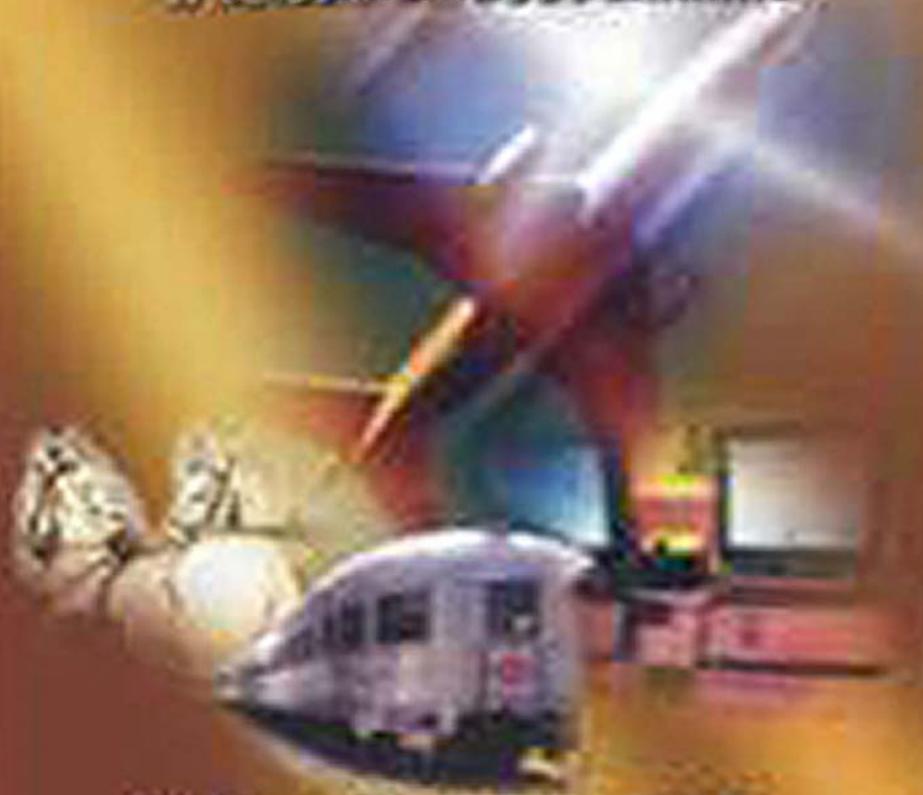


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## INTRODUCTION

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*Join This Chariot* is a classic on soul winning that inspires the believer to effective evangelism and teaches him practical steps to reaching his world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Through the previous edition, thousands have been inspired to soul winning and have discovered that depth in God that no one knows until he becomes vitally involved in and committed to God's Number One Job.

It is my heartfelt desire that through this reviewed edition, many more of God's people will be challenged and re-awakened to the Great Commission delivered to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ – to ***“Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”*** (Mark 16:15) ***“and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things***

*whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:19-20).*

Through you, God wants to birth churches, missions and outreaches in your city, state, country and in the nations of the world, but you must start now from right where you are! Together we can win the whole world to Jesus, as you win people in your world and I win them in mine.

Let the fires of evangelism be kindled in your heart as you read. Let God speak to you and tell you what to do about the unconverted around you as He did to Philip. And as you hear, don't delay; act immediately!

In this new edition of *Join This Chariot,* activity sheets have been included at the end of each chapter, where you can answer questions and do practical exercises relevant to the subject matter of the chapter. This will help you better understand and apply in your life the timeless truths that you learn in this timely book.





## Chapter One

# Join The Chariot

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“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And

he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgement was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? For His life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: And the eunuch said, see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptised? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptised him.

**And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found in Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caeserea”**

**(Acts 8:26-40).**

The Holy Ghost told Philip to go to the desert place, and Philip, not questioning the command, went immediately. When he got there he waited for further instructions. And the word came, “Go near and join thyself to this chariot.” The chariot was on its way and Philip was waiting on God, not knowing what the next step should be. Then God said, “Go near and join thyself to this chariot.”

Why did God instruct Philip to join himself to the chariot? What was so important about the chariot? After all, God was not planning to help Philip on his journey by means of the chariot, because God proved shortly after that He could do without a chariot (Acts 8:39-40). So what is the importance of the chariot in this verse of Scripture? God wants us to take special note of this account of an

event in Philip's life and He specifically wants us to know about the chariot, because it is the key to this verse that will allow any man to live in this same Scripture in other generations to come.

Hence, we need to know what the chariot stands for. The words of Scripture were carefully chosen by the Holy Spirit to communicate deep truths to God's children. God has said though heaven and earth pass away, His Word will remain (Matthew 24:35). So in every generation, God's Word remains pure, powerful, steadfast and effective, and we can build our lives on it today. That is the element in the Word of God that makes it relevant to us today. Therefore, what God wanted Philip to note, He also wants us to note.

## **Chariots!**

Chariots represent the vehicles of life, and the word 'vehicle' here does not only refer to cars, buses and airplanes. There are different types of chariots. Some carry your body like the airplane, while some others carry your ideas, talents, skills and character. A vehicle is that which provides for you an avenue of expression, physically, mentally or in any other way. It brings you in contact with other people, and

to some extent defines your scope of contact. Hence, there are business and professional vehicles. If you work in a bank, the bank is your vehicle. If you are a student, your school is your vehicle for as long as you are a student. These are the vehicles of life.

So when the Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and join thyself to this chariot,” He was speaking that day of a particular vehicle. Today, you are in a chariot; where you work, school or do business is that chariot. In that chariot, you have to associate with people, express your convictions, and let your ideas come forth. When you grasp this truth, your life will take on a new meaning.

What God seeks to bring to our attention as Christians is that He wants us to be in places where He can give value to people’s lives through the expression of His life in us. **The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes it (Romans 1:16).** By placing us in different areas of life, thus bringing us in contact with the peoples of the world, God wants us to bear witness of this gospel and share its goodness with others. This is the purpose of the chariot.

After the instruction from God, **“Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And**

he said, **How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him” (Acts 8:30-31).**

Another thing to note is this: though God instructed Philip to go and join himself to the chariot, Philip did not go there and say, “Hello, God sent me here to this chariot?” That would have been a very wrong approach, because the chariot did not belong to him. He understood that God’s target was not the Ethiopian’s chariot; there was something more important on God’s mind.

Remember what the Lord Jesus said: **“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field” (Matthew 13:44).** What was more important to the man was the treasure in the field, and not the whole field. In the same way, there was a treasure in the chariot that was more important to God; the eunuch was the treasure in the chariot. That was the reason God wanted Philip in the chariot; He knew Philip would recognize the treasure, so He sent him to join himself to the chariot.

When Philip got there, he did not stare in admiration at the beauty of the chariot; rather he went for the treasure

in the chariot. The chariot would definitely have been very colourful and beautiful, since the Ethiopian eunuch was a man of great authority, but that did not get Philip's attention. He was after the treasure. God could trust him to know the difference between the real and the shadow.

Can God send you to a chariot and believe that you will not go out there just for the chariot but for the real treasure in the chariot? Souls of men are very vital to God and you should be like-minded. God trusted Philip that he would do what He wanted him to do in the chariot. Let God trust you too.

The preaching of the gospel is committed to our trust; it is not optional. It is not only for the evangelist like we have thought in the past; we have even taught this in the Church. We expect pastors to be the ones preaching because we don't have much time due to our business. But this is wrong. God already sent you into a chariot, this is why you are on the job. Don't get so busy that you don't notice the treasure in the chariot. Your office is your chariot. You may say that everybody in your office is a Christian, but this does not make any difference, you must share the gospel.

You must work hard to remain in the chariot God has sent you to join. If you are careless on the job, that will not be a good testimony and you may have to leave the job if

you don't improve. Whether it is your private business or not, if you are out of business, you are out of the chariot. So you must do well in your job or business because it keeps you in the business chariot and you can keep on winning people to Christ.

## **Look Out For A Need And Meet It!**

**“And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him”**

**(Acts 8:30-31).**

Though Philip knew that God had sent him to the chariot, he didn't go there saying, “God sent me to this chariot, so please open up!” No! First, he wanted to give the man what he needed - an understanding of the Scriptures. Philip offered to help and that got him an invitation.

When God sends you to one of the chariots of life, can He trust you to do what Philip did? Do you know that God can tell you to go and join a particular company? But of course, you can't go and knock on the door and say, "God sent me to join you!" You may be out of the company before you are even accepted! You must exhibit tact and diplomacy.

Look at Philip's example - you have to let people know first of all what you have to offer them. Let the company know you can help; look out for a need and meet it. Philip did not approach the chariot like a desperado, crying, "Oh please, I am stranded in this desert place, help me." No! He didn't, though he was in a desert.

A desert is a dry place where things look bleak and it seems like there's no hope; everything is bad with no one to help. It could also be that place where it looks like the money you want is not there. You may be in such a situation right now, where you feel stranded at the cross-roads of life and you wonder, *What am I doing here?* Don't do that! Philip didn't go to the desert wondering why he was there. He knew God had brought him there for a purpose. He also knew everything would definitely work out for his good, but most importantly he knew he was vital in God's plan of salvation.

Have you ever seen yourself that way? You need to see yourself this way; you are vital to the plan of God. You must have the right image of yourself as God's partner in soul winning. Wherever you are today, you can become relevant to the salvation plan of God for all men. You are needed in the plan of God for the world.

God had a plan for Ethiopia and for the rest of Africa, and He needed a man for the job. None of the disciples had gone there, so He used an inquisitive proselyte, and sent Philip to him, a man He trusted, who was out looking for God's treasure. God knew that Philip understood the urgency of Kingdom business. The Bible says God searches the heart, He knows what you're out for.

You need to wait on God and understand what He would have you do anywhere you are, even in the desert place. A desert place is anywhere that doesn't seem too appealing to the senses. Can God send you to a desert place today? Emphatically yes!

