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Greater works: Exceedingly abundantly above all!!

Prayer:

Abba heavenly Father, Abba glorious wonderful God, Hallowed and blessed be Your holy name, we love You Father. We love You and praise You we worship You. We exalt You Lord, we glorify and exalt and lift Your name on high Lord Jesus Christ. We invoke Your holy name on high over us over this place, over this meeting. We declare and proclaim Jesus Christ You are Lord over all to the glory of God the Father.

In Your name Lord Jesus I plead Your blood Jesus Christ, over this place over every person in this place and every person that enters this place. I wrap us with the blood of Christ in Jesus' name. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by His blood, I rebuke you satan and you demons and all territorial spirits and strong men in the north, south, east and west, out and away of this place.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ any demon binding and or blinding and or oppressing any person in this place I rebuke you and I bind you. I forbid you from binding or blinding or oppressing any person in Jesus' name. Amen.

Father I lose every person from the influences of the enemy, from any oppression to the full control of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name. I declare and proclaim the kingdom of God is here and nothing but the will of God shall be done here. I prophesy open heavens over us in Jesus' name.

Holy Spirit, come Lord. We welcome and honour You in this place. Come Holy Spirit and fill this place with the Father's glory with Your Presence. Reveal Jesus and glorify Jesus. Lead us to all truth Holy Spirit of truth. Teach us Lord.

We declare that with Christ we are crucified no longer us who live but Christ lives in us.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I take authority and pull down and demolish any strongholds in any person in this place. In Jesus holy name we cast down any imaginations, arguments, reasonings philosophies, false teachings, false counsels, false doctrines any high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I take and bring every thought of everyone here into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Holy Spirit, blow upon us Lord. Move freely in this place. Bless your people Lord. And we give you Father all the glory, and honour and praise and thanksgiving in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you.

I don't know what my precious brother shared but maybe I believe he did a very beautiful introduction of us.

The Lord is preparing every one of you for a mighty ministry. But this ministry is a ministry of the last days. The Lord is going to do something new, it will surprise every one. He will not do as we expect, or as we think or just as we ask. But he will do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to His power working in us.

Open Ephesians 3:20

***Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,*

Read this verse carefully; please focus in this verse carefully. Did you grasp what is written here?

God is able to do exceeding, abundantly, above, all that we ask or think, according to His power that works in us.

Now I challenge you, Has anyone yet seen this power as expressed in the scriptures? Answer please. Have you seen it? Have you seen this power abundantly, exceedingly above all we can ask or think? You have? Anybody else? If you have, please come and give a testimony. Please, share the testimony of how God did exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.

Glory to God! HalleluYah! More Lord! Come here please. Glorify Jesus! Yes!

Sister Gloria, one of the students gives testimony about God's provision for her to go to Bible School and how He opened the doors for this to happen.

Praise the Lord! HalleluYah! Thank you.

Thank you sister Gloria for sharing this testimony with us. Yes, for some this can be exceedingly abundantly above all that you asked. But sister Gloria, you got what you asked for. Right?

She answered: More than that! Pastor Bill said: More than what she asked.

Ok, more than that. But I want to challenge you and encourage you to think exceedingly abundantly, not more... **Exceedingly, abundantly!**

Like Jesus said: The works I did, you will do and more and greater works you shall do. Now I confess, for me I've seen many works of God, provisions of God but I haven't seen the works of Jesus and greater works that Jesus talks about. I haven't seen what the Bible talks about like Peter with five minutes sermon three thousand people got saved and later on another small sermon and five thousands got saved. I still haven't seen Jesus formed in His Church in His image yet.

What I expect God to do exceedingly abundantly is for His glory to manifest. And in His Presence people fall down crying for mercy and repentance and in true repentance.

And to see the Church living in the fear of the Lord, walking in His righteousness and in His holiness, in His purity and in His power. You know what am I talking about? Yes? Are you like me desiring to see it?

Audience answered: Amen!

Yes? Be excited! Wake up! It's ok, you can talk, you can shout, you can say HalleluYah! Yes Lord, I want this!

I don't want church as we always have church. I want to see Jesus in me first, and see Jesus in you. And if I cannot help you to be more like Jesus and if I cannot prepare you and equip you for the coming of Jesus I want to cry: God take me out of here, take me home, I'm doing nothing here. I don't want just to deliver a message; I don't want you to see Carlo.

I want the power of God to come upon you and to see the hunger and thirst for Jesus and for His Word in you. And you will not rest, you will not be satisfied until you say: Father I want to see your name hallowed here on earth! I want to see your kingdom manifest here on earth! And your will be done here on earth as in heaven in Jesus' name!

Do you desire this? Amen!

This is what we pray every day, but now I want the expectation, to see what you are praying and more!

Exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ask and think!

