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Compliments of the season!!!

You're welcome to the December Edition of our monthly magazine code - named "Behold I Come Quickly" We bless God for His faithfulness over our lives from the beginning of this year to the very end. Thanks to the One who indeed is Alpha and Omega, may His holy name be forever praised.

Furthermore, we also wish to use this avenue to sincerely appreciate as many people out there who believe in this vision and have continued to share with others. May the God of this commission reward you tremendously in Jesus name, Amen.

As always, the good Lord has made His table ready again this month and before us are the following topics;

- 1.) 'YES I DO' - WAS IT FOR LOVE?**
- 2.) ABRAHAM WALKED WITH GOD**
- 3.) LITTLE FOXES**
- 4.) ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE ? (Part 3)**

May you be blessed beyond measure as you read.

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For The Global Harvest Mandate.



'YES I DO' - Was it for Love?

OMOLOLA-MARGARET O.

Romans 8 vs 35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? KJV

Romans 5b

For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his Love. NLT

Matthew 25 vs 8

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us some of your oil; for our lamps are going out. NLT

For the past two months, the oil that was absent in the lamps of the foolish virgins at the most crucial point has become a serious concern to us. By the help of the Holy Spirit we've addressed the possible reason for their failure to take oil in their lamps; and this we said could be traced to lack of personal altar or fellowship with the Holy Spirit. **When a child of God fails in his closet, he shouldn't expect too many results in the open - Open reward or results is a function of our closet with God. 1Samuel 17, Psalm 91, Psalm 27.**

We said the oil in the lamps of the wise virgins is a metaphorical representation of the presence of the Holy Spirit and power, while the lamp itself represents their spirits. **Proverbs 20 vs 27 says, "The spirit of a man is the lamp of God."** Furthermore, we looked at the possibility of the oil representing living faith not found in them at the bridegroom's return. Though, both Faith as a gift, and a fruit of the Holy Spirit were explored but our emphasis was on the fruit. Let's catch a quick glance at some of the points as lifted directly from last month's edition;

"The quality of our spiritual life depends on the fruits of the Holy Spirit ; **We are a reflection of whomsoever lives in us.** If all a child of God craves for, and displays is the gift of the Spirit, he should be prepared to **burn out too soon** because the virtues to sustain the gifts are embedded in the fruits." - **"What defines us and ensures we end well are the fruits we bear.** Although, this doesn't mean we should excuse ourselves from the gifts, but my point is, our testimony shouldn't be **"Oh! he is a mighty man of God but he is an angry man, proud and covetous. "She is a women leader, gifted, but an oppressor.**

"This month we want to look at another fruit of the Spirit the oil could represent. - Could it be that they lost their first love long ago, but this went unnoticed because they were still with other brethren/virgins ? Or perhaps, the oil represents Long-suffering which was also needed for the journey especially during their waiting periods ? Please read **Galatians 5 vs 22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."**

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is Spiritual, Love is Life, Love is Eternal, Love bears all things, endures all things , suffers long and does not fail. Love is a fruit of the Spirit and above all, God Himself is love.

We stay in love for as long as we stay in God.

It's 'Flame' in us 'Glows' when we don't lose touch with it's Source.

According to the dictionary

It is defined as a strong or intense positive emotion of regard, affection and devotion. It is the opposite of hatred.



'YES I DO' - Was it for Love?

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Love originated from God. We saw Him demonstrate this attribute in the garden of Eden when He created everything we would ever need before making man, He just wanted us to be fine and comfortable. We messed up, yet out of love He came in His Son-like form, suffered shame and ridicule, was abused and insulted by man; He needed water, we gave Him sour drink, for our own iniquities He was beaten and bruised - All of these He endured for L-O-V-E and to crown it all He was crucified like a criminal on the cross and died amongst armed robbers. - What a sacrifice!