Some Christians when they get a new job offer don't even spend enough time to understand where they are; they look at the ugly tables and get discouraged. They would not take time to find out the opportunities they have for sharing the gospel with others. Immediately they realize the salary offered is not large enough, amazingly, they quit!

They could have claimed that God sent them there, but immediately they see it's a desert place, they decide God didn't send them there after all. They don't have enough time to wait on God. Why? All they want is the chariot. But there's a treasure in that chariot and God wants you to recognize it and go for it. That's the real thing!

We are not in this world because God forgot us here. He has set a time and a date to take us out of here. The reason He left us here after we were born-again was so we could learn His Word, grow up in the things of the Spirit and also bring a lot of others to His Kingdom. You've got to realize that is the reason we are here! Hallelujah!

Soul winning is God's number one job and there's nothing as vital in the Kingdom of God as the winning of souls. There's more joy in heaven over one lost sinner that repents than over ninety-nine just persons that need no repentance. The Lord Jesus said, **"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"** (Luke 19:10), **"...and he that winneth souls is wise"** (Proverbs 11:30).

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and real wisdom is demonstrated by winning souls. The Scriptures declare that the one who wins souls is wise; soul winning is more than preaching. To win souls, you should make

plans, pray, and device strategies. But sad to say, what many Christians care about is preaching; they are not soul winners, they are just talkers. A soul winner is a strategist. Let's examine Philip's strategies.

## **He Was Polite**

Philip asked the Ethiopian eunuch, "Sir, do you understand what you're reading?"

**"The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearers so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgement was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for His life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speakest the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus"**

**(Acts 8:32-35).**

Philip came in nicely and started a conversation from what the man was reading. That is public relations at it's best. Some Christians only know how to carry out public relations for their jobs and business, and neglect the use of it when it comes to the gospel. But that is where we need it most.

**“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: And the eunuch said, see, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptised?”**

**(Acts 8:36).**

For the eunuch to have known about this baptism meant that Philip had told him about it. He did not preach to him a religion, he preached to him Jesus. The important thing about Christianity is neither the ethics nor the ceremonies; it is the Person behind it - Jesus Christ. The way to make Christianity relevant is not by talking about it's moral teachings. The important thing about Christianity is Jesus Christ Whom we preach as the answer to the cry of humanity. Religion has not helped anybody, neither can it save anyone; it can't make anyone better. The religions of the world may tell you, “*Do this or do that*” or

“*Don’t do this and that,*” but they will not change you.

What, or rather, *Who* men everywhere really need to know about is Jesus Christ the Son of the living God; how that He came into this world and was manifested to us as God’s Son in human flesh. And He died for us and was buried for us, and was raised up from the dead by God that we might be justified. As many as would believe in Him are free from their sins and will no longer be judged for their sins.

The apostle Paul said, **“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man Jesus is preached unto you the forgiveness (*remission*) of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses” (Acts 13:38-39).** This is why we have to preach to all men.

We need to understand what the gospel is. It is God’s only saving power for all who believe. God has no other means of saving people. No amount of prayers or baptism can save anybody. Before a man can be saved, he has to believe with all his heart that Jesus Christ is alive. Notice that the Ethiopian eunuch did not say, “I believe that Jesus was the Son of God.” He said, “I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” And he affirmed his faith before he was

baptized, not the other way round.

**“And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptised him”**

**(Acts 8:37-38).**

He was saying in essence that he believed that Jesus is alive. That means he believed that God raised Him from the dead, because he must have heard and read that Jesus died and resurrected.

The Bible says in **Roman 10:9-10**, **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, (*that means he is alive today*), thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”**

## **He Was Prayerful And Tactful**

The place of intercession in soul winning cannot be over emphasized. You have to pray to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit. Philip needed God to open the doors and arrange the circumstances perfectly. He needed the Spirit of God to move on the eunuch and cause him to read out the Scriptures, because the Bible says Philip heard him reading them, before he asked, “Sir, do you understand what you are reading?”

God will move people to ask you questions, from where you can pick up a talk about Jesus. You will also need to be tactful. For example, sometimes it may be a bit difficult preaching to a group of friends at the same time. One of them can dissuade the others by distracting them or proving difficult. Take the big one, the really ‘mouthy’ fellow alone, and preach the gospel to him.

Learn from God’s strategies: He watched out for all the persecutors of the Church and marked out Saul of Tarsus. On the road to Damascus, He knocked him down and Paul’s life was transformed forever. Do the same; look out for the ‘biggy’ and tell him to see you at break time. Spend some time alone with him, but be very tactful (*if*

*you are a lady and he is a guy, be very careful and smart*). The anointing of the Holy Ghost would come upon him and by the time you are done with him, he will be the one telling the others about the gospel of Christ!

## **Must I Join A Chariot?**

Yes, you must! The purpose for joining the chariot is to witness. Understand this, soul winning is God's number one job. If there had been only one human being on the face of the earth, God would still have sent Jesus Christ to die for him. He didn't do it because we were many, the number had nothing to do with it. He sent Heaven's best, His only Son (at the time), to redeem man. What could be better than your only Son? Jesus Christ is Heaven's best.

When the ruler of any country or nation dies, it is known everywhere in the world within twenty four hours. But then the King of the universe died about 2000 years ago, and many people still don't know it, because we (Christians) have not carried the news as we ought to. A lot of Christians are hooked on newspapers and football; you could call them football fanatics. But when it comes to the gospel of Jesus Christ, they don't exhibit as much

enthusiasm.

God has placed the Bible in your hands for a definite purpose. You became a candidate for the chariot when you gave your life to Jesus. You need to share the deep truths of the Bible with your friends and those you come in contact with. You have to present to them news from the Kingdom of God. When you take the Bible in the morning and you learn something from it, you ought to tell the world.

Our Lord Jesus said, **“Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops” (Luke 12:3)**. You must preach the gospel; say it out loud to somebody! Don’t look at your pastor as the only one commissioned to preach to people.

## **God Has Manifested Life Through The Gospel**

**“Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect, and the acknowledging of the truth**

**which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching”**

**(Titus 1:1-3).**

Have you ever thought about God this way? He cannot lie and has manifested eternal life through preaching. The preaching of the Word is vital. That's the only way we bring eternal life to others. We must preach the Word, because it sparks up faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

People can only have faith for salvation when they hear the gospel; faith cannot come by signs or wonders. You do not have faith by seeing anything. You have to hear a message to have faith. There is a need for the message before faith is sparked up in the heart.

Suppose I show you a parcel; you can't have faith just by seeing it if I don't say anything about it. I may have to speak before you even understand that I plan to give you the parcel. The same goes for the preaching of the gospel. The preaching of the gospel is the only way a man can have faith for eternal life. He may see Jesus face to face and still not have faith. Faith can only come

to you when you hear the message.

People around us who have not heard the message of Jesus Christ cannot have faith until we tell them. We must tell them about the gospel. You don't need a pulpit to preach! Philip did not need a pulpit. God said, "Go near and join thyself to this chariot," and he obeyed, witnessed to the eunuch and eventually led him to Christ. This eunuch became an ambassador of the Kingdom of God to Ethiopia. That was how the gospel first came to Africa.

## **Preach The Gospel With Gusto!**

**“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed”**

**(Romans 10:10-11).**

If you're a believer in Jesus Christ you should never be ashamed of your hope in God; you can trust Him. This is why you must stick to the Word of God. If you stick to

God's Word, you will come out victoriously no matter what happens to you in this world. God has already declared you more than a conqueror in this life. The story has already been told, the victors have been named and you're one of them. All of those in the lineage from which you come were successful in their time, they were all victors and you are no different. Study God's Word and discover your roots.

**“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek (*Gentile*): for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.”**

**(Romans 10:12).**

Call on Him today and He will respond just like He did when Moses, Joshua and Paul called on Him. His faithfulness is unto all generations (Psalms 119:90). He can be as faithful to you as He was to Moses. He has declared Himself to be; why should you be afraid or ashamed? He is the same God that backed up His Word on their behalf, and He will back up His Word on your behalf today. Never be timid when preaching the gospel. Paul writing to Timothy told him, **“God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”** (2 Timothy 1:7).

Don't be afraid, God will not let you down. When you stand up for Him, He will give you the words to speak. God is ready and willing to work with you and save the peoples of the world through you.

**“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).** What a declaration! What a surety! God is ready to save everybody and He is willing.

## **Our Role**

**“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”**

**(Romans 10:14).**

If they have not heard about Him, they cannot believe in Him. We should not expect people to trust in Jesus Christ when they don't know what He has done for them. We have to give them the opportunity to hear and believe. We have to give them a chance to believe, not just by hearing

the gospel of Jesus Christ, but more importantly, hearing it well. Don't think everybody has heard just because the gospel is being preached on television and radio; or even through tracts and newspapers. Many unconverted have heard the wrong things.

Some years ago, I invited a man to church, but he told me he had made up his mind not to go to church anymore. In fact, he said the last time he went to church was two years before. When I asked why, he answered that he had been going from church to church, then finally he found himself in one church with his friend, where they called them out as sinners because they were strangers.

They were called out to the front and ordered to lie down flat on the floor, which they did. Then they were told they had sin in their lives, for which they needed forgiveness from God. This meant they had to pay the penalty and this they were supposed to do by receiving several lashes of the whip. He told me that his friend obliged, because he wanted all his sins to be taken away. So they went ahead and started whipping his friend, but before they got through with his friend, he escaped through the window! He said though he wanted his sins dealt with, he didn't think he could withstand the beating. It was that day

he made up his mind never to be in a church service anymore.

This story may sound unbelievable, but it's true; that's the kind of message he heard. It took so much time to change his conception about Christianity. I had to make him understand that Jesus Christ never meant it to be so. Don't think everyone has heard it. Many have not heard the true gospel. They only heard something like it, and that's a lie. A lie is not necessarily the opposite of truth but a perversion of it. Initially, it goes in the direction of truth, but suddenly veers off, and many do not realize it. Apostle Paul asks, **"...how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14).**

Most sinners will not come to church; drug addicts will not come to church. The prostitutes will not come to church because they rest during the day and carry out their business in the night time. For everyone of them that goes to a church, you may have ten thousand more out there on rampage. All their activities keep them away from church. So what do we do? Do we pray that God will bring them? No! The Holy Ghost is not an errand boy. Some Christians pray, "Holy Ghost I send You to talk to them." Who do you think is boss? He was the One who instructed Philip, "Go and join the chariot."

