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Opening Prayer

Father according to your promise, you said if we draw near to you, you'll draw near to us. Open our eyes, open our ears open our hearts. Make a way for us we pray In Jesus name. *Amen*. Put away our fears, Put away the lies, listen to our cries, help us know you more. Father God, wash away the lies with the truth you now give us. Cause us to walk into new purposes. Cause us to walk into new spaces and phases. New phases open up. New phases, new graces, new places, new places, open up new places. Thank you good father. Open eyes, ears hearts and mouths. Anoint us with the grace only you can give. Come Lord, In Jesus name we pray. Amen. Praise God you may have your seats.

How to Act When you Gather in the Name of God

You're welcome to this friday's evening meeting. We are always blessed to be able to gather in his name. There couldn't be a better reason to gather. People gather for politics, they gather for sports, they gather for every kind of thing. And there is a way to gather. If you go for a sports event, they gather and someone scores a goal; you shout, you scream, you know, rejoice. You clap your hands, someone sings beautifully, you… (Unintelligible 9:38). But in the house of God, in the church, there ought to be a difference. Why? Because it's the house of God. When you gather in his name (two or three), he promised he would be there. And if he's there, how would you behave in the presence of God? Very simple question. If he said, 'Where two or three are gathered in his name, He's there.' If he's there and you believe he's there, how would you act? So some of you might wonder, 'Oh'. Someone gives a testimony or does something and you see us lifting up our hands. The Bible says; that the lifting up of our hands should be as the evening sacrifice. It's a form of incense, that's what it is. Why don't we hoot and clap? Again, sometimes we clap just because people already think us strange. If you don't do what everyone does, people think you're strange. Not knowing that you may have been doing that thing more than them, longer than them. But you learned something and you find out that the lifting up… Psalm 141:2, everyone; "May my prayer be set before you like incense. May the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice". So that's a major way, you know, The Lord Jesus picks up food. He blesses the Lord. He blesses. A major way you bless the Lord Is by the lifting of your hands. Again it's not our practice. You say, we are not Jews, Jews don't do that. But who did the Jews worship? The God of Israel Is our God; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And there's a way to approach him. To bother to learn how to approach God better is a worthwhile endeavor as opposed to 'No, No, I'll Just stick with what I've heard all my life and what I've seen done all my life'. There might be a better way you may have seen something done a certain way and it's not the best way. You'll agree that all of you grew up in different circumstances. You saw your mother, father, siblings,

relatives, neighbors doing things a certain way and then you went somewhere else and they did it differently.

Remember many years ago in my house, someone came and stayed with us from a fellowship my parents were part of, you know. And she was sweeping the parlor. You know and she swept it, then she got to the dining table, she swept the table with the same broom. Now some of you won't look amazed because like 'Yeah? What's wrong?' You can't believe the shock all of us — my siblings, went through. Have never seen a floor broom on a table, never. It was the most amazing thing to behold. This wasn't some mischievous acts this was someone continuing the life they've grown up living. It's a dining table arrghh. Again I'm not bad mouthing some of you but, Wooo. This is nearly 25 years later I'm still (disgusted). The only thing I knew that goes on the table is a cloth. And it's not the other cloth, it's the dining (laughs)… Leave it. Anyways, so I'm just saying, Now someone's going to say, 'eh, that's your own, this my own', No! Stop!! Stop! I understand you didn't know but now that someone has objected, humble yourself and say, 'so why is yours better?' Then you listen to the explanation. Where has this broom entered? What has it swept? Has food fall… I won't ask. All of you, food falls from your hand on the table, you pick it immediately, you put it in your mouth. Can I continue the example? Oh dear God. Well I want to pretend that food falls on the ground, you leave it. Because some of you do exactly the same thing… Now to be honest, I've picked things from the ground. I do once in a while.

The Importance of Being Exposed to Some Dirt

The older I grew the more I knew you need some dirt. How many of you don't know you need some dirt? You don't know? You're serious. Put down your hands. How many of you know you need some dirt. How many of you know you need to allow the baby eat some dirt? Yeah. How many of you don't know, you've never heard it? So, your child will not have immunity, won't develop a strong immune system if it's too clean. That's why they have all sorts of weird allergies. So being extremely clean is actually dangerous, it's bad for your health. Look at how surprised you are. But still don't use the broom on the dining table, please. Just stop, don't do it. All right. But I'm really serious; you need dirt. You need to build antibodies, to build a system that can fight dirt. It's the principle behind vaccines. Who doesn't know how vaccines are created? All right, so what they do is they take a disease that they don't want you to have in the future and introduce it into your body in a very small amount, enough for your white blood cells to —arise, attack. And they push it out; go out, go out. That's why the child after getting vaccinated develops a high fever and all that. That fever, Like when your body is feverish, that's actually your body fighting. That's why you you're having a fever. Your body is heating up to kill things. So a fever is actually a fight. Yes, it's when it's too much that you should cool it. You shouldn't always cool it because it's fighting. How many of you know ignorance is bad? The more you think about it… You know what ignorance has done to people? We have no idea. So God put that system in place. That's your body fighting; get out, get out, get out. And it's so serious that you heat up. Like when you're shaking — shivering. Shivering is your body trying to warm you up because you're in cold. So your body is vibrating to create heat. So it's not just, 'oh'. No, it's God's Built-in systems to the human body, alright. And it helps your… Again, Different things; your heart beat slows down, it's conserving Energy, You go into shock. Again it's all active systems. You know, like things are put on. Picture this light system. We have a system for air conditions. They are not on right now. If someone steps out there and pulls a lever, Power will go into all the air conditioners. It's a separate system. There's another system that when they pull it (The generator), power can come in. You could on the generator… So systems. Your body has systems. Not just a thing, a whole system. And God built them, Put them there And they serve you. When you spend all your time fighting all your systems; like cutting the wires, like disconnecting it, you are tampering with a system that was built for your purpose. And what do you want to happen? The consequences of having no system in place which is usually much worse. So you actually need some dirt. I'm very fastidious you know; don't walk bare feet except on a carpet, all that kind

of stuff. So you don't think I'm one of them — the other side. I'm on this other side, so you can take it from me.

The child needs to eat under the slippers, A little. A little under slippers with two spoons of… I'll not say some. What some of you have done. Ant? Why are you being so nice? Ant? Ants are nutritious. That's protein. Talk about ants? You want to talk about millipedes, you're talking about ants. What are you talking about? Who knows what I'm talking about? You heard about someone… ah ah wetin? Why are you being picky? Ants? What did ants do to you? People have eaten things; Sand. I was told the other day that they catch me packing sand like this. There must have been something good in it. I know good things. One of my sisters was saying it. So we were having a family meeting and she said… or my brother. It's my brother; elder brother. And he said, 'Ita would take sand like this, real sand….' Grits. And I mean the real deal. After all from sand I came and… I was going back to my roots. To be honest I don't mean that… I mean, Yeah, I see a child eating sand, Beat his hand but that over cleanliness, that thing that makes them want to put things in their mouth is to help build their immune system. It's amazing how much God loves us. So God put that system there, where they can't distinguish between good and evil. It helps their body fight.

Consequences of Being Overly Clean and Not Exposed to 'dirt'

So mothers, warning, warning, warning, I've given this warning once in a while over the years. If you have a… That everything wiped down with jik, every second, every time. No, no, no, you are causing harm. You'll pay for it. You'll pay for it in weird stuff. Who knows…? Again Nigerians have joined. It used to be white people only. Allergic to everything, Allergic to everything. Who has seen a village brought up being before? I mean, I would go to the village years ago. Sand flies, who knows sand flies? Are you sure you know it? *Yes sir.* You've seen it flying around? You saw it flying around? You don't know sand flies. You don't know. I just Needed to check, I needed to check… You have no idea of what you're saying. Who knows you don't see a sand fly? To see a sand fly you have to go like this. It's smaller than the dot of a pen. Take a dot of a pen, split into two or three, that's a sand fly. When it leaves, a bump as big as… And it goes between hairs. So what's hair? It just everywhere. My ears will swell, everything. I will be so miserable and itchy. And while I'll hide away in my room or come out once in a while. All the while doing this, doing this, doing this, exercise. I would see my mates with no shirt at all (laughs). I'm like what? I don't know if the thing has smell, 'na him, leave am'. I don't know if they avoid them. I couldn't understand, I would like to know. Is it that it doesn't bite you? Or it bites you, you are so immune. Of course they have no bumps. But you don't even feel it. It doesn't even itch you? Ah, no, it was a wonder to my soul. And to be honest, that's what happens from being exposed to something. You become desensitized a lot of the time and these systems usually are built early.

Many of you don't know that if a white man comes here or someone that has lived in the US for a long time and they don't take… What do you call it? Preventive malaria medication. It has a name now. A prophylaxis. If they don't take a prophylaxis, they will die. The same mosquito that 70 bit you between Sunday and today and all you did was… The white man will be dead. They will bury them. Yes. That's why if you have malaria, you want to travel, try not to have malaria in your blood. Because they test you and find out, you'll not traveling, they will send you back. You're in danger. They have mosquitoes but they don't have malaria. So a mosquito there will bite you and start an epidemic of dead bodies. Meanwhile you, on a normal day, Last night… So you guys have immunity, High level immunity to malaria. You don't even know it, you just live with it. Why do you think all those white travelers, explorers, came to Africa and died? Who killed Livingstone — David Livingstone? Went to South America and died. Why do you think they were dying all the time? Because they had no immunity. But the people living in the land survived it. The same thing. Alright. So that's reality.