I was once invited to speak at the send forth ceremony for graduands in a secondary school. As I rounded off my message - ('The Mark of High Calling') I felt a need to lead those who were not born again amongst them to Christ so I asked them a funny question, I said, 'Should the issue of hell be the primary reason why someone becomes a Christian? There was a perfect silence as they weren't sure what the answer could be. So I simply told them, mainly, it should be because we don't want the Lord's pains to be in vain. Redemption is not free, Jesus paid the dues for our sins in full. It's an act of wickedness and ingratitude for anyone to trivialize such a great sacrifice. **Accepting Jesus for fear of hell and not for love is sentimental and such an action is not different from a lady's acceptance of a marriage proposal because she is afraid she might be killed if she doesn't say "YES I DO"**

I wasn't born again before I entered higher institution, so ordinarily it would have been easier for friends to influence me negatively but each time I remember what my Mum went through to give us a good life, I say to myself "No I must not hurt this woman or compound her troubles. Love wouldn't allow me do some silly things and that, indirectly planted the fear of God in my heart. Ceaselessly she cried to God to save us and one of her incessant prayer points was, "My womb will not populate hell." I grew up to see her kneel by her bedside interceding with tears"

I saw in her what it meant to truly love the Lord and have a strong fellowship with Jesus, she camped around the word of God daily and every opportunity she had either with us or with others was an opportunity to share the gospel. Her prayers over us were answered long before her demise and she witnessed us entering ministry work one after the other. And when she left us after a brief illness, the only way I could announce her departure to my Pastor was, **"HE eventually took her". Glory to God!!**

From the description of Love according to 1Corinthians 13 vs 13, longsuffering is one of its characteristics - Love Suffers Long. Both Love and Long-suffering are fruits of the Holy Spirit which are inseparable.

As Christians Jesus didn't promise us smooth journey all through. We would go through tough times. But according to Apostle Paul in our anchor text, our resolutions should be; **"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword" ? "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." KJV**

The Christian race is a race of endurance, it is a race that is full of ups and downs, winning the race requires love for the Lord and looking unto Him as our finishing line. **Hebrews 12 vs 2 says Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

We need LOVE and LONGSUFFERING as fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT to maintain a life of DEVOTION and TRUE WORSHIP



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Some bible characters demonstrated an undying love and devotion for Jesus even when evidently there was no reason to keep loving Him.

Let's just check a few of them ;

MARY AND MARTHA. (John 11)

They requested the attention of Jesus to come and heal their brother who was sick but He delayed until their brother died and was buried. Yet when He came to the scene on the fourth day, they still went out to meet Him and bowed to Him, though with a heavy heart anyway. While Jesus conversed with them, they still had courage to respond. They didn't turn their backs on Jesus or refuse him. **That's the power of love.**

MARY MAGDALENE (John 20 vs 1- 17)

She went to the tomb of Jesus very early while it was still dark, she ran to inform Peter and other Apostles upon realizing that the stone at the tomb of Jesus had been rolled away. They all came, John peeped in to see but Peter entered the tomb to confirm Mary's report, when they found that Jesus wasn't there they left but Mary stayed back weeping wanting to see the body of Jesus so she could put spices on Him. She was the first to see Jesus after His resurrection because of her love for Him. **Those who cleave in fellowship are great worshippers.**

HANNAH (1Samuel 1&2)

She waited on God for the fruit of the womb for years but kept going to God's presence, she never got fed up with God.

ZACHARIAH AND ELIZABETH (Luke 1)

They were embodiments of love and Long-suffering. They couldn't have a child of their own until later in life but they kept serving God gladly. Their love and fellowship with God was intact.

JOSEPH (Genesis 37 - 50)

He moved from one problem to another yet he had a heart for God. His love for God never diminish. When sin came calling free of charge, he said 'How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?'

CONCLUSION :

According to our anchor text, the Holy Spirit has a responsibility to fill our hearts with the love of God, so each time we come to His presence, He renews our love for the Lord.

For every true child of God, waiting experience is unavoidable because this is where our love for God will be tested and approved. **If a man can't truly love God and serve Him while in the waiting room, he will easily forget Him when he enters his palace.**

Jesus will always show up as He has promised but when He does, He wants to see the lamps of our love for Him still burning. **When we sign up for Him it should be for life. May we receive grace to truly love Him till His appearing.**

Stay oiled! Stay Flamed and keep loving Him as I wish you compliments in advance.