Stop praying for God to talk to your friend, or speak to his heart. Some people give the conversion of Saul of Tarsus as an example, forgetting that Saul of Tarsus still needed a man named Ananias. God instructed Ananias to minister to Paul after his encounter with Jesus. God still needed to send a man to Paul to tell him what He had for him to do. God still needs you to be His witness and talk to people for Him.

## **The Impact of Soul-Winning**

There is a depth in God that no man will know until he starts witnessing. There's a power in the Kingdom of God that will not be released within your system until you start sharing the Word about Jesus. There are signs and wonders you will never see until you start preaching the gospel. When you're preaching the gospel, you're doing God's number one job. This is not preaching the gospel when Christian friends are gathered; it's making the gospel known to those who don't know it, telling the untold about Jesus.

There's a way you get to know and experience God through sharing Jesus that you never will with twenty years

of Bible study. No Bible school can teach you about God this way, you experience it by sharing God's Word. He shows Himself alive to you and nobody can teach you about Him that way.

This is why you must make up your mind to join a chariot if you're not already in one. Make soul winning your life commitment. And as you do this, God's presence will come on you in a very special way, more than you could ever imagine. Then He can trust you with the souls of men, because He knows you are after the treasure in the chariot.

**Exercise One**

1 Briefly explain what a chariot is?

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2 What is the purpose of joining a chariot?

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3 God left you on earth after you were born again for what primary reason?

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4 What is God's number one job?

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Mention two scriptures to support your answer:

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5 What is the difference between soul winning and preaching?

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6 Your Chariot is the vehicle of life that brings you in contact with people and defines your sope of contact. Write down the names of five people you plan to lead to Christ through your chariot.

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7 Soul winning requires wisdom (Proverbs 11:30). Following Philip's example, outline four wise strategies you intend to employ for the souls you're planning to win?

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8 From Romans 10:13-15, outline the actions necessary for one to receive eternal life and be saved.

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9 What is the important thing about Christianity that you must communicate to those you witness to?

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10 Complete this statement: "There is a depth in God that no man will know until ...."

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## Chapter Two

# Can God Trust You?

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**“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went... Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot”**

**(Acts 8:26-27a,29).**

The message given to Philip was to arise and go to a specific place; God still leads people today. God knows this world; He knows the streets and the roads in the cities, He also knows the people living in the houses. He even knows your house and telephone number; He can send you to a specific place.

When God told Philip to arise and go, He did not tell him immediately what he was going to do there. He only told him to arise, and he went without any debate. Philip behaved like Abraham. The Bible says God called Abraham, and told him to arise and go to a land that he was going to inherit, though He did not tell him where the land was. And Abraham went not knowing where he was going, but he went by faith. This is obedience - acting on God's Word and doing what God says to do.

On another occasion, God bore witness of Abraham; God so trusted him that He would not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah without telling Abraham. God said, **“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord” (Genesis 18:19)**. God said that about a man, not an angel!

In Acts 8:26-40, He also proved that He could trust Philip, who had the same salvation you have. Note the first five words in Acts 8:27, **“And he arose and went...”** He went. Acting on God's Word is obedience; doing what God said to do. God is the Boss; you don't have to ask Him, “Well what's in this for me?” or “I'll do it if it's easy,” before you act on His Word. NO! The message given to Philip was, “Arise and go to the desert area,” and Philip

didn't ask, "Why should I?" He just acted.

A lot of people will do the will of God only if it's convenient for them. It's not supposed to be so. When God tells you to do something, do it. The primary reason you're doing it is because God said to do it; this is how to honour God. Some people think that to honour God is just to lift their hands up and praise Him. It's much more than that, you honour God by doing His Word.

The words of the Bible were carefully chosen, God always chooses His terms when He speaks. The Bible says the language of the Scriptures was carefully chosen by God so He could communicate His divine thoughts to our hearts. Sending Philip to the desert was planned by God and the idea of the desert was not just to tell us that Philip went to Gaza, but to let us know something significant: that he was in a desert place.

God sent him to a place where there seemed to be no way out. No help coming; no water. He could have thought to himself, "What am I doing out here in this desert?" But he chose not to, and soon enough an Ethiopian came in his chariot, coming from worship in Jerusalem, who had never heard about Jesus. God could trust Philip to bring the gospel message to this dear man who was seeking Him, whose heart was crying out to Him. There was no way God

could save him until he heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some Christians could have wondered, *Why did God bring me here? Every time I'm out doing something big, He tells me to step down.* But Philip did not entertain such thoughts when he was in the desert waiting on God. He was not there complaining, "What am I doing here?" No! he was waiting on God. He told himself, "I'm here for a purpose. I'm vital to God's Kingdom plan. I'm somebody special."

Until you learn to talk like you're someone special, nobody's going to call you special. You have to call yourself who you are. Moses asked God, "Whom shall I say sent me?" and God answered, "I Am that I Am." If you don't say you are, people will tell you, you're not. You have to say who you are. I love what Daisy Osborne said, "Work on being, not on having, because with what you are, you will have." Your having is dependent on what you are, so work on being.

## **Let God Trust You!**

**"And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority**

**under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet”**

**(Acts 8:27-28).**

This Ethiopian eunuch was a man of great authority who worked under Candace, the queen of Ethiopia, and at the time He had charge of all her treasures. This man must have had a desire to know God, and God saw his heart, and sent someone to help him. There are many people like that today who have a true desire for God, but don't know how to come to Him. God needs you to reach such people, and you have to make yourself available.

God wanted salvation for the Ethiopian eunuch and the whole nation of Ethiopia, and Philip made himself available. And God spoke to Philip, “Somebody is coming by, join yourself to this chariot.” And through Philip's act of faith and obedience, God accomplished a missionary task. Then He supernaturally caught Philip away by the Spirit and took him to another town, where He had another assignment waiting for him. God only uses people who are willing and obedient.

When God says to you, “Go and join yourself to this chariot,” don’t complain. When you get there, realize that you are in the centre of God’s plan and don’t complain, even when you feel like complaining. You should understand that you’re hooked up to God, and plugged into an eternal supply. God has said, “When you go through the water, it shall not overflow you. When you go through the fire, you shall not be burnt” (Isaiah 43:2). It makes no difference whether you’re going through the water or through the fire, you will still come out victoriously. This is the truth about the believer.

Let God trust you. We’re living in a day when nobody wants to work for anyone anymore. No one wants to build anymore; everybody wants to find a built house and just walk in there and occupy it. It is a jet-set generation, everybody is in a hurry to be rich. The Bible says those who make haste to be rich shall not be innocent (Proverbs 28:20). Haste is not God’s way. God is not in a hurry, He is a master strategist and a master planner.

The best thing that should happen to you is to find yourself in God’s place, in God’s time and for God’s purpose. When this happens, you have it made. It doesn’t matter whether or not you have money in your pocket, nobody was born with money in his hands, so you can

make it. You can do all things through Christ which strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).

The most important point here is: Can God trust you? God is looking for someone whom He can trust. Can He trust you? Can you line up with God's plan?

## Learn God's Ways

Notice the way God prepared the children of Israel to take possession of the promised land after 430 years of bondage in Egypt.

**“And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the Land of Egypt”**

**(Exodus 13:17-18).**

Can you imagine that? A journey to the promised land through the land of the Philistines would have taken just a few days. But God did not choose that way. **“God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near.”** God did not want the people to draw back on account of war.

The children of Israel at this time were not trained for war because they had been slaves for 400 years. They needed a form of training; they needed to know the kind of God that was in their camp. God’s training for them was taking them through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. Each time they came to an almost impossible situation and cried unto God, miracle after miracle took place for their sake. Through these miracles, God strengthened them and built their trust in Him, such that when they eventually saw wars, they were bold.

In God’s way, there is no corner-cutting, you need to understand the things of God. God is never too late, learn to understand God and walk with Him. When it seems as though you’ve lost time in accomplishing the vision, God says, **“I will restore to you the years, that the locust hath eaten, the canker worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer worm” (Joel 2:25).** God is the owner of time, He is in charge.

God doesn't always take the nearest way. He doesn't always take the way you know. This is where you need the faith element in your walk with God; this is Christianity. When you get to the place where things are not as you expected, don't run away.

Remember God said to Jeremiah, **“See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant” (Jeremiah 1:10).** Therefore, whatever the devil has raised up you can destroy, and build another one in its place. God has said, “You are My battle axe and weapons of war” (Jeremiah 51:20). You need to see yourself in the light of what God has said. When you get to that office, firm or job, things ought to change. When they are down, you ought to be the one stirring them up!

Look at the life of Jacob. He ran from Esau to meet Laban; when he got to Laban's house, he found out he wasn't going to enjoy everything like he used to in his father's house. First, when he wanted to marry, he was asked to work for seven years for Rachel. Though he did not like it, he had to do it in order to marry the woman. All the time he was in his father's house, he was served, being the grandson of Abraham who was rich in all things. Now he

was to follow the sheep and goats to the field. What a job for a prince! This was the grandson of the great patriarch Abraham, following sheep and goats for seven years, because he wanted to marry a wife!

After he was through with the seven years, he was cheated and given Leah instead of Rachel, and had to serve another seven years for the woman he loved. He couldn't quit. Moreover, his wages were changed ten times for the worse, but God helped him. One day he came to Laban to discuss business and Laban actually made a confession and complemented him.

**“And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake (*because of you*). And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me. For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming; and now how shall I provide for mine own house also”**

(Genesis 30:27-30).

