# HERMON LIFE

# HERMON CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Every change in the kingdom of God starts on the inside. It is an inside-out life in the kingdom of God. If it does not happen first on the inside, don't expect it to manifest on the outside.

The Lord Jesus said that the kingdom of God is in us, who are the children of God.

"....For behold, the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21).

We were not just born into the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God also lives in us. Then, it manifests in and through us to our world and circumstances.

Do you know what this means? It means that what is happening in you is far more important than what is happening around you. If it happens in you, it will happen for or to you. This is how life works in the kingdom of God. It is an inside-out life. Don't be fooled.

So focus more on what is going on in you and your outside world will catch up to it. This is why personal transformation is important. It is by the word of God that we are transformed. (Romans 12:2). The sermons this week address this crucial issue. Don't just listen to them, eat them.

The back page features Brother Joshua's trilogy of testimonies. Make sure to read it. Yours is next this week in Jesus' name!

> Nnaemeka O. Ikemefuna Senior Pastor

> > Don't do life alone....

God sets the lonely person in families... (Psalm 68:6)

This is your family and spiritual home. So don't remain isolated or be lost in the crowd.

We want to know you better and make you feel and be a valued member of this church. Welcome to HERMON CHRISTIAN CENTRE where people are empowered to fulfill their God-ordained destinies and to be a Godly influence wherever they are.

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### EARLY RISERS' SERVICE - 7:30AM FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:30AM

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MID-WEEK SERVICE (ONLINE ONLY) Every WEDNESDAY - 6pm

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# SERMON SUMMARY: SEEING WITH GOD'S LENS

Every good thing that works on earth has its source in God. Whatever you see in life is determined by how you see - how you see determines what you'll get out of it. In short, one of the signs to know that you've become a genuine Christian is that you start to view life differently.

God can't use anyone until they see from His perspective. Even as believers, we sometimes do things we shouldn't in ignorance. That's a sign of we need to be taught (Job 34:32).

In the accounts of Numbers 13, 10 out of 12 spies gave an evil report determined by how they viewed life. Likewise, in Genesis 3 and Acts 9, we read about different accounts of how perceptions altered the cause of destiny. (Psalm 104: 1; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6).

God will never do anything for you until He brings you out from a tent (mental, geographic, cultural, generational, etc.) limitation (Genesis 15:5-6). One way to know you see as God sees is that you no longer pray for just yourself. God doesn't bless you just to be blessed but also to be a blessing to others, just as He made Abraham a blessing to many nations (Genesis 12:2).

Until we see what and how God sees, God can't do great and mighty things for and through us (Jeremiah 1:11 -12).

### VISIONS AND DREAMS (Midweek Service)

The Bible refers to prophets as seers. For anyone to prophesy, that person must be inspired by the Holy Spirit. There are 3 ways in which you can prophesy: 1. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you. 2. When the gift of prophecy is at work. 3. If you are called to the office of a prophet.

However, for anyone to prophesy, that person must have seen something through the eye of the spirit. Seeing in the spirit can be likened to having visions. Visions come in several forms, such as open visions, trances, and/or visions from the Word of God.

Being trained in God's Word has several benefits, but one major one is that it makes us prosper (2 Chronicles 26:5).

- So, what does vision do? It does 7 things:
  - 1. It draws us closer to God
- 2. It points us to the future (Habakkuk 2:1-3) 3. Visions give us clear directions and landmarks (Proverbs 29:18)
- 4. Visions contain instructions (Habakkuk 2: 1-3)
- 5. Vision determines association (Habakkuk 2:2). 6. Vision depends on God for fulfilment and not your strength
- 7. Vision produces prosperity and posterity (2 Chronicles 26:5)

# MID-WEEK SERVICE



# **BIBLE READING**

DAILY READING

Sunday	GENESIS 43-45; 1 COR 1-2
Monday	GENESIS 47-50; 1 COR 3-4
Tuesday	EXODUS 1-3; 1 COR 5-6
Wednesday	EXODUS 4-6; 1 COR 7-8
Thursday	EXODUS 7-9; 1 COR 9-10
Friday	EXODUS 10-12; 1 COR 11-12
Saturday	EXODUS 13-15; 1 COR 13-14

Another way the Holy Spirit speaks to us is through dreams (Acts 2:17, Joel 2:28). The New Testament started with God giving people dreams (Matthew 1:20-21, 2:12,19-20).

