study of this revival manual, there is an evident renewal of the fire and passion for God in your heart. I believe that something awesome has begun in your heart and life. As I write, I have been deeply stirred in my spirit, and I can literally feel the ambers and flickers of the flame of revival in my heart. That, to me is a witness to what He

is doing in your life also as a partaker of the same thing He has ministered to me.

I can confidently tell you at this point that something is about to happen in your life. Your holding tight to this book to this point is an indication that you are ready to go all the way to experience all that God has ordained for you in this move of His Spirit.

You must be prepared to do whatever is necessary for you to take your own place in this revival. Now you know there is nobody to blame for what happens or does not happen in your life. You have a personal responsibility to drive your status as a child of God to a son of God. Children are born, but sons are gifts.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given...

Isaiah 9:6

And,

... The heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Galatians 4:1-2

God is waiting, not for His children to arise, but for His sons to emerge. For unto the son, God "... hath committed

all judgment..." John 5:22. And the entire creation desperately waits for the sons of the living God.

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Romans 8:19

Sons are those who know their rights and privileges in the covenant. They are the ones who have taken their place in the prayer closet to orchestrate events on the earth by prevailing in the heavenlies. They know how to bind and loose in Heaven and see those things bound and loosed on earth.

Give yourself to studying and listening to teaching tapes until you are one with the Word. The moment you become one with the Word, there is nothing any devil can do about it again; it must come to pass in your life and situation. Your revelation will change your situation. You may not be able to regulate or control your circumstances, but the moment God releases a rhema word in your heart, hold fast to it. It will change the situation.

There's a way your spirit soaks up the Word of God that you become "drunk." At that point you are not moved by your feelings and circumstances. You are not moved by the climate and your bank account. When the Word

gets you drunk, your feelings and doctors' report are relegated.

Your Change Has Come

I perceive that you have stepped into your season of "divine suddenlies." You will have your expectations come to pass suddenly. This is God's time for your change and there is nothing the devil can do about it. When God inseminates you with His incorruptible seed, you are bound to birth a miracle.

Make effort to take your personal devotion, dedication and consecration to the next level.

*For many are called, but few responded.
Matthew 22:14 (paraphrased)*

God is not a respecter of persons. He gives us equal opportunities to experience glory in our lives. But it is your responsibility to answer God's call. Somebody said responsibility means your ability to respond. You have to respond to God if you must partake of the glory of this hour. You must do all that is necessary to maximize the moment. It's time to shed off every weight and carnality that will deter you from accessing the place of glory.

The almighty God wants to manifest His glory in your life. As He changes the beat, let your dance steps change also.

The Shame of Passionless Christianity

To be passionless as a Christian is a misnomer. Everyone who has been ignited with the life of Christ within them really ought to be a person of passion. But we found that certain individuals started off with some zeal, but after a while, the enemy seeks to douse the flame of their passion.

Backsliding doesn't begin with smoking, drinking, fornication or any such things. Backsliding is simply sliding backwards. The act of sliding is often gradual. Many times it happens unnoticeably, even to the backslider himself. The Bible says,

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways...

Proverbs 14:14

The backslider seldom finds anything wrong with himself. Many have backslidden without even knowing it. It takes someone who knew such a person some months or years back to discern that the fire is burning low.

Passionless Christianity is far more of a spiritual danger than most people can ever think or imagine. God is only committed to pour water on the thirsty.

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after
righteousness; for they shall be filled.*

Matthew 5:6

*For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods
upon the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed,
and My blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring
up as among the grass, as willows by the water course.*

Isaiah 44:3-4

It is your being thirsty that recommends and qualifies you for being watered or refreshed by God. God is looking for people who are hungry to see His glory and power manifested in and through them. He needs people, who are desperate like Moses and would say,

... If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up thence.

Exodus 33:15

Living and doing whatever without the glory and presence of God is fatal emptiness.

Spiritual hunger is a foundation and necessity for the move of the Spirit of God here on earth.

This is Your Hour of Glory

Paradoxically, these times of the world's darkest moment, is backed by the Church's time of glory and favor. This is the most opportune time to walk in the glory and power of God on the earth.

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; **but** the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

Isaiah 60:1-3 (Emphasis mine)

It is in the time of world's greatest challenge that you are to arise, and to shine. The events are to happen concurrently. This tells us two things.

When you see darkness, hunger, sicknesses, war and poverty upon the face of the earth, it's a tip-off that you have come to your own season of glory and blessing. The presence of the giant on the path to Canaan was a tip-off for the children of Israel to know that they were at the verge of fulfillment of prophecy. But what should serve as apprise got them apprehensive. Don't be scared or worried about the darkness and the evils of our time. Your case is very different. The Bible says,

A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Psalm 91:7-8

When the wicked begin to reap their fruits, get ready, you are about to step into your own finest moment. The signs of the time are very clear to the discerning eye. This is the hour for you to experience the greatest power, glory and blessing.