Laban had to acknowledge that God had blessed him for Jacob's sake. Can they say that in the company where you work? Has God blessed them because of you? Did they get wrecked with you there? This should not happen because you're a child of God. Your company should be blessed because you're there, to the extent that they recognize it. If things don't turn out right, stay there and wait on God. You're supposed to be a blessing, and you are a blessing!

God told Abraham, **“I will bless you and make you a blessing” (Genesis 12:3)**. Review your life: are you a blessing where you are? God increased Laban because of the presence of Jacob. God is the one who gives power to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18), it doesn't matter what it looks like when you come in.

Can God trust you to wait and accomplish that for which He told you to join the particular chariot you're in right now? Jacob wanted to leave the job, he wanted to go away. It was about time, because he was fed up with being cheated after being so patient. Yet he stayed back until God instructed him to go.

In these last days, a lot of people will lose their jobs.

There will be hard times in the world, but Jesus said, “Cheer up for I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). This means that He has brought the system of this world to frustration, and exalted the Kingdom of God. This is the reason you have to be excited in the position God has placed you. You should know that God is counting on you.

Let Him trust you. When He says, **“Join this chariot,”** join it knowing that He wants to preserve life through you. This is the whole essence of your joining any chariot or vehicle of life.

## **Preserving Lives - The Essence of the Chariot**

God told Isaac not to go to Egypt, but to stay in the land of the Philistines where he was, irrespective of the famine in the land. And the Bible says in that same year of famine, Isaac reaped a hundred-fold (Genesis 26). When you discover that your office or the company where you work is having financial difficulties, pray for its prosperity, for in its prosperity, you will also prosper. This is the same thing God told the children of Israel when they were exiled in a strange land (Jeremiah 29:7).

Can God trust you to preserve the lives of those you come in contact with in your chariot of life? Look at the man Joseph; he had dreams as a kid, he saw the sun, the moon and eleven stars bow down before him and he told his family about it. The Bible says that Jacob his father thought about those things and kept them in his heart. Then one day, he asked Joseph, “Do you really mean that your mother, your eleven brothers and I will bow down before you?”

His brothers hated him because of his dreams and the preference their father had for him. Then one day, his father sent him to inquire of the welfare of his brothers in the field. When he found them, they seized him and wanted to kill him but later changed their minds and sold him to a band of travellers. These travellers then sold him to an Egyptian named Potiphar. Joseph became Potiphar’s slave, but God was with him (Genesis 37-39).

This is why you must not be anxious about what happens to you in this world. God is a master strategist and He is with you. After they sold Joseph, things went really bad for him. He was sold to Potiphar, who made him the governor of his own house. One day Potiphar’s wife attempted to sleep with Joseph but he fled for his life. Potiphar’s wife, being grieved, lied against Joseph, accusing

him of attempted rape and this landed Joseph in prison. And though he spent thirteen long years in the dark, he held on to God.

Don't worry if someone lies against you, God is still in charge and He will ensure that everything works out for your good. Joseph trusted in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And in that dark place God gave him a supernatural gift of understanding and interpretation of dreams. The king's baker and butler were thrown in jail, and soon enough God knocked them out with dreams and gave the interpretation to Joseph, and he interpreted their dreams.

The events that followed confirmed his interpretations. Afterwards the butler was released and Joseph told the butler to remember him. Though the butler promised to, he promptly forgot about him when he got out. The same may apply to you today. But when you're forgotten, count it all joy as you go through divers trials and tests. God is planning to do you good!

At the end of the second year after the butler's release, God stepped into Pharaoh's palace one night and gave him a dream. When all his magicians could not interpret it, the butler remembered Joseph that day. And because of the witness the butler gave about Joseph's ability to interpret

dreams, the king sent for Joseph from the prison house.

I believe when Joseph heard the sound of the padlocks, he knew he was coming out of the prison that day, because the Bible says he shaved himself. Shaving was a very wise step for Joseph, because by doing so he linked up with the culture, hence the top brass in Egypt - the Hebrews shaved when mourning, while the Egyptians shaved for dressing.

When Joseph came out, he told Pharaoh his dream and the interpretation, and that very day he became the Prime minister of Egypt; the next in command to Pharaoh!

Soon there was famine in Canaan and all the countries round about, but because of Joseph, Egypt was well prepared. Then came the sons of Jacob to Egypt to buy corn, but they did not recognize Joseph. They said to him, "Sir we have come to buy bread," and they all bowed down and Joseph remembered his dream. He asked after their daddy, and they told him he was still alive. He then requested them to bring their youngest brother who was at home, as evidence that their words were true. When they brought Benjamin, he tricked them and seized him, refusing to let him go. Then they all fell to the ground, begging him and confessing the wrong they had done to their brother (Joseph) a long time ago. But all this while, Joseph's heart was breaking.

“Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, come near to me I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life”

(Genesis 45:1-5).

Observe Joseph’s understanding. He knew the purpose of his coming to Egypt, so he told his brothers thus, “God sent me before you to preserve life, that’s why I was sold to that Egyptian. That’s why when I was sold to Potiphar’s

house, I didn't give up hope. From Potiphar's house, I landed in prison; though things were bad, I still didn't give up hope. From the prison, God restored my wasted years."

With this at the back of His mind, he didn't need to seek revenge. He recognized that he was in the hands of God.

Do you see yourself in the hands of God or do you think your life is run by men? What do you think about yourself? Do you attribute your success today only to the help of a men? Or do you realize it is the hand of God working for you? Have you entrusted your life to God so much that you can believe that He is the One leading you? How much did you mean it when you gave your life to Christ? Is He the Lord of your life? If He is the Lord of your life, then rest assured He will take care of you.

Matthew 8:23-26 records a very interesting account in the Bible. Jesus was sleeping at the rear of the boat in which He was sailing with the disciples. And there arose a great tempest and water flowed into the boat. This got the disciples frightened and they woke Jesus up asking, "Master, don't you care if we perish?"

Jesus replied them, "O ye of little faith, why do you doubt?"

Jesus made this statement because He expected them

to know that He - the God of the universe - was in the boat. As a result of His presence, no storm, however fierce, could sink the boat.

Who is in your boat today? Whatever the situation you find yourself, always be mindful of what God's plan is in bringing you there. As God entrusted the preservation of the chosen race to Joseph, can He trust you to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus?

Look at the life of Paul in Acts 27, He had been arrested and was being taken to Rome:

**Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*, And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and**

loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship”

(Acts 27:9-11; 21-22).

What a statement! Have you ever seen the owner of a big company crying because everything has gone down? This guy has been trained for the job, he is a master at it and now everything is going down. The debt is so much, he can never pay. He is in a fix and the company is going to be wrecked. He wants to get out of the company and file for bankruptcy; but something happens. God sends you, His child - a Christian - who says to the man, “Sir, do yourself no harm, everything’s going to be all right.” He may not believe him, because we’re living in a sense ruled-world; he may rather believe the accountant’s report and things will go worse. But may God help him to believe your word from God. The apostle Paul said, “I wish you had listened to me but there’s still hope.” **“And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship” (Acts 27:22).** Paul talked very boldly because a message was brought to him:

**“For there stood by me this night the angel**

of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me”

(Acts 27:23-25).

Everyone in the ship was afraid but Paul told them the message an angel brought to him in the night. This was the guy who was under arrest; but he knew Who was sailing in the ship with him. **“Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you” (Acts 27:34)**. He made a promise to them according to God’s Word and they all came out delivered, without any hurt. This didn’t happen because it was ‘the apostle Paul,’ it happened because he was founded on the Word of God; he stayed in the Word of God.

What does God expect of you in your chariot today? Have you trusted Him enough to commit yourself to Him? He says, “I have inscribed you in the palm of My hand; My eyes run to and fro the earth to prove Myself strong in your behalf” **(Isaiah 49:16; 2 Chronicles 16:9)**.

## God Trusts You!

God trusted us, He believed that if we heard the gospel, we would believe His Word and we did. He also entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to us. All we need to do is catch God's dream and get to work. The fields are white with the harvest, what are you waiting for?

## Exercise Two

1 Explain how the Christian demonstrates obedience to God \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Fill in your answers: "God only uses people who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_"

3 What is the whole essence of your joining a chariot or vehicle of life? \_\_\_\_\_

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4 God sent Philip to a desert place; a place of dryness where there was neither food, water nor any form of help, simply because there was someone there who needed to be saved! What does this reveal to you about the character and disposition of God toward sinners?

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5 What was Joseph's purpose in Egypt according to Genesis 45:1-5?

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## Can God Trust You?

6 How does this relate to your purpose in your chariot?

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7 From your study of this chapter, outline what you have understood to be the ways by which you can gain God's trust to work with and through you in your chariot.

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8 From Jacob's relationship with Laban and the effect of his presence in his home, what should be the effect of your presence in your work place?\_\_\_\_\_

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10 Fill in your answer: "God has entrusted you with\_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Three

# *You* Are God's Watchman

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“Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see

the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul"

(Ezekiel 33:1-9).

The wicked man (unconverted) will die in his iniquity but God is going to require the blood of the sinner from the watchman. Who is the watchman? The one who heard the Word of God is the watchman to the one who has not heard the Word of God. You're God's watchman to your

world because you're the one to whom His Word has come.

## **A Crown of Righteousness**

Paul was a good watchman. When he was about to leave the church at Ephesus to go into Jerusalem, he called together the elders of the church and spoke to them:

**“And when they were come to him, he said unto them, ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the Kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.**

**Wherefore I take you to record this day, that  
I am pure from the blood of all men”**

**(Acts 20:18-21; 25-26).**

Paul declared that he was pure from the blood of all men. What did he mean by that? He knew that God had made him a watchman over those in his world; those in his sphere of contact. Paul in saying that he was pure from the blood of all men was not referring to all men in the world, because all men in the world were not committed to him. Those that were committed to him were those within his sphere of contact; all the people he could reach, address or meet wherever God sent him.

The same applies to you in your world. Your world is your sphere of contact. God has set you as a watchman in your world. Are you pure from the blood of all men in your world? You're not going to know that you're pure from the blood of all men when you get to heaven. Paul was not yet in heaven when he made this statement; he was down here on earth at the time and he could boldly say, "I am pure from the blood of all men."