Now your body tries therefore to build immunity. You start it early. I'm not saying you should be dirty Okay? I won't give you any peace if I see your child. But a little dirt… That perfect mopping the ceiling, mopping the air, mopping everything, do it once in a while, mop the floors and all that but let the child play outside. Let them play outside. And don't stand over them like a mother hawk. Allow them eat some… Allow them. They need it. It's their God-given dose Of Anti-dirt vaccination. Okay? That should help someone. You don't sound grateful (unintelligible 23:46) you're not… Offering basket please. That might save your child's life. So they won't be allergic to egg. Who has heard that one? People are allergic to egg. You have to find them, make friends with them, so if you are in a place where they give out eggs like, 'my friend, I'm here for you'. They don't eat eggs. They eat eggs, they break out… groundnut, groundnut. Who knows there are people, they smell, you take groundnut, you touch their skin… groundnut. God's groundnut. May Nigeria stay… That's why some of you that want to be like foreign countries, Calm down, Calm down. What you want, be clear. When you say; can't we be like Other Countries? You need to pick the things you want. Want one, like have good roads, be specific. I don't want to be like other countries. How many of you have hay fever? You walk past grass, next thing you are… you guys grew up in grass. Some of you, your secondary school, your house, your compound. Some of you live in it now as you want to go from one class to another you swim through grass. Can you imagine having a constitution that is hospital you go to because you saw grass? How many of you Know God has blessed us in Nigeria?

Prayer for Nigeria

Tell him thank you, Take a moment. Father I thank you for my country. Say it, don't let me catch you. Father I thank you for Nigeria. Oh, we thank you for our country. In Jesus name we praise. Amen

Tough Circumstances Produces Tough People

How many of you have heard when Nigerians go abroad, they excel in school and everything? Why do you think? Why? You know what it means to wear metal skin? Your lungs are metallic. Then you go, there's light every time, there's everything. You just like; what kind of joke? Is this school? You excel in everything because your preparation was for things much tougher. Are you understanding? Yes. So tough circumstances are supposed to shape tough people. And you should not be ashamed of having prepared to be tough. Don't try to be soft. Soft is not good in this age.

God's Long Term and Full Plan

In this age death reigns alright. The bible says so; death reigned through one man. In the book of Romans 5 and through Christ life will also reign. But at this time death is still reigning and Jesus' full work — his complete work, will be to dethrone death. To abolish death. Alright? That's Romans 5:17, the first part only; "for if by the trespass of the one man death reign through that one man. How much more will those who receive God's abundance provision of grace and of the gifts of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ?" So death Reigned but there will be reigning in life, Life will reign too. That's why we are doing weird stuff, introducing sickness into your body to fight sickness. Alright? Okay. But just go outside, be engaged with life, with trees, with bugs, and with a little here, a little there. Toughen up. But there's also the part of death that is the painful things of life and we rather not have it. But you know what? There's a future for us. There's a future that is really going to be beautiful. And I really would want to encourage you not to be afraid of the future. When the future comes, you'll be glad you pass these exams. We are going through lots of things in this age, in this world and you wonder… someone here, you have asked God — I don't mean those who have had it answered — if you are good then why…? And the answer is that he has a long term plan which many of his children do not know about. What they've heard is part of the long term plan. They don't know his full plan. His full plan is really good, really nice. It will be so good

that at the end, everybody is going to… every knee… let me quote scriptures. The plan Jesus has will end with every knee bowing and every tongue saying, 'Jesus Is Lord'. Now Philippians 2:10 is a quote of Isaiah. Alright. It's not Paul that said this first; 'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow. In heaven and on earth and under the earth. And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ Is Lord to the God the Father'. He was quoting an earlier prophet. Isaiah 45:23, this was the Lord speaking, everyone; "by myself, I have sworn my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked; before me, every knee will bow. By me, every tongue will swear". This is the prophecy. This is the promise. This is what God had said. And Look at how much he stressed it; "I have uttered in all integrity, a word that will not be revoked". Why is he speaking so strongly? He's saying nobody can change this thing I'm saying now. And what had he said? Every knee will bow and every tongue will swear and he said.

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God the Father and Jesus Christ; 'Source' and 'Through'

But Paul saying the same thing said, 'at the name of Jesus' because the 'me' there is the Lord Jesus. He's the Lord. The Lord. There is one God and there is one Lord. one God, the father, from whom are all things and one Lord and the Savior, in 1st Corinthians chapter 8:6; "yet, for us, there is but one God, the father, from whom all things came and for whom we live and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ through whom all things came and through whom we live". Through and through. So the father is the source form. The word 'father' — patah in the Greek — means source; from. There is through. I am the door, if any man come to me… Jesus is the one through. There's the father, he's the source. Intentions emanate from him. Jesus is the medium through… is everyone seeing? Yeah. Simple system in place; there's the father of our Lord Jesus, the source of our Lord Jesus. Through, the body, the hand. The Lord Jesus is the arm of the Lord. Says, 'to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed'. You could be in a hole down here and the arm of the Lord is revealed to pull you out. This is Jesus, the arm of the Lord but the intention came from the father. You understand?

God's Wonderful Plans and Promises

There are many wonderful things God has in store, not for those who make heaven, for all mankind. Those plans will be revealed stage by stage by stage and it will be so good that eventually everyone will do what the scripture says you must do to be saved. Romans 10:9&10, have you read it before? Want to read Romans 10:9&10? "If you declare with your mouth; Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved". What does the Bible say that we just finished reading? That surely; every knee will bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord. What happens when you confess Jesus is Lord? You're saved. God has wonderful plans but like all plans that God has, they are fulfilled in phases and this is the mistake many make.

Purpose of the Bible

We are going to go to the book of Jeremiah 31. Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, beautiful beautiful, promises. God has wonderful promises for his people. Why we study the scriptures… for those of you that don't know why you should study the scriptures, it's so that you can find God's heart and plan. What's the Bible about? The Bible is not a book. It's 66 books written by 40 different people who were moved by the Holy Spirit. The contents of the Bible are history; things that have happened, curated by the Holy Ghost; Give me that story there, by Abraham, yes. Then find me the story of Ruth. Then give the story of Jacob and Isaac. Yeah, I need the story of David but because we need to link this story to… so go back all the way to Hannah's story. Give me Hannah, give me… that's how the Bible was written. A million things happened that are not

written anywhere. But these had to be written because the painter does not use every color. It's the ones he needs. A little here… any art student here? A little here. What did you read in school? Oh, okay you did read fine and Industrial art, okay. So, take some of that, take some of that and mix. And you want a color, so you mix till you get the exact tinge you want of whatever color and then you begin to paint. The Lord was painting something. He can't come in and pack everybody story. For what now? He needs a certain color. And what does he need? He needs a color of worship of the true God. But to get that color fully, he might need to tell a story of someone who did not worship the true God. He needs to mix a little of that and that, he needs to take all of that. Now, the stories in your different books of the Bible are all supposed to point you in a direction. What direction is that? It's supposed to point you in the direction of God's plan and your role in the plan. There may be times all you see is a little instruction for you, something you should do, something he should do, something she should do. But his intention, his heart and his mind, is to help you do your part; let me show you someone who was once in a similar situation like yours or an aspect of their life has similarity with yours. Are you following? Let me show you someone whose situation was worse than yours then I also show you this… again, he's just doing something. As he puts all of this together… which is why we say read your Bible. It's why you're told to read your Bible. You know, I know many of you, what you're told is pray. But the more correct thing is to read the Bible.

Proper Way to Pray

The scriptures say you should listen to God more than talk to him. That's a real thing. But on the other hand the scripture says you should pray always. So which one is it? Well come on. Someone is looking for the scripture that says you should listen to God more than talk? Ecclesiastes 5 says when you come to God you should talk less than listen. Everyone? "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth. Do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few". Very straightforward. God is in heaven, you are on earth, don't talk much when you are in front of him. He actually said that. Big deal, big deal because almost every Christian I knew has been taught the opposite. Talk, pray, (mumbles) and unfortunately in that verse 1, he said, you don't know that you are doing wrong. And he calls it a sacrifice of fools. If I ask you, how many of you want to be a fool? None of you will raise your hand, so I won't ask. But it's not whether you'll raise your hand, it's what you do. So do you have a habit of multiplying words? And you're wondering, 'eh, that's old testament he doesn't know what he was saying. He didn't have a life of prayer' Shay Na solo write am? (Pidgin) Matthew 6. So the Lord Jesus comes along. The one who came out of the bosom of the father. Who knows all things from beginning to end and he began to teach prayer, Matthew 6:7, read; "and when you pray do not keep on babbling like pagans. For the thing they will be heard because of their many words". Pause. Literally, they think that the more words they say, the more they are heard. How many of you think many Nigerians think like? A very bad habit and that all comes from not reading the Bible. How many of you know if you go in front of a big man, who is very wise and knows very many things, that it doesn't make very much sense for you to spend most of the time you're with this wise man talking? How many of you know what you are saying, you already know? How many of you know what your mouth is saying, you already know? How many of you know that what he would say, maybe you wouldn't know it? So if you spent all your time in front of the wisest man there is, blabbing a lot. How many of you know it is very likely you are a f----s. How many of you know likely that you might be that guy Solomon was talking about? How can you come before the Most High and (mumbles)? God is like; okay, awesome, I didn't know that. Wow. Okay. Wow. Really? Your stepmother did that? Wow. Chai (speaks Akwaibom). Sorry, I can... How many of you know you can't give God news? How many of you know God cannot hear news? There's nothing like news. God, let me give you news. And God goes; knack me tori (pidgin).

