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The Wisdom Of Agur

We began to look at the four wise beings on Wednesday—the four wise beings. We began to see the wisdom of our God even further through a man who admitted that he did not know much, yet was willing to humble himself. In previous meetings, we had already begun to see his prophetic ability. He was a prophetic man. He saw the Son of God before He was born and began to describe Him. By itself, that tells you, among other things, that the inspired

utterance he gave places him in the category of a prophet, one who speaks the mind of God. So you can confidently say that whatever else you know about him, you know he had sight. He had the capacity to see. If you have not been here from the beginning of these teachings from Proverbs 30, go back three or four meetings and begin listening to them. We saw Proverbs 30:1–4, and then I skipped down to Proverbs 30:24–28. That is where we are now. I am sure you know the very first thing the Holy Spirit began to speak to me about came mainly from Proverbs 30:5–6. We have also looked at Proverbs 30:7–9. When we finally examine verses 5 and 6 in greater detail, we will link them all the way from verse 10 to around verse 14. I see one thought contained there. It has to do with speech. It has to do with falsehood. It has to do with how to build a refuge for the future. When I speak about the coney, the rock badger, or the hyrax—as the NIV calls it—it tells you a few things. If you were here on Wednesday, I spoke about the ant. The ant is wise, exceedingly wise. In what way? The ant understands timing. Though small, in the time of harvest it gathers food.

I spoke about how you must know your times and seasons, and understand that as I speak on these spiritual principles, they have applications—if I may say so—in the physical, the spiritual, and every aspect of life. Timing applies to everything. I may emphasize in my normal speech and in over ninety percent of my teachings that the focus is on spiritual life. Why? I am sure there are people who do not enjoy my preaching as much because everything is spiritual to them. Everything is spiritual. It is because I understand something: physical things often take care of themselves when spiritual things are in order. Someone may say, "No, no, I know one very spiritual person who is very bad physically." Then I would say he is not truly spiritual. Very spiritual people tend to be very sensible physically. I do not know if you understand what I just said. All my life I have heard people say things like, "Don't be so spiritually minded that you become earthly useless." But perhaps the issue is that the person is not spiritually minded enough. The more spiritually minded you become, the more practical you become. Someone says, "Go and cook. Stand up and cook before your father comes back." A spiritually minded person has the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can tell you, "Your father will soon be back." Even if you stopped briefly in the office to pray and said, "I want to take a moment and pray," the Holy Spirit can still guide you. He can remind you of things. He can say, "Check that fourth document in the third drawer." You bring it out and organize it. Suddenly you remember, "I did not call this woman." You make the call and put things in order. Within five minutes, your boss walks into your office and everything is ready. There may still be outstanding matters to address, but the Holy Spirit prepares you and gives you wisdom concerning what to say. In the same way He can prepare you for an examination, He can prepare you for real life. How much more? He can tell you exactly what you need.

Faithfulness In Small Things

So the ant teaches timing, and I spoke about it again. You can go back and listen to Wednesday's meeting on YouTube. By the way, I do not know if it has been announced already, but we have recently received a better internet connection. We are no longer spending—only God knows, and God bless all our video editors over the years—so much money, time, and effort on editing videos because of poor internet access. I am saying this so everyone can hear and give God thanks too. I am happy, and I am sure the video editors are happy as well. Because of the poor internet connections we had, even when fiber internet became available, it was not passing through this road. It simply was not available here. We tried repeatedly. We were willing to pay whatever amount was necessary for good internet access, even when we were very small. Yet some meetings would have interruptions—connection breaks, distortion, and many other issues. After meetings, I do not know how many messages we have accumulated. Have you ever counted how many video sermons we have? If you find out, tell me. I imagine it could be over a thousand, perhaps two thousand or more. It is a lot. Every one of those messages has an edited version in addition to the live version. The video editors would sit down and work through each one. Our meetings are not one or two hours long. We have meetings that last four hours on weekdays and seven or eight hours on weekends. Sometimes it reaches twelve or fourteen hours, and they sit down to edit those entire videos. You have no idea of the work involved. Some people do not understand what it takes. Instead of a one-hour or two-hour message, testimonies and other important

moments are included, because we do not throw things away easily. So there are often three versions of every video. You can identify the live version because you might see four hundred, five hundred, or six hundred people tuning in online. Then later you see another version with perhaps fourteen views—that is the edited one. Sometimes it took weeks, and at other times months, before some videos could finally be edited and uploaded. **01:30:00**

Improved Internet Access And Media Distribution

But the good news is that with the better internet connection we have had over the last few weeks, I told them to stop editing full-length videos the way we used to. We are going to handle things more like many other churches do now. The online live version will remain available, so for new messages, you do not need to go searching under the video section anymore. Are you still copying and re-uploading things? If you are, then what for? Data, right? Since God has blessed us with massive amounts of data now, just go to the appropriate video section and save yourself unnecessary stress. There are basically three places online, so if you are following us, please listen carefully. There used to be the live version, which often broke into many pieces because of quality issues, distortions, glitches, and so on. Then there is the version recorded directly by this camera, which goes into the mixer and the video system. After that, the editors would sit down, remove all the glitches, missing portions, and distortions, and then upload the edited version. Then there was a third version where they would cut out only the message itself and upload just that. I doubt we will continue doing all of that anymore. We have many things to do for Jesus before He comes, and this development helps us tremendously. Things can now move much faster. When you open the YouTube channel, you will see different sections. You will see "Videos," and you will see "Live." The one called "Live" is the meeting we are currently having right now. That is where you go for the current ongoing meeting. The flyer for the meeting should normally be displayed there. Whatever flyer is currently on the screen is what appears there. So pay attention to this: if you want to find the current meeting, go to the "Live" section. Do not go to the "Videos" section expecting to find newly uploaded messages. The thousands of previous messages remain in the video section. If you want better-quality recordings, you go there. Then there is the Ita Udoh channel—not God's Lighthouse, but the other channel. There, you will see only the message itself, usually without the praise and worship and without testimonies. If you want to send someone only the teaching message, then send that.

Please give the Lord a wave offering. You know, you cannot fully understand unless you have been there. I thought the people were standing on the table; I almost thought they were standing on their hands and waving their legs. So that is really the announcement I wanted to make. If you say, "I cannot see it under the video section," it is because from the previous week or so I instructed them to stop editing long videos. No more editing of full-length recordings. Only short clips, snippets, and highlights will be extracted. This alone will save us millions of naira and countless hours of work. Do we actually have up to a thousand messages? Is that possible? Three meetings a week multiplied by how many years? Yes, it is closer to a thousand. Thank you very much. I will go with the doctor's estimate. It is a simple matter of calculation. From 2003 till this year, three meetings every week multiplied by fifty-two weeks every year—it adds up quickly. I do not mind being wrong occasionally. That does not mean you know everything. If I was wrong, then I was wrong. The point remains that it has been a tremendous amount of work over the years. We have spent so much power, so much time, so much internet, so much data—so much of everything. But I am really grateful now. Yes, internet access is costly, but it is far better than what we had before. At least now those people have time to brush their teeth and do something else. It has cost us so much, but we will recover. Praise God.

The Importance Of Full Meeting Participation

I was speaking about the ants—sorry, sorry, I just used that opportunity to make the announcement. So mainly, if you want to catch up on old messages, go to the Ita Udoh channel. If you want testimonies, go to the testimony playlist under God's Lighthouse. There are different places depending on what you are looking for. Some people say, "I want to skip the praise and worship." Yet I have received messages from people saying, "No, I want everything." Years ago, those who said they wanted to partake in the whole meeting were very wise, because so many things happen during a meeting—prophetic counsel, worship, and many other things. If you are involved in the whole

meeting, you also partake in the things that accompany it. If we tell you to listen to a particular meeting so that you can catch up with something that happened in a special gathering, it is not always wise to listen only to the sermon section. You may say, "I just want to hear the message. I listened only to the preaching section because it was shorter." But if you added the praise and worship, if you included the prophetic words that came, if you experienced the moments where deliverances happened, then you would receive far more. How many of you have been offsite—not physically present in the meeting—but participated remotely, and while prayers were going on, the hand of God came upon you? Things happened: deliverance, healing, all kinds of experiences. Raise your hand properly. You see? That is just in this hall where there are mostly newer people. If you go to the older groups and speak with people who have been around much longer, they will tell you how they participated from places far away and still experienced the power of God. Some people would be in Lagos or elsewhere and suddenly fall under their tables because the hand of God was upon them, doing exactly the same things that had happened during a meeting that took place three weeks earlier, six months earlier, or even a year before.

But you may not find much of that in the message-only version. So when they tell you to go listen to a message such as Healing From Oppressive Spirits, do not say, "No, it is too long. Where is the shorter version? I just want the teaching." There are some things where only the teaching is enough, and there is no issue with that. But there are other things where you need impartation. There are things where you need warfare. There are times when you need someone fighting on your behalf in spiritual warfare. So whatever warfare took place during that meeting you are listening to may still be beneficial to you. You could decide to listen first to the sermon-only version on the Ita Udoh channel, then go to the video segment for the complete high-quality recording. Learn the difference: one is Live, one is Videos, and one is the Ita Udoh channel. After listening to the message on the Ita Udoh channel, go to the video segment for the complete, full-length, high-quality meeting recording with no interruptions or breaking. That way, you combine both benefits. You do not even need to go to the Live section. Just go to the Ita Udoh channel and then to the Video section. I hope I am clear. Again, sometimes it is good to write things down. Your memory is not always as reliable as you may think. It is good to take notes and write things down repeatedly. Especially if you are newer and have not spent much time around these teachings, write things down. Tomorrow you may find yourself saying, "What exactly did he say?" and someone else will respond, "No, that is not what he said."

Recently I heard something that shocked me. Someone said I had mentioned the rapture or something similar during a Friday meeting. The funny thing is that the meeting they referred to happened six or seven years ago, around 2019. I am joking now, but I never said anything like that. Yet someone visited, went back to their roommates, and told them, "That pastor said Jesus is coming on Friday." All the older members knew immediately that nothing of that sort had been said, but a brand-new person came and misunderstood it entirely. So people often remember things very strangely. I remember hearing someone say something else I had supposedly said. It involved crayfish and some other matter that I cannot repeat publicly because people would not understand the context. Yet, as far as I can remember, I had actually said the complete opposite. People sometimes insist, "But you said it!" Meanwhile, I was simply drinking water. So please understand the arrangement clearly. The Live section may still be useful for certain things, but the Video section is especially important for prayer and warfare sessions. The message-only recordings are found on the Ita Udoh channel. Do what is necessary and do not skip important things. Do not say, "It is too long." What exactly is too long? If two hours, one hour, or even fifteen minutes of prayer, petition, and warfare can deliver you from something that has troubled you for thirty years, what exactly do you mean when you say it is too long? That is folly—high-level folly. Instead, some people would rather travel long distances, spend days seeking someone to deceive them spiritually, and go through all sorts of trouble. Yet a twenty-minute or onehour audio or video can become a channel through which the pure hand of God breaks chains and sets someone free. Therefore, be deliberate about helping people. Tell them to listen, but do not just say, "Listen to this message, it is powerful." Tell them how to approach it. For example, if you are listening to something like Healing From Oppressive Spirits, tell them that when they get to the end, they should prepare themselves properly. I believe that particular teaching spanned three meetings on three different days. The final meeting was an all-day Saturday gathering, and the last three hours were filled with deliverance, healing, and many other things happening. Years after that meeting took place, God is still healing and delivering people through it. It is not as though the Word of God has expired. Some people think these things only worked at the time they happened and cannot work again. No, that is not true.