WALKING WITH GOD (PART 2)

(ABRAHAM WALKED WITH GOD)



OGUNSOLU TAIWO ELIZABETH

Isaiah 40:31 (AMP) "But those who wait for the Lord (who expect, look for, and hope in Him) will gain new strength and renew their power, They will lift up their wings (and rise up close to God) like eagles (rising toward the sun); They will run and not become weary, They will walk and not grow tired"

Deuteronomy 5:33 (AMP) "You shall walk [that is, live each and every day] in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land which you will possess."

INTRODUCTION

Christianity is all about walking with God. It is God's desire for every man to fellowship and to have intimate relationship with Him. The relationship and fellowship here signify one that can never be broken or revoked. It means a lifetime bond from Earth to Eternity. The previous lesson on walking with God gave a clear revelation that WE are SPIRITS, made in the image and likeness of God. We are made to function and live like our FATHER (God). Even though we live in the flesh which constantly wars against the Spirit, we are required to keep resisting it and claim our VICTORY which has already been won many years ago on the CROSS.

We shall study a great man in this study through the help of the Holy Spirit in the person of Father Abraham. God so much loved Him and blessed him even to generations of every child of God. The question is, what did he do to deserve God's immeasurable blessings? May the Holy Spirit give us more insight into His Word in Jesus name, amen.

"WALKING WITH GOD"

Walking with God requires integrity. A man who will walk with God must be blameless. The more we walk with God, the Holier we become, we become more like Him, we get more understanding of God's personality, we get access to the Holies of Holies, the abiding and manifest presence of God, divine revelations, divine direction, divine instructions and lots of divine benefits.

Colossians 3:1-2 (AMP) Therefore if you have been raised with Christ (to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead), keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2. Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above (the heavenly things), not on things that are on the earth (which have only temporal value).

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According to the scripture above, the moment we accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we share in His resurrection from the dead works of sin into a new life. We begin to walk in a new life. Therefore, we must keep seeking after heavenly things which have eternal value. Seek those things that are true, honest, just, lovely, things that are of good reports, praise worthy and virtuous, according to Philippians chapter 4 verse 8.

Walking with God should be done habitually; we must not be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. It should be done with the consciousness of God's presence, with the understanding that we have only obtained mercy, and in complete obedience to God.

God created an avenue to fellowship with men in the Garden of Eden but due to man's disobedience to God's command, the relationship was shortened. This showed that God is interested in fellowshiping with us. He created us to give Him pleasure; He created us to be like Him here on Earth. Walking with God means total surrender to God, replacing our Wills with His.

ABRAHAM'S WALK WITH GOD

Genesis 17:1-2 (AMP) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; Walk [habitually] before Me [with integrity, knowing that you are always in My presence], and be blameless and complete [in obedience to Me].

2. I will establish My covenant (everlasting promise) between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly [through your descendants]."

Abraham is a very good case study of someone who walked with God all the days of his life. The Bible recorded that God called Abraham His friend; what a great privilege! He was a choice son of God. God loved him greatly. When God wanted to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, He could not hide it from him. God saved Lot and his family because of Abraham. Through Him, all generations that believe in Jesus Christ are blessed. Abraham achieved everything great we can say about him because he paid the price of walking with God.

In the previous lesson on Walking with God, the Holy Spirit made us to know what it really means to "Walk with God". Abraham was able to live a good life because he walked with God by exhibiting the following virtues:

1. COMMUNION

Genesis 12:1 AMP Now (in Haran) the Lord had said to Abram, "Go away from your country and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;"

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This is the first record of God's communion with Abraham. Our God is a communal being. He communicates His mind to us through His word, His Spirit in us, His Peace, His Prophets, visions and dreams and many other ways. God communicated with Abraham at every point in time during his time which made His walk with God smooth. Even when God told him to leave his Country to an unknown Land, he was able to know the way through constant communication with God. For a man to walk with God, he must learn to communicate with God. God speaks to us every day to direct, guide, correct, and instruct us and it is left for us to pay attention.