Because God said it, I choose to believe it! If God put it in His Word, in the Bible, so I expect it.

It's not nice thinking or wishful thinking, this is God's Word. And Father I want to see your Word performed in me, through me! In my brothers and sisters and through them! Exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think! According to your power that works in us!

The power that created the universe, the power that created us, the power of His love that sacrificed His Son for us; the power of His resurrection; the power of God to change us, to transform us to the image of Jesus!

But we need to desire it! And pray it through. Every day I will keep crying and praying until God fulfils it! Because God cannot lie and He will perform His Word.

So, I said: God what are you waiting for? And the Lord said: I am waiting for my children to choose to be like me! To desire Me above all else; that they are willing to deny themselves, carry the cross every day and follow me. People who are willing to lay everything down on my altar to bring their desires their ambitions their dreams to my cross, to receive my ambitions my dreams my desires for them.

Because many times we ask the Lord, we ask God for things that we want.

I heard from a dear brother that many in the Bible Schools, they are in the school to get a degree, so that they can get money, income from the ministry. For some, ministry is a way of income. I hope that this is not true here.

Others they have a desire to have a spouse; others have a desire to have a family. I'm not saying that these are bad desires, they are good desires. God gave us these desires. But what I am challenging is, what is your priority? What is more important, Jesus or income? What's the priority Jesus or a spouse? What's the priority Jesus or a family?

If you say: Jesus! And Jesus comes to you and challenges you and tells you: I don't want you to marry. I don't want you to have a family. I don't want you to have a job. I want you to follow me!

What's your answer to him? Don't quickly answer! Because many times I fell in the trap of saying: I choose Jesus! But when the trial came, I discovered inside, deep inside hidden; were other motivations and intentions. It happened to you too?

This is why, everything we utter, it will be challenged. The Lord will allow the devil to attack whichever way possible. And in the fire everything comes to the surface.

The gold looks gold. Right? And many times we think that we are good! We are like gold! But God knows deep inside what is hidden. So, he allows the fire of trials to come against us, because He loves us. Because only in the fire will the gold melt; in extreme fire. Little fire will not melt the gold; extreme fire will melt the gold.

And in extreme fire what looks gold will melt, but then we discover that this gold has impurities hidden inside. The impurities in extreme heat will come to the surface; and only then they will be seen and exposed.

And many when they see the impurities of their lives come to surface, they are surprised! Where did this come from? Others will be angry. Others will be ashamed and run away from God. Others will blame others for what is coming out of them. Others will blame the devil; the devil made me do it!

But others will understand the ways of God.

(First recording ends here) Maybe what's missing is: that others will understand the ways of God, and will fall on their faces in repentance thanking God for the fiery trials that brought the impurities to surface, to confess them in repentance. And God is faithful and just as we confess our sins, He forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

The Purifying of our Faith



1 Peter 1:5-7

1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

So what is in you; the faith that is of God, that is more precious than gold, only the fire of trials will purify it. Are you with me? Do you understand what I'm saying?

Because Jesus says: If you want to be my disciple, you need to deny yourself carry the cross and follow Me every day. The cross hurts, the cross is painful. In your power you cannot carry it and follow Jesus. But when you desire with all your heart to follow Jesus and you abide in Him and Him in you, you can pass through the cross by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen? Amen!

There is power from God, every time I choose to follow Jesus; I choose to cleave to Jesus; I choose to embrace the cross; I choose to obey Jesus, the power of God comes upon me; the grace of God empowers me. And like Paul, I can say **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

So, the challenge is, that the Lord is saying:

*I'm looking for children, sons and daughters, who are holy vessels, who are willing to lay everything down on my altar. To die to themselves, die to the world, die to sin; willing to be empty of themselves, willing for Me to fill them with Myself to overflowing; willing to obey Me and walk with Me and do what I tell them. And they will see My glory. **For I will do exceedingly abundantly above all that they can ask or think according to My power that works in them.***

So, again what are your priorities? Do you want to have a good job, a good income? Do you want a spouse? What do you want?

God is love, and love gives a choice. Love does not dictate, you are not robots, you are His beloved. The choice is yours. To love Him as He loves you; to choose to walk as He walked; to carry the cross and follow Him all the way. His grace is enough; His grace is available; His grace will empower you. You can do ALL things through CHRIST who strengthens you; and Christ in you can do exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask or think according to His power working in you. Amen? Amen!

Did you get everything I shared this morning?

- Amen!

So, everyone here... Please don't stand because others stood. Before we continue the seminar I want everyone to count the cost. Because before we continue I want every one of us to make a decision to say: *Lord, It's not about me, it's about You. I give You my desires, my ambitions, my dreams; I give it all on the cross, on the altar.*

You are not giving up a bad thing; it does not mean that you are giving up a bad thing. Abraham gave up his son Isaac on the altar. Do you understand what I'm saying?

