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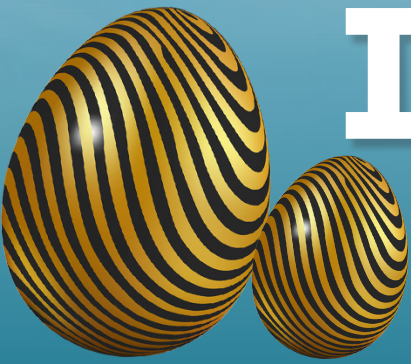


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ARISE IN GLORY

Dr. Kema Kema

Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
(Isaiah 60:1 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

When the body is “planted,” it is without honor, but it is raised in glory. When the body is “planted,” it is weak, but when it is raised, it is powerful.
(1 Corinthians 15:43 New Century Version)

2024 is our year of Greater Kingdom Manifestations as sons and daughters of God. God has given us His Word. This Word is settled in heaven. But how should we position ourselves so that the settled Word in heaven finds expression on earth?

We live in a world full of evil and all kinds of limitations. We are beaten and battered from all directions by things that make many depressed and are not able to manifest as God intended. In other words, the happenings around us are limiting us. These things have put us in ‘graves’ with stones rolled over them, so there is no way out for many.

But from the scriptures, we understand that what looks impossible with men is possible with God. Nothing is impossible with God. All things are possible with Him (Lk. 1:37/Matt. 19:26). When God shows up in a place, limitations are destroyed. Jesus showed up at the grave of Lazarus. Death was destroyed, and Lazarus rose from the dead (John 11:38-44). **What is in God that destroys all limitations?**

The GLORY of God is what destroys limitations. Jesus told Martha: “*Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?*” (John 11:40). In Isaiah 60:1, the scriptures are apparent when the command to arise is given... **Arise, shine...**

WHY? For Your light has come... The reason for the light: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you. In other words, when the glory of God shows up and rises upon a person, it empowers the person to arise.

The Hebrew term for “glory” (*kabod*) means “weight” or “importance,” indicating the “weight” and significance of **GOD’S PRESENCE**, so evident that it can be felt and seen.

The glory of the Lord is the presence of the Lord. It takes the glory of the Lord to arise. **But to connect to the glory of the Lord, you must be rightly positioned.** This was the case of a man called Blind Bartimaeus in the Bible (Read Mark 10:46-52), the man at the Beautiful Gate (Read Acts 3:1-8), and the man at the Pool of Bethesda (Read John 5:1-15). These men were all positioned where they came in contact with God’s glory, which caused them to arise and shine.

Whatever has been limiting you from arising cannot limit the glory of God. God’s glory destroys every limitation, and you will arise and shine.

You must arise to shine. You cannot shine when you are down. Whatever limits you put you down. But the glory of God destroys limitations and causes you to arise and shine. Hallelujah!

When the man at the Beautiful gate begs money from Peter and John, notice what Peter said: *“Silver and gold I have none; but such as I have give I thee: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth rise up and walk”* (Acts 3:6). What did Peter have? He had Jesus, the Son of

GOD'S GLORY DESTROYS LIMITATIONS

God, the express image

of the Father. Peter had Christ in Him: the glory of God in Him (Col. 1:27). So, the glory in Peter destroyed the limitations of the man, and he arose.

Peter and John had God. They carried God. They had the presence of God, the glory of God that destroys all limitations. And when limitations are off, you arise and shine.

The same thing happened to the man at the Pool of Bethesda. He came face to face with the glory

YOU CANNOT ENCOUNTER THE GLORY AND NOT BE TRANSFORMED

of God, Jesus, and all limita-

tions were destroyed. He arose after 38 years. Hallelujah!

The glory of God will reposition you. The man at the beau-

tiful gate had always been outside the temple. But when he came face to face with the glory of God, his position changed. He went into the temple. The glory of God will take you to places you have never been and heights you have never attained.

The glory of God will bring evident changes in you. The man at the beautiful gate entered the temple and sang and danced. He could not do this before the encounter with Peter and John. But when the glory showed up, everything in him changed. You cannot encounter the glory and not be transformed. **When you look to Him (the glory), you are changed from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18).**

The Bible says,... Christ in me... (Col. 1:27)... this implies the glory in me. **You can't have Christ and be limited. You can't have Christ and be down.** Believe this truth and let the glory of Christ in you destroy all limitations. If we were crucified with Christ and buried with Him, and He rose in glory, then we also did rise with Him in glory: *“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead BY THE GLORY of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”* (Rom. 6:4 NKJV).

We are, therefore, glory carriers. You carry His glory. You cannot be a glory carrier and be limited. You can't be a glory carrier and be disadvantaged. You can't be a glory carrier and be down. May this truth set you free from all forms of mental limitations that are manifesting physically.

I, therefore, adjure you in the name of Jesus to arise in glory and shine and manifest as the son and daughter you are in this God-ordained year of greater Kingdom Manifestations. Hallelujah!

YOU ARE A GLORY CARRIER. GLORY CARRIERS CAN'T BE LIMITED BECAUSE THE GLORY LIMITS LIMITATIONS

Isaiah. 60:1/Micah 7:8/Acts 3:6/Romans 6:4/1 Corinthians 15:43/Psalm 24:7-10

WATCHOUT! For these SOON COMING BOOKS BY Dr. KEMA KEMA



Testimonies

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



Driving down a Motorway in London, with my mind far away from the road in front of me, I wondered what to do next. I had just left an African Church of about 300 members as the next in power to the main Pastor. A friend later asked me, 'Bro, how can you leave a large Church of that number in London when you were the next to the throne?' I told him I have principles; I do not do the work of God for money, for leadership positions, or influence. I do so because I want to serve God, and what I saw the Church turning into was not in line with my convictions.

I started preaching and helping other churches where I was invited. One day, I went to preach at a Ghanaian Apostolic Church in East London and waited for the Church that used the hall before them to exit. One of the Ghanaian Church members told me those are your brothers. I said, what do you mean? They said that it is a Cameroonian Church. I went there to greet the people, and the Pastor and one of the main leaders were so excited to see me. In fact, they waited and attended the Ghanaian service to watch me preach. After the preaching, they started calling me during the week to become a Pastor in their Church.

I joined the Church after prayer to be sure that is where God wanted me to be. In fact, it was the right place then. The Church had been going on

for about one year, opened by two French-speaking pastors, and they had been praying for God to send them a Pastor who speaks English fluently but also understands French, which I do. That is why they were so excited to see me. I realized the Church was not organized; there was a conflict in the leadership, and the Pastors were not trained at preaching messages that are needed by the members at that stage of their growth.

God helped me organize these and also tried to resolve the conflicts. I also learned from this Church how to effectively carry out social outreach like the Tuition School and Music School. After staying there for about three years, the main leader of the Church began to do the same things as the former leader. Conflict, focus on money, manipulation, and even fraud. Despite all I did to correct the situation, it was no longer a place to stay. I was beginning to become the opposition and had to leave after many members and leaders had left the place.