The beauty and glory of light is on the backdrop of thickest darkness. So, *“let your light so shine before men...”*
Matthew 5:16.

Wealth Transfer

The time has finally come for the great wealth transfer as has been prophesied in years past to occur. In the time of famine, the money in the earth doesn't leave the earth; the goods and services of the earth don't leave the earth. The same amount of money is milling around the earth, but the only difference is that there is a redistribution of money, this time, from one hand to the other hand.

You need to have a right perspective about famine. God is still in the business of creating a Goshen for His people when famine hits the earth, so that famine happens around you and not within you. Ten times, God inflicted

Egypt with plagues, but the children of Israel, though in Egypt were spared. Covenant children who understand and operate the terms of their pact with God would experience a boom at the same time the world is in a doom.

*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children;
and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*

Proverbs 13:22

You must know what to do to effect the transfer of the wealth of the wicked to you.

Though in the world, you are not to operate the principles and tenets of the world in your dealings. You must make up your mind to discard the “me-myself-and-I” philosophy of the world. The world system teaches men to grab all they can and can and sit on the can. Moth and rust will eat up and destroy what you are trying to keep for yourself.

Jesus said, if you are going to gain your life, you must be ready to lose it. (Matthew 10:39). You must lay down your lower life in order to gain the higher life. When you are yielded enough to place your “*five loaves and two fishes*” in the hands of the Master, you have a guarantee that it will be blessed, broken and multiplied to serve humanity and several more baskets full for you in return. (John 6:9-13). Whatever you place in the hands of the

Father will overflow back into your life. Be ready and willing to lay your life and stuffs on the altar for the Master's use.

Revival Patterns

It seems quite obvious that there's a pattern replayed through the Scriptures, of God allowing His people to enjoy victory, great increases and abundance when they are totally submitted to Him. But somehow, as the case still is with our human nature today, we swing from one end of the pendulum to the other end. We still incur God's wrath and punishment through disobedience and trigger His visitation and blessing by our obedience and love for Him. We should be weary of turning God against ourselves, and permanently do away with penury, defeat and shame.

You must come to a place where God blesses you and you don't allow the blessing to make you lose focus of the "Blesser."

Beloved, I have been on this job for quite a while. I've seen "Johnny-come-lately" walk through the Church door; broke, broken, single, and derelict. He stays under the ambience of God's presence, imbibed His Word, get empowered economically. He moves from being single to being married with kids; drives some good car; now owns his own house, and so forth. What amazes me is, I

thought it's when God blesses you that you come running to Church in faithfulness, devotion and dedication, but the case often times is opposite. I wonder how people forget the source of their blessing so easily, and quickly too. These people now run after blessing or resources instead of maintaining focus on the Source. The devil is a liar. I know as God brings your renewal, and you get restored, you will not forget where you are coming from and who took you from there. Never recover from your indebtedness to God. You owe God your all. He filled your emptiness. He lifted you up from the dunghill.

Components of Israel's History

The Church in the Wilderness is a prototype of the New Testament Church and offers a lot of object lessons to us as we take close look of its experiences. There are three things I want to draw from the events of the children of Israel to fasten our considerations in this chapter.

- i. Repentance and Confession of Sins
- ii. God's Forgiveness
- iii. Removal of Wrath and Restoration or Revival

These three lines run through the entire Old Testament as a pattern. The time the Church needed revival most was the time she fell into a sense of spiritual apathy, indifference and powerlessness. As I look with the eyes

of the Spirit at the landscape of the 21st century Church, and having seen at other times in dispensations and generations, I perceive that we need revival more than ever before. The Church needs to be jerked up from her slumber. The glory of the Church must be restored in all its redemptive splendor and power. The Church needs to be recovered from the world and its fads. The Church, instead of being the ark of safety in the world has become the den of thieves, and a club house of religious secularism.

We need revival when our saltiness can no longer influence the decadence and sourness of the world. We must take our front roll as light and path-finders for the world, instead of groping in the dark with the world. We need God's mercy and restoration when all we do now is more of explanations than tangible answers, direction and solution to the yawning challenges of our time. The Church today is making more noise than having effect and impact on the world. We need more fire on our altars, when sinners sit on our pews and step out of Church unchanged.