Reasons the Holy Spirit speaks to us through dreams:

- 1. When we're distracted (Job 33:14-26)
- When we don't have a frame of reference or precedent of what God wants to do (Acts 10:9-20)
- 3. To prepare us for the future (Proverbs 22:3) 4. For divine direction (Acts 16:6-10)
- 5. To give us divine warning (Matthew 2:12)
- 6. To confirm or give us an assurance of something He's told us (Genesis 15:1-5, 28: 12-19.1 Kings 3:5)
- 7.As prophecy (Numbers 12:6)

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## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

More than anything else, God desires to fill your mouth and your life with His goodness and His testimonies. David wrote in Psalm 33:5, "The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD." Who did God fill the goodness of the earth for? For His children, of course.

Did not the Word of God say that "A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children?" (Proverbs 13:22). In another place, David revealed that what kept him going while he was in the midst of severe trials and long delays was the assurance that he would see the goodness of the LORD.

"I would have fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13). Are you in the midst of a trial? Does it look like you have waited for too long for the manifestation of that promise of God or your expectation? Don't lose hope. Don't faint.

Believe that you will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living, just like David did.

GOODNESS OF GOD Hermon Devotional

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Declaration: In this new week, your expectations will not be cut short or cut off. In the name above every other name, the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living, in peace and sound health. And your mouth will be filled with testimonies and your tongue with joyful shouts. Say 'Amen!'

Click this link for daily devotional (Monday - Saturday)



- Bro. Chinedu Godspower 7th
- Felix Tainu 10th
- Munachimso Okoh 15th
- Tehila Sanni-Osilowo 28th



Bro Adebisi & Sis Simsola

# **ENCOUNTERS** in HERMON

'And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony....'

(Revelation 12:11)

# HOW GOD HEALED MY MOM AFTER MONTHS OF BLEEDING

This is the third testimony of what God did for me and my family last year. This is about how God completely healed my mother after she had bled for months without any medical solution in sight.

It was 2024 when my mother started bleeding. I think it started around the middle of year (2024) or before that. I don't remember the exact date too well because I didn't take it serious. I thought it was just a minor case that will pass. Whenever I call my mum or she calls me, I'd ask about the situation. Sometimes she'll tell me the drug she is taking that was prescribed for her and how it is working. At other times, she say that the drug was not working again and she had been referred to a particular specialist hospital.

When I checked up on her again, she said she went and had seen the doctor. But the prescribed drug didn't work. She was still bleeding. The point is that no medication seemed to be working for her. This kept going on for months.

As some parents do, she did not allow us, her children, to understand seriousness and dire implications of her health condition. And all of us, being boys, were oblivious of the severity of bleeding continuously for months.

It was when she visited with her sister, my aunt, who also lives in this Lagos on the mainland that the reality of her condition became apparent to us. My aunt, upon seeing her condition, came out swinging with full force against my siblings and I. She kept calling us and insisting that we must do something drastic about my mother's health condition.

She so called us on phone that one day, my elder brother reacted angrily. He too didn't know the severity. To him, this was something our mom has been managing. Why was my aunt raising alarm?

But my aunt was insistent and I could sense the grave fear in her voice when she calls about our mom's condition. This got me scared. It was then I intensified my prayer to God. My mom is a widow and we, the children, are just starting out in life.

One faithful morning, just as I was about to resume at my work, I got a call from my aunt. This time around, she was sounding so sacred and angry at the same time that I knew that this was grave trouble. She told me of how my mom had bled all through the night. My mom literally sat in the bathroom all night because she was bleeding nonstop. It was very bad. She told me of another specialist hospital here in Lagos that they were referred to and that I should send money immediately. I was so scared and troubled that morning. I sent what I had immediately and later called my mom. When I heard her voice, my heart sank. She sounded very weak. She encouraged me not to worry that she believed that God will heal her. Throughout that day, I was praying intensely in my heart.