To be pure from the blood of all men, you must preach the gospel. You must tell the untold about Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You must let them know God's plan of salvation.

This is mandatory for every Christian.

God had delivered the gospel into the hands of the apostle Paul, and because he in turn had delivered God's Word to them, he could say, "I kept back nothing and I am pure from the blood of all men." Towards the end of his life, writing to Timothy, Paul said, **"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"** (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

## **Preach The Word From Where You Are!**

The Bible says, **"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season..."** (2 Timothy 4:2). Preach it when you feel like it and when you don't feel like it. It's like a vocation; you don't practice it only when you feel like, because a lot of times you may not feel like. God wants His children to be His partners in winning others, not just because it is our vocation, but because the love of God

persuades us.

Some people may say, “Well, if the anointing comes on me, I will preach.” They never will because the anointing has already come on them, but they don’t know it. God has already sent you and anointed you! Don’t wait for another sign or another message! A man who would not obey that which is written in the Holy Scriptures will never obey, even if a voice spoke to him from heaven.

Moses said to the people, “Don’t say, “Let the Word of God come from heaven or from another land.” The Word of God is near you, it’s in your mouth” (Deuteronomy 30:12-14).

Paul re-echoed the same thing when he said, “... **Say not in thine heart, who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart; that is, the word of faith, which we preach;” (Romans 10:6-8).**

It’s mandatory for every child of God to preach the gospel, otherwise, God will require the blood of those around you from your hands.

Are you pure from the blood of your co-workers? Are

you pure from the blood of all with whom you share the same vehicle when you go to work? Or do you think it's not fashionable to preach in the bus? Think about the guy who prays, "O God, send me to China," and he's in a bus-load of people and will not tell them about Jesus Christ; he may never get to China! Or another one who prays, "God, if You give me money, I'm going to ensure that people hear this gospel. In fact, I believe God that I'm going to have a newspaper house and a television studio for Christian outreaches."

You may not have it until you start preaching from where you are, then you can preach your way to China or to the publishing house. The gospel of Jesus Christ is not optional neither is it an advice; it is God's only power to save all that will believe. And until we come to that resolve, we will not be able to communicate the gospel the way we should.

## **The Ministry of Every Believer**

To a lot of people, the preaching of the gospel ought to be from the pulpit. This is not true. The Bible says in **Ephesians 4:11-12,**

**“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”**

These five-fold ministry gifts in the Church are for the perfecting of the saints to do the work of the ministry; they are not for the world. God has never, and will never anoint anybody to be in any of the five-fold ministries so He would send them to the world. The moment you became a child of God, having eternal life, with the infilling of the Holy Ghost, you became a witness of His resurrection. You're a witness of eternal life, a preacher and proof-producer. That is your job. The Bible says that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word (ministry) of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19).**

Every Christian has the ministry of reconciliation; this is the greatest ministry that could ever be given to any man. Christ came with this ministry. The Bible says there's more joy in Heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-

nine just persons that need no repentance. Yes, more than ninety-nine just persons that only need a revival! The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only power that can save.

## **Sinners Don't Go To Church**

Exodus Chapter three records that the children of Israel had been in bondage in Egypt under the whiplash of Pharaoh's task masters. They were suffering, 400 years had gone by, and they were still there. Then God appeared to a man named Moses, at the burning bush, and called out to him saying, **"Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt"** (Exodus 3:9-10).

What a commission! Moses had been in Egypt, and he knew Egypt was the greatest empire on the face of the earth at the time, because Egypt ruled the world. Yet God talked to him, a man who had neither weapons nor an army; Moses knew it would take the power of God to bring the

people out of Egypt, no nation could do that. But he wondered how the miracle would take place, so he asked for a sign from God.

God asked him, “What do you have in your hand?” and he answered, “A rod.”

Then God said, “Cast it down.”

The Bible says, **“... And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent;” (Exodus 4:3)**. Then God asked him to pick it up by the tail and he picked it by the tail and it became a rod again. When God was through talking with Moses, the Bible says **“...and Moses took the rod of God in his hand” (Exodus 4:20)**. It became the rod of God because the presence of God had come upon it. When anything is brought into the presence of God, it becomes sanctified. That rod was sanctified by the presence of God, the anointing of God had come upon it and this still happens today.

**“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out**

of Egypt?"

(Exodus 3:10-11).

This is the question many are still asking today. When God says to you to go and do something for Him, do you wonder, "Who am I?" When God sends someone, He sends one who needs a miracle to be able to do what He wants done. He sends the one who is of himself inadequate.

Moses asked, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt." But God had an answer for him, **"Certainly, I will be with thee..." (Exodus 3:12)**. And that is all you need. God did not say, "Certainly I'll send you an army," or "Certainly I'll send you enough swords and horses." No! he said, **"...Certainly, I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain" (Exodus 3:12)**.

Until they were brought out of Egypt, the children of Israel could not serve God upon the mountain. This is significant. Sometimes we want to force people to serve God upon the mountain, but they cannot serve God upon the mountain until they are out of Egypt. Egypt is a type of the world, and the mountain represents the place of

worship. That was Moses' ministry - to bring them out of Egypt. He had a gospel message for the children of Israel: liberation from the whiplash of Pharaoh's taskmasters.

When Moses came down from the mountain, he went to the people and said, "Hello, we are coming out of bondage." The people must have thought to themselves, *We've been here 400 years and there was no good news.* But God said, "I have good news: You are coming out!" and Moses brought them out. Until he did this no one could serve God on the mountain, because they needed deliverance, and that deliverance was in the good news they heard. We need to understand that those who are still in Egypt cannot serve God on the mountain. In other words, sinners do not go to church.

You might have invited a friend (who was not born-again) to your church and he came, that's not the point. Generally, **sinners don't go to church as a normal practice.** They may fill a Cathedral when the anointing of God is not there because they can hide their sin. They can go anywhere to have religion because the devil doesn't bother you if you have religion, since he has you tied up. He is all right as long as you don't have the Holy Ghost. Sad enough, he even has a lot of people with the Holy Ghost tied up too. As long as you're not 'fanatical' about

your Christian commitment by preaching the gospel you have received, then he's at peace with you.

## **We Have Received The Power To Witness**

The gospel ministry of the Christian is to win the lost. As soon as you receive Jesus Christ in your heart, and eternal life into your spirit, the next thing you need is to receive the fullness of the Holy Ghost. After the in-filling of the Holy Ghost, don't wait and say, "I need to be settled," or "I need some teaching first before I can go out." No, the next thing you should do is speak out! The Bible says about the apostle Paul that immediately he received the in-filling of the Holy Ghost, **"...straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the son of God" (Acts 9:20).**

The evidence of true Holy Ghost in-filling is not speaking in tongues. You should speak in tongues (I also speak and sing in tongues every day) but that's only a consequence of the in-filling of the Holy Ghost. The scriptural sign and evidence of the in-filling of the Holy Ghost is not speaking in tongues, it is soul winning -

dynamic evangelism! This is the evidence of the real in-filling of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said in **Acts 1:8**,

**“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...”**

Sometimes I wonder if some Christians really have the in-filling of the Holy Ghost, because every time they received the Holy Ghost in the Bible, they spoke the Word of God with boldness. The result was speaking the Word of God, which resulted in the conversion of sinners. Christianity has nothing to do with God if there's no evangelism in it. Here's a man who has heard the gospel, which he says has changed his life, yet he will not share it. Then it didn't really change his life! How can you have a testimony and you would not tell it? You can't claim God saved you and not tell others about it; something is evidently wrong!

## Why God Left Christians In The World

Ministry is not in the church; what goes on in the church is ministry to God's people to make them better witnesses. The reason God left us here on earth after our salvation is to have us as His witnesses, not just so we can get deeper in the spirit, have our own fellowship and love one another. We have one another's addresses, recognize one another, and then whenever there is a new guy coming in, we squeeze up just to let him know he's an intruder.

Some people are just like that: they have their cliques, and they don't accept any new persons in: "There are just five of us and we are prayer warriors (intercessors) together, we love one another, we visit one another," and when the five of them are together and a sixth person arrives, the discussion ceases because there's an intruder and they're not smiling until he leaves. He is forced to leave, because he's seeing unfriendly faces. Are you happy just forming your own cliques?

Remember Jesus had enough cliques in heaven, but He still came down here. He had enough fellowship, but He came for us. He didn't come here because He was hungry, He didn't come because He lacked fellowship, He only

wanted to include us. Never think God was hungry for fellowship while He was in Heaven. We have never been told that God was so lonely in Heaven, moving up and down in Heaven all by himself, that He had to say, “Let us make man in our image.” Have you ever wondered who He was talking to? Do you think He was talking to Himself? No, He had company. God was always happy; from everlasting to everlasting, He is God. God has never had a beginning, so He was not hungry for fellowship, all He wanted was to include us. Arm yourself with the same thought and be open to fellowship with other brethren.

## **Understand God’s Mode of Operation**

**“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and**

had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot”

(Acts 8:26-29).

Someone might say, “Well I need the Holy Ghost to give me specific direction, like He did to Philip” or “I have not preached because the Spirit has not spoken to me yet.” You must understand that God had to lead Philip in this way because He just started His church at this time. He needed to teach and train them. He needed to show them how to do it. Today, you don't need to hear a voice before you share the gospel with someone.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen”

(Matthew 28:19-20).

This is the only instruction you need from the Master. Don't wait for another voice. Look at the life of the apostle Paul; he only needed to know when to stop, he didn't need to know when to go because he was already on the go! Everyday when he got up, he already knew where to go. He didn't ask, "Father, should I go or should I not go?" Jesus said, **"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already for harvest. And he that reaps receives wages"** (John 4:35-36a).

