



# THE REFINERY DEVOTIONAL

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**START YOUR DAY WITH CHRIST'S CONSCIOUSNESS  
AND BE REFINED UNTO ALL OF GOD'S GOODNESS**

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**Blessings.**

## **DAY 1**

### **TOPIC: CONFLUENCE OF POWER**

**TEXT: Acts 1:8**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

The above verse of the Acts of Apostles is very clear; the writer informs us that when the Holy Ghost is received, power is available. This is awesome! It means that everyone who has received the Holy Ghost has power.

The Greek word for “power” in the above verse is “dunamis”, which means “miraculous power or ability”. This means the power which believers received by the Holy Ghost is miraculous. The implication of this is that all believers can demonstrate the miraculous power or ability of God. Now, having affirmed that all believers have the miraculous power of God by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, it means then that when believers gather, there is a confluence of power. In other words, power is so much available in all of us such that we can all demonstrate the miraculous power of God.

The Apostle Paul is very definite on this one (See 1 Corinthians 14:26).

*“How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.”*

Here, Paul employed some very definite words in describing the state of the church when everybody gathers; he says “every one of you hath...” The Apostle Paul does not describe a state that is lukewarm, unlikely, or unsure; rather, it is an atmosphere where the miraculous overflows, where the power is heavily in demonstration, because we all have the power of God!

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## **DAY 2**

**TOPIC: PSALM 23!**

**TEXT: Psalm 23:1**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

***“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”***

This is one of the psalms I learnt and was made to recite offhand while growing up in Sunday school. It is important to read the entire chapter of our scripture text for proper appreciation. However, for the purpose of our study, we shall expound only on the first verse of this chapter. Psalms are basically words gotten out of deep meditation or inspiration. This particular psalm was written by David. It is safe to posit that David, being a shepherd, was well acquainted with the act of shepherding; he knew that being a shepherd involves putting one’s life at stake for the sheep. David himself narrated to Saul how a lion and bear attacked his father’s flock of sheep and he saved the sheep by destroying the bear and lion (*1 Samuel 17:34-35*). Knowing this, he therefore concluded that God was his shepherd.

In the gospels, Jesus revealed that He was the good shepherd i.e. the one who would give His life for us (the sheep). We can therefore say that the affirmation in our scripture text is not restricted to David only, because the believer can firmly say that “Jesus is my Good shepherd, He gave His life for me!” David’s meditation is now the reality of the believer in Christ. Glory to God, we have a good shepherd— Jesus Christ the righteous who died for us that we should live eternally! We are no longer in fear of the terror of hell or the attack of the devil, we know for sure that our shepherd is able to keep, guide and protect us forever!

Let us consider the words made by Jesus to qualify His duty as the good shepherd in John 10:27-29; *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”*

It can thus be summarized that Jesus, our good shepherd, knows us and we know Him because we have believed in Him; therefore, we can never perish and nothing can pluck us from His hands. It is worthy of note that ‘never’ in verse 28 is the word “*ou me*” in the Greek which is a double negative, strengthening the denial of something. It is like saying “no, never, not at all” in the same breathe just to show the profoundness of one’s intention. In other words, it means the believer cannot, can never, by any means, perish. These are the words of Jesus. This is how sure Jesus was about our salvation. Since Jesus is sure we can therefore rely and rejoice in His assurance.

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### **DAY 3**

#### **TOPIC: THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD**

**TEXT: Psalms 23:1**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

***“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”***

We all know this verse; most of us practically grew up reciting the whole of Psalms chapter 23 every morning, during our respective morning family devotions. Yet, in the first verse of this psalm of the King David is a most profound truth. A tone of confidence can be readily heard in King David’s voice here: the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In other words, David is confident of the Lord’s ability to provide for him; hence, he sounds it emphatically “I shall not want”. The word “want” here implies “to lack; to have needs that have not been met”. The thought that David communicates here is the Lord’s ability to meet needs. His use of the word “shepherd” to describe the Lord here means that he is saying that he and his wants, are the Lord’s responsibility.

Such a lesson to learn from David! The writer of Hebrews reiterates this truth in Hebrews 13:5; he lets us know that we must be aware that God is for us. Peter, in his first epistle, renders it more explicitly; he lets us know that we must cast our cares (that is, concerns) on God because He cares (that is, concerned) for us (1 Peter 5:7). In other words, God is concerned about our concerns. Sometimes, we think that maybe God is indifferent about it when we are in need of material things. Beloved, this is not how to cast your cares upon him at all! Such thoughts insinuate that the Lord is not our shepherd; and that even if He is, He is not a good one! But no; far from it! The Lord is a good shepherd and he cares for us.

Beloved, be rest assured today that the Lord will meet that need. When all seems bleak, and every door seems closed, He will make that material resource available supernaturally. For it is He who makes a way where there seems to be no way; He makes rivers in the desert and turns wastelands into lands of greenery. He was the same one who rained manna (bread) from heaven, and He has not changed. If He did it before, he can (and will) do it again! He will meet that need and do beyond that which you imagine! The Lord is our shepherd and we shall not want. Today and beyond, let your heart be full of this knowledge, and you will see yourself enjoy His never-ending provisions.

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## **DAY 4**

### **TOPIC: GET INVOLVED!**

### **TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”*

The preceding verses of our Bible text show us the operations of the various parts of the body. It explains that they work towards achieving a common goal; the total well-being of the body. Apostle Paul gives an analogy between the human body and that of Christ's body. He lets us know that we (that is, all believers) are members of the body of Christ and just as all the parts of the body work together for the overall benefit of the body, so the believer is to work for the overall benefit of the church; the body of Christ.

Many believers think they have nothing to offer and therefore fail to participate in their respective local churches. Some even think that they alone have too much to offer and so every other member is insignificant. In doing so, they create a huge gap in the overall functioning of the church. Apostle Paul's teaching here is to instruct us never to underestimate or overestimate our importance to the body of Christ.

Every believer has a significant role to play in the body of Christ; hence, our text “NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR”. No member is more/less important than the other, for the body is not one member, but many (1 Corinthians 12:14). We must have it at the back of our minds that as parts of the body of Christ, we are to work as a team with the other members in order for the body to function as a unit. What affects one member affects the other; and as such, when one member is not performing effectively in his/her role, it could affect the other member's functionality immensely thereby leading to schism in the body.

Child of God, verse 18 of our scripture text lets us know that it is God that sovereignly sets the members in the body of Christ as He pleases. He did this for wholeness of the body of Christ. He alone made available the various gifts of the Spirit for the edification and nourishment of the body of Christ. That is to tell you that your role in the body of Christ **MUST** not be taken with levity. See yourself as an important part of Christ's body. Get involved in your local church. Be active in both physical and spiritual exercises. Perform your role for the overall well-being of the body of Christ; for this is well pleasing in the sight of God.

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Further Study: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

## **DAY 5**

### **TOPIC: CORRECTION OR CONDEMNATION**

**TEXT: Proverbs 3:11-12**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

***“11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son [in whom] he delighteth.”***

There seems to be a slight difference between correction and condemnation. However, this seemingly slight difference is actually a very wide gap between the two as they are entirely different. Correction encapsulates pointing out a wrong doing and how well it could have been done while condemnation is to proclaim someone guilty for a wrong done while the guilty person bears the punishment for his or her wrong.

From the Bible text above, the words “chastening” and “correction” are similar. They connote “training, discipline, instruction and rebuke”. They represent the exact responsibility of God to everyone that belongs to Him; His children. This same text is quoted in the epistle (Hebrews 12). In fact, the writer of Hebrews further explains that it a proof of God’s love to be corrected by Him. Hence, anyone that is not corrected by God is a bastard; such is not His son. Correction therefore ought to be received with great delight and sobriety, knowing that it is a great privilege to be corrected.

As earlier mentioned, this must not be confused for condemnation as God doesn’t point our sins to us in order to make us feel guilty and bear the punishment for our sins. God rather points us in the right direction instead of leaving us to our own when we go wrong. The principal way by which He does this is through His word, often through the help of ministry gifts [that is, apostles, pastors (teachers), evangelists, and prophets.] It is therefore expected that all believers, since they are the sons of God, ought to be decisive and deliberate about yielding to God’s correction. They are ultimately for our benefit and the proof of God’s love to us.

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## **DAY 6**

### **TOPIC: CAST OUT DEVILS (1)**

**TEXT: Mark 1: 23-26**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”*

In our scripture text, Jesus encountered a man who was possessed with an unclean spirit. This man happened to be in the synagogue while Jesus taught with all authority and power. Being aware of the almighty power of God in Jesus, the unclean spirit spoke through the man whom he possessed. Interestingly, the unclean spirit dared to engage Jesus in a conversation. The evil Spirit acclaimed that he knew who Jesus was; “The Holy One of God”. Jesus could have been dazed and marveled at the revelation. Jesus, of course, is the Holy One of God. Hence, this unclean spirit was somewhat saying the truth about the personality of Jesus. Instead, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit. We shall expound on the lesson to be learnt from this very shortly.

It is obvious from the scenario that Jesus was not surprised at what the unclean spirit said through the man. Jesus did not engage him in any further conversation by asking “Oh, how did you know me? Where are you from? Who told you I am the holy one of God?” Jesus’ lack of interest in the statement made by the unclean spirit would have been due to the fact that Jesus had a foreknowledge of what the unclean spirit could do. In other words, Jesus knew that evil spirits were (are) aware of who He was (is).

One thing we must learn is that demons and evil spirits are repetitive in their actions. What was done here was repeated in *Acts 16:16-18*. Here, it was Paul and Silas who were encountered with the demonic spirit. The spirit spoke through the damsel that Paul and Silas were the servants of the most high God and that they had come to show the way of salvation unto the people. Indeed, the mission of the duo was to preach the gospel to the people i.e. show them the way of salvation. But, they did not give in to the unclean spirit. They cast out the devil!

Beloved, we owe no duty to interrogate demons or engage them in any conversation. We have the power and the instruction to cast them out. Our response to evil spirits is that we should cast them out! Do not be disturbed or surprised when demons speak through people. When they say “I know you; you are this and that...” They may say the “truth” or even say things that are correct about us; but it does not matter— our duty is to cast them out! Jesus Christ exemplified this; Paul and Silas did the same too. We are to do likewise. We have the authority. We are the ones in charge. In Jesus’ name, we cast out devils!

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## **DAY 7**

### **TOPIC: TRUE TRANSFORMATION**

**TEXT: Romans 12:2**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

The text above is a very popular one. However, as it is with many popular statements, we often tend to lose the true essence of those statements as a result of over-familiarity. The text tells us without mincing words that we are transformed by the renewing of our minds. The word “transformed” was translated from the Greek word “metamorphoo”; which implies “a change from within seen without”. In other words, this change is not to become someone else, but to become who you really are. For example, when a butterfly undergoes metamorphosis, changing from egg to larvae, to pupa, and finally to adult form, it is not becoming what it is not, but what it really is.

Now, when Paul says “be not conformed” to this world, he was not exactly refer to a pattern of dressing or haircut as many have thought. The word “world” here is from a word in the Greek that implies “thought-pattern”. The truth of the matter is that there are many who dress piously today who still think like the world. For instance, a believer who says things like “I can’t forgive him until I revenge and get even with him”, even though he dresses piously, is still reasoning like the world. He needs to renew his mind to see that forgiveness is now his new nature in Christ.

Hence, what Paul was actually saying was that we, as believers, must not think the way the world thinks. And this is exactly why we must renew our minds with the word of God. This is because in the word of God, especially in the epistles, is where we find who we really truly are— our new nature and culture. When we renew our minds by beholding these facts, we undergo a change from within which will consequently be seen without, in our actions. Therefore, when a believer is seen exhibiting certain unpalatable actions, he must be corrected with the written word. He must be made to see that those actions are incongruent with his new nature in Christ. When he sees and understands this, his mind is renewed, and then he is transformed. True transformation will only come when a believer understands who he is in Christ. Any attempt to achieve this transformation by any means other than the written word will only lead to hypocrisy and a false sense of having being transformed.

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## **DAY 8**

### **TOPIC: BE SENSITIVE TO CONSCIENCE**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 7:9**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.”*

This is an instruction to the church by the Apostle Paul. The words “take heed” literally mean “beware”; this implies “to be careful”. Hence, the Apostle Paul warns to desist from taking certain actions. The words “stumbling” and “block” were translated from a single Greek word “proskomma”, which means “occasion of falling, offence or moral embarrassment”; while the words “weak” means “strengthless or feeble-mindedness”. This therefore means that believers should be careful not to let their liberty as an occasion of falling or moral embarrassment to the weak. In other words, the Apostle instructs the church to pay attention to the minds or consciences of other believers in our actions.

In the above passage, Paul addressed the issue of food offered to idols and whilst he clarifies that there is but one God and whatever we eat or do not eat does not make us any lesser or better before God, we are to be cautious that there are other believers who have not received this knowledge and can be defiled in their minds by the actions of those who are knowledgeable.

The Apostle Paul thus advises that *“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.”*

Here is Apostle Paul’s charge; that we avoid to do things that can affect the consciences of the faint-hearted believer or a believer having no such knowledge of that liberty when they are physically present. Beloved, in conclusion, we live our lives unto the edification of the saints and as such, any actions of ours that does not affect our spiritual positions but can corrupt the minds of a fellow believer must be done cautiously.

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## **DAY 9**

### **TOPIC: WHICH IS EASIER TO SAY?**

**TEXT: Luke 5:23**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee: or to say, Rise up and walk?”*

The above question, in our text, was put forward by Jesus Christ to the teachers of the law, while they murmured within themselves as to who gave him the power to forgive sins. The Pharisees didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God or that he had any right to pardon sins. They must have felt it would have only been okay for him to heal the man of his palsy than for Him (Jesus) to tell him (the paralytic) that his sins were forgiven.

Jesus chose to show them that not only does He have the power to heal, but also that He also has the power to forgive sins. The signs and wonders He does are only proofs that Salvation is possible with him. What is seemingly difficult for man is not so for God. If He could purge us of our sins by His sacrifice on the cross once for all, then healing, providing and protecting us is not hard for him to do.

Beloved, think not in your heart that anything is too big for God to do, because if you do, then you are implying that that thing is greater than the forgiveness of sins which Jesus died to give you and the Holy Ghost that dwells in you! But, glory to God; for nothing can be greater than Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross! So, as you go about your day, be rest assured that just as your sins are forgiven, your physical needs can also be provided by the Lord supernaturally.

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**Further Study:** Ephesians 2:1, 5, 6; Colossians 2:13

## **DAY 10**

### **TOPIC: ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER**

**TEXT: Romans 8:28**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“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.”*

One of the easiest ways to misunderstand what is said or written is to pull out a part and interpret it outside the whole body. More like reading just a single phrase or sentence inside a 5-page article and deriving a meaning for such sentence. Whatever interpretation obtained from such careless lifting of sentence can never be accurate. This is what is popularly practiced by many believers today as they seek to interpret or explain a bible text; many rather take a text out of the original context of the whole book. This same error has been done with our referenced text above.

People have clearly misinterpreted this verse to mean that once you are a believer, whatever happens in your life (either good or bad) is God’s doing; such happenings are all culminating for a good plan that God is seeking to achieve. This error is so grievous that it puts at stake the personality of God. A careful and thorough reading of the whole book and especially the eighth chapter clarifies what the phrase “all things” actually means. The “all things” here were rightly mentioned in the next verse. This passage is simply saying that anyone who is a believer has come into the foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification and the glorification of God. All these things listed above work for the good of the believer such that nothing can neither come against him nor separate him from the love of God that is in Christ.

Therefore; every believer, as we speak, has been conformed to (fashioned in the likeness of) the same image of Jesus. We have received God’s call; hence, we are called “His own”. We have been declared just and guiltless, and we are now in the same glory of Jesus! All these things are simply for our good. They have become our reality and our rejoicing.

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**Further Study: Romans 8:28-39**

## **DAY 11**

**TOPIC: AS GOD IS SURE**

**TEXT: 2 Corinthians 1:18-19**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.”*

Yea! Our God is true. Glory! That affirmation should prompt you to rejoice. Do you know what that means? It means God is trustworthy, faithful, and sure. You know what it means to have someone who is trustworthy as a father? It means we can believe what he says for certainty. It means we are not going to be disappointed in what he says; for example, if he says we've got eternal life, it then means we have eternal life because he said so. It means that right here on earth, eternal life is what we have got; and when we depart this earth, we will discover it is true and there is no point in time and eternity that it will change. We have surety in that reality because God is true.

Now, Apostle Paul tells the Corinthian church that their preaching is defined by the constancy of God's character that is He is true so we don't preach yea or nay (uncertainty). We should learn from Apostle Paul— every believer shouldn't preach any such thing that is not in agreement with God's constancy of character! Therefore, since in God there is no uncertainty, or inconsistency, or skepticism, or anything dubious, then our messages should never be descriptive of any such vices.

None of our messages should make people doubt salvation in Christ, their abilities in Christ, and the constancy of God's goodness. People should rather be assured of the realities of salvation when we preach; this is because God is sure.

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## **DAY 12**

### **TOPIC: THE DEVIL IS THE ENEMY**

**TEXT: Ephesians 6:12**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

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

We have an adversary— the devil— who walks the earth seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). But we are instructed to put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against his wiles. Most believers are of the notion that once they become born-again, the devil becomes born-again too. The Bible calls him our adversary. He has no good plans or intentions toward us. He will do anything to get at us or our loved ones. Even if it requires him to manipulate people against us, he will do so. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against spiritual powers. Child of God, quit thinking that the enemy is your uncle, aunt, father or mother. The enemy is the devil.

Irrespective of the fiery darts he throws our way, we are charged to resist him steadfastly in the faith for we have the victory over him at all times through Christ Jesus (Romans 8:37). It is our duty to stand against all kinds of evil wherever and whenever it is found. We are not to shut our eyes to it or try to patch up a compromise with it, because the devil is behind it all. Indulging our weaknesses, whims, pitying ourselves, grumbling and complaining is not the way to go when things are working contrary against you.

You have the greater one on the inside of you. He is the head of all principalities and powers. He has bestowed on you all authority to tread on the enemy. You are expected to be in charge of every situation at all times because you’ve been made more than a conqueror through Christ who loved you.

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**Further Study:** Luke 10:19, 1 John 4:4, 1 Peter 5:8-9

## **DAY 13**

### **TOPIC: CAST OUT DEVILS (2)**

**TEXT: Mark 1: 23-26**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”*

We learnt in the first part of this devotional that we are not to indulge evil spirits in any conversation. We are to cast out devils. Saint Mark recorded that Jesus never allowed demons to speak but rather he rebuked them.

Mark 1:34 “...and He cured many who were afflicted with various diseases; and He drove out many demons, but would not allow the demons to talk because they knew Him” [AMP]

Just like Jesus, we must never allow demons to speak and manipulate our minds. Do not forget that the unclean spirit who encountered Jesus in our scripture text knew who Jesus was. He tried to manipulate Jesus but our Lord Jesus rebuked and cast him out. This shows to us that demons are used to manipulations. They have wiles, tricks and manipulations in their arsenal. But, we are not to be conscious of how terrible demons are; we are to be overwhelmed with how mighty the power of God we have is. We must drench ourselves in the knowledge that we have the authority that is above all authorities; hence, we can cast out devils.

Again, another thing is worth learning in our scripture text. We observe that immediately Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and cast him out, the unclean spirit tore the possessed body much more before leaving. Let us consider the Amplified version for better illustration; *Verse 26: and the unclean spirit, throwing the man into convulsions and screeching with a loud voice, came out of him.*

Literarily, the man who was possessed with the unclean spirit convulsed before becoming calm and whole. Something similar also happened in *Mark 9:25-26* where Jesus rebuked a deaf and dumb spirit and the spirit tore the possessed body apart such that everyone thought the man was dead. It is not novel to hear of or see demonic possessed persons act unorderly when they are being cast out. Some may scream the more or tear the possessed body apart such that one would think the demon has not left. Again, this is sheer manipulation. The truth is, demons respond to the power of God. When we command demons to go in the name of Jesus, they obey. It does not matter the act done through the possessed body afterwards, we are not to fidget or be scared that the power of God is not working. We are to hold our peace and stay on our authority.

Beloved, knowing that we have the power and authority to cast of devils, let us do same in all circumstances. No matter the name of the evil spirit; deaf, dumb, lame, unclean, insanity etc. we are to cast out all devils in the name of Jesus.

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## **DAY 14**

**TOPIC: TO EDIFY AND NOT TO SHOW OFF!**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 14:12**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church”*

Paul, in the chapter from which the text above was quoted, thoroughly explained to the church the use and practice of spiritual gifts. The church in Corinth was one zealous about demonstrating spiritual gifts. Paul had written earlier on, affirming the fact that they were enriched in all utterance (1 Corinthians 1:5). The church in Corinth was one with a burning desire to manifest the gifts of the Spirit, which all believers have freely received as part of their rights and privileges in Christ. Every believer must desire to use and make a practice of the gifts which have been bestowed upon us all; this is good and acceptable in the sight of God.

However, much more, we learn from the Apostle Paul, in his explanation to us by the Spirit of God, the reason why we must desire to manifest spiritual gifts— it is to the end that the church may be edified. This lets us know that the demonstration of the gifts of the Spirit must not be done to show off, either it is done within the venue where the church gathers or outside it. We must always bear this in mind— our goal as we practice the things of the Spirit is to edify. If we lose sight of this, we will begin to compete, as though we were in a contest to determine who the “spiritual heavyweight” is; and much worse, we will begin to despise people who have been considered to be “spiritual low-levels”. An attitude such as this may make us not to enjoy the edification which ought to be part and parcel of our gatherings.

Dearly beloved, I reiterate in the words of the Apostle Paul, as you are zealous of manifesting spiritual gifts, seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church. Let the edification of the church (and not a desire to show off) always be the drive that pushes you to want to demonstrate the gifts of the Spirit in the gathering of believers.

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## **DAY 15**

### **TOPIC: BE NOT UNWISE**

**TEXT: Hebrews 13:5-6**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“5 [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord [is] my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”*

It is not uncommon today to find humans measure their progress in life based on the achievement of their “mates” and “contemporaries”. What this eventually does is that it causes either momentary happiness or sadness. For example, if I see that many of my friends now own a house and I do not have one yet, I’ll most likely be sad at that moment simply because I will feel I’m sort of behind my mates in life. The reverse is the case when I seem to be ahead. Some even use their friend’s achievement as a “point of contact” for their own even when they rejoice with such friends. Subtly, there is a thought in the mind of such fellow that his or her friend has left him behind and he needs to catch up or even overtake. This makes our countenance dependent on our comparison with the achievements of others.

If care is not taken, such attitude will most likely generate into envy, bitterness, strife and greed. It is clear from the bible that God doesn’t want us to live this way. Our Bible text above gives us a charge on contentment. It clearly says that contentment is to be secured in God’s ability to cater for us, knowing full well that He is a helper that will never leave nor forsake us. This is the way to have a greed-free lifestyle. This, however, doesn’t suggest complacency; this doesn’t say that we should not do our best to get more material things. It is simply saying that we must be secured in God, no matter the level of material possessions we have.

It is therefore unwise to compare our lives with others. Neither should we put our trust in material riches. We simply need to fix our gaze on God who cares for us far more than we can care for ourselves, knowing that He is always with us.

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## **DAY 16**

### **TOPIC: ACCEPTED FOREVER**

#### **TEXT: Ephesians 1:6**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*

The purpose of repetition in a literary work most times is to show the importance or make emphasis on the word repeated. In our text, Apostle Paul used repetition to emphasize how we are accepted in Christ. We need not go to the etymology of the word “accepted” to know what it means. However, a quick study of the root word translated as “accepted” in our text would enable us to see the level of importance Apostle Paul placed on it for him to repeat it twice in the same verse.

The word “accepted” was translated from the Greek word “*charitoo*”, which means “highly favoured or to endue with special honour”. This word “*charitoo*”, appeared also in Luke 1:28; “*And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*”

That phrase “highly favoured” is the same with the word “accepted” in our text. In our scripture text, the phrase “hath made” and the word “accepted” are both from the word “*charitoo*” in the Greek, which has been explained above to mean “highly favoured or endued with grace”. Thus, we can reread our scripture text thus;

*“To the praise of the glory of his grace, we are highly favoured and accepted in the beloved.”*

That the believer is accepted by God is not debatable. Nothing can change that fact. Many may have listened to some preachers say that the believer may be rejected by God maybe due to his sins or character flaws. We affirm boldly that there is no scripture text that supports this misrepresentation of God’s character. Just for the Ephesian church and all saints to know how serious and expedient the work of Christ was on the cross, the Apostle Paul stated it twice in the same breath that we are accepted, highly favoured, endued with special honour in the beloved. Right now, we are part of God’s family. We can never be rejected. In Christ we dwell eternally. Any other message that negates this truth must be discountenanced.

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## **DAY 17**

### **TOPIC: ONE THING IS NEEDFUL**

**TEXT: Luke 10:42**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“But one thing is needful: and Mary had chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

One thing is profound in the message Jesus wanted to pass across via the incident that occurred at Mary and Martha’s house. The importance of spending time with the word and prayer in spite of our busy schedules. Many times, we get caught up with the pressures of life and get carried away with achieving one goal or the other. We even think that the time to be spent with the word and in prayer can be used to achieve a whole lot of other things. What we do not know is that a few minutes or hours spent with the word and in prayers can lift up our burdens and give us a clear perspective on how to achieve our goals.

We are not to allow our daily activities take pre-eminence in our lives; rather, we are to create time for studying and meditating on the word, as well as prayers. For in doing so, we get the very wisdom of God that we need for all of our life’s decisions and directions. We are also to know that the point of spending time with the word and prayer is not so that we can check it off on our goals chart; rather it’s a time to commune with the Lord. Else, how do we foster a relationship that we have no time for the other person who has promised to be with us, live in us and is for us forever? If we are to enjoy our relationship with the Lord and grow in the things of the Spirit, we are to spend time studying the word and praying.

Beloved brethren, it is not wrong to be determined at what we do, but time spent with the word and prayer must never be taken from you; because it will help you see mountains that seemed insurmountable become as plains and deserts filled with fresh water.

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**Further Study: John 5:39**

## **DAY 18**

### **TOPIC: QUESTIONS THAT HELP**

**TEXT: Galatians 3:2-4**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? [3] Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”*

In the body of Christ today where diverse doctrines are taught, especially as it pertains to the believers' spiritual realities, believers must constantly judge the things they hear by many preachers. Asking very important questions can help a lot in maintaining affirmation of our inheritance in Christ, regardless of what is being said. In the texts above are some of the many questions that point us in the direction of truth at all times. At a time when the Galatian church shifted focus from the truth, the Apostle Paul asked a very vital question, in order to help shift their focus back to in-Christ realities alone.

So, he asked them; “did you receive the Spirit by works or by the hearing of faith?” A genuine answer to this question prompts you to remember the origin of salvation: it is by faith alone and it is evidenced by the receiving of the Holy Ghost. Such believer, who is genuine enough, would never agree that he is to work out salvation because the means by which salvation is received cannot start with faith and end with works - No! He would rather remain emphatic on the constancy of the nature of salvation that it remains by faith forever and never by doing something.

The second question is also a very crucial: “are you now made perfect in the flesh having begun in the Spirit?” A genuine answer will be that since salvation was first spiritual, it remains spiritual and in essence we cannot seek to make perfect physically what is by nature spiritual. Thus, if there is any perfection, it has to be a spiritual one. A correct Bible believer will then realize that he is made perfect spiritually. These questions above bring to remembrance about what is the truth about our spiritual realities. And they help clarify our doubts and to set our gaze constantly on the truth.

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## **DAY 19**

### **TOPIC: WHEN WE PRAY**

#### **TEXT: Philippians 1:19**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,”*

Paul’s tone in the text above is one full of an unmistakable assurance about the power of prayer. He says “I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer”. Apostle Paul was in a precarious situation here; the setting of the entire book of Philippians lets us know that he was in prison at this time. This was a tough time in Paul’s ministry. Hence, the salvation which Paul spoke of here mustn’t be misconstrued as salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. It is not prayer that gives salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, but the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the word of faith. The salvation that Paul spoke of here is his deliverance from his bonds in prison. Paul was saying here that via the prayers of the saints, he knows he will be set free supernaturally.

Now, Paul says something very vital; he calls “prayer” the “supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ”. The word “and” here was translated from a word in the Greek that is often used as an explanatory term. So, the word “and” as used by Paul here served an explanatory function, rather than a conjunctive one, as in the English Language. In other words, Paul lets us know that when we pray, we supply the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The Spirit of our Lord is synonymous to power; hence, when we pray, we supply power in the direction of our prayers. This means that the prayer of the man in Christ is never void of power.

We orchestrate events when we pray. We make tremendous power available. We pray with much assurance, knowing just as the Apostle Paul did, that our prayers will cause something to happen unto our favour. In precarious times and in the midst of untoward situations, we are to say like Apostle Paul “I know that I shall overcome this supernaturally through my prayer which is the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ!” This is our assurance as we pray; we know that our effectual fervent prayer avails much! So, we pray; yea, with much fervency, we burst forth, praying in tongues!

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## **DAY 20**

### **TOPIC: PROPHECY BY LOVE**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 14:1-3**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual [gifts], but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth [him]; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men [to] edification, and exhortation, and comfort.”*

The thirteenth chapter of the first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians is Paul’s treatise on love. Just after this is the next chapter where he clarified the use of tongues and prophecy in Christian meetings. The word translated as “charity” is the same word that means “God’s kind of love”; such love that prefers other people above one’s self (sacrificial love). Paul mentions that in order to operate in the things of the Spirit (especially prophecy), one will have to be passionate about loving others sacrificially. This is because when a believer speaks in tongues, he edifies only himself; however, because of his desire to edify other believers beyond himself (which is a display of love), he will seek to prophesy or interpret the tongues spoken.

In the same passage, Paul hints that when a believer prays in tongues, he speaks mysteries to God. Mysteries are covered sayings that are meant to be uncovered; they are not supposed to be left as covered. It is therefore clear that prophecy is to uncover the mysteries that have been said. This simply means that what ought to motivate us, as to prophecy in Christian meetings, is our love to edify, exhort and comfort other believers in the gathering rather than just edify ourselves alone.

Prophesying therefore is easy when we know why we need to do it. It must also be noted that the same enablement that is needed for speaking in tongues has also been given for prophesying; all that is needed is a desire to bless other saints. If you have never blessed other believers by prophesying, seek to do that today.

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## **DAY 21**

### **TOPIC: GODLY RELATIONSHIPS**

**TEXT: Proverbs 14:12**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*

Single parenting and co-habiting have become the order of the day in our society. It is no longer seen as something that is wrong and isn't worthy of emulation. God had His reasons for instructing that sex be only done within the confines of marriage between a husband and wife. Living with someone of the opposite sex exposes both parties to sexual temptations and relationships. It is as one playing with naked fire or electricity. The Bible warns us to flee all appearances of evil at all cost. And that includes having sexual relations with someone you are not married to.

Sex is meant to be a part of a relationship of commitment where two people devote themselves to each other as partners for life. They are to be devoted to, complement and fulfil one another in a loving and sacrificial relationship where each partner seeks to minister to the other person. Co-habitation situations will nearly always lack this commitment. Without the commitment of marriage, there will rarely be the willingness needed to work through problems that will be encountered.

God's plan from the beginning of time was for marriage to be enjoyed by both parties involved i.e. a husband and wife. He desires a godly generation; hence, the instruction from Apostle Paul for every man to have his own wife and the woman her own husband (1 Corinthians 7:2).

Beloved, let no man deceive you with vain words such as “everyone does it; it's no big deal.” You are light in the Lord and no more in darkness. Therefore you are to walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). Choose to do the right thing in your relationships today; honour and obey God in it, for you will be the first beneficiary.

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## **DAY 22**

**TOPIC: YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!**

**TEXT: 2 KINGS 6:15-16**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16- And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.”*

There is a lot to learn from the Old Testament Prophets. It is not a lie to say that they were conscious of the power of God and they manifested same. Prophet Elisha, in our text today, made a remarkable statement as he was faced with a host of enemies on chariots and horses who gathered round about him to harm him. He said to his servant *“fear not for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.”*

This is awesome! Jesus makes us understand this more as He reveals to us that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. The believer should never be held bound in fear of the enemy. He has an innumerable company of angels working for him. He has an ability that is greater, and tremendously exceeds the impending difficulty. We are never alone!

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## **DAY 23**

### **TOPIC: DECLARED NOT GUILTY**

**TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:21**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*

People often wonder how possible it is when we say that a believer despite his sins is yet justified or how possible a sinner, who had committed horrible sins, can be declared righteous having received Christ. Some believers are amazed when we say that their sins are not counted against them, and many are not even sure of what to believe. The above text helps in clarifying a lot in that regard. If we say that believers are no longer judged for their sins, it is because Jesus has been made sin for us.

Now, Jesus was without sin, which means it was our sins that He took upon himself and was declared guilty for and took the punishment for. By so doing, He has made us free who are sinners from the judgement of the sins we committed. He is thus called “saviour”. The word “saviour” means “deliverer”. In essence, Jesus delivered us from the judgement of sin by taking the judgement of sins in our stead. The Apostle Peter puts it this way *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.”* (1 Peter 3:18)

So, the essence of His death for us was to bring us to God guiltless, without condemnation and with pardon from the judgement of sins. In our text, we see the purpose of Jesus’ death; it is that we that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Beloved, you are not charged for any wrong doing, but you are declared righteous on Jesus’ account. Your position has changed from being a sinner to being God’s righteousness. Rejoice!

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## **DAY 24**

### **TOPIC: A MIRACULOUS GOD**

**TEXT: Romans 15:4**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*

The scriptures (Old Testament writings) were written for our learning to the end that we might have hope. One of the important things to learn from the scriptures is that God is miraculous. In the scriptures, we see God miraculously provide food for people. He filled the camp of the Israelites with bread (manna) and meat (quails). He used ravens to feed the Prophet Elijah. He provided water from a rock for the Israelites. He even provided water for Hagar, who was an Egyptian.

A thorough look throughout the entire scriptures should convince anyone about a God who is miraculous. By God, men walked through fire and came out unhurt. By God, men made walls crumble with the voice of a shout. By God, men had their dead raised back to life. By God, men had their waning health restored back to normal. By God, very other numerous miracles were done!

This same God is our Father. Is there anything too big for Him to do? No! We have a firm assurance in Him, that in spite of the several problems that pervade this fallen earth, we have the victory in, and through Him. We know no defeat. We don't look at troubles and turmoil. Our eyes are fastened on the victory that is in God. We have a miraculous God. Therefore, victory is always certain for us!

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## DAY 25

### TOPIC: BE OF A GOOD CHARACTER

TEXT: Genesis 24:15-21

Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN

*“And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.”*

The importance of a good character in the earth realm cannot be overemphasized. It is erroneous to think that being a believer in Christ has extinguished the need to live a life full of good virtues and characters. Prior to the incidence in our scripture text, Abraham had appointed his eldest servant to choose a wife for his son Isaac from his own country, among his people. The servant prayed to God and made his heart desire known as to the criterion for choosing a wife for Isaac. Apparently, the servant based the condition on a “good character” to wit; whomever he will ask for water and the person will not only grant him to drink but also his camels. In other words, such a person must be so kindhearted.

It can be seen that Rebecca was not aware of the servant’s prayer. She had no clue what the servant was up to. She was merely acting out her true character. Rather than debate on whether this act was mere coincidence or otherwise, one should appraise and emulate the kindness and hospitality that Rebecca displayed. She could have ignored the servant’s request and give an excuse for it. She could have given the drink to the servant only and ignored the camels. But, she paraded her goodness for the servant to see. She did beyond what was requested for.

One cannot speak less of the benefits of good behaviour, hospitality, kindness and goodness etc. in the earth realm. While it is true that good character does not make us acceptable to God, it is also true that bad character makes us unacceptable to men. Hence, we must display good character to live a goodly life before men. It is worthy of note that character can be seen. It can be evaluated. It can also be emulated. The servant evaluated Rebecca to see if she met up to the standards he had set, and yes she did. In the earth realm, we can position ourselves to receive favour before men by our display of good character and virtues. There are character flaws everywhere, but we must never bury our heads in the flaws and not be desirous of amending them. We must never forget that the believer has kindness as a fruit of the spirit and he must seek to exhibit same.

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## **DAY 26**

### **TOPIC: MINISTRY BY HIS GRACE**

**TEXT: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency [is] of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”*

A major role that every believer in Christ accepts alongside salvation is the ministry of reconciliation; the ministry of getting other men saved by the preaching of the gospel (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). While this is good enough to be known, there is also an underlying truth that God has given us all the enablement that will ever be needed for this ministry. This enablement is not something that we work or qualify for. It was in God's supremacy to make us enabled. Hence, we are called “able ministers of the New Testament”. God is the one that made us able; He is our sufficiency!

