

UNDERSTANDING SELF

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FOREWORD

Are you as a Christian tired of being oppressed? Would you prefer to live in dominion rather than subjection to demonic entities? Then Understanding Self would be useful to you. Jesus spoke to a fig tree in response to the fig tree's unfruitfulness, the Bible records that the Fig tree dried up from the roots [See Mark 11:13-14 and 20] It is commonly known that you don't kill a tree by cutting off the branches. You go for the root. As you apply this simple principle to the **ROOT OF THE MATTER**, you would be on your way to fulfilling your destiny.

INTRODUCTION TO UNDERSTANDING SELF

To God be the Glory, this exercise addresses the real issues of life and the reasons why human beings malfunction. Also attempt have been made to identify what to deal with, and most importantly how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit the only one given to man as a gift from God to help us fulfil our destinies.

Help is available to all. It is free, and it is glorious. When God moves it always looks so simplistic, but, God is not complicated. We humans try to explain everything including the unexplainable. Jesus taught Nicodemus, a very learned Pharisee, seasoned in theology; “Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell where it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” John3:7-8.

We cannot explain the movement of the wind; Jesus is saying we cannot explain the Holy Spirit. We can only surrender to Him to teach us how to work with God for God’s purposes to be fulfilled in our lives. Jesus is still saying, I trusted my father to raise me from the dead. You would have to do the same if you desire to fulfil your destiny. In short the message is still the message of the cross of Jesus Christ soaked in his blood.

My prayer is that we would all embrace the message and run with it. It is for the diligent who would do what Jesus commanded us to do. “Verily I say unto you Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a child shall in no wise enter therein” Luke 18:17. This is therefore for those who would trust God like babes.

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CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS SELF?

- **ORIGIN:** Man is a free moral agent by design. Man was designed with the ability to obey God or disobey because there cannot be true obedience if there is no ability to disobey.
- The component in man that makes the choice in man is the will of man. This is the decision making component situated in the soul of man.
- God's plan is for man to freely choose to obey God with his will which is instructed by God's will also called the word of God.
- Satan's main quest is to influence man by all means possible to obey a different will which would be contrary to God's will, word, and Spirit, for the sole purpose of destroying God's plans for man. This plan is contained in the God given vision and purpose for a man's life. "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do my pleasure:" Isaiah 46:10.
- Self was created when man chose Satan's counsel[through infusion of the poison of pride-the seed from which self germinated]against a direct commandment, will or word of God, meant to direct and govern the human race as can be seen in the scriptures. "Now THE serpent was more subtle than

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- any beast of the field which the LORD God has made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it is was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” Genesis 3:1-7.
- Thus, self became the root from the seed of pride, producing the tree of unbelief, which took the place of God and God’s will when man was disconnected from God by listening to Satan’s counsel. This was contrary to God’s will. This can also be described as not taking thoughts captive and casting down imagination. “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 10:5.

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- Self, and hence Selfwill is when a person is in charge of his or her will, running his or her life the way he or she see fit without consideration for the will/word of God.
- From the day Adam fell this is the main reason man has not been able to fully fulfil, accomplish or enjoy their lives with peace and contentment. This is the source of all wrong decisions, failures, sadness, persistent confusion and doubts. We are confronted with the true origin of unbelief [The tree that has the works of the flesh as its branches and fruit].
- Self, the main accomplice of flesh is an enemy of God which was birthed through the influence and counsel of Satan. Self is the closest associate of Satan, cooperating to perpetuate the works of the flesh with the purpose of ensuring that the children of God never fulfil their God given vision and destinies. Apostle Paul named the fruit or works of the flesh, “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” Galatians 5:19-21.
- When self is in charge of man’s will, he can quote the bible, fast, pray and do all forms of religious exercises but would not be able to fully fulfil God’s plans

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simply because self is occupying the space that God is supposed to occupy.

- Apostle Paul taught, “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God”, Romans 8:8, and “For if ye live in the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live”, Romans 8:13. This is talking about spiritual death.
- Those whose will are fully surrendered to God, that is, make decisions or are led by God’s Spirit are the true sons of God. Romans 8:14.
- Jesus gave us the secret of his success, “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” John 4:34.
- Jesus could not and did not do anything by Himself because he sought only God’s will, “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, as I judge; and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me” John 5:30.
- If Jesus could not succeed without His total surrender to God’s will and Spirit no believer can truly succeed without total surrender.
- Everything that Jesus did He expects everyone who believes to seek and do.

