

# HERMON LIFE



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*Dearly Beloved,*

Welcome to September, the 9th month of the year!

It will be a month to be much remembered because of the great and glorious things God will do.

Now get ready and position yourself by way of preparation to be a full partaker of all the divine benefits. One of the ways we prepare ourselves is by prayer and fasting.

After Elijah heard the sound of abundance of rain, he went up to the mountain to pray that rain into reality. This is how to turn prophecies into possessions.

Make sure you join in our monthly prayer and fasting which holds from Monday, September 2nd to Wednesday, September 4th. Prayer points for prayer watches are available on all our social media platforms and we will be praying together every evening by 6pm (WAT).

Our series this month, "BIRDS OF THE SAME FEATHER: The Power & Purpose of Relationships & Friendship" will revolutionize your understanding of divine and human relationships. Don't miss any of it.

Brace up for divine visitations and encounters. You will testify in the name of Jesus!

*Nnaemeka O. Ikemefuna*  
Senior Pastor

## SUNDAY SERVICE SUMMARY:

### HOW TO REDEEM THE TIME AND LOST YEARS

Purpose isn't invented, it is discovered. There are several ways to discover purpose:

1. By revelation and insight from the Word of God (Jeremiah 33:3).
2. By design: How God made you (Psalm 139:13-18).
3. By desire (Ecclesiastes 3:11, Psalm 37:4)
4. By deliverance; spectacular encounter (Exodus 3)
5. By demand (Acts 13:36, 1 Chronicles 12:32)
6. By delivery; the results accomplished. Basically, what you do easily;
7. By enquiry (Mark 8:27-29)

If you're not living in purpose, you're living in vanity.

To redeem something means to get or buy it back. It shows it was lost, which is why it had to be redeemed. The only thing the Bible tells us to redeem is time (Ephesians 5:15-17, 1 Chronicles 29:15).

#### WAYS TO REDEEM TIME:

- God's Mercy. God delights in showing mercy. Whenever a correction comes for us from God, it shows that He wants to extend His mercy to us. (Micah 7:8, Ephesians 5:15-17, Acts 3:17).
- Knowing and doing God's Will. But this comes after we have adopted the right attitude to receiving God's correction (1 Samuel 15:22).
- Spirit-filled prayers. 1.Through the help of the Holy Spirit, we can pray as we ought to gain maximum results (Romans 8:26-27).

When we pray in the Spirit, three things happen: we experience **Divine Coincidences**; we **Spot and Maximize Opportunities** and **Receive Ideas**.

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Empowering  
Destinies for  
Godly  
Influence

SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

September 2024

Prayer & Fasting

September 2 - September 4

Monday - Wednesday

Prayer Service (6pm) daily



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



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Expressway,  
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JOIN OUR ONLINE CHURCH  
COMMUNITY:

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

Don't do life alone. Don't get lost  
in the crowd. Don't let distance be  
a barrier.

Join our online church community  
TODAY!

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Enlightenment is by  
the Light of God's  
Word which leads  
us to Discover who  
we are and then  
leads us to  
Recovery!  
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# Daily Devotional

It is not the way the children of Israel left Egypt that they took possession of the land of Canaan. In just one night, God brought all of them, from the oldest to youngest, out of Egypt with a mighty hand. But possessing the land of Canaan took time.

The same God who brought them out in just a day was also the same God who told them that He would give them the land of Canaan little by little. (Exodus 23:29-30). This means that not all blessings of God will come suddenly into your life. Some will, but the others God will bring in or bring you into them, little by little.

Don't be discouraged or begin to murmur when this is the case. Many have lost faith because the promise of God did not happen when they expected it to or because it did not arrive as they expected.

One thing you must know is that God is never late. He has 'made everything beautiful in its time' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). You require patience and must trust Him. He knows what He is doing.

**Declaration:** In this new week, receive grace to trust and obey God completely in all circumstances in Jesus' name. You will not run out of patience, and your faith will not fail. You will neither despise the waiting period nor the blessings of God as they come in Jesus' name.

## BE PATIENT

by  
Hermon Devotional  
PASTOR NNAEMEKA IKEMEFUNA  
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[Click this link for daily devotional \(Monday - Saturday\).](#)



## Bible Reading

Monday

Proverbs 31 - 1  
Matthew 25

Tuesday

Proverbs 2 - 3  
Matthew 26

Wednesday

Proverbs 4 - 5  
Matthew 27

Thursday:

Proverbs 6 - 7  
Matthew 28

Friday

Proverbs 8 - 9  
Mark 1

Saturday

Proverbs 10 - 11  
Mark 2

## MIDWEEK SERVICE SUMMARY:

### RENEWAL PRAYERS

Renewal means to be refreshed or reinvigorated. Everybody needs to experience renewal in some form or another. The reason we sleep is so that our bodies can be rejuvenated for work.

God set the principle of rest so that we can learn to allow ourselves and our bodies to be renewed. Some need renewal because of work; others need renewal because of the burdens they carry.

Burdens are anything that does not let us move forward. Many times, these burdens are a result of depression, that is, constantly ruminating on negative thoughts.

#### But how can we let go of burdens and be renewed?

1. By fixing our minds on the Lord (Psalm 34:5).
2. By praying (Philippians 4:6).
3. By meditating on God's Word and His goodness (Isaiah 26:3).
4. By not keeping company with unbelievers and mockers (Psalm 1:1, Proverbs 13:20).
5. By continuously fellowshiping with other believers (Hebrews 10:25, Psalm 96:6).
6. When we stop focusing on the negatives and the afflictions around us

How do we manage burdens when they come?