2. FAITH

Hebrews 11:8 AMP By faith Abraham, when he was called (by God), obeyed by going to a place which He was to receive an inheritance; and he went, not knowing where he was going.

Abraham is known as the father of faith. He lived a life of faith from the first day the Lord called him to leave his country to an unknown land. As long as it was God who said it, He acted on it. He never doubted God's word. For a man to please God, he must be a man of faith. Abraham did not withhold Isaac his son from God to be used as sacrifice because he had absolute trust in God, His word and what He can do. When God told him that his seeds will be like the stars of heaven and innumerable as the sand on the seashore, he was already very old and did not have any child, but he still believed! When God told him that he would father a child at the age of one hundred while Sarah was ninety years of age, he still believed!

The more we get closer to God, His word and His testimonies, the more our faith becomes stronger. If you want to walk with God, you must have faith in Him and you must be able to trust Him at every point in time no matter how the situation may be. The book of Hebrews chapter 10 verse 38a says "Now the just shall live by faith". You can read through the book of Genesis to learn from Father Abraham's kind of faith.

3. ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE

Genesis 15:1 AMP After this things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward (for obedience) shall be very great"

Abraham was a man who obeyed every word of God to the extent that God rewarded him greatly. We are all beneficiaries of the blessings of Abraham which he got through obedience to God. Abraham was able to walk with God because he was obedient. Even when God told him to sacrifice his son for Him, he did not withhold his son

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despite the fact that Isaac was his promised child. Abraham obeyed every instruction given to him by God and acted on each by faith. God speaks to us per time which signified that Abraham obeyed by faith not because he knows what will happen in the next minute. The Bible says in the book of **2Corinthians chapter 5 verse 7** that **"We walk by faith and not by sight"**. The depth of our knowledge in our walk with God is based on what God has revealed to us. God requires absolute obedience from us in order to walk with Him.

CONCLUSION

We shall study more about the life of Father Abraham in the next edition. He paid the sacrifice of walking with God and he got an everlasting reward.

REFLECTION

At a point in time in the life of Father Abraham, he found God's mercy, God called him out to be a vessel unto honour and he did not disappoint God. Beloved, for the fact that you have been saved, you have obtained mercy, God has called you to be a vessel unto honour, please do not disappoint Him.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour, the mercy of God is reaching out to you now to come to Jesus and be a partaker of this blessed life in Jesus name. AMEN.

PRAYER

Father, please help me to walk with you; in constant communion that I may get direction, in unwavering faith, that I may please You and in absolute obedience that I may not lose my earthly and eternal rewards in Jesus name, Amen.



LITTLE FOXES

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According to the scripture, there are several places the animal name *fox* was used but i will take the point of reference from the book of:

Song of Solomon 2:15 (KJV) Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

From the text above, we can clearly see that the scripture is captivating but majorly the Word there is a profound instruction for every believer. The word fox is used to figuratively explain a destructive act. Foxes whether big or small are destructive. Scripturally, little foxes represent Anything, act, attitude, speech, and thought that we count or see as unknown or minor error. It could also be any sinful act we often overlook as little and it doesn't matter or defend.

1Cor5:6 (KJV) Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leavened the whole lump?

According to the text above, there is need to take away the little foxes because they majorly destroy grapes (This represents the fruit of the spirit in the life of a man).

THINGS THAT MAKES THE LITTLE FOXES ATTACK

1. When the fence (heart) is broken as a result of lack of the Word, Prayers, Consistency with the Vine, e.t.c. Ps119:11
2. Negligence: When a person neglect thing that matter, he might end up losing what matters.
3. Unwatchfulness: While the branch is closely attached to the vine (John15:1,5) there is need for close watchfulness else the little fox will invade the fellow unaware and plant the unwanted thereby causing corruption. (Mark14:38)

The little foxes majorly focus on the fruit than the gifts because the gifts of a man can take him to any height but the fruit will sustain him there.