All that while, people had been encouraging me to start a Church. I said to them people don't just begin Church like that. You need to be sure that is what God wants you to do and that is the right time He wants you to do it. I spent a few weeks praying and asking God, **WHAT** do you want me to do, and is this the right time to do it?

Once I got it clear in my spirit that it was what God wanted me to do, I went back to God and asked **HOW** do you want me to do it, Lord? It became clear in my spirit that God wanted me to focus on young people. To transform and empower them.

We started the Ministry online and had to register for it. Within three weeks, the Ministry was fully registered. It sometimes takes five years for some Ministries to be registered here. We had no complications or delays in doing so. God raised members and helpers around me. I spoke to a few people I know; some said

they were busy, some were elsewhere, while others said they were attached to other churches. God surprised me again at this stage. He raised people I never expected to become committed members.

The next phase was to get a bank account. I thought it would be so simple, yet this proved to be one of the most challenging hurdles we faced. Because many charities and churches had abused the money made available by the Government during COVID, the banks made it difficult for Churches and charities to open accounts. We prayed and went to Banks but got rejected. When one Bank finally agreed to consider our application, we had to submit about three times: the first two times, they said the forms were missing, even though we submitted them at their branches. I got to a point where, on a Thursday prayer meeting, I told the members I was almost giving up on this matter. After we prayed that Thursday night, the Bank called me the next day to say they had opened the account.

We ran the Church online for a few months during the COVID years because we could not get a venue. When the COVID restrictions were lifted, we started praying for a Building. Our eyes were on a specific community hall, and we prayed hard to get it. The administrator of the hall called me one day and spoke rudely, telling me they could not give us a permanent contract; we could only book from month to month. It was a devastating blow, but I never realized God had something better for us.

One day, a leader in the Church came to me and said they had found a place where we could worship. I went to see the newly renovated hall owned by a Ghanaian Church, which was magnificent. The problem is we did not have the 2000 pounds they asked us to pay in a month. We kept praying again, and they finally gave us a smaller hall in the same venue where we now pay 400 pounds a month.

This venue has become the perfect place for us to run the Church and the Youth outreach ministries. They gave us two free rooms as our Tuition Centre, the Church next door gave us their internet for free, and the same Church offered to partner with us to run our Music School since they had the instruments and the facilities. They had taken their section of the Building on a long-term lease. Therefore, we do not pay rent to use their facility by partnering with them.

When we moved from online to a physical venue, the numbers dropped because some of the Key leaders lived far away from the venue or in another town in the Country. I had to go back to God and ask Him to raise helpers. He did. A mother who lives close to the venue joined the Church with her children. They have become pillars in the Ministry. One of her daughters is now a preacher in the streets, and she has a megaphone to support the outreach. God had another surprise again: a drama team from one of the Churches in the building contacted me and said they wanted to partner with us to do the drama outreach to young people. In a short time, the vision of transforming the lives of young people through the Word and empowering them through education, counselling, and drama is fully taking shape because God has been faithful, and we have dared to believe and obey him even against the odds.

The membership is growing gradually, and the people are buying into the vision. The next level is for us to believe in God for the finances we need to do what He has called us to do. The God who helped us register the Church in 3 weeks, open a bank account even when others found it impossible, planted us in a place where we receive the help we need at this stage, raised helpers when others had to move on, that same God will open the windows of heaven and pour out the resources we need to do what He has called us to do. All we have to do is to trust and obey Him.

So, if you are a young Pastor starting in Ministry, this is my advice.

1. **Make sure that is what God wants you to do and that this is the right time** he wants you to do it.
2. **Ask God the WHAT and the HOW questions.** Paul said

Lord, what do you want me to do? (Acts 9:5-6). Mary said Lord how can this be (Luke 1:34-35). You need to be clear about what God wants you to do and how He wants you to do it.

3. **Know that God will not show you from the start.** He said to Paul I am sending you to preach about the things you have seen and the things which I am going to show you (Acts 26:16). There are things God will only show you after you have obeyed and done what He has already told you to do.
4. **Don't expect help to come from any particular source.** Just trust God and keep knocking on doors. The door that God has opened for you will open before you.
5. God will give you unfinished products—members who still have issues. Like Solomon, **you need to ask for wisdom to manage those people** (1 Kings 3:7-9), and it is your responsibility to pray for them and use the Word of God to develop them into the people God wants them to be.
6. **Finally don't get distracted from the reason why you are doing Ministry and from the vision that God has given you.** Every time I pray to God, He reminds me that the youths should be my focus. Therefore, focus on doing what God has called you to do. Do not try to copy others. Instead, obey the voice of the spirit. (1 Timothy 4:14-16, Acts 20:24, 28).

No matter where you are in your walk with God or the challenges you face, I can say from experience that God will make it good if you can trust and obey him. There were days when I was driving to Church wondering whether members would turn up, but that is the day that many came; there were times when I had been praying for God to raise helpers only to go to Church and realize that a member was on the street preaching the Saturday before. Do not be discouraged; hear from God, be strengthened by Him, and then watch the mountains disappear and the valleys filled as you take that step of faith forward.

FAVOURED AT THE EMBASSY

I want to thank God for the favor at our Embassy when my daughter and I went to apply for a new Passport. The Embassy was not open when we arrived. The embassy workers came to work one and a half hours late and were not sorry for keeping us waiting. While we were waiting, there were so many negative reports on how the embassy workers treated people, not considering that people were coming from far away, they had no sympathy, were very unkind and rude, that we shouldn't be surprised if they ask us to go and come back the next the day. I said nothing while these conversations were going on. All I said was, "Not today, not when a daughter of God is here." One sister kept saying amen. Each time I countered their negative report, the sister would say Amen. Long story short, I was favored in all the offices at the Embassy. Even when I didn't have my original expired ID, they certified my document and helped me with photocopies, but they asked others to go outside to do their photocopies. Our documents were deposited that day and on time. I thank God Almighty for touching their hearts towards us and speeding up the process. As of the day this article was put in the ITM, we have received our passports without any errors. Glory to God. Hallelujah!

THANKING GOD FOR SAFETY

Because I am a little overweight, I sometimes get afraid of falling down the stairs in my school. This one afternoon, when school was over, as I was going down the stairs, I tripped and fell on some kids and teachers. When I missed my step on those stairs, all that I was saying in my mind was please don't hurt anyone. When I landed on the floor, I asked if everyone was ok, and they said yes. I said thank You, Lord. They then asked if I was alright. I checked my ankle, stretched it out, felt nothing, and said, "Thank You, Lord." Thank You for always protecting us. Amen.

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Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
(Proverbs 14:34 NLT)

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.
(Proverbs 14:34 KJV)

HAVE you ever talked to someone deliberately living an unrighteous life, and their response goes like this... what has living right done to me? Well, I believe you have. I have encountered many people like this. The reason for such responses may be but not limited to the misconception of righteousness. Before we continue, let's see what righteousness is and what it can do for us who walk in it.

