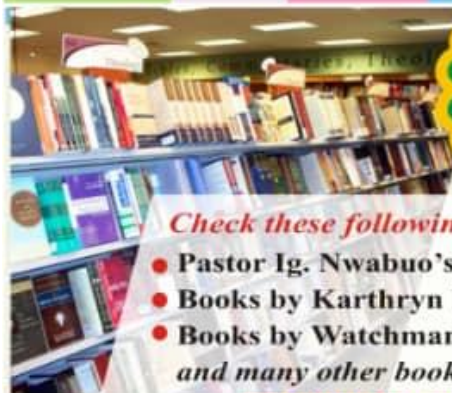


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# Editorial

**T**he life we live in is a passage, when we come to this understanding, we would live right. Everyone who begins a transit would never settle for anything until the destination is reached. Any one that settles on the way would be termed as a "lost person".

This edition gives us an insight of what to expect while on transit to our destination as we must pass through a path called "the

wilderness". The wilderness experience is a must as it is the only way to the Promised Land. In preparation for our glorious end, we must be ready to go through the wilderness experience by the grace of our Lord who awaits us at the stand of victory.

Hope is all we see, the glorious end awaits all pilgrim, that have held their faith even through their wilderness. I pray for grace to be able to go through this phase and come out with a glorious end in the day of jubilation in Jesus name. Amen.

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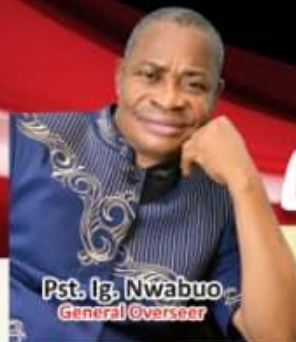
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# THE PILGRIMS GLORIOUS END

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**Y**ou may have been thinking, is there not going to be an end to this wilderness experience? Yes there will be and it is going to be glorious. When you enter that glory, your pains and sorrows will be swallowed up in victory. Elijah by the threat of Jezebel refused to be comforted and he prayed God to kill him stating that he is not better than his fathers. Yes, wilderness experience is not fun. The God who you serve at those times will never forsake you. Consider Elijah, God did not kill him because he knew Elijah was in pains. He only took him gloriously in his time. Beloveth, God will one day honour you, He will not allow you to die a shameful death, no not in the hand of your enemies.

Some of you ask, what have I done that the devil is attacking me, what have I done to this man/woman that he/she is after me. See, you don't need to do anything to the devil before he begins to attack you. The battle did not start today, it started in heaven and God's angels fought with Lucifer and prevailed. As long as you are God's own, you are an

enemy. Where ever the devil sees you, he is ready to fight you. I wish to announce to you that though you are troubled, your end will be in glory. Consider what Jesus suffered. How he fasted, prayed to the extend that his sweat was like tick blood droppings, how He took your pains to the cross and suffered unto death. But, he rose from the dead as the king of glory. Your end is what matters. It is not how far but how well. See how the cross produced the crown from the grave, He rose to glory. (see Isah. 25:8-9; I Cor. 15:45-58).

After darkness comes light, after night comes the morning, after weeping comes Joy. Ps. 30:5,11 says weeping may endure through the night but joy comes in the morning you have been in this journey, though your sorrowful moments are more than your joyful moment but the Lord says, it won't be long all your sorrow will be turned to joy. After here in heaven, there will be no more pains, shame, reproach and lack (see Isah. 35:8-10). The redeemed of the Lord shall return gloriously. They shall come to Zion with songs.

Do you know that the only reason God created us is to show forth his praise; not just to marry, build houses, become leader, and become rich. Those Isaiah 43:21 are secondary. Unfortunately, so many spend time complaining, if you listen to them you will discover they lament because of their base desires not met. They turn away from God their maker and decide not to declare His praise because they till that He is not faithful to them.

The Lord is the one who has the key of life and death. He has the key of hell in his hand. Rev. 1:18. If the son of man should set you free, you are free indeed, when you receive his salvation, you are hopeful. Though you suffer some deprivations, you will eventually end well. Joseph served God and God honoured him at the end. Moses walked with God, even though he offended God along the line, he repented and so



God blessed him with eternal life. Moses and Elijah were honoured. That was why we saw them with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. Job was righteous throughout his generation. That did not stop God from trying him nor the devil from tempting him. He lost all but held God tightly. And at the end God restored and honoured him. Before that man Job did not charge God foolishly because of what he was passing through but rather counted himself as unworthy. In all that he suffered he believed that his redeemer lives. Are you suffering so much now, is the wilderness experience becoming too long? Hold God tight and never murmur against God, come to think of it, He owns you and has right to do with you whatever He wills. If you humbly serve God, you will end gloriously Job suffered but ended well. I pray for you, irrespective of the troubles that threatens your salvation, you will end gloriously. You will not lose the best. You will not die in that condition I mean you will see the end of those ugly situations, they will not see your end. The God that restored Job will restore your enemies or before your time. You will serve God well and die at your full ripe age in Jesus name. Job 42:5-6, 10-17. Oh what a glorious end of this pilgrim he finished well Heb 11:13,32-39.

Peter in 2 Pet. 1:14-15 predicted his end. Paul in 2 Tim. 4:6-8. Also told us of his glorious end. They were so sure of their awaiting glorious end because the spirit of God in them bore witness that they were sons of God. Stephen in Act 7:54-66 also saw his glorious end while they stoned him to death, he died smiling because he saw heaven opened to receive him. We must be sure of where we are going to. If not heaven, we should quickly make a u-turn, by abstaining from fleshly lust that corrupt our souls (1 Pet. 2:9-11). Heb. 12:2 says looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. He is our role model. Do not emulate evil doers even if they are pastors. So long they are not of heaven, they will finally hear depart, you worker of iniquity for I know you not, in Matt. 7:13-14, Christ admonished us to enter in at the strait gate for wide is the gate and broad is the way that lead to destruction and many there be which go in there at. Few, only a few finds the strait gate and the narrow way that lead to eternal life.

