



# Cornerstone Fountain Church

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*You Are Closer Than You Think.*

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**PSALM 5:** For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous. With favour you will surround him as with a shield.

## \*TODAY'S WORD\* The Irony of life!

As the world reels from its enforced slumber, let us remember that for a while, the rich and the poor 'cried' in one accord, grounded by a common foe we could neither see nor fight back.

New York 'the city that never sleeps' was in slumber; all quiet.

Paris the 'centre of romance' lived in echoes.

Rome 'the eternal city' was left in desolation

Disney's magic got lost in transit

London was caged in an unusual silence and the Queen spoke to her people from a hidden room. Our Prime Minister lost his swagger and gasped not for power but for life.

Mecca is empty! Nobody to 'stone the devil'.

The Chinese wall is no longer a fortress.

The G8 nations are speechless.

The developed World suddenly on its knees.

Churches, Mosques, Great Parks, Monuments, and Stadiums are filled with unfilled spaces.

The busiest places were hitherto the most dreaded: Hospitals and Cemeteries.

The famous Football Leagues, the Fashion Shows, Exotic Weddings, Festivals, all lost to memory. Celebrities ran out of celebrations.

Our titles, Status and Privileged Positions, stale and meaningless With all our boastful 'citizenships' some feared to step out of their houses.

With all our savings in bonds, gold and cash, we could only buy food to eat and toilet papers to take care of the waste.

We usually went to watch animals in cages but animals roamed our empty streets, watching us in our 'cages' that we called homes and were proud of.

With our expensive clothes and shoes locked in our wardrobes, our house clothes and pyjamas became the latest fashion.

AND despite all these 'oddities'...the World still goes on;

The sun still shines; the birds still sing.

**The Word! The Worship!! The Love!!!**  
We grow together, Love and Respect One another.

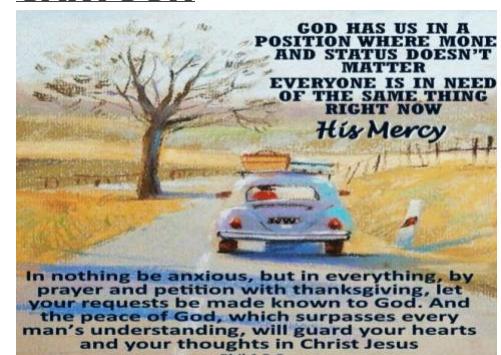
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A guy proposed Love to a Lady and the Lady accepted but she said no S\*x unless the Guy becomes a christian. The guy also said if only the Lady allow him S\*x he Will Give himself to Christ. The lady gave him a chance to make Love with her from that time the Guy became a real christian and he is now a pastor. Qustions (1) Did the lady win the guy's soul for christ? (2) Did the lady sin? (3) should we sin to win souls for christ? What do you think? Let's share ideas and learn something frm this story.

## CARTOON



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

Prayer is not a gift, it's a power generator. The longer you stay on the altar of prayer The more power you access to oppress your oppressors.

## FAITH CLINIC

My parents were always keen to build my self-confidence. I was encouraged to believe I could achieve what I wanted to. However, my father was told by my secondary school that I wouldn't achieve the exam results to make 'A' level study worthwhile. Somehow, I scraped sufficient GCE passes to stay on, and then proceeded to flourish, perhaps digging deep and finding the undiscovered learner within me. This taught me my destiny lay within my own hands, a lesson deeply etched into my consciousness through experience. However, my confidence, when placed entirely in myself, easily blinds me to God's provision. Faced with a problem, I set about drawing on my experience and known strengths to combat and overcome it. Typically, I run out of ideas and I feel overwhelmed. This undermines my self-confidence and dampens my mood. I'm pushed to question God's ability to care for me and to question the promises I read in scripture. At its worst, this leads me to project my loss of self-confidence onto God. The danger is that I stop trusting God, blaming God for my unsettled situation.