Participating In Meetings By Faith

Let me tell you the key to participating in a meeting you were not physically part of. It is not merely about hearing the sermon because we have become very good at hearing sermons. Sometimes our ignorance, or even the enemy, tells us, "There is no need for the prayer section. You were not there physically, so it is over." Not at all. Do not simply believe me— believe those who have experienced it. If your heart is open and willing to receive everything that happened in that meeting, you will discover that the principle, according to your faith be it unto you, is very real. Many people do not know this, so I am sharing it with you. Do not tell your friend only, "Listen to this message; it is very powerful." Instead, tell them, "When you are going to listen, go to a quiet place. Put on your earpiece. Take your notebook. Write notes as though you are physically present in the meeting. Put your whole heart into it." Sit quietly and participate properly, instead of eating, joking, and laughing through it. I do not mean this for every single meeting, but especially for meetings involving warfare and prayer. By the time you reach the end, your heart will already be full of faith from the Word you have heard. Many people do not understand why hearing the Word of God matters so much. They ask, "Why am I so weak?" The reason is that they are weak in faith. Then they try to become strong through prayer alone. Faith does not come through prayer. It comes through hearing the Word of God. Nigerians, take note: faith does not come from praying; it comes from hearing the Word of God. Bible says in Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Yet many have arrived at the exact opposite conclusion. They think faith comes from prayer. No, it does not. If you hear the Word of God enough, something begins to happen. Faith rises in your heart. Then you stand before God based on what you have heard, and God sees your faith and is pleased. Scripture says in Hebrews 11:6 that without faith it is impossible to please God. The Word comes and washes you. This is why Scripture speaks about the washing of water by the Word. The Word spoken brings cleansing—if you believe it. If you do not believe it, it will not profit you. That is why I often use many Scriptures rather than only one or two passages. I am trying to build faith in you. Do you know what faith is? Jesus asked in Luke 18:8, "When the Son of Man returns, will He find faith on the earth?" I am a desperate man in this regard. I desperately want Jesus to find people who still believe Him because the average Christian claims to believe, but often does not truly believe. What you believe is not merely what you say—it is what you do. Faith that works shows itself in action. If you truly believe something, how could your actions completely contradict it? If you truly believed, your life would reflect it. Perhaps the great problem is simply that people do not believe. If faith comes from hearing the Word of God, and Jesus asks whether He will find faith when He returns, then think carefully about what has been attacked the most: the Word of God itself—the very means by which faith comes. Prayer And The Word Of God Church people themselves sometimes say, "Let us not talk too much. We did not come here for teaching; let us just pray." But prayer itself does not build faith. Prayer is you speaking to God, while faith comes from hearing Him speak to you.

The Spirit Helps In Prayer

I have shown many times, especially during Friday meetings, that the Lord said in Matthew 6:7–8: *"When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for "We will pray for you according to the will of God." Okay, so the Spirit helps me pray? Yes. Then how do I do that? Pray in tongues—that is part of it. What else? Listen to the Spirit. Ecclesiastes says that when you come to the house of God, you should come near to listen rather than offer the sacrifice of fools who do not know what they are doing. So I am coming to listen? Yes. Then you may ask, "Even when I am praying, I should be listening? I thought prayer was me talking." Well, you already have the answer. When you come before God, there is an attitude you should have. You begin by thanking Him. You enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Then you tell Him, "These are the things I desire. These are the things that concern me. These are the things that are troubling me. These are the things I think are important and that I bring before You." You cast your burdens upon Him. You present your requests and pour out your heart before Him. Then after you have done all that, you look at the time and realize, "I have only spent ten minutes." Well, maybe you should have spent a little longer in praise, but no problem, do not force it. Then you ask, "What do I do now? My prayer time is supposed to be one hour." I already told you: when you come, come near to listen. Where does the Spirit speak? In the Scriptures and in your heart. So open your Bible and let the Spirit, who knows the deep things of the Father, speak to you. He may

speak for twenty minutes, thirty minutes, or even two hours. You keep reading. As you come across thoughts, you ponder and meditate upon them. Perhaps you read, "Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor." Then you pause. Pride, lowliness, pride, humility—you are listening. You say, "Lord, help me understand this." Maybe before now you had been praying, "Lord, open that man's eyes," but you never requested understanding for yourself. So you begin asking, "Lord, help me understand." Then He begins to give you light, more light, and even more light. You are talking with Him, but notice that it is not merely your own words. Scripture says people think they will be heard because of their many words. No, you are not heard because of many words. You are heard through His words. The Spirit who knows the mind of God, who prays according to the will of God, puts words into your mouth. The Parakletos does His work. The Helper, the Standby, the Advocate stands beside you and begins working through you. You may say, "Father, thank You for speaking about pride, but is it really pride? What happened with my boss the other time—was he not the one who was wrong? Father, give me understanding." Then you pray quietly. As you give the Spirit room to work on it, He begins speaking. You are not just talking endlessly. He may begin painting pictures in your mind. Thoughts may come. A story from Scripture may suddenly come alive. You place your finger in one passage, then move to another. He leads you through different portions of Scripture. You begin to realize how beautiful it is. People ask, "Who discipled you?" The Holy Spirit can walk a person through things. He can show you matters in ways you never expected. I know people can be stubborn, but it really is beautiful. Up and down, here and there, the Holy Spirit teaches and guides. The way you see me in church is the same way I used to be during my personal times with God. There was no rushing. Why are you rushing? Why do you rush God? Why do people approach Him with an attitude of, "Come on, let's finish quickly"? Who talks to someone and says, "Let's hurry up, talk fast, I have to go"? There must be a calming down. You have to become still.

Quietness In The Presence Of God

Many of you may think this sounds extreme. You might say, "How can I just sit quietly?" But when the fullness of the last days comes upon you, what do you think living in the secret place means? What exactly is that place? Have you been there? Can you remain quietly in one place without speaking constantly? Unfortunately, many people have been taught that prayer must always be loud and filled with noise. So you hear: "Father! Ahhhh!" Endless shouting. But think about it. You are in the presence of God and there is all this noise. Is that the sound of archangels, or is it just you? Why is the place so noisy if you are with God?The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him. There is something about quietness. Yet there is so much noise. Many times, all that is happening is an attempt to impress people. Some say, "I have been born again for so long. I know what I am doing." You may never convince them otherwise. Yes, there are moments when the Spirit comes strongly upon a person, and there are times you cannot contain what He is doing. But many other times, what people call spirituality is simply habit. You ask, "Who is this man? Does he not know the Father's house?" But when the day comes, you may discover who was right. All that noise in the presence of God—God is there, you are there, and the only voice constantly heard is yours. Something is wrong with that picture. Bad understanding affects behavior! There are times to speak. There are moments of excitement. But much of the time there should be quiet reflection. Turning pages, meditating, saying, "Father, what should I do about this matter?" You have already prayed about it. Sometimes we make so much noise that we never give God the opportunity to speak. We keep saying we are talking to God, but perhaps we never stop long enough to hear Him. People often become dramatic, especially when they become public figures. Sometimes everything becomes performance. Perhaps some of it started in prayer, but eventually it becomes more about image and reputation.

People want others to think, "This person is a prayer machine." Yet all of that can offend God and waste your time, when you could have left that place with instructions from Him. How do you know you have truly been with God? You come out and begin doing the things He instructed you to do. Look at Moses. People say, "Go to the mountain." But what exactly was the mountain? Was it merely a place? Moses went up the mountain and met God. First, there was the burning bush. God spoke, and Moses listened. Who spoke more? God did. Scripture says we are transformed from glory to glory as we behold His glory. Notice that it does not say by making noise in His face, but by beholding Him. Moses left and brought the children of Israel back to meet God. This time, God appeared on the

mountain. God adapted His manifestation according to the people involved. One man met a small fire in a bush; many people saw fire on an entire mountain. Moses repeatedly went up the mountain. Many only remember the two periods of forty days, but Moses actually went up multiple times. Sometimes he would go up and come back down the very same day. You only remember the two forty-day periods, but not every visit lasted forty days. Some lasted only hours.

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And that's enough. Stop trying to prove something to God. You cannot impress God, Sorry. You can please Him But impress? With what? A gold wrist watch?

Proper Way of Praying

What does God think about gold? If He scattered it into the ground (sand)? What do you think God thinks about gold? He scattered it inside the ground. Have you seen how they bring out gold? They have to melt it. If you see the process, it's as though they are processing mud to extract gold. Who has seen the processing of gold before on YouTube? Not the one you see, the small nuggets. I mean the one white people are rolling it through machines. It's as though they are processing mud to bring out the smallest amount of gold. Imagine where God hid gold? in mud. That's what God thinks about gold. So how can you impress such a God? So you see Moses goes up before the Lord again. When he comes down, what does he come down with? The law. Then he goes again, then he comes down with the law. He's in the tabernacle, He's talking with God. For what? The law. God is talking to Moses. All the book of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy Is God talking to Moses in times of prayer. So I'm sorry I'm not over excited about people that go into God's face to make noise. When you come out here, I was praying. Tell me what God said. You better be able to talk about what God has been saying. How were you praying when you come out with nothing? Look at David that used to sit out with God — a whole book called Psalms. Look at Daniel, he was hanging out with God. He comes back on the seventh day of the third year of Darius. I was in prayer. And the angel came and said, 'Daniel, I've come to give you understanding'. Not you went and "shake the gates of heaven. I said, shake it till it breaks. Demand your stake and do not accept the fake". Mm-mm, don't come out with witty things and empty things, Come out with the word of God. But it means you shut up. It means you have learned to be quiet, still yourself like a child. You're excited about what He has to say. I repeat, I think ninety something percent of you that make noise like this, is bad habits. You have not learned from me properly. Just bad habits. You are over excited you think it's impressive… Stop. Why? Because a lot of that noise, you're not actually paying attention. You still think that prayer is about your word. It words of the spirit released to you as you're speaking. As Daniel sees that revelation, he speaks back; 'My Lord, when shall this be?' Your request is connected to what you're told as opposed to all your requests coming from your heart. What are empty words, repetitive words? Babbling like the pagans, they repeat words (babbles). When they worship their gods, all religions, they repeat identical words. He said don't do that; Repeated sounds; Die by fire, die by fire, die by fire. None of that pleases God. You are disobeying him. How can he be pleased with your disobedience?