Some of us are careless. People trace this church to hear what you are hearing but you that are here

are playing with the gospel. Remember the five foolish virgins, they were with the otherwise virgins when the Lord came but they did not go with the Lord. Be Careful, let him that thinks he standeth take heed lest he fall. If you are strong remember you are not stronger than Samson that Delilah pulled down. If you are wise, you are not wiser than Solomon. David was a man after God heart but Besheba seduced him. If you serve the devil now, I assure you, he will reward you with hell fire. If you serve God he will reward you with eternal life. The scripture says, God is not unrighteous to forget your labour of love. Heb. 6:10. In that you ministered and do minister, through faith and patience shall you obtain the promise. Do not give up. May you never stop on the way, until you reach your home. Over there you will never remember your sufferings because your Lord will wipe your tears from your eyes. Paul passed through so much troubles but hear his testimony. I have fought a good fight of faith and finished it, there is now laid for me a crown of life. You must fight a good fight of faith now that you can because it will not be long, it will all be over. My prayer is that at the end we will all meet at the master's feet and evermore to stay.



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## Holiness PLATFORM

# IT IS TRADE BY BARTER



*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; that which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it". Matt. 13:44-46.*

I was thought that in time of old the means of exchange was trade by barter i.e. to exchange goods with goods or commodity with commodity. Meaning the kingdom of God is more of give and take. In ancient times, it was not uncommon to hide treasure in the ground since there were no organized banks. The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl teaches two things.

- (1) The kingdom is a priceless treasure that is to be valued and desired above every other.
- (2) People who become part of God's heavenly kingdom must be willing to give up EVERYTHING that could HINDER their relationship with God or prevent them from accomplishing His purpose for them. Jesus in no way suggests that we can earn a place in His Kingdom with money or good works. He is telling us that the kingdom MUST be our absolute highest priority. "Selling all means that we must transfer our whole heart from other interest to the one supreme interest; that is Christ, we must be willing to put aside everything else in order to serve Him, in order to achieve this, there must be a call for consecration.

"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your

bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of our mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God". Rom. 12:1-2. Jesus' followers must possess a strong passion to honor Him in every aspect of life. Out of gratitude to God for His mercy and salvation, we should be completely, devoted to loving Him, living by His standards and serving His purposes for our lives. Our goal should be to show God's holiness i.e. moral purity, spiritual wholeness, separation from evil and complete dedication to God in all we do. This requires separation from the patterns and practices of the world so we can pursue a deeper relationship with God. As we consider His sacrifice for us, offering ourselves to Him as "living sacrifices" good and pleasing as our spiritual act of worship, we must offer our bodies to God as dead to sin and alive to God and as the temple of the Holy Spirit. We must realize that true godly worship involves a lifestyle that brings honor to Christ in words and action. It is not necessarily a great sacrifice. Worship becomes a true sacrifice when we take it to the outside world of the church by living in a way that truly honors, exalts and brings positive attention to God. There is always pressure to conform "to the pattern" of this world and be squeezed into its likeness on many different levels. Christians must firmly resist the temptation to accept and imitate the world's ways of thinking and behaving.

The reason we must resist adopting the world's way is because it is evil, it is satans rule. Jesus gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this evil world, according to the will of God and our father. Gal 1:4, John 12:31. We must not allow the devil to blind our mind 2 Corint 4:4. We must know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 1 John 5:19. Satan is hostile to God and His people. The world holds a worldview that Christians cannot accept because It rejects God and His standards.



Christ's Kingdom is not of this world. John 18:36. This world's Kingdom is full of spiritual darkness, deception and seduction. 1 Pet. 2:9, Christ's followers are called to be a light in the midst of this darkness. Our lives should reflect a positive difference that those in the world cannot help but notice. There is need for us to truly sell all that we have in order to achieve God's purpose in us. This includes resisting the temptation to conform to the varied types of worldliness common in society, including greed, selfishness, humanistic thinking, a desire for power, envy, hate, revenge, filthy language, sexual lust and impurity, ungodly entertainment, fashions, that are immodest and seductive, substance abuse, relationships that do not honour God and other such things that defy the standards of God's word.

Instead of conforming to the world's values and lifestyles, our minds must continually be renewed and transformed to God's way of

thinking. This can only happen as we spend time reading and meditating on God's word i.e. pondering over and over what it means and how it applies to our lives. This will allow our visions, values, behaviours and plans to be directed by God's eternal truth, rather than by the world's temporary and deceptive pattern.

We must love Christ more than anything on earth. Most times, He may test your love for Him. "Jesus said unto Him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions" Matt. 19:21.

Jesus tested the rich young man in his weakest and most vulnerable area his wealth. Jesus was exposing the source that the young man believed to be his security and the one thing that was really keeping him from following

God; the man wished he could do some kind of "good thing" to get eternal life. But spiritual salvation is not a matter of our own good works, it is a matter of surrendering to Christ's leadership. In this case, the young man was not willing to put Christ above his possessions. Does Christ's statement mean that all believers should sell or get rid of their possessions? No, there is not necessarily anything wrong with having nice things as long as they do not get in the way of our relationship with God. He also expects us to provide for the needs of our families and others. However, we must be willing to give up anything that Christ asks of us because he knows what is best for us. Our commitment to Him can be nothing less. As He gave us His life, we will give Him our will. Remain Rapturable.



**A** pilgrim according to 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:11; Heb. 11:13 is a believer who though is in the world, yet not of the world; numerous oppositions because of groves, orchestrated abundance, Jezebel, but went hiding and even thus we can say a pilgrim is one on

Elijah for instance was prayed that his life be taken. This was for a definite journey or transit. He's a mighty, a great man of him a moment of bitterness, pain, fear, stranger, an ambassador of Christ God who altered the course of life; unbelieve and probably a time that God on an assignment He has nothing stopped rain for three (3) and half chose to be silent. Elijah, a man who saw of this world. A pilgrim hence will year, called it back afterward, different dimensions of God got to a most likely face difficult situations, called down fire from heaven, point where he was afraid and desired encounter challenges and fight humiliated the prophet of baal and death.

Jesus also went through the wilderness experience. After waiting on the father for forty (40) days and nights in fasting and prayer (spiritual exercise) was tempted by the devil to proof him, it didn't end there, even after he overcame that stage the devil waited for another time. At the Mount of Olives, Jesus prayed earnestly, it was a moment of agony, before him was a task so enormous not just any kind of death but one on the cross of shame and pain his sweat was as it were great drops of blood as He prayed (Luke 39:42-44) a wilderness experience is not pleasurable or favourable but it's one that we must go through as pilgrims and stranger in the world, but the goodnews is that God's abiding presence would always go with us. The scriptures pre-informs us that all who would live godly in this world must suffer persecution. You will be rejected, denied your entitlement, reproached, mocked, accused, slandered and may even suffer delays. 2 Tim 3:12

But be encouraged, God is aware of all you are going through and it will end in praise. The Bible tells us that there is no temptation that may come to us, that is not common to man, meaning someone, somewhere must have gone through them and survived it, and God is saying even when it gets tough, he will make a way of escape so you can be able to bear it. 1 Cor 10:13.