We must never be caught looking unto or trusting in our own strengths. God is not wicked as to commit an assignment unto our hands without enabling us. God is our strength. This must form our consciousness in whatsoever we do in ministry. We already have the enablement for the sacrifices, labours and all that is needed in ministry. All that God will have us do for Him, He have been enabled for them.

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## **DAY 27**

### **TOPIC: SONGS OF EDIFICATION**

**TEXT: Colossians 3:16**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*

The word “dwell” was translated from the Greek word “enoikeo”, which means “to indwell or dwell at home”. It is further explained to mean “dwell in one” or “to influence one”. This therefore means, believers can so much allow the word of Christ to take root in them or become a part of them to the point that it influences them.

In the above text, we find an empirical evidence that the word of Christ can influence the kind of songs we sing. The word “admonish” means “to put in mind or to caution”; thus, words wherein Christ is centered can put to our mind edifying songs of worship or place a caution on some of the songs we have earlier sung or are about to sing. The words “let the word of Christ dwell in you” are quite very instructive. Hence, it is very mandatory for the church to allow the words of Christ dictate the kinds of songs that we sing. In other words, our songs must be Christ-centered; speaking only of Christ and His finished works.

This means we can judge our songs based on in-Christ realities. Does it edify? Does it provoke unto good works? Does it agree that we are accepted in the beloved? Does it provoke unto rejoicing? All these and many more provide answers to whether the songs we sing are in order or not.

Finally, the Apostle Paul says “sing with grace to the Lord”; in other words, sing with gratitude, and with consciousness of joy.

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## **DAY 28**

### **TOPIC: THE GOAL OF PROPHECY**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 14:4**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

***“But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.”***

The goal of prophecy in the gathering of believers is clearly spelt out in the text above— to edify, to exhort, and to comfort. In other words, the jurisdiction for the purpose that prophecy serves has been clearly defined. Anything not within this jurisdiction can be declared null and void. Prophecy in the church is not to get the saints scared or afraid. It is not to unsettle their assurance in the already finished work of Christ, or to cause them to experience some discomfort. Prophecy, as clearly seen in our text, edifies, exhorts, and comforts. Let this fact settle and stay within your heart; acknowledge it, and guard this truth diligently, allowing nothing rob you of it!

It is not uncommon today to see some fellows who, because of the ignorance of their hearts, give supposed prophecies that fill saints with utmost fear and uncertainties. They say things such as “Your sins are against you; the Lord is not here in your midst anymore. I see everybody here will not make it on the last day...” Prophecies such as these are nothing but echoes of an unrenewed mind. Such prophecies are symptomatic of poor Bible teaching, and lack of understanding of the written word. Such people need to get their minds schooled in the word of His grace, which is able to build up (Acts 20:32).

There is a litmus test for prophecies in the gathering of the saints: it is prophecy if it edifies; it is prophecy if it exhorts; and it is prophecy if it comforts. Any other word that does otherwise must not be given serious attention, as it is nothing but an empty drum just making a lot of unamiable noise. Again, the goal of prophecy in the gathering of believers is clearly spelt out in the text above— to edify, to exhort, and to comfort!

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## **DAY 29**

### **TOPIC: THE WATER OF LIFE**

**TEXT: John 7:37-39**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“37 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. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (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.)”*

The Bible text above makes us see Jesus’ declaration for all that thirst. He loudly proclaimed that all that thirst should come and drink from the rivers of living water that flows from His (Jesus’) belly. John’s commentary in the thirty-ninth verse brings clarity to what Jesus meant by the water. The water of life is the Holy Spirit that will reside in men that believe in Jesus, upon His death and resurrection.

Just in the fourth chapter, Jesus spoke of the same water when He was with the Samaritan woman at the well:

*“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 4:14)*

Jesus again, and more emphatically, mentioned that whosoever partakes of this water of life will never get thirst— never again! It will rather be an ever-bubbling spring of water within him; never will this water dry up. Just to be sure that this isn’t an unserious saying, Jesus reiterates the same again in John 6:35.

Every believer today has received the water of life and has been enabled to distribute this water freely so that other men can be partaker of the same. I charge you to give this water of life to as many that are thirsty today, by preaching the gospel unto them that they might believe and receive His Spirit (drink freely of the water). Never forget; you have the water of life now and for ever!

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**DAY 30****TOPIC: TOPIC: DO IT CONTINUOUSLY****TEXT: 1 Peter 5:7****Written by: MAY AYINTETE*****“Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.”***

Our heavenly Father cares for us so much such that He desires that we cast all our cares upon Him. The word “casting” in our text is a term that denotes something to be done continuously. That is to say we are to cast our cares upon the Lord as they come. There should never be a time where we allow any care weigh us down. There should never be a time where we should feel that we are disturbing the Father with too much of our cares. The reason He asks us to casts our cares upon Him is because He cares for us.

Beloved, when going through a difficult patch in your life, know that you are not alone. God cares for you, He has promised to neither leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:8). Do not live in despair like one with no helper. You are the object of His care. When you cast your care upon Him, either big or small, be conscious of the fact that it is upon the one who gave Himself for you that you are casting your care.

Child of God, you can keep yourself in the consciousness of the Father's love for you by praying always in the Spirit. This exercise keeps you in the consciousness that God cares for you.

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