So, are you willing to deny yourself completely? Lose yourself and everything else for Jesus' sake. Lay everything on the altar and let Jesus be all in all?

Please if this is really your desire I want you to stand up. And don't stand up because you are embarrassed or because of others. Don't stand up because others stood up. Only stand up because this is your heart's desire.

Prayer:

Jesus, I choose You above all else in life, with all my heart to the best of my knowledge and will, I consciously decide to be crucified with You, no longer I who live, but You live Your life in me. I choose to have no life but You Jesus, I choose to have no desires but Your desires, I choose to have no will but Yours Father. Make me a vessel after Your own heart, I am not God You are God, You are God my Creator, You are God my Redeemer, You are God my Maker, make me after Your own heart, pleasing to You in all that I think, in all that I do, in all that I say, by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

I don't depend on myself I depend on You, I depend on Your power, I depend on Your grace, to empower me and sustain me. Jesus, have Your way in me. I'm Yours Amen.

Carlo prays for the students:

Father God I pray that Your power, may Your power Lord God Almighty Most High fall upon everyone who is here today. And the anointing of Your Holy Spirit, anoint them fresh anointing now Father. Let Your Holy Spirit, Your fire fall on them now, clothe them with power from on high, Father. Empower them now Lord. Sustain them. Uphold them with Your righteous right arm. Every good work You started in

every one of them, give the increase to Your works and bring it to completion. You are faithful who called them, Who also will do it.

And I thank You for every one Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fire Lord, fire! The fire of God fall now, Lord. Fire Lord! Fire Lord!

We love You Lord, we praise You and worship You, in Jesus' holy name.

*(Note: Now they sing: For You are Great, You do miracles so great there is no one else like You...! There is a beautiful time of spontaneous worship; with the understanding and with the spirit; unto the Lord.)
HalleluYah!*

Prophetic message given in prayer to the students:

"The Lord is pleased with your sacrifice, He is pleased with your worship, you are bringing joy to His heart. He will empower you, He will strengthen you. All that you need is in Him. He will never leave you nor forsake you, as you continue to obey Him and to walk with Him, He will show you His glory. You shall see His glory. You are the generation He's been waiting for, through whom He shall show His glory to the world. Love not yourselves unto death. You are more than overcomers; you are more than conquerors, through Him who loves you."

HalleluYah! Amen! Praise the Lord! Wow!

Session II, March 5th.

The Overcomers.



Prayer: Lord Jesus, continue moving with power and glory in this place. Continue to teach us and equip us Lord. Prepare us for the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We continue to surrender to you Lord; to your Lordship and leadership. Continue teaching and equipping your saints in Jesus' name. We thank you Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lord spoke to me to continue with the teaching, the equipping of the saints. We are happy to share testimonies as the Lord leads us, but we don't have our own agenda, we keep hearing and obeying what He wants.

And the Lord told me: I want you to continue with the teaching I want you to give. So, let's open to the book of Revelations chapter 1 verses 5 and 6

Revelations 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

So, Jesus washed us from our sins with his blood and made us kings and priest to God our Father. Then chapters 2 and 3 the Lord sent messages to His Churches. And the seven churches represent the churches along the ages and the churches of our days today.

And the Lord confronts many of the churches and calls many of them to repentance.

Anybody here did not read the book of Revelations yet? All read Revelations? Amen! So, it will be easier for you to follow with me then.

Remember that to every church Jesus said I know your works. But with many of them, there are sins He had to confront. And to the churches He called to repent he says: **Repent, and He who overcomes**, he promises a **reward**.

So, I want you with me to focus on some of the rewards that Jesus promises to the overcomers from the churches.

In chapter 2 verse 26 to 29

Revelations 2:26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

So, the Lord calls the church to repentance and the Lord promises: **He who overcomes** will receive power over the nations to rule with Jesus.

This promise, this reward is for all the Christians in the church, for everybody? Or only the ones who overcome? Read the verse and answer according to what Jesus says. In verse 26

Who is this promise for? To everybody in the church? To all the Christians?

Wake up!! Answer!

- Those who are victorious! (*students answered*)

Amen! Listen, I love you! I don't want to be just standing and talking, I want you to read, to answer. I want you to look at what is written and answer, I want you to interact with me, please. It's good for you to read, believe and speak.

Because, I don't want your learning or your faith to depend on me. I want you to depend on the Word of God. Because there are many false teachings in the world. There is much cheap grace, false grace from hell is being preached in different churches in the world. And many Christians, believers are being deceived by this cheap grace.

So, we need to wake up and be the people after His own heart. To wake up and wake others up! We need to exhort one another and say: Hey, be careful with the cheap grace. These promises are not for everybody. It's not my words, it's not his words. These are the words of Jesus, so please listen to the words of Jesus. And then speak to others the words of Jesus. So, everybody's faith will be based on the words of God. On the Word of God. Not on us, or our interpretation.