## **The Revival Is Here!**

Once, while I was praying; the Holy Ghost said to me, "Are you still wondering if the time for the revival has come?" There was a revival we were all looking forward to and expecting that something beautiful would happen. The Spirit said that many were expecting that revival; people had said so much about it throughout the world. Then the Holy Ghost said, "The revival is already here; as many as open their eyes will walk in it." The wind is blowing and the revival is on, as many as will get in now will enjoy it. It's

amazing but it's true.

The revival they've been talking about for many years is on. All those things that many prophets of God have spoken about are going on right now. All you need to do is take the scales off your eyes and the veil off your heart, then you will start seeing. Get back into your prayer closet and you will start seeing; nobody sees anything spiritually until he falls on his knees before God. Every man is blind until the Holy Ghost moves on him and opens his eyes.

Don't wait for another announcement; don't wait for any man to wake you up; just move along with God. God has given you the ability; you have the perfect ability to stir up yourself in the Holy Ghost. The Bible says he that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself (1 Corinthians 14:4). He charges himself up like a battery. The era that they've been prophesying about is already here, but a lot of people are going to miss it because they're still waiting for that which has already started.

The Holy Ghost also said to me, "That was how they waited in the days of Jesus Christ. They were waiting for the Messiah, and when the Messiah came, they slew Him. They did not know that Jesus Christ was the One, and they are still waiting till this day in Israel for that Messiah to come. He came almost 2000 years ago and they didn't know

it.”

During the days of Christ on earth, they were waiting for Elijah, because the prophet said Elijah will come again (Malachi 4:5). Elijah came, they didn't know him, and he was condemned; even the disciples didn't know it. When they came to Jesus, they asked Him, “Master, was it not said that Elijah shall come again before the Messiah?” (Matthew 17:10). Jesus told them that Elijah had already come and they didn't know it. They didn't know John the Baptist was the one to fulfil that scripture.

That is exactly what is going on now. Everyone that prepares himself will have the anointing of the Holy Spirit come upon him and he will see signs and wonders like never before, so it's up to you. We're going to see more signs and wonders out there where they are needed, for that is where the real ministry takes place. If you want to hear testimonies, see the power of the Holy Ghost and the move of God in your life, preach the gospel out there where the sinners are!

## **The Power of God Is Manifested In The Gospel**

The gospel is the power of God; the supernatural anointing of the Holy Ghost is wrapped up in the gospel. And everybody who will preach the gospel and mean it with all his heart, being submitted to the Holy Ghost, will see signs and wonders. You are going to see homes converted and families come to Jesus Christ by the number.

This is not a crusade out there with a foreign minister coming down. God has a new kind of missionary. He gets them saved, trained and equipped to reach their own people. You are the apostle of Jesus Christ in your world today. Right there in your world you have been sent by God for their salvation; and you have to take up the responsibility and communicate the Word of God to them.

What are your friendships for? When are you going to start writing down the list of people you want saved? When are you going to start bombarding Heaven with praise and prayer, because you want souls saved. What about those in your family? Don't you think they need salvation too? This is where you find the joy of Christianity.

## Join A Chariot!

“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip go near, and join thyself to this chariot”

(Acts 8:26-29).

The Holy Spirit didn't say, “Go near and organize a crusade in Ethiopia.” No! He said, “Go near and join thyself to this chariot.” This is very important, because the Spirit of God put the chariot there for a purpose. If not, He would have said, “Go near and join the rider” or “Go and meet that man.” He said, “Go near and join thyself to this chariot.” Why? The chariot is a vehicle of life. Get into a

chariot, something is happening there.

That is what your job, business, office, school and neighbourhood represents. There are different kinds of chariots like we discussed earlier in this book; there are business chariots, medical chariots and even neighbourhood chariots. Some Christians instead of staying in the chariot the Holy Ghost sent them to, jump out without ever accomplishing the work of God.

Look at Philip. When he went in there, the Bible tells us that he found this man reading the Scriptures and he asked him, "Sir, do you understand what you are reading?"

The eunuch answered him, "How can I understand except somebody teaches me?"

Then Philip taught the man the gospel of Jesus Christ and got him saved. Before long the man asked, "What stops me from being baptized?" and Philip answered, "You may if you believe." They got down and he buried that man in the water and got him baptized in the Name of Jesus. And it was that eunuch who carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to Ethiopia. What do you think cities are for? The Holy Ghost did not send you to the city just to find a job or expand your business; He sent you there to join yourself to a chariot!

If you're in an International City, you have people from

different parts of the world and almost every village of that nation resident there. All you need to do is take the gospel to them, then they will take the gospel back to their families. When I was a student, I had Christian friends and I organized crusades in their homes, families and villages. I have preached this gospel and discovered one thing: it works every where. It works for the poor and the rich. I have laid hands on the rich and poor, old and young and this same gospel changed their lives. 'This is your hour! This is your time! This is your day! You're the one God is going to use now. It's not Peter, it's not James, neither is it Paul, **it's you!**

## **What Will You Do With Jesus?**

I read something that really touched me in the book of Matthew 27:19. Jesus had just been arrested and brought to Pilate to be condemned. When Pilate sat down at the judgment of Jesus Christ, his wife sent a message to him saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that just man (talking about Jesus)"(verse 19) because she had a dream and suffered many things in that dream for Jesus' sake. Then Pilate argued with the Jews telling them, "I haven't

found a fault or evil in this man”(Luke 23:14).

In verses 20 and 22 of Matthew 27, the Bible records, **“But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?...”** and I thought for a moment: *Here was a man to whom Jesus, the Son of God had been delivered.* And Pilate asked a profound question, **“What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?”**

There is a Man in your heart, and He is the Son of God, Jesus Christ. That same Christ has been ‘delivered into your hands’ and His words are in you. Jesus has given you His words, what will you do with them? Would you rather release something else to the people or would you release Jesus to save them? It’s up to you. Today you’re in the same shoes Pilate was in that day; you need to make a decision: “What do I do with Jesus?” You either release Him or you bind Him. If you will release Him by telling people about Him, He will save them. If you will not, He cannot do anything. What will you do with Jesus that is called Christ?

## **“Professional Missionaries”**

**“After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.”**

**(Acts 18:1-3).**

Aquila and Priscilla were converted to Jesus Christ and they also began to share the Word of God everywhere they carried their business to. Now what is significant here is that Paul came to live with them for some time. The Bible says he lived with them because they were of the same craft. He did not abide with them because they were Christians; if they had been Christians, he would have been living with them as brethren. He did not call them brethren; he moved in with them because they were into the same business.

You may have had the same opportunities where you had some business friends staying with you. What became

of them? Do they have the same salvation you have and are they preaching the same message you preach? Are they seeing the same truth from the Bible that you see? Are you pure from the blood of these people?

## **Take Advantage of Every Opportunity**

**“And on the Sabbath, we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither” (Acts 16:13).** These brethren went to the river side, their purpose was to pray. There, they met some other women who did not go to the riverside with them but went there too for another purpose.

Acts 16:14 says **“And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.”**

Somebody there was born-again, because the Lord opened her heart. This is very important. Every time you share the Word of God, God opens the hearts of stone

and they will receive your message.

Real gospel ministry is out there where the sinners are, where the unconverted are. God loves the sinner. We were all sinners at one time until we heard the gospel. Someone told you and you must tell someone else, it's not optional. You have to preach the gospel!

## **The Challenge of Responsibility**

When you start winning people by preaching the Word of God, you will not have the time for trifles. People who are busy winning the lost cannot have problems with prayer. When you find a Christian wanting to pray and he's so tired that, all the time he spends two hours sleeping, five minutes praying, and in his own heart he knows he's prayer-bankrupt, then there's one sure problem - there's no evangelism in his life!

Some may think, "If I am praying then I will become evangelistic." No! when you first received Jesus Christ, you didn't pray much before you became evangelistic. As soon as the Holy Ghost came upon your life, you started sharing the gospel with others. Then you had something to pray

about. You had people you were responsible for.

You cannot oversleep when you know you have souls you're responsible for. Start witnessing! There's a great experience of the Holy Ghost a man would never have until he starts preaching the Word, sharing Jesus Christ with people, and leading them to Him.

Long ago, I read of a man who for thirty years was the director of evangelism in a certain church but had never won a soul in his life. You may be amused with that! "What a wasted effort," you might say. But do you realize that in your office, you're the director of evangelism? This man never won a soul in his life for thirty years.

Then a new pastor was posted to the church. This young gentleman was sent there to pastor the church and he checked this man's record and discovered these facts. So he decided to show him what to do. He didn't fire him from the job, instead he told him, "Sir I am going on evangelism on such a date and I would like you to go with me."

Every time he shared the Word, the old director was watching and listening. When they got back from evangelism, the man started crying and fell on his face. He said, "After thirty years, I have now found a depth in God I never knew existed."

That is what happens to you when you start leading

people to Jesus Christ. Some people are put off just because they preached to someone and there was an argument, so they say, “I don’t know how to argue.” The Bible tells us how that Paul was arguing in the market place. Where do you think it would be more foolish to argue? Many believers preached in the early Church and were beaten, they got stripes for preaching, and, yet they thanked God for such an experience. If it had been some of us, we would go to the police station and have them all arrested for persecuting us!

Why did they endure such afflictions for the gospel’s sake? Because they were fully persuaded of God’s truth. The gospel of reconciliation had been committed to their trust. These convictions did not just come overnight, they built them; they developed these deep convictions concerning their commitment to ensuring that the gospel of Christ was preached.

**Exercise Three**

1 Who is a watchman? \_\_\_\_\_

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2 According to Ezekiel 33:1-9, why is it important for every Christian to preach the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

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3 What is the gospel ministry of the Christian?

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4 According to Acts 9:20, what is the very next thing a believer is expected to do after receiving the Holy Spirit?

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5 What is the scriptural sign and evidence of the in-filling of the Holy Ghost?

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6 According to Acts 1:8, every believer has received the power of the Holy Ghost; what is the purpose of this power? \_\_\_\_\_

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7 Your job, business, neighbourhood or school represents your chariot! Make a list of five people in your chariot and start praying for their salvation; use every available opportunity to preach Jesus to them!

