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**Cornerstone Fountain Church.** 

The Word! The Worship!! The Love!!!

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<u>PSALM 5</u>: For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous. With favour You will surround him as with a shield.

\*TODAY'S WORD\*

Are we, lover or prostitute?

THE QUESTION that CHANGED MY LIFE

A number of years ago, I had the privilege of teaching at a school of ministry. My students were hungry for God, and I was constantly searching for ways to challenge them to fall more in love with Jesus and to become voices for revival in the Church. I came across a quote attributed most often to Rev. Sam Pascoe. It is a short version of the history of Christianity, and it goes like this: Christianity started in Palestine as a fellowship; it moved to Greece and became a philosophy; it moved to Italy and became an institution; it moved to Europe and became a culture; it came to America and became an enterprise. Some of the students were only 18 or 19 years old--barely out of diapers--and I wanted them to understand and appreciate the import of the last line, so I clarified it by adding, An enterprise. That's a business."

After a few moments Martha, the youngest student in the class, raised her hand. I could not imagine what her question might be. I thought the little vignette was self-explanatory, and that I had performed it brilliantly. Nevertheless, I acknowledged Martha's raised hand, "Yes, Martha." She asked such a simple question, "A business? But isn't it supposed to be a body?" I could not envision where this line of questioning was going, and the only response I could think of was, "Yes." She continued, "But when a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?"

The room went dead silent. For several seconds no one moved or spoke. We were stunned, afraid to make a sound because the presence of God had flooded into the room, and we knew we were on holy ground. All I could think in those sacred moments was, "Wow, I wish I'd thought of that." I didn't dare express that thought aloud. God had taken over the class. Martha's question changed my life. For six months, I thought about her question at least once every day. "When a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?" There is only one answer to her question. The answer is "Yes." The Church, tragically, is heavily populated by people who do not love God. How can we love Him? We don't even know Him; and I mean really know Him.

I stand by my statement that most Christians do not know God--much less love Him. The root of this condition originates in how we came to God. Most of us came to Him because of what we were told He would do for us. We were promised that He would bless us in life and take us to heaven after death. We married Him for His money, and we don't care if He lives or dies as long as we can get His stuff. We have made the Kingdom of God into a business, merchandising His anointing. This should not be. We are commanded to love God, and are called to be the Bride of Christ--that's pretty intimate stuff. We are supposed to be His lovers. How can we love someone we don't even know? And even if we do know someone, is that a guarantee that we truly love them? Are we lovers or prostitutes?

I was pondering Martha's question again one day, and considered the question, "What's the difference between a lover and a prostitute?" I realized that both do many of the same things, but a lover does what she does because she loves. A prostitute pretends to love, but only as long as you pay. Then I asked the question, "What would happen if God stopped paying me?"

For the next several months, I allowed God to search me to uncover my motives for loving and serving Him. Was I really a true lover of God? What would happen if He stopped blessing me? What if He never did another thing for me? Would I still love Him? Please understand, I believe in the promises and blessings of God. The issue here is not whether God blesses His children; the issue is the condition of my heart. Why do I serve Him? Are His blessings in my life the gifts of a loving Father, or are they a wage that I have earned or a bribe/payment to love Him? Do I love God without any conditions? It took several months to work through these questions. Even now I wonder if my desire to love God is always matched by my attitude and behaviour. I still catch myself being disappointed with God and angry that He has not met some perceived need in my life. I suspect this is something which is never fully resolved, but I want more than anything else to be a true lover of God.

So what is it going to be? Which are we, lover or prostitute? There are no prostitutes in heaven, or in the Kingdom of God for that matter, but there are plenty of former prostitutes in both places. Take it from a recovering prostitute when I say there is no substitute or unconditional, intimate relationship with God. And I mean there is no palatable substitute available to us (take another look at Matthew 7:21-23 sometime). We must choose.

Dr. David Ryser.



In this tech savvy times we are living in, there are so many voices speaking and influencing lives.

We are bombarded with information from every side, and the majority of it can ensnare us to live in fear.

As children of God, it is more important than ever to have a solid relationship with the Father and know how to hear His voice.

Silence every other voice, and determine to only follow the Shepherd's voice.



In this year 2019, Oh God arise, raise very strong voices to speak for me, where my legs cannot enter In Jesus Mighty Name.



# PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH III

BIBLE TEXT: Acts 12:1-5

MEMORY VERSE: "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered up to God for him by the Church." Acts 12:5.

## INTRODUCTION:

In the last two lessons, we started looking at the definition of the Church. But, in the last lesson, we started examining what the Church is not and today, we shall continue from where we stopped in the last lesson about what the Church is not.



# DEFINITION OF THE CHURCH

# WHAT THE CHURCH IS NOT (CONT'D)

In the last lesson, we discussed it that the Church is not the continuation of the "Jewish dispensation" under another name and that the Church is not spiritual Israel. We will continue from here today.

- 1. The Church is not an edifice
  - a. The word "Church" is never used in the Scripture to refer to a material building. The word "Church" is used about one hundred and forty (140) times in the New Testament but never once used of a material building of wood, stones or concrete.
  - b. The language used of the Church in Acts could not be applied to a material building. Note Acts 2:47, 5:11, 8:1-3, 11:22-26, 12:1-5, 15:3-4:22:41, 18:22. The Lord added to the Church, Herod vexed the Church, the Church was persecuted, Paul saluted the Church, and the Church had rest. Such language is hardly applicable to a material building.
  - c. It is traditions of men that apply the word "Church" to a material building. We are going to Church, that is, we are going to the building where the Church meets together. When God rent the veil of the material temple at Jerusalem at the death of Jesus Christ, He forever finished with material Tabernacles and Temples and material dwelling places where His glory and presence has been manifested in the Old Testament times.
  - d. The true Temple is the Church, made up of living stones. The building is simply the place where the Church meets, otherwise known as the fellowship centre (place). The Church is a spiritual house, a spiritual temple, a spiritual building.
  - e. Thus, we do not "go to Church" but the Church meets together in a building, a "sheepfold." II Chronicles 6:18, Isaiah 66:1-2, I Peter 2:5-9, Ephesians 2:20-22.

## CLASS DISCUSSION.

- 1. Does the word "Church" ever used in the Scripture to refer to a material building?
- 2. The word "Church" was used how many times in the New Testament?
- 3. According to the following passages, what does the word Church represent: collection of people or material building? Acts 2:47, 5:11, 11:22-26, 12:1-5, 15:22.
- 4. When did God put an end to the material building? And what is the true temple and what it is made up of?
- 5. What is the right statement to use when people ask you that where are you going to or coming from as regards the Church?

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Church is the body of Christ in which you are among. So, you cannot go to yourself since the Church is the collection of group of people who are believers. You are the Church and a member in particular, God's building. It is wrong to say you are going to Church or when people asked you that where are you going to or coming from and to reply them that you are going to or coming from the Church. The correct statement is that I am going to or coming from the Fellowship Centre (Place of Fellowship) of the Church. So, change your mind-set and orientation. The Church is not also the Kingdom of God and denomination.

### ASSIGNMENT:

Where is it written in the book of Acts of Apostles that," And he went through Syria and Cilicia,







## \*Prayer for today\*.

Today I pray that any cell that you know nothing about dies in your life. No matter the tribulations, you and your household shall prosper. God will crown all your efforts with glorious success. The enemy will never record any victory against you in the mighty name of Jesus.

Father Lord, in this new day, this new hour, I pray that any unjustified decision that would be made to your detriment shall not see the light of the day in Jesus name. The Lord will place you where favour will notice you and anything your hand touches today shall prosper in Jesus name. God of Abraham will answer you when you call and will send you help from above. He will close the mouth of every lion roaring against your success in Jesus Mighty name. Amen.

Have a lovely day and enjoy the rest of your week. Shalom!!!

### He Is Author Unknown

When you are the neediest, He is the most sufficient. When you are completely helpless, He is the most helpful. When you feel totally dependent, He is absolutely dependable. When you are the weakest, He is the most able. When you are the most alone, He is intimately present. When you feel you are the least, He is the greatest! When you feel the most useless, He is preparing you. When it is darkest, He is the only Light you need. When you feel the least secure, He is your Rock and Fortress. When you are the most humble, He is most gracious. When you say that you cannot, remember that He can!

