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*Dearlly Beloved,*

Welcome to new week!

You will prosper and will also be preserved this new week in the name of Jesus, Amen!

Do you know that there are certain things God plans to do in your life but have been done because you currently do not have the relationships.

The blessings of God and the answers to your prayers will flow into your life through human relationships. If you do not know, please know today that relationships are bridges. The blessings of God and answers to our prayers often travel to reach us through bridge of human relationships.

Many of us have burnt those bridges or have neither built them. No wonder there are delays and setbacks. This is why this series 'BIRDS OF THE FEATHER' is so important. You need to be skilled in discerning and managing relationships if you are to make the most of your life here on earth.

The Bible is loaded with God's wisdom on how to manage and maximize relationships. And this has been the focus of sermons throughout this month. Don't miss out on the rich and diverse wisdom of God.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE SUMMARY: OMNI FRIENDSHIP

Omni means 'Only'. It is a quality of God that is peculiar to Him alone. God's purpose is for us to have an Omni-friendship with Him. The whole aim of Redemption was to restore our relationship with divinity. (Genesis 3:8-10). To reestablish man's relationship with God – this is why Christianity is a relationship and not a religion. God wants to establish a friendship with us. (Ephesians 2:12).

There are three qualities that only God possesses, and He doesn't share them with anyone else:

1. Omnipotent: The Almighty. (Revelations 19:6. Genesis 17:1-2).
2. Omniscient: The All Knowing, Oly wise God. (1 Timothy 1:17. John 1:5. Proverbs 4:7).
3. Omnipresent: Present everywhere at the same time. (Psalm 139:7-10).

Omnifriendship is an exclusive friendship between you and God. There are four levels of relationship with God.

- **Stranger Level:** Those not born again and can't receive anything from God (Ephesians 2:12, 19; Ezekiel 5:5; Exodus 7:16).
- **Servant Level:** God calls us to serve the world about Him.
- **Sons Level:** This is the level where you reflect God. Here, you feed on the pure milk of God's Word to continue to grow.
- **Friendship Level:** This is the highest level of relationship. Friendship with God is a personal choice. On this level, you gain the following: (a) God reveals secrets to you. (b) Nothing in life will be or take you by surprise. (c) You become prophetic. (d) Your enemies become God's enemies. (e) You secure your generation.

### 3 Things that make relationships:

- a. Same Origin: You must be flowing from the same source. (Ezekiel 28:14-15. Acts 17:28. Deuteronomy 13:6).
- b. Shared Values: Proverbs 12:26. John 15:7.
- c. Shared Vision: (John 15:14. Proverbs 12:28).

### 4 Ways to Love God:

- Have an exclusive relationship with Him. Love only Him. (Exodus 20:2).
- Offer Him true worship (Exodus 20:3).
- Do not be profane (Godless). (Exodus 20:7).
- Spend quality time with Him daily. (Exodus 20:8).

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## Birds of the Same Feather

September 2024 Series



Early Risers Service - 7:30am  
Family Worship Service 9:30am

The Patron Hotel  
Km 20, Lekki-Epe  
Expressway,  
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greener on the  
other side. It is  
only greener  
where you water  
it!





# Daily Devotional

**THANK YOU** for worshipping with us this Sunday.

# MIDWEEK SERVICE (Online only)

**THIS WEDNESDAY | September 18**

God will start with you from where you are, not where you want to be. This was how He dealt with Abraham. 'And the LORD said unto Abram after that Lot was separated from him, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art..."' (Genesis 13:14).

God knew that Abram (God was yet to change his name to Abraham) was in a bad place. Lot, his nephew, had just left him. In all probability, Abraham still had filial love for his younger relative and must have felt a sense of loss. Then God came to him, not just to comfort Abraham but also to teach him a principle of life and faith.

Where you are right now is where God will start with you. If you despise where you are now or do not reckon with it, you will probably miss God. It may not be where you like or intend to be, but that is where God will start with you.

He is the God of both the mountains and the valleys. (1 Kings 20:28). There is no place His mercy or power cannot reach.

God will give you reasons to laugh for joy this week in Jesus name.

## September Birthdays

Blessing Egoma 15th  
Babatunde Sanni-Osilowo 16th  
Daniel Adeyemo 29th  
Adebisi Agbolade 30th

"May the Lord's light shine upon you, bringing immense joy on your birthday and in the years ahead. Happy Birthday!"

6pm (WAT)



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## Springs of Hermon

### OUR CONFESSION

- I am for signs and wonders.
- I have a sound mind and God blesses me with wisdom and retentive memory.
- My God will meet all my needs. He will meet them in keeping with his wonderful riches. These riches come to me because I belong to Christ Jesus.
- I am the head and not the tail. I am always on top never at the bottom.
- The Holy Spirit is my friend and He helps me, He is with me forever. I will not be afraid.



**FROM WHERE YOU ARE**

by Hermon Devotional  
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**Declaration:** In this new week, the mercy and power of God will locate you no matter where you are. You will know God as the God of all comfort in Jesus' name. Also, receive the grace to start from where you are and not despise your present situation, position and location because that is where God will find you

[Click this link for daily devotional \(Monday - Saturday\).](#)

### Bible Reading



Monday

Proverbs 24 - 25  
Mark 9

Tuesday

Proverbs 26 - 27  
Mark 10

Wednesday

Proverbs 28 - 29  
Mark 11

Thursday:

Proverbs 30 - 31  
Mark 12

Friday

Ecclesiastes 1 - 2  
Mark 13

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 3 - 4  
Mark 14



### MIDWEEK SERVICE SUMMARY:

#### DNA OF KINGDOM WEALTH

Riches are a product of the blessings of God. (Proverbs 10:22). This means that God wants us to be rich. Rich means the Full Supply of your Needs. (Matthew 5:17. Proverbs 20:29. Job 29:1-4). In the Kingdom of God, you need the following to be wealthy: -

- 1.Divine supply: God's favour, inspiration, opportunities, time & chance.
- 2.Diligence: hard work and diligence to execute God's inspiration.
- 3.Relationships with human beings.
- 4.Knowledge: What you know about your field of expertise.

To be wealthy, you must learn to observe and completely obey the last six commandments that deal with the horizontal relationships we have with human beings: -

- **Do Not Commit Adultery:** signifies a lack of self-control/discipline. Master of your emotions, temper, appetites, etc. (Proverbs 16:32, 22:1, 26:28. 1 Corinthians 9:25. James 3:2).
- **Do Not Murder:** signifies hatred or resentful ill-will for others. God sees hatred as murder. Hatred is a corrosive acid that eats one from within. It limits and prevents you from accessing all God has purposed for you. (1 John 3:10-15. Jonah 4).
- **Do Not Steal:** signifies taking what has not been given to you. Be content with what God has given you; it is the only way to become creative/innovative. (Matthew 19:18. John 10:10. 2 Chronicles 16:9). When you are content, you will be grateful; when you are grateful, your eyes will open up to the next best thing. It is what you are thankful for that is multiplied.
- **Do Not Bear False Witness:** Be honest and authentic. Do not lie. Be upright. Your reputation is what gives you a seat in the palace. (Exodus 23:21 Samuel 16:16-18).
- **Honour your Father and Mother:** Honour (highly esteem) your parents and everyone regardless of age or status. Never look down on anyone. Handle your human relationships well. Honour is the code for elevation. When you esteem and treat people well (Mathew 19:19. Ephesians 6:1-3. 1 Peter 2:17. Philippians 2:3. 1 Samuel 30).
- **Do Not Covet or Defraud anyone:** Covetousness is borne out of a lack of love and envy. It is greed. (Leviticus 13:19). Do not cheat or owe people.

These are the software we need to reinstall and keep upgrading to download God's favour.



**Building Quality Relationships - Part 2**

The most important relationship to build is with God, but God also wants us to relate well with everybody.

The Bible tells us to owe no man nothing but love (Romans 13:8). Although we are to be cordial with everyone, we cannot be in fellowship with everyone, which is a deeper level of relating with anyone.

We cannot marry an unbeliever as believers (2 Corinthians 6:14). We must also carefully choose our friends (Proverbs 12:26).

The Bible says that a man is blessed when he doesn't stand in the way of sinners nor sit in the seat of mockers (Psalm 1:1).

**Thrive: Fundamentals of Pre-Martial Relationship**

A lot of emphasis is placed on seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit in choosing a spouse, but minimal emphasis is placed on seeking His direction in choosing our friends.

We will make mistakes if we don't rely on Him for this. We could even be led astray because evil communication corrupts good manners (1 Corinthians 15:33). We are to trust the Lord and not lean on our own understanding in everything (Proverbs 3:5-6), including our choice of friends.

God is very particular about our relationships. Let the Holy Spirit guide who we allow into our lives and how we relate to the people around us.

**Deep Dive: The Business Side of God & About Business**



**Post-Registering Requirements (Part 4)**

**Compliance and Annual Returns Filing With CAC:** Compliance with regulatory requirements and submission of annual returns are vital to maintaining a company's good standing with Nigeria's Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).

**Definition of Annual Returns and Its Importance:** Annual returns are a statutory requirement under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), where companies submit information about their operational and financial status to the CAC. This requirement is crucial because it clarifies the company's activities and ensures that the CAC's records are current.

**Content of Annual Returns:** Annual returns typically include the registered address, directors, shareholders, share capital, and financial statements. The document reflects any changes in company details throughout the year, such as changes in directorship or company structure.

**Timeframe for Submission of Annual Returns:** Companies must file their annual returns no later than 30 days after the anniversary of the company's incorporation.

**Implications of Non-Compliance of Annual Returns:** Failure to file annual returns can incur penalties, eventually resulting in the company being struck off the register.

**Procedure for Filing Annual Returns:** The process of filing annual returns has been significantly simplified through the CAC's online portal. If necessary, Companies must update their account details and then fill out the annual return forms online.

**Document Submission:** Companies must submit financial statements and a directors' report along with the completed annual return form.

**Payment of Fees:** A fee is required to file annual returns; the amount varies depending on the company's share capital.

**Professional Assistance:** While it is possible to complete the filing independently, many companies engage legal professionals or chartered accountants to ensure accuracy and compliance with all regulatory requirements.

**Confirmation of Filing of Annual Returns:** Once companies complete the filing and pay the fee, they receive a confirmation from the CAC, which they can print as evidence of compliance.

**Ongoing Compliance:** Good corporate governance practices must be maintained throughout the year to ensure that the information in the annual returns reflects the company's current status.

Complying with CAC requirements is a legal obligation and contributes to a company's integrity and reputation. It reinforces stakeholders' confidence and can positively impact potential investments and partnerships. Keeping accurate records throughout the year, understanding the requirements, and meeting deadlines are critical to submitting an annual return hassle-free.

(Culled from Florence Chikezie)

**September 2024**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Service	2 Monthly Fast	3 Monthly Fast	4 Monthly Fast Holy Communion Service	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service	9	10	11 Mid-Week Service	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service	16	17	18 Mid-Week Service	19	20	21
22 Sunday Service	23	24	25 Mid-Week Service	26	27	28
29 Sunday Service	30 Crossover					



**Finding Grace: A Weekly Guide to Joyful Motherhood/ Parenting**

(Proverbs 31:11) **NirV** Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it.

(Proverbs 31:11) **MSG** Her husband trusts her completely. She gives him all the important things he needs.

From this verse, the virtuous woman's relationship with her husband is built on trust, a fundamental element of joyful motherhood. This unwavering trust allows her to flourish in her role as a mother, unencumbered by anxiety or fear.

When we, as mothers, have the trust of our husbands, we experience a profound sense of freedom and grace. We're able to:

- Make decisions with confidence
- Prioritize our family's needs without hesitation
- Nurture our children with patience and love
- Manage our household with wisdom and efficiency

**So, how can we cultivate this level of trust in our relationships?**

- Communicate openly and honestly
- Be transparent and accountable
- Show empathy and understanding
- Demonstrate reliability and follow-through

By building trust with our husbands, we can unlock the grace and joy that comes with motherhood, and create a nurturing environment for our families to succeed.

**Application :** Does your husband trust you? What are the things you need to work on? Write them down so you can access yourself.



**Centred: A Roadmap for Couples & Marriage**

**A Family That Eats Together: Nourishing Bodies and Souls**

In our fast-paced world, the simple act of sharing a meal as a family has become increasingly rare. Yet, this practice holds profound significance in strengthening family bonds and spiritual growth. Let's explore the importance of family meals through a biblical lens.

**The Biblical Significance of Shared Meals**

The Bible shows countless examples of the importance of sharing meals. From the Passover feast (Exodus 12) to the Last Supper (Luke 22:14-20), communal eating has been a cornerstone of faith and fellowship.

Jesus Himself often used mealtimes as opportunities for teaching and ministry. Luke 24:30-31 describes how the resurrected Christ was recognised by His disciples as He broke bread with them, highlighting the spiritual significance of shared meals.

**Building Family Bonds**

Proverbs 15:17 says, "Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred." This verse emphasises that the atmosphere of love during a meal is more important than the extravagance of the food itself.

**Regular family meals provide:**

- Opportunities for open communication.
- A sense of belonging and security.
- Chances to model and teach good values.

**Spiritual Nourishment**

Family mealtimes offer excellent opportunities for spiritual nourishment. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 instructs parents to teach their children about God's commands "when you sit at home." The dinner table provides a natural setting for this instruction.

**Consider incorporating these practices:**

- Saying grace before meals (1 Timothy 4:4-5).
- Discussing the day's blessings and challenges.
- Sharing and discussing Bible verses.

**Creating Lasting Memories**

Psalm 133:1 declares, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Family meals create a daily opportunity to live out this unity, forming memories that will last a lifetime.

**Overcoming Obstacles**

In today's busy world, regular family meals can be challenging. Here are some tips to help:

- Set a realistic goal (e.g., 3-4 family meals per week).
- Turn off devices to minimise distractions.
- Involve everyone in meal preparation and clean-up.
- Be flexible with timing to accommodate various schedules.

**The Bigger Picture**

Remember, the goal isn't perfection but connection. As 1 Peter 4:9 advises, "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." Approach family meals with a spirit of joy and gratitude, focusing on the blessings of being together.

**Conclusion**

A family that eats together grows together—in love, faith, and understanding. As we gather around our tables, let's remember Jesus' words in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." By intentionally creating space for family meals, we invite God's presence into our homes and hearts, nourishing our bodies and souls.