He even admonishes us to count it all joy, when we suffer for the sake of our salvation. For the trial of our faith is to prove us and make us better and refined for greater use or assignment, it works out patience in us (James 1:2-4).

Peruse the scriptures and you'll see a catalogue of people who had torrid wilderness experiences and how God transformed their lives afterwards, a very good example is

Job. Job lost everything: all his seven children, property, wealth, health, friends, relations, neighbours and acquaintances. He was deserted in his ordeal, but God blessed him with double of what he had lost (Job 42:10). Joseph also went from slavery to incarceration in a dungeon; all orchestrated by his detractors but God elevated him to the palace. Hannah was barren for many years, probably she was the first of Elkahah's wives but she watched her mate deliver the first time, second, third, and it was not favourable for her, but God remembered her or decided to change her situation, she gave birth to Samuel who became one of the greatest prophet of Israel what about the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years, 12 years not days. It couldn't have been easy for her though she had some money yet the issue persisted until Jesus healed her; the Shunamite woman, who had accommodated Elisha, showed him hospitality, yet her son died but God through the hand of his prophet brought the child back to life. John the baptism the forerunner of Jesus was kept in prison he asked Jesus are the one to come or we expect another lamb of God on his own wilderness experience, he even had to die there yet it didn't change the efficiency of Jesus. He will come through for you! The list is endless, we can go on and on what about Moses, Elisha, Paul Abraham, David, Jacob Joshua and a host of others, they all went through the wilderness but succeeded.

Now, let's see the secret of their success story, this patriarchs and prophet of old had the enduring presence of God as their company. For Moses he refused to go on any journey God will not go with him (Exo. 33:15-16). He rather afterwards, a very good example is

stayed and died in the wilderness if God's presence would only remain in the wilderness. He understood the implication of God's presence and would not go anywhere the presence of God would not lead him. No wonder he recorded so much victory.

Today, God is not promising His presence for just a short moment; He promises to be with you always. In Matthew 28:20. He says, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. His unwavering presence is His promise to you even as you go through that wilderness of pain, delays, hunger rejection, fear worries, anxiety e.t.c.

God's presence is accompanied by His power, peace glory, favour, grace and goodness. His presence also comes with love, liberty, purity and prosperity. God's presence is a refuge from the storms of life, a shield from the cares of life and burdens of every situation. No matter how daunting they may appear to be. His presence is beauty for your life, peace for your mind and strength for your journey and especially joy for every situation.

Now, knowing you have this wonderful promise of His enduring presence with you everywhere and time, won't you like Moses desire and earnestly pray for God's accompanying presence until it becomes your daily experience. Begin by establishing a genuine relationship with Jesus, repent of all known sin, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as Lord and personal savior. Thereafter, live a godly life and be committed to His cause. Seek Him daily through prayers and the study of His word.

You will never walk alone. His enduring presence will see you through your own wilderness experience and you will come out spotless.

**Pst. Ig Nwabuo**



# WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM?

There was a time in Jesus to say, that whosoever in our walk with Jesus. ministry, that His disciples shall humble himself as The pride of life, lust of eyes were saying, who is the this little (the child that he and the lust of the flesh is not in greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. called) is the greatest in the heart of a child. I John 2:16 if in our today's church, people might the kingdom Matthew these things aforementioned are have this question in their hearts, 18:1-4. Jesus description there, then you need conversion some persons might have of the greatest in the an exchange of heart, the heart of concluded that it is the prayer kingdom is quite obvious a child is innocent and pure. What warrior or the ministers of God's that it had to do with the will be said about your heart? You word, some might have suggested it state of the heart. If you don't have to ask God to know, must be the choristers, those set of have not been converted what is in your heart you know persons, put so much time and to become as a little child very well, what drives every of energy in their songs presentations. then you can't enter into your actions, you can tell the The greatest in the kingdom is not God's kingdom, talk more present state of your heart, you known by position or class. The of being the greatest. If I know the lusts and pride in year greatest in the kingdom is known by may ask, what is the state heart. 2 Cor. 13:5. the state of a heart. Jesus had to tell of your heart? Are you Jesus instructions are the disciples that except one has great in your own eyes? simple, be converted and be been converted and become as a Are you proud? Have you humble, then again, I will ask, who little child, such one will not enter been converted? The state is the greatest in the kingdom of into the kingdom, he went further of your heart is paramount God. Let us pray!

## REFLECTION

Just two years after our marriage, my husband brought up the idea of asking his mercy. I became addicted to this kind of Mother to move from the rural hometown and spend her remaining years with us. His father passed away while he was young. His mum endured much hardship and struggled on her own to provide for him, see him through to the university. You could say that she suffered a great deal and did everything you could expect or imagine of a woman to bring hubby to where he eat flowers! I will smile and say: "Mum, is today. I immediately agreed and started preparing the spare room, which has a balcony facing the South to let her enjoy the sunshine and plant greenery. Hubby stood in the bright room, her: "Mum, this is how it is in the city and suddenly, he lifted me up and started spinning me round and round. As I begged him to put me down, he said: "Let's go fetch mother". Hubby is tall and big sized and I love to rest my head on his chest and enjoy the feeling that he could pick me up at any moment, put me as smallish as I am into his pocket. Whenever we have an argument and one of us refuses to back out, he would lift me up and spin me over his head continuously until I surrender and beg for

would get even more upset about it. Hubby playfully pinched my nose one day and said: "You little fool, just don't tell her the full price of everything and that would solve the problem." This sparked the friction to our otherwise happy lifestyle and home. Mother hates it most when hubby wakes up early to prepare the breakfast. In her view, how could the man of the house cook for the wife? At the breakfast table, mother's facial expression is always like the dark clouds before a thunderstorm and I would pretend not to have noticed that. She would use her chopsticks or cutlery to make a lot of noise as her silent protest.

