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THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD

LUKE 4:19; ISAIAH 49:8



Beloved,

John Wesley once said, "it is more important that men know how to pray as they are educated."

This may sound to you like the talk of a religious fanatic until you realize that every good and perfect gift from God comes to the earth through the channel of travelling prayer.

Prayer is one of the highest expressions of man's dependence on God. For even God, Himself, limited His participation and intervention in human affairs unless He is invited by man's prayer. God does nothing without our prayer. When we pray, God moves. When we don't, He won't.

You can now appreciate John Wesley's quote. He was a great revivalist and the founder of the Methodist church.

The kind of prayer that brings the things of God to the earth is what we refer to as travelling prayer.

The travail is likened to the agony and pain a pregnant woman goes through as she brings forth her child. If we do not travail like that, it is not possible that we can bring forth the great things of God to the earth.

We do not only travail in prayers to bring forth on the earth, but we also travail to prevail. Travailing prayer is prevailing prayer. It prevails over the most hopeless situation and snatches victory when defeat is certain.

This sermon series is an empowerment series. God is not only equipping us, but He is also empowering us.

These are not the sermons you just listen to and mark off. No! You listen to them again and again until the word becomes flesh in you and you are imparted by the Spirit of the word.

My utmost desire and prayer for you is that you do not make light of this season of divine visitations. Stir up yourself and take hold of all God is pouring out. May you be counted among the partakers in Jesus' name!

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Don't do life alone....

God sets the lonely person in
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be lost in the crowd.

We want to know you better and
make you feel and be a valued
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MID-WEEK SERVICE (ONLINE ONLY)

SERMON SUMMARIES

1ST SERVICE: HOW TO CONCEIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD (Part 1)

When a woman conceives, it takes time, but giving birth can happen quickly—often within a day. Similarly, we can birth great things in a short time, but to do so, we must first travail in the place of prayer.

The Importance of Travailing Prayer

Travailing in prayer is like a woman experiencing labour pains. It's intense, agonising, and serious—not casual or easy.

Conception Before Birth

Just as physical conception must happen before birth, spiritual conception must happen before manifestation. The seed is the Word of God, and the soil is our heart (Luke 8:11, Proverbs 28:9). Everything God will give us is first given as a seed (Psalm 107:20)—a specific word spoken to us.

How Do We Know We Have the Seed of the Word?

1. The Word quickens us and gives life (John 6:63).
2. The Word enlightens us (John 8:12; John 11:9-10).
3. The Word births something within us (Isaiah 55:10-11).

What Does the Word Birth in Us?

- Peace
- Purpose
- Power—the ability to make what we have received possible.

Key Principles About God's Word

1. God's Word quickens (makes alive), but it is our responsibility to keep it alive within us.
2. Every purpose of God culminates in His glory, not shame.
3. The quickened Word brings about possibilities.

2ND SERVICE: HOW TO CONCEIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD (Part 2)

Sources of Seed (John 1:11-13)

- Blood: representing natural circumstances.
- Will of the Flesh: representing carnal considerations.
- Will of Man: human plans and calculations.
- While planning is essential, we must always make space for God's intervention.

How Does the Word Grow in Our Hearts?

- Through meditation.
- By praying about it—if we don't pray about it, it's not a priority.
- By singing about it.
- By speaking about it.

Additional Scriptural Insights

- We should never pray without the seed of God's Word; every need has a seed in the Word (1 Peter 1:23, Isaiah 55:10).
- The Word of God reproduces (Job 14:7-9).
- It is dangerous to act without God's light (Ruth 1).
- Prayer is the birth canal for God's movement and blessings (1 Kings 18:41-46).
- Travailing prayer brings supernatural speed.
- The seed is always good; it is our responsibility to prepare our hearts (Proverbs 16:1).
- God's Word grants us authority over what it covers (Mark 4:26-28).
- Blessings gravitate toward those aligned with God's Word—God's Word is like a magnet.
- Seeds only thrive in suitable soil. God sends the seed; it is our responsibility to nurture it (Ecclesiastes 11:3, 5-6; Revelation 12:1-5).

MIDWEEK SERVICE: HUNDREDFOLD: GOING FROM SEED TO HARVEST (Acts 8:4-24)

Two scenarios that happen when we travail in prayer without seed: we labour in vain or bring forth for trouble. When the Word of God meets the soil of our heart, then there is conception.

3 Stages God's Word Must Go Through

1. Excitement Stage: The initial joy and excitement when the Word is first received (Acts 8:6, 8; Luke 8:13). This is not enough to remain in.
2. Engrafted Stage: The Word begins to take root, correcting and addressing carnality in our lives (James 1:21; Acts 8:18-24; Mark 4:19). Many remain here, but true growth requires allowing God's Word to transform us.
3. Abiding Stage: The Word abides in us, producing much fruit (John 15:1-5; Matthew 13:8, 23). This stage happens when we are disciplined and committed to meditating on God's Word daily.

The Sent Word is specific to a person, situation and timeframe. Any Word of God that does not convict you can never convert you. If it does not discipline or disciple, you can never have dominion. And, if it does not correct you, it will not put the crown of royalty on your head or life.