When they returned that day, my aunt called and give an update. She said that like other hospitals my mom had gone to, the specialist doctor didn't see anything in the scan. He referred to perform another test that was about N250,000. And if he still didn't see anything, they will have to remove her womb. This surgery should cost N1.2millon or thereabout. This cost of last year, 2024.

After hearing this report, I was just saying, "good God! What kind of wahala is this?" We barely fall sick in my house. We are not used to tests, scans, doctors and hospitals. If we ever fall sick, it is malaria fever and we just treat it and that's the end. I don't know how hospitals work and never knew that a test can cost up to N250,000. This situation was all too new and weird for me and my brothers.

When my dad was alive (he was a man of God), he used to tell us that it was the grace of God on his life that covered us so that we were never sickly and all that, but I didn't believe him. I was young and naive. I used to think that it was normal to live healthy. But now I have grown and seen how life really is, I have no iota of doubt again that my dad was very right.

So hearing of such huge amount (N250,000) just for test was a big deal for me and my elder brother. We both were worried. This was just test and it was not even a guarantee that the cause of the bleeding would be diagnosed. If it didn't work, where were we going to get N1.2million for her surgery? We were devastated by the whole thing.

But while I processed everything and thought of the money, praying for God to provide the money, I kept having this persistent nudge within to face this thing squarely by running to God. I kept hearing, "run to God na! Run to God na!"

My father used to tell us that, "if man pursues you, run to God. But don't let God pursue you because there'll be no one to run to." So like I have done my whole life, I ran to my God. He is the only solution I have known my whole life.

While I contemplated, I remembered that the next day happened to be the day of our monthly midnight prayer. So I told my mum to prepare to join to pray with us. I bought her internet so she could join and told her that I would send the link to her once the prayer started. Our monthly midnight prayer was not news to her because I had told her on several occasions about it, how wonderful and glorious it always is and how much I love it. I even wish that we pray like this every Friday of the week, not just once in a month. That's how much I love the midnight prayer. I always look forward to it. (If you recall it was during one of our midnight prayers that God delivered me from witchcraft oppression). Though as at the time, I haven't told my mum about my deliverance. I only told her a month after her healing.

I was very confident that God will heal that night. However, that night, the midnight prayer did not hold. (It was later I learnt from one of the brothers in church (Brother Caleb) that it was because it fell on Saturday, so that people would still be able to come to church on Sunday).

That night after waiting, I was ready at 11:30pm waiting for prayer to start. I kept refreshing the YouTube channel to no avail. I checked my data. It was working. When it was 12:30, I knew there must be a reason it didn't hold. I heard the voice telling me to send my mom the prayer of the previous month. So I reached out to my mom and assured her. Then I sent her the midnight prayer of the previous month. I encouraged her to pray with it and that I will see Pastor and mention her case to him.

When I came to church, I then learnt of this arrangement and Pastor also announced that we will be fasting for three days to close with Holy Communion on the 1st Wednesday. As I listened, I heard the same voice (which I now know is the voice of the Holy Spirit), telling me to get my mom to join this three days fast and Holy Communion. I agreed. I didn't see any need to meet Pastor after service that day because I recall that one of the brothers in church had once testified how he never mentioned to Pastor about his ailment but believed that as he served close to Pastor that God will heal him and God did as he believed.

My mom joined the fasting and prayer. I sent the daily prayer points to her and the link to join the congregational prayer service to close each day. She prayed them, all the prayer watches and joined in the prayer to close the fast. It seemed as if the prayer points addressed her issues.

After the close of that fasting and prayer with Holy Communion service on the 3rd day, my mom got healed. Since that day till today (and forever), she had not bled again. She got stronger and stronger and has fully recovered.

I give all the glory to God!

Testifier - Joshua Christian



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