### Birthdays

Sr Kenechi Ukwu. 8th October
Sr Yemi 21st October
Sr Bimpe Fakoya. 27th October

# Wedding Anniversaries:

If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding

Everyday God thinks of you. Every hour God looks after you. Every minute God cares for you. Because every second, He loves You.



# **GOD KNOWS OUR NEEDS**

Philippians 4:10-19

Today's passage presents an interesting paradox. Paul promises the Philippians that God will supply all their needs (Phil. 4:19) yet admits that he has experienced times of want (Phil. 4:12). To reconcile these two statements, let's consider God's divine viewpoint.

Paul wrote these words from a prison cell, a place of great physical distress. From a human perspective, we might all agree that God should have provided for the apostle by relieving his suffering. But instead, the Lord taught him contentment in this difficult situation. Although his physical discomfort remained, a greater need—for a changed attitude—was met.

A change of heart toward ongoing suffering is a huge challenge. On our own, it's impossible, but the Lord promises to strengthen us through Christ. By living in dependence and submission to Him, we gain His power to overcome our negative, sinful attitudes and learn contentment in all kinds of situations.

Our problem is not that the Lord won't provide for us, but that we so often fail to understand what our deepest needs are. God sees from an unlimited perspective and works for our eternal good, providing for us according to His good purposes from the limitless supply of "His riches in glory" (Phil. 4:19).

Instead of pleading with God to take away your difficulty, ask Him for strength and a new perspective. Although He may not always deliver you from trials, you can count on Him to help you learn contentment, no matter what your external needs may be.

# THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS

# God's Great Plan

There are seven mighty bonds which unite all true believers. The Bible tells us that there are seven mighty bonds which unite all true believers—those who have been born again of the Spirit of God:

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4–6



## There is ONE BODY

**Every person who has received Jesus Christ** as Lord and Saviour is a member of the Body of Christ. Christ has only one Body, and all believers are members of His one Body.

Regardless of the colour of a person's skin, regardless of his race or nationality, regardless of his social standing, regardless of whether he is rich or poor, if he is a child of God, he is a member of the Body of Christ and one with all who have been born again. The Bible says,

"For as we have many members in one body.... So we, being many, are one Body in Christ, and every one member's one of another." Romans 12:4-5



### There is ONE SPIRIT

Every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Because the Holy Spirit is one Spirit, He makes us one with all other believers. The Bible says,

"...he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit." 1 Corinthians 6:17



### There is ONE HOPE

Every believer has the same hope—the hope of being with the Lord forever in glory. This hope is certain because Christ is living in us. The Bible says, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory." Colossians 3:4



## There is ONE LORD

There is only one Lord—the Lord Jesus Christ. All who serve Him are serving the same Lord and are one in Him.



### There is ONE FAITH

True believers may differ on some matters, but there is one faith which they all have in common—the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died for their sins and rose again from the grave. This is the faith through which every child of God is saved. The Bible says,

"For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26



### There is ONE BAPTISM

Every believer has been baptized into the Body of Christ. This is not the work of man, but the work of the Holy Spirit by which all who believe on the Lord Jesus are made members of His Body. The Bible says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body...." 1 Corinthians 12:13a



### There is ONE GOD and FATHER

There is only one true God—the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. All who have been born again are members of His family and have the same Heavenly

# READERS' DIGEST! READERS' DIGEST

### \*THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND SAVED MY MARRIAGE\*

Susan was attending a funeral. A funeral at Langata Cemetery, her friend had lost her husband. Susan held her wailing friend strongly as the casket was lowered into the freshly dug grave. Susan's friend was screaming "My husband don't leave! Don't leave me!" as people looked on feeling sad for her. The children were screaming too, losing a father is not an easy thing.

If it wasn't for Susan, the friend would have thrown herself into the grave to be buried with her husband who died of suicide. The husband found no meaning in life and killed himself. Susan remembered the many times the friend would say she is tired of her good for nothing husband and here she is screaming and feeling lost because the husband is no more. The friend cried till she fainted. Susan and the rest had to carry the devastate woman to an ambulance for first aid. As Susan watched the spectacle of broken hearts crying for a man who will never ever come back, Susan remembered her husband.

Susan remembered how much she takes her husband for granted, how she talks to him however she pleases, how she gives him prolonged silent treatment over issues they can easily solve. "What if my husband was to die today and be silent for good?" Susan thought.