As a dance teacher in the Children's Palace where I work, I come home exhausted from a long day of dancing around, and I do not wish to give up the luxury of that additional few minutes in the comfort of my bed and hence I turned a deaf ear to all the protest mother makes. From time to time, mother would help out

with some housework, but soon her help created additional work for me. For example: she would keep all kinds of plastic bags with the aim of selling them later on, and at the end, the house is filled with all forms of trash bags; she would spill on the dishes, dish washing detergent when helping to wash the dishes and in order not to hurt her feelings, I would quietly wash them again. One day, late at night, mother saw me washing the dishes, and "Bam" she slams her bedroom door and cried very loudly in her room. Hubby was placed in a difficult position as to whose side to take, and after that, he did not speak to me for that entire night. I pretended to be a spoiled child, tried acting cute, but he totally ignored me... I got mad and asked him: "What did I do wrong?" He stared at me and said: "Can't you just give in to her once? We couldn't possibly die eating from a bowl however unclean it is, right?" After that incident, for a long period of time, mother did not speak to me and you can feel that there is a very awkward feeling hanging in the house. During the period of the cold war, hubby was caught in a dilemma as to who to please. In order to stop her son from having to prepare breakfast, mother took on the "all important" task of preparing breakfast without informing or discussing with any of us. At the breakfast table, mother would look at her son happily as he eats his breakfast and she'll cast that reprimanding stare at me for having failed to perform my duty as a wife. To avoid the embarrassing breakfast situation, I resorted to buying my own breakfast on my way to work. That night, while in bed, hubby was a little upset and asked me: "LD, is it because you feel mum's cooking is not clean enough that you chose to skip meals?" He then turned his back on me and left me alone in tears as feelings of unfairness overwhelmed me. After some time, hubby sighed: "LD, just for me, can we have breakfast together at home?" I am left with no choice but to return to the breakfast table. The next morning, I was having porridge prepared by his mother and I felt a sudden churn in my stomach and everything inside seem to be rushing up my throat. I tried to suppress the urge to throw up but I could not. I threw down the bowl, rushed into the washroom, and vomited everything out. Just as I was catching my breath, I saw mother crying and grumbling very loudly in her dialect, hubby was standing at the washroom doorway staring at me with fire burning in his eyes... I opened my mouth but no words came out. I really did not mean it. We had our very first big fight that day; mother took a look at us, then stood up and slowly made her way out of the house. Hubby gave me a final stare and followed mother down the stairs. For three days, hubby did not return home, not even a phone call. I was so furious, since mother arrived; I had been trying my best to put up with her, what else do you want me to do? For no reason, I keep having the feeling to throw up and I simply lost appetite

for food, coupled with all the events happening at home, I was then at a low point in my life.

Finally, a colleague said: "LD, you look terrible; you should go and see a doctor." The doctor confirmed that I was pregnant. Now it became clear to me why I threw up that fateful morning, a sense of sadness flooded my soul through that otherwise happy news. Why didn't husband, or his mother, who had been through this before, think of the possibility of this being the reason that day? At the hospital entrance, I saw my hubby standing there. It had only been three days, but he looked ragged. I had wanted to turn and leave, but one look at him and my heart soften, I couldn't resist and I called out to him. He followed my voice and finally found me but he pretended he doesn't know me; he has that disgusted look in his eyes that cut right through my heart. I told myself not to look at him anymore and hail a cab. At that moment, I have such a strong urge inside me to shout to my hubby: "Darling, I am having your baby!" and have him lift me up and spin me around in circles of joy as he's fond of. What I wanted didn't happen and as I sat in the cab, my tears started rolling down. Why? Why couldn't our love even withstand the test of one fight? Back home, I lay on the bed thinking about my hubby, and the disgusted look in his eyes I saw at the hospital. I cried out and soaked the pillow with my tears. That night, the sound of drawers opening in our room woke me up. I switched on the lights and I saw hubby with tears rolling down his face. He was removing all the money he had kept in there. I stared at him in silence; he ignored me, took the bank deposit book and some money and left the house. Maybe he really intends to leave me for good. What a rational man, so clear-cut in love and money matters. I gave a few dried laugh and tears started streaming down again. The next day, I did not go to work... I wanted to clear this out and have a good talk with him. I reached his office and his secretary gave me a weird look and said: "Mr. Tan's mother had a traffic accident and is now in the hospital." I stood there in shock. I rushed to the hospital and by the time I found them, mother had already passed away. Hubby did not look at me, his face was expressionless. I looked at mother's pale white and thin face and I couldn't control the tears in my eyes. My God, how could this happen? Throughout the funeral, he did not say a single word to me, with only the occasional disgusted stare he gives. I only managed to find out brief facts about the accident from other people. That day, after mother left the house, she

walked away dazed toward the bus stop, apparently intending to go back to her old house back in the countryside. As hubby ran after her, she tried to walk faster and as she tried to cross the street, a public bus came knocking her... I finally understood how much hubby must hate me. If I had not thrown up that morning, if we had not quarreled, if... in his heart, I am indirectly the killer of his mother. Back in the house he moved into mother's room and came home every night with a strong liquor smell on him. For me, I was buried under the guilt and self-pity as a result of his mum's death and could hardly breathe. I wanted to explain to him, tell him that we are going to have our baby soon, but each time, I saw the dead look in his eyes, all the words I have at the brink of my mouth just fell back in. I had rather he hit me real hard or give me a big and thorough scolding though none of these events happening had been my fault at all. Many days of suffocating silence went by and as the days went on, he came home late and late. The deadlock between us continued, we were living together like strangers who didn't know each other. I am like the dead knot in his heart.

One day, I passed by a western restaurant, looking through the glass, I saw him and a girl sitting facing each other and he lightly brushed her hair, I understood what that action meant immediately. After recovering from that moment of shock, I entered the restaurant, stood in front of him and stared hard at him, not a tear in my eyes. I have nothing to say to him, and there was no need to say anything. The girl looked at me, then at him, stood up to walk away, but my husband restrained her from doing so. He stared back at me, challenging me. I can only hear my heart beating slowly, beat after beat as if I'm about taking my last breath. I eventually backed out, if I had stood there any longer, I would have collapsed together with the baby inside me. That night, he did not come home; he had chosen to use that as a way to sending a message to me: Following his mother's death, so did our love for each other. He did not come home anymore after that. Sometimes, when I returned home from work, I can tell the wardrobe had been touched - he had returned to take some of his belonging. I no longer wish to call him; the initial desire to explain everything to him vanished. I lived alone; I went for my medical checkups alone, my heart breaks again and again.



