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THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD

LUKE 4:19; ISAIAH 49:8



Blessings in the name of Jesus!

You are marching on to your high places on earth in the name of Jesus!

Every child of God is meant for the top. It is written in Deuteronomy 28:13 - 'And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be **above only**...'

But you have to see yourself there (right at the top and above only) as God had said if this will be your reality. This is the reason we have embarked on this sermon series on faith. We are talking about the God-kind of faith, not just any kind of faith.

Faith is powerful and profitable. It will always end in good reports. If it is not a good report, it is either not faith or has not ended.

Many are struggling with having or exercising faith. It is because they have not understood or mastered the basics of faith. If you will faithfully follow this sermon series, your mastery of faith will be evident to all. Do all you can to heed what you hear. Your profiting will appear to all.

Our monthly fast last week went very well, to the glory of God. As we have fasted and prayed, we shall testify in Jesus' name.

The Singles' Corner continues with how to choose a spouse. It's on the back page. ENCOUNTERS IN HERMON features a powerful testimony and lesson on obedience.

This shall be a great and glorious week in Jesus' name.

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LET'S GET TO
KNOW YOU
BETTER!

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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SERMON SUMMARY: RECEIVING YOUR DESIRES

The Bible teaches that "The just shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). Faith is central to our relationship with God, but for faith to work, it must begin with a desire, not just a casual wish. A desire is a deep, intense longing, while a wish is merely a fleeting want. God is not committed to granting our wishes but responds to our genuine desires.

When we struggle to have faith, it may be because we haven't fully repented from dead works (Hebrews 6:1). Dead works are actions or efforts God disapproves of. They may appear good outwardly but are meaningless without God's endorsement. Continuing in dead works makes it difficult to have faith in God; without faith, we cannot please Him (Hebrews 11:6).

A clear example of dead works is when Abraham had a child with Hagar, Sarah's maid (Genesis 16:1-12). While it seemed logical then, it was not God's plan and ultimately caused problems later. This shows that not all desires are good. The Bible reminds us that "The heart of man is desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9), so God will not grant desires that go against His will.

Aligning Our Desires with God's Will

How can we ensure our desires align with God's will? The answer lies in abiding in Him and allowing His Word to abide in us (John 15:7; Psalm 37:4). When we stay connected to God through His Word, our desires are transformed to reflect His will. At that point, whatever we ask in His name will be granted because it aligns with His purpose.

Desire Fuels Faith

Faith cannot exist without desire. If you don't truly desire something, you won't have the faith to pursue it. The proof of desire is pursuit—if you're unwilling to pursue something, it was never truly a desire. Genuine desire requires commitment and a willingness to pay the price for what you long for.

Take the example of the woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48). Her strong desire for healing drove her to press through the crowd in faith just to touch the hem of Jesus' garment—and she received her healing. Without such a strong desire, her faith would not have worked.

A Made-Up Mind

God cannot use us until we make up our minds. For instance, God had to convince Moses and wait for him to commit before He could use him to deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-22). A made-up mind demonstrates readiness for God's purpose.

Transforming Desires from Evil to Good

Our desires must shift from evil—things that lead to destruction—to what is good, which aligns with God's will. When we are born again, God removes our stony hearts and gives us a heart of flesh that are sensitive and receptive to His Word and His will (Ezekiel 36:26). This transformation allows us to desire what pleases Him.

However, once God gives us this new heart, we must nourish it with His Word. The extent to which we feed our hearts with Scripture determines how aligned our desires will be with God's will—and how much we'll see those desires fulfilled.

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Before them was the vast Red Sea, and behind them was the furious Pharaoh with his army, their erstwhile masters. There was no way, humanly speaking, they could escape or be delivered. It was a frightening and chaotic scene. The people trembled with great fear.

Then came the strangest of commands, "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will show you today: for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall see them again no more forever. The LORD shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." (Exodus 14:13-14).