A revived Church will be vivacious, jovial, lively, ebullient, hot, vibrant, spirited, full of life, energetic, bubbly, cheerful and effervescent. When a revived Church prays, you can perceive the energy of a heart-felt supplication. When a revived Church praises, you will know by the joy of the Holy Spirit and vibrancy of the

worshippers. A revived Church is not a place you go and sit with legs crossed, and stitch your upper lip like a “gentleman.” A revived Church does not entertain fashions that gag spirited worship. A revived Church is adorned by gracious and selfless people who are not tied up by their titles but come face down before the throne of grace to serve and worship the King of kings. A revived people know that their greatest honor is in honoring the Lord, who said,

... Them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.
1 Samuel 2:30

King David knew this so well. He wasn't psychedelic about his worship. The Bible records of him:

And David danced before the LORD with all his might...
2 Samuel 6:14

Whoever you are, and wherever you are; you need God. For without Him, Jesus said, “... *ye can do nothing.*” *John 15:5*. You can never be too lifted or rich that you don't need God. You can't ever be so powerful that you don't need God. A certain rich man had another breakthrough in the 12th chapter of Luke. He boasted and cared less about God or any other man. Finally he said,

I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
Verse 19-20

The very day the man declared that God was irrelevant to his life, he lost his very breath. You always need God more than ever before. *“For in Him we live, and move, and have our being...”* Acts 17:28.

Chapter Six Beware of the “Limp”

*Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm.
1 Chronicles 16:22/Psalm 105:15*

In this hour and season, you must be careful about what you say about the Lord’s anointed. Watch your jokes and comments about them. Elisha was a prophet with a pronounced bald head. God who raised the dead by his hands and cleansed Naaman’s leprosy by his hand could have easily grown the hair of His vessel. But God allowed the baldness for something.

The Ark of the Covenant doesn’t move straight. It rocks here and there as if it was going to fall. But the Ark never falls. It is a test.

In this move, God is raising men, and some of them will have their “limps.” There could be something about their lives that you could easily criticize. You wonder why the preacher is wearing glasses while he prays and opens blind eyes. And why, why, why? Beware of the “limp.” He prays for the barren and he has no baby by his name. Watch out for the “limp.”

Clean Up!

As we step into the awesomeness of God's glory, there is coming also a wave of judgment;

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...
1 Peter 4:17

This is no time to mess around.

... Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1

At the next move to sin, you may be struck by divine judgment. It is time to clean up. It's time to cry out to the Lord,

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes.
Songs of Solomon 2:15

Let nothing rob you of your part in this end-time move. You might have read or heard about it, but this is your moment.

I see the fire of the Holy Ghost engulf you now. He will purify, sanctify, consecrate and dedicate you for the move of God. The restoration is here!

Chapter Seven

Let the Fire Fall!

So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God that answereth by fire, let Him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when

midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the Word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name; And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burn sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these thing at Thy Word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the LORD God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, The LORD, He is the God; the LORD, He is the God.

1 Kings 18:20-39

Elijah was one of the great prophets of old who lived a very amazing, yet had a most impactful ministry. Like many other prophets of the Bible, he was introduced in the scene of the history of Israel to serve as a deliverer and as a catalyst of revival to a nation that has come to a state of spiritual lassitude. The then known Israel nation had fallen away into what we know in biblical interpretation as apostasy. Apostasy is a time in the life of the people of God when they no longer serve God but serve other idols and carnal interests. It's a time when the people renounce their beliefs and allegiance to the living God.

We saw in the history of the children of Israel from time to time where they veer off the straight and narrow way of obedience to God's commandments. Every such time, they end up in suffering and as prey to the enemy-nations that God designed for them to rule over. It was always a case of the God-ordained captain becoming a captive. The history of Israel is replete with this particular truth that God's particular way of bringing deliverance to His people was by raising for Himself a man who serves as an instrument of deliverance and restoration. This is a pattern that runs through the entire Scripture. The good news is that God is still in the business of using men to influence and effect the

direction and heritage of His chosen people. The Bible says,

By a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

Hosea 12:13

At critical times in human history, God raised such men as Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Saul, David, Gideon and Elijah to serve as a promoter of His purposes to bring about the fulfillment of prophecies that He had spoken over their lives as a covenant people. It was written about John the Baptist:

*There is a man sent from God,
whose name was John.*

John 1:6

He was first and foremost a “*man*;” then he was “*sent from God*.” It is noteworthy that God did not send an angel, but “*a man*.” John the Baptist was a man, but nonetheless, “*was sent from God*” to His people to be a channel-breaker, a path-finder, or a way-paver for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we look very closely at the history of revivals and of the mighty moves of God on the face of the earth, they always began with one man, one woman, or with a handful of people. God has never required too many

people to do what He wants to do. The Bible declares in the book of First Samuel 14, verse 6 that,

... there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

But men are waiting for the majority to support, vote, affirm, endorse and recommend them. But God is saying, "My vote will stand you out." You don't have to wait for anybody or people to approve of the hand of God upon your life before you move in obedience to His move. If God says, "Yes," it is yes.