Susan remembered how this morning she argued with her husband and he left the house with tension between them just because after all these years, he still leaves his plate in the living room instead of taking it to the sink. "God forbid, but what if my husband never returns and passes on, is this the last memory I would like my husband and I to have?" She thought.

Susan began to remember all the wonderful things her husband does and how she rarely appreciates him and often complains to and about him. At that moment she knew despite his areas of improvement, there is no other man she would rather share her life with than her loving husband. She thought of life without him and it scared her. She would rather the disagreements here and there than to lose him to death. She would rather his sense of humour and laughter than to cry for losing him. That evening, after Susan took her widowed friend to a safe place, she passed by the supermarket, bought her husband a card saying "Thank you for being in my life", got home and cooked her husband's favourite meal and asked her children to join her in celebrating her husband.

That night, her husband came home expecting a fight from Susan. Instead, he got greeted by hugs from Susan and the children. He was welcomed with songs, dancing and laughter, cute drawings of him with warm messages from the children, a home cooked meal, pleasant conversations. Susan's husband teared up when Susan and the children told him how much they love him and then surrounded him to pray for him. A grown up cried because of love. He felt needed.

"Is it father's day?" he asked. Susan looked into his eyes and said, "No, it is love day. Every day is special with you around and from now on, we will do nothing but love each other. I don't know how long we have to live together, but it will not be wasted by fights, misunderstanding, complains and lack of appreciation. In case you have forgotten, I love you"

"I love you too" said Susan's husband as he kissed and hugged Susan, the children dancing and cheering on. Children long for a home where mom and dad give each other warmth. Since then, both Susan and her husband have been a stronger and more loving couple after realizing that tomorrow is not guaranteed. Sometimes the death of someone wakes us up to the reality of life. Don't let the death of your spouse wake you up when it is too late.

God forbid, if your spouse was to pass on, will you regret how you have been treating him/her? No doubt it's not easy, but prayerfully Love your spouse while he/she lives.

# READERS' DIGEST SPECIAL: \*WANTED\*(Continued from last week)

Everyone in the meeting supported the woman. Except elder Ben. I beg to differ ma. Sin is sin. There is no excuse that justifies sin before God. Flushing that foetus is abortion. Abortion is second class murder Benita has always preached against. In fact, I can say in strong confidence that the Benita I know will not agree to abortion. It is painful but she has to keep it. Elder Marcus stood up. Ben, you are very wicked. Do you know what we stand to lose? Respect? Honour and fame that righteousness has brought us. Our daddy will be on the news headline of blackmail. A lot of souls will be lost. I am not ready to be part of any shame o. Benita must get rid of that pregnancy. Commotion everywhere. Some were already threatening to leave should Benita keep the baby. Only few supported elder Ben. Some walked out of the meeting angrily.

At home, Rev called Benita and Richard. My children, I never foresaw this kind of temptation. It is too heavy. I'm at the verge of losing everything. I had to call the elders and inform them about Benita's pregnancy. It did not go down well. Benita, you can't keep that baby. Dad, Richard called. I said it from the onset. Now see. We could have done this without informing them and nobody will know but your over holy daughter in her selfishness decides to make us a laughing stock.

I am surprised at you dad replied Benita. What has gone wrong with integrity you once upheld? The standards you set up. Dad how can you allow them play with your spiritual intellect. This is the devil dad. Do not give in. Benita I am losing my people. My church is at the verge of ruining. I am about losing my toil of 25 years in ministry. Benny please. (Benita, crying) let them go. He who stands with multitude of men without God is standing alone. Not even your tears will change my mind. I am keeping the baby. Then you need to get yourself a new home. Rev replied. WHAT!!! Shouted Benita. LEAVE MY HOUSE, replied her father.

I will not leave this house. Dad are you being serious? Leave this house to where? Daddy please, I'm not going anywhere; Benita replied. You are a heartless, self-centred, arrogant and wicked child. The devil wants to use you to destroy my labour in ministry for 25 years. Elder Sam is threatening to leave. Someone whose 3months tithe alone brought about this building we live in. A six bedroom duplex. Many of them like that. So that my colleagues in ministry will start laughing at me?