You agree God knows everything? Why does he then tell us to pray at all? It's to help you. How many of you know venting is a human thing? When you let it out to him, it helps. How many of you have gone to God? You obeyed some of those things I thought. You have vented to God. You knelt down, you cried, you made (sobbing sounds)... How many of you found relief? It was so relieving. Good. For those of you that don't know, you always look for a human being to torment when you're offended. May God forgive you for being a tormentor. Do you know if you went and vented to God many times, you wouldn't have anything to vent to human beings? Form a habit of venting to God too. It's a very good habit. You go and kneel down. They thing de worry you like this, E de vex you. Go and kneel down. If it's you're a female, you want to start the waterworks, Open the tap there. What? I should say cry? You don't prefer 'the waterworks'? You want to, you know, wash… Mary knew… Sorry, the other lady knew where to… at the Lord's feet. How many of you remember? Your own, Never at the Lord's feet. Always, on some poor passersby. Leave the passersby, Go to the Lord, Pour it out there, Vent. Guys, you're angry, so angry you feel like punching something, Punch your mattress or whatever you sleep on. But talk to God about it. Somebody, when you leave your to... Now, talking to God, is it good? Yes.

What did Jesus speak against? He said, don't keep on babbling. Do you hear, keep on babbling? Who has ever had someone talk to them and they kept babbling. Saying the same thing. Do you know what it means to babble? Have you heard a child? (Mimics a child babbling). Okay, so that's babbling. It's words that don't really have shape or go anywhere. It doesn't form real words. And your father in heaven is looking at you; i thought you want to say something? And you kept making a sound. But if your words were few… how many of you know whenever you have to summarize something that you think deeply? Have you ever had to summarize something? You had to prepare, either written or oral, you had to meet someone who doesn't have time and you prepared yourself before getting there. You had to; 'no, no, say it like this. Mm-mm, they may misunderstand'. How many of you know that preparation prepares your heart and helps you check what you're going to say or do better? How many of you know being forced to reduce words will compel you. In the same way, if you know as you're going to God your words have to be few, you won't do, you know, the other kind of prayer. You know (describes a machine zooming off), you won't do that at all. Or rather what you'll do is you prepare. And by the time you come before God… so that time you spent studying the word is how you prepare. That time you're flipping through the bible; 'but what does God think about this my own kind of situation? Who did this happen to? I think I should check the book of Ruth'. You now go there. You went there to look for what to tell God, the thing come sweet you (pidgin). You now stayed and now got to chapter four and say, 'why did you finish?' how many of you, you've been wondering; Ruth, why do you have to finish at four? Why is it that the interesting stories always finish fast? You now looked at the Ruth, you now learned other things. You now thought about it and some of your worries now fade away. And that's one of the great beauties I found out about reading the bible, was that when I would come to God… I'm talking about 25, 6, 7 years ago. Hey what am I saying? A long time ago. 30 years ago. 30 something okay. And I found out that when I would come before God and be flipping through the bible… who has ever had a question, you say; I'm going to ask God, then you read the bible and the question disappeared, there was nothing to ask him again? That's the point. Now do you know what you found out? You found out that when you come before the great and wise one, that actually your words should be few. Sometimes you can just say, 'father, father, help me'. Then carry your bible. I don't like anybody that kneels to pray without carrying a bible. Why is there not a bible in front of you? So you have come to talk. What they say don't do, you have come to do. That means you don't have regard for him. His son Jesus, the one through whom we have all access, told you when you come, don't come and say many things, babbling. That's not how my father is. Don't come and babble. An insider, the only insider, the top insider into God the father has leaked the father's nature. You ignored it and said; no, do you know more than a bishop this thing. Bishop this is say he (unintelligible 16:11). And that will always be the problem — idolatry. You idolize a human being, you ignore Jesus who came out of the bosom of the father. Jesus is the one that said don't talk too much. Is there a time when you pray and it will be plenty? Yes. How does that

work? It's not your words, it's the words of the spirit. Do you understand the difference? You don't talk too much. Why? Because you're not that smart. Some of the best prayers sound like this; 'father, I thank you for today. Thank you for what happened yesterday and for the chance to meet with uhm… thank you, thank you'. All right, now again, I can go on and I may go on but some of you don't even think like this. You still carry in your mind that you should come… that God focuses on how sequential, no pauses; 'father we thank you. We give you glory, the praise and the honor. We honor and magnify your magnificent name. You are awesome — now again take this times two, okay? — So father we bless your name. We honor you and magnify you. We give you praise for your magnificent name. We magnify and honor you. We give you thanksgiving for you an awesome God. We ask that today, as your people will be going from this place, I ask that (mumbles)… the angel that was writing it (rushing)… (Laughs) some of you are not laughing. You can't laugh, because what you have done…

I truly believe when some of your angels meet some of you, it will be words. I believe that some of you when your angels see you, they will go like, 'you eh, I swear if no be for Jesus, I swear Na me myself for kpai you' (pidgin). Because some of you are stressful. Some of God's children. Your angels might have nicknames because of you. I know you don't think angels are… you think they are all… I pity some of your angels sha, some of your angels are like; hmm it's posting. Some angels will ask; you're still with this guy? Say, I've applied, I've applied. You say why. He say, you look am Nah. That person's angel is a happy angel. Again part of what I'm saying is a joke but somehow I feel I'm still being prophetic. Imagine what will happen when your angels see you, you find out they are real beings? They are not air. They have personality, they have names. They are as 'beingy' as you are a being. They existed before you. They know all kinds of things you don't know and their job was to follow you around. So you're telling me you'll not talk? Don't talk. Even if it was part-time assignment they gave but if it's your guardian angel who was there from the beginning, life and you used to do nonsense. At least they know if the punch you now, since you're immortal, you'll not die. You'll stand up in china. You're immortal, you'll not die. They can't touch you now, because if the touch you now, they'll say; ah. Do you hear what happen to… just light stuff. They treat us very gently. They treat us very gently. We are God's recent projects — fragile. We are very fragile.

Fragility of Human Beings

You know chickens are stronger than you. Sorry I meant chicks, the very small one. You know almost every creature is stronger than human being? You don't know. What are you stronger than? Ant. if you drop a baby ant from this height to the ground, what will happen to it? Huh? Huh? Nothing. If you drop a small chick like this what will happen to it? Day old, two days, what will happens it? Huh? Likely nothing. One of my small somebody's, I was making them hold a day old chick or two day old chick. I said hold it, hold it. She said, 'I'll drop it'. I said, 'hold that thing. Don't try it. Hold it'. Till this girl went, ah. I went like, 'what did you do to the chick?' I apologize to it. Then in a short time the guy was everywhere. If it's you that was two days old and you were here and you were dropped to the ground, what did you think will happen? How many you know some would die, some would be damaged for life? We are fragile like you can't believe. Who has seen a baby goat? How long does it take for it to start working? Huh? Hold on. Okay I thought you said a week, I was about to move you to the other hall. No, no, no, she said immediately but i thought she said a week. Who has seen a baby any animal? Who has seen a human baby? How long does that thing lie down on its back? Who is still arguing with me? Who you strong pass? Worm? Who? You see you can't talk. You just walk around like presuming. People we are weak. We are very very (inaudible and breaking 23:24 to 24:21). Mosquitoes are the greatest killer human beings every single year. Mosquitoes, they kill millions of people every year. Mosquitoes. What is the size of a mosquito? How many have you killed since you were born? You kill mosquitoes, it kills you back and it kills millions. That tiny thing. People we are not strong. No more argument right? You don't want to agree. (Inaudible 23:55) you want me to turn the knife inside you. Learn to agree. Human beings were made weak and tender. Our God made us

like that. Amongst the things it should do is make you humble, not to be proud. When you ponder life, when you think through things, you should humble yourself. Alright?

The Power of Reading The Word of God

So God doesn't want you saying too much. He wants you listening more to him. You're not as fantastic as you think. He wants you listening, wants you to come, father… so form the habits. All of you, if there's a portion of Bible you're reading; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, go chapter by chapter but there are times just snack, just open, just drop. Just, 'father, oh talk to me oh' and just read. Some of you have done that and God will begin to say things and say things to your heart. If you'll calm down. The devil fights prayer but if you want to see the devil really fight, try to read the Bible then you'll know what fight is. You'll know prayer fight is a small fight. It's Bible reading that is the fight of for life. Because if the words of God enter you; one, it's dangerous. Number two, you believe it. Believing the words of God are extremely detrimental to the kingdom of darkness. Satan doesn't want us to believe the words of God. He wants us to; even if you hear God say something, brush it aside and say 'all this…' or 'it does not apply' or 'it does not apply anymore'. Anything that will make it to be that these words don't apply to you. But if you can believe this then pray in line with this. Pray in line with this; 'father you said I shouldn't be babbling…'

Learning to Pray Correctly Using Scripture

I want people to give me the prayer points that can come if you read a passage like this. Raise your hand and tell me what prayer points you can get from here after you have read it. Shout. So she says tell me the words to say. So that's the first thing you say immediately you read…? Yes, tell me how to pray. That's what you wanted to say. Yes?

{Unknown speaker 1}: grant my heart desires according to your will because you know my heart already.

{Pastor}: after you read this thing? So, what you mean, you don't even want to pray at all? You just say, God just give me what I want. You know already, I don't… but the scriptures say that even though the father knows what you want that you should still ask him. That's the answer but you see that answer is in his words too. So, he may say (unintelligible 28:02) I've heard you, but e no de work like that. He wants you to pray. He didn't say don't pray. What did he say? What's the first line? When you pray. That means you should pray but when you get around to praying. Yeah? So he's giving instructions on how to pray when you pray. Yes?