My years pursuing the practice of a contemplative have taught me above all else that trusting God takes time. It is something that has to be learned and does not come easily. Trust in God requires me to place my confidence in God ahead of my confidence in myself. It's like finding a bothy when lost on a mountain. It provides shelter, yet without any mod cons. My life is secure, though I experience discomfort. Have you experienced those spaces in which your own confidence in your ability has proven unequal to the storm? Sit in God's bothy knowing you can have confidence in God.



## LEVITY-CUS

It is very painful to see a person that owes you money not wearing a mask.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS II

TEXT: Matthew 17:24-27

**MEMORY VERSE:** "But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? Acts 5:3 NKJV

**INTRODUCTION:** In the last lesson, we started a discussion on the manifestation gifts. We examined what manifestation gifts are and the categories they are divided into. From today, we shall begin to look at each of the categories and the gifts under them. We shall start with the gifts of revelation.

HOLY  
SPIRIT  
FIRE.

### LESSON III. THE GIFTS OF REVELATION (OR THOUGHT)

#### THE MANIFESTATION OF REVELATION

1. The manifestation of revelation enables the believer to have the mind of Christ, think His thoughts and do the will of God.
2. These thoughts are not natural abilities or talents by which God blesses people in special ways. They are not based on man's knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.
3. They come directly from the mind of the Holy Spirit who is all-knowing and altogether wise.
4. Therefore, they are parts or pieces of God's knowledge or wisdom. They are given to man directly by the Holy Spirit of God.
5. They are directed to specific needs and situations.
6. They are most useful in ministering to individuals for counselling, encouraging, edifying, leadership, and spiritual warfare.
7. These gifts were seen manifested somewhere in the Old Testament, particularly in the lives and ministry of some Prophets.

#### (a) THE MANIFESTATION OF THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

As seen in the life of Jesus Christ. Matthew 17:24-27, 22:18

As seen in the life of Apostle Peter. Acts 5:1-11

As seen in the life of Elijah. II Kings 5:25-27, 6:11-13

##### I. Definition of Word of Knowledge

- This gift is a divinely given insight into God's will and or man's affairs. It involves facts or information which could not be known by natural means. God is all-knowing and from His unlimited, He informs the Church or individuals about:
  1. His heavenly will, plan, and purpose
  2. Earthly affairs, people, places, things and events as they relate to His will.
- A word (utterance) of knowledge is the divine ability to know and to make known the mind of God for a specific time and situation.
- It is not human knowledge gained by natural means. It is not obtained by studying the scriptures or by personal experience. It is not knowledge that comes by mind-reading, palm reading, crystal ball gazing or visiting the spirit mediums or any other occult activities.

#### CLASS DISCUSSION

1. What do you understand about the manifestation of revelation?
2. Explain the manifestation of the word of knowledge as you understand it.

You, however, are not  
in the realm of the flesh  
but are in the  
*realm of the  
Spirit.*  
If indeed the Spirit of  
God lives in you.

**CONCLUSION:** Today, we have discussed a bit about the word of knowledge, our subsequent lesson will conclude the discussion on the word of knowledge.



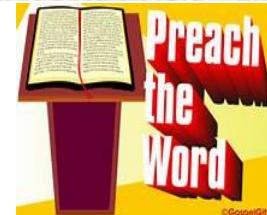
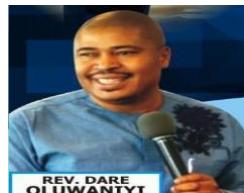
Henceforth, the Lord will NOT take His eyes off you. He will enthrone you with nobles and exalt you above all ridiculous ploy and plans of the enemies in Jesus name. He will give you drink from the river of His pleasure. I declare enough of the bread of affliction this day. So receive power to prosper in all things and be in health just as your soul prospers in Jesus mighty name. May the LORD God be your hiding place. May YAHWEH the miracle working God do a miracle in your life today. May the will of God be done in your life. May God bring you back to His original plan for your life.