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**Note: Until each of them starts winning others to Christ your job is not yet finished!**

8 What must you do to be free from the blood of all men?

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9 If asked the question, 'What will you do with Jesus Christ?' like Pilate asked in Matthew 27:22, what will your answer be?

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10 Why did the early Church Christians endure such great affliction and persecution for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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## Chapter Four

# *My* **Statements of Commitment**

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As a Christian and a disciple of Jesus Christ, you need to have a deep, personal conviction of your involvement in the work of evangelism. In life, many people are drifters, having no convictions, nothing to live for and look forward to. They are like little ships lost in the mighty ocean, wherever the winds of life blow, there they will go. They are not definite. Don't be that way; have deep personal convictions, and live by them.

These convictions are truths that you should be conscious of. They should be too deep for you not to be aware that you believe in them. They should be there everyday, whether or not you're in conversation. You don't have to think to know if they are there; whatever you do in word and in deed, these convictions should not be far away.

Your behavior will prove that you have them.

The words you speak should be regulated by these personal convictions. You may say you're working for Jesus, it doesn't make any difference; what matters is your motive. It is very important for us to review our objectives and motives, this will help us work according to the will of the Father.

You must realize that your workplace is your missionary station. That is your field; God has sent you to minister there. Some people like to work in what they call 'a Christian office.' There's nothing wrong with that, but you must be committed to winning people to God. You must reach others.

Understand that wherever you are is an opportunity to reach people for Jesus Christ. Where you are is the chariot. God has placed you there to witness of His love to the peoples of the earth. In this chapter, I share with you some truths; they are my motivations, my personal convictions and my statements of commitment. And I hope by the time you're through reading them, they will become yours too.

**My 1<sup>st</sup> Statement  
of Commitment:  
THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S ONLY  
SAVING POWER**

You must be absolutely convinced that the gospel is the power of God. The gospel is God's only saving power. Let it dawn on your spirit for all time that the gospel is God's saving power. The apostle Paul writing to the Romans said,

**"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...For therein is the righteousness of God revealed, from faith to faith..."**

**(Romans 1:16,17).**

God wants to save, help and deliver people but He cannot do it without the gospel, because His power is in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

If anybody anywhere will believe this gospel, no matter how lost in sin or how deep in evil, if only they will hear it, believe it and act on it (it makes no difference how deep

the valley is or how miry the pit is), they will come out as white as snow.

You have in you and with you a power that is beyond description. The Bible says concerning it in **Acts 1:8**, **“And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”** This power is the dynamic ability to cause changes. It is a power that the world cannot find; it can do anything and change anybody. This is the power of the gospel. All a man needs is to hear it and believe it. If he will only believe it, it will change him forever. But he cannot believe until you make it available. When he hears it, then he has the opportunity to believe it.

**“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”**

**(Romans 10:13-14).**

We have already been sent to the world. Jesus said, **“as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you” (John 20:21b)**. It’s our responsibility to preach the gospel of

Christ. When they hear it, they can receive remission of sins. The gospel changes a man from who he is to whom God wants him to be. The communication of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope for mankind.

The gospel will bring a man out of poverty and sickness. If only we can get that gospel out, it can change the whole world. This is what the gospel can do. It changes and affects the lives of people forever. You must become convinced that the gospel of Christ is God's only saving power.

**“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptaion, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”**

**(1 Timothy 1:15).**

This is the apostle Paul's witness of the saving grace of Christ. A faithful saying is one you can trust. If you will only take Jesus to the sinners, He will win them. Jesus is in you, His presence and power are in you. He said He came to seek and save that which was lost. Let Him win the sinner through you. He will speak through you, and you will be amazed at the great words that will come out of your mouth, because He will stand up tall in you. Without

Him, it doesn't matter how many words you've got or the excellence of your communication, you cannot win a soul. It takes you and Him to get it done.

There's a power on the inside of you; be more conscious of that indwelling presence than anything else. You're a communicator; not just of words, but of life and power. See yourself that way and you will never be a mediocre.

The summary of it all is this: We must become not only acquainted with the gospel of Christ, but to become very convinced that this gospel is God's saving power for everyone. If you're so concerned, you will give it to them, you will share it with others; you will ensure that the power gets to them too. This is the only news on planet earth that sets a man free!

**My 2<sup>nd</sup> Statement  
of Commitment:  
THE GOSPEL IS THE ANSWER TO  
ALL HUMAN PROBLEMS**

You must also be convinced of this. This gospel is the answer to all human problems. As a Christian worker are

you convinced of this yet? Has it dawned on your spirit that the gospel is the answer to every human problem? Is it in your consciousness? Do believe this is true? If you believe this, do you act accordingly?

The gospel is the solution to every human problem. The gospel can be summarized in one sentence: **God so loved the world.** And that is enough! The Bible says in **John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** What does this mean? If God really loves the world, He will never let them suffer, He will never let them perish. If God really loves them, He will help them, so they don’t need to fear because God is love.

The death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary is enough. The death of Jesus on the cross was not a ritual or a ceremony, it was a message. What is the essence of the crucifixion? God was passing a message across to the whole world, He wants them to know that He loves them. That is why the Bible says **“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear...” (1 John 4:18).**

When you are convinced of someone’s love for you, you are confident. He may be angry because of what you have done but he will not destroy you. God loves you

enough to keep you, He loves you enough to protect you, He loves you enough to help you. There is no fear in love. This is the message of Calvary.

God wants us happy, not sad; He wants us to testify of His greatness and goodness. God is not interested in having the world dressed in rags, poorly clothed and ill-fed. He wants them happy, calm, strong, tough, powerful and more than conquerors. This is enough to make you shout and preach the gospel.

The gospel of Christ is the answer to every human problem because the gospel means good news. Good news means glad-tidings. And that means that whatever you are going through; He will come to you, He will be with you, and He will go with you. That is why you have no fear when you are on the high way even in the night time.

No matter what is happening in or outside the nation, don't be bothered, because God loves you. And His love is powerful enough to deliver you, He will go to the deepest depth and the highest heights to bring you out. No matter how dark the place is, He will penetrate it and get you out. God's love - which is His gospel - is the answer to every question and the solution to every problem. He will heal you of every sickness. He will do for you what he will do for anyone else under the same circumstances.

Come to that point in your life where you believe that, and be bold about it. Reject mediocrity! Dress for the job, dress for your personality, dress for what God has called you to be. Be tough. Believe in yourself. Why should you believe in yourself? Because God believes in you enough to dwell in you. If you're good enough for God to live in, then you're good enough to dwell in His Word as a victor. That's enough. If He found me good enough to live in me, then I'm a winner. If He chose you to dwell in you; you can never be poor in this world. You can never be defeated.

**My 3<sup>rd</sup> Statement  
of Commitment:  
THE GOSPEL IS COMMITTED  
TO MY TRUST**

**“According to the glorious gospel of the  
blessed God, which was committed to my  
trust”**

**(1 Timothy 1:11).**

The gospel has been delivered to you, don't take it lightly. Just picture God coming to you and putting

something in your hand, saying, “Take this gospel to all the world and change lives.” This is what He has told us.

This message has more than enough power to solve any problem. Take it and heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead. The gospel has been committed to your trust, so you must go and produce results. When you share your testimonies, you bring joy to the Father’s heart. When you talk about what He has done for you and how He has promoted you, He is glorified. Remember, He could not do it without you, just as you could not do it without Him. But, it’s you and God, working together that brings success! You’re a missionary on a mission.

There’s a message that has been committed to your trust and you’re the one to deliver it. You’re the one sent with this message of eternal life. Never lose it! Stand up and say “Yes” to God! Tell Him, “I am ready to go.” Then you will see what Jesus will do with you.

Don’t worry if you don’t have a job, win people for Jesus; sooner than later, somebody is going to ask you, “Son what do you do?” And you will answer, “I don’t have a job yet but I am expecting to have one.” Then they will give you a job, something better than you ever imagined in your life. God knows how to fix it; all you need is to trust Him.

There was a sister whose parents said they would not pay her school fees because she gave her life to Christ. But she still believed in Jesus and would not give up. One day, she was travelling to another city, and a vehicle stopped for her. When she got in, it was a Christian who was driving but she didn't know this. As soon as she got in, she started preaching to him. When she was through, the man finally turned to look at her and said, "I am a Christian, what do you do?"

She answered, "I am a student."

Then he asked her, "Why are you travelling?"

"I am going to see my uncle because I need money to pay my school fees" she replied, and she went on to share her testimonies of how, though she had gone through terrible times, God had been with her and she knew He was going to help her.

Then the man said, "I'll give you a scholarship. I'll pay your school fees for the rest of the time you're a student."

God is great; He is all-powerful; He can shake up the whole system for you. God's love is the answer. He loves you enough to shake up the whole world for you!

There is a story of a woman: a great, mysterious eagle came and picked up her baby and took it up a high mountain. Everybody tried to deliver the baby from the

claws of the eagle but nobody could. They tried to climb the mountain, but it was too steep. The strong and mighty men of the village all tried but could not succeed, so they gave up and said it was impossible.

This woman came and said, “I must get my baby out.” And she did what nobody else could do. She climbed the mountain and brought her baby back. What moved her? There was a power within her, it was the force of love. Love is the greatest power because love conquers all.

## **My 4<sup>th</sup> Statement of Commitment: I AM COMMITTED TO THE GOSPEL**

Are you committed as a Christian worker? Can you say you’re committed to the gospel? It’s one thing for the gospel to be committed to you and another thing for you to be committed to it. This commitment shows in your conversation, the things you do and the places you go. It also shows in your choices.

Do you go around with the consciousness that you’re committed to the gospel? A church worker believes and knows that God has enabled him to win souls and be a

minister of life by sharing the gospel. Christ is the one reaching out to them through you. Share the Word of God, Jesus knows where the people are and where they hurt. He needs someone to take the gospel to them and reach them for Him. Some of these people will never go to church until you reach them for Christ and bring them back to God.