{Unknown speaker 2}: father help me to sit long and study your word. Help me to not be restless.

{Pastor}: from this passage? You guys are talking about what I've been saying. I'm pretending this was your daily reading and now is prayer time. Okay? I don't think you guys understood well. Tell me what you would pray after reading this? Yes.

{Unknown speaker 3}: God, what do I say?

{Pastor}: what should I?

{Unknown speaker 3}: say. What should I pray about?

{Pastor}: yes. That's something.

{Unknown speaker4}: Thanksgiving, forgiveness, let your will be done.

{Pastor}: that sounds like your prayer format. Okay.

{Unknown speaker 5}: father help me to pray.

{Pastor}: so hold on don't sit (unintelligible 29:15) now. What would you thank? You have to be more specific. I'm giving you a specific passage and you guys are doing all this general stuff.

{Unknown speaker 4}: that's how I pray. Okay. God thank you that I've seen today.

{Pastor}: no, I hope you did that before you open your Bible. Be thanking God before you open your Bible. Yes.

{Unknown speaker 5}: I will ask, father help me to pray. Forgive me for babbling and put your words…

{Pastor}: that's the first person that asks for forgiveness and that's the difference between me and almost all of you. You're never guilty. You guys are never guilty of anything. Even though you have babbled till you're 22. The first time you read the passage, you just go straight; oya, give me, give me, give me, my name is Jimmy. No, the first thing you should learn to do…

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Learning How to Pray

Thanksgiving. But not thanking him for today. Thank him that he has taught you this thing he just taught you now nah. you have to learn to be specific. Specificity is very important in prayer; father i thank you for this understanding. I thank you for the light you've given me. I thank you for this. Thank you that you've shown me this. I bless your name. Amen. Then two; father forgive me for all the times i've babbled like a pagan. Ah forgive me. For all the times I'd say many irrelevant things, forgive me, forgive me, forgive me. Forgive me this wrongdoing and sin and cleanse and me. Three… what did someone say I haven't said? Were there more hands? I interrupted him. Yes another prayer point.

{Unknown speaker 1}: father, please open my ears to hear, my eyes to see and help me to do your will according to your words.

{Pastor}: okay. A prayer for eye to see and ears to hear and grace to do. When you pray, do not keep on babbling like… for the think that they will be heard because there are many words. Okay. Yes.

{Unknown speaker 2}: father, please help me to believe that my prayers would be heard even though my words are not many. Help me to pray from my heart.

{Pastor}: is that two prayer points or one? I can go with it. I can go with it but let me teach everybody here something. 'lord help me believe', i think you can ask him but you do know that's a bit like; i don't really trust you but help me to trust you with time. I know I'm here but help me to believe you. You look like a liar but help me trust you. I think God is so kind and big-hearted that he can answer that prayer. But if you think about it, you no get respect. You stood in front of someone and told him to help you trust him. So you don't trust me? Mm-mm. i think God is so humble that he's the only one that can handle that because if you went up to your father you'll be slapped into the other room. Daddy I want school fees please. Please help me believe that what you said that you paid, that you paid. Help me believe. Wow, wow, you came here to insult me? Our God is kind. Yes.

{Unknown speaker 3}: father give me this day, my daily bread.

{Pastor}: okay. So after not babbling, he would just go straight to the point. No beating around the bush. **(Unintelligible 3:17)** what I came for is what I have come for, Lord, i need food, the boys are hungry. The boys hungry. That's good prayer. Some of you don't know good prayer. You think you have to talk much. Talk talk talk talk talk talk talk talk and God is like; 'oh, will I do it? Will I not? Will I… will I…? God responds to sincerity a lot. Don't babble. Have I proven enough that many words is not what moves God?

What then moves God? A sincere heart, a contrite heart. We are going to the psalms, we are going to… let's jump all over the place. Right motives… we are in James 4, we are in psalms 30 what? 34, 32. We're going to go to… psalm 34 is the same as 1 peter 3. So, it's no difference. He was quoting it. We are looking at the contrite heart. The psalms too. Let's look at some scriptures because there's a method to pray. Now, please for those that are new, you have not gone through our series called prayer. I've thought on prayer very many times. Fridays used to focus on prayer and i've said many things which as far as I know, those who listen and obey, they undergo transformation in their personal life, in their prayer life, in everything. Why? Because it's the truth. It came from the father. The father is the source of those teachings and he came through Jesus as opposed to habits being your source. For many people, what you do and how you do things, prayer included, is habits. That's what you grow up seeing. It is not rooted in the source; your father. It is rooted in practice and if you do something just because it's practiced, well what if the source of true prayer dislikes it. Jesus, there, said don't pray this way. In other words; when I was in my father's bosom, this is how you people used to come and stand and pray. Babbling like pagans. Pagans were worshippers of false Gods. They don't know the true God, so they would babble. Babble on. And he's saying; don't do, i've seen… imagine the one who came from the father's bosom and he's like, 'kai'. So he's speaking with experience; don't do that thing.

Prayer is so intimate — so go to the next verse, Matthew 6:8 — that Jesus never showed his disciples. They never heard him pray till they begged him to teach them how to pray. They never heard him pray. That's how personal prayer is. That's how special. Then he said this thing that this sister quoted; 'do not be like them' like who? The pagans. Why? 'For your father knows what you need before you ask him'. Now did you note that he didn't say shouldn't ask him? He didn't say your father knows what you need so don't ask him. He said your father knows what you need before you ask. Do you know how it is when you're talking with someone who already knows what you are to tell them? Who has been told something you already know before? Most of us, you're too impatient, you just say 'I know'. You don't even wait to even… 'I know'. But how many of you have seen people that know already and they are listening and still saying, yeah. How many of you admire such people? You look at them and like; two of us knew this thing now and this one is so patient, just listening and saying; yes, yeah, abi, right, true. Very admirable quality, to know something… can you imagine how admirable God is? All the things he knows, that he allows people call him and spend three hours saying again. A God who is omniscient. Can you imagine that God allow us to stand in front of him and repeat and he doesn't leave the room? He listens. Some after you've talked and talked, he may send a prophetic word. Why? He already knew before you came but he says you should ask him. Why? Because that's how relationships are strengthened. Okay? Communication strengthens relationship.

How to Develop Good relationship with People

Some of you, you've wondered that you're not close to people you should be close to. Maybe a pastor, someone in your life, a mentor, a parent, a sibling and you've been saying; God uhm… so this is an answer to someone's prayer. Don't say you didn't get your answer. You've been saying; God, I would like to be closer to this person. I would like there to be more. Question; how much do you communicate with them? How often do you talk to that person physically, online, whatever? Then there are people, you know, you

talk but your attitude is that; I don't really care if you respond or not. If you really want an answer from someone and you want it flowing then you should say; you haven't responded to my message. let's say it's your father and again we've had many testimonies here of people who were estranged from their fathers especially and mothers but especially fathers and we've heard so many people become close with their fathers you know. Again, if you haven't heard these testimonies before, you have to go online and check for it. Beautiful, beautiful stories of people in their 20s, 30s, beginning to become close with their father. How is that possible? All things are possible to those who believe. So people have obeyed. When you believe, you obey. And they have developed a wonderful relationship, sometimes with parents. Fine and good. And I'm saying you've prayed and wondered; 'I'm not so close to this person or that person. I would want you to be closer, I should be. It's God's will I should be closer to this person or that'. Ask yourself; do I communicate with them? If you don't communicate with them, that's why you're not closer because you have not communicated.

Now, how many of you agree that many times the reason you've not communicated much with someone you ought to be closer is pride? Or you haven't come to a place where you know what pride is yet? Because there are many of you hear saying; no, it's not pride. But it is. You don't know what pride is. Anything that you have not done because doing it might make you look like a fool, that's pride. If the only reason you haven't done something is that doing it might make you look like fool, please you're dealing with pride. It will kill your ego. It will kill something you. Yeah, that's pride. If you would humble yourself and keep the communications line going, you would have wonderful results. With a parent, with some other person in your life that you ought to be close to, just communicate. That fear... two things pride and fear but usually you're afraid because of pride. Because if you overcome your fear… fear of what? Fear that they'll I'll be snubbed. And what's that? Pride. What if he snubs me? What if she doesn't answer me? Say what? You sent a message. You want money again. What if your father reacts like that? You only send me message when you want money. And you say, 'daddy it's not like that'. Now you're telling lies. You know it's exactly like that. What do you by that? When else do you communicate? It's only for money. Why are you lying? He may not say that but it is truth. Now, what would be wrong if you said; daddy, well this time it's different, i know what you're saying is true. You know that requires humility to acknowledge the truth that is against you. And then you say but i have been praying about it and i don't want it to be so anymore. This time I didn't call for money, i still have money that you gave me. Thank you again for… and then i'd like to know how you're doing. It will be awkward at the beginning because it's a new thing. But if you press it and press it and stay at it and stay at it, you will be one of our testimony. Wonderful things will happen. Who has been here, you fought this battle and you you're winning it? I expect more hands. The Christians are on this side but this is my left hand. The slow ones are on this side. Who wants? Good. May god answer our prayers. Amen.