... Let God be true, but every man a liar...
Romans 3:4

God does not need multitudes to bring about redemption or salvation among His people. All God ever needs is a man or a handful of people who are willing to give what it requires to bring about revival.

Revival always began with a person or group whose hearts draw to God in passionate prayers. The spark and the flame in the hearts of such individuals draw the interest of others whose hearts also catch the flicker till it burns into a conflagration that engulfs entire communities and nations. The burden of this hour is that God is in search of such Elijahs who will call down fire upon their sacrifices.

Elisha asked, "... *Where is the LORD God of Elijah?...*" 2 Kings 2:14. But today the Spirit is asking, "Where are the Elijahs of God?"

There is no better time for revival to occur than times of apostasy. The light, of course, shines brighter on the backdrop of darkness. Ahab was a king that turned the hearts of his people from serving the true God. It was on the backdrop of such departure that Elijah came on the scene. Elijah was a non-conformist. He was a radical prophet. Elijah did not keep the status quo. Elijah came to be a change-agent. As a matter of fact, Elijah came to make life uncomfortable for the ungodly. He came to stir them out of their spiritual slumber and decadence.

The Church today has so compromised and rationalized to the degree that we have blurred the definite lines of God's Word. We call it situation ethics. But our sense of right and wrong should not depend on situations; rather it is to be determined by the truth of God's Word. A lie in Ghana is a lie in Togo. Truth is constant and universal. What is wrong in Ghana is equally wrong in Togo. We must come to agree that the Word of God is the final arbiter on all issues and in all circumstances.

The Church has lots of talk and little power today because we have diluted the Word of God with reason and logic.

*For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.
1 Corinthians 4:20*

When the Kingdom of God is preached and upheld, the demonstration of God's power becomes evident. With the Kingdom of God in manifestation, the raw power of God will be in evident. It's time to press beyond great preaching and fabulous worship sessions into witnessing the unfettered demonstration of the power of God. I believe we need more of God's power in these days. Let's go for power.

Leave That Delilah Alone!

Samson lost the anointing and power of God on the laps of Delilah. He rationalized and compromised the standards of his unique call as a Nazarene. I must make it clear that we are in the days of great possibilities and great opportunities. We cannot afford to trade our glorious destinies for a morsel of bread. Someone said, "Whatever you compromise to get, you will ultimately have to compromise to keep." Temporal benefits cannot compare with the glory to be revealed in your future.

Leave that Delilah alone! It's time to fan up the dying flames of your anointing and pursue your glorious destiny. "Delilahs" are the things that draw you from the presence of the Lord. It could be a relationship, a job or a possession. Jesus said,

He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
Matthew 10:37

Your love for Jesus must far exceed your considerations for your parents and offsprings. Jesus will not accept to take the second place in your heart. You'll have access to His all when you make Him Lord of all.

Don't Toy With the Devil

And it came to pass, when she (Delilah) pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb; if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.
Judges 16:16

Samson began his discuss with Delilah with misinformation about the source of his power. He told her the wrong things. The account revealed that from the farther distance to the secret of his anointing, he came closer, until he divulged the secret and sold out his destiny. (Judges 16:4-16).

The devil can be very persistent when he wants to get somebody down. He has a way of knocking at a particular spot of your life. A force may not be as strong, but through persistence, it can weary, weaken and bring down a strong defense.

When the Glory Departs

The problem with people most times is that they have a problem and they don't even know it. It is amazing that Samson came to a point where the presence of God has departed from his life and he doesn't even know it. The Bible says about Samson that,

*... He awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And **he wist not** that the LORD was departed from him.*

Judges 16:19 (Emphasis mine)

Such situation gives us a picture of the Church in our days. Out of the carelessness of Samson, the glory and the fire of God had departed from his life. The custodian of the anointing "*wist not*" that the glory had lifted from his life. Several people in the Church today is just a shadow of what they used to be.

It is revealing that the fire of God's glory can be quenched. The Charismatic say, "Once anointed is always anointed." They hide behind the fact that "*The gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*" Romans

11:29. They think they can continue doing wrong and still retain the fire of God's Spirit in their lives. So, Samson was presumptuous that the anointing was still on him as he rose up from the laps of Delilah.

The lifting of God's presence and glory from a person's life is usually gradual and most times unnoticeable for the undiscerning.

Nothing in this life is more important than having the fire of God's Spirit glowing upon a man. We must learn to trim and fan this fire in our lives. That calls for definite effort. When a man climbs up a staircase, he requires extra energy to go from one step to the next one. But it's cheaper to take a stroll down the same staircase.