I understand when we are doing warfare that sometimes you have to repeat things, especially in warfare. I know sometimes when we are praying we have to cry out, 'Father, hear me. Hear your servant. Show him mercy in this time. Oh, Father, hear me. I beseech you. Hear your servant'. You see David, he'll say something like that Then he goes down, says more words Then he repeats that same… Then he goes down then he repeats. But you notice in between, it's sense, not repeat… Have you read a psalm where everything just repeats itself? No. Even if he's giving thanks to God, 'for his good, for his mercy endures forever. For he saved his people from the hand of Pharaoh. Give thanks to the Lord for his good and his mercy endures forever. For he showed Sihon, his mighty hand. Give thanks to the Lord for…' in between, sense, sense, deliberate thinking is there. Not, "give thanks to the Lord, Give thanks to the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, Give thanks to the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, Give thanks to the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, Give thanks to the Lord". A thousand times, let's say. Which psalm is that? So even in the responsorial Psalms, you do not see him do that. It's interwoven with thoughts. You can see the person is deliberate. What's that our song that has the back and forth from scripture, the responses. There's no need telling me the title, it does not put the tune in my head. Yes, that's the song. (Sings 5:50 to 6:03) sing If you know it now, it's your job to know the song. (Singing 6:08 to 6:34) Are you understanding? There has to be thought. There has to be intelligence, there has to be deliberateness; 'creation say, cherubim say, Elohim say, seraphim say, all the angel say' — in between they people are responding, hallelujah (which means praise the lord) — 'Men and women say, can they children say, can creation say, can the churches say, the remnants of Zion say. Inhabits of Jerusalem, all everyone says. If you have a mouth, say. Take it higher, higher and higher' and we just kept on. What year was this? 2 thousand and what? 2020? 2020/2021. We were just here, it's a spontaneous song, we sang it. At GMT, have we sung it? We should sing it, if we sing it, it will be nicer. But the point is, even when you are repeating yourself, it is mixed.

Consequences of Repetition of words in Prayer

You can't see God just do this blank thing where you blank out. That's why eastern meditation — listen to me — that the eastern traditions have; Buddhism, Hinduism all, those cultures where they repeat the same sound over and over again is to put you into a trance like state. It's demonic. Whenever you see that thing, it's a major way of opening the door for demons to enter people; to make them repeat the same thing till you stop thinking. Yes, yes those who have come out of that will tell you. It puts you into a trance-like state, repeating the same sound because your brain goes on in pauses and in that openness evil spirits come in. That's how many people got possessed. Anything that tells your mind to vacate the room is going to let in demons. It's deliberate, the worshipper of false gods needed to empty themselves for spirits to come. That's why don't hear me tell you 'empty yourself'. Many pastors practice it without knowing; where they make people go empty and then things jump. That's how people go to church and say it was after so so and so I started having this problem. After one serious… one preacher, one this, one that, one programme, one… because you opened up yourself to demons. You don't understand your enemy well enough. Your enemy is very tricky. So God actually wanted his people to be thinkers, he wants you to think. Be reasonable, speak to me as though you're speaking to a reasoning being i am not a God afar off, i am a God close by, i'm like a person next to you. You can't be saying, 'Paul Paul Paul Paul Paul' you see, how many times? Five times you're tired. I called him five times and he's embarrassed. Can you imagine what we do to God? We just go on — auto repeat, we think he's moved by it. That's how idols are worshiped, not the living God. Is anybody learning? Is anybody going to repent? Don't do auto repeat, you are not pleasing God. That's why you finish two hours later, drenched in your sweat and no change and no result and another person prays intelligently for 30 seconds and has an answer. A sincere prayer from a real place; 'father God. Father God is only you that can help me. It's only you that can help me. It's not only you that can help, it's not working. Ah, help me, help me (cries)'. You don't even need to cry, you slept, you woke up, your life changed.

The Power of True Sincere Prayer

What's her name? Helen Baylor was high on drugs and she stood, she was passing out, hit her head on the door and said 'Jesus help me'. When she woke up from passing out she was born again. Ah you're joking with my father in heaven. I said she was passing out, full of drugs. Became a Christian, became a woman of God, preacher, singer. I don't know if she said up to two or three words; help me Jesus, woke up transformed. How many people have been saved by that? So many. What's his name in monster? Leonard Jones. It's Leonard Jones. Leonard Jones was into dark stuff, drugs and… who knows Leonard Jones? You know his testimony? Have you heard his testimony? Was into dark stuff. Dark witchy, dark black… used to sleep, had a gun on him all the time or a knife. Gun or a knife, it's long, 20 something years ago, so I heard his testimony. He'll be with it, a completely wretched life, terrified. Prayed a ridiculous prayer, he said; lord if you're real, turn the sky purple. The whole sky went purple. He gave his life to Christ. Now, if you live here go and ask for the sky to be purple. "Eh, I heard what the pastor said, he said". He said what? The guy was a drunk wild man. You, you go to church, you've been going to church since you were small.

Why are you not born again? Be careful, to whom much is given… that one grew up with nothing. Nothing was given.

Suzy yaraei used to be Suzy wills when I knew her. Do you know Suzy Yaraei? Morning star music. These guys sing some of this song… you might know some of their songs usually when Paul Wilbur has sung it. You don't know when they sing it but when Paul Wilbur has sung it, you'll know it. A lot of their music… They used to sing original songs. And what was she? She was a loose girl, singing in clubs, wild and all that, drunk. She was going to join a flight. I don't know what happened and she missed a flight — I think she passed out from drunkenness — the plane crashed and everybody inside died. She gave her life to Christ. There's nothing God can't do and he'll do anything he wants to do somehow but you can help him in what he does. When you pray, pray right. Pray as though you're talking to someone who is actually listening. Don't have an attitude that is dismissive, be deliberate, be meticulous.

Wisdom of The Hyrax, Coney or Rock Badger — Positioning

All right, so I think that someone really needed to hear that. You know I'm going to swing back to the focus on the wise guys. All right? I call them the wise guys; four of them. We've met the ants in quite some detail and its wisdom is found in its timing. It knows how to make use of the time he has. We also are going to meet the hyrax or the rock badger or the coney depending on your translation. It's a kind of small animal that lives in the rocks and its power is positioning. He knows how to position himself. He learns how to position himself. By the time we get to the last guy, the lizard or spider depending on translation, i'll talk about adaptability and you might say, yeah that's position too. But not exactly, the question is how you got to the place of adapting and he's able to survive it. Please don't miss any of these meetings. I think many of you would enjoy it mostly for its natural applications but I pray there will be the spiritual who also see the massive spiritual application that is available. Massive. The spiritual is always more important than the physical because it controls the physical. And you can see what any of these things mean as it applies to spiritual things, you will be very very wise. You'll be a wise person. So let's continue with the rock badger. What does scripture say? "The wisdom of the one who positions himself or seeks a righteous refuge" it's found in proverbs 30:26, it says, "the conies are but a feeble folk yet they make their houses in the rocks". Read this; "hyraxes are creatures of little power" — little power — "yet they make their homes in the cracks". Little power. It's a feeble animal; it's not strong. It doesn't survive by fighting lions and tigers and eagles. Listen, it doesn't fight them. It can't fight them. What does it do? It survives by knowing where to hide. This is a whole other method of survival — by knowing where to hide. There's survival that is just a result of knowing where to position yourself. Now, is this earthly wisdom where you start, say, "ah, O boy shine your eyes, be wise." you compromise and lie and cheat. No, it's the exact opposite and I'll show it to you, it's the exact opposite. This creature who teaches us wisdom knows positioning may be the only difference between life and death; survival and arrival versus death and failure, to fulfill purpose and destiny. Because it knows how weak it is, it does not live carelessly in exposed places. It makes its house in the rock constantly. David understood this and so many times you hear him say; 'the lord is my rock and my fortress. My deliverer, my God, my strength in whom I would trust' — psalm 18:2. 18th psalm verse 2, "the lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. My God is my rock in whom I take refuge." You know all your life you've heard about David saying God is his rock and tell the truth, you used to position him standing on top of a stone? Yes. Who saw him hiding in a rock like a coney? You saw David on top of a rock with a sword. Look, "my God is my rock in whom I take refuge". Do you agree he was using the wisdom of the coney? "In whom", David was not on the rock he was in the rock. This is the wisdom that made David survive. If David the great warrior tells you that the lord was his rock, please take notes from the greatest military general you know about who never lost a battle, never. There's no battle where David clashed with anybody and he didn't win it. When Saul was chasing him, he was running, he didn't clash. If he clashed, the God of David would have taken out King Saul. So to avoid Saul dying at his hand, he never clashed with Saul. If David clashed with you, you died. It is what it is. David survived because he knew how to access the hidden places of the rock. He calls him here, 'the horn of his salvation, my stronghold'.

Do you know where the stronghold is? It's a place that is built, where you go in and hide. David used to go to the stronghold. When he was anointed king over Israel, the philistines gathered and went after him. The bible says he retreated into the stronghold which is a rock fortress. This is how the lord is his rock. This is how we make use of the lord as our rock. You know how to retreat. You know this thing I just said about prayer? Why it will be so important… Now I'm going to show you that hiding in the rock is not only prayer but one of the ways that shows you trust in God is when you turn to him in prayer. If you are here and like me who sometimes has wondered about the past in my life; what's the use of all this prayer? I'm tired of prayer. You may have grown up with parents who were always prayer prayer prayer. Now there are two kinds; that type I've told you. Some of you got discouraged because in spite of all the prayer nothing changed and that's because they were doing the wrong type of prayer. But if you're doing the right kind of prayer you see God show up here and there, over and over again. Why and how? What you're doing is that you have made the lord… 2 Samuel 5:17 talks about David and the stronghold. 2 Samuel 5:17 okay? The philistines came when he was anointed king over Israel. They went up in full force to search for him "but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold". He had just been anointed king, he couldn't fight them. He had not consolidated the armies. He knew times and seasons. He took the wisdom of the ant and said it's not time. Later on, he crushed them. Later on David crushed the philistines. Finished them completely but before then, the wisdom of the ant said it's not time, do not engage, so he hid in the rock.

He didn't engage — Wisdom of the ants. He hid in the rock — wisdom of the hyrax, of the coney, of the rock badger. He pulled aside. He didn't look at it as failure. You know why some of God's significant servants have passed away before their time? — And I don't know which one has passed away before their time but I know some have — they did not know this thing. They thought it's a sign of boldness to always confront everything at any time. Which is one of the great disadvantages of pride. Where you do things out of 'how will it appear if i don't do it'. "Hey, who's there, hey hey" meanwhile there's a time to 'hey, in Jesus name' and God will do mighty things. You heard someone tell the story, you now said let me do it. You heard that arch bishop Idawusa… they said who came rioting outside the house and he said, "Who are those… Wait for me, I'm coming. Hey, wait, hey, wait" by the time he got there everybody had taken off. They didn't want to bury people. You now heard it, you now said let me do my own. Bad stuff happened. Started playing music that should not be played. I wanted to do like… until I heard Tunde Bakare say many years ago, many years ago when Abacha was alive. Tunde Bakare will be on stage, they will start saying; Abacha them go butcher you eh (pidgin). They will arrest him, carry him, SSS will interrogate him, all kinds of things. They'll free him. One man now saw him on TV or one other pastor whatever. Because he came to say… and then he did the same thing. They busted his mouth with… beat him up badly. And he said, I just did what you did and he asked him who sent you. Who sent you? My own, I know it's God that sent me. Who sent you your own?