Benita I suffered, I saw hunger, and I saw starvation. My twin boys died on this journey because of poverty. I held unto my faith. You too almost died, how you managed to us survive that sickness due to malnutrition is still a miracle. I'll rather lose you now than go back to poverty. PACK YOUR THINGS AND LEAVE MY HOUSE.

BENITA: Jesus (crying) this is not happening. This not my dad speaking. This is not REV FERDINAND JOHNSON. Daddy, you can't do this. Where do I go from here? Daddy, it was on that sick bed, you made me this BENITA that I am today. We had no money, doctor asked us out of the ward, I was laid on the floor. Almost dying. Mum was in tears. You came close to me and held my hands and you said to me: "Benny, you are five years old, the name of Jesus has five letters, you will not die, now keep saying it to yourself."

I kept saying it. You made me believe that all I got then was JESUS. All I needed was JESUS, The one who could heal me was JESUS. I should only call JESUS. And I did. Daddy you said to me, BENNY I'M SORRY. DADDY HAS NO MONEY HE CANT HELP YOU, JESUS HAS THE POWER TO HEAL YOU.

I kept calling on JESUS and on the 3rd day, I got up. That was the man you were. I saw God's power through you. Daddy, do not give the devil a winning trophy. Reverend replied, I thought you everything you know about the devil. I groomed you into whom you are today. I showed you the way to righteousness. You cannot be more righteous than me. Get rid of that bastard and save my ministry. I will not, said Benita. My faith in Jesus is stronger than the father-daughter bond. When you could not save, Jesus did. You may give up on me and throw me out, JESUS WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON ME.

RICHARD, yes dad. Are you done? Yes dad. Good. Throw her out. Richard lifted his sister up, heading to the gate. He had packed all her stuff and kept them outside the gate. Benita was crying and singing. Richard, put me down. Dad don't do this. Oh Jesus. And so it was. Benita was sent out of her father's house. She kept hitting at the gate. No answer. She started worshiping.

"You are great, yes you are mighty God; Walked upon the sea, raised the dead, you reign in majesty mighty God.
Everything written about you is great. Demons tremble at your presence. What a mighty God we serve. Glory, glory hallelujah
Everything written about you is great".

As she sang, she started putting her things together. She decided to go to Shola's place. Shola's mum did the unimaginable. As she sighted Benita from afar, she ran towards her. Mummy good evening ma. Keep that greeting first. Where do you think you are going with all these bags? Mummy please, I will explain when we go inside please. Inside where? You must be out of your mind. Shameless prostitute. Sherimama, sherimama, kakakaka; (imitating speaking in tongues); after everything Na belle. You people now use rape to cover up. Please you are a bad influence oooooooo, don't come and corrupt my virgin daughter for me ooooooo. Oya go and meet your armed robber boyfriend and continue where you stopped. Omo oshi (useless child). Thank you ma.

Benita left. She stood by the road side. Where do I go from here? Holy Ghost help me. Please bring out shola for me now. Please Lord. Some minutes later, keke stopped in front of Benita and shola came out. Omg. Benny. Are you traveling? Yea. I was asked to leave the house. Dad said, I should leave his house. What? That's a lie. Daddy can't do that. (Crying) he did oooooo. I just need a place to rest my head. I'm asking in my spirit for direction. Good a thing I have cash but I need God's direction.

You can pass the night in my house, replied shola. No. As we were discussing, the Lord said I should go back home. Hmmmm, you're sure? Yea. OK, I will help you.

Benita could not believe her eyes when she approached the gate to her father's house. Pastor Mrs Ifunanya; kelvin. Her fellowship leader in school and her mentor. She stood with Danladi.

Mama, Benita shouted, running towards her.

Sister Benny. Wow, thank God I found you. Your gate- keeper was just telling me about you. What happened? MAMA, it's not something I can discuss while standing. I'm very tired and my head aches badly. OK, can we go inside?

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# **READERS' DIGEST SPECIAL:**

# \*WANTED\*

Danladi replied: Arrrgh nooo. Big Oga go purse me commot. Small oga go kill me o. Dey say ah no go allow small madam inside o. Why? Asked pastor ifunanya. Why would Reverend give such instruction?

Mama, please, let's go. Where are you lodged? We will talk when we get there please.

No, she replied angrily. I need to see daddy. This is totally inhuman. Much less from a renowned minister of God like him. Reverend drove in immediately.