every time I see a guy carefully helping his wife through the physical examination. My office colleagues advised me to consider aborting the baby. I told them No, I will not. I insisted on having the baby, perhaps it is my way of repaying his mother for causing her death. One day, I came home and I saw him sitting in the living room. The whole house was filled with cigarette smoke. On the coffee table, was lying this piece of paper. I immediately knew what it is all about without even looking at it to read its content. In the two months plus of living alone, I have gradually learned to find peace within myself. I looked at him, removed my hat and said: "You wait a while, I will sign." He looked at me, with mixed feelings in his eyes, just like mine. As I hung up my coat, I kept repeating to myself "You cannot cry, you cannot cry..." my eyes hurt terribly, but I refused to let tears out. After I hung up my coat, his eyes flicked at my bulging tummy with a stare. I smiled, walked over to the coffee table and pulled the paper towards me. Without even looking at what it says, I signed my name on it and pushed the paper to him. "LO, are you pregnant?" He spurt out. Since mother's accident, this is the first time he is speaking to me. I could not control my tears any further and they fell like raindrops. I said: "Yes, but it's OK, you can leave now." He did not go, in the dark, we sat, facing each other. He slowly moved over to me, his tears wet his dress. In my heart, everything seems so far away, even if I sprint, I could never reach them. I cannot remember how many times he repeatedly said "sorry" to me. I had originally thought that I would forgive him, but now I can't. In the western restaurant, in front of that girl, that cold look in his eyes, I will never forget, never ever. We have caused such deep scars in each other's heart.

For me, it's unintentional; for him, totally and absolutely intentional. I had been waiting for this moment of reconciliation, but I realized now, that what had gone past is gone forever and could not be undone. Other than the thought of the baby inside me that would bring some

warmth to my heart, I am totally cold towards him, I no longer eat anything he buys for me nor take any presents from him, I also stopped talking to him. From the moment I signed on that piece of paper, marriage and love had vanished from my heart. Sometimes, he will try to come into our bedroom, but when he walks in, I will walk out to the living room. He had no choice but to sleep in his mother's room. At night, from his room, I can hear sounds of groaning, I kept quiet... This used to be his trick; when all was well between us, whenever I ignore him, he would fake illness and I will surrender and find out what is wrong with him, he would then grab me and laugh. He has forgotten that was the last time I cared for him and I showed concern because there was love, but now, what is there between us? Hubby's groaning came on and off consistently but I continuously ignored him. Almost everyday, he would buy something for the baby, infant products, children's products and books that kids like to read. Bags and bags of it stacked inside his room till it was full. I knew he was trying to use this to reach out to me, but I was no longer moved by his actions. He has no choice but to lock himself in his room and I can hear him typing away on his computer keyboard, maybe he is now addicted to web surfing but none of that matters to me anymore. It was sometime towards the end of spring in the following year, one late night, I screamed because of a sudden stomach pain, he came rushing into the room, it's like he did not change from his office cloth to sleep, but had been waiting for this moment. He carried me and ran down the stairs, stopped a cab, holding my hand very tightly and kept wiping the sweat off my brow, throughout the journey to the hospital. Once we reached the hospital, he carried me and hurried into the delivery suite. Lying on the back of his skinny but warmth body, a thought crossed my mind: In my lifetime, who else would love me as much as he did? He held the delivery suite door opened and watch me go in; his warm eyes caused me to manage a smile at him despite my contraction pain. Coming out of the delivery room, hubby looked at our son and me, eyes filled with tears of joy as he kept smiling. I reached out and touched his hand. He looked at me, smiling and then he slowly collapsed onto the floor. I cried out for him in pain... He smiled, but without opening that tired eyes of his... I had thought that I would never shed any tear for him, but the truth is, I have never felt a deeper pain cutting through my heart at that moment. The doctor said by the time they discovered he had liver cancer, it was already in the terminal stage and it was a miracle that he managed to last this long. I asked the doctor when he first discovered he had cancer. Doctor said about 5 months ago and consoled me saying: "Prepare for his funeral." I disregarded the nurse's objection not to leave the ward and rushed home, I went into his room and checked his computer, and a suffocating pain hits me. His cancer was discovered 5 months ago, his groaning was real, I thought ...the computer showed over 200

thousand words he wrote for our son: "Son, just for you, I have persisted, to be able to take a look at you before I fall, is my biggest wish now... I know that in your life, you will have many happiness and maybe some setbacks, if only I can accompany you throughout that journey, how nice would it be. But daddy now no longer has that chance. Daddy has written inside here all the possible difficulties and problems you may encounter during your lifetime, when you meet with these problems, you can refer to daddy's suggestion ... Son, after writing these 200 thousand words, I feel as though I have accompanied you through life's journey. To be honest, daddy is very happy. Do love your mum, she has suffered a lot, she is the one who loves you most and also the one who loves me most..." From play school to primary school, to secondary, university, to work and even in dealing with questions of love, everything big and small was written there. He has also written a letter for me: "My dear, marrying you was my biggest happiness, forgive me for the pain I caused you, forgive me for not telling you about my illness, because I wanted to see you in a joyful mood waiting for the arrival of our baby... My dear, if you cried, it means that you have forgiven me and I would smile, thank you for loving me... For all these presents, I'm afraid I cannot give them to our son personally, could you please help me in giving some of them to him every year, the dates are on what to be given and when to give are all written on the packaging..." Going back to the hospital, my husband was still in coma. I brought our son over and placed him beside him. I said: "Open your eyes and smile, I want our son to remember being in the warmth of your arms..." He struggled to open his eyes and mumbled a weak smile. Our son still in his arms was happily waving his tiny hands in the air. I press the button on the camera and the sound of the shutter rang through the air as tears slowly rolled down my face... A fatal misunderstanding and the person who loves me the most in this world is gone forever... Cried misunderstandings, one after the other disrupted the blissful footsteps of our family. Our original intent of having his mother enjoy some quiet and peaceful moments in her remaining years with us went terribly wrong as destiny's secret is finally revealed at a price, everything became too late. .... This is a true life story

#### LEARNING POINT - DO NOT EVER HOLD ON TO OFFENCES!!!

I am totally speechless, this story brought tears to my eyes as I read through each line eager to know what would happen next. It truly showed the devastating power of grudges and anger! Simple humility and communication would have resolved most of the problems in that story, as well as patience...

This story has really touched my heart and life as a whole and it has stimulated a paradigm shift. Though it is very sad, it is also very refreshing to know that from today, we should consciously start to live a life free of grudge.....