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HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

- Acquaint yourself with what Jesus means by carrying your cross. This is the total surrender of one's will to God and the principal reason Jesus Christ died so that we can have the Helper –the Holy Spirit to help us surrender.
- The cross is the place of death and surrender. Jesus could have opted out of dying an extremely painful death at the cross of cavalry, but chose to die because it was God's will.
- Therefore to willingly choose to obey God's will in total surrender and trust is putting yourself to spiritual death so that you can live by God's Spirit.

FACTS ABOUT THE BLESSINGS OF PENTECOST

- The blessing of Pentecost known as "POWER" is Jesus Christ in his fullness dwelling in the spirit of man and in the soul of man. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

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- The Amplified version stated in Acts 2:4 that “And they were all filled [diffused throughout their souls] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other [different foreign] languages [tongues] as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expressions [in each tongue in appropriate words].
- The Holy Spirit in the spirit and soul is what Jesus was saying that “except a man be born again-IN HIS SPIRIT- he cannot see the kingdom of God”- IN AND THROUGH THE SOUL of man which is the domain that God rules on earth.
- The Holy Spirit is given for the purpose of establishing the kingdom of God in man. This is the Spirit of God in full control of the Spirit, soul and body of man. Hence, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” Romans 8:14. God can only lead when God is in charge of both the Spirit and the Soul. Man is led by the component in man called the soul. The soul comprises of the mind [for thinking or meditation], the will [for decision making] and the emotion [that regulates both].
- The blessings we have been blessed with in heavenly places can only be sought for and obtained in the spirit by God’s Spirit. “Blessed be God and Father of

our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:" Ephesians 1:3.

- Fullness of God is the hope of the manifestation of God's Glory in our lives. "To whom God would make known what is the mystery among the gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" Colossians 1:27. Glory is beauty or effulgence. Jesus is that Glory. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of sons of God" Romans 8:19. To be addressed as a son in God's kingdom is to have been qualified by virtue of maturity and as one who has graduated into fullness of God. This means as you hear you judge. [See John 5:30]
- The above also indicate that one does not engage in anything that is not God's will.
- The blessing has its conditions which is available to all who desire to fulfil their God given destinies.
- The blessing has been paid for by Jesus through the death, burial and resurrection. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ as a lamb

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without blemish and without spot:" 1 Peter 1:18-19.
The blood of Jesus is the receipt.

- Jesus answered and said unto them "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" John 6:29.
- Believe that you can have this promised fullness of blessings if you can bear your cross [surrender your will with the help of the Helper] and follow Jesus. "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27. Jesus also warned; "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsake not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33. This means to believe is to have absolute trust; it also connotes giving up everything we may have considered impossible to give up. This may involve relationships or high paying jobs. But the reward is unquantifiable.
- Two opposing things cannot occupy the same seat.
- There is only room for one occupant in the Spirit and Soul of man. Your life and the life of God cannot fill the heart at the same time.
- Your life which consists of your feelings, will, pleasures, preferences and tastes hinders the entrance of the life of God.
- When your life is cast out the life of God will fill you.

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- This exercise is to help identify the secret to success in life as provided by God.
- It is important to note that what human beings consider as success is almost certainly different from God's view on success. Becoming God's will is God's only view of success. This is generally interpreted as being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ, the purpose for which the Holy Spirit was given.
- Self has been identified as man's greatest enemy and obstacle to God's plans for every human being including believers
- However, self cannot cast out self. This is the work of the Helper, the Holy Spirit.
- The Power of the Holy Ghost is the blessings. Jesus did not live or perform without the fullness of God. God's plan is for every believer to desire and seek diligently, with understanding or revelation, this fullness of God, which is the Glory. Jesus commanded every believer on what to seek. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.
- To put it plainly, believers can only be assured of fulfilling their God given visions and destinies when they have received the fullness of God. We are to seek this first, not second. "The LORD of host hath

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sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I purposed, so shall it stand:”
Isaiah 14:24.

- The beginning of success as a believer is the discovery of basic truths. God supports only His plans and purposes. We can only find God’s help on the path He has laid for everyone. Apart from this, it is a life that is no life.

CHAPTER 3

HOW DO YOU MORTIFY OR CAST OUT SELF?