Did it happen as was told? Definitely, it did. As the children of Israel obeyed those commands, God fought for them and did as He said He would do.

Are you in a situation like the children of Israel were? God is saying to you, "Fear not! Stand still in faith." He will deliver you.

GOD WILL SHOW UP
by
Hermon Devotional
PASTOR NNAEMEKA IKEMFUNA
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BIBLE READING

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	LEVITICUS 19-21; ROM 15-16
Monday	LEVITICUS 22-24; HEB 1-2
Tuesday	LEVITICUS 25-27; HEB 3-4
Wednesday	NUMBERS 1-3; HEB 5-6
Thursday	NUMBERS 4-6; HEB 7-8
Friday	NUMBERS 7-9; HEB 9-10
Saturday	NUMBERS 10-12; HEB 11-13

March
Celebrants
Happy
Birthday

- Agharia Best. 9th
- Jovanni Iyase 10th
- Eagle Okolo 18th
- Patience Edet 30th

ENCOUNTERS in HERMON

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

(Revelation 12:11)

HOW COMPLETE OBEDIENCE LED TO MARRIAGE AND BREAKTHROUGHS

I am sharing this testimony to thank God for making me not to miss it in my marital destiny. And I also have a strong feeling that someone might need this too.

During an event in HERMON held at Omu Resort, sometime in the year 2021, (I was still new in church then), I met privately with Pastor to seek his counsel on a particular relationship I was involved in. While I was still telling Pastor about the lady I was in a relationship with, he just interrupted me and said that the lady cannot be my wife. He then prophesied that at the appointed time, I will meet my wife in a particular way and it sounded absurd to me. I felt disappointed, sad and frustrated.

I was like, "why can't Pastor agree with me to marry who I like?" I even went as far as calling a family meeting to express my displeasure and to give a notice that I may stop coming to HERMON. After all that, I didn't heed to what Pastor said. I despised it and I continued doing my own things the way I liked. I constantly suffered losses in all my relationships I had after that. None of them worked.

Fast forward to last year, September 2024, because it was my 40th birthday, I repented and humbled myself. On my birthday, I went to Pastor first thing in the morning of my birthday for him to pray for me, having booked an appointment earlier. And he prayed for me with all of his heart that day. Few weeks after Pastor prayed for me, I met my wife exactly the way he told me I would meet my wife in year 2021, which I despised then.

To prove that Pastor was truly sent to me from God and to confirm his word as God's servant, I had nothing before I met my wife. But immediately I met her as prophesied, doors started opening to me. Now I am married to a child of prophecy. It can only be God, to Him be all the glory forever. Hallelujah! - **Brother Adebisi Agbolade**



After salvation, the next important factor for good success in life is the choice of your marriage partner. It may even determine if your salvation will be kept. It is so important that it is not a decision you make casually or without adequate counsel and godly guidance.

Today, we look at the second principle for choosing a marriage partner - character.

Principle 2 - Character

The second principle is character. If anyone claims to be a believer but lacks the character, that claim is false. It is by character that we know who is who. Character is like the fruit of a tree. We don't really know what a tree is except by its fruit, so is a person.

The Lord Jesus said that it is by their fruit that you know them. (Matthew 12:33). If a person is not bearing the fruit of Christ, he or she is not a believer. After you confess Christ, show us that you truly believe by your actions and behavior. You can't be steeped in all kinds of sin and lawlessness and still claim to be a believer.

Character is fundamental to the marriage covenant. It is what will sustain and nourish a marriage after passion fizzles out. Passion is, "I love you, I love you." But character is durable and constant after passion fades.

Watch to see the character of the person you intend to marry because that is what you will live it. If they lie to others, don't think they won't do that to you. Don't ever think that you are special. If they are unwilling to change and work to develop their character, run. If they are Christ's, they will produce the fruit of Christ. A mango tree cannot bear an orange.

Don't neglect or ignore this. You will pay for it.

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