Knowing When to Withdraw or Retreat

You must know times and seasons, it's not a joke. You must know times and seasons. Be wise like the ant. Be wise like the rock badger. You must know when you retreat. David knew to make God his refuge. Where did he learn it? King Saul taught him, taught him thoroughly. The guy would live in caves, live in forests. He knew to withdraw. He knew when not to confront and challenge and fight. Saul was his former boss. Oh may you learn, may you have understanding. He used to sit at the same table and eat with King Saul. He fought his battles for him, represented him in warfare, ran company assignments, did different things for him. Next thing Saul is attacking him, putting him in the newspaper, accusing him of… going after him. He didn't come out and confront back, he withdrew. It didn't stop him from becoming king. Are you hearing me? King Saul was wrong. We know very clearly that he was wrong but David retreated like a badger. The bible told you earlier before when he was still king Saul that David behaved himself wisely in all his ways. Those are not empty words. I'm applying this in present day things; you're with someone, you are with a boss, you are with a parent, you are with a relative, you were with a church, then things happen and then instead of your knowing what time it is, you run out of the rock like that small creature; 'hey who are you hey hey hey because you're an eagle because you're an eagle huh' — you have a picture of eagle? — 'Huh who are you?' you know it's not even the eagle that will eat you, it is its children. When that eagle grabs you, you

will be chopped. The children of that eagle, the mother will carry you… that badger I see in that picture is exceedingly wise. Just seeing the shadow of that, they will retreat. That's why it went and made its house there. Say 'I have my rights. I have my rights'. Yes, the right to be food, yes. In the belly of an eaglet, yes. You know these eagles go after mountain goats, the young ones though. Sometimes even the bigger ones, they attack it, the thing falls, dies then they eat it, fearlessly. Coney, very small like this, he knows to retreat. There's a time to retreat. There's a time not to challenge. Say, 'no no no, let me say something'. Sister, it's okay. Tell me where your funeral will hold, I'll come. Because you have chosen to not know time… did you ask God? Are you saying I should… I said, did you ask God? David didn't get where he got by being brash. Many people are very brash. You go with feelings but let me advise you, even for some of the plainest things in this life learn to talk to God about it. Some of the things that are so obvious like you say 'ah ah nobody needs to tell you what to do now'. I've been guilty of wanting to act and speak and later on I realized no I shouldn't. I've told people 'how could they allow that', at the beginning of the sentence. By the end of the discussion, five minutes later, two minutes later, you are hearing me say, 'it's okay. Just endure it' and you're like, 'eh, I thought we were going to go to war'. No, it's Coney time. It's rock badger time. It's not lion time. It's not that time yet. 'Are you saying people should just endure oppression?' I'm saying that you need to be alive to endure anything. When you are gone, there's no enduring, you're just not. And Edekamba was not, for pride took him and you are not. So you must know the wisdom of the rock badger. Is this clear?

Don't live carelessly hide. Know when to hide in God. It's a powerful picture of spiritual wisdom that some battles are not won by strength but by location and I've talked about the spiritual location which is Christ. This is why you pray. You wonder, why are we praying? We should be hustling. No. You wonder, 'ah it is nine o'clock, 10 o'clock at night, 10:30 can't we go and sleep without praying?' you don't understand and if we wait for you to understand, we will not even be around for us to understand. Don't worry, don't mind us, we are stupid like that but let's pray; 'father we worship you the unchangeable, unchangeable God. Father, we worship you the unchangeable. What's the first prayer point? Father we ask…' what's all this for? What's all this for? People who have learned to hide in the rock. forgive them.

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Understanding the Purpose of Morning and Evening Prayer

Thank God, you're less, smaller than them. Thank God, you are the child, not the parents. FALL behind, don't pray, shut up and stand there. Let those who know the need of standing in front of God; you know, it takes a very long time. I wish many things were explained to me better when I was young. It feels so…, you see, are we just doing empty rituals? For someone like me who hates ritual. I hate anything that is done for — like why are we doing that? Why do we do what we do? If me, I say we should do it. No, that is a reason. At least I spend time asking God why. Some people, you don't ask why, you don't care, all you know is what, how you feel. Standing before God in the morning and in the evening. A, the picture of it is manner. The picture of it is the morning and the evening sacrifice in the Bible when they offered each sacrifice morning and night to God. God deliberately looks upon it. Have they come to me this morning? Have they told me good night at night? Like a normal household — Daddy good night, Mommy, good night. You are creating a situation that God must be involved in. You can't just be casual, anything would just happen. It's like, "hey, excuse me! Where did you sat you are going? Which house? E dey like say you wan mad. If you don't leave this community now, they'll burn you". That's how the thief doesn't know why he didn't come to that house. He passed and went to the other one. You've not heard of people where they rob everybody, rob, rob, rob, jump, rob, rob. Because in the Spirit realm, the demons have worried the thief say, "all work and no makes Jack a dull boy. Let's play here. Let's continue walking there". The spirits that worry them say, "no, don't worry". They just go. They see one small fence instead, they see one big fence. They say, we can't climb this fence. I'm not ready for the stress. They go to the one that is a big fence. It looks very small. They climb it. And people don't

understand and it's not that while you were praying, you were necessary praying, "God protect me, God protect…." Not necessarily. There are households that God watches over, watches over things and the people in, why? Ah ah, that's where God sniffs his incense, morning and evening. You cannot scatter my suppliers. You know, the Bible tells you, it rises as a sweet smelling saviour to him? Sweet smelling saviour, you know what that means? Smell. "ahh, that's nice". He's sniffing over houses. Then their house is zero. And someone, what's the use? This prayer". God has told you what prayer is. He has told you. You think it's just a supersti…? No, no, It shows that the people in it believe in a God and it always matters if you believe in God. And you believe in God. So he looks at you and says, "great, they believe in me. Alright, heard you. Good night". And you come consistently all your life. You keep coming, you make sure you come. You make sure you show, you say something. I was just greeting. How many of you have been not in a good state? How do I say this? The prayer was…, this is the only English word I know that can handle it, "wogowogo". Who knows what I'm talking about? I don't know how to explain it. How do you know say your own powowo? Say your own now. Do you say without faith? Without shape. English speakers. The rest of you that didn't respond, what's yours, how do you say your own? Anyhow. Okay. You guys grow up in the Ghetto. Okay, so Pidgin.

Church: One kind

Pastor Ita Udoh : One kind? The prayer was one kind, was anyhow? Was; you're even wondering, as you're standing up, is that prayer? How many of you have had any of those prayers answered before? Even you, you weak. Like how, who answered this guy? You don't understand. You showed up. You said, "Daddy, good morning oh". In your mind, because of the pictures you have in your head. I'm not saying you should do it. But in your mind, you see Daddy going, "insult, what disrespect? This guy, I think, bring that book of life. Put this name on that pencil". That's how your head thinks.

God Is Not Waiting to Condemn You

May, oh God, may no old preacher, holiness, believer, I believe in holiness more than you. Please don't be angry with me. I'm talking to these people. Thank you. In my mind, the glimpses I've seen at different times, I think God goes sometimes. Exactly how your mother thinks, "See this one". That's all, that's all he felt. He was pleased with you, that you did a drive-by greeting. He was pleased that at least you thought of running through, "Daddy, good morning". Who has ever been guilty? Your father said, "come here! Come here, lie down. Nno ikpa ado. Iya! May God forgive your father.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Our father in heaven is not like that. So, while God bless your father for all he was trying to teach you and maybe he was saying, maybe you've done it many times. Say, "don't be greeting me like that". That's the same way God would tell you like, "what can of prayer ? Oh, so it's a habit, eh? Oh, that's how you be praying now. Okay now, answer yourself". So, God can do that too but again, he knows normally you greet well. So, today, this is an exception. Are you understanding?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: He's not standing there angry. He's not angry. He's smiling. You could have passed. You ran upstairs and threw the greeting at him, "fum!" and turn and run downstairs. Yes, you delayed. Yes, you delayed. Yes, you wasted time in the bathroom. Yes, it's your fault. He looks at your heart. Satan would jump on it and you don't know God well enough. So, he said, "you think that's real?" So, for God to prove that he heard it. He answers those things. He answers this one to prove to you and you're like, "hey, God, you heard?" "Yes, I heard. Why shouldn't I hear?" "Ah! I thought you hate me". He does not hate you. Why should he hate you? You're his child. He should hate you for why? Because your earthly father seem to hate you? Some of them seem to, doesn't mean they hate you.

You're the one who listens to demons. So, everything that happens, “you see, you see that thing that happened now? You see, I've, you, I've always known”. And that's a demon talking. He won’t say, “you have always”, he’ll say, “I've always known that he doesn't, he's just waiting for any chance to condemn me”. And Satan will pour: Maggi, salt, pepper, crayfish, seasoning please. Noor and Maggi. And you're there saying, “Na always me”, (Pastor makes sniffing sound), talking with Satan. Block Satan, all of you have that contact, block it. You have to block Satan on your; block him. Even if you think it's true, it doesn't mean it's true. “No, there's nothing you tell me”. I don't need to tell you.

God wants you to know that he doesn’t hate you. He's not disgusted with you. He's not put off by you. He wishes you well, he will seek your well-being. He wants you to and even when you are anyhow, in your coming to him, talking to him, how you act with him sometimes, he still cares. As you're leaving through the gate, he still asks, “I hope you gave that child food. Did he eat before he left?” You're not there to hear it but he cares. So, that's one major reason we pray. Prayer is a sign of faith, even people that pray badly, don't know how to pray. God answers some of their prayers. Why? The mere fact that they think they are talking to him is enough to get them something. That's also why they have testimony after testimony. He still shows up and goes, “well, even though they don't know the right procedure, they don't know the right procedure but at least they believe that I am. Give her what she wants. Give him what he wants”. Still looks out for you. I hope you're understanding this.

Church: Yes sir.

The Secret Place, Hiding in God

Pastor Ita Udoh : David understood God as the one who hides in the; who hides him. His divine positioning, you see it in **Psalm 91**. Everyone knows, “He that dwells in the?”

Church: “He that dwells in the secret place of the most high, shall abide under the shadow of the almighty”.