# YOUTH THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

Mark 4:10-11



The points to be considered here are:

1. The state of penitence
2. Repentance/ the Born-Again Experience
3. Restitution
4. Water Baptism
5. Sanctification
6. Holy Ghost Baptism
7. Victorious Living

#### 1. The State of Penitence-

This state has to do with the individual's heart; it is not a confused state.

**Question:** "Talking about the state of penitence, Please Sir, can you expound (explain at length) on this?"

**Answer:** "Penitence is the feeling of pain or sorrow on account of (due to) sin. It is the stage at which a sinner realises how much of his life has been wasted in sin. An example is the story of 'the Prodigal Son' in Luke 15. And just as the Prodigal Son, when an individual hears the Word of God time and again, he or she will eventually get to a place where the realization hits, that his/her life has so far been spent wastefully; it is at this stage that such sinner goes to God with a broken heart, not to defend his/her action (to claim right) but to confess sin. Another example is the story of Zacchaeus' conversion after Jesus' words came to him-Luke 19. Looking up the tree, our Lord said, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. The 'house' here represents the 'heart' of man; and when Christ (God's Word) came to him, he hastened, got down (let go of his outgrown habits of sin), opened the doors (of his heart) and allowed Christ inside, thereafter experiencing penitence and then, conversion. Acts 2:37.

Penitence is that point where your real identity becomes clear to you and you see your true self for what it truly is. In Psalms 51:3-5, we see David's reaction to his discovered sin; how that in penitence, he came before God and pleaded with all his heart. Also, the jailer in charge of keeping prisoners became penitent when the mysteriously freed Paul and Silas, alongside every other prisoner, refused to escape despite being loosed. He realised that these men had truly found God to behave in such a manner, and upon seeing his own wretchedness asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:29-30.

In the year 2013 at Edokolor School, I recall the day and moment in which the man of God preached that message which made me see my true nature; and I cried to God, that He save me, and He

did. Today, I am saved."

#### 2. Repentance/the Born-again Experience

**Question:** "Talking about being 'born-again', and the act of 'repentance'; how do they affect us?"

**Answer:** "From John 3:3, we see that paramount to spiritual progress is the need to be 'born again'. Peter's reply to the penitent people were, "Repent, and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." This he said because he understood that without it, one cannot talk about spiritual progress. Matthew 4:17. So if you have not yet been saved, every other thing amounts to nothing - Romans 10:9. The born-again experience is a must for any youth that is yet to experience it. And though, there are several Schools of Thought concerning what it means to be born again, yet the Scriptures gives us a clear teaching- 1John 3:9. Following this Scripture, I will give an example, "If I had a really well known friend who at some time travelled to Lagos, and later comes back claiming to be born again, I might not believe his sayings till his words are followed by his actions (and certain evil he was once known for, cannot be traced to him again). Then I will be convinced that he is truly born again."

**Question:** "Can someone repent without being born-again?"

**Answer:** "No. According to 1John 1:9, we are assured that if we are able to confess our sins to Jesus, then He is faithful and able to turn our lives around; He plants His seeds in our hearts, making it difficult to go back to our former lifestyle."

#### 3. Restitution

**Question:** "When a man gets born again, is it necessary to reconcile with those he has fought against, even though it maybe unknown to them?"

**Answer:** "When a man becomes born again, he cannot neglect restitution; God talks clearly on this matter- Leviticus 6:2-7. And it comes in at various situations... Firstly, whatever has been laid to your care, which you have denied to be in possession of, must be delivered to its rightful owner. Secondly, in

business, the proceeds gotten must be shared fairly amongst partners, in ways settled upon before the money came. But if you have been reducing the payment of that partner (thereby deceiving him), then there is room for the needed confession and restitution to be made. Thirdly, things taken through force or violence must be returned to rightful owners. Also, things taken through deceit must also be confessed. For instance; a servant sells a particular thing on behalf of his master, but at a higher price; writes down a different price and keeps the remaining money for himself... This is deceit; and there is need for any repentant servant to tell the truth to his master- 1 Samuel 12:3. It is better as a Christian, that you be found blameless and truthful in your place of work. All hidden sin WILL be brought to light; likewise also, those done under the cover of false swearing.

From my own experience, after my conversion, I returned some amount of money back to my dad and confessed my wrong deeds. His response was, "To repent is good."

Restitution is the process of restoring a thing back to its rightful owner. It could also be an act of compensating for damages caused sometime ago, before you became a believer. The time interval between the period of damage and becoming a believer might be much (probably months or years), yet restitution knows no period; it is a must! Luke 19:8-9; John 10:10.

#### 4. Water Baptism

**Question:** "How does water baptism help us progress in our spiritual walk with God?"

**Answer:** "Water baptism is not a thing of choice; it is a must! For any born-again individual to truly be saved, it doesn't just end at



believing and confessing. There is a need to be water baptized-Mark 16:16."

**Question:** "Does baptism by sprinkling [of water] in some Church program count?"

**Answer:** Romans 6:3-4, "There is need for Baptism by IMMERSION for the fulfillment of the Scriptures, as seen in the case of our Lord Jesus. For a person to truly be saved, he must be buried also with Christ (through baptism by immersion), that he might rise also with Him from death into newness of life. Again, if you were baptized by immersion as a sinner, it is of no use, as such an act can be likened to burying a man alive. Baptism represents 'the burial of a man who is dead to sin'. Acts 10:47-48... If you truly are born again, you also must be baptized!"

#### 5. Sanctification

**Question:** "What does sanctification do in a man's life?"

**Answer:** "Sanctification can only occur in a separated life; a life thoroughly submitted to the Holy Spirit to be worked upon and led- 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Romans 8:13(b)-14. It must be kept from the world. It is also, coming to the place of Sonship, a point wherein you are no longer tossed to and fro by anything, but are now led by the Spirit of God to do things which are TRUE- John 17:17, 14:6. At this stage, there is no more need for ideologies, because if any man is sanctified, he ought not to rely again on his ideology; his life is now patterned by the Spirit of God, through the Word. He will not seek to be accepted by everyone anymore, because he now has a different path, aligned by the Spirit and so can no longer live anyhow- John 15:8. Diligently keep yourself from walking willingly in sin. As a sanctified person, you can walk for days, weeks, months and even years without sin. And though you may come before the Father to confess sins, yet it will be done in accordance to God's word and not because you actually committed a whole lot of sins."