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL

During His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus had tremendous results because of the way He started His day. "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place, and there He prayed" (Mark 1:35).

The Lord Jesus sought God in prayer very early in the morning. During this power hour, He received instructions from God the Father and settled the day.

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son does in like manner" (John 5:19). What God showed Him in the place of prayer in the morning, He did during the day. No wonder He always had supernatural results.

If you intend to make the most of your day and life, you must learn to seek God early in the morning. In this place of prayer and fellowship, you will receive your manna from heaven (that is, divine direction, illumination or whatever your need of manna may be). Just as He sent manna with the early morning dew to the children of Israel in the wilderness (Exodus 16), God still sends manna to those who seek Him early.

Word: Do not give the excuse of a busy schedule. You make time for whatever is important to you. Reorganise your day and life to be an early riser and seeker of God. Have a schedule. Start small and scale it as you progress. The key is to be consistent. God keeps appointments. Host Him daily and watch how you will rise higher and higher in life.

THE POWER HOUR
by
Hermon Devotional
PASTOR JINAE MEKA IKEMEFUNA
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Prayer: Father, grant me the grace to be an early riser and diligent seeker of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

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BIBLE READING

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	JEREMIAH 4-6; PSALM 91
Monday	JEREMIAH 7-9; PSALM 92
Tuesday	JEREMIAH 10-12; PSALM 93
Wednesday	JEREMIAH 13-15; PSALM 94
Thursday	JEREMIAH 16-18; PSALM 95
Friday	JEREMIAH 19-21; PSALM 96
Saturday	JEREMIAH 22-24; PSALM 97

SEPTEMBER

Birthday Celebrants

- Blessing Egoma 15th
- Victor Agbara. 20th
- Daniel Adeyemo 29th
- Adebisi Agbolade 30th



Raising Kingdom Kids: The Role of Christian Children in Today's World

(Continued from last week):

A Helping Hand: The Role of Work: Chores, Responsibility, Character, and Calling

The Bible presents work as inherently good—part of how humans reflect God's image as creators and stewards. Christian children should learn that work isn't punishment for sin but participation in God's ongoing care for His creation.

Chores as Character Formation

The biblical principle of diligence is woven throughout scripture. While the Bible may not mention a specific 'chore list,' it speaks to the importance of contributing to the well-being of the community and household. Proverbs 14:23 reminds us, "All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."

Chores are more than just tasks; they are training grounds for discipline, responsibility, and teamwork. By contributing to the home, you learn that every family member plays a vital role. In many family structures, children are expected to contribute to household tasks.

However, a Christian child goes beyond mere obligation and does it with a joyful heart, knowing they are serving their family. When children participate in family work, they learn the values of servanthood, responsibility, and the satisfaction that comes from contributing to others' welfare. This prepares them for a life of purpose and stewardship.

Colossians 3:23 instructs, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." Children who learn to approach even mundane tasks with this attitude develop character that will serve them throughout life.

Age-Appropriate Expectations

Different developmental stages require different approaches to responsibility. Young children can sort socks and put away toys, learning basic principles of order and contribution. Older children can take on more complex tasks that require planning and consistency. The goal isn't perfect performance but character development through faithful service.

Work as Worship

Christian children should learn that all legitimate work can be worship when done with proper heart attitudes. Whether cleaning their room, helping with dinner, or completing homework, they can offer their efforts to God as acts of worship and obedience.

Discipline: Biblical Correction and Grace

No one likes to be disciplined, but from a Christian perspective, discipline is a powerful expression of love. Hebrews 12:6 says, "Because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Biblical discipline aims at restoration, not merely punishment. Christian parents must learn to discipline as God disciplines His children—with love, consistency, and ultimate hope for growth and maturity.

- **Punishment:** This is not about anger or cruelty; it's about correction and teaching. When a parent sets a consequence for a wrong action, they are helping you learn to make right choices and understand that actions have consequences. This mirrors God's fatherly discipline, which is designed to guide us toward righteousness.

The Heart Behind Behaviour

Effective Christian discipline addresses heart issues, not just external behaviour. A child who stops hitting siblings because they fear punishment has learned compliance, but not necessarily love. Parents must help children understand how their actions affect others and how they can better reflect Christ's love in their relationships.

Natural Consequences and Learning

Sometimes the most effective teaching comes through natural consequences. When children experience the results of their choices in age-appropriate ways, they learn responsibility and wisdom. A parent's role is to help children process these experiences and extract biblical principles for future application.

Forgiveness and Restoration

Christian discipline must always include pathways to forgiveness and restoration. Children need to learn not only that sin has consequences but that God's grace provides opportunity for fresh starts. This balance between truth and grace models the gospel and prepares children for a lifelong relationship with God.

Rewards: Celebrating Growth and Achievement

While children shouldn't be motivated solely by external rewards, appropriate recognition of growth and achievement can reinforce positive character development and biblical values. A reward for a job well done is not just a bonus; it's an affirmation of your effort and a motivator. It reinforces positive behaviour and shows that diligence is valued. In the same way, God promises to reward our faithfulness.

To be continued next week...



September 2025 Sermon Series



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