Any way you have wandered away from God, may He bring you back in His infinite mercy. God shall guide you with His eye and teach you the way which you shall go. Your future shall continue to be bright as the morning star. The counsel of the LORD shall stand concerning your life. May you encounter God and follow His plan for your life. May nothing take the place of God in your life.

Every weapon of the enemy fashioned against you, is rendered null and void. May God bring you out of every satanic epidemic. May the blessings and favour of God

Beloved; God can use that delay you are experiencing now to promote you later! God can use your mockers to make you! God will use your haters to re-write your story for good! Yeah! All things work together for good to them that love God. 1corinthians 2:8 says: ....had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. Wonderful! Satan was used to promote the death of Jesus Christ which became the Glory of man. I am sure Satan will forever regret why he allowed Jesus Christ to die. That shall be the story of your life!

Regret nothing because in this new month of MERCY, even the devil and your enemies will be used by God as His messengers. Fear not! All battles will become your ladder to climb! So remain safe and get ready to rejoice.



## Praying in Jesus' Name

Do you remember the teaching Jesus introduced the night before His death?

He told His followers, "Whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you" (John 15:16 NIV, emphasis added).

Praying in the name of Christ declares our: Association with the Saviour.

Our relationship with Jesus allows us to approach the Father. We used to be foreigners, but at salvation, we became God's children through the redemptive work of the Son of God ([Eph. 2:19](#)).

The Holy Spirit within us proves we belong to the Father, who listens to the requests of His family.

### Access to the Father.

Jesus' death opened an immediate, unhindered path to the Father's presence. When the Saviour offered Himself as the final priestly sacrifice ([Heb. 7:26-28](#)), the temple veil that separated the Holy of Holies from man was torn in two ([Mark 15:38](#)). In that moment, access to God became available to all who believe.

Through the Holy Spirit, we can talk to God directly without a human intermediary ([Eph. 2:18](#)).

Because of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we can freely access our heavenly Father. Let's give Him thanks for the remarkable privilege of prayer!

**2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us.**

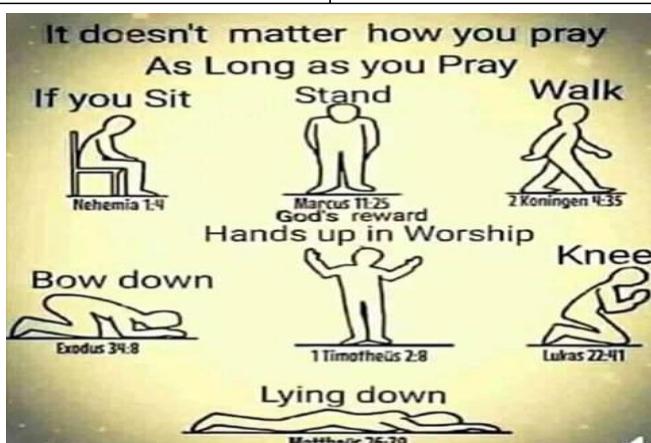
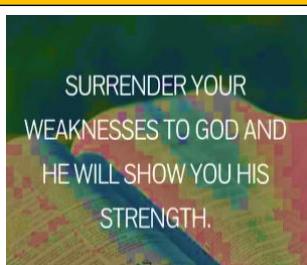
## Birthdays

Jesufemi Oluwaniyi	3rd May
Agatha Mormah.	8th May
Sunday Abulu	11th May
Deac. Kemi Mormah.	18th May.
Mathew Olaniyan.	18th May
Stella Opeoluwa	23rd May
Olumide Ajadi	25th May
Mormah Anita.	25th May
Aderoju Ojoye	26th May

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Sr. Stella Opeoluwa	30th May
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If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding anniversary is soon, see the pastor.



## TURN BACK TO GOD

Sleep : The Great Physician's Prescription For Rest



As our interconnected world is moving so fast these days, who's got time for sleep? Our "screen age" culture tells us that if you snooze – you lose. Insomnia, sleep deprivation and sleep disorders are rapidly becoming an epidemic – even among believers in Christ.