#### 6. Holy Ghost Baptism

**Question:** "How important is Holy Ghost Baptism to a Christian's walk with God?"

**Answer:** Acts 2:4, 9:17, "Holy Ghost Baptism is a very important part of a Christian's experience, evidenced by speaking in tongues. One may ask, 'Do I have to speak in tongues?' The Scriptures charge that the priests 'let not the fire go down', and we know that we are the New Testament Priests unto God (1 Peter 2:9), and as such, ought to keep the fire burning in the heart through studying of Scriptures and prayers. And though a man may think, 'But according to our text, it wasn't recorded that Paul spoke in tongues...' Yet he did- 1 Corinthians 14:18."

#### 7. Victorious Living

For someone to live the victorious life, he must

consider the following:

(I) God's Word (II) Praying in tongues (III) The place of Evangelism (IV) Godly association (V) Fellowship with the Brethren (VI) Restoration (VII) The Place of your will.

#### I. God's Word

When the devil tempted Jesus, our Lord overcame him by the Word; This shows that he who claims to be born-again must live by the Word of God- Acts 20:32; (Grace means the Power of God). And this was what David ensured, for he said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee". Psm 119:11, 2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 3:1. This step also shows that it must be a conscious decision taken by a believer- studying and keeping the Word in the heart- Joshua 1:8. The Word must become your language and lifestyle.

**II. In the place of Victorious Living:** Praying in Tongues cannot be overemphasized. Looking at the exceptional life Paul lived, we can also note that 'praying in tongues' was his secret. For a man to activate the dimension of God, as the God of Firm (Jehovah Taberah), he will have to give himself to praying in tongues. And as he continues in this, God's fire will burn out the limitations in his life.

**III. The place of Evangelism:** He that winneth a soul is wise; therefore who ever does not win a soul is foolish; and the foolish shall not enter into the Kingdom of God- Matthew 25:1-13; Romans 10:15.

**IV. The place of Godly Association:** (1 Corinthians 15:33) For you to live the Victorious Life, you have to remember this, "Love is a COMMAND; Friendship is a CHOICE."

But what do you need to look out for in a person before friendship? If you have Heaven in view (as your ultimate goal and desire), then you ought not to become a friend to someone whose soul has been sold to the devil and hell -Proverbs 27:17. Do not say, 'I want to win him/her through this way...' because it is always easier to drag a person down from a hill (from whence he shines), than to raise someone up, Proverbs 6:27-28. Also, "Do not let your friendship be Jonadab's (2 Samuel 13:3) but Jonathan's (1 Samuel 18:1, 20:9-17)." Take note that when Amnon died, Jonadab, his friend, announced his death to David; he was yet alive while Amnon died due to his counsel. Be mindful of the kind of association you keep; it can either

lift you up or bring you down, as seen in the case of Saul. Now, after several days of searching for his father's donkeys, Saul decided to return but one of his associates suggested that they go to the seer (Samuel) for help, and this single decision changed Saul's life.

**V. Fellowship with the Brethren:** When you come to the House of God, be ready to receive from Him and be strengthened. Never neglect fellowshiping with the brethren- Hebrews 10:25; know that it is much easier to break a single broomstick separated from its bunch, than it will be to break several broomsticks joined together. Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2. If Heaven is your focus, then you must be amongst like-minded people.

**VI. The Place of Restoration:** When a believer falls into error, there is always a tendency that he would have thoughts geared towards 'whether to return to fellowship or not'. These thoughts are Satan inspired, spoken to your heart with intent on keeping you from gaining strength as you dwell amongst the brethren- 1 John 1:7. Don't live in sin; but if any falls into it, God's grace is always available for restoration- 1 John 2:1. Even David obtained forgiveness after he fell- 2 Samuel 12:13. The blood of Jesus is ever able to cleanse anyone who fell into sin and desires restoration (no matter the kind of sin). Proverbs 24:15.

**VII. The Place of Your Will:** Don't wait to be stirred before praying; stirring doesn't occur always (yet man ought always to pray). So, purposely, deliberately and intentionally yield yourself to prayers, study, e.t.c.- Romans 6:13. There is need for a believer to exercise himself spiritually. When two individuals take decisions to give their lives over to Christ, there is sometimes a probability that in the next 5 years, when weighed spiritually, one would weigh stronger than the other. But why is this? The stronger yielded himself to consistent spiritual exercise. Its not something the Lord will do for you, but something in the place of your will.

The question to ask should be, "What are the things I need to do in order to progress spiritually?" And when the right answers have been given (including prayer and studying of the Scriptures)... WILLFULLY yield yourself to them. Finally, READ-Matthew 7:24.

## HEALTH TALK SMOOTHIE

A smoothie is a drink made from blended raw fruit/or vegetables using a blender. A smoothie often has a liquid base such as water, fruit juice, milk or yoghurt (source:wikipedia). Smoothie recipes often contain fruit, yoghurt/milk, protein, fiber and fats so they can provide a complete source of nutrition to replace the occasional meal.

#### Importance of smoothie

As a perfect meal replacement, the nutrients present like fats help keep your cells functioning properly, fiber feeds your gut bacteria, protein helps build and maintain muscle and green vegetables deliver loads of vitamins and antioxidants for optimum health.

#### How to make a smoothie

In creating a smoothie, just remember this simple formula:

Fruit+ Juice/water + Yoghurt/milk + Ice. Decorate the top of the smoothie as desired with almond nuts, sliced fruit, coconut flakes, small grapes etc. Fruits like banana, mango, apple, watermelon, avocado pear, strawberries can be used individually in making



smoothies. Some fruits can also be combined like vocado pear and pawpaw vocado pear, cucumber and lemon ugarcane and carrot awpaw, pineapple and lemon oursop and coconut milk trawberry and banana ineapple, mango and spinach frican star apple (udara as called in igbo) and pineapple or dates. ice like pineapple juice, orange juice, apple juice can be used. Yoghurt commonly used is the greek yoghurt.

#### Steps in making a smoothie

cup of fruit juice  
cup of yoghurt  
cups of strawberry  
small banana.

#### Instructions

add all ingredients to a blender  
blend till desired consistency is achieved  
pour into a cup/bowl, add cubes of ice as needed.

## Poem

Sometimes I look out my windows  
Meeting face to face with desperate loves,  
Most of them not caring about the rainbow,  
Nor believing in the greatness attached to their lives.

Most days I roam about busy street,  
Walking side by side with undiscovered futures,

A lot of people seeking daily end meets,  
Nor caring about the destiny-needed nature.