Now go pay the humility price; your mother, your father, your this or that, do it. Pay the price. Pay the price. If it was easy everybody would do it. It's hard. But those who have paid it, ah, you should hear the stories. Who has not heard the stories about people being close to…? God healing their relationships, doing beautiful things. Going from hating their parents to loving them. You not heard this testimony before, let me see your hand? I want to direct you to where you can hear it. Maybe someone is online. So, i'd like them to drop the link to some of those testimonies. Listen to them. People in their 20s, people approaching 30, people in their teenage years and they got close to their parents. Now we've spoken about that a lot. Faith comes from hearing. So it was preached, you heard it then you made a choice to go and do it. Some people heard it, didn't do it. That was four years ago, their relationship with their parents are the same till today or worse. And you say, 'your own you're lucky'. No, one person heard and humbled themselves and obeyed. You heard and did nothing. He didn't fight that battle, because it's a battle. Now again, i've spoken about fathers and mothers for many many many years but sometimes it could be your pastor, it could be your disciple, it could be whoever… again people that play an important role in helping you fulfill destiny. It's

really important. It could be siblings. We've had testimonies about siblings, you know, beautiful testimonies. Siblings who hated each other, who were like cats and dogs now having a very loving relationship. It's okay to want good things. Okay? I'm not saying you should be weird. I'm saying that it's okay to want peace, especially if there's quarreling, if there's conflict. Conflict is not good. I'm not saying everybody should be talking to.

The Reason to Learn to Cleave from your Parents

Again, for years I taught the opposite. I knew people whom they couldn't survive for a few minutes without their parents calling them, university students. And in one day, they would talk with their parents five times. Very embarrassing, very bad. Why? Who doesn't know why? There must be someone who doesn't know. There are new people here. Good. So this is a problem; when you marry, you'll continue that nonsense. And your marriage won't be two. It will never be two people joined together. You'll never have left your father and mother and cleave to your wife. The cleaving is impossible because when you came, three of you came. I'm very serious, you know i'm 100% serious right now. You do know many marriages have been destroyed because of in-laws right? You don't know? Very many marriages, the only reason they destroyed are in-laws. The only reason. If there were no in-laws on earth they will be happily married.

Second thing that has destroyed marriages are phones. So when all your former nearest and dearest are as close as a phone call. So from the beginning you had a team of people against your own spouse. That's so bad. Now, if it's very mature parents who are wiser, they'll say; 'no no no no, don't talk to me about these kinds of things. You have to… every marriage… okay? So all right, bye bye'. Some of you think it's love, especially the women. Your husband banged the door as he was leaving for work and you're pregnant because your mother has been calling you three to five times all your life since you had a phone and you think it's normal. So she calls as usual. She wakes up in her house, doesn't matter which part of the world it is, and does what she has been doing every day; she calls you to catch up. And what does she hear at the end of a phone of a married woman? (Sobbing) she's disrupted where she is. You, have found a shoulder to cry on. And what does she feel about your spouse? Great love, a wave of love envelopes her. What a wonderful son-in-law, he must really be treating her well for her to cry for joy this early. Yes? Who is seeing what I'm saying? Who is understanding?

No, you don't help a child… who has seen a child learn to walk? How many times a day fall? How many of you know if you don't leave it alone that it will never walk? 'No, no, I don't want my child to fall, i don't want my child to fall'. No, there must be events that can seem painful for that is how everyone is shaped. A person saw a butterfly trying to come out of his cocoon and went and tore the thing, the butterfly died. Soon, came and found the dead body. Why? When a caterpillar goes into a cocoon and changes into a butterfly, when it's crawling out, the act of tearing the cocoon and crawling out, the air is blowing on it and is drying gradually. Its legs are getting stronger as it is struggling to come out. Struggling, struggling, which will take a good while till it comes out and rest on top of the cocoon and the wind will dry its wings completely. And with time, then it will be able to fly. It will survive. That person that went and tore open that thing, killed… it died. If you want to find out if that's true, go and do it. You'll see it will die.

Struggle is what makes us in this age. You must allow people go through their struggle. You there, your child married and especially for the females but males do it too. It's just I'm far more disgusted with the males who do it than the females. The male who the bible clearly says, 'therefore a man shall leave his father and mother'. Leave and cleave. And you never left because of MTN. MTN; everywhere you go, that's the problem. And your mother and you have empty lines, so it followed you. Your father I mean. And instead of the man saying; my dear we need to pray about this, i'm wondering if we should do this. Hello, hey daddy, hey mommy, we need to pray about this, i wonder what we should do about this. Do you know what you're doing? You'll always have a weak family unit except maybe people there… you disagree with

me? There's a price to pay. You want a good thing, you won't pay any price? Where? Which one did you get like that? You are a yahoo. And even yahoo boys, you pay a price; you don't sleep at night and you don't sleep peacefully and you don't… so there's a price to always pay. You can't move around too freely. Constantly checking out for EFCC and all that. Everybody pays a price. You can't buy a car in peace and just drive it. They'd all be checking you as though.

Learning to be Independent

'A man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and they become one flesh — Genesis 2:24. Were you able to leave your father and mother at any time and cleave? How did that happen? If it happened, were you talking to them every second? There are people that will disagree with this. And you'll typically be either a parent that is like that – clingy and a child that is like that – clingy. And you might think it doesn't mean much but i can assure you, you are setting up yourself. You have not prepared for life. You need to calm down. You need to pay a price. There's a price to life — independence. There has to be independence. When your child was in nursery school, primary school, you separated for five six seven eight hours daily. So how dare you move backwards? Then they become 18 years old, 17, and you talk to them every two hours, three. What are you doing? You're regressing. That's the opposite of progress. Because they have a phone, why didn't you go and stay in their school, in nursery school and stand outside the window. How many of you know no school will allow it, that they'll chase you away? How many of you know you need to learn to be independent? You can't be independent if you're leaning on someone else's brain every second. Every second you're asking a question; what should I do? What should I wear? What should I say? You learn that as you're being trained and mentored but you must come to a place where you're doing it alone. Your mind, there's a way the human mind works. Who has noticed, when you know you can lean on someone you become lazy? When there's no choice, suddenly things you… I can't use this example very well but a few of you, you drive. those of you who drive, how many of you know you didn't used to know the way till you had to go to the… those of you that don't drive but you had to go somewhere by public transport. When you were carried there you didn't know the way, you couldn't direct someone, the moment you had to find it yourself, within two days you knew the way. You got a bit lost once, after that no error. But you went to that place for 10 years, you never knew the way. That's exactly how you were created. So anything and anyone that makes you depend on them all the time is harming you. Who wants to be harmed? Good.

Phases of Life

You want to be healthy and strong. The way to be that is you must be independent and the factors and people in your life must teach you independence at some level depending on your phase of life. When I was praying earlier on, that's the word that kicked out. I'm just realizing it kept occurring; phases. There are phases to life. This earth has phases. Your life has phases. If you don't know your phase, you expose yourself to danger. You must know your your phases and go through your phases of life as best as you can. Are you hearing me? God wants you to go through your phases and trust him to make you what he wants through those phases. There's a time your mother must be there every second, watching out for you and there's a time you have to sleep in the other room alone. Do not go to your parent's bed. And there's a time you must wash your own clothes. The dirty children in boarding school are the ones whose clothes they wash today and you know that the stigma you suffered in JS1, JS2 may follow you for life if God doesn't heal you. And whose fault is that? Whose fault is that? Is it not the person who never let you grow up? Didn't make you wash. Were they washing machines in boarding school? Yes sir. Which boarding school? God forgive the school. How many of you know washing machines spoil clothes? You don't know? That's why your clothes are… I don't know what color of clothes you're wearing, black or something. If the washing machines will not handle your clothes as well… it's okay to use them. I mean, use a washing

machine but you better know how to wash with your hands. Every one of us should be people who learn to do things the right way. There's a right way to do things and there's a wrong way to do things. And amongst the things that you must learn as you're growing up is that you will become what God has in mind as you cooperate with each preceding phase. When the phase is for something, learn it with all your heart because you're about to be moved to another phase. That phase will be passed. What you did not get from the phase of life will follow you into the next and to the next and into the next. I'm sure you all want to be prepared. Yes. I'm sure you want to be prepared for life but you can't just say you want it, you can't just pray that you want it. You must prepare for the phase.

We tell the young ladies that will marry here, we tell them you have to learn how to cook then by the time you know who your fiancé is, if there are food, the parts of the world they come from, they have a certain kind of food, you should learn how to cook that kind of food. And some people are like; 'no, nobody should tell me…' you see, you're a person who does not want to prepare for your new phase. You're a dangerous person. You're not a safe person.

That's like a man who likes to play video games, be playful all the time. He's always going to visit friends every time and he's about to marry and he's not planning to change. How? You're going to have to change something. How can you not change? you know before i married, i mean i was a sincere young christian man, you know, and i was interviewed by a pastor in the church I was in briefly you know; 'so, what do you normally do?' and i said i go to work, i come back, i sit in my room, i read, i engage myself with something or the other, that's it. And it never had occurred to me that as i'm about to marry, he said, 'well you know you have to make out time for your wife to talk'. I remember thinking; oh, women will want to talk talk talk. I wouldn't mind not talking at all for many days. I wouldn't mind saying nothing. Just give me books to read, I'll be happy. I don't need to hear human beings or say anything to a human being. I'm very happy without human beings. I think i could survive for years without human beings. It's a terrible thing. I know some of you don't believe it but it's true. But some people cannot survive. You want to torture them? Okay. Do not torture anybody. It's a sin to torment people. But the point is, it's the truth. I don't know how i didn't think of it. I knew a lot. So i went like; oh, it's true. A phase is about to change, you're going to have to do something different practice.