We are seeing the consequences of lack of rest everywhere in our society: air traffic controllers falling to sleep on the job; health care workers having more complications when sleep deprived; truck drivers having their driving times controlled due to accidents. What's the answer? Sleep Medicine? A new mattress? Sleeping Pills? Herbal remedies? Cognitive Behavioural Therapy?

Although these methods may be effective, one may miss God's purpose of rest in their lives. Many times those "quick fixes" don't address the underlying causes of difficulties sleeping. The scriptures help to give us a framework to evaluate many of these remedies. As believers in Christ, we need to go back to the source of all truth for answers.

### Sleep Was God's Idea

Has it ever crossed your mind that there may be a spiritual connection to your sleep issues? Sleep was God's idea! Therefore, we need to take a step back and reflect on the life and ministry of the Great Physician. The Bible offers a prescription for rest and sleep which begins with surrendering our lives over to the One who uniquely created mankind's need for sleep in the first place.

Jesus modelled the perfect balance between activity and rest. There were times when Jesus slept peacefully in the bow of a ship in the midst of a raging storm. The Lord slept calmly because He trusted in the protection and provision of His Father through the adversities of life. If the Spirit of Christ dwells in our lives then we also have the ability to sleep soundly no matter what difficulties we may face as we lay our heads on our pillows.

But on the other hand, there were times when Jesus sacrificed sleep and rest to fulfil a higher purpose. The night before the Messiah was crucified He stayed up and prayed in preparation for the suffering that He would endure on the cross. From a human perspective, one would think that Jesus should have gotten a good night's rest to prepare for upcoming trials of the crucifixion. But as our Lord surrenders to the will of the Father, He is given a supernatural ability to fulfil the plans that were prepared for Him the following day. Unlike the disciple who slept carelessly that evening, Jesus stayed up and prayed.

Solomon declares that there is "a time and a place for everything" (Eccl 3:1). There is a time to fall asleep trusting in the arms of a loving God whose eyes never close. But there is also a time to stay up and obediently serve the Lord. As we surrender our lives over to His will, God will teach you to follow the Great Physician's prescription for rest.

## THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS

### OVERCOMERS

#### What Happened?

The second rebellion was on the earth.

Because Satan hates God, he wanted to get Adam and Eve to rebel against God just as he had done. But how could Satan get Adam and Eve to disobey their loving Creator? He would do it by deceiving Eve.

**Satan is the great deceiver!** He deceives people by his lies; he gets people to believe what is not true. He tricks people into disobeying God. This is what he did in the Garden of Eden.



said, "Did God say that you could eat of every tree in the Garden?"

Eve knew that God had told them not to eat of "the tree of knowledge of good and evil." God said, "...for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17b).

Eve told Satan this, but she changed God's words slightly. She quoted God as saying, "You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."

Satan then deceived Eve by telling her a lie. He said, "You shall not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5).

**Satan deceived Eve** into thinking that she and her husband would be "as gods" if they ate of the forbidden tree. Eve took the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some of the fruit to Adam and he ate it. Adam was not deceived. He chose to disobey God.



having God in their hearts, they now had sin in their hearts. When God came down in the evening to walk and talk with Adam and Eve, they hid from Him. They were afraid of God. They knew that they had disobeyed Him.

Satan was pleased that the first man and woman had rebelled against God. But it was a sad day for God. And it was a sad day for Adam and Eve.

They could no longer live with God. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful Garden of Eden.

