HERMON LIFE



HERMON CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Welcome to August, the 8th month!

In the Bible, eight is the number of new beginnings. You shall experience new and better beginnings this month in the name of Jesus!

God is the One who changes times and seasons. He will change the season in your favor and cause time and chance to happen to you in the name of Jesus.

Where you failed, you will not fail again. In the places where you were rejected, you shall be sought for. What was difficult shall become easy. Abundance will swallow lack and the peace of God will flow like a river in Jesus' name!

Every day in this month will count for good and all of us shall enjoy multitude of testimonies in the name of Jesus.

Make sure you participate fully in our monthly fasting and prayer starting on Monday, August 3rd to Wednesday, August 6th.

As usual, daily prayer points shall be posted on all our social media platforms.

We shall be holding online Prayer Service by 6pm daily to close each day.

The fast ends on Wednesday with a Holy Communion Service by 6pm.

Participate fully to be a full partaker!

Our sermon series this month is 'From BURDENS to BLESSINGS'. It promises to be another time of divine encounters and visitations in the word of God. As God revealed Himself by His word in the days of Samuel at Shiloh, He will do the same this month on our midst.

Be expectant! Expectation is the mother of miracles. Your expectation shall not be cut off.

There is plenty of goodness packed in this August. You shall not miss your portion in Jesus' name!

Have a blessed week!

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Senior Pastor

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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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MID-WEEK SERVICE (ONLINE ONLY)

LET'S GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER!

SERMON SUMMARIES

SERVICE: HOW TO **OBTAIN** TRANS-**GENERATIONAL FAVOUR (Part 1)**

When God blesses us with anything, He does so not just for our benefit but also for the benefit of others. God desires continuity, and this is possible when one generation passes down what God has given them to the

However, it's possible that the favour experienced by one can stop with that person and not be passed down to his/her children. One way to ensure this never happens is MERCY. When we show mercy, we allow the favour of God to continue in our lives and in that of our generation.

What is Mercy? Mercy is simply extending kindness to one deserving punishment. There are 5 categories of

- **Sovereign Mercy:** Described as God's Mercy (Exodus 34:6). God described Himself as abounding in Mercy
- when He passed by Moses.

 Mercy that brings Salvation: (Luke 18:38). This is the category that causes men to be saved. When we pray for the salvation of souls, we must first entreat God's
- Compassionate Mercy: (Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 18:21-35): This mercy is the type we show to our fellow human beings. When the children of Israel were leaving Egypt, on their way to Canaan, some of them were weak and vulnerable and were at the rear of the procession. Then the Amalekites came and killed those who were weak and vulnerable, and this angered God. (Exodus 17:8-16, Deuteronomy 25:17-19). Because they weren't compassionate, God passed severe judgment on them.

Service by 6pm:

SERVICE: HOW TO OBTAIN TRANS-**GENERATIONAL FAVOUR (Part 2)**

- Filial Mercy: This refers to the mercy shown to a relative. Abraham showed mercy to Lot when he went to fight those who captured those who were in Sodom, and God blessed him for it (Genesis 14:14-16). Edom, who were descendants of Esau, did not show mercy to Israel as they sojourned to Egypt (Malachi 1:2-4, Amos 1:11-12). Because of this, God wiped them out from the surface of the earth. The Law of Mercy: (James 2:13): This is the
- category that tells us to show mercy to others if we want to receive God's mercy. We show mercy to others in what we say about them, think about them and in our actions towards them. Jesus also mentioned in Matthew 5:7 that the merciful are blessed because they shall obtain mercy from God.

The Israelites had a culture of being merciful. It was ingrained into the laws God gave them by God Himself. God always made provision for the poor and less privileged and even the foreigners living among them (Leviticus 19:9-10, Leviticus 23:22). Even when they harvested their crops, God commanded that they leave some for the foreigners among them to pick so that they would have something to eat (Deuteronomy 24:19-22).

There are so many blessings for being kind and merciful. One of such blessings is recorded in Psalm 41:1-10. God will reward him/her so that when he/she is in trouble, He will remember his/her kindness and show him/her mercy.

MIDWEEK SERVICE: THE DOOR THAT MERCY **OPENS**

Genuine love is not for those who love you only; it's also for those who don't. It is your responsibility to seek the good of others consistently.

If you are not merciful, you are not Blessed and you will not obtain favour from God. James 2 vs 13. Psalm 18 vs 25 - God will show Himself merciful to the merciful. You show mercy towards them when you think about them, in your service to them and also when you talk about them.

There are doors of favour that only mercy can open. We should show mercy in the way we think about people and how we speak about them in their absence. Mercy is not just about the acts of compassion we show to people; it is also in the way we think about them. Let mercy regulate your speech and conduct. - Proverbs 24 vs 11 - 12.

It is in showing mercy that we unlock the things we are seeking from God. You need to be sensitive to hear God. God will always put the object of mercy before you, and that is the door of favour you are seeking. Sow mercy first.

Click this link to listen to the full sermon





BIBLE READING

Sunday NAHUM 1-3; PSALM 42 **HABK 1-3; PSALM 43** Monday ZEPH 1-3; PSALM 44 Tuesday Wednesday HAGGAI 1-2; PSALM 45 Thursday ZECH1-3; PSALM 46 READING Friday ZECH 4-6: PSALM 47 **ZECH 7-9: PSALM 48** Saturday

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Grace is the ability of God. If you have been born again, you already possess a measure of God's grace, and it is your responsibility to nurture it. Grace can and does grow. The more you feed on the Word of God, the more you will grow in grace. The Word of God is the Word of grace. The Word of Grace does two wonderful things: it builds you up and gives you an inheritance. (Acts 20:32).