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The Value of Communal Living and Early Character Formation

Good. Till today, I encourage people, especially if you're an only child. When it's time for Secondary School or University, I tell parents, "send that child to a boarding school" , "ah no". Send them to a boarding school, only child? If they have siblings, one or two or three or four, well there's hope. They are alone? Please; so you want to go to university, they take you and rent a place for you and put you alone. If you can stay in the hostel, stay. Please I beg you to stay with people, annoying people, please, please, or when you marry, you may have some very serious battles. Things that people don't even look at, that people laugh and pass. You stop there and build a monument, a tombstone to sorrow. You might be so unhappy for so long. I'm not even talking about the marriages that break up. All these white people that used to divorce anyhow, shea a time came, people were having one or two children all the time, that marriage is even like a joke. Don't you know surviving with people is very hard work? Someone taking your biscuit, something you kept to eat. Who knows the feeling? You prepared your heart, "I'll eat it later", you kept that thing. I think we'll take a moment and ask for healing here because that is a sin that, that offense is a unique offense. You know how you could have eaten it but you the way you kept it. If you had the technology, you would have; there's a way, you would have sprinkled flowers around it like, the intention was to be, when you finish, there's a way you sit down before you eat it with your phone like this. Then you come and the thing has been eaten.

Let's take a moment ask for forgiveness for all who have harmed you. Father forgive them.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Say it, “father forgive them, forgive them, forgive them”, mean it oh. Father forgive them in Jesus name, for what they did to me, forgive them. Father hear these people's prayer in Jesus name.

Pastor Ita Udoh and Church: Amen!!!

Pastor Ita Udoh: Someone is going be blessed for forgiving. Don't carry grudges, some of you are like, “no I have forgotten, it was long”. Maggots inside, pain, like that thing from that time I’ve not been able to; and the devil uses all of it. But if you have siblings, how many of you know you are trained? You have in-house tormentors, yes?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Siblings are a blessing, they are amongst your greatest preparation for marriage, siblings. When you marry and your spouse does things, things that you go like, (Pastor shrugs). The person who was not offended by anybody, grew up being too…, that thing they can carry it for six months, the same thing. Wait, how did you prepare? You didn't prepare at all. You just hoped, “no me, no I really love Kunle”. You really do? “I do”. You do? “I do”. So you say I do? “I will, I do”. You think it's pictures and “awwnn”. None of that will matter, it's only your pre-phase preparation that will matter. How much preparation did you get? So I encourage people, stay in the hostel. “No, that place, no, no, no, no, I can't take it, those people you fetch water and keep to bath, they'll carry it. Yes. “How can I enjoy it?” No you will endure it the way…. How many of you they carried your water? Show them, Secondary school, University, they carried your water? Raise the hand now. I’m serious here, they carry; whether you're just, don't worry, just raise your hand. Have you seen? This is just in this hall, go out, all the hall, see people. It’s to prepare you. They carry it two times at least? Three times at least? Four times at least? Five times at least? Are you understanding? Only ten? Who is beyond him? In your life they carried your water? Now what's the point i'm making? How many of you know, a time comes you look at it, you just, you just shrug it off. You don dey hard, you're becoming what they call a hard man even if you're a female.

Life’s Frustrations as Training for Relationships and Marriage

How many of you know before you stood looking around the whole world for who did it? How many of you know as time goes on, you just go and fetch another one? You just go, “mtchew”, just go and fetch. How many of you know people who, the first time in their life they'll carry their water will be in marriage? That they'll start from where you were in JSS 1, that's when they'll be starting their own, “honey? or there's no honey at all. Mirabel, why did you take my water?” See big quarrel and the guy does not or the girl, she does not seem to understand what the big deal is and you — and this is what causes many couples so much pain. It's like the thing that is paining you is that they can't see they are wrong. And that's the problem with your cuddled life, you grow up prepared for nothing. In this world, you have tribulation, how many times have you been told? You now decided not in my world. Is it your world? You came to meet this world, in this world, suffering — man that is born for, of woman is born for trouble.

The bible says, “there'll be trouble”. Am I enjoy, do I enjoy trouble? No. Do I like people carrying people's things? No, i'm so ticked off. I’m for; i'm a very orderly, I like orderly, orderly, i'm opposed to people being disorderly, not taking note of things, keeping, that's my nature. But at the same time, if all your life, you're in pain and angry and all that, nothing will happen. Your children, when they come, trouble, trouble like this because you can't take, you haven't enjoyed noise and sounds. How many of you know they always discipline the first children? Fathers discipline the first children more? How many of you know they are

calming down? As time is going on everyone is calming down, why? Because at the beginning he cannot; why does this creature, make so much noise? So he's angry all the time. As time goes on, he's being trained. Are you understanding? Everybody needs…. Who agrees we need training? Training will make you more gentle, more forgiving, more calm. Training, shapes us, it's painful, abi Hebrews says that, "that no discipline at the moment is enjoyable but rather painful but later on it produces the peaceable fruits of righteousness".

Why the first children get discipline so much all that? It's because everybody was angry. They are not used to it, as time goes on they have developed a thick skin. It's not that your parents hate you, are you understanding? It has nothing to do with hate. You were their shock, you dealt with them but as time goes on, they acquire baby immunity, especially your father. And says, "that child they should carry it now", he even comes and carries it. That's why by the time they are grandparents, you hear people say, "I like granddaddy" and granddaddy is saying, "leave them alone". You think he was like that well ask your grand mom if he was like that. Is everybody understand? This is reality, everybody is growing, everybody is growing, even you are growing or at least I hope you are. At least I hope you want you to grow, yes?

God wants us to grow in everything: wants you to grow in wisdom, he wants you to grow in knowledge, he wants you to grow in, in love, in and in endurance, in patience, he wants you to grow up. He will help you, he'll help you if you and; this; he wants you to grow in prayer, he wants you to grow in everything. There will have to be a church at the end of the age that may be the most prayerful church there is. You must learn to pray with your, in the spirit and with your understanding. 1st Corinthians 14 tells you, "you pray about definite things", okay? You must pray that's 1st Corinthians 14:15, "you pray about definite things, things that happen. Something you saw, something you heard, you write it down, I'll pray about this later, you note it down. When you're going to pray about it, you call names. You saw, you heard, "Father I'm; concerning these children they said they kidnapped, Father I ask for mercy. Father concerning the strike they are threatening to go on, Lord if possible, I ask that you intervene, if it please you and it be postponed till we are done with the exams in a week, Father you control the hearts of ….

You're praying with your understanding, yes? You can also pray in the Spirit, right there in a tongue. But there's a kind of prayer that you can pray always, it won't be with your understanding always, some may be. You're driving on the road, you see something and you say, "Father I ask you…", you talk to God about it. Then there's general, you're moving around and you just pray in the Spirit (Pastor speaks in tongues). For me, it comes like burst of burrrr, i'm not; again I've confessed this many times don't hold it against me, I don't go around pray "Kara bash…", a lot, okay? Except, I'm praying, I'm not praying every second. I want to be more prayerful and I will be, amen?

Church: Amen.

The Accumulative Power of Persistent Prayer

Pastor Ita Udoh: As I've prayed for you, you pray for me too. But I pray more of as I'm stirred and I'm stirred in short bursts at different times and I've found out sometimes something's gonna happen. Holy Spirit is just, I'll just (Pastor speaks in tongues) it will may go on for 15 seconds 30 seconds, one minute and end. I don't know why, I've learned to live with it. Sometimes within a few seconds, an accident happens and nobody dies. Again, all kinds of things over the years, I've seen that. Now I'm going for a meeting somewhere and I feel it strong and when I get there certain kinds of things happen in the meeting and I'm not trying to pray it's more of like as though the water is bubbling extra, so I let it bubble. All right

but I encourage you, also think that since I've lived like this for a very long time, there's an advantage; how many of you know, the longer someone lives, the more they have?

You haven't gone to the house of someone that was working in Civil Service 35 years ago? Even though they don't pay him that much, he has a lot of furniture, a lot of things? You know with time he accumulates, you don't know? You think all these new people that started work 2 years ago, 3, they buy a flashy flash screen and one or two, that's not having. Having is a bit more, you know, oh you find out that the man has seven pieces of land over time. He has worked for 30 years has been working, so he's acquired: a little here, a little there, a little here a little there, with time. That's different from big money, flashy job, high paying but at once. He can seem to acquire a lot at once but it's not the same kind of acquisition. Then how much more if he is not paid much, that he's little. So the longer you have, the more you can add things upon things, do understand? You add, so things you had meets new things, you get meets the things you already had. That happens with prayer too, people's former prayers add build up to the new prayers and all that, understand?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: How many of you know the Bible says, "clearly something about the cup being full", then God answering. In the Book of Revelation, talks about a cup being full, when it's full God pours it on the earth as answers. So some people's prayers that God answers and you look and say, "wow look at that person, he just prayed that small and God answered". Have you considered that that might be 25 years of prayer, anybody following me?

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: And you when do you get born again, again? Two years ago. Welcome, it's not that you don't pray but you may seem to pray more than them but you don't understand why their own prayer is short, anybody, understanding? Okay, you seem angry with me. All right let me wrap up, let me wrap up so we can get out of our faces, yes? Revelation 5 verse 8, the Bible tells you, "that each in the second half had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people". All right, now, I want you to give me what? 6, chapter 6, where it talks about the prayers. Good 8 verse 5, "then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar and hurled it on the earth and there came peals of thunder rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake". That censer was the incense, the prayer of the saints, that's from verse 4, she read from; he ga…, read only verse 5, all right? That's the smoke of the incense and he took those prayers and poured it on earth.