## READERS' DIGEST SPECIAL: S.I.M.S (STEPPING INTO MAGGIE's SHOE)

(Continued from last week)

Ray kept to himself for two days, as the thought of losing everything he had was too much for him to bear. He told me he was going to ask for the Mercy of God and permissive will of God, to let him Continue with his ministry. I tried talking him out of this, telling him it was better to obey the will of God 100 percent. I was not planning to be like Pastor Maggie who acted as a Jezebel of a wife, who made her husband sin against God. For those two days he locked himself indoors, I was fasting, asking God for a second chance for him. I cried unto the Lord telling him, I know I got into this shoe of marriage thinking it was going to be glamorous, but on getting in, it felt like stepping on broken glass. I told God I was going to stay in the marriage, but I needed him to help me work on Ray, so that I could still make something meaningful out of the oversized shoes...

On the third Day, Ray came out of the room and told me he was ready to go to Ikeji Arakeji, and he would love me to go with him. I was excited God had done what I prayed for. I put a call through to my mum, asking her to please come stay with the triplets, but she told me she was very ill. There was no one we could trust the kids with, I suggested his estranged sister who was living close to us, but he refused. We decided to take the triplets along, but drop them off at his mother's place at Sagamu. On getting to his mother's home, we explained all that had happened and what we were about to do, his Mother was excited, she started jumping and praising God. In excitement, she said she was going with us, she said for years she had been unhappy about the church he established, she saw what happened as God's show of Mercy towards her. We couldn't go to Ikeji- Arakeji that day anymore. Early the next day, we set out and got there in peace alongside my mother in law and the triplets. On getting to the Church Premises, Ray kept exclaiming "Ha! Ha!" repeatedly. When I asked him why, he said the church had become bigger than how he left it. He said it was 6 times bigger than how he left him. We asked the church secretary on how to see Baba Fire, but she told us, we had to book an appointment with his P.A for over a month, as there were people from all over coming to see him, but on seeing the triplets, she showed compassion on us by giving us a way out...

"There will be evening service today, the moment Baba is rounding up his message, go and stay around where he parks his vehicle. The moment you see him coming, start shouting his name and your name telling him the reason why you are here to see him, if he is interested in seeing you, he will ask his security to call you."

I could see that Ray felt belittled by that Approach, but I held his hand and gave him a smile of encouragement.

We stayed in the church premises till the evening service, few old members recognized Ray and they exchanged greetings. Some shared their condolence about Maggie's death. Others praised him over his ministry as they confessed they watched his T.V broadcast anytime they were in Lagos.

The service was a glorious power packed service, and the icing on the cake was Baba Fire's ministration. At that Point, I knew why they called him Baba Fire, he was a mobile fire carrier, and I could see who Ray took his preaching style from. Baba Fire was a thorough Bible teacher. At some point, Ray could not help his tears, he kept crying in the auditorium, he was attracting a lot of attention, I had to pull him out.

"Happy, Baba Fire now speaks English, even though he still uses an interpreter" Ray said in tears with disbelief and regret in his eyes. Baba fire was still preaching in Yoruba language with the help of an interpreter who interpreted in English, but at intervals Baba Fire spoke fluent English. From that I learnt no one was indispensable...

We followed the advice of the secretary and stayed around his car. The moment Baba Fire came out, Ray started shouting

"My Father, Baba Fire, I am back, it is your first Son Raymond, Just like the Prodigal Son, please I am back" Apostle said in Yoruba, and I couldn't help but cry, I felt the shame, I knew it took a lot for him to say those words, he had gotten to a high point in his life and ministry, but all of a sudden, he realized God was never with him... Baba Fire stopped in his tracks, he recognized the voice, he looked around and saw Raymond, but you could see pain and hurt in Baba fire's Eyes. He turned away from us and entered his car....

Baba Fire refused seeing us, even after staying a week in Ikeji-Arakeji. Different people had gone to speak to Baba Fire on our behalf, but he would not set his eyes on Raymond. Raymond's mother had found her way to see him on one of the counselling days, but he respectfully told her to please leave his office. Baba Fire had been deeply hurt. I heard he was always around Saturday morning for marriage counselling, so I decided I was going to go see him. I prayed before leaving and I asked for the Wisdom of God...

When it was my turn, he didn't recognize me. He asked me what my challenge was. I told him about my marriage...

"I got married over a year ago, and my husband has only touched me once, it hurts knowing that my

## READERS' DIGEST SPECIAL: S.I.M.S (STEPPING INTO MAGGIE's SHOE)

There was a moment of silence, and I didn't need to explain who I was and who my husband was...

Baba Fire was in pain..."I trusted Raymond too much, and he stabbed me in the back"

"He is human Baba, and it is normal for us as humans to err. Please Sir, forgive my husband and let him come back to you. We are ready to serve under you. We are ready to move to Ikeji-Arakeji. My father, God has fought for you, he has brought him back to you to fulfil his initial assignment" I wept knowing this was not also my dream, I wanted to be the wife of a general overseer in the city wearing heels, but I didn't know that was not the will of God for the one who would be the wife of Pastor Ray, she was to be the wife of an Assistant Pastor in Osun state.

"That assignment has been given to another, there is no more space for him here" "You can create one for him"

Baba fire knew I was not going to let him go unless he blessed my husband. "Where is he?"

"He is at the hotel"

"Bring him" he said

I didn't want to take any chances, so I called him instead, to rush down to the church. He came along with the triplets and his mother. The moment Raymond stepped in, he laid on the floor sobbing..."Baba mi (My father) please forgive me, because ever since I left you, my life has been a mess, please accept me and let God use you to straighten my life.

With tears in Baba Fire's eyes, he lifted Ray up and hugged him tightly, praying for him with tears pouring from their eyes..."I pull you out from the grip of the strong woman of immorality, you are rid of all curses I placed on you in the time of anger and bitterness in Jesus name." The prayer lasted about 30 minutes. He later told us to see him the next day. When we returned later to the hotel, Ray and I sat outside at the balcony.

"I have not felt this good in years, Happy I am indeed very happy. You have brought me happiness..."he said holding my hands in his... "I am happy, God gave me the privilege, despite the rough beginning".

We sat outside for hours talking about the relocation plans... "Thank you for agreeing to move here with me..."

"You are welcome"...

Ray went in earlier than I did, I sat and had time to reflect, if I had my way, I would have wanted a better shoe that would have been my perfect fit, but I wished for another woman's marriage and I got it. But it now made sense to me, What John the Baptist said about not been worthy to even untie the rope of the sandal of Jesus Christ. That means there are some shoes that we are not worthy to put on, but out of greed we force our legs into them. Most times, the pain is immediate and noticeable like mine, while others will not be noticeable but would be causing internal pain for the person wearing it, like that of my husband. Apostle wanted to be in the Shoes of Baba Fire, but he found himself in the mouth of the Marine sharks, because God was not pleased with him, therefore making him an easy prey for them.

We returned back to the city and did the needful. We closed down Apostle's Church.

The Sunday service when Apostle announced this move was highly emotional, it was a Day of tears. I saw Mrs. Beecroft crying in the congregation. Apostle confessed his Sin to the congregation without mentioning names. He asked for their forgiveness for harbouring them under a church, God did not ask him to Establish. He told all the branch pastors who knew God had genuinely called them to continue with their Branches asking the Lord for the name of the Ministry He wanted to them to bear. He also converted some of the branches to Baba Fire's branches.

After the service, Mrs. Beecroft walked up to me... "We thought we were bringing in an emotionally unstable wife, who we could push around, but we didn't know God hid a warrior, a saviour, a life helper in a bipolar patient. Thank you for everything you have done, I will forever be grateful to you, and also thank you for not paying me in my own coin, by destroying my son. He told me everything". Mrs. Beecroft gave me another hug weeping profusely.

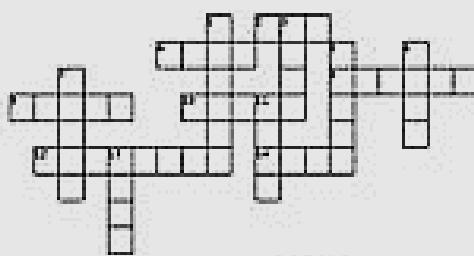
Gabriel walked up to me..."I wish I had said something the first time I saw you seated in front of me in church, maybe I would have had the privilege of having you as my wife. You are a goldmine I missed."

"And you are a goldmine I wasn't patient enough to have, Gabriel, I wish you good luck, but that is a lesson, life is an opportunity, use it well...God bless you" I also gave him a final hug and deep within my heart, I knew Gabriel was the man I should have married, if I had been patient enough.

From that moment, our lives experienced a new turn around. But, with a bitter sweet feeling. Baba Fire received us back after we closed down our churches in Lagos. It raised a lot of comments online with

# He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20: 1-18 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

## DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female parent
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

## Words Used

earth	angels	garden	fire
men	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

## WORD SEARCH

## KINGS OF THE BIBLE



SOLOMON  
DARIUS  
CYRUS  
DAVID  
AMON  
ABIJAH

AHASUERUS  
UZZIAH  
HOSHEA  
MANASSEH  
BELSHAZZAR  
YESHUA

JEROBOAM  
ZEDEKIAH  
REHOBOAM  
SAUL  
BALAK  
JOSIAH

## BIBLE QUIZ CHILDREN OF THE BIBLE

## QUESTIONS

## ANSWERS

- \_\_\_ How old was Josiah when he became King? 1. Moses
- \_\_\_ What were the names of Joseph's two sons? 2. Benjamin
- \_\_\_ Who was Jacob's youngest son? 3. Five barley loaves & two small fish
- \_\_\_ How many sons did Noah have? 4. Joseph
- \_\_\_ Which child was born into the tribe of Levi, and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter? 5. Taking care of sheep
- \_\_\_ Who was sold into slavery by his brothers? 6. Anna
- \_\_\_ Who was the widow who met baby Yeshua at the Temple? 7. Three: Shem, Ham, and Japeth
- \_\_\_ What was David doing when Samuel called to anoint him King? 8. Eight
- \_\_\_ When Samuel was called by Yahweh as a child, who did he think was calling? 9. Ephraim & Manasseh
- \_\_\_ At the feeding of the 5000, a young boy provided what food? 10. Eli



## Stepping into Freedom"

If you have been drowning in debt, be encouraged by the story in Nehemiah 5: 1-13. The people came to Nehemiah about their mortgage and tax problems; he had an immediate solution. The officials had to swear by oath to give everything the people lost during famine back to them.

God sees your pile of Bill's. He knows the financial worries that keep you tossing and turning at night. He has the solution concerning what you lost in recent floods or fires. He has the solution to your mortgage, business loan and tuition issues.

Ask the Holy Spirit to shed light on the solution. The people put their problems in the right hands. I command those destiny helpers to be released to you now.

This year interest rates will drop,

Every bad situation will have something positive. Even a dead clock shows correct time twice a day. Stay positive in life. God knows what is best for you.



# LAST WORD

## Teaching Us Our Mortality

Moses once prayed, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) The daily death count in countless headlines is a reminder that we are dying. All of us. Some die sooner, some later. Some pass of more natural causes, others of this ruthless virus. But the fact that corona could infect us and then end us is a message many of us need. Our flu shots and First World health care can make us feel immortal until a virus too small for the eye to see shouts of our frail humanity. We are but dust, as each passing day proves. (Psalm 103:14) No wonder, in the very next verse, Moses cried out: "Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants." (Psalm 90:13)

Given our mortality, we need God to relent, to hold back every virus and form of violence that would cut our days short. We require his compassion, his kindness, and his mercy, or we won't make it. One clueless virus carrier could cough one time and, with one breath, your life could be changed forever.

**God, have compassion! Relent!**

Yet in the midst of it all, Moses knew exactly what we need. He recognized the truth that transforms our fears into joyful faith: "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days!"

(Psalm 90:14) This was my go-to morning prayer back in the days when Corona was just a Mexican beer. These days, I pray it still, but with more passion. So much has been taken away, yet God's love has remained. The unfailing nature of his affection for us is the source of gladness that allows us to sing "all our days," these crazy days included. You might be

For years I had my quiet time in the morning, then headed into the day without considering where God was. It was as though my early Morning Prayer and scripture reading was a talisman to see me through the day.

I neglected to consider what friendship with God meant in my daily rhythm of living. St Paul reminds us that we are to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NKJV).

In other words, whatever we are doing and wherever we find ourselves, we are to be conscious of and talk to God.

This is quite some discipline.

If I am to become conscious of God throughout every moment of each day, I must wake up to the reality of God's presence with me.

Life's pressures and the reality of my immediate surroundings will always dull my senses to the presence of Jesus.

I need to discover how to perceive God in every circumstance.

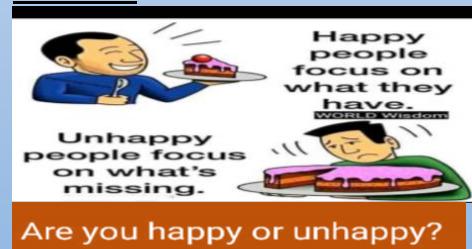
This is an acquired skill, essential to effective Christian living.

Once I am aware of God, I have the choice to take hold of God's perception alongside my own instinctive reaction. This impacts my inner mood and outward behaviour in a positive way. I exercise personal choice. In those moments of quiet observation, I find the space to consider God, to pray and

## PRAYER POINTS

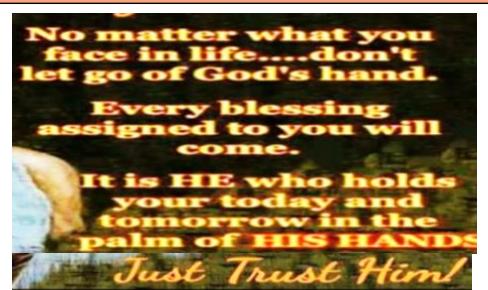
1. Every territorial power that is fighting or has captured my freedom or progress, release me and die by fire.
2. Any power that says I will not have the freedom to prosper in this country, die by fire.
3. Demonic powers that have caged my success or upward movement, I destroy you and burn your cage to ashes.
4. Any black cage mounted at the top of the stairway to my divine door, burn to ashes.
5. I step through all my divine doors this year in the Name of Jesus.
6. Every bondage of past pain or mistake holding me down, break, break by fire.
7. Any wicked power messing with my mind and filling me with insecurities, get out and die a painful death in Jesus' Name.
8. From this day, I will begin to live, laugh and dance in the freedom purchased for me on Calvary and no power of darkness will be able to cage my freedom or stop my laughter again in Jesus' Name.

## CARTOON



## Quote of the Week:

**Never underestimate the power of a bended knee. It can break a hardened heart.**



## A PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK

Our \*LORD\* is a miracle worker! He has caused the mighty to fall and sustained the weak! There is no impossibility before our God! Things which are impossible with men are possible with God! \*Welcome to the new week\*, I bless you by the power of anointing, God will make a way for you where there seems no way! He will fix all the impossible and make them possible for you! The plans of the enemies against your life shall be destroyed. Although these are critical times, but the situation

## LAUGHTER'S THE BEST

\*Face Mask is good oooh!  
I just passed someone that  
I'm owing and he didn't  
recognize me!\*

Experiencing this pandemic in different ways  
New monthly budget.

Petrol £0  
Clothes £0  
Entertainment £0  
Self care £0  
Nights out £0  
Food £2,576.89

## \*NEWSFLASH\*

No birth certificate will be issued by the Federal Government for children born between \*Jan. 2021 to Feb. 2021.\*

**REASON:** The parents did not maintain social

The world may be changing but the truths of God's word will and forever remain the same!