Righteousness is the quality of being morally right or justifiable. It simply means to live by the book, the book of God (The Holy Bible). Living a righteous life is just doing what is right, being kind, showing mercy, and so on. As believers, we have this standard of living. The Bible says all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23). We will fail to walk in righteousness by ourselves. By ourselves, we will seek acknowledgment of our righteousness from men, and when we don't get it, we give up. Like the person who said, "What has living right done

for me?" Many believers have fallen, but why, you may ask?

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.
(2 Corinthians 5:21kjv)

The above scripture tells us that without Jesus, you can not walk in righteousness. Until Jesus is in you, you cannot truly live right. That is why many fail to walk in righteousness. They think they can do it by themselves. I pray you surrender to Jesus to live His righteousness through you (Gal. 2:20). You will not fail in Jesus' name.

What do we gain when we choose to live right?

- We honor God by living right (Proverbs 14:32). When we honor God, He honors us in return (1 Sam. 2:30b).
- God paves our way when we live right (Proverbs 11:5).
- We are protected when we live right (Proverbs 11).

- We are favored when we live right (Proverbs 10:32, 1 Peter 3:12a).
- We flourish when we live right (Psalm 92:12, Proverbs 11:28b).
- When we live right, our desires only end in good (Proverbs 11:23a).

There are lots of benefits to living right. Righteous living never fails. The good you do always has a way of coming back to you. It may not be from the person you expect, but it will surely return to you.

So, my dear brethren, do not be the person who says, 'What has living right done to me?' Instead, trust God that what He has promised is what He will do.

I pray that no one reading this will give up doing good or living right. May the grace of God upon our lives keep us on the path of righteousness till the Lord returns or calls us home in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Dressed for Worship



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It is often confusing to me that as great as God is, His children do not believe Him literally. It is amazing that when we go through trials and tribulations, it seems we suddenly realize that God is our helper and protector, when in fact, He is always our helper and protector, whether we are in trouble or not.

Moses found himself in one of such positions, in the back side of the desert. He, who had been a shepherd, tending his sheep, is now faced with the challenge of returning to face Pharoah to free the children of Israel. In Exodus 3:13-14, we find Moses asking God what he will tell the children of Israel about his sender. God simply responds to him in verse 14: *"And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you."*

God was saying to Moses that he needed not to be afraid of either the children of Israel or the Pharaoh. All he needed to understand was that whenever he needed God, and in any situation, God would fit that need ...**I AM THAT I AM... which means God is what He is, He will create what He will cre-**

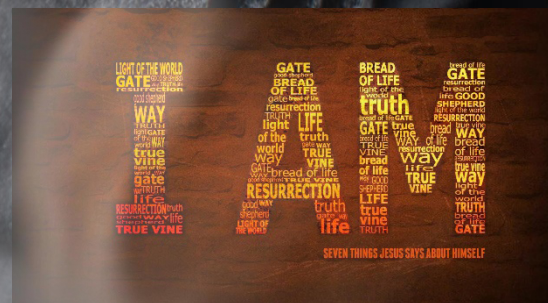
ate, He will become who He will become, He is the existing One.

As children of God we cannot just wait for hard times to inject God into our situation or assume His "I AMness".. We must take this as a daily pill for every situation.

I AM your lawyer.
I AM your friend.
I AM your teacher.
I AM your wisdom.
I AM your husband/wife.
I AM your future.
I AM your breakthrough.
I AM your ministry.
I AM your family.
I AM your resurrection.
I AM your...feel the blanks.

The Father can be anything to any situation, because, He is I AM!

Pastor C



EASTER PRAYERS AND DECLARATIONS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, this Easter Season, we give thanks for the sacrificial love of Jesus and the redemption we find in His resurrection. Thank You for the gift of salvation and the promise of eternal life. May our hearts overflow with gratitude and praise. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER OF RE- FLECTION

Holy Spirit, as we reflect on the joy of Easter this season, may the significance of Christ's resurrection linger in our hearts, guiding us in the days ahead. Help us carry the Easter message of love, hope, and redemption into the world, being witnesses to Your transforma-

tive power. Amen.

PRAYER TO RE- MEMBER VIC- TORY BELONGS TO JESUS

Ah, Lord God, as I celebrate Easter and the triumphant victory of Jesus Christ over death and hell and sin, I fall before You and worship You. I cry with others worldwide, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise!" All of creation bows before You, Lord Jesus, because You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords who has won the victory and conquered death! Hallelujah! (Based on Revelation 5:12, Philippians 2:10-11).

- (Becky Harling)

AN EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER

O wonderful God, my soul is filled with joy as I celebrate the Resurrection today! Thank You for being alive and wanting a relationship with me. I want to enjoy a relationship with you, as well. I can rise beyond fear this Easter by trusting you. "(Matthew 28:5). I'm looking forward to new adventures together day by day. I love You, Lord! Amen.

- (Whitney Hopler)

PRAYER FOR RE- NEWED FAITH

Loving God, as we celebrate Easter, renew our faith and refresh our spirits. May the resurrection of Jesus inspire us to live with conviction, share

Your love with others, and walk in the light of His truth. Grant us the grace to be faithful disciples, reflecting Your glory in all we do. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAITH THIS EASTER

Dear Lord, draw my thoughts upward toward You every minute of every day, especially this Easter season. Help me resist the temptation to focus on the painful things of this earthly life and learn to control my thoughts so they don't sink my faith or joy in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- (Traci Miles)

RESURREC- TION DECLARA- TION 1

I am a child of God. The same

Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in me. No grave can contain me. I am, therefore, coming out of every:

- ❖ Spiritual bondage grave.
- ❖ Spiritual growth stagnation grave.
- ❖ Financial grave.
- ❖ Disease and sickness grave.
- ❖ Emotional grave.
- ❖ Marital delay grave.
- ❖ Near Success Syndrome grave

Hallelujah!

(Romans 8:11/1 Corinthians 15:55)

RESURRECTION DECLARATION 2

Lazarus' grave could not stop him from coming out after Jesus called him. Jesus' grave could not hold Him captive after God gave Him life. I am a child of God, and I have the life of God – ZOE LIFE. The Spirit of Jesus dwells in me. Every closed door that hinders me from getting to my God-ordained destiny must open for my glorious destiny to manifest in the name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

(Romans 8:11/Matthew 27:52-53)

RESURRECTION DECLARATION 3

O death, where is your

sting? O grave, where is your victory? Death could not hold Jesus captive. The grave could not stop Him from fulfilling His purpose. I am sent just as Jesus was sent. I will, therefore, NOT be STOPPED by any man or anything to fulfill the purpose for my existence in the name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57/John 20:21)

RESURRECTION DECLARATION 4

Jesus was resurrected in the newness of life. I am in Christ. Therefore, when He resurrected, I also resurrected with Him, in newness of life. In this resurrection season and beyond, God Almighty will do new things in my life in the name of Jesus. Hallelujah!

(2 Corinthians 5:17/John 10:35)

RESURRECTION DECLARATION 5

Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. That same glory is in me. Nothing can/will keep down. Nothing can stagnate me. I am rising. I must shine because the glory of the Lord is

upon my life. Hallelujah!
(Romans 6:4/Isaiah 60:1)

RESURRECTION DECLARATION 6

By my rising this month because of the glory of the resurrection power in my life, many will be turned to righteousness by the light of Christ reflected in and through me, in the name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

(Romans 6:4/Isaiah 60:1-3/Daniel 12:3)

RESURRECTION DECLARATION 7

This month and beyond, as I surrender to the Word of God, obeying every instruction therein, the Spirit of God will give life to all my dead Kingdom dreams and visions. By the grace of God, I will pursue my dreams, and in due time, they will fully manifest to the glory of God. Hallelujah!

(Romans 8:11/Habakkuk 2:1-4)

You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you, and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.

INSPIRING MEN

The Four Key Traits of an Effective Father of Faith.

By Roger Patterson, author of [A Minute of Vision for Men](#)



I want to unpack a biblical “Father of Faith.” His name is Jairus, and he was an influential man. He was a ruler of the synagogue and a religious leader. He was successful and prominent. But, like you and me, Jairus found himself in a situation beyond his control. It was in that crisis that his faith became evident.

You see, his twelve-year-old daughter was dying, and he couldn’t do anything to stop it. The first thing we need to recognize about this Father of Faith is that he was desperate.

1. EFFECTIVE FATHERS OF FAITH DEMONSTRATE THEIR DESPERATION FOR JESUS.

Mark 5:22 states, “Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing [Jesus], he fell at his feet . . .”

Jairus humbled himself before Jesus and desperately demonstrated that he couldn’t fix this situation on his own. He was no longer in control. He was desperate for that which he believed Jesus could do.

Dad, do you actively demonstrate to your families that you need Jesus more than anything? Do they see you desperate for Him? When situations come, whether crises or you are just going through life, do your children know that you need Jesus? This ranges from the big things (school, health, financial issues) to the simple, small things, such as getting your drone copter stuck in a tree.

We can show our need for Jesus by praying with our kids about various situations we face. One summer evening, I was being a Faithful Father

and watching my son Cooper fly his new drone copter in the front yard. I flew the drone a bit, bounced it off the neighbor’s roof, and was able to bring it in for a soft landing. Then, Cooper began to fly his drone again. It went up and up and up and landed on the top of a tree at the construction site of a new home nearby. It was a mess. We threw a football at it to no avail. We threw a soccer ball at it and still couldn’t get it out of the tree. Then, the police drove by, and the officer stopped to find out why we were at the construction site. A few minutes later, I stepped on a rusty nail. As the sky grew darker and darker and my tired arm felt like it would fall off, do you know what else we did? We prayed.

We prayed, we threw, and we expected that drone to come out of that tree . . . and when

I threw it just right, down it came.

When things are out of your control, demonstrate your need for Jesus—in the big and the small things.

2. EFFECTIVE FATHERS OF FAITH FIGHT FOR THEIR FAMILIES

Mark 5:23 states, “[Jairus] implored [Jesus] earnestly, saying, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her so that she may be made well and live.’”

Notice the wording here, “and [Jairus] implored him earnestly . . .” This means that he fought for his little girl. He literally begged Jesus and wouldn’t stop until Jesus did something about it. We also see in verse 21 that Jairus fought through the crowds as he waited by the sea for Jesus to come that way. Nothing was going to stop him from fighting for his family.

What do we learn from this? Fighting for your family might require physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual strength. This is what God calls men to do. Men, are you exerting physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual strength for your family? We need men who are willing to fight! We need fathers who will stand up and be strong—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually!

3. EFFECTIVE FATHERS OF FAITH SUBMIT TO GOD’S TIMING

This one is so hard for us, isn’t it? Verse 24 says, “**And**

[Jesus] went with [Jairus].”

Jairus was desperate for Jesus and fought for his family. Jesus saw this and went with him. Can you imagine Jairus’s excitement over Jesus’ response? He went from hopeless to hopeful. Then something shocking happened.

Jesus stopped the ambulance, pulled the keys out of the ignition, and attended to someone else. Jesus stopped everything and turned around to see who had touched Him. Jairus’s heart must have stopped. *What is Jesus doing? My daughter is about to die! Certainly, the needs of this woman can wait.*

Guys, have you ever felt like God is delaying? Have you ever thought He has forgotten you? I’ve learned that God rarely works on our schedule! Sometimes, people say, “I am beginning to see God move.” What they are saying is that they can see Him working. But, if we know God’s heart and character, we know He is moving whether we see it or not. The question is: **Do we trust Him?** Submitting to God’s timing means we trust Him!

4. EFFECTIVE FATHERS OF FAITH OVERCOME FEAR BY FAITH

I believe so much of this moment, and miracle with Jairus hinges on verse 36. It reads, “**Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’**” The New American Standard translation says, “Do not be afraid *any longer* . . .” The

grammar of this means to stop an act already in progress. So, literally, it means while you are fearing, you must stop and replace that fear with faith. And that faith is placed in the One who has conquered death.

Jairus had an encounter with Jesus, and we need one as well. Because of this encounter with Jesus, Jairus’s life and his family’s were changed. I believe generations after his were also changed.

Dad, I want to challenge you to be faithful to God and to take your fears to Him. Below are five takeaways. I hope they will encourage you today.

1. God knows you at your most vulnerable point and loves you anyway. Go ahead and be desperate!
2. God will never reject you. As you fight for your family, know He hears your heart and your prayer.
3. God is in control of your life and of the lives of those you love. He will always be the One who “fixes” it. You can lean on and depend on Him. Trust in His timing and submit to His leadership.
4. You will never be insignificant if you are His. He has a plan for your life as a man and as a father.
5. So, He says, “**Do not fear, only believe.**”

God bless you as you seek to be a true Father of Faith.

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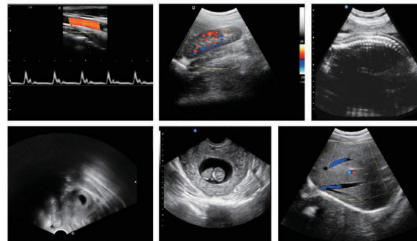
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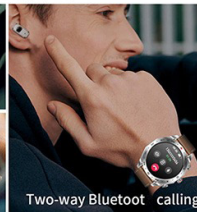
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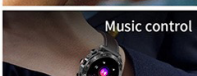
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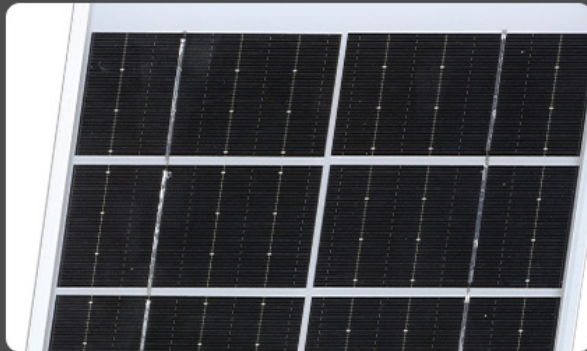


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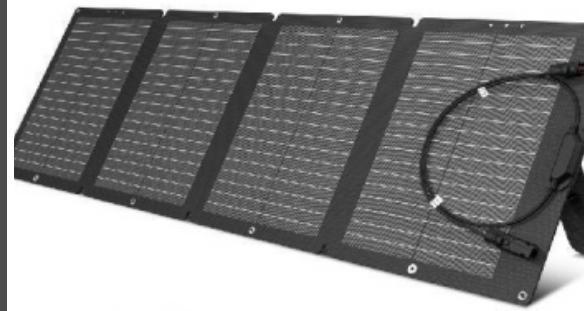
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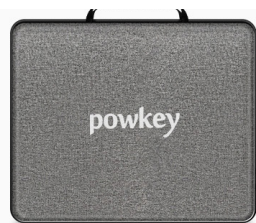
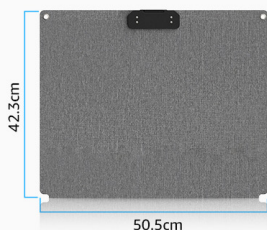
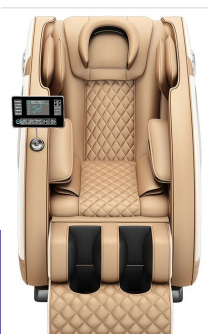
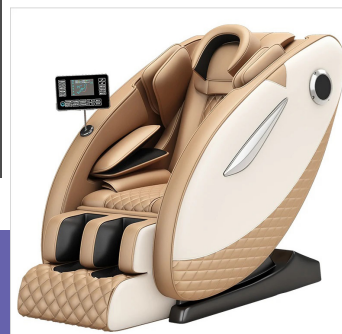
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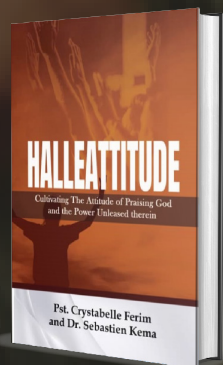
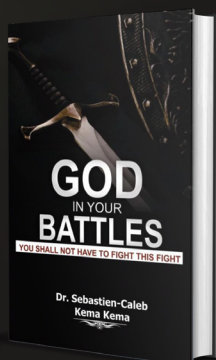
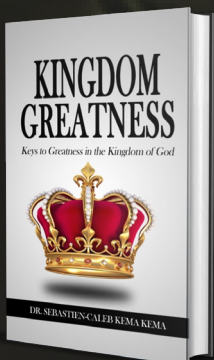
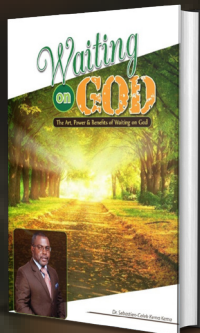
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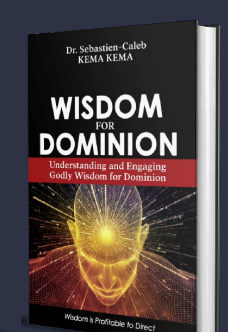
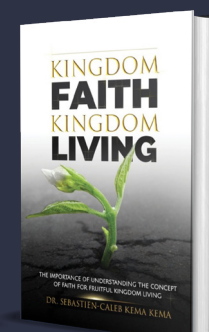
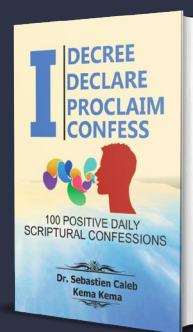
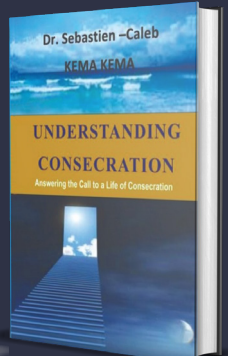
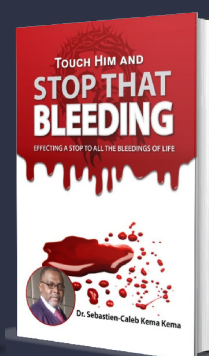
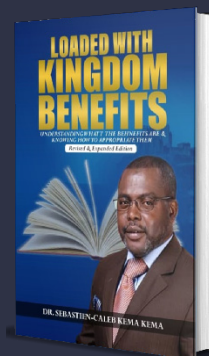
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PASSION FOR GOD

Lily Boshey



One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)

I listened to God's servant, Bishop E.W Jackson, tell how his journey with the Lord began. As an intellectual, he read many books but not the Bible. For him, the church was for women and children, not for men. Then, one day, following a conversation with his father, he decided to start reading the Bible, and as he did, he said he couldn't help but notice and be captivated by David's passion for God. Then, one day, he cried out to God to show him what He had shown David and to make Him love Him so much. And sure enough, he says he woke up the following day feeling saved. The Lord had immediately planted His love in his heart that night as He had done in David's and today in the heart of anyone who believes in the salvation He offers through His son Jesus.

In the Psalm above, we see David, as usual, expressing his desire for the presence of God. He wished he could live in the tabernacle itself, surrounded by the presence of God. Though an Old Testament saint, David knew God's beautiful nature and presence.

He saw in God beauty that could be perceived only by the hungry and seeking heart. That is why he could think of no greater occupation than to fill his mind and heart with the goodness and greatness of God. He wanted to know more of God and His ways.

Dear child of God, there is richness in God, revealed only to the hungry and seeking heart. But unlike it was for David and the saints of old, we in the New Covenant do not need to meet or be with God in a specific location. Today, He lives on our inside by His Spirit. But we, too, must seek Him to know Him. By His Spirit, He has poured His love into our hearts so that we can love Him. Charles Spurgeon wrote, "...The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father."

So yes, the occupation of every child of God is to fill their mind and heart with the goodness and greatness of

God. Jesus, speaking in this light, puts it this way, *"Don't ever worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' Everyone is concerned about these things, and your heavenly Father certainly knows you need all of them. But first, be concerned about his kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these things will be provided for you (Matthew 6:31-33).*

In spite of the many distractions that surround this day and age clamouring for our attention, let David continue to inspire us to hunger and seek God. The more we know Him, the more effective we'll be as His ambassadors.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, thank You for revealing Yourself to me, making me Your child and representative here on earth. Therefore, I receive fresh grace to seek to know You more, thereby radiating Your glory even brighter and drawing more unsaved men to Your saving knowledge. Amen.

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THE CALLING OF THE MARKETPLACE

Why Your Work Matters to God



For many Christians, Sundays are for church and weekdays are for work. These two spheres rarely intersect, leaving a nagging question: how can I truly live out my faith when I spend most of my waking hours at the office?

Marketplace Christianity offers a compelling answer. It challenges the traditional view of ministry, arguing that our professional lives hold immense potential for serving God and expanding His Kingdom. In my book, *Marketplace Shift*, I explore this concept in detail, but here's a glimpse into why your work matters more than you might think.

Many Christians fall into one of three categories regarding their work. Some see it as entirely secular, a means to an end. Others excel professionally but keep their faith separate, like watertight compartments on a ship. Finally, some view their workplace as a mission field, a place to use their skills and talents for God's glory.

This last group exemplifies the core of Marketplace Christianity. Imagine a doctor who sees her patients not just as medical cases but as souls needing care. Or a lawyer who fights for justice with integrity, reflecting God's character. These are just a few examples of how our daily work can be a powerful form of ministry.

Unfortunately, there's often a disconnect between how churches view ministry and the reality of Christians impacting the world through their professions. I remember feeling frustrated when successful Christian business owners weren't celebrated in church. It highlighted a gap that needs to be bridged.

Thankfully, Marketplace Christianity offers a solution. We can usher in positive change by embracing our work as a ministry. Imagine a world where Christians are known for excellence, integrity, and Christ-like character in every profession. This movement can potentially transform entire industries and shape society for the better.

But how do we make this shift? In *Marketplace Shift*, I outline five key paradigm shifts crucial for Christians to become effective ministers in the marketplace. These involve rethinking our understanding of the gospel, ministry, worship, culture, and even the church itself.

The beauty of Marketplace Christianity is that it allows you to live out your faith in an authentic and impactful way. It doesn't require a complete overhaul of your career path. Instead, it encourages you to see your work with fresh eyes, recognizing it as an opportunity

to serve God and make a difference.

If you're ready to explore this concept further and discover how to activate your gifts and talents in the workplace, I encourage you to pick up a copy of *Marketplace Shift*. Together, let's transform the marketplace into a vibrant mission field for the glory of God.

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HABITS OF A GODLY Woman

Shekinah Stephens

Habits are behavioral patterns acquired over time that have become nearly or completely involuntary. They are also referred to as a manner of conducting oneself.

Godly habits are good qualities a woman develops to make her stand out and bring glory to God in her behavior. What we should know about Habits:

Life consists of habits—the things you think, say, and do repeatedly. We practice habits as women, such as drinking enough water, exercising, eating vegetables, forgiveness, being polite, prayerful, modesty, etc. Most women have daily or weekly routines—certain things you want to do and certain things you have to do. Over time, these routines will become your habits.

We will look at some beautiful habits that we can develop in our lives. The goal is to make us more like Christ and help us represent Him better. We will work with the Holy Spirit to develop godly habits and persist for positive change. If you change your habits, you'll change your life. That may sound like a bold statement, but it is true.

Several women portray godly habits in Scripture. We have two that stand out for this study.

- Proverbs 31:10 -30 The Virtuous Woman
- 1 Samuel 25: Abigail

SOME GODLY HABITS TO DEVELOP

1. Patterns her life after Christ

A godly woman does not conform to the world around her but builds on a firm foundation in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17).

2. The Habit of God's Word

A woman is hungry for trustworthy truth, direction, wisdom, and peace. Having a habit of studying the Word and making it the authority in life will give you direction, rest, peace, and wisdom. These are

BECOME A WOMAN OF THE WORD AND GAIN VICTORY OVER ALL THE CHALLENGES LIFE MAY BRING YOUR WAY

powerful attributes in life. Become a woman of the Word and gain victory over all the challenges life may bring your way.

3. The Habit of God's Presence

You are God's temple. He dwells in you by the Holy Spirit. It is necessary to cultivate a habit where you daily acknowledge the presence of God in your life. A woman who spends time praying, worshipping, studying, and obeying God's Word is in God's presence. (Matthew 6:33).

4. The Habit of Prayer:

Men ought always to pray and not faint (Luke 18:1). Prayer is direct communication with God. Prayer opens the door for God to work. When we pray, we partner with Him in the spiritual realm, and then things happen in the natural realm. Prayer is inviting God to take charge of our daily situations. Pray for everything without ceasing. (Ephesians 6:18).

5. The Habit of Faith

Without faith, it is impossible to please God:

Faith is the currency we use in the kingdom of God. Our faith in God must grow daily. Faith is believing that God will do what He says; God will be for us who He says He will be; He will give to us or fight for us as He has said. (Hebrews

11:1,6; Hebrews 4:2). We must always have positive, confident expectations that God will do something good in our life. God will honor our faith and help us develop a positive and hopeful perspective.

6. The Habit of Gratitude

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is God, and His tender mercies endure forever. We must give thanks for everything because God is in control of all things. A godly woman

A GODLY WOMAN WILL BE GRATEFUL AT ALL TIMES

will be grateful at all times.

7. The Habit of Trusting God

A woman who develops the habit of trusting God at all times can go through life with amazing peace, joy, and confidence. She knows that even in the valley of the shadow of death, she is not alone. God is with her. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

8. The Habit of Extending Forgiveness to Others

Forgiveness is a conscious, deliberate effort and decision made to release your offender and to free yourself from the feeling of resentment or vengeance towards a person who had offended, hurt, or harmed you. God wants you to forgive others just as you have been forgiven in Christ.

PEACE IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. S A BELIEVER IN CHRIST, IT IS PART OF YOUR INHERITANCE.

9. The Habit of Peace

Jesus gives us peace (John 14:27). Walking in the above habits gives us peace. When things are falling apart, you have God as your anchor, and there is peace. The enemy will use any circumstance to steal your peace. Whatever your

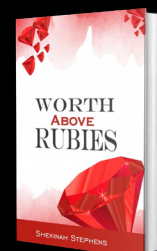
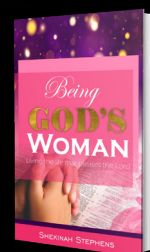
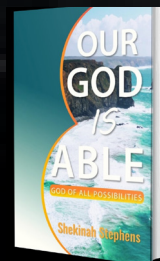
situation, you should know today that God wants you to make a habit of living in peace. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22), and as a believer in Christ, it is part of your inheritance.

10. The Habit of Contentment

To be content is to recognize God's goodness in your life and realize that He is with you in all circumstances and will give you the blessings you can handle. It doesn't mean you have no hope or vision for your life to improve, but you do not allow

the things you do not have to keep you from enjoying what you have. (1 Timothy 6:6). Many women today are dissatisfied and look for contentment in all the wrong places, blaming their discontentment on someone or something. But a godly woman will be contented in the Lord, no matter the present situation, for she has learned to be contented.

These and many others are the habits we should seek to develop so that we can be a blessing to ourselves and our community.





Guest Writer

HOW I BEGAN OUR FOUNDATION SCHOOL, WHICH HAS BEEN SO IMPACTFUL THE PAST 8 YEARS

The “In Christ Foundation School” (ICFS) began in 2015 to revisit the Christian Foundation and present Christ as the rock of the Christian faith to all participants. The concern that triggered this School was the disorganized manner in which our church dealt with the saints’ growth.

It was obvious that unless anything that would stand progressively followed the order or process, it wouldn’t stand. This was why many Christians weren’t steady or fruitful in the faith; they fell off at every wind of doctrine or life challenges. I realized that the world seemed to have a progressive way of knowledge delivery, resulting in a very stable way in which people were raised in every domain of life. We begin our academic journey from pre-nursery school to nursery school, primary school, secondary school, and university. The content or knowledge at every level is provided based on the growth stage of every participant and in preparation for the next level. This has given birth to solid professionals in diverse fields of life who have stayed relevant for many years.

However, it seemed within our church that this progression wasn’t considered serious or necessary. Anyone who got saved could join the rest of the church and dance with whatever the Pastor was led to teach! The consequence was disorganized and unhealthy growth. The basics weren’t known, hence no mastery of advanced truth. We wouldn’t boast that we’ll have believers in the church whose faith stood on the solid rock because they possessed a good understanding of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, His person and purpose, and His work of salvation. Talk less of trying to teach them about their purpose in God, His Kingdom, fruitfulness, and influence over the world. If the foundation is faulty or absent,

what use is it to lay blocks for the walls and roofing, talkless of trying to equip the house with vital treasures?

It is for this reason that this school was founded. The aim was to put first things first in the life of every believer in Christ before moving on to perfection (maturity). As Paul the Apostle said, “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one TEACH YOU AGAIN WHICH [BE] THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THE ORACLES OF GOD; and are become such as have NEED OF MILK, and not of strong meat” (Hebrews 5:12).

In Paul’s words, he said teach “again” the first principles. The question then was, what were these first principles necessary for the believer in Christ? Then, he compared the First Principles to milk and differentiated it from “strong meat.” And that’s just because children should take milk as their first diet if they’ll develop teeth for meat. However, we didn’t seem to understand this within our Church world. We have people who haven’t taken milk trying to do “big things” for God; they’re trying without teeth daily to chew the meat given to them. What a way to be frustrated in the faith! Some may have been in the churches for years and hadn’t even been done with this milk. It looked like we had been so passive with this necessary milk for growth and yet moved on to teach “deep things” to the believers, complicating and frustrating their faith.

So, the question then was: what was this milk or first principles necessary for the believer’s growth? In some quarters of the Church world, what some call “Foundation School” is teaching new believers about “their local church” or teaching some passive content that has nothing to do with these first principles or milk. Hence, they never raise strong believers

in Christ who are capable of receiving the meat of God’s Word. There’s a difference between a Foundation School and a First Timers Class.

Speaking of this necessary and mandatory foundation, Paul the apostle said,

“Therefore LEAVING THE PRINCIPLES of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; NOT LAYING AGAIN THE FOUNDATION of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,...” (Hebrews 6:1).

The apostle Paul encouraged this church to mature by moving past these first principles and going to “perfection”—maturity. He said, “...NOT LAYING AGAIN THE FOUNDATION...” Which means it had been laid before and, of course, had to be laid. My quest then was to understand what these first principles, milk or foundation were. I judged that if a person is encouraged to leave milk for hard food, what was this milk? If a person is encouraged to build upon a foundation, what is that foundation? If we are asked to leave first principles and move to maturity, what then are these first principles?

I saw that we operated like a school, beginning everyone from high school without even considering whether or not they’d been provided what it took to assimilate advanced knowledge. This is the problem with some churches today—a disorganized structure in raising God’s people.

I, therefore, committed myself to finding out these first principles (milk), which formed a solid foundation of faith for the smooth and successful growth of the saints. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and being progressive throughout the years, we have put together the foundation lessons that guarantee a solid foundation in Christ. So, our foundation school was called “In Christ Foundation School” (ICFS).

In the past eight years, we have graduated 354 students across 20 batches who have amazing testimonies of their knowledge of Christ and are having a restful journey of faith. Praise God! The “In Christ Foundation School” is open to all. Many have come from different churches, learned, and taken the knowledge back to their churches. The last remote edition had participants from Cameroon, Nigeria, Germany, UAE, Ghana, the UK, etc. Some ministers have humbly requested the curriculum and are using it for their foundation school training, while some have modified it to suit their ministry in the Lord.

This is the reason why we’ll be having the first-ever Alumni Conference, bringing all of these graduates to celebrate the goodness of God, encourage the faith of one another by fellowship, reach out to our communities with the love of God, be edified by the Word of God, and to discuss strategies for the expansion and influence of this school.

If you’re reading this, you are invited to participate. Join the week-long event full of diverse faith-boasting activities, with evenings of fellowship and study of the Word of God daily at 6:00 PM. The venue is **Christlife Assembly Church, Nouvelle Route Bonabasse, Douala-Cameroon**. You can watch the sessions live via the Christlife TV YouTube Channel.

The event begins on Monday, July 24, and ends on Sunday, July 30.

For more information, contact +237 654 512 218. Registration for the August Edition of ICFS is ongoing. You can register using the link below.

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You are welcome!

— Pastor Daniel Nyah



Are You A Christian?

You must be born again!

Dear friend, I am coming today to ask you a crucial question about life. Yes, I ask you this question because many people are mistaken to think that life here on earth is the only life we have. No! The one who created us states clearly in His Book, the Bible, that there is life after death. There is eternal life. Where you spend eternity depends on what you do now to become a child of God.

I can hear someone saying that, but every man is a child of God. No, not every human being is a child of God. All human beings are creations of God. Not all are children of God. You are a child of God only when you are BORN OF GOD. In John chapter 3, Jesus had a fascinating conversation with a religious leader called Nicodemus. Let's read it:

There was a man named Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees. He was an important Jewish leader. One night he came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher sent from God. No one can do these miraculous signs that you do unless they have God's help." Jesus answered, "I assure you, everyone must be born again. Anyone who is not born again cannot be in God's kingdom." Nicodemus said, "How can a man who is already old be born again? Can he go back into his mother's womb and be born a second time?" Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God's Kingdom. The only life people get from their human parents is physical. But the new life that the Spirit gives a person is spiritual. Don't be surprised that I told you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it wants to. You hear it, but you don't know where it is coming from or where it is

going. It is the same with everyone who is born from the Spirit." Nicodemus asked, "How is all this possible?" Jesus said, "You are an important teacher of Israel, and you still don't understand these things?" (John 3:1-10 ERV)

From the above conversation, Jesus tells Nicodemus that unless a man is BORN AGAIN, he cannot enter or see the Kingdom of God. Jesus went on to explain that to be born again is to be born of water and the Spirit. From the scriptures, we know that water is a symbol of the Word of God (Ephesians 5:26). Jesus has also said, the words that I speak to you, they are Spirit, and they are life (John 6:63). Thus, to be born of water, and the Spirit is to be born by the Word of God. This is precisely what the apostle Peter wrote in his epistle when he said:

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." (1 Peter 1:23 NIV)

How can one be born again by the Word of God? The apostle Paul answered when he wrote to the Roman believers:

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (Romans 10:8-13 NKJV)

Two things need to be done for one to be saved, which is another word to be born again. First, you must confess Jesus as Lord, and second, you must believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead. But to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, you must first believe He came to save humanity from sin... I have come that you may have life, and have it in abundance (John 10:10). You must also believe that sin has its pay: death: the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). You must also believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay this wage of sin. As scripture says, our sins were all put on Him (Isa. 53:6), and He died in our place. You must also believe that He was buried, and on the third day, He rose from death (1 Cor. 15:4). When you believe all these and confess Jesus as Lord, you are born again.