It resulted in thunder rumblings lightning and an earthquake that's what prayer can do. You want to be a praying person but it's not how you shout, "pray like thunder". That's not, God is not moved by your shouting, the important thing is that the incense and prayers and all of it came up before God. There has to be containers and you can accumulate things. I hope you understand this

Church: Yes sir.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I want you to learn to pray with your understanding and pray in English — sorry, and praying in the Spirit. Practice praying in the Spirit as you move around life, you're walking on the road, you can just say, "i'm going to pray in the sprit from beginning of this road to the end", you're walking down like this, go ahead. It will look as though you're talking, after all everybody is talking on the road like they are mad. So who needs to know what you're saying that you don't have an earpiece. If you don't want be disturbed, just get an earpiece, a dead one if you don't have an earpiece and I, I, a, ear pod, just find, people threw away the bad ones, just have one. You don't need to have, just put it there. And when, as you're walking (speaks in tongues). Someone would think you're talking on the phone and you are talking but not

on an earthly phone, okay? And you talk to God, all the way down and you go into the hospital. Just try not to do it for people to think, “ah you're very spiritual”, is that okay? Don't do a show, God doesn't like show, show prayer, show — you know i'm very spiritual, do you notice I pray? No God looks at your heart. So when you pray in the Spirit, you can pray always, remember, let your words always be few but Roman 8:26, “when you pray, the Spirit prays for you. Let's read Roman 8 verse 26, everybody, 1, 2, go, “in the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness, we do not know what we ought to pray for but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through worthless groans”.

How many of you know there are many times you know what to pray for? So this place is not talking about when you know what to pray for, it's talking about when you don't know what to pray for, all right? There are two ways to that, one, you're just praying. Two, they've told you about something but you don't know how to pray about it. You don't know what to pray for. They said, “they've rushed out to hospital”. What happened? I don't know. So what are you going to pray about? How many of you understand the spirit knows how to pray, okay? You get the drill? All right, so if you do this, you'll be praying according to will of God, amen.

Church: Amen.

God’s Long-Term Plan for Restoration and Joy

Pastor Ita Udoh: I thought I shared from Jeremiah 31, I mentioned it, I didn't end up saying anything about it. You can go and read it, I want to take questions and we pray a little and we close but this is what Jeremiah chapter 31 talks about. It talks about a future a phase, just verse one is enough, “at that time declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel and they will be my people”. So God made a promise that a day will come when he will be the God of all people. And if you read the whole chapter, this is the same chapter that says, “no man will need to teach them, I’ll write my law on their hearts” and we all know, that's in the book of Hebrews chapter 10. We know it's a promise that is used by Christians and by everybody and this chapter is the chapter where God was promising the whole world that he will be their God. It’s so futuristic he says things about the future, this is Jeremiah. The book of Jeremiah is full of words of judgment and discipline and punishment but in chapter 31, it took time to talk about God’s long-term plans that, “oh i'm going to do this and I’ll restore things and there will be happiness, gladness peace”. I want all of us to know that God’s long-term plan is a happy plan, very happy plan. You will go through phases to get there, engage, specifically I think some of those things I say were specific prophetic words. You are someone who you don't have a good relationship with some people you should have better relationship with. Pay a price, pay a price. Stop saying, “i'm not close to”, i'm not saying you should be close to everyone. There are people God does not want you to be close to. I’m not saying they are bad people but you only have enough time to be close to only some people.

Sometimes it's phase by phase, there's a time to be close to some people at a certain time, why? Because you have limited time there and you waste that time. What will stop you — pride. Pride will make you say, “no i'm not ready for the embarrassment”. So live without it. Humble people pay a price. You who want friends to show himself friendly. Sometimes you need to reach out, Say, “I reached out to him, you know all these older people or she's too busy or she's….” Say hi again. “Ehh, what if they embarrass you?” “What is it? Why do you disturb me?” “I’m so sorry, I didn't want to disturb you. I just want to say hi and know if you saw the other message I sent you”. There's a toughness you need to make things too and many people; you remember what I said about been tough? You’re too weak, so you won’t enjoy it, you, your wings won't dry and you won't fly in that thing because you want someone to tear the cocoon for you. “No, no, I’ll respond if they reach out to me”. No, you reach out and continue”. No, no, we men, we are not like that, we are not like women, we are men. And that's how you thawa away an opportunity for mentorship and wisdom and all kinds of things because you won't pay the price. You're proud, you're afraid of being hurt. I

know this thing, it's a real thing. “What if they hurt me?” It's called, “vulnerability” and you must learn to be vulnerable. Jesus was vulnerable, they put nails everywhere. But that's how he saved the world. He could have stopped them, he could have said, “how dare you”, and they all fall. There's a dying that must be died.

Sai, sorry children I'm joking, uncle is joking. There's a dying that one must die to accomplish and enjoy certain things. If you refuse to; and I'm not saying everybody pays every price through life. God is so merciful with us. For some of us, some things you just have to enjoy it in the age to come, in the ages to come but for those who are like, “I really, really want this, I really, really would encourage this, I really, really need this — then pay the price. Have this mindset that you won't give up then start. How did Jesus say it, he said, “has any man Luke 14, wants to build a tower”; what I’m saying, is not everything I said that always applies to everybody, very often. Luke 14:28.

Unknown Speaker: “suppose one of you wants to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it” (Luke 14:28).

Pastor Ita Udoh: Now stop there, this is the Lord Jesus talking oh, he actually went on to give illustrations that you have to, to; so what, why many people fail in things is you didn't count the cost at the beginning. You didn't do the essay, you didn't sit down and say, “these are the possible things that may happen”. Let’s say, you say, “oh I really want to ask my, my Pastor, my Discipler questions. I really want to, I want to be close to that person but I…”. If you sat down, what's the cost? What can happen? What may not happen? What price? And you maybe wrote it with your, a pen, looked at it and said, “will i be willing to pay this price? What if I try to go and visit, I fix an appointment and it's turned down, seven times, will I go beyond seven times or is it three times? Will I try twice? What about ten times?”

So people there's a price to pay. I know God has many children who want things and desire but they didn't count the cost and because they didn't count the cost, once they try once, they go back that's the end. You should have counted the cost, learn to count the cost. Sit down and say, “what if I die on this path?” It’s like being a disciple, what if I die? You didn't count the cost at all, you just say, “I just want to join”. Then some other people, they sat down and counted the cost, Jesus told you to count the cost. At the end of this story, he said, “in the same way no one can be my disciple without”— then he gave the cost in verse 26. It’s a real cost and that cost is high and the average person will not pay so and Jesus doesn't quarrel with you. So I would like all of you to learn to count the cost.

I gave the example of getting close to your parents, count the cost. Don’t be afraid, talk **[inaudible 00:25:09].** If you are in this church or you're visiting, you can talk with Pastoral Staff. Count the cost, itemize it, think it through, pray about it, then start. Learn to see things as projects to be completed, a human being. Human beings are project oh, real projects but the average person you didn't count any…, “Orr, abeg, I no get time”. You see, you were never serious, you want something precious that you won't pay a price for, no, there's a price to pay. Have you learnt anything this night? How many questions do I have? One question, good, let's take it at once so I don't come here on Saturday, when I don't have any time to answer a question and then we stand and pray briefly.

Question and Answer Session

Question

What do you think about praying Mark 9:24, especially as a Christian who has walked with God for a short while or even a Christian of any stage?

Answer

Mark 9:24, what does it say? “Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, ‘I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief’”. This is one of my favorite prayers, now. You must be a visitor. The question was, what do I think about praying this portion of the Bible? Huh? I pray it oh, “Lord, I believe help my unbelief”, I forced you guys to pray, many of you, this is the first place you pray that prayer because I forced it down your throat cause I knew in the middle of that prayer you have unbelief, so I had to use…. What do I think? What’s the question? Who knows what the question is? Don't repeat what is written there because I can, I can read. Give her a mic. Raise your hand.

Unknown Speaker: I think the person is asking with regards to the illustration you made about us not going to the Lord and saying, “I don't trust you but help me”.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Who heard me say that God can take the prayer? What do you say the question is? Pkeme idem mfo, you and the other person, it's two of you that connived and asked it. How many of you heard me say that, “it's okay that you can pray it”. “Lord I believe, help my unbelieve” I’ve prayed it many many times in this house, not, I’ve said, “pray it”. That little belief you have, plus your unbelief, God can overlook the unbelief and look at the belief, okay? God is that kind, that's the point I was making. So pray that, when you are struggling with doubts, say, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelieve”. Why? The man who prayed that thing, did Jesus answer his prayer? On this spot, Jesus answered, he didn't say, “how dare you?” I’ve preached on this many times, all right.

Let’s stand to our feet and pray briefly, after this, the first timer, you come, we pray for you quickly and go. Quick announcement, two things - The Joint Christian Campus Fellowship, can you zoom? Will there be streaming? We are setting up, right? All right, so we are sponsoring the Joint Christian Campus Fellowship, you know, in part of the JCCF week. You know, we are supporting them with some things and but they also have a Kingdom Business Seminar tomorrow where we'll have I, I, I really want everyone to come out. I know some, some people are having a TARRY meeting which is fine. But by 10 a.m. tomorrow Oyema Uyo… Ugochukwu Hall, they'll be having; it's important that you are there early to hear the speakers Ambassador Ernest Essien . I’ve met with him and I was really really blessed. He’s doing some of the things that we've planned to do or we are doing, some on a smaller scale, some on a larger scale, very, very; God ordered our steps to meet with him and some months ago. Now we are not the one inviting him, okay? JCCF is inviting but when I saw, I was very pleased when I saw that he was going to be there. So I would encourage you to be there to listen to him, I’ll also be there and GAMAid Foundation.