(He stepped out of his car) Danladi, what's going on in front of my gate? I pay you to guard my house. Please let me know when you're tired. What's the meaning of this? I do not want to see nuisances in front of my gate.

Benita started crying. Pastor Mrs Ifunanya faced him. Daddy good afternoon sir. God bless you. He replied. Sir, you seem not to remember me anymore. I'm ifunanya, Benita's fellowship leader in school. Oh, really, wow, so much change. Please pardon my manners just now. How do you do? How do you do sir. How is mummy? And the ministry? Very fine. I bless the Lord for his mercies. Daddy, with due respect sir, what has Benita done? Emm, hold it. At this point I won't be entertaining anymore questions. But if you must know, my own daughter has colluded with Satan to pull down my church and to such, I can't relate with. She has to leave my house and continue with the devil. Have a nice day.

He stepped into the car and drove into the compound asking danladi to shut the gate. Pastor Mrs Ifunanya watched in amazement. Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I can't believe my eyes. Satan you are a liar. Benita was just in tears. Benny, shola called cuddling her. You are the strongest woman I have ever seen. You have fought a good fight, you have kept your faith, and there is abundant grace to finish this course. Sweetheart, pastor ifunanya called. I am here. I will never leave you nor forsake you. Thus says the Lord, be strong, I am with you, It is the set time to mount to glory. Thank you Jesus. Benita said crying. Let's go to my lodge. We are leaving with the first flight to Abuja. Benny, shola called crying. I will miss you. Please keep me posted. I will try and come and visit.

AT THE HOTEL, Benita told her leader everything. Pastor Mrs Ifunanya could not hold back her tears. In my 15yrs of serving the Lord, I don't think I have this kind of faith. You are a heroine. You are about opening a new chapter. You are about entering a new phase. God shall reward your faithfulness and Zina will be put to shame Amen ma.

### IN ABUJA.....

Benita went into ministry. The potter's glory christen centre knew someone extraordinary came. She turned the youths around. Power was made manifest when the choir ministers. Benita's body started changing. Her pregnancy was beginning to be obvious and people were beginning to ask questions. One morning, Pastor Mrs Ifunanya and her husband called Benita.

Pastor Mrs Ifunanya started. Benny dear, how are you feeling this morning? I'm fine ma. (Smiling) OK, that's good. Emmm, we called you because people are beginning to ask how come about your pregnancy. Pastor Kelvin continued, yes Benny. This is what we plan to tell them and we want you to do the same. We will tell them you are married but your husband died. You only realised you're pregnant after his burial. Benita was just looking at the man and woman of God, shocked and surprised. Mummy, daddy. I'm not sorry to say that I WON'T DO IT. One Sunday, I shall use my story as my message. You mean you will tell them THE TRUTH? Yes. No matter what, I am not ready to compromise my faith. I will say the truth and nothing but the truth. That's by the way. Mummy, daddy, the Lord is leading me to hospitals. Any hospital around here? Yes pastor kelvin answered. Mummy will take you there. Hmmm, Benita, I am amazed at your faith and your uncompromising stand. Keep it up.

Benita and MAMA walked into the hospital. They went straight to the doctor's office. Doctor Malcolm welcomed them. Mama, you are welcome. Pleased to have you around. Thanks doc. How are you? I can see the Lord is doing wonders here. The doctor was lost, looking at Benita. MAMA noticed and tried calling back his attention by clearing her throat. Oh yes ma. Yes. Emmm, yes. What did you say again? You were not concentrating. What were you looking at? (Laughter) well well well. This is my daughter I told you about. The Lord is leading her to do hospital ministry. She will be coming to minister to the sick and pregnant women too.

Wow, that's nice. I have been praying for God to lead me to a genuine person. A lot is happening today. Since it's from you, very acceptable. (To Benita) you are welcome dear. Thank you sir. Please don't be offended, are you Benita? Pastor Mrs Ifunanya was shocked, so was Benita. Yes, pastor ifunanya replied. Jesus, I can't believe this. Emmm, please don't mind me. You can go on with your prayers. Pastor Mrs Ifunanya was so surprised, Benita too.