To build up means to grow or increase in strength or quantity. You will not receive the inheritance unless you grow, but you can have gifts. There is a vast difference between gifts and inheritance. You receive gifts when you have a daily supply of bread from your father's bakery. But you have received an inheritance from the day he bequeathed the bakery to you.

Gifts are ephemeral. Inheritance is a heritage. Gifts are for children, but the inheritance is reserved only for sons. (Galatians 41-2). If a child does not grow to become a son, he will have to make do with only gifts and will not inherit the family wealth, despite his father's love for him.

Just as there are some things you will not give or allow your child to do until she or he grows, there are certain things God the Father will not give you until you become a son.

THE WAY UP

Hermon Devotional

<u>Declaration:</u> You mature from a child to a son by feeding on the Word of Grace. So, in this new week and month, you will grow in grace instead of throwing tantrums and murmuring at God. You will feed on the Word of God and grow. In no time, you will qualify to receive the inheritance of sons.

Prayer: Father, as I feed on your Word, please cause me to grow up in Christ in all things. (Ephesians 4:13-15).

Click this link for daily devotional (Monday - Saturday)



Vivian Okeke

Okenne Oluchi Eunice 5th

Israel Ekhe

Favour Ossai. 17th

Mercy Nzemba. 20th

Frank Tainu. 22nd

Victoria Elaigwu.

Precious Aigbe. 29th



The Heart of the Home: A Christian Husband and Father's Role:

In today's rapidly changing world, the role of the Christian husband and father faces unique challenges. Cultural shifts, evolving family dynamics, and competing worldviews can leave many men uncertain about their biblical calling within the home. The Christian home stands as a beacon, guided by timeless biblical principles. Scripture provides clear guidance on how a born-again man should relate to his wife and children-not as a dominating ruler, but as a loving leader who mirrors Christ's sacrificial love for the church. The born-again husband and father is not merely a title but a profound responsibility to reflect Christ's love within his family.

This article delves into what it truly means to embody this role, touching on cultural nuances, the power of humility, and the transformative grace of God.

The Foundation: Dwelling with Knowledge and Honour

The Apostle Peter offers a foundational truth in 1 Peter 3:7(Amp): "In the same way, you husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way [with great gentleness and tact, and with an intelligent regard for the marriage relationship], as with someone physically weaker, since she is a woman. Show her honour and respect as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered or ineffective."

This verse is a rich tapestry of instruction, calling husbands to a deep, intentional relationship with their wives.

- "Dwell with them with understanding (according to knowledge)": This isn't just about cohabiting; it's about active, empathetic engagement. It means making a conscious effort to know your wife - her dreams, fears, joys, stresses, and unique personality. It's understanding her emotional landscape, her needs, and how she processes life. For a father, this extends to truly knowing each child individually, recognising their distinct personalities, gifts, and challenges.
- "Giving honour to the wife, as to the weaker vessel": This phrase, often misunderstood, does not imply inferiority. In a biblical context, "weaker vessel" refers to physical strength or societal vulnerability. True honour means cherishing, protecting, and valuing her as an indispensable, precious partner. It means treating her with respect, courtesy, and dignity, recognising her immense strength and unique contributions to the family.

• "As being heirs together of the grace of life": This is the great equaliser. Husbands and wives are co-heirs of God's grace, equal in standing before Him. This shared spiritual inheritance demands mutual respect and partnership, ensuring that no earthly hierarchy diminishes the spiritual equality they share.

Navigating Cultural Currents: Beyond Tradition

Peter wrote these words to believers scattered throughout the Roman Empire, where women held little legal standing and children were often viewed as property. His revolutionary message called husbands to treat their wives as equal heirs of God's grace—a radical concept for the time.

Today, while legal equality exists in many societies, the spiritual principle remains: Christian husbands are called to honour, cherish, and protect their wives as precious gifts from God.

In many traditional cultures, men are raised with the expectation of being strong, stoic providers who rarely show vulnerability or admit mistakes. Some come from homes where fathers were distant, authoritarian, or absent altogether. Others may have witnessed marriages where harsh words and prideful stubbornness were the norm. The gospel calls us to break these generational patterns and establish homes built on Christ's love.

Family orientation and background can deeply imprint mindsets about a man's role, communication patterns, and even the expression of emotion. However, biblical headship, as exemplified by Christ's relationship with the Church (Ephesians 5:25), is servant leadership. It's about taking responsibility, sacrificing for the well-being of the family, and leading with love, not dominance. This often means challenging ingrained cultural norms that might suggest men shouldn't show vulnerability, express deep emotions, or admit fault.

The Husband's Heart: Love That Leads: A Reflection of Christ's Love

The Christian husband is called to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her (Ephesians 5:25). This is a sacrificial, unconditional, and transformative love that manifests in daily interactions:

- Respect: This means valuing her opinions, listening actively without interrupting, and making decisions collaboratively where appropriate. It's seen when a husband, even after a long day, genuinely asks his wife about her day and truly listens to her response, rather than just waiting for his turn to speak.
- Compassion & Mercy: Life brings challenges. A compassionate husband empathises with his wife's struggles, offers comfort, and extends forgiveness. If his wife is overwhelmed with household chores and childcare, a compassionate husband doesn't wait to be asked; he steps in, takes the children for a while, or helps with dinner, recognising her burden and offering mercyin her weariness.
- Courtesy: These are the small, consistent acts of kindness that build affection. Opening doors, offering to carry heavy items, remembering special dates, or simply saying "please," "I'm sorry," and "thank you" - these acts of courtesy affirm her value daily.

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August 2025 Sermon Series



Thanksgiving Service | Sunday, Aug. 3rd



Prayer Service (6pm) daily

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