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Announcements and Programme Invitations

We’ll be providing counsel on business. Now, you're a Christian, I encourage you to invite your Christian friends. Now, I would have said everybody but I have a little envy me about people, the household of Faith enjoying ; the Bible says, “you should do good to all men especially those of the household of faith”, okay? So I'm biased towards Christians, normal. So I would encourage you, all of you here, our students to be there. I encourage; those of you that are non-students if they stream it, then they drop the link, tune in. Listen to what is said, you might find part of the path for your life, you might have many things untangled for you, beautiful things like, it might, it might be a transition point in your life. You’re a students, do well to do your best, make sure you sleep well as much as you can this night be alert awake be there to engage I'll share on what they asked me to share on. I'll be speaking as a preacher and a business person. I'll be speaking as someone who oversees businesses so there'll be all of that.

Secondly in the evening by 5 p.m., in the same hall, I think part three will be happening in that same hall, Oyema Ugochukwu Hall okay? So Ladies Laugh and Lounge part 3, the final meeting will be holding there

tomorrow evening, to also be streamed on YouTube and telegram. All the meeting so far, I mean the guys, well, you can't attend so there's no question. But you can go watch the videos, you can go partake in it, was specific to, it's the Word of God. There's no the reason; why we separated the males and females was from the beginning the G3 and L3 is so we can speak frankly, openly, without shame or fear of what anyone thinks. And I can speak freely about the things that are peculiar to females, things are peculiar to males, bluntly without sugarcoating words or saying, "ah males and females are sitting here". All right but I think it's been pretty tame. So I think you're free to; but also encourage you sisters, you have brothers? Send them the link, the last series, series of meetings for G3, the males? You know you have brothers, send them to; I was quite blunt, I don't know if you should listen to it though, I was super blunt. I spoke very frankly about scary things but I think God set many people free too. So I hope that's okay 5 p.m. tomorrow Oyema Ugochukwu. If you don't know it for any reason or you invite someone, help them, give them directions and keep it simple. Don't complete late, we don't do late. So we will be there by 5, make sure you're well rested, you know when we come, as God leads but I believe we'll also pray and I'm sure God will help us, amen.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I'm asking for the rest of the church to support them, so they'll need; I mean even for the morning meeting. I'm, so I'm throwing this out, you know we are in, the major donor for this JCCF meeting, in personnel, money, resour…, every…, so much, lots of money and all of that. So let's, let's help, we are helping, you know how we do, we help. For those are new, ask how we do. When we go to a place or anything, we help, we clean up things, we do it, we leave it better than we met it. God will bless us, okay? So be there to help even if you're not a student. If you can be there to assist in coordinating things and all that. It's a GAMaid sponsored program, so be there to assist. It's a JCCF program but GAMAid is a, a major sponsor.

Prayer Session: Living Prepared for Every Phase of Life

{Prayers}

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All right father we are thankful, you want to tell him thank you for the things you've heard and learnt? Blessed be your name good Lord. We are thankful, thank you for lights and understanding in Jesus name we praise you, amen. I want you to ask the Lord to help you live fully your phases. Ask him, say it like this, "father"

Church: Father.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I thank you for the things you've taught me.

Church: I thank you for the things you've taught me.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I appeal to you this night.

Church: I appeal to you this night.

Pastor Ita Udoh: That at this phase of my life.

Church: That at this phase of my life.

Pastor Ita Udoh: that you help me be shaped.

Church: that you help me be shaped.

Pastor Ita Udoh: into what you want

Church: into what you want.

Pastor Ita Udoh: construct me

Church: Construct me

Pastor Ita Udoh: into what you desire,

Church: into what you desire

Pastor Ita Udoh: reconstruct me

Church: reconstruct me

Pastor Ita Udoh: for the next phase.

Church: for the next phase.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Help me be a person

Church: Help me be a person

Pastor Ita Udoh: who lives ready.

Church: who lives ready.

Pastor Ita Udoh: deliver me from surprises

Church: deliver me from surprises

Pastor Ita Udoh: from shocks.

Church: from shocks.

Pastor Ita Udoh: let me not be knocked over,

Church: let me not be knocked over,

Pastor Ita Udoh: by circumstances

Church: by circumstances,

Pastor Ita Udoh: let me be a soldier that is ready

Church: let me be a soldier that is ready,

Pastor Ita Udoh: and equipped

Church: and equipped,

Pastor Ita Udoh: for all phases of my life,

Church: for all phases of my life

Pastor Ita Udoh: give me victory,

Church: give me victory,

Pastor Ita Udoh: in every area I come into,

Church: in every area I come into,

Pastor Ita Udoh: because you know the end from the beginning.

Church: because you know the end from the beginning.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Help me prepare through prayer,

Church: Help me prepare through prayer,

Pastor Ita Udoh: and especially through attending to your words.

Church: and especially through attending to your words.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I come through Jesus

Church: I come through Jesus,

Pastor Ita Udoh: help me remember this,

Church: help me remember this,

Pastor Ita Udoh: that it's not by my might or power,

Church: that it's not by my might or power,

Pastor Ita Udoh: but by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus,

Church: but by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus,

Pastor Ita Udoh: that I have access to your goodness,

Church: that I have access to your goodness,

Pastor Ita Udoh: and to your grace.

Church: and to your grace.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Equip me, good Lord,

Church: Equip me, good Lord,

Pastor Ita Udoh: for the season and the time

Church: for the season and time,

Pastor Ita Udoh: I am entering.

Church: I am entering.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Break off every limitation,

Church: Break off every limitation,

Pastor Ita Udoh: that is upon me.

Church: that is upon me.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I ask for freedom

Church: I ask for freedom

Pastor Ita Udoh: to engage this phase.

Church: to engage this phase.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Father, I'm asking that you hear your children. I ask that you do more than they've asked or imagined.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I ask that your hand will accomplish these things that we have heard and prayed.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: I ask that we have a burning within us to speak with you in the Spirit continually.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: to speak about things we understand.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Now listen to me. You heard, he said, "when you pray, you pray with your understanding", but you see, understanding comes from the mouth of God. Proverbs 2, verse 6 says, "wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come from, out of the Lord's mouth proceeds". So when he said that your words should be few, even those few words should be spoken from a place of understanding, understanding. But you can't understand if you didn't go to the Lord's mouth. So you listen to him, then you talk to him and you speak without babbling. Father, I'm asking that you equip them. The person here who looks at the Bible and it seems like a blank page, may your eyes be opened.

Church: Amen

Pastor Ita Udoh: May the scales fall out now in Jesus' name.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: See and hear, may your ears open in Jesus' name.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: May you receive understanding so you can speak his words to him.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: May the words of Jesus come to him. May you take words and come.

Church: Amen

Pastor Ita Udoh: May you stand on your watch to see what the Lord will say. Forgive us for all the babbling we've babbled.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: May we no more babble in your presence.

Church: Amen

Pastor Ita Udoh: May we speak your words.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Thank you, great Father.

Church: Thank you great Lord.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Blessed be your name. Wave your hands to the Lord. Tell him thank you, we give you praise, we give you praise, we give you praise. Amen. Father; "if you have an offering, take it in cash, you can make a transfer. There's a number on the screen. That's where we give our offerings to. Same accounts we used to bless so many people". So, Father, we ask that you receive from us all that which we give. We ask that you use it for your glory and praise. Let your kingdom be extended. Let your will be done. Cause there to be an abundance and replenishment. Provide for the needy.

Church: Amen.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Help us see and bless the needy wherever we are.

Church: Amen

Pastor Ita Udoh: Thank you.

Church: Thank you Lord.

Pastor Ita Udoh: Amen.

Church: Amen

Closing Announcements and Invitation to Fellowship

{Announcement}

00:09:53 – 00:12:10

Pastor Ita Udoh: Is there any other announcements? We are here on... First timer, you come, let me say a quick word of prayer for you.

We are here on Sunday by 7 a.m. The people that are attending the school of ministry, it's 7 a.m., don't be late, you know that already. Last week, we had an exam, Sunday Believers Bible School, Gamka School of Ministry. If you haven't joined, you should come and join. Register online, check for it, Gamka. Do you have an, an address? Gamka? And register online. Tell someone who wants to grow in God to register online. It's free, All right? Should; this first course shouldn't be less than about 30,000 Naira, but it's free. Come and attend it, extend the invitation. Get the flyer, send it to people you know, pastors, anybody. Let them come and learn amazing new things. Secondly, the main meeting starts, first service is 9 to..., just 9 o'clock, just say 9 o'clock, that's fine, 9 o'clock. The second service is 1 p.m. So we have two services. And one..., even if you went somewhere else, you said, “oh, I can't come. I'm going somewhere else”. You can come for one or the other. All right? 9 and 1 and then we are here on Wednesdays and Fridays by 5 p.m. You have any challenges? You want to talk to someone? Even tomorrow, by 1 p.m., you can come here. Say, “I want to speak with a counselor. I need to speak with someone”. Just come here, ask. Don't be shy, don't say, “I'm not part of you. I have problems, but I didn't want to bother you”. Bother us. We want to be bothered so we can help you. The things that are a mighty burden to you, one short prayer can remove it. Something that may have bothered you for 20 years. And sometimes, like Jesus said, “you don't have”, or James said, “you don't have because you don't ask”. Remember, humility is the key. Remember? So as you go from here, let humility become your password. Amen, God bless you. Let the first timers come, please.

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