Benita visited 5 wards. Praying for the sick. There was a case going on. A woman has been in labour since last night. It's almost 3pm and she was still wallowing in pains. Benita went to her. She looked at her. Madam, you are bringing forth a great man. He will be a terror to the demons in his father's family. Don't be afraid, the God of the Hebrew women is here. (She laid her hands on the woman's tummy). You powers of the ancestors from your father's side, be destroyed in Jesus name. Baby be LOOSED NOW in Jesus name. The woman gave a loud shout. Instantly her water broke. 10 minutes later, the cry of a bouncing baby boy was heard. WHAT A MIRACLE!!!.

After her ministration, the woman's husband instantly appreciated Benita with a check of 200 thousand naira. That was the fourth child she was having and the only surviving one. It was glorious in the hospital that day. Benita christened him MIRACLE. That same day, the nurses and doctors christened Benita, MAMA MIRACLE.

Pastor Mrs Ifunanya took Benita to the doctor to register her for antenatal. She was told she would go for some tests. Then scan. Doctor Malcolm was shocked at what he saw on the screen of the scan machine. This can't be. Amazing. You are 5 months gone. Miracle. Mama miracle indeed. (Laughter). Doctor, pastor Mrs Ifunanya called. This one you're wowing, is something wrong? Benita sat up and was eager to know what the doctor had to say.

Doctor Malcolm sat down, took off his glasses and said.......

"Benita, you are a miracle. What I just saw, scientifically and medically disqualifies you to be a mother".

I don't understand doctor, Benita replied please can you be specific?

Benita, you have perforated WOMB. Your womb is damaged. Don't know how you managed to be pregnant with TWINS. (To be continued next week)

### HAVE A BREAK

# Jesus the Bread of Life

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51 (NIV)



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#### **Books of the Bible Puzzle**



Unscramble the name of each book of the Bible and write it correctly in the blank. Then write the letter from each numbered position in the corresponding blank at the bottom of the page. You'll spell a phrase that's used to describe the word of God.

We've done the first one for you as an example.

1. UTRH	Ruth	(3)
2. TWAMHET		(5)
3. BOPERRSV	<u> </u>	(5)
4. SUBNEMR		(7)
5. WRESHBE		(6)
6. USAJHO		(2)
7. MORASN		(1)
8. GEJDSU		(3)
9. STREEH		(3)
10. HMOLIPEN		(2)
11. LINEDA		(5)
12. SEESING		(5)
13. SHEEPISAN		(2)
14. CLAIMHA		
15. HARMEEJI		(3)
16. A G H A I G		(6)
17. SNAGILATA		(5)

The Bible is also known as the

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### **LEST WE FORGET**





Faith is putting all your eggs in God's basket and counting your blessings before they've hatched



BIBLE QUIZ

# The High Priest

Match the question with the answer on the right.

## QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_\_ Who was the first High Priest?
- \_\_\_\_ What color was the High Priest's robe?
- \_\_\_\_On which day of the year could the High Priest

enter the Holy of Holies?

- \_\_\_\_ What relation was Annas to Calaphas?
- \_\_\_\_Yeshua was a High Priest after the order of

which ancient king mentioned in Psalm 110?

- \_\_\_\_\_Yeshua was led away to which High Priest first?
- \_\_\_\_ The wife of which High Priest rescued the infant Joash?
- \_\_\_\_ How many stones did the High Priest's breastplate contain?
- \_\_\_\_ During the reign of King David, who was the High Priest?
- \_\_\_\_ Zadok the High Priest during the reign of Solomon was of which

tribe of Israel?

# ANSWERS

- 1. Levi (1 Chron 6:4-8)
- 2. Father-in-law
- (John 18:13)
- 3. Jehoiada (2Chron 22:11)
- 4. Blue (Exp 28:31)
- 5. Abiathar (1Kings 2:26)
- 6. Melchizedek
- 7. Twelve
- 8. Annas (Luke 3:2)
- 9. Day of Atonement
- (Yom Kippur Lev 16)
- 10. Aaron

### Answers to Books of the Bible puzzle:

- 2. Matthew 3. Proverbs 4. Numbers 5. Hebrews 6. Joshua 7. Romans 8. Judges 9. Esther
- 10. Philemon 11. Daniel 12. Genesis 13. Ephesians 14. Malachi 15. Jeremiah 16. Haggai 17. Galatians

The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)

Fear is a spirit, and it will try and turn you back from what the Lord has for you. Fear is the guardian of the good stuff, and you will have to get past it to obtain it. Scripture tells us:

'For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control' (2 Timothy 1:7).