Pastor Ita Udoh: That is that place, David's position. I'm going to zoom in but let me show you **Matthew 7:24 and 25. Matthew 7:24 and 25.** “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. Yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock”. Do you see who is the wise man there? Who is the wise man? It's not; in verse 24, the second part, it says, “the one who hears these words and puts them into practice is like a what?”

Church: Wise Man.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Did he say strong man? He said, “wise”. There are four creatures that are small but exceedingly wise. This is that creature. He was positioned on the rock or we can say in the rock from what you've come to understand. I'm going to show you in a bit of detail from **Isaiah 33** how to be positioned in the rock. Prayer is one way, okay? Have you gotten that point? It shows you trust in God. The mere fact that you turn and talk to him shows you trust him. Who talks to someone they cannot see? How many of you know you need faith to be talking to someone you can't see? So for you who has struggled whether prayer works at all, I've answered you. That you are talking to a being you have not seen at any time. Having not seen him yet you believe. The apostle said, “it pleases him”. The mere fact that you can trust in one whom you don't see. God would want you to continue to believe in the one you don't see. He's a real God. He's a good God. He is there. He wants you to show you believe in him by talking to him —Prayer, very good. But is that the major way and only way you hide yourself? No. Humility is a form of hiding, “but he's speaking against me. He's attacking me. He’s, he’s, she's doing this. This is happening. It's not fair”. Like David, you hide, because it is time to hide. He had to hide for about fifteen years, possibly. Possibly up to fifteen years, David lived like an animal. Because some, some, of some crazy king, whom he had never done any harm, whom he had only wished well.

The Lord Jesus ran to Egypt. His parents took him and ran to Egypt and hid. Elijah went and hid by the brook called Cherith, likely behind a rock. Different people at different times. Obadiah, the servant of king Ahab took the prophets and hid, a hundred of them in caves, in a rock. What's a cave? A rock, a hallow in a rock. God knows that you should not just come to him talking. You should come to him acting a certain way. There are promises that come with certain times and things. And I'm giving you an example. In the book of **Matthew 7** that we just read, the Bible says in **verse 25**, "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock". Can I ask you, this house on the rock, was it hit?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Did the rain streams rise up against it?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Did the wind blow and beat against it?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Do those who are wise and trusting the Lord get attacked?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Opposed? Hurt?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: The important thing is not if you think what happens to other people happen to you because it happens to the foolish and to the wise. The same conditions. But the difference is what? You will not fall. Do you understand this?

Church: Yes sir.

The Difference Between the Wise and the Foolish

Pastor Ita Udoh: The difference between the wise and the foolish is that the wise does not fall. After the battering, the testing, the shaking, after the betrayal, the hurt, the opposition, after the unfair treatment, the lying, the tribulation and hardship, they are standing. That's the real thing, the come out…. They are still Christians. They are standing. They have not turned from their faith. When we look at the wisdom of the spider or lizard, you're going to meet with some chaps that lived in presidential villas. You're going to see how, but among the things you're going to discover with them, they didn't compromise oh, they never did. No? Prison? Lion? Fire? Ain't compromising? Not this fake thing people do and say, "well, you know, you have to be wise". Meanwhile, what they are practicing is foolishness, the exact opposite of wisdom. Being wise, adaptable does not mean you compromise. No compromise. None of them compromise. They choose the lions. They choose the fire. They choose death. They choose annihilation rather than compromise. And you will see and learn something from them, that is the wisdom they had. Prayer, humility, I've given you those two things. How to hide in the rock, in humility, when you want to show yourself, show what you can say, "let me answer this girl". And God says, hide. What will people... Ah, pride. A man's pride will bring him low, a man's pride. May God help you with pride. You want to pray about that for a moment? Because the number one reason we don't stay hidden when we were to is pride. Pray about it. I'll give you one minute.

{Prayers}

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Listen to me. When you act in proper timing like the Ants. When you stay in a proper position like the Badger. You know your place. You know not to exhort yourself out of place. It is wisdom. It is wisdom. It is godly. It is not cowardice, it is not a sin. You are not out of line. You are in that position in that office or that department. You don't force yourself ahead. Call it ambition or drive. You stay where you are. God will come when he wants and bring out David from any hole he is and put him on a throne. What is that to God? How is that hard? God has placed people on throne before. So David's hiding in rocks doesn't stop; when it's time, God's alarm goes off (Pastor mimics beeping sound). Wod Saul ako, kill that Saul, bring David. Alright, time up Saul, your 40 years are over. I hope you know all of them did 40. King Saul did 40. David did 40. Solomon did 40. He was already appointed as long as you were in thirty-something, David could not be king and that's how long he had to be running around. Many of you don't know that God has timers. He follows calendars. Time up. You know each of these is 40 jubilees. A jubilee is 50, this is 40 jubilees, 40 jubilees, 40 jubilees. Speaking of our times and seasons on the edge. After; each of them grew for 40 years, it's not a mistake. God is telling you something. Who builds the house of God? Jesus said I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail. The temple of God is built by Solomon, yes? And we are being built into a spiritual house with Jesus himself, being the chief cornerstone. They call him son of David. He is son of David. Solomon, right? It's only after the house is built. Then you enter a season of peace and prosperity. But you see these guys must have their time. 40 jubilees, 40 jubilees, 40 jubilees. Before that, you can't force it, because it's fixed. Now that's why they grew for 40, 40. That's why each of them grew for 40 years. It's not by chance, by luck. You're like why would God allow this King Saul to keep torturing David? Because Saul is a picture, David is a picture, Solomon is a picture. God's pictures must not be tampered with. He planned them before you were born so. You know there are many things we quarrel with God about, don't worry when you see him, he will say one thing, you'll look for a pitch to enter. Say, "why did I used to talk at all? Lord, why was I not born dumb?"

Isaiah chapter **33** verse **15** and **16**. "Those who work righteously and speak what is right". You're going to give me that in King James, then we may come back to this. Look at this everyone. Everyone, read, "Those who work righteously and speak what is right. Who rejects gain from it". Stop please, I asked for King James, "He that worketh righteously and speaketh uprightly. He that despiseth the gain of oppressions. That shaketh his hands from holding of bribes. That stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood. And shutteth his eyes from seeing evil. He shall dwell on high. His place of defence shall be in the munitions of rocks. Bread shall be given him. His waters shall be sure". Now put it in the NIV so we can understand how we are reading. "He who works righteously and speaks what is right", The reward, verse **16**, "They are the ones who will dwell on the heights". Can you see our rock badger?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: You want to be a rock badger?

Church: Yes sir.

How to Become a Rock Badger

Pastor Ita Udoh: Yeah, there you are. How to be a rock badger is how you should title that place. How to be secure, there is a method brother. Now let's look at the remaining things in addition to prayer, even though prayer is inside there too. He works uprightly. Go verse **15**, verse **15** are the conditions, verse **16** is the promise. Verse **15** are the conditions you must keep: how to get to that rock, how to make a hole in the rock and hide is verse **15**. Verse **16** is the reward of making the Lord your refuge and your hiding place. **Isaiah** shows us that the rock is not only about hiding from danger. It is by living right with God. Can't use your brain. Any normal human being can use their brain and connive and say things like Robert Greene, "never outshine the master". That's just human cunning and positioning. God sees your heart. You're not hiding in the rock that is God. You're hiding in the human rock which there is none, it will fail. No human being is a rock. They always break. The book of **Isaiah** there shows you that the

person who dwells on high works righteously. I hope you are writing. You work righteously. Two — you speak uprightly or what is right. Write oh, write. Not R-I-G-H-T — Right, W-R-I-T-E — Write. You must speak what is right. Number three — you reject gain from extortion. You don't want money and to enjoy goodies from those who extorted it. Are you hearing me? You don't want the money that came from Yahoo. You do not want money that came from extortion. You don't want the money. You reject it. They invite you, "oh, come and join us, let us join this group. Let us be part of the Exco so we can chop our own share of the national cake". No. No, you don't join. You know, in that your departmental Exco, they want to make you the treasurer, or the financial…. And then when they raise money, 1.8 million. They say, "oh yah, first - first, remove one million keep. That's for us, the laborers. Ehh heh, so you see that 800,000. Now let's see how…. " "People always want it. So what should I do?" Oh, resign, in fact, why were you there? "I didn't know it would be like this". Did you pray about it? I thought they said they were going to position Christian (pastor mimics someone speaking gibberish). You going to position what? Is this the coming age? Can a Christian be? Yes. Can he change things? Yes. Will you? That's the question. Will you change it? Can you fight? Will you stand up for it? If you want. Who sent you? You sent yourself. Who sent You? You sent yourself. Who sent you?

Church: You sent yourself.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Why did you go? You can't stand. You can't face lions on fire, say, "no", then you are a coward. Then when they share, you collect, instead of saying, "No, the way; but the way I'm looking at this, I need to understand, is this like our stipend that we're entitled to or this…?" Say, "Bros, see no be church be this oh". Tell them, "I don't want". Doesn't mean you have to resign. You can be there and do some righteousness. They'll reject you. They'll happily chop it for you, they'll like you. In fact, they'll, you become, they'll be your friend. I told you of a man I knew years ago in the House of Assembly, 20 some years ago, he was in the House of Assembly. When they are sharing money that they've collected from people forcefully, like they would tend to do. Bring this oh or bring that oh, he will not collect, he will not collect. And his colleagues, fellow House members in the State House of Assembly will tell him, "ah, I, I, I, I, collected your this thing oh". They'll tell you directly. And how much money do you think they used to give them? Millions, twenty something years ago. Maybe, I don't know how much. Maybe even if it was 50,000. Do you know what 50,000 could do 20 something years ago?

What else? Number four — he refused bribes. What are bribes? Bribes are for twisting justice. A bribe is something you take to change the outcome. When they give you a bribe, "it's this thing I'm giving you now, based on what you've collected, you can only support me, you can only decide for me. When an issue comes up. You can only take my side". You're not supposed to collect bribes. You keep your hands from accepting bribes. Next, he will not delight in violence or he stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts their eyes against contemplating evil. You don't want to see and think and ponder on doing evil or wickedness. You don't delight in violence. You don't delight in violence and you close your eyes against evil. What did God promise to those who keep these conditions? You will dwell on the high. You will dwell on the heights. Your refuge will be the mountain fortress. You saw that place, they say, "mountain munitions". The mountain fortress, that's where God will hide you. God promised you this place. And by the way, while you're there, you have food to eat. He'll provide your bread and your water will not fail. You know, people constantly give the impression that trusting God too implicitly, that you'll lose out in life. If you believe it, sorry for you, my condolences. The rock badger teaches us positioning. **Isaiah** is showing us righteous positioning. You cannot hide behind religious language. You must walk righteously. It's not empty talk, go back to my conditions. You cannot be claiming, "The Lord is my refuge", **Psalm 91**. Let's pray, (Pastor mimics people speaking gibberish) Unbelievers, pray that**….**

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Christ the Rock of Refuge

You're not in any secret place because you said it. You're in a secret place because you work righteously. The steps of the righteous are ordered into the secret place. You don't understand. When your legs are controlled by righteous acts and choices, you end up in a place of God's protection. I hope you understand this. The book of Isaiah 26:3-4 says, "Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind he stayed on thee, because he trusted in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." I want you to understand this about the Hebrew sense of the word everlasting strength. It's the idea of God as a rock. He is the Rock eternal. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord himself is the Rock eternal. Let me see in KJV. "For in the Lord, in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Do you see him say everlasting strength? Then the NIV just went directly and said, He is the Rock eternal. What has strength to do with Rock. That's the Hebrew. The Hebrew word speaks of that strength as being a rock, the strength of a rock. When you trust in Him, how do you get here? By keeping your mind steadfastly on God. By trusting Him. When I have the time, when I go on to share, maybe I don't know, Sunday or so, to share about the refuge, about what God absolutely... listen, oh, more than ever, you need this at the time we are living. Oh, you're going to need to know the way into the rock. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. You see that song? Now you understand it. That is higher than, you know the song?

