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Hello!

The month of August ends this week. What a month it has been!

The word of the LORD declares that better is the end of a thing than its beginning. So we are ending this month better than how we started it - better in the Spirit, in the faith, in our health, in our minds, in our emotions, etc.

You need to expect and declare these words with your mouth because what you expect will be what you will experience.

The Lord Jesus is the great High Priest of our confession - what we say. If we say nothing, He has nothing to offer to God. So say it loud and with conviction, as long as it is according to the word of God and it shall be so.

If you have been following this current sermon series, it is inevitable that your burdens have now become blessings. It is not possible to remain the same if you are following it.

God has burdens. There are things He needs to accomplish on earth and He needs someone on earth to do them. It is as we pick up His burdens that we enjoy dominion. Dominion is a result of taking responsibility to take care of the burdens of God on this earth.

Don't just ask God to meet your needs alone. Seek to know His burdens and volunteer to bear them. No one who prayed or lived like this remained poor, sick or obscure. Hannah saw that God needed a priest and asked for a baby boy. She gave birth to Samuel after years of barrenness. By carrying God's burden, she conquered barrenness.

Simon Peter offered His boat to the Lord Jesus to use as a platform to preach. From not catching any single fish in a whole night of fishing, he caught a net full of fish that two boats were filled and were sinking by the weight of fish.

May this be our portion and testimonies from henceforth in the name of Jesus!

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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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MID-WEEK SERVICE (ONLINE ONLY)

SERMON SUMMARIES

1ST SERVICE: THE POWER OF HUMILITY (Part 1)

The deepest need of both our minds and emotions is to enter into rest — a rest found in the peace of God. This peace cannot be bought or earned. Philippians 4:6-7 teaches us not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, through prayer and thanksgiving, to present our requests to God. When we do this, the peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Without God's peace, troubled thoughts and anxiety flood our lives.

Equally vital to the soul is the hope of God—hope being the confident expectation that the future holds something better than the present. Romans 8:24 reminds us that we are saved by hope, and Hebrews 6:19 calls hope the “anchor of the soul,” keeping us steady amid life's storms.

In Matthew 11:29, Jesus invites us to take His yoke—a symbol of submission and partnership—meaning that where Jesus leads, we follow. His yoke binds us to Him, and He describes Himself as meek and lowly in heart. In Him alone we find rest for our souls. Jesus' yoke represents humility.

Two Key Qualities of Humility:

Meekness (Teachability): Meekness means being approachable, willing to learn and open to God's guidance. (Psalm 25:9; Psalm 37:11; Matthew 5:5).

Lowliness of Heart: This means rejecting entitlement and pride—being the opposite of haughty. Haughtiness is looking down on others with a sense of superiority. (James 4:6; Psalm 10:4). The proud are those who do not seek God. Humility acknowledges God in all our ways—our successes, blessings, and promotions.

2ND SERVICE: THE POWER OF HUMILITY (Part 2)

Seven Ways Pride Manifests in Our Lives:

- **In our thoughts:** Prideful thoughts result having high opinion of ourselves (Proverbs 16:18-19)
- **In our words:** When making plans, we should say, “If the Lord wills” (James 4:13-15; Daniel 4:20-31).
- **In our attitudes:** Approaching God's work carelessly or without sincerity invites a curse. (Jeremiah 48:10).
- **In our looks:** Pride as a detestable attitude. (Proverbs 6:16-17).
- **In our actions:** Refusing to serve others is an act of pride (Luke 22:37; John 6:12).
- **In our expectations:** Naaman's pride caused him to expect healing in his own way rather than God's way (2 Kings 5:9-11).
- **In our responses:** How we respond to God's Word reveals pride or humility (Numbers 16:1-12; James 1:20-21).

Two Ways Jesus Taught Us to Be Humble:

Be Servants: (Luke 22:26; Philippians 2:5-11): Servanthood requires training, and training requires meekness. A servant is patient and obedient, completing what the Master assigns without selecting tasks.

Have the Mind of a Little Child: (Matthew 18:3; Psalm 131:1-2; Ephesians 5:1; Mark 10:13-16; John 3:3; Psalm 113:3-6): A childlike heart is trusting, dependent, and free from pride or scepticism. Jesus invites us to approach Him with this humility to inherit His kingdom.

MIDWEEK SERVICE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER GOD'S MIGHTY HAND?

As Christians, we are called to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God so that He may exalt us in due time. Humbling ourselves is an intentional choice, an act of the will, similar to accepting God's yoke (Matthew 11:29). A humble person adopts a servant's mindset, as Jesus did (Philippians 2:5-11), and the simplicity and trust of a child (Matthew 18:3).

Humbling ourselves under God's mighty hand involves three key aspects:

- 1. Submitting to God's Will:** (Ephesians 1:9-11)
 - Pursuit and Discovery: (Matthew 26:37-44, Psalm 9:17, Isaiah 45:15; Proverbs 25:2).
 - Embracing God's Will:
 - Obedience to the End:
- 2. Submitting to God's Timing:** (Ecclesiastes 3:1; John 11:1-6, Ecclesiastes 3:1, Isaiah 28:16).
- 3. Submitting to God's Ways:** (Isaiah 55:8-9, Genesis 16:1-11). God's ways are higher and different from ours. Humility means accepting His path and methods—even when we don't fully understand them.

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Except for Joshua and Caleb, the entire generation of Israel did not enter the land of promise (Numbers 14:30).

It was not God's inability or unwillingness that hindered them from entering the land of promise, but rather their own mindset.