When you step out in faith, and are on the edge of a major breakthrough, it seems that all hell will break loose against you. Don't give up. Don't give into panic. Only believe. God's plan for you has not changed and He is still calling you to come forth. God is always calling us into our future, and if we could do it ourselves, then we wouldn't need Him. 'I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13). That includes whatever you are facing today.

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### WHEN THE INTENSITY GETS TURNED UP

Whenever life gets difficult and it seems like the intensity has been turned up, that means you are closer to your victory. When those lies are bombarding your mind, when you're tempted to get discouraged or feel like throwing in the towel, that's not the time to back down. That's the time to dig your heels in and put on a new attitude because you are closer to your victory.

Maybe you've had a lot of things come against you. It seems like the more you pray the worse it gets. You're doing the right thing, but the wrong thing is happening. The easy thing is to say, "Forget it. I don't have to put up with this." "This marriage is never going to work." "I'll never be able to raise this child." Or, "I don't like this job."

No, instead of getting discouraged, instead of going around sour and bitter, you need to say, "I've come too far to stop now. I've been through too much to back down. I realize the reason the intensity has been turned up is because I'm about to embrace the victory GOD has in store for me!" Keep standing, keep praying, keep hoping, and stay in faith when the intensity gets turned up!



People may destroy your image, stain your personality but they can't take away your good deeds because no matter how they describe you, you will still be admired by those who really know vou better.

- 1. Every satanic pot monitoring me everywhere I go, I break you in the Name of Jesus.
- 2. Any evil voice around me; be silenced forever in the Name of Jesus.
- 3. I cancel every evil counsel of the enemy against my plan or project.
- 4. I destroy every evil desire of my enemies against me in the Name of Jesus.
- 5. Oh God, show up for me in this great month of manifestation.
- 6. Every strange power in my job; be destroyed in the Name of Jesus.
- 7. Fire of God, come and consume every prophet of Baal in my job.
- 8. Oh God, destroy every strange voice speaking failure or confusion over my life.
- 9. Any strange voice speaking barrenness or poverty over my life; I command you to be silent.
- 10. I speak peace to every situation in my life now in the Name of Jesus.

**AMEN, AMEN & AMEN** 

# Let us have a world of ordinary

Living like the way God wants us to If we have a world of ordinary

Extraordinary things will happen to you and me.

We are in constant battle, and grace is just as much our haven of rest as it is our resolve to fight.

Grace cheers for you, roots for you, and receives you again and again: with a direction and momentum that says you're better than this.

Grace will confront the sin like a surgeon's tool and work through it to the messy end.

Grace does not excuse or absolve sin, but acknowledges the reality of our great desperate need as sinners. It's not merely comfort, but healing.

Grace is a cross, a substitution, an atonement, a victory over the grave — a handful of gritty truths wrapped in flesh that breathed the air and dirt of this

It's a beautiful, wonderful, furious, unchanging, heart-stopping love that cannot be shaken no matter what.

Jesus: he is our rest, our fight.



### **CARTOON**



Results are out, come we'll go and see.

I'm with my Dad. you please see mine and text me

if i fail in 1 subject say 'good morning to you' if 2 subjects then say 'good morning to you and your Dad'

#### LATER ON, MESSAGE CAME

Good morning to you and your family and your neighbors also

Everything will happen for you all of a sudden. All the disappointments, the challenges, the struggles, the ups and the downs will all finally make sense. You will be thankful that you didn't give up.

Great blessings are coming your way. Claim it and receive it by faith.

### LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

**HUSBAND: U've** stopped telling me how handsome I am & how much u love me

WIFE: I'm now a born

again. I've stopped lying 🤐 .



Date 24/08/2019

Thought of the day

Have you been involved in a car crash that wasn't your fault?"

Yes, Brexit.



# A PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK

May this wonderful week be in your favour, may all bright things come your way. I pray that as you go out, you will receive abundant blessings of God and His glory will continually shine in your life. You will triumph over every encounter that impedes progress in your home in the mighty name of Jesus. May God's greater glory rest upon you mightily in Jesus name. Shalom!! Have splendid week ahead.