{Worship}

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The scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus is the rock. You know that, right? 1st Corinthians 10:4. And finally, Colossians 3:3. 1st Corinthians 10:4. "And drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them. Everyone? And that rock was Christ." Christ is the rock we're hiding.

Supernatural Preservation and Provision

Did you hear Isaiah 33 say, their bread will be supplied and their water shall not fail. Do you understand? Isaiah was prophesying before Jesus was born. He says that their rock supplied them with water. But he also said when they hide in the heights, the rock, their water will not fail them. Because the Lord Jesus will provide all needs. You know, I began to hint you. In the days to come there will be seasons and times. People will eat food that does not exist physically. If you are very new, go and listen to the old messages. Why shouldn't I expect it? Others before us, who didn't even need it as much, experienced it. Why should I not experience it? I've heard of people in Indonesia going through the forest. They are very hungry. God sent them to go and preach somewhere. The Holy spirit said "sit down." A table was set before them. The way the other one was described, he said, "I wasn't seeing, but I don't know. When I got up, I was full." People are seeing banana. I guess those that see, are seeing, eating things that you can't see, but they are eating. Actually, these are the same people that their water used to change to wine, whenever they had a communion service. The water they fetch from the stream would turn to wine. Everybody would see it. And this is the same people that walked through the forest in the rain and arrived dry because God put a canopy. Who are going through the forest in deep darkness and light is shining before them. And they are hungry. So God sent a table before them. It happened in Indonesia in the 50s. Why can't it happen? If things happen and God has to hide you away, who thinks you'll find a dead body? So why do you think you have the story of Elijah? Remember what I said last meeting. I said that one of the biggest ways the devil succeeds against you is to teach you to not believe everything in the Bible. To think Jesus Christ is not the same yesterday, today and forever.

Who was in that meeting? Where I showed you. I hope it was an open meeting. The same yesterday, today and forever. He's the same God. Now when you hear messages like that, I hope you listen to it again. I hope you share it with your friends. I hope you share it with your enemies. I hope you share it far and wide. Because in the future there's going to be a large company of people that will fall under the feet of the final beast who will trample even the holy ones. Because they don't believe the word of God properly. They believe a few parts of the word of God. They don't believe that God can tell a servant to hide and send ravens to bring him bread in the morning and the evening. They don't understand that he's the same God. Anytime they hear a supernatural story they presume it's a lie.

Unfortunately many preachers have told lies and I have stood here and shared many of those stories that you guys don't even know about because you must tell the truth. But to give the impression that the God of the Bible has dropped His miracle working power is wickedness. Why? Because the last day's generation is going to need to see miracles. Not the miracle of healing only. You're going to need to say "Father, we thank you. We thank you for the food in this place you have brought us. We give you praise in Jesus name. Amen." And open an empty pot. Or a pot with two grains of garri and it's full. It has to be full because we are eating. And if your heart and mind does not believe such things. Sorry we will see on the other side. But some of us if we are permitted to be here some of you almost definitely will be here. You had better learn to believe all of the word of God. That if you are healing God that He can provide your water. He can provide all you need.

Setting the Mind on Things Above

Colossians 3.3 everybody. "For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." He said earlier on that you should set your mind on things above not on things on the earth. For your mind is hidden with Christ. Where? In God. Can you see the rock? In God. God wants to hide us in Himself. He is our rock. He wants to protect us. He wants us safe. Do you understand this? But how can He if your mind is not set on things above. Hello, you want to share in the wisdom of the rock badger. Your mind must be set on things above. Say "no no the wisdom is you save save very well or the wisdom is you do this." No no it's none of those things. The wisdom is you set your mind on things above. That's spiritual things. That's heavenly things. You set your mind on things above. Remember what I said at the beginning. Some people try to be wise; you try to use scripture to just learn natural wisdom to dodge through life. Not wise. Wise people set their mind on things above. It is from setting your mind on things above that you hear the voice from above. That will tell you to go out early in the morning and I will rain down bread. Manna means what is it? That's what the word manna means. They went out and gathered something. They saw it and said "Nsidom?" If it was Ibibio speakers, the meaning of manna in Ibibio is Nsidom? In Igbo, (Pastor speaks in Igbo) See this why Ibgo is hard for people. In Yoruba? That's what they would have called that's what manna means. Doesn't mean anything else. That's how it stopped. It became its name. What is it? How many of you know you say what it is when you're surprised? What is it? That's literally what it meant. What is it? With a question mark not a challenge. What is it? How could they have known that was from God if Moses' mind was not set on things above? If they had not followed Moses and left the earthly realm of Egypt out into the wilderness. Their mind was set on a God who dwells in heaven. That foolish following is what results in your being hidden with Christ in God. Do you understand this? And these are the people that will not be ashamed in the days ahead. Not just in the days ahead today.

The Wisdom of the Rock Badger

Already many of you have started experiencing this. In the days ahead the more so and you will be so glad that you learned to trust in the Lord. That you did not put your eyes on what everybody say "if you do this you'll be safe. If you do this you'll be protected. If you can only do this you'll be secure. Have you secured yourself? Have you?" And you look foolishly like, you know I've told you I was in university 26 years ago or more. I mean I was finishing 26 years ago but I already had the mindset I have now. I knew God well enough to know that if I trusted Him I would be fine. Between that time and now I've gone through all kinds of things but one thing I'm sure of is that those who trust in God are like Mount Zion. They can't be moved. All around you things move up, down, left, right, round and round and round. But if you trust in the Lord He'll renew your strength. You mount up with wings like an eagle. That you started like a badger. A rock badger hiding in the rock like David. Does not mean you will not stand up and invade every land and every land you enter you conquer. It was just a matter of time. So David understood that there is a time to hide. The rock badger knows that it cannot protect itself but he knows that the rock can protect it. So he finds the rock and we have seen that there is one rock. His name is Jesus. And those who come to Him will not be ashamed in any way.

Those who trust in the Lord will be like Mount Zion. They will be established in the safe place. People may mock you, laugh at you, tell you, look at what you're doing with your life. Look at in the name of following this your God.

You may see that unfortunately some of your brothers are not able to be trusted. Now the next thing you do is wait and watch. After five years, after ten years, look at the one who could not be trusted. Look at the one who seemed to be a fool for God. Even at this age you will start seeing it. Then the more so in the age you come it will be so obvious. It will be 100% obvious who was a fool and who was wise. It will be so clear. The question will no longer be "look at." No, they will come like they came to the feet of Joseph, like they came to David. Their ignored brother ended up being the king of the whole land. That's what happens with those who trust in the Lord. Amen? In the coming meetings we will look at the wisdom of the low-cost, the power of synergy, of strength. How another way to win battles is not doing it alone. Maybe in the same meeting we will be able to look at the wisdom of the lizard and spider. I hope so. Maybe on Sunday we will be able to look at this. But I do believe God wants us to learn this multifaceted wisdom. And at different times, when He says David behaved himself wisely in all his ways, it's in the different wisdoms. Sometimes he acted like a spider, a lizard. Other times he acted like a rock badger. Other times he acted like an ant. Other times he acted like a locust. You cannot see him fighting alone. Samson did not have the wisdom of the locusts, so they took him down. David had the wisdom of the locusts. He swarmed. He would swarm. Let me not preach it ahead. Let me answer the questions that come from today's meeting.

Divine Timing and Hidden Preparation

You want to pray one more time before I answer some questions? You are asking the Lord, please, I receive these words. Now listen. You know I'm very practical. Some of you when you leave here, you're going to have to activate Badger mood, okay? You have to learn to hide. But some of you are going to put things in others. You were too upfront. You have to go back in. You have to repent about things. Apologize to God and people about trusting yourself forward where you should not have. Not knowing your position. Not knowing when to hide. Trusting yourself out, insisting and saying "why should she be prominent while I am ignored?" Have you considered that God is hiding you for a reason? Have you considered that God made that hole for you to hide? Some of you are too obsessed with reading psychological mumbo jumbo. "You need to be more extroverted." What if God is hiding you for a time? What if you are supposed to be out in the public from the year 2028? You insist on this in 2026 when you are not fully formed. When God had things to work on you in the secret in that hole, you insisted on coming out. Say "I can run faster than the lion. I can run faster than the leopard and the eagle." You haven't learned how to dodge eagles. You haven't learned how to take down lions yet. You insist on coming out. No, there's a time for everything. So, as you're praying, you're asking God, please, if there's any way I am not in the position. Listen. Oh God, I almost didn't say this. Listen. The positioning of the hyrax is the position God has provided for him or her. Does that mean any situation you find yourself, you must remain on it? No, make sure you ask God. The place the hyrax hides is Jesus. How are you in Jesus? By being in His will, doing what He wants per time. Don't change your positioning due to envy. Even your physical position, your physical space, your physical occupation. Your geographical location can decide whether you fulfill destiny or not. Many people will never fulfill destiny for one purpose. When they stand before God, He'll say to them, "useless, lazy servant" for one reason. They were not where they were sent to. Your positioning was off. You should have been in Uyo. You should have been in Anambra. You should have been in Ekiti. You should have been where He placed you. You insisted. You didn't ask him. You didn't want to know. You insisted on moving to Lagos. You insisted on moving to Canada. You insisted on moving to Ebonyi. You insisted. You didn't care what God...

You don't know your positioning directly affects his protection of your destiny. You went there and the devil made a mess of your spiritual destination or destiny as you call it. And that's how your calling was never fulfilled. When you stand before God, he says, "Look at you, useless, useless. Never did My will. You had money. What has money to do with destiny? Nothing. You made money. So what? What has money to do with my destiny? I used to give. I will increase your fire if you don't keep going." Many people are very foolish. They don't understand what matters. They don't know why they were born. They think they were born to make money because that's all that has been pumped into your head since you were small. You need to make money so that what will happen. And who said if

you're where God placed you, you cannot be king over money. Didn't David end up being king over so much money, it's impossible to count?