Several times, I sit in public places,  
Learning day by day with different faces,  
Some believing on future enjoyments,  
Neglecting their life – coded achievements.

At these, I meditate much longer,  
Thinking greatly of that driving power,  
A part of life, meant to be acquired,  
A force many leave undiscovered  
Proverbs 7:7



# TESTIMONY

I give all the glory, honour and adoration to God almighty for the life of my niece who gave birth to a baby girl who stayed in the womb for seven years.

It happened that my niece was pregnant when she lost her husband seven years ago. After her husband's burial, the enemy moved the baby out of her womb and tied her. She complained to her parents but no solution from them. She didn't know what next to do rather than wait for death. One night, she told God that hence you are unable to deliver her out of this problem anybody who helps her out of it will eventually be her Lord all the days of her life whether the person is a doctor, native doctor or an idol worshiper she was ready to serve the person. In August 2019 her sister invited her to a crusade. After the crusade, God of miracle intervened and moved the baby back to the womb. The baby started developing. By January 2020, she went to the hospital for confirmation she was told that a healthy baby grows in her womb. The enemies boasted again, saying she will not deliver the baby.

On the day of her delivery, I called the G.O's wife to agree with me in prayer for her, a bouncing baby girl called God's mercy, the only girl among the boys. To the overdo, unbeatable, undefeatable and miraculous God who had done this, may His name continue to be glorified forever more. Amen.

I thank God again for the great deliverance He performed in my family from; face me, I face you house that I rented.

G.O. preached a message titled "new level, new devil. This message is a reality. During the shutdown, in our fellowship centre, the power of God came down mightily I was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit again. My spiritual life changed after the experience; enemies were not happy in the compound where I live. They planned how to throw me out of the compound. They launched spiritual attack but my God defeated them. Physically the husband and wife came out openly and attacked. God gave me weapon of silent I overcame. The eye witness passed serious judgment against them for what they have done. One of the witnesses wanted to avenge for me but I begged the person to withdraw that God will avenge for me.

Two weeks after the incident, I received a phone call from the landlord saying I should pack out of his house. Other tenants lamented over the action taken by the landlord. They called him on phone to let me stay but he refused. On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, I packed out of the house and kept my properties with some brethren because accommodation was not available immediately while I stayed in the church. There were a lot of obstacles in getting accommodation. G.O and his wife and other brethren prayed for me to get a better accommodation. Brethren, "tough time does not last". God answered all the prayers and provided me with a self-contained apartment. He also paid one year rentage for me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. God who has done this great thing for me, may His name be glorify forever more Amen.

I thank God almighty again and again for sustaining my family and I during the shutdown G.O made an announcement concerning the left over of the fishers Voice (news letter). I collected ten copies on Sunday and went for evangelism, somebody blessed me with the some of five thousand naira (N5,000).

The next month the same announcement was made also. I still collected ten copies. The same day I use them for evangelism and God blessed me with thirteen thousand naira (N13,000). During the shutdown God surprise me in a wonderful way. I thank this great King, overdo God for all he had done for me.

Also, I still thank God for removing the reproach of distress from me during the national indoor assembly held on 7/11/20. He also delivered me from an accident on my way home from Tuesday Bible study.

Brethren, join me to thank God for everything He had done for me.

From sister Kate Iseguan

Praise God I want to testify of God's faithfulness in my family. My husband travelled last week and left his car key on the parlour table, I didn't even know and by the next morning I went to shop on getting there I prayed. My first son then began to pull a pipe just to put things in order. Before we knew it, an oncoming vehicle climbed the pipe pulling my son as well. When he saw dragging the pipe with the vehicle may result to serious accident, he left it and ran for safety. The vehicle though damaged the pipe, it did not hurt my son.

Secondly the devil was also trying to walk out something with my other children at home. The second son, sighted their fathers car key and picked it. He told his siblings that he will drive them to Oregbene Market right away. They all matched out to the car. He carried the battery and fixed it, his siblings entered the car and he started to ignite the car. The merciful father made it impossible. At a time he told them to come down so they can push the car a little. All their effort failed. If that car had started I do not know what would have become of my children by now. When their father returned, he noticed the car was not how he left it. While trying to ask us the youngest child narrated their struggles when we were out. We could not but give thanks to God.

Sis Promise Obasi

I am testifying what God did for me and my family. The enemy tried in many ways to make my family mourn. He put out his hand and took my brothers son. But the time I heard and asked my brother why he did not tell us. So we can at least pray. He said the spirited doctor told them not to tell their family members. Not too long after I was told to pray because our father was in coma. The prayer answering God answered and revived him. Satan again rose against my brother, he drives for coca cola but that day he was to follow another driver. At a time when the vehicle was on motion he became uncomfortable where he perched himself. He began to call on the driver to stop and let him sit at the front side. Not quit long he change his position, the long vehicle began to tumble, he fled from the window luckily again, there was no oncoming vehicle. Others sustained injury but for him, he was not hurt. To God be the glory.

Sis Vick (Oliha)

# Congregational Hymn

## WHY NOT COME TO JESUS NOW?

1. While we pray, and while we plead,  
While you see your soul's deep need,  
While your Father calls you home,  
Will you not, my brother, come?

*Why not now? ... why not now?...*

*Why not come to Jesus now?*

*Why not now? ... why not now?...*

*Why not come to Jesus now?*

2. You have wandered far away,  
Do not risk another day;  
Do not turn from God your face,  
But to-day accept His grace
3. In the world you've failed to find  
Aught of peace for troubled mind;  
Come to Christ, on Him believe,  
Peace and joy you shall receive.
4. Come to Christ, confession make;  
Come to Christ and pardon take;  
Trust in Him from day to day,  
He will keep you all the way.

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. ALL hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
3. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
A remnant weak and small,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
4. Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall;  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
5. Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all!

6. Oh that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall;  
Join in the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

## WHEN THE ROLL IS CALL UP YONDER

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall  
sound and time shall be no more  
And the morning breaks, eternal,  
Bright, and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather  
Over on the other shore  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there

*When the roll..... is called up yon...der*

*When the roll..... is called up yon...der*

*When the roll..... is called up yonder.*

*When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there*

2. On that bright and cloudless morning,  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share  
When His chosen ones shall gather to  
Their home beyond the skies  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there
3. Let me labour for the master from  
the dawn till setting sun  
Let me talk of all His wondrous  
Love and care;  
Then, when all of life is over, and my work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there

## AMAZING GRACE!

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come:  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
4. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace