

HERMON CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Today is Father's Sunday!

Thank God for the gift of fathers. God so loves fatherhood that out of all the titles, roles and names He chose in redemption, He chose to be called a Father.

There must, then, be something about fatherhood!

Here in HERMON, we have always celebrated 'Father's Sunday' by having a word feast. By the Holy Spirit, God always prepares a banquet for us in His word every Father's Sunday.

These sermons have changed lives, reconciled the estranged and broken the curse brought about by fatherlessness. Please head over to our website to listen to the previous sermons on Fatherhood. They will bless you and revolutionize your life.

As we celebrate today, God who is the Father of fathers, heals and restores everyone who is hurting as a result of negative experiences of fatherhood and He also comforts the fatherless. Receive afresh wholeness and the love of a Father right now in Jesus name. Amen.

Maemeka Q. Kemefuna Senior Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICE SUMMARY: **KEYS TO ANSWERED PRAYER!!**

Matthew 16:16-19 tells us that the kingdom of God has keys. They symbolize authority and access. Sometimes, the reason we pray and it seems like nothing is happening might be because we are not deploying the right key to the door we want to open.

God cannot answer prayers He has not heard, and He only hears prayers that are per His will (1 John 5:14). We can only know God's will by looking into His Word. The more of the Bible we know, the more of God's will we'll know. Why is the Word so important? Because we can't pray effectively until we have been trunchet Mard taught the Word.

There are several keys to answered prayers. Some of them include:

- Meeting God's standard: (Psalm 138:2, Proverbs 28:9). God's standards are in His Word, and the Bible says that God has magnified His Word above His name. So, when we want to pray, we must search for His Word that addresses the issue.
- that addresses the issue. **Repentance from sin:** Repentance is not just a step; it's a transformation. Isaiah 59:1-2 and 1 John 1:9 remind us that if sin is in our lives, we must turn away from it. God will not answer our prayers until we have truly repented. We mustn't hide our sins; we have the cleansing power of Jesus' blood, so we must confess and turn away from them. Praying amiss: (James 4:1-3, Ephesians 5:15-16). Many times, we pray amiss because we ask God for things just for selfish reasons without considering His own needs. Whenever we pray, we must consider His priorities first. **Seeking God**: Seeking God is not a casual endeavour; it's a wholehearted pursuit. Jeremiah 29:13, Isaiah 64:7, and Isaiah 62:6 all Emphasize the need for an exclusive focus on Him. We often find ourselves in confusion because we haven't truly sought the face of God. And until we do, we will remain in the valley of confusion and uncertainties. The key to clarity is
- remain in the valley of confusion and uncertainties. The key to clarity is wholehearted seeking. **Restitution:** (Luke 19:1-10, Leviticus 6:1-6, 1 Samuel 21:1-). Repentance without restitution is not genuine. Restitution could come in different forms;
- it could be an apology, returning money you owe, etc.

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Testimonies

We want to thank God for adding another year to our marriage. We celebrated our 11th anniversary, and we are exceedingly grateful to God for keeping us this far. May His name be glorified. Amen.

Mr. & Mrs. Tunde Sanni-Osilowo

I want to thank God for adding another year to my years. God has been very good to me and I am grateful to Him. May His name be glorified. Praise God!

Bro. Timothy Atelly



Empowering Destinies for Godly Influence

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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

> The Patron Hotel Km 20, Lekki-Epe Expressway, Sangotedo, Lagos

Live Audio Broadcast: :entre.ora



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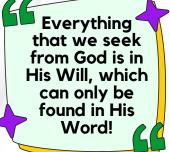
'God sets the solitary in families.' (Psalm 68:6)

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Daily Devotional

A day before Saul came to him, God had told Samuel that a man would come to him and that he should anoint him king of Israel.

Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, "Tomorrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the tribe of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be captain over my people Israel..." (1 Samuel 9:15-16 KJV).

When the asses of Saul's father went missing, it was all part of the plan to bring to pass what God planned and had earlier spoken to Samuel. As Saul and his father's servant went in search of those missing asses, it was part of God's plan to bring Saul into the fullness of destiny.

What looked like a loss was God working out His unsearchable wisdom for the good of Saul. In the same way, what you think is a loss is not as long as you are a child of God and walk in obedience to Him.

God is working out something far beyond your imagination and expectation. Only believe!



PASTOR NNAEMEKA IKEMEFUNA

<u>Declaration</u>: In this new week, receive grace to follow only the leading of the Holy Spirit. Every one of your steps is ordered by the LORD, and as you walk in the paths of righteousness, the lines fall to you only in pleasant places in Jesus' name.

Click this link for daily devotional (Monday - Saturday)







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



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"May the light of the Lord shine upon you and grant you happiness on this birthday and for years to come".

Happy Birthday!



Mr and Mrs Sanni-Osilowo June 8 God bless your home and make the wine of your marriage sweeter and sweeter.



MIDWEEK SERVICE SUMMARY: Where No Fire Is!!

In the wild, fire is used to chase away wild animals (Exodus 23:29-30). Prayer represents fire. Just as fire is used to chase away wild animals in the physical realm, in the spiritual realm, it keeps us strong in faith.

There are five instances in the Bible where God sent fire as a response to prayer (Leviticus 9:22, 1 Chronicles 21:17-26, 2 Chronicles 7:1, 1 Kings 13:37-38, Acts 2:1-3). However, there is only one instance when fire was sent as a form of judgment (Leviticus 10:1-2).

The kind of wood we put for a fire matters. In our spiritual fire, the Word of God is the wood. It is the foundation of our faith and the source of our spiritual strength. Praying without the revealed Word of God is dangerous because we will open ourselves to strange spirits (Isaiah 8:20). To develop and maintain an effective prayer life, we must keep exposing ourselves to God's Word.

In the Old Testament, the priest was given the responsibility to do three things (Leviticus 6:12-13):

- Always put wood in the fire.
- To sacrifice a burnt offering to God.
- To offer fellowship offering to God.

The practices of the Old Testament priests hold relevance in our lives today. We must always ensure that the Word accompany our prayers. In addition, we are to die daily to ourselves by offering our bodies to God, and we must constantly prioritize fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit.

These practices, when incorporated into our lives, can enhance our spiritual journey and strengthen our relationship with God. What are the symptoms that the Word is diminishing from our lives? (I Samuel 3:2-3.)

- We start to lose taste for God's Word.
- Lack of Vision (1 Samuel 3:1, Proverbs 29:18).

• We start relaxing in spiritual things (1 Samuel 3:3).



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Niyema Yusuf Ziradzoi

ELISHA AND HIS GREEDY SERVANT

Greed is intense and selfish desire for something.

A greedy person always wants more. The story of Elisha and his servant offers profound wisdom for our lives.

What does greed do to you?

1. It steals life from you.

(Proverbs 1:19 NIrV) That's what happens to everyone who goes after money in the wrong way. That kind of money takes away the life of those who get it.

2. It makes you to hate others. You lack love.

3. It makes you insensitive.

(Ephesians 4:19 NIrV) They have lost all feeling for what is right. So they have given themselves over to all kinds of evil pleasures. They take part in every kind of unclean act. And they are full of greed.

Lessons to Learn.

- ell the truth at all times.
- Don't be disloyal.

– Greed brought a curse on Gahazi and his family.

-When we embrace greed, God withdraws wisdom, leaving us to foolish decisions.



God is the originator of marriage. It was He who declared that it was not good for man to be alone in Genesis 2:18. Thus, He made the woman from the man. However, before doing all this, God placed man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and tend it (Genesis 2:15). Before God gave man a wife, He first gave him a task, an assignment, a purpose. (Genesis 2:18).

What can we learn from this? Before pursuing marriage, particularly for men, it is essential to know or have a purpose given by God. This is not necessarily about your occupation but more about the vision God has for your life.

It is also important for ladies that the man proposing marriage to you knows where he is going. You, the lady, are meant to be the help-meet. But what will you be helping him to do if he has not discovered what he should be doing with his life?

Thrive: Fundamentals of Pre-Martial Relationship

Chasing after marriage without discovering God's purpose for your life is like putting the cart before the horse. While marriage is significant, understanding your life's purpose will influence whom you marry and determine even how that marriage turns out and many other decisions throughout your life.

If you have not yet discovered God's specific purpose for your life, one way to do that is to pray and ask the Lord for guidance. He promises in His word to answer when we call upon Him. So pray from **Jeremiah 33:3** today!

For more insights on what God requires of you as a single person, please click the link below: <u>https://t.me/+4I0crpind2A5NjE0</u>



Finding Grace: A Weekly Guide to Joyful Motherhood/ Parenting

Motherhood is a divine calling, filled with immense joy and blessing. The Bible celebrates the beauty of motherhood through various examples, one of which is Jochebed, the mother of Moses (Exodus 2:1-10, 6:20).

Moses' mother, Jochebed, is a remarkable example to the joy of motherhood in the Bible.

- Selfless love: Jochebed risked her own life to save her son from Pharaoh's edict, demonstrating unwavering devotion and selflessness.

- Faith and trust: She trusted God, even in the face of danger, and believed He would protect and guide her child.

- Courage and initiative: Jochebed took bold action, hiding Moses and later presenting him to Pharaoh's daughter, showing courage and resourcefulness.

 Wisdom and discernment: She recognized the significance of Moses' life and took steps to ensure his safety and future.
to be continued next week.



It is rare for two enemies or two people who hate themselves to decide to get married.

People who get married are those who believe that they love themselves and really want to commit to each other exclusively and permanently. As valid as this is, it is then surprising that many marriages have become bitter waters or hell holes.

This should not be.

Whenever man encounters a problem with God's gift, man should be blamed, and not God.

It was God who invented marriage and everything God made is very good and beneficial to man.

Marriage is meant to be a blessing and not a burden. If it is not or has stopped to be, then it is advisable for the married to return to the manual of the Manufacturer - the Bible.

Neglect of God's standard for marriage will breed pain. Ignorance of God's word will destroy the blessing marriage ought to be.

Next week, we will be discussing some of things that will make bitter waters to be sweet in your marriage.

Deep Dive: The Business Side of God & About Business



Parable of Talents (1)

One of the lessons from the parable of talents is that everyone has something he or she can trade. The master gave each servant talents: the first servant received five, the second three, and the last servant got one talent.

There is no one without something from God. The talent is like a start-up capital. Everyone has something from God that they can use to start up in life. You may not know this principle or may not have discovered your talent/s.

Nevertheless, you are not without start-up capital from God. The number of talents does not matter. It is what you do with what you have received that matters. Out of the three servants, only the third did not make any profit because he buried his talent.

Are you like him? Have you discovered your talent? Are you trading with it or with them? Are you making a profit?

Starting a Business: Biblical Principles

There is a powerful idea given by the Lord Jesus that you should practice before you embark on any project or business - count the cost first. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost..." (Luke 14:28).

Do not plunge into any business or venture without making sufficient and relevant enquiries. Don't rely on hearsay, overestimate yourself or go all in because others are making a profit. Do your due diligence. 'Every prudent man deals with knowledge...' (Proverbs 13:16).



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