By casting our burdens onto Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 55:22). How do we do this? By praying (1 Peter 5:7)

When we roll our burdens to the Lord, we have peace (Philippians 4:6-7), we start seeing the situation from God's perspective, we are strengthened with supernatural hope (Hebrews 6:19), we start thinking clearly, we show by our attitude that we're ready to be promoted.

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

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!"

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## Birds of the Same Feather

September 2024 Series



## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (Online only)

THIS WEDNESDAY | September 4

6pm (WAT)



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## Springs of Hermon

### SUMMER REFRESH RECAP



Thank God for a successful completion of our Summer Refresh 2024.

Don't forget what you have learnt.

Proverbs 4:5b NIrV  
Don't forget my words or turn away from them.

Keep them in your heart.

Proverbs 3:1 NIrV  
My son, do not forget my teaching. Keep my commands in your heart.





**RENEWED.....**

One of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life is to convict us of our sins, but importantly, not to condemn us. John 16:8 tells us, "And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment." This conviction is a gentle nudging, a divine awareness that helps us recognise our missteps and turn back to God.

We often make mistakes that cause us to feel terrible, sometimes even leading to self-loathing. The Bible speaks about this emotional response in 2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV): "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." Feeling sorrowful about our wrongdoings isn't inherently wrong. In fact, when it leads us to repentance, it can be a catalyst for positive change. The key is to learn from our mistakes and actively work towards changing our ways.

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

However, there's a crucial distinction between godly sorrow and prolonged, debilitating guilt. Remaining in a state of constant sorrow, repeatedly berating ourselves, and carrying an overwhelming burden of guilt is not the work of the Holy Spirit. Rather, it's often a tactic of the enemy to keep us trapped in a cycle of shame and self-condemnation. Romans 8:1 reassures us, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." When we find ourselves stuck in this cycle, we must recognise it is contrary to God's desire for our lives.

How can we rid ourselves of this burden of guilt? Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 that all who are weary and heavy-laden should come unto Him. We need to go to Jesus to heal us. We can go to Him in prayer, remembering that He died for our sins and has forgiven us.

So, like He told the woman caught in adultery, let us go and sin no more.



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

Proverbs 31:10 NLT Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies.

Let's examine two key words: "Virtuous" and "Capable".

"Virtuous" refers to a person of high moral character, integrity, and excellence, adhering to a strong ethical standard.

"Capable" describes someone who possesses the necessary skills, abilities, and qualities to accomplish tasks effectively and efficiently, achieving their goals with competence and proficiency.

**This remarkable woman exemplifies capability, with:**

- Unbounded determination, driving her to pursue excellence
- A heart as vast as the open sky, full of compassion and empathy
- Unwavering resolve in the face of challenges, standing firm and strong
- Kindness that touches everyone, spreading joy and warmth
- Wisdom that guides you .
- Embodiment of resilience and the human spirit, overcoming obstacles with grace.

**Application : Personal Growth**  
Reflect on your own life and identify areas where you can develop your capabilities, just like the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31.



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

**Guarding Your Marriage: The Impact of Third-Party Influences**

In the sacred covenant of marriage, God unites two individuals to become one flesh (Genesis 2:24). However, external influences can sometimes challenge this unity. As we navigate married life, it's crucial to be aware of how third parties can affect our relationships and to guard our marriages against undue interference.

**The Biblical Foundation of Marriage:**

The Bible teaches us that marriage is a divine institution. In Matthew 19:6, Jesus says, "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." This verse emphasises the sanctity of the marital bond and warns against forces that might try to divide it.

**Identifying Third-Party Influences**

1. Extended family
2. Friends
3. Work colleagues
4. Social media and technology
5. Past relationships

While these relationships can be positive, they can sometimes overstep boundaries and negatively impact the marital relationship.

**The Wisdom of Boundaries**

Proverbs 4:23 advises couples to set healthy boundaries to protect their relationships. This might involve: • Limiting oversharing about marital issues with friends or family. • Being mindful of time spent with colleagues of the opposite sex. • Carefully managing social media interactions

**Prioritising Your Spouse**

Ephesians 5:31 underscores the importance of prioritising your spouse above all other human relationships, including family.

**Communication and Unity**

Open communication between spouses is vital in navigating external pressures together. Amos 3:3.

**Seeking Godly Counsel**

While guarding against negative influences is essential, seeking godly counsel from your Pastors or their delegated representatives can be beneficial. Proverbs 15:22,

As we strive to honour God in our marriages, let us be vigilant about the influences we allow into our relationships. By applying the above steps, we can build stronger, more resilient marriages that reflect Christ's love for the Church. Remember, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

With God at the centre of your marriage, you can face any external influence with confidence and grace.

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



**Post-Registering Requirements Part 2)**

After registering your business with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria, you must take several critical steps to ensure that your business fully complies with Nigerian laws and regulations.

**Tax Obligations:**

**Obtaining a Tax Identification Number (TIN):**

1. Every registered company is required to obtain a Tax Identification Number (TIN) from the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS).
2. The TIN is essential for tax purposes; it enables businesses to comply with tax regulations, file tax returns, and make tax payments.
3. A TIN is often required to open corporate bank accounts and process other official transactions.

**Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration:**

1. Companies that are expected to charge VAT on goods and services must register for VAT with the FIRS.
2. VAT registration is mandatory for companies with an annual turnover exceeding a threshold set by the FIRS.

**Company Income Tax:**

1. Businesses are expected to file annual tax returns no later than six months after the end of their accounting year.
2. Failure to comply with tax obligations can lead to penalties and interest charges.

**Withholding Tax Compliance:**

Companies must deduct withholding tax at the source from payments such as rent, dividends, and royalties and remit these to the FIRS.

**Personal Income Tax for Employees:**

Employers are also responsible for deducting personal income tax from their employee's salaries and remitting it to the relevant state tax authorities.

(Culled from Florence Chikezie)

**September 2024**

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