It is my earnest prayer that this volume will kindle fresh fire within your soul, and fan up the embers of your zeal to pursue after God till you burn with that holy fervor that makes you a sign and a wonder to your world. You shall emerge, at the end of these chapters, as a living testimony that our God is not dead, and that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, as your life becomes a living testimony that *Revival is Here Again!*

Chapter Eight

What Time is It?

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven; A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever; nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-10, 14

It is expedient in your Christian journey to continually calibrate what time it is, as far as God's agenda and calendar for your life is concerned. The Holy Bible makes it lucid that "*there is a time to every purpose*" of God. One of the fundamental gifts of a man who is going to be a champion is ability to know the times that God has set for him and what to do with those times. A wrong thing

done at the wrong time is wrong. A wrong thing done at the right time is equally wrong. The right thing done at the wrong time is wrong as well. It is only when the right thing is done at the right time that optimum result is gotten. It is often said that timing is everything.

And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

1 Chronicles 12:32

Two things distinguished the sons of Issachar. They had understanding of the times, and knew what Israel ought to do. These two elements will distinguish you in life.

One of the principles of dominion is understanding the times and seasons that the world is in, and discerning what to do at such a time. I perceive very strongly that there is a shift in the realm of the Spirit, ushering you into a new season of your life and destiny. This is your time; and I pray that you will not miss your train of destiny.

This is the time for the fulfillment of the various things that God has spoken over your life. Your dreams shall come true. The Word you have embraced in your heart shall be made flesh. Your hopes and expectations shall become tangible realities. God speaks no idle words. Get

ready to celebrate His performance in your life. It's time to receive what you have believed.

And blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

Understanding Seasons and Times

A season is a range, band or segment of time within which certain things suppose to happen. A season has a beginning and an end. A season is a period of the year during which a particular activity or event takes place among humans, plants and animals. Fruits, for instance, are seasonal. When a young girl develops to a certain age, at a particular season, it appears all men's eyes are focused on her, and their interest is drawn toward her. In that season, the girl looks like a lady princess that dropped down from Heaven, and almost like a magnet does to a metal, she attracts the best men around her, seeking her consent for some responsible discuss. Ladies find out that there is something about this season that makes them a center of attraction.

A lady, who is not sensitive in the spirit to discern her season, will carelessly miss her hour of opportunity to hook up with her destined husband. Several ladies are already in their season of draught, where their flowers are fading and they hold no fruits of attraction any more.

They are the same ladies they were some years ago who men were cramming around, but they missed their season.

The joy is that seasons come in cycles and circles. If you missed your season of yesterday, our God is a God of a second chance. God in His mercy is bringing you into another cycle of your own season. Let no devil tell you that it is too late. A lady of forty-seven years, who has never married, got joined in holy matrimony just a couple of months ago. It is never too late with God if you will not cast away your confidence.

I want to charge you, beloved, whatever you do, don't miss your next season. No need to cry over the spilled milk of yesterday. Yesterday is gone and there is nothing you can do about it, but you can do everything about your future, beginning from today.

God is still in the business of restoration. Hallelujah!

And He said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

*And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath
eaten...
Joel 2:24*

God knows how to make old things new again. He can recover all. The Church is, as a matter of fact, in Her season of recovery. Whatever was ever lost in your life shall be recovered in this season.

While season deals with range, band or segment of time, times are more specific. Times refer to the accurate point in a given season when certain occurrences are meant to happen in quick succession, and in a voluminous degree. Time can be seen as the peak of the season of life.

Time can be considered as a particular window within a season when some things are most likely to occur, most frequently. Mathematically, the probability of certain things happening in your life is higher at their times. When in your season, there is probability of certain occurrences, but when you are in that time, the prospects are highest.

When tuning in to a particular Radio Station, as you search by turning the dial, you will observe that as you close in on a particular station, its transmission becomes discernible. As you fine-tune, the broadcast becomes clearer until you hit the point of full reception of the transmission wave. When you push the dial further, the

reception begins to fade away till you lost the transmission.

From the above illustration, the “season” of the station is from the point of discerning the station all through the point of full reception to when it fades out as you continue to push the dial. If for instance, the station is on 100.5 frequencies; its season may run from 100.0 to 100.10 frequencies.

I found that many believers have an idea of when they come into their season. Only few are able to interpret in accuracy when they come into their own timing. It was the ability to discern time accurately that distinguished the children of Issachar from the rest of the tribes of Israel.

The Nature of Time

Time is linked to opportunity. You cannot separate time and opportunity, because one is the expression of the other. Your time will introduce certain open doors of opportunity. When it is your time, it simply means you have come face to face with divine opportunities that should be maximized and optimized. Opportunity not utilized is destiny missed.

For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

Ecclesiastes 9:4

Keeping you alive is a signature of God allowing you time and opportunity, as such, you should not lose hope. Every day you wake up to see is an indication that you can still make it.

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

If you substitute the word “*chance*” in the above Scripture with the word “*opportunity*” you would not change the meaning of the text. So, “*time and opportunity happen to us all.*”

Opportunity does not fall into the laps of the indolent. Opportunity easily locates men of determination, passion, drive and commitment. If you are going to seize opportunities, you must be ready to take it by force. There must be a sense of desperation in what you are doing.

Some of the life-changing lessons Henry Ford learnt from his mother were found in these two statements:

“Life will present many opportunities, but it will take self-discipline, courage and perseverance to make those opportunities a reality.”

“A person who says, ‘I can’t’ or ‘I don’t want to’ will never get anywhere in life.”

Those statements are quite instructive.

Understanding Times

Time, in our context, refers to the agenda of God as our lives and the redemption of the earth is concerned. Two Greek words are translated “time” in the New Testament; “chronos” and “kairos.” “Chronos,” as the word implies is where we got our English word, “chronology” which relates to a normal process of time as indicated by a time piece, a clock or watch. The second Greek word, “kairos” refers to the right time, or the opportune time, or the now time. Kairos implies the divine time that God set apart to do some great and exciting things in our lives. It signifies a fixed, definite and opportune time.

Chronos and kairos are interrelated. The tendency, many times, is for us to think that they are the same. Though they stand differently, they are however influenced by one another. They sometimes define different phases of a process. What you know to be chronos becomes kairos at a point in the process of time. Kairos, in many

instances, is an extension or continuation of chronos. As the plan of God unfolds in the life of a believer, what he knew to be chronos shifts to become kairos, the opportune moment.

“The New is connected to the Old, and in fact, is often the result of what happened in the Old.”

(Dot Sheats)

Kairos, the opportune time, is literally born of chronos, the general time. When we find ourselves in a nonstrategic, general season of life’s daily chores and routine movements that are accustomed to chronos time, God doesn’t jump into the scene to bring about kairos. Rather, He allows the normal passage of time (chronos) to prepare us for when He will shift us into that opportune season called kairos. As such, we see that kairos naturally links to what has happened in chronos. In chronos season, things may appear dry, boring, mundane and not really exciting. Then we are waiting for God to show up in His own kairos moment, but we fail to understand that God allows the chronos moment to prepare us, and make us ready for when He shifts us into our kairos moment.

Heaven wants to find you faithful and consistent in your service and commitment to the things of God in your chronos moment. In the chronos season, Heaven expects you to pray even when you don’t seem to see an

immediate answer. In the chronos season, Heaven expects you to give even when you don't see an immediate sign of your harvest. Heaven expects you to simply keep at it in season and out of season, because the shift into your kairos season is most times dependent on your faithfulness in the season of chronos.

Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season...
2 Timothy 4:2

The above Scripture implies that there are in seasons and out seasons of life. The in seasons being kairos, while the out seasons are the chronos. In your chronos seasons, God expects you to walk by faith and not by sight. There should be something on your inside in your moment of chronos that tells you that all things will work together for a testimony. (Romans 8:28). I'm talking about an assurance that keeps your head up, knowing that you will not die single, broke and messed up. You just know that the night will pass, and that your joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:5). This assurance springs from an intimate relationship with God who has the ability to change times and seasons.

God will not bring you into kairos despite chronos, rather, He will bring you into kairos because of chronos.

“The Old and the New are inseparably linked; different but related.”

(Dot Sheat)

The new doesn't come in spite of the old, but because of what we did during the old. These thoughts brings us some kind of comfort and succor, knowing full well that though we might not be living our lives in the very exciting season of kairos, our faithfulness and consistency in our chronos is not going to be in vain, but are parts of the process into our kairos. So Jesus could endure the cross, despising the shame because He could see the joy set before Him. (Hebrews 12:2).

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love...

Hebrews 6:10

Sure as the children of Israel did not step out of Egypt empty, your own "Exodus" is also coming. God paid those Jews all the wages of their progenitors who had slaved for Pharaoh for over four hundred years. They were a people born in due season.

Your actions and attitudes in the chronos times are what determine whether or not God will shift you into the kairos time.

God is eternal and does not keep chronological time like we do here. God dwells in eternity, but created a span in the endless stretch and called it time. God is not bound

by our timings and seasons. So the way men look at your life is different from the way God sees your life. You may think you are twenty-five years old, or forty years old, but God measures your age by how far you've progressed in fulfilling His purpose for your life. So one may be said to be forty years old biologically, but he is only ten by God's assessment. Another may be twelve biologically, and he is forty by divine assessment. God's rule of measurement is not longevity of days, but the extent of fulfillment of purpose.

Parents and guardians should guide their children and wards to discover their God-ordained purposes early and encourage them to pursue same. Forcing your choice on a child will only lead to failure and frustration. When they discover who they are early they will begin to pursue in the right direction, so that when they would be young adults, they would have covered much ground in stepping into their destiny.

How God Measures Time

And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation.

Luke 17:20

You cannot discern God's Kingdom by the senses. You cannot discern the Kingdom of God by observation, but by revelation. The gateway to the Kingdom always looks

narrow, uninviting and undesirable. The Kingdom of God is shrouded in mysteries. The Kingdom of God looks foolish, yet confounds the wise. (1 Corinthians 1:25). So, the Kingdom cannot be observed by the sense, rather it is revealed and discerned.

The Kingdom of God cannot be observed like astrologers forecast by gazing into the constellations.

Discerning the Times

As we look upon the face of the earth, we find great amount of changes like never before. The earth is so pressurized that we hear of earth-tumor or earth quakes here and there. The earth has more records of hazards, dangers and troubles more than ever. The Scripture is very true in our days, as it asserts,

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and

His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Isaiah 60:2-3

We are in the last days. This calls for diligence and fervency in the faith. There is call for decisiveness in our followership. At such a time, Elijah stood before the people and said,

... How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him...
1 Kings 18:21

Beloved, it's time to throw your all into God and into His Word. It's time to get your lamp filled with oil in readiness for the Master's return.

While they are groping and graveling in darkness in the world, you have come into your own time of divine opportunity. As the world is going through tragedies, you are going through testimonies. He has chosen and called you out from the world to be His own peculiar people through whom He would show forth His praise on the earth. There is no other time like this time for the Church to shine. The darkness of the world is to make the shining of the Church more glorious. It's our time to show forth the glory of our God.

This is your season of rising up to shine. You must personally seize the moment to express the glory of God in your life and in all that concerns you.

Knowing what time it is as far as God is concerned helps you to package and conduct yourself more appropriately in order to seize the moment. Without mincing words, I'll like you to know what the Spirit is saying this hour.

i. It is Your Opportunity Time

These are times of great opportunities and possibilities. Don't walk into Church in these days without a Bible, notepad and a pen. Or if you are a little more sophisticated, be armed with your PDA and recording devices. There are things flowing from the altar that you need to catch and hold onto if you must walk in the glory of this hour. Do all in your power to take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves in the presence of the Lord.

We are in the eleventh hour! Men like Moses, are envious of you. David, Daniel and other great men of old and even angels spy into these times and desire to be part of the glorious events locked into this era. It's thrilling to know that you are a child born in due season. I perceive the cloud of witnesses looking over the curtains and wondering either we really know who we are on this side of the divide.

We have received the baton as the last leg runners that will cross the finishing line of this dispensation of the Spirit. The labors of those who have gone before will not be complete until we cross the finishing line. As eleventh hour laborers, our labor in terms of time and duration is to be short. They that labored under the broad of the sun; martyrs that died for the gospel and others that went great lengths to put the name of Jesus on the lips of the heathen shall be rewarded the same measure as we shall be rewarded. (I speak like a man), your reward is far greater than theirs, because you worked relatively shorter hours and under fairer weather to earn the same thing that they suffered and died for.

God saved the best for the last. He expects His children to rise and declare, "Lord, we will give whatever is required to see Your glory come." We must crave after the Kingdom and see His will established on the earth.

This generation is to witness the kind of power that none other saw. We are to do greater works than even Jesus did in His own days in the flesh. (John 14:12). We are in the season of the former rain combined with the latter rain. The Prophet Joel saw into these days when he charged,

*Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you **the rain**, the former*

rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be ashamed.
Joel 2:23-27 (Emphasis mine)

The joint outpouring of the former rain and the latter rain is called The Rain. So, we have what they had, “*the former rain*” coupled with what they didn’t experience, “*the latter rain.*” I like you to know that you are right now under the showers of glory, showers of restoration and showers of joy. The Rain brings you refreshing and makes you to flourish on every side. It ends every dryness and makes you blossom. Whatever was dying around you shall spring up with new life. The showers of blessing are already falling. I see dying visions and dreams coming back to life.

I charge you to seize this moment by faith. Don’t wait for perfect conditions.

He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
Ecclesiastes 11:4

Take steps of faith in this your season of opportunity. Faith is insured risk. The declarations about this time are backed up by the integrity of God's Word and sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ. It's time to step out of your comfort zone into the destiny and plan of God for your life.

There is always an element of risk in the walk of faith. The Bible told the story of four lepers in 2 Kings Chapter 7 who were found at the gate of Samaria. Samaria had been besieged by Syria and people were dying of hunger. They reasoned among themselves either to move into Syria. They had fifty-fifty chance of survival. If they remained at the gate, they would starve to death, and if they moved to Syria, they may be executed or they may find mercy and receive victuals to refresh themselves. They took the risk of a life time and moved towards Syria. They were pleasantly surprised when they approached the gate of Syria. They saw the highway into the city littered with clothes and other valuables. God had made the Syrians hear the sound of a mighty army marching towards their city and scared them out of their homes into the wilderness. The lepers went from house to house and helped themselves with enough food, clothes and gold.

Please, take steps of faith towards your destiny. You cannot seize the moment by doing nothing.

ii. It is Recovery Time

The Body of Christ is in her prophetic season of recovery. God said,

I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else; and My people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 2:25-27

God has brought you into the era when every shame and reproach shall be done away with in your life. God is about to bring you into honor in places where you have been despised and tolerated.

iii. It is Purity Time

The end-time Church is to walk in the manifest power and glory of God.

The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth.

Psalm 110:2-3

The power of God only flows through purified vessels. It is purity that begets power. Holiness is key to carrying the glory of God in these last days. The priests that carried the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament had to purify themselves first. No one carries the ark of God's presence without being consecrated or sanctified.

Holiness is not about what you wear; rather, it is about you being set apart for God. The Bible talks about true holiness and false holiness. True holiness anchors on the state of the heart and not the forms of the outward life. God delights to see us rend our hearts in reverence to and not rending our garments to impress men. The circumcision God wants is not that of the flesh, but of the heart.

We have to pray for the fear of God into the modern day Church. It's appalling to note the evil that goes on in the Church today. Evidently, the fear of God is grossly lacking in the life of many who call on the name of Christ today.

*By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the
LORD men depart from evil.
Psalm 16:6*

iv. It is Sacrifice Time

In this season of life, men forfeit eternal wealth for natural riches. Durable riches are only available in God. (Proverbs 8:18). There is a supernatural prequalification going on now to determine those who will carry the glory of God in this season. One of the ways God will ascertain our qualification is by placing a demand on us to let go of certain things that are of great value to us and watch either we treasure such things that He gave us more than Him, the Giver.

God gave Isaac to Abraham after the latter had waited and trusted Him for several decades. God came around to place a demand on Abraham to take the son of his love up to Mount Moriah and offer him as a burnt sacrifice. Amazingly, Abraham obeyed.

Sacrifice depicts blood. Sacrifice bleeds us. Some people are moved to tears by their sacrifices. Tearful seeds trigger fearful harvests. A call for sacrifice is usually a push to the next level in certain areas of your life.

We must understand that the harvest doesn't start with things; but it ends with things. The harvest begins within you. A painful sacrifice always turns out in a gainful harvest. The power to lay down always culminates in the power to take it again. (John 10:18). There are no losses with God! There are certain things you will never experience in your future until you die to your past

today. It takes death to experience the resurrection anointing.

*Gather My saints together unto Me, those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
Psalm 50:5*

It takes sacrifice to cut covenant with God. This time calls for stepping out of convenience into covenant. What are you willing to let go of in order to enter into your destiny? Those who have been through this process testify that there is no comparison between what they laid down and what they ultimately took up. You can't beat God giving!

v. It is Building Time

There are several scriptural pointers indicating that this is the time to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. Matthew 6:33 is applicable to our time more than ever.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Jesus instructed,

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not

*break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will
your heart be also.
Matthew 6:19-21*

The prophet Haggai said,

*Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and
this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of
hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in
little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not
filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and
he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with
holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Go
up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house;
and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the
LORD. Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and
when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? Saith the
LORD of hosts. Because of Mine house that is waste, and ye
run every one unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over
you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.*

*And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the
mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and
upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth,
and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the
hands.*

Haggai 1:4-11

*For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's
husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of
God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have*

laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

vi. It is Prayer Time

One of the spiritual weapons that God gave the Church to overcome tests and trials that accompany this day is the weapon of prayer. We are called to “Watch and pray.” (Luke 21:36; Mark 13:33; Luke 18:1). Watching and praying will sharpen your discerning of the times.

The Church in Sardis was challenged by Jesus. He said,

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:2-3

Timing is tied to watching. Prayer will serve as yeast to preserve destinies in these times. Prayer is not an option; rather it is a necessity of the time.

I believe ever so strongly that there is a “prayer move” that will precede the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He said,

Even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Isaiah 56:7

Jesus declared that His very own house shall be called “the house of prayer.” How much the Church needs to return to the place of prayer once again!

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