God had delivered them from the slavery of Egypt with a mighty hand, yet they still thought like slaves (Numbers 13:4-6), saw themselves as grasshoppers (Numbers 13:33) and could not be persuaded. (Hebrews 3:16-19).

Taking people out of Egypt is a small task compared to taking Egypt out of people. Having a different spirit is the key to removing Egypt from within. God testified that Joshua and Caleb had a different spirit (Numbers 14:24).

Word: A different spirit only comes when the Word of God renews your mind. (Romans 12:1-2). As this happens, you will see things in a different light. Where others see obstacles, you will see opportunities. (Numbers 14:6-9) When others say there is a casting down, you will declare that there is a lifting. (Job 22:29).

Prayer: Father, let me be transformed as your Word renews my mind in Jesus' name. Amen. (Romans 12:1-2).

[Click this link for daily devotional \(Monday - Saturday\).](#)

BIBLE READING

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	EZEKIEL 34-36; PSALM 63
Monday	EZEKIEL 37-39; PSALM 64
Tuesday	EZEKIEL 40-42; PSALM 65
Wednesday	EZEKIEL 43-45; PSALM 66
Thursday	EZEKIEL 46-48; PSALM 67
Friday	ISAIAH 1-3; PSALM 68
Saturday	ISAIAH 4-6; PSALM 69

AUGUST Birthday Celebrants

- Vivian Okeke 2nd
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- Mercy Nzemba. 20th
- Frank Tainu. 22nd
- Victoria Elaigwu. 28th
- Precious Aigbe. 29th



The Heartbeat of the Home: Called to Nurture, Serve and Shine (2)

(Continued from last week):

Patience, Kindness, and Loyalty: The Long View

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 describes love as patient and kind, not easily angered, keeping no record of wrongs. For women in long-term relationships—whether marriage, motherhood, or other commitments—these qualities are essential.

Practical Application:

- Choose daily forgiveness over harboring resentment
- Look for ways to bless rather than criticize
- Remember that character growth takes time
- Invest in relationships through difficult seasons
- Model unconditional love that points to Christ's love

Loyalty in Modern Context

Loyalty doesn't mean blind support of wrong behavior, but rather:

- Commitment to relationships through difficulties
- Refusing to undermine your spouse publicly
- Supporting family members while encouraging growth
- Standing by biblical principles even when difficult
- Demonstrating faithfulness that reflects God's faithfulness

The Mindsets of a Modern Christian Woman: Humility and Authenticity

Just as men face challenges in their roles, women must also contend with certain mindsets that can hinder a healthy home.

The Challenge of Apologizing

Many women struggle with apologising either too much (taking responsibility for everything) or too little (pride preventing acknowledgement of wrongs). However, a sincere apology is not a sign of weakness; it is a sign of spiritual maturity and strength. It models humility for your children and demonstrates that relationships are more important than being right.

Healthy apologizing involves:

- Taking responsibility for actual wrongs
- Making specific rather than vague apologies
- Changing behavior, not just expressing regret
- Forgiving yourself after genuine repentance
- Having a determination not to repeat the wrong

The Temptation of Manipulation and Playing the Victim:

Some women, feeling powerless in direct communication and resort to manipulation to get their way. This is rooted in a desire for control rather than a trust in God's divine order and the strength He provides. The concept of being the "weaker vessel" from 1 Peter 3:7 is not a license to play the victim to gain an advantage. It is a call for the husband to protect and cherish his wife. A strong Christian woman faces conflict with honesty and directness, not by resorting to manipulative games. This might include:

- Using tears or Emotional manipulation ("If you loved me, you would...")
- Guilt
- Passive-aggressive behavior
- Using children to pressure a spouse
- Withholding affection as punishment

Scripture Response: Ephesians 4:15 calls us to "speak the truth in love." God values honesty and direct communication. Manipulation ultimately damages relationships and teaches children unhealthy patterns.

Better Approach: Learn to express needs and concerns directly, respectfully, and clearly. Trust God with the outcome rather than trying to control others through manipulation.

Healthy Understanding of Weakness:

- Physical differences don't imply inferiority
- Vulnerability can be a strength when it leads to dependence on God
- Weakness in one area doesn't negate strength in others
- God's power is perfected in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)

The Poison of Domestic Strife: Its Impact on the Home

The Christian home is meant to be a place of joy, peace, and happiness. When this is replaced by conflict, the entire family suffers. God does not call any woman to endure abuse. Violence shatters peace, harms children emotionally, and distorts the picture of Christ and the Church. If a woman is unsafe, seeking help—pastoral, legal, and professional—is both wise and necessary. "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9).

Addressing Domestic Violence: Domestic violence is a grave sin that has no place in Christian marriage. Any form of violence—physical, verbal, emotional, or psychological—is a direct contradiction to the love and respect God commands. It is a sin that leaves deep, lasting scars on the wife and children.

On the Wife: Violence crushes a woman's spirit, destroys her sense of security, and can lead to severe physical and psychological trauma. The home ceases to be a safe haven and becomes a place of constant fear.

On the Children: Children who witness or experience violence suffer immense emotional distress. They may struggle with fear, anxiety, depression, and behavioural issues. They learn that violence is a normal part of relationships, which can perpetuate a harmful cycle. This reality stands in direct opposition to God's desire for our homes to be filled with peace.

Remember that leaving an abusive situation is not failing in your submission—it's protecting the life God has given you. God grieves over abuse and stands with the oppressed (Psalm 82:3-4)

The church is a safe place where women can seek help without judgment or being pressured to "just pray harder" or "submit more." True godly leadership protects and cherishes; anything else is a counterfeit.

To be continued next week...



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