**My 5<sup>th</sup> Statement  
of Commitment:  
I AM CONVINCED THAT  
JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY**

You must come to that point in your life where the way you live, speak, think and relate to people proves beyond all doubt that Jesus Christ is the only way to God. If you're convinced that this is the truth, then you would communicate the gospel with so much enthusiasm, persuasion and much readiness.

The Scriptures say, **“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Corinthians 5:11a)**. This conviction makes a willing preacher out of you; a willing preacher who makes the most of every

opportunity to tell others the good news.

Your witness of the gospel will not be something you did once because it was emphasised in your local church; it will become a lifestyle, something you look forward to and plan towards strategically. It will open in you bowels of compassion that will make you go the extra mile to get someone saved. Take a moment to really think about it. Since Jesus Christ is truly the only way; then all the religions of this world have deceived millions of people. What will happen to all those honestly deceived people? They need to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and fast too!

First, it gets you on your knees in incessant and fervent intercession. This is imperative because the Bible says of them that, **“Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart” (Ephesians 4:18)**. This is a very sorry state for anybody to be in. The Bible says in **2 Corinthians 4:4**, **“.. the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”**

This should get your attention if you really believe that Jesus Christ is the only way. You have to intercede because

you recognise that it's the enemy who's holding them in the bondage of ignorance. This conviction is reflected not only in soul winning but in discipleship. Discipling involves winning, building and sending people. It's a way by which you get someone else to do what you're doing. As a disciple of Christ, you cannot teach people things that you're not convinced of. Be convinced about this and act immediately.

**My 6<sup>th</sup> Statement  
of Commitment:  
I AM CONVINCED THAT  
THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD**

If you're not convinced of this, there's really no basis for your preaching the gospel. The gospel is God's saving power, so let this dawn on your spirit for all time. God wants to deliver people from the oppression of the devil, but He cannot do it without the gospel. The Bible says God **"...will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).** The gospel is what communicates the power of God. His power is manifested in the gospel.

Looking through the book of Acts, each time the disciples declared the gospel to people, supernatural miracles took place. Some folks sit down in their homes and scream, “God manifest your power through me!” The only way God can manifest His power through you is when you declare the gospel. Then His Word in **Mark 16:17-18** will be fulfilled, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”**

Your conviction that the gospel is the power of God will make you ready to share God’s Word with someone else. It will give you divine boldness in communicating it. You will be ready to use it as the answer to the questions and the solution to the problems of people, because you know that if anybody, anywhere, will hear, believe and act upon this gospel, no matter how deep in sin, something supernatural will happen in his life.

The Word of God says if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things have passed away and all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17). In the book of Romans, Paul exhorts us on the need to make the gospel

available to all:

**“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?”**

**(Romans 10: 13-15a).**

You must give someone the opportunity to believe in the gospel of Christ and have everlasting life. The communication of the gospel of Christ is the only hope for mankind. It will bring a man out of poverty, sickness and disease and give him something to live for. Be convinced that the gospel of Christ is God’s only saving power.

In **Romans 1:16**, Paul said, **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”** In **1 Timothy 1:15**, the same author, writing, said, **“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”** If you will take Christ out there

where the unconverted are, He will win them.

Jesus Christ is in you, His presence and His power are in you.

In Luke 19:10, the Bible says the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost. Let Him go to the unconverted through you. He will speak through you and you will be amazed at the great words that will come out of your mouth, because He will stand up tall in you.

Be a communicator of life and power. The apostle Paul, writing to the Christians at Corinth, reminded them that his preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

This is your time, so shine! You are born for this time and you carry Someone inside who can affect your world; if only you are convinced of this! Once, a songwriter after his encounter with Christ, wrote this beautiful song:

*I heard the story of Jesus  
Sounded like music in my ears  
Beautiful story of Jesus  
Dispelled my doubts and all my fears  
How marvellous is this love  
Brought to me from above  
Oh! It's not just a story*

*But reality*

*Beautiful story of Jesus*

*This world is longing to know*

*Wonderful story of Jesus*

*I'll take it wherever I go*

*Tell of His love for this world*

*To save every man, woman, boy and girl*

*Oh it's not just a story*

*Oh that plain and simple story*

*Became real to me*

Be convinced that the gospel of Christ is God's saving power for everyone and anyone. And this conviction will enhance your communication of this truth. This is the only news on planet earth that sets a man free.

**Exercise Four**

1 What should you have and live by as a Christian and disciple of Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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2 What are convictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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3 God has given you a commission to disciple others for Him, but you cannot teach what you are not convinced of; what are your personal convictions or statements of commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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4 What two things must you constantly review in order for you to work according to God's will? \_\_\_\_\_

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5 Based on your study of this book, summarize your under-



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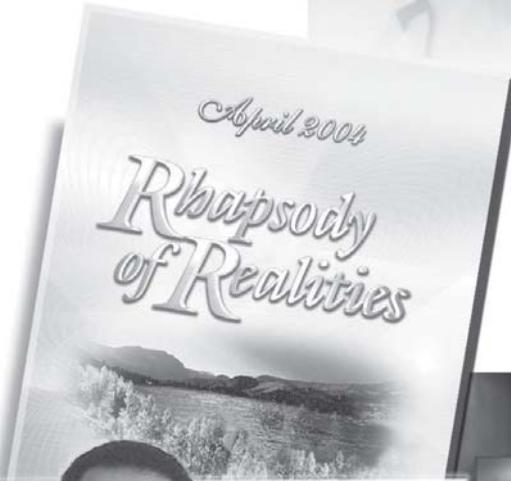
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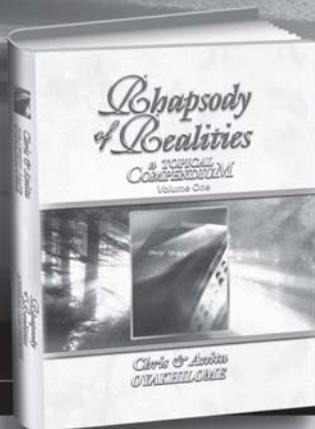


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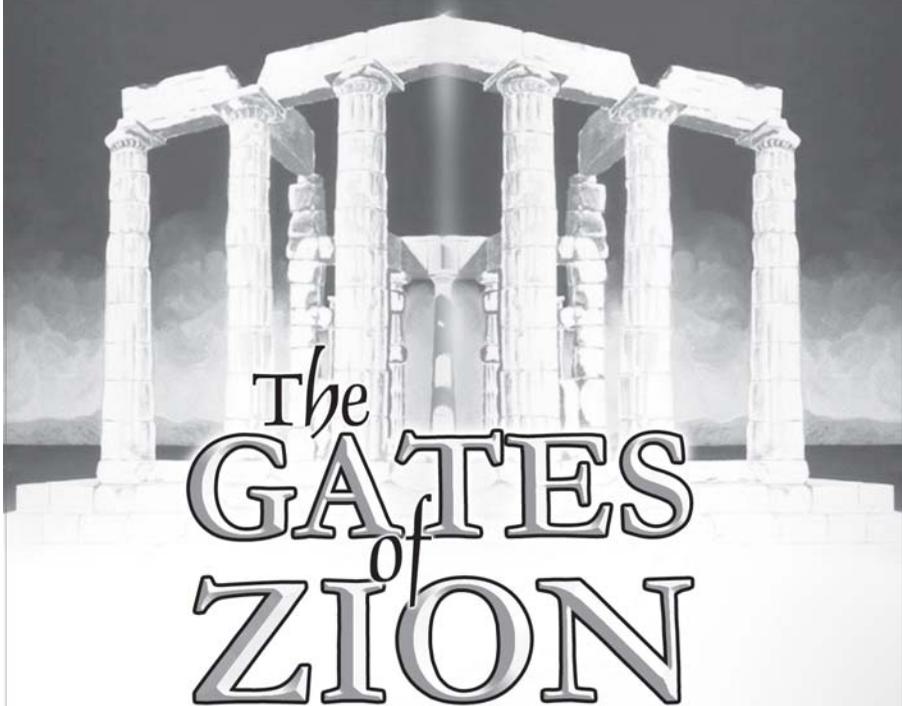
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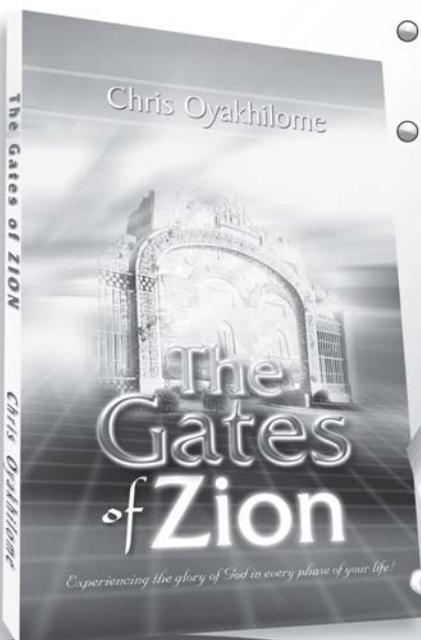
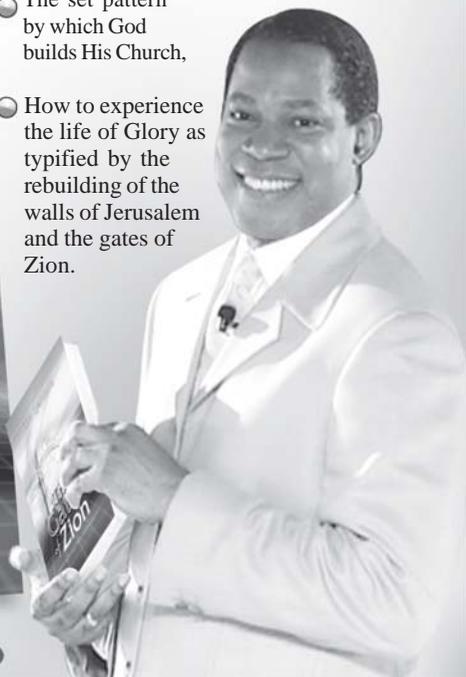
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