The little foxes are any character, lifestyle, attitudes and act that hinder and destroy the fruit in the branch of a believer. According to 2Cor7:1: The little foxes also denote the sin of the flesh that easily beset us and creep in unnoticed. The actions of little foxes emanate from the heart which is the center of a man's life. (Prov23:7a) The little foxes can attack/destroy any aspect of life (Physically,Maritally,Spiritually,e.t.c). You must also understand that



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the foxes can't access the life that is properly fenced with the Word of God, prayers, Consistency in fellowship with God,e.t.c.

HOW TO DEAL WITH LITTLE FOXES

- 1.Try to recognize the little foxes in your life prayerfully by the help of the Holy spirit
- 2.Put the little foxes to death no matter how small it is (Gal5:24)
- 3.Depend on the holy spirit to take away completely every little foxes (Gal5:16)
- 4.Be Watchful and Sensitive at all times. (1thess 5:6)

Some of the little foxes that attack the fruit of the spirit are; Selfishness, discontentment, worry, impatience, laziness, doubt, pride, love of pleasure.

POINT TO PONDER: Take close look at the foxes in your life whether little or big and ask God to help you. Luke 21:34-36 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

PRAYER POINT: Father take away every form or little foxes affecting my life to stand right with you Lord in Jesus name.

"Are You Ready for The Rapture?" PART 3

Celestine Ekele .I.



We definitely do not know when Jesus will return as stated in **Matthew 24:36** – “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”

BUT, there are several things that we DO KNOW concerning the Return of Our Lord Jesus Christ and they will be pointed out as we proceed.

The Four Points are;

- I. JESUS WILL RETURN (check November Edition)
- II. HE WILL COME QUICKLY
- III. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY
- IV. ARE YOU EAGERLY EXPECTING HIM?

II.- HE WILL COME QUICKLY

LISTEN to what Jesus said in **Rev. 3:3** – “Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”

In the last chapter of the Bible, LISTEN to what Jesus says:

Revelation 22:7 – “Behold, I come quickly...” (Fix your eyes on this matter....pay apt attention to it....That I am coming quickly)

Revelation 22:20 – (Next-to-last verse in Bible) - “Surely, I come quickly, Amen.”

When Jesus comes at the Rapture, there will be no warning. It will be INSTANTANEOUS. **1 Cor. 15:52** says that it will be in the “twinkling of an eye” ... as long as it takes you to blink your eyes. There will be no time to get ready. No time to get your life straightened out. No time to repent. No time to be saved.

LET ME PUT YOU ON THE EDGE.... On average, most people blink around 15 to 20 times each minute. That means, while you're awake, you probably blink: 900 – 1,200 times an hour, and about 14,400 – 19,200 times a day.

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Wow! So You can imagine the probability of His coming within a day!

Dear Youth, If you were not saved BEFORE the Rapture ... after being exposed to the Bible, the preaching of the Word, the church, the witness of Christians, the conviction of the Holy Spirit ... what makes you think you'll be saved AFTER the Rapture. All the Christians will be gone. Churches will no longer be preaching the truth. The Holy Spirit will no longer be convicting you. The Anti-Christ will be in control. That's why the Bible says in **2 Cor. 6:2** – **"behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."**

Dear Youth, You don't want to be around after the Rapture had taken place.....The Word of God makes us understand that – During that period, Whomever is left behind will believe the lie of the Anti-Christ during the Tribulation Period.

See what the Bible says in **2 Thess. 2:11-12** – **"[11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: [12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness**

Dear Youth, Is your mind made up yet? ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE RAPTURE??

JESUS Will Come AND He Will Come Quickly, BUT.....

III.- WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY

What exactly are you meant to be doing in the meantime ... until Jesus returns?

Ponder on these words as we continue with the fourth point in our next edition. God Bless

Be a Wise Youth! Jesus is coming soon!

Stay Blessed and Take Charge!

See you in the next edition!

Shalom!