Born again is not the name of a church, as some think. You can hear some others say I am not a born-again Christian. Sorry: there is nothing like born again Christian. All Christians are born again. Born again is the process by which you become a Christian. If you are not born again, you are not a Christian.

You are not a Christian because your parents were/ are Christians. God has no grandchildren. God has only children. And you become one when you are born again by His Word. You are not a Christian because you are from a supposedly Christian nation. What makes you a Christian is that you have accepted Jesus in your life and recognize Him as your Lord and saviour.

It is foolish not to believe God's word and follow some religious doctrines perpetrated by men. Please, in the name of the Lord, I beseech you to follow God's ways as outlined in His Word. Don't wait to be surprised when you meet God. Today is the day of salvation. YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN! If you are unsure whether you are born again, it will be good for you to be born again now. As we have seen above, all you need to do is

believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and confess Him as Lord of your life. That's the simplicity of the Gospel. You can be born again right now and become a child of God by praying this simple prayer sincerely from your heart:

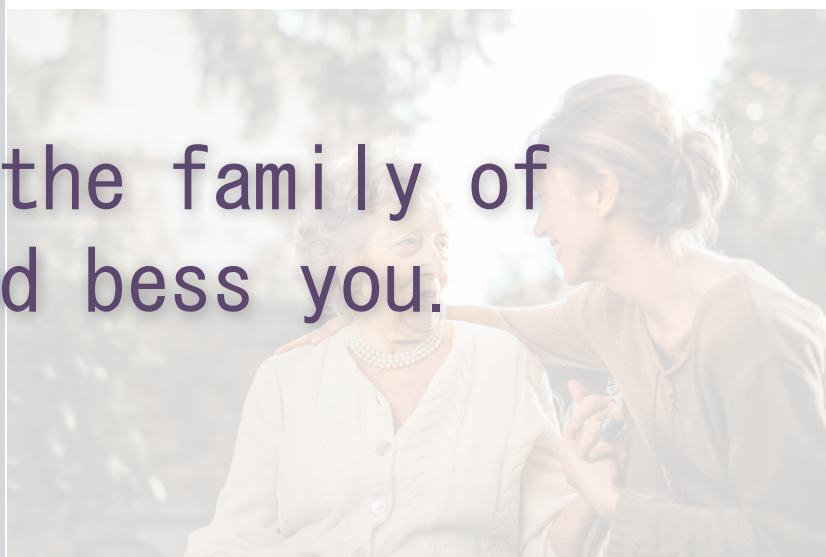
Heavenly Father, I come to you as a sinner who cannot save himself. I believe You sent Jesus Christ, Your Son, to die on the cross in my place, paying the price for my sins by His blood. I believe that Jesus died and was buried, and on the third day, He rose from the dead. On the cross, Jesus took my sins and gave me His righteousness. I, therefore, confess Him as Lord and Saviour of my life. I am now a new creation. According to the scriptures, Old things are passed away. I am now born again, and all things have become new.

Thank You, Lord, for saving me. Amen!

If you just prayed this simple prayer sincerely from your heart, you are now born again. You are now a child of God. As a newborn baby, you need to grow. You need the right environment to grow. The Church of God is this environment. Thus, get into a true Bible-believing Church near you and become a member of this Church family so that you can grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read the Bible daily because God's word is the food we need daily for the spiritual man. Also, make sure you have a personal prayer life because prayer is the breath of every child of God. Above all, do not forsake fellowship, live a consecrated life, and set apart for God. God will therefore use you as a vessel of honour, blessing humankind and giving Him glory

Welcome to the family of
God, and God bless you.





ABOUT THE VISIONARY

Dr. Sebastien-Caleb Kema Kema, popularly known as Kingdom Ambassador by some and Zion Lion Eagle by others is the founder and President of Kingdom Empowerment Ministries International, a ministry that seeks to empower God's children with principles from the Word of God for the fulfillment of the Dominion Mandate given to man by God in Genesis 1:28. He is the visionary of number ministries that work towards the fulfillment of this empowerment mandate. They include:

- ❖ Kingdom Community Empowerment Foundation – This is the foundation that serves as the umbrella of all the other visions.
- ❖ Word Empowerment Radio, FM 102.9 Buea, Cameroon – A gospel FM Radio station with the sole purpose of empowering believers with the undiluted Word of God in the area of Buea and its environs.
- ❖ Kingdom Media House Publishing – A book production firm with the motto: Excellence in Book Production. It aims at producing excellent books (Paperback, E-Book, Audiobook) especially for the clergy at very affordable cost.
- ❖ EMPOWER (Empowerment Music Project) – This project organizes a Gospel Music Competition each year. We help produce an album for the winner, with 1000 CD and 1 Video CD. The sole aim of the project is to promote and produce Home based Christian Musicians and worship leaders who can usher many to God's throne by their music.
- ❖ Kingdom Empowerment Project – This projects seeks the brethren in Churches in Cameroon two English regions who are poor, train them in starting a small business and empower them with the sum of between 100,000FRS CFA – 200,000FRS CFA to start business and pick up with life.

Dr. Kema Kema is an ordained minister of God. He is a called teacher of the Word. He teaches God's Word with simplicity to empower God's children to effectively maximize destiny, fulfill purpose and become agents of exploits for the Kingdom of God.

He is also CEO of the following businesses which include:

- ❖ Royalty Facilitators – Facilitates the SEARCH, BUYING and SHIPING of goods from China to Cameroon, the USA, Canada and most European countries.
- ❖ Royalty Fashions – This is an All-men Fashion business that ships Quality men stuff including shoes, suits, shirts, and all that men need to look smart. Prices are very affordable.

Dr. Kema Kema has written and published three books which include:

- ❖ Touch Him and Stop that Bleeding.
- ❖ Loaded with Kingdom Benefits.
- ❖ Understanding Consecration.

He is presently working on the following that will be soon released:

- ❖ Wisdom For Dominion.
- ❖ Entering Your wealthy place.
- ❖ Kingdom Faith, Kingdom Living.
- ❖ God in Your Battles.

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