- The good news is that God did not intend nor create man with the ability to cast out or mortify self. You cannot cast out selfwill with selfwill or rather by yourself.
- You need to settle this in your heart and mind and acknowledge with revelation your helplessness and powerlessness to cast out or mortify self.
- If man could by his own self or will power cast out self, God would not have sent Jesus to die and pay the price necessary for the Holy Spirit to be released back on earth to dwell in man.
- Jesus Christ came to reconcile or reconnect those who believe in God's plan for salvation so that they can have this power or life of God. "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given us the ministry of reconciliation:" 2 Corinthians 5:18. A miracle happened before we could receive Jesus. We believed. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even as many

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as believed on his name:” John 1:12. The power to become sons of God is the Holy Spirit.

- There should be no more room for guilt or condemnation; rather it must be of hope and genuine expectation of succeeding in this life. Stop expecting anything from your own life and strength.
- What you need to know and hold on for the rest of your life is that, your faith in God is based on what God said He would do, on what God can do and not on what you can do. Your faith in God predicated on trust in God and not the hotness of your prayer or any form of religious exercise. If our efforts or religious exercises could get us to our destination Jesus would not have bothered to die for the world.
- Apostle Peter did not prepare himself or called down Pentecost, it was his Lord who did it. Jesus who did it for the first disciples would do it for you. If you would believe. To believe is to follow God’s instructions. It is the only proof you believe.
- Peter had failed God, but he despair of himself, recognised his worthlessness and helplessness and believed in the Lord to accomplish the promise of Acts 1:8. God had promised; “And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the

LORD GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgment, and do them.” Ezekiel 36:23-27.

- The above constitutes the New Covenant details. “I will” means God will. It is the foundation of the specific promises of God that Jesus paid for with His blood. The main promise is to sanctify and put God’s Spirit in the spirit and soul of man.
- Sanctify means to make holy. God alone makes man holy. So the Holy God in us makes us do holy things. Nothing man can do could ever make man holy. The primary role of the Holy Spirit is to make us holy; spirit, soul and body in preparation for the indwelling Christ. The indwelling Christ is Jesus Christ in whom dwells the fullness of God [see Colossians 2:9] coming in to reside permanently in the individual believer.

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- Jeremiah also prophesied about the New Covenant, “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this is shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” Jeremiah 31:31-34.
- The problem God identified and proffered solution to was disobedience or rather lack of ability to obey. For God to touch the heart and mind, the blood of Jesus was required. “And almost all things are by the law purged with the blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” Hebrews 9:22.
- God’s solution to self is the New Covenant.

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- To enter into the New Covenant however requires death. The cross provides death to self.
- Hence the message of the cross is the message of death to self. Without death to self there cannot be fullness of God in the believer.
- The cross Jesus commanded every believer to embrace is the only route into the full benefit of the New Covenant promises and the kingdom of God we are commanded to seek.
- What Jesus did was to commit Himself totally to God, trusting that whatever happened to Him from then was in God's hands.
- Our part is to deny ourselves, lose our lives in God's presence by declaring our powerlessness and nothingness. One would then set one's heart before the Lord in deep humility by entering into silent patience and childlike submission.
- We embrace humility which prepares and declares before God and man that we are nothing.
- Next is patience that would wait for God and is not despondent that it appears that nothing is happening.
- Then we become like babes. This means yielding oneself wholly so that God can do what seems good to him. God's will would always bring His children into fullness of joy and Godly pleasures.

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- The message of the cross is also the message of absolute trust and absolute surrender. “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the King, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter, If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” Daniel 3:16-18. This is trust that honours and strengthens God on our behalf.[See full story in Daniel chapter 3]
- All that God requires is a childlike trust and dependence on Him the way we use to trust our parents before we became wise. Jesus knew God would raise Him up as promised. He did not ask God how or what method was God going to activate. The same way Jesus trusted God is the way Jesus expects us to trust God for every New Covenant promise, the end of which is total sanctification [Spirit, Soul and Body]
- You would have to forget about your personal efforts of trying to bring God’s promises to pass with your abilities, power or will power. “Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit says the Lord” Zechariah 4:6.

IS THIS POSSIBLE?

- With your will power, academic excellence, might and intelligence “NO”. It is not possible.
- But not with God. “But with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26.
- The Good News or Gospel is; In Christ you have died and have been buried. The power of His dying, His willing surrender of His Spirit into the hands of His father at the cross and of His silent resting in the grave works in you.
- God raised Jesus. Jesus did not raise Himself, He trusted in the same father Jesus wants you to trust in.
- Acquaint yourself with the promises of God. Ours is to find out what God said in His promises in the New Covenant and anywhere in the bible that God said “I WILL”. God said “I WILL” because we couldn’t do anything God say He will do.
- Recognise yourself or your own life as your worst enemy as well as God’s enemy.
- Apostle Paul taught that, to deal with self or the sinful flesh we need the Holy Spirit by which we mortify the deeds of the flesh. “For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” Romans 8:13

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- Hebrews 9:14 stated that “how much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to get to the cross; we need the Holy Spirit for everything God expect us to do. Always remember that this is why Jesus came, that we may have the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus also instructed us in John 15:5 that “without me ye can do nothing”. This includes brokenness and surrender, death to self and humility.
- Ask and keep on asking until you receive. Jesus made this point when He told the story of the unrighteous judge and the importune woman. Jesus now asked “Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on earth?” Luke 18:8b. That is would he find us asking till we receive.

CHAPTER 4

NOW LET'S SEE THE BENEFIT OF THIS EXERCISE

- The secret of dominion in the life of a believer is Christ or God in charge of your will and life. This is the open secret of dominion in the life of Jesus Christ and would be for any believer who acknowledges this simple but accurate fact. "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30. We are to seek only God's will. The Holy Spirit responds and acts according to God's will.
- The Holy Spirit mediates or gets involve in matters that pertains to God's will alone. The reason is, Jesus paid for God's will to be done. Outside of God's will we do not receive heaven's co-operation.
- It is crucial to know God's will especially in prayer or communication with God. All God listens to in prayer is His will. The Holy Spirit's ministry is to reveal God's will, eternal perspective or plan in God's word. The Holy Spirit mixing with the word of God is God's will.

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- If your motives are wrong, impure and selfish, contrary to the truth of what God means in his word, the Holy Spirit would not touch it. The Spirit of God is Holy and would not partake in iniquity.
- If our request is not mixed with grace and truth, that request is destined for another address. That address is not heaven. “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus” John 1:17. Grace is unmerited favour that we do not deserve. Jesus qualified us and gave it to us as a gift. Truth, another name for Jesus and the Holy Spirit is what God actually means in His word. This means God’s actual intention, reasons, plans or eternal purpose for saying what He said.
- So if truth is deficient in our request and action, and all we can quote is what God said, then we qualify to be addressed as a modern day Pharisee.
- Pentecost and its blessing is the Holy Spirit. His mission is the empowerment of believers for their assignment on earth. He does this by empowering our understanding of the truth of the word of God. The truth that makes free “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John8:32.
- The Holy Spirit’s ministry is also to open any kind of prison door, “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good

tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of prison to them that are bound;" Isaiah 61:1.

- "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." John 16:13. We receive the privilege of knowing things before they happen. You would know what to do exactly how Jesus knew what to do. "And this he said to prove him: for he himself what he would do." John 6:6.
- The believer should not be satisfied with just being born again or speaking in tongues. These two phenomenons are vehicles or prerequisite for the high calling of being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. This is God's purpose for creating human beings.
- The Holy Spirit is the New Covenant promise. But believers have a part to play.

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- "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:29. This is the only source God provided

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to become righteous. “For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:10. It is a miracle to believe God. That miracle was performed by the Holy Spirit. “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 6:44. It happened because we listened to the word of truth.

- When you believe God you study so the Holy Spirit may have what to use to approve you, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” 2 Timothy 2:15. This entails searching for the truth and meditation. It is also described as thinking through.
- Meditation brings profit or rewards. “This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but though shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success.” Joshua 1:8
- Meditation is the route to faith. Meditation projects one into actions based on what one believes. In short, meditation produces belief. It helps one to believe because it gives the Holy Spirit the required

ingredients to help us believe. That ingredient is the word of God. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Romans 10:17.

- Faith is obedience to God's word which demonstrates that you believe that God would do what He said He would do. It is only the diligent that are rewarded. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6. It is work. Please note; laziness is dangerous and unprofitable.
- Diligence takes one into rest. Rest conduct's a believer into a certain realm that creates the spiritual atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to produce in us the image of Christ. This is the fullness of God in the believer. It is the purpose of Christ coming to this earth to die for our sins. It is God's call for the church. It is what Jesus commanded us to seek in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into his rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

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Hebrews 4:9-11. This rest is treasure worth labouring for. It is the source of success. This success translates to elimination of self and enthronement of Jesus Christ.

- After we have found out what God said He would do, the next step is to ask until we receive what we have discovered as God plan and purpose for man. We do this by praying. “Ask, and it shall given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened” Matthew 7:7-8. Ask and keep on asking till you see your transformation into sonship.
- It is crucial to note that the blessing which includes total sanctification [the prerequisite for indwelling Christ or fullness of God] can only be obtained. It can never be attained or achieved by anyone. Jesus Christ obtained or received it when He was baptised at river Jordan by John the Baptist. This means everyone must ask to receive.
- This asking would be different because you would be asking with a clear vision. “But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 3:18. The glory that we would have to behold is the image

of Jesus Christ who is the brightness of God's glory. We do this primarily by meditating on the nine manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit as stated in the scriptures, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" Galatians 5:22-23. You then pray and act by faith. If or when you fall, do not despair; try again until it all becomes natural. Jesus becomes your strongman.

- Divine nature is behaving like Jesus Christ naturally without having to meditate anymore. A tree does not need to think to yield its fruits. It is every believer's heritage to become a tree of righteousness that does not need to think before he does righteous things. "that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified." Isaiah 61:3b
- We are called to pray or tarry until this happens in unity, "And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49. If you are not behaving like Jesus yet, you have not been empowered according to God's promises. This empowerment is not being born again or speaking in tongues. It is a complete transformation as it happened to the apostles of old. "And when the day

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of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.” Acts 2:1-4. This was literarily the birth of the church but the commandment still hold if we desire fresh outpouring. Fresh outpouring has always been God’s response to those who are faithful to obey the commandment to tarry until you are endued or empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- Unity is non-negotiable. It produces power and blessing. Unity for the right purpose. “BEHOLD, HOW good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirt of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore” Psalm 133:1-3. When unity is for God’s eternal plans for humanity or His church, God would respond with an outpouring of His Spirit. There is no true blessing

outside of God's Spirit. He is the blessing and the blessing.

- Satan responds to unity. Like the unity of the tower of Babel. Unity based on selfish earthly projects would be honoured by the devil. The end is not blessing. It is more confusion.
- "Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all" Galatians 4:1. Becoming a born again Christian is the childhood state of Christianity. Children are not different from servants according to this scripture. Sonship is the Glory you Hope for.

CHAPTER 5

WHAT WOULD GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT DO FOR YOU?

- God has a vision for every human being He created. That vision is to transform man into the exact image of Jesus Christ. This is the mission of the Holy Spirit on earth. Jesus paid the death penalty on behalf of every human being forever so that the Holy Spirit can come on earth to carry out God's vision for man and the planet earth.
- To try to involve the Holy Spirit in any other scheme apart from the aforementioned vision of God is nothing but rebellion. This is also called witchcraft. The Holy Spirit would not touch anything Jesus did not pay for or mediate in. "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" Hebrews 12:24.
- Total sanctification of the Spirit, soul and body as stated throughout this message is the mission of the Holy Spirit. He brings us into perfect understanding of God and what God means in His word.
- The anointing would teach you all things and you would have supernatural knowledge, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need that any man teach you: but as the

same anointing teacheth you all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." 1 John 2:27.

- The Holy Spirit guides you into all truth. "Howbeit When he, the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." John 16:13. The Holy Spirit is the only one who knows the truth. Those who know and have the truth got it from him.
- The Holy Spirit reveals secrets of God to you, "The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things revealed belongs unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law" Deuteronomy 29:29. He helps us obey God.
- The Holy Spirit helps our searching for God's will, "But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" 1Corinthians 2:10. This is why the apostles who truly knew the Holy Spirit never attempted to teach about deep things. They knew God said he would teach believers one on one.
- God's glory would be seen on you because you would become a solution in people's lives, "Thus saith the LORD of host; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the

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nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, [including believers who are spiritual Jews by virtue of our everlasting father Jesus, See Isaiah 8v6] saying, we will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.” Zechariah 8;23

- When you pursue total sanctification in accordance with God’s eternal plans true wealth conversion that would glorify God, not man, becomes a natural phenomenon. “Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God” Isaiah 45:14.
- Blessings would look for you, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.
- Everyone in darkness would see the light [Jesus] in you and come to you. “And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising” Isaiah 60:3.
- Prosperity would be as natural as the sun to you, “Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the

abundance the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee” Isaiah 60: 5.

- Direction is received “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.” Psalm 32:8.
- The Holy Spirit would quicken or give life to every area of your life “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profited nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” John 6:63. “But if the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” Romans 8:11.
- Remember that all these blessings are God’s promises coming to you because of your obedience of seeking God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit [packaged already in Jesus in whom dwelleth the fullness of God] in your spirit, soul and body, through seeking and obtaining total sanctification according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23.
- Fullness of God consist of the nine fruit of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23], the seven Spirits of God [Isaiah 11:2-3], nine gifts of the Spirit according to the Spirit’s gift by Jesus to the individual believer [1 Corinthians 12:4-11], and finally ministerial gifts also

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according to the calling of Jesus alone [Ephesians 4:11].

- These above constitute what God desires are for believers to seek.
- Finally believing is hard work, of which we all have no choice if we individually or collectively want to fulfil our God- given destinies.

CHAPTER 6

A WORD FOR THE WAYFARING PILGRIM

A.B Simpson wrote in one of his books titled *The Names of Jesus* page 89 “You can take Christ as the king of your life by giving Him your difficulties and adversaries to overcome and permitting Him subdue all His enemies and yours and reign as Lord of all. Everything that comes up in your life is but another opportunity of given Him a larger and richer crown. It is too strong for you but not for Him. Your land of promise is not a luxurious inheritance of self-indulgent ease, but a battlefield countless foes and ever harder, nobler triumphs. Every confederacy of hostile Kings that come up to meet you is but another challenge to prove the might of your great Captain and all-conquering king. Instead of shrinking and complaining that the conflict is so hard and the foes so mighty and so many, you should recognize them as His foes rather than yours and hand them over to Him for still more glorious victories.

It was of the Lord that those kings should have come against Joshua with the intent that they may be utterly destroyed. Every son of Anak that marched out against the Armies of

Israel was sent forth at God's command not to destroy Israel, but to meet their own destruction; and but for the battle there never could have been the annihilation of the foe. And so he says to us, - without being frightened in any way of those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but you will be saved –and that by God. [Philippians 1;28]"

- One of the greatest battles believers are facing is the dynamics of spiritual warfare we are encountering. This conflict is between believers who have the Holy Spirit and individuals who use their human spirit to fight against believers and God. You can not bind them because Jesus did not fight to defeat or destroy human spirits. He came to save them. Satan knows this as well as those working for him. Hence it is the worst kind of conflict we as believers are facing. These human beings have given their spirits to be possessed by the devil the same way believers gave their lives to Christ. But there is a way out. Only God not man can deal with them.
- God has not given any human being power over another human being. He alone decides what happens to them. Any control for whatever reason whether through prayer or any other technique is witchcraft.

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- God's response and solution to darkness is light. Light through God's word.
- The Promised Land is the indwelling Christ or the fullness of God. The battle is rough and murky. It is actually spiritual guerrilla warfare.
- It needs strategic spiritual warfare. It is also the fight of faith.
- It is not what is happening that is real. It is what God said that is real. This battle is about staying on the word regardless of contrary evidence.
- Seduction is believing what the devil is saying about you, or believing the word of God minus the Spirit of truth and Grace. This means what you believe was not interpreted to you by the Holy Spirit.
- Whatever you do, do not allow yourself to be dragged under the law. You couldn't keep it. Stay with grace. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the Law, but under grace" Romans6:14.
- However, do not abuse grace. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" Galatians 5:13.
- So, do not be bewitched. [Galatians 3:1-3]
- When you pursue the fullness of God you would receive fierce opposition. This is the reason. You

would have an anointing like Elisha who had an atmosphere of heaven that commands being surrounded by Angels of God on Chariots of Fire. No devil hangs around a believer like that. This should be your focus and vision.

- Moreover, as it is in heaven would be your testimony. The words on your mouth would be about God's glory not the devil or wicked people.
- Do not be bewitched. Stay in the spirit of the New Covenant not in the letter of the old. "Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" 2 Corinthians 3:6.
- "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" 2 Corinthians 3:14-18.

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- Pull yourself from under the law, come under grace, it is holy ease. Behold only the image of Christ because what you behold is what you become. No one would rightly desire to be transformed into the image of the devil or the wicked. Note, demonic attacks are meant to keep you in close contact with demonic entities. The devils ploy is to trap believers into talking about him and his associates thereby beholding them and becoming like them. This is how he keeps believers in incessant battles to wear them out. You would find that all you think and say is about Satan and his cohorts. Remember Jesus said you would have what you say [See Mark 11:23]
- This grace means you believe what God said He would do and you keep asking, believing that you would receive. The New Covenant is all about asking and receiving. It is no more of works it is about obtainment not attainment least you boast. “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain” Galatians 2:21
- It is important to address the issues of how to deal with the devil and the enemies of our lives. They are not strictly our enemies because of us. We inherited everything in Christ including every enemy of God. So they are God’s enemy and became ours by inheritance. We can’t fight them. Only God fights

them. We fight by affirming what God said but most importantly, our disposition, approaches and utterance must align with God's thoughts and ways as contained in the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are not called into the New Covenant to fight the way Joshua or David fought. Our warfare is simply not carnal.

- Jesus' mind which is the mind of God is very clear about the wicked. "Have I pleasure at all that the wicked to die? Saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" Ezekiel 18:23. Jesus also responded to the call of his disciples James and John to call down fire to destroy Samaria for not receiving Jesus, "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Luke 9:56b. If our mind is different from God's mind it is unsanctified and becomes a tool fighting God.
- Our first call is to agree with God concerning his thoughts about the wicked. The truth is a lot of us would have been dead because of things we have done whilst in ignorance. We cannot even begin to imagine what would have happened if Jesus got angry with those who planned and executed his crucifixion.

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- What hinders deliverance most is an unsanctified mind about what God's mind is as regards our lives and the lives of others particularly the wicked. How do we determine who God wants to save and who God does not want to save?
- There are too many wicked entities working for the satanic kingdom, but if we employ the same weapons they use against believers we bring ourselves to their level. If we pray the way they pray, depending on grit rather than God's mind, we may have momentary victories but they are always short-lived. Rejoicing at the death of the wicked is contrary to the teachings of the New Covenant. God's will is salvation for the wicked. Only God decides who dies; not believers.
- God's will is for all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. "I EXHORT therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth" 1 Timothy 2:1-4. God would only save those He alone Choose to save according to John 17:9 and John 6:44.

However what is needed is to know how to hand the wicked over to God in prayer without becoming wicked in the process.

- It is crucial to know that no man can deliver himself from the wicked just as Israel or Moses did not deliver themselves from Pharaoh. “And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.” Jeremiah 15:21. If God said He will, our only valid prayer is “God deliver me”. Now remember, the main enemy God wants to deliver you from is self. When you are delivered from self and Christ is form in you, the devil and the wicked are the ones who would be begging you and God to have mercy.[See Luke 4:34]
- “For though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds ;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity very thought to the obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What are strongholds? : Strongholds are character, disposition or life paradigms formed after a long period of practice and assimilation into the spirit. They become strongholds having been reinforced by demon spirits. These are strongmen

who are rulers of darkness that stop the advancement of a believer even when they are saved. Strongholds are also mental bondages, reasoning, thoughts and arguments that are contrary to God's word, thoughts or ways in line with the teachings of the New Covenant.

- Also remember that Satan specialises in bringing believers to believe the word of God with the mind of the Old Covenant. This Old Covenant mind is a mighty weapon for Satan over any believer especially ministers.
- Every believer must know what Jesus the final authority said and agree with Him. Agreeing with Jesus is what the Holy Spirit came to do in the life of human beings especially believers. Agreeing with Jesus' mind in the New Covenant teaching is the "REAL DELIVERANCE" the Holy Spirit does. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" John 8:32. "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered" Proverbs 11:9.
- Accurate understanding and application of the word of God in the Spirit of truth and grace in accordance with the New Covenant teaching is deliverance. To most of us God is too slow, but having a sanctified mind about the wicked and what deliverance really

means is the only lasting deliverance provided by God to believers. We should be wary of the voices we are hearing at times on these issues. God's voice must always be in line with the character of Jesus. If it is saying words Jesus would not use we should check where it is coming from.

- Jesus Christ mediates and is the guarantor of the New Covenant. This means the Holy Spirit would not entertain or be dragged into the Old Covenant ways, reasoning or disposition. If He does, it negates everything Jesus died for.
- For example, "For as many as are of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight God, it is evident: for, The Just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but The man that doeth them shall live in them." Galatians 3:10-12. Living by the law is a robber, it is bewitchment and seduction. So beware! This scripture is telling us that if you bring yourself under the law you better continue using your ability, and while at it make sure you don't break one single law. If you break one law you have broken every law. This translates to curses on that believer.

- You are in the flesh if you are under the law or engaged in Old Covenant reasoning or practices, and especially of praying. Rick Joyner rightly noted in the Final Quest [PART 1: The Horde of Hell are marching] whilst describing his prophetic encounters that most believers were fighting in the enemies armies. The Devil has deceived them into thinking they are fighting for God because they are Christians and pray in Jesus' name. The devil was getting believers to kill the wicked who God was trying to save. He gets them killed because he knows what would happen if they find light or the truth. He also found Christians fighting Christians, doing the devils work for him. Rick Joyner also noted in his description of his prophetic encounters in his other book The Torch and the Sword [The Battle Begins] that as they were giving water to the enemies they were being transformed right in front of them.
- The essence of bringing these issues up is to know what approach to employ and deploy. There are people destined for destruction because of their activities. The Bible refers to them as children of perdition. But our only salvation is to be in the spirit by agreeing totally with God. Usually we act as accusers of the brethren. Satan always gets believer to work for him. We always find a scripture to

support ourselves when we want to have our way. But we can only work with God with the mind of Christ. This mean applying and interpreting the word of God with the Spirit of truth and grace.

- Praying is reminding God of what He said and asking Him to do what He said He would do. Remember always that God is not answering our prayers because of us but because of Jesus. So when we pray it is Jesus praying. God answers only God. Angels are activated when they hear God's Spirit in our words or God's Spirit in His word. "Bless ye the LORD, ye angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." Psalms 103:20. The voice of the word of God that Angels hearken or responds to is the Holy Spirit in us speaking God's word. So they obey only Jesus Christ in us. Demons on the other side hearken or respond to words of men and even believer whilst quoting the Bible but without God's thoughts, mind or purposes. God and His word would never contradict Jesus Christ, His teachings, purposes and eternal plans.
- So address your mind, you should be able to determine who is responding to your prayers. The devil also answers prayers. We should all honestly

pray against the two deadly spirits of seduction and delusion.

- Fighting principalities, powers and demons to kill them is pure ignorance. Jesus defeated them more than two thousand years ago. These entities know those who believe through the words and prayers coming out of their minds and mouth. Prayers uttered in unbelief dishonours Jesus and reinforce mental demonic bondages. “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principality and powers, he made a show of them openly triumphing over them in it” Colossians 2:14-15. That victory was total, it was our victory, and it was on our behalf as believers. But ignorance of this victory is the source of power for forces of darkness. Ignorance or darkness is equivalent to bondage.
- So if your prayer life gives more prominence to Satan, what he is doing and the wicked rather than what God said about you and what Jesus did for you, then your salvation is seriously at risk and in question, and that is regardless of how long you claim to have been born again or however high ranking in the Lord you may claim to be. The wicked

and the devil would be here till the Second Advent. So honour the truth.

- Do not try to defeat entities Jesus had already defeated. “Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:5. This means you are an overcomer already by believing in Jesus. Jesus also encouraged the pilgrim, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” John 16:33.
- God did not need a sword to disgrace Pharaoh. Jehoshaphat did not lift a finger against the three nations that came at him. One Angel finished off Rabsheken and his master Sennacherib’s one hundred and eighty-five thousand soldiers when they came against Hezekiah. No one pronounced judgement on Ananias before he fell down dead and later his wife Sapphira, and God struck Herod by himself.
- Know the word. Interpret the word by the New Covenant promise of “I WILL”. Stand on the word. Call on God to do what only He can do. Remind Him of what He promised to do.
- The conclusion is we cannot win the battle against wicked human beings. If we ever win such battles we

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would glory in it, and such glory is ungodly. Only God deals with them. The strength or weapon we have is to follow God's plan. When we trust God and play our part by agreeing with God [though it may appear unpleasant initially] God would prove Himself and honour Jesus.

- For those who have had encounters with wicked human being, has it ever occurred to you that they live longer than those we know as righteous men and women?
- Self is the most formidable enemy of our lives. The root of the matter.
- Fight to finish. Dethrone self with the help of the Holy Spirit. Enthroned Jesus.

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