{18:29- 28:39 Prayer}

Do you understand what it means to be hidden in something? When you're hidden in something they can't see you. They see the thing you are hidden in. How many of us are hidden in Christ? When people look at you they think this one everything Jesus Jesus or they see you on full display your flesh.

End-Time Shakings

Praise God. Let's take some questions. How many? Okay, four questions. You know, years ago, just a quick one. The year was 2008. And I heard everything that can be shaken will be shaken. It just came to me as we were praying. For those of you who don't know, again, one of the reasons why we are, as someone aptly described us, intense. It's because God told me before this church started, said that everything that can be shaken will be shaken. He told me and my wife, shortly after we wedded, that everything that can be shaken will be shaken. And they've been shaken and many people don't know. That same year, the economy shook. People committed suicide. It was so bad. Large market crash. Things that can shake will shake. Many things will shake. They will shake because at the end of the age, the Bible says, Jesus said in the book of Matthew 24, He said, the powers of the heavens will be shaken

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The Shaking of Heaven and Earth

Then he said in the book of Hebrews that at that time he shook the earth, but at the end time he will shake the heavens and the earth. Many of us don't understand this. He shook Egypt. Egypt represents the world. Back then he shook Egypt. He shook the mountain when he came down on Sinai. That was the things on the earth shaking. He said at the end of the age that he's not going to only shake the heavens. He's going to shake the heavens and the earth. Hebrews 12 verse 26 and 27. "At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. The words once more indicate the removing of what can be shaken—That is created things. So that what cannot be shaken may remain." Did you hear what he's going to shake? God is going to shake creation. He said he has promised. God is going to shake creation. How ridiculous to plant your life on creation. God is going to shake all of creation. It's a promise. At that time his voice shook the earth. From verse 22. Go and read it. When he came on Mount Sinai. He said he's not only going to shake the earth, he's also going to shake the heavens. God told me this. It was such a clear word, confirmed. That was September the 24th. The 24th day of the ninth month, all in the book of Haggai. By the end of that year 31st December into 1st January, a significant servant of God that was following, worldwide reputation. They said "The Lord spoke to me the word for the year is..." And they quoted the same scripture. God had told me three months before. He was going to shake the heavens and the earth. So every time I'm speaking the word of God, every time I'm before God's people, it burns in my heart that they don't know. Everything people are trusting in will be shaken, shaken and scattered, shaken and scattered. So I see you, you want five degrees, I ask, is it God? You want it, is it God? I have only one question. If it's God, you're fine because your steps are being ordered to that place by God for a reason. But to do it with your head or to do it because she did it. He did it. No. The only things that remain are the things that cannot be shaken. And what is it that will not be shaken? Mount Zion. Who is on Mount Zion? Those who trust in the Lord. This is a summary of everything I just shared. The koni, the rock bajra, the hyrax is saved because he trusts in God. That creature is a picture of one who trusts in God and hides in the rock. And when you ask him, "Why are you hiding in the rock? Don't you have shame? He says, no, I don't have. Aren't you ashamed of yourself? Always hiding in God. Every time you hide behind God." He says, "Yes, I'm not ashamed." Because you out there, you'll be shaken and you fall and scatter. It's just a matter of time. We who trust in God, we cannot be shaken. All kinds of things could happen around us. That means God wants it."

Surrendered to His Will: Finding Purpose in the Pain God Allows

The Muslims say "Insha'Allah." For years I've said it's Christians that should be saying it. I'm so embarrassed that it's Muslims that say it. Insha'Allah, which means more or less as God wills. Almost any bad thing that happens is more or less like God willed it. They trust in the sovereignty of God. We; "No it can never be. It can never be." Yes, there are many things that happen that are not God's will. You should have fought. But there are many things that are God's will. But many Christians believe there's no version of pain that is God. Even though we saw Jesus, Isaiah 53, "He pleased him to bruise him." There are things that happen in our life, very painful, difficult. God fully wants it. That's the only way to help us. That's the only way. How to shape David into a king that loves and cares for people is to make him oppressed. So he hates oppression. He hated oppression. How many of you know that there are many foundations and people who help people on earth and it's because they suffered what they fight? Do you know? And God looked at it and allowed it because he knew because of this thing you go through, you're going to help a hundred thousand girls. So he let you go through it. And you ask, so why did I go through it? Get healed already. Get healed, please hurry. Because God needs you to go through, then hate it enough, then arise and do something. Then he positions you to do something. You're like, "What kind of evil plan is that? Are you helping them? Yes, I'm helping them." "But would you be helping them if you didn't?" "I could have still done it without..." Shut up. Heavenly beings are talking, shut up. You wouldn't be doing nothing. Your heart wouldn't have the capacity to burn. So you become known for the wonderful things you've done. It was the wound that was healed that paid the price. Doesn't Jesus save us through the wounds he faced when he died? Is it not his blood you call on that saves you? You think he enjoys spilling his blood? The answer is no. But it's out of the ashes of your dying today that a new day breaks for you. Do you understand? So stop focusing on your pain and what you've been through. Others have gone through worse. You have to do a simple thing. "Lord, here I am. You know what happened." You can't say inshallah, but, "Lord, let your will be done. Let your will be done in my life. Amen. Lord, what would you have me do?"

Imagine if Paul fell on the ground. "{Crying} Lord, I've been killing your people. I'll not do anything. I'll kill myself." What will we do? Which Bible will we read? Imagine if Apostle Paul committed suicide before doing his ministry. By now you'll still be worshipping idols. But the man died on the ground. "Lord, who are you?" "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" "Lord, who are you?" "I am Jesus whom you persecute." Next question. Practical guy. "Lord, what will you have me do?" God answers him. The guy stands up from there. He's blind for three days. Once he recovers his sight, he starts doing ministry. I want to speak to you guys in this synagogue. This is the guy that came to arrest him. Jesus is Lord. They had to lower him in the basket. They wanted to kill him. They used a basket to lower him like produce. Over the fence. It's after that he went and hid and learned God well. Went back to his hometown. Then he went to Arabia, which is in Saudi Arabia by the way. Mount Sinai is not in Egypt. Who didn't know? You're new. The mountain in Saudi Arabia is still there till now. The top is black like fire burnt it. All the things around it. They don't let people go near it. It's fenced, secluded. It's actually in Saudi Arabia. That place people that go to Israel go to in Egypt. They allow it and pretend. So they collect your dollars. Very straightforward. It's actually quite easy. The monuments Moses built are still there. Saudi Arabia is still there. Can see the place they set up the tabernacle. And the top of the mountain is black. Fire burnt it because the Lord descended in fire. It's in your Bible. It's still there. You have to stand far away and take picture. Or the Saudi Arabian government will shoot you. They don't let you go there. And everybody's going to Egypt, climbing one mountain, sending money, almost dying from heart attack. On top of a barrel. You don't need 40 days to walk down to Egypt. If you didn't get it, it's okay. Questions.

Q&A Section:

Praying in the Spirit: Discernment Between True Groaning and Empty Noise

Question: Someone once used Romans 8 and 6 to prove that there is no standard way to pray. And that it is better for everyone to do what works for them. Using examples of successful ministers who pray as though they intend to

pull heaven down. Romans 8 and 6 say the spirit is seven days. (What did he say? What did he say about pulling heaven down? Successful ministers who pray. As though they intend to pull heaven down. Did they pull it). I do not fully understand this because, this because doesn't that mean we should groan when praying?

Answer: We believe the Holy Spirit is praying through you. And if you believe all the prayers you have read in the Bible were groans. Groan on. I've read my Bible and I— who has read a prayer before in the Bible? Does it sound like groan? Sure you were able to read what was written. Have you read verse Psalm {Groaning} Sorry, we were friends and we're about to go. You started trouble. We would have remained friends till the end. Don't look for trouble or you might find it. Please, I don't know what this question means. You Nigerians, tell me what the person is looking for. Tell me. I'm from heaven. Tell me I'm serious. Explain, all of you that understand.

Unknown Speaker: Sir what I understand is that this person is trying to say that you seem to be discouraging, groaning or praying in the Spirit.

Pastor: I said groan on. If what I taught you was not clear enough— There's groaning. Do you see what I wrote there? "The Spirit itself intercedes for us through groans." So you see, it's always someone twisting the Bible. Open the passage. Everybody get ready to read. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray." Every time you kneel down to pray, you don't know what you ought to pray for? Many times you pray, you know what you ought to pray for me. So we should never know, according to your logic, we should never know what we are coming to pray for. We should get there and go "Hey, {Speaking in Tongue} We should never pray anything we know. I am trying to say that the Spirit helps in our weakness. So it's in the areas you don't know what to pray, that the Spirit does this thing you're about to say He does. It's in the area where you don't know how to pray that you need help? Because many times we know what to pray. Category:Known. You're allowed to pray. I thought I took time to teach you that your words should be few. That you shouldn't say, "Lord, as I'm going out today, protect me. Protect me, protect me, Lord, protect. Protect your child. Lord, the great protector of protectors, Lord." He's saying you should stop it, that he knew you needed protection before you came. Say it. The Bible also says, I've shown many times, the Lord knows what you need better. Ask that your joy may be full. So ask him, 'Father, ask as I'm going on this trip, protect me. Keep me, I pray in Jesus name. Amen." Not {Aggressively speaking in tongues and Groaning}.

Now you may ask for protection and you felt a burden and it's stronger than normal. It's not normal. You start wondering, is this trip going to be somehow? And you pray a little more. Maybe there was something the enemy planned against you or something that is portended that is going to happen, some accident, some attack on the road. So you pray a little more, kaburada. You prayed some more. And as you're praying, if you did what I say, you're listening to the Spirit, right? And then you begin to get, "Father, ask, I pray. I reverse every accident. Let it be reversed. Oh God, show mercy. Your word says that you're able to keep me from striking my foot against a stone. An accident will be a stone, a source of pain. Lord, reverse it, prevent it, prevent it, prevent it, prevent it." And you pray like that. And after a while you feel peace. And I've spoken on this very many times. But if you turn it into a riot, a one-man riot, maybe you might be causing problems that you wouldn't like, all right?

You took away the passage. He now said "But the Spirit himself intercedes for us. Intercedes for us through wordless groans." Do you hear wordless groans? Groans without words. "With groanings which cannot be uttered." What does that mean? The Spirit intercedes for you. So you can be praying— Take notes, in this instance, he's interceding for you. These things are exceptions, not "Brethren, brethren, stand to our feet. **[15:00]** Let's pray right now. We're gonna ask God to move in our nation. One, two, three. {Groaning}." At which point did you pray? The one you know. Who starts driving from gear five? The answer is people who don't know how to drive. Do you understand? No, there's an answer. It's people who don't know how to drive. It's people who don't know how to pray that talk about groaning up and down. You know in this nation, there was a lot of, for years I preached what I preached. When was it that those big men of God came out, those more known men of God came out saying these same things have been the same for years? I think it's end of last year. Who does not know what we are talking

about? So I'm going to speak plainly, sorry, for the first time. Many people connected with remnant type groups, you know. Edu Odechukwu and all that. Now again, I don't know the connected to him directly, but he seems to be one of the most popular people, his sister and all that. And then you have a whole— We have been doing outreach in secondary school for many years. And you see young children that don't know anything. They say, {Groaning} They don't want to hear Bible, they want to make sounds. You know, Federal Government College, different places. You know, I don't see it because I don't go to places and we don't behave like that here. And I've been here with the church, I don't see it. But I come across clips online where there's contention. Now for years I've preached this thing I say. I've preached against this silly... And polite because I didn't know, Arome Sayi's father is a mentor to Edu. And these different people. See, don't be angry, I don't ask much as you know.

Truth Stands Before It's Popular: Walking in What the Bible Says, Not Who Says It

Michael Rapo walked into my parlor with Lawrence Oyor. I didn't know who he was. So many years ago, 2019 or 18, he was sitting in my parlor and I'm asking, what's your name of the other one, it's Victor. I think if you know Remnant, you know Victor. The other one was Japhet. The other one was, and his new wife, he was newly married. And the other one, the only person I knew was Lawrence Oyo in that place. Why? Because I spoke about him the day before to someone that was sitting on the chair he was sitting on. I just spoke about it, I say, I like this one. God will help him. The next day, he called and came to my house and was sitting there. I didn't know Michael Rapo. Lawrence Oyor was surprised. "You don't know them." I said I don't know them. Don't be angry. I've been in a cave. I've been hidden in the rock. Thank you. Now listen. So I said these things for years. Normally, when my people would tell me about the things they encounter, I'd go like, no, you don't do that. That's not right. I've worked with God as of now. I've been born again for 37 years. And I know God and I'm not a word only preacher. I work in power and all those things. Come on, calm down. What's the point I'm making? I've worked with God. Arome Osayi is about my age mate. We've probably worked with God about the same time. I've been born again since I was 10 and I've kept being born again. I didn't backslide, go into the world, then come back. No, so tenure matters. What happened recently that you should know? Sometime last year, multiple preachers were close to, I remain close, direct, his close friends, the people who started the ministries with him and him too, came out and said the same thing I've been saying for years. You know what most people do? You do the same thing that maybe Christ Embassy people do. When Benny Hinn came out and said, " No more tithe." Chris Oyakhilome joined. "No more..." I don't follow a person. So there's nothing like shifting back and forth. The position I've held is the one which people who have been in ministry for 50 years are now holding. So you blame me for knowing that they were wrong before they knew. Okay, now they have agreed they were wrong. Is it now true? It's not me saying it now. I'm saying what they are saying. They came out, there was all this hula ball online. "What is this kind of prayer? What is this thing?" I was even nice. Then they came out and said, "What rubbish?" They were blasting. They came out and said it. The people that mentored them. Who had heard about this before now? You saw the videos. Who had not heard about it?

When I'm talking about prayer, you're like, "Huh." It's not now I started saying it. I've been saying it forever. They have joined to say what I have been saying. So if you can't believe the truth, because I showed it to you from the Bible, won't you believe them? Won't you believe when he now says, "You see this tithe matter, we abused it." You won't believe Creflo Dollar? You won't believe people who talked about money like they want to— You didn't believe me when I was saying it in 2016. You didn't believe me then. When they came out and said in 2020-2022. Is it now correct because they said it? It has always been correct for the one who hides himself in the rock and walks uprightly. The truth will always be clear. The confusion is not a result of lack of clarity. When greed takes your soul, and many people preach what people like. But since I don't care about what you like while I'm preaching, it's very easy to see the truth. So don't believe it because Pastor Ita said it. Believe it because the fathers of the people who do {Groaning} said it. Can you go with that? But I pray you do better. I pray you will be believing things because it's in the Bible. And not wait till a famous man of God agrees. I don't want foolish children around me. Or you follow the Antichrist and you not have a problem with him. All right? All right, that took us a bit out.

Question: A friend once asked me, what if a Christian is already benefiting?— What if they have peace and security on all sides without a prayer life? And the Christian used to pray a bit, but thought to himself, I would like to see what happens if I stop praying and he stopped praying. None of the things he enjoys has gone amiss. Everything is just fine. What do you have to say about this?

Answer: You are still ripping from the planting you planted. Who was here when I taught on harvest? In a short while, you're going to finish eating the harvest you had been planting. Then you're going to need some sustenance and because you didn't plant anything, you'll find out what will happen. Next, Wait, now you see what happens. I think the students should go. Your drivers have been waiting downstairs. Since hostel dwellers. Ann Lelle, see ya on Sunday by 10. Counseling happens by 1 p.m. tomorrow. If you need counseling, come out. Brothers meet by Saturday, 5 p.m. Invite brethren everywhere, quietly. Don't make noise. We have a few more minutes. We'll be done.

Struggling with Gossip and Anger

Question: Please, I'm in a situation, where I can't seem to control my mouth, especially in gossip. Also, actions that I regret like fighting and arguments. But I'm not even aware of it. can I stop myself before I even start?

Answer: My brother, sister, do this thing. Hide, hide, learn to hide. Pray, keep praying about it. Keep studying. Don't worry. You're going to find yourself having grace to not do it. God will help you. Okay? Just maintain this heart. Pray. Then when you hear gossip, force yourself and stand up and leave. And God will help you. He'll give you more capacity than you have had before. I hope that's clear.

Mercy, Money, and Guilt: Can a Lawyer Stand for a Confessing Sinner?

Question: This money from Yahoo, can a lawyer represent a fraudster? Particularly whether it be a plea by a gainer and the fraudster admits to committing the offense. And the lawyer just gives an allocutus on behalf of the client. Does it amount to partaking from that money as your professional fee?

Answer: Well, I think you need to talk to God yourself about some of these things, because while some of us were quite strict when we were practicing, and we are not— Again, you have to die to the love of money. But if the way they are planning to handle it, let's say it's an AFCC matter, **[25:00]** and they are planning to handle it, I say, okay, just come to— Let me read one allocutus. Is it a formal mandatory or permitted statement made by a convicted defendant directly to a court just before sentencing? That's why I'm hoping you that asked the question, I hope you understood what it means. Often used to plead for mercy, express remorse, or explain actions to reduce the impending punishment. It is a final opportunity for the defendant to address the judge in person. Okay? It happens after a person is found guilty, not before, not, do you plead guilty or not guilty? Because I'm wondering if this person means— He said if a fraudster admits to committing the offense. The person has said he's guilty and his judge will now decide. You're not the judge. I don't see the big deal, especially since he's admitting that he's guilty. It's a plea deal. He's about, I mean, this is how the law has agreed to resolve it. "Go and bring 50 million. You know, it was 70 you took, but if you bring 50 million, we will let you off or we will punish you with three months, six months." You are saying the money is from fraud. How do you know? You're absolutely sure the person never had anything in life? Your question extends to questions like, what if my father, when I was growing up, he was involved in fraud and I've been eating fraud money all my life and I didn't know. Should I vomit all the blood in my body? There are things that you partake in by reason of your relationship. There are things that you have no hand in. What happens if your father is King Saul? What happens if your father is Anini and he sends you to school? The famous thief of former Bendelstoke, he does, exists. What happens? Is God holding against you? "How dare you call a school fees?" The relationship one has with another has a part. You can refuse to represent a fraudster. You can refuse to represent all kinds of people who make money wrongly. You can say I won't, sorry I can't handle the case. I think it's okay. I probably would refuse many. We turn down things. In our law firm, the law firm I had, while I don't do litigation, we have lawyers that go to court. There are things we stay away from. But does that mean I think you

should never, not necessarily. Especially if he has acknowledged his fault. He's asking for mercy. The lawyer's job is to go and say show him mercy. Question, do you deserve mercy? Answer me, you. I mean all of you sitting here, do you deserve mercy? Or the law, God should judge you as you deserve it? Can you ever be involved in going to beg for someone? Even though the person was guilty, he told his father, you, you're a stupid man. Can you follow him? People have changed their mind. You guys are merciless. You guys are merciless. You're like "Please let them kill him." How many of you want to go to heaven? How many of you know that with the same measure you measured it will be measured to you. How many of you think that a stupid child can be forgiven? How many of you think a stupid citizen can be forgiven? How many of you think that helping to make peace is a good thing? How many of you think it might be okay to represent someone who has agreed to being a sinner? That's the one we'll go for. Is the one that says he's a liar, represents me. I didn't do it. Who owns this Rolls Royce? "Oh boy leave that thing, everything na scam. Represent me." That's the one we will not represent. Do you understand? Whenever people acknowledge they are wrong, which means to confess, why shouldn't you be merciful? Don't be too harsh. Jesus died for every man, every kind of sinner. so stop, don't be harsh, be merciful. Do unto others as you want them to do to you all.

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Is It Too Late for Mercy? God's Heart in Jeremiah 36

Question: If someone has already taken a step without enquiring from God first the person is currently facing the consequences of his or her decision. What should the person do? Is it too late?

Answer: No it's not. This is what we read in the Bible this morning. I like to put it out. Do I have my transcript? We're going to publish it tomorrow. You're gonna read it tonight or tomorrow go see something posted online. Whoever has a question I hope you're online. We are going to drop something maybe on my blog, the blog on the website they'll put out the link. So when you get to read it and it's talking about is it too late to receive mercy and you see what God said about that in the book of Jeremiah chapter 36. You'll see God's heart for people even when they have sinned terribly you see God's heart. The heart he has always had he still has that same heart he hasn't changed.

Question: these six you mentioned that prayer doesn't build feet Jude 20 says building up your most holy feet praying the Holy Ghost

Answer: I've answered this before that's not exactly what it says please can you find the sermon and give him I shared on this okay specifically Jude 20 this year I think. So they'll give you the link to the message you'll listen to where I explain what it really says.

Closing Prayer

Has God helped us father thank you so much for hiding us I ask father God I continue to hide us and for those who don't know how to hide help them hide help them follow those who are hiding in the position you've kept them help them join and hide deliver us from pride deliver us from pride let us not call boldness pride unless not called cowardice humility may we know what time it is and what we should do at each time help the young ask for help from the older and help all of us be good disciples maybe not be a stumbling block may we be a blessing thank you good father in the name of Jesus. If you have an offering in cash there will be a basket on your way out. I'm gonna pray that you can make a transfer. Father I'm asking for every offering receive it is it for glory use it for your praise provide all I need a country riches in glory to Christ Jesus let none lack prosper them in providing bread and water and give us peace with our neighbors give us peace thank you amen.

If you are a first timer please come, this is your first time just come. Let's say a quick word of prayer for you guys: don't come late for the meeting. Make sure you're here before five try to be here before five settle down because there won't be time in that short meeting. We used to have G3 and L3 all day long from morning till evening. Now we are squeezing into an evening meeting so make sure you are fully aware that we have a limited time three hours plus invites guys wherever they are.

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