There is no interpretation here this is simple words. Jesus said to the church: Repent! And the one who overcome, Jesus promises them to receive power over the nations to rule.

Many believe this is for everybody. No! It's time to pay attention to listen to what Jesus says. This is not for everybody. But it is for everybody who repents and overcomes.

...he who has ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to **THE CHURCHES**. So, the Holy Spirit is speaking to the churches.

So, in chapter 3 verses 5 and 6

Revelations 3:5 He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

So, here is another church Jesus calls to repentance. He says: Repent! He that overcomes shall be clothed with white raiment.

This promise is for everybody? Or only for the ones who repent and are overcomers? Only the overcomers, those who repent and overcome, they receive white raiments.

But pay attention what Jesus says. Also the one who repent and overcome I will not blot out his name from the book of life. So, what does it mean?

When Jesus says the one who repents and overcomes I will not blot out his name from the book of life, what happens to the one who do not repent and do not overcome?

- *He will be punished.* (students answered)

What kind of punishment?

- *No eternal life.* (students answered)

Those **who don't** repent and overcome are in danger of having their names blotted out from the book of life. True?

(*pastor Bill explains again to the students to be sure they understood*)

Because there is a false teaching pastor, around the world: **once saved, forever saved. No matter what you do.** (*students laughed*) Maybe you laugh now, but we were persecuted for teaching this.

We were not persecuted by the world, we were persecuted by people in the church. Even in Australia, even in America. So, don't think in the world the churches are good, beautiful.

Thank God there are churches that are overcomers, but there are other churches that are deceived. So, we need to go and wake them up! We need to believe the words of Jesus, and speak the words of Jesus. And tell other brothers and sisters in the world: Wake up! Don't be deceived! Don't believe the lies! Don't believe the cheap grace.

The grace of God does not allow us to live in sin. **The grace of God is able to save us from sin. The grace of God will enable us to be overcomers!**

That's why we run to the throne of grace, to receive mercy when we fall and find the grace to help us when we need it. And the grace of God is always available to help us, the power of God to save us, the power of God to overcome.

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

When the Lord told me: Come... And he started teaching me and open the Revelations to me, I was afraid, and I said: *Lord, who can overcome?* Like Peter asked Jesus: Who can be saved? And Jesus answered what is impossible to men, is possible to God!

So, to my question the Lord answered me in Arabic:... (*Carlo says the words in Arabic with a rhyme*) and it rhymes in Arabic but in English it means: "The overcomers are the repentant ones"

"The ones who overcome are the ones who truly repent. I know and see the heart of every person. He who is broken before me and repentant and cries for my grace, I will empower them! I will give them the grace to overcome"

So, be encouraged! The grace of God is sufficient for you. As you choose to obey, as you choose to walk with Jesus, as you keep asking for grace, Jesus will empower you! He will strengthen you! He overcame, He will make you overcome as you trust him and obey him! Amen?

- Amen!!! (students answered)

Here we see from the Word of God, that not all Christians, (so called Christians), not everybody in the church will receive power with Jesus to rule over nations. Not everyone will receive white raiment.

Because Jesus promised these rewards only to the ones who repent and overcome. Amen!

So, let's look at another reward in chapter 3 verses 21 and 22.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

Here Jesus called another church to repentance. And Jesus promises to the ones who repent and overcome to sit on thrones with Jesus. So, who can sit on thrones with Jesus, everybody?

- No!!! (students)

No! Only the ones who repent and overcome.

So, if you noticed after each promise there is an exhortation: **he who has ears to hear LET HIM HEAR what the Spirit is saying to the CHURCHES!**

So, notice these admonitions are: for ALL THE CHURCHES not for one church. Amen? Amen!

Now, let's go to heaven, in chapter 4 and look at the scene after the churches what is happening in heaven.

And in heaven John sees... verse 4, chapter 4...

Revelations 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Verse 4, we see in heaven the throne of God surrounded with twenty four thrones. On the twenty four thrones are elders. The elders are **sitting on thrones, clothed with white raiment and with crowns of gold to rule or to reign.**



Who are these?

- Apostles! (one person answered from the audience)

Who else? Ok.

Let's listen to them who they say, who they are. In chapter 5 verses 8 to 10, please.

Revelations 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

5:10 And have made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

So, the twenty four elders, they confessed that they are redeemed from the earth from every people every tribe and every tongue. They are from every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue. **Sitting on thrones, clothed with white raiments with crowns of gold to rule over the nations.**

Whom did Jesus promise to sit on thrones?

- Those who repent and overcome. (students)

From every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue.

Who did Jesus promised to give white raiments?

- Those who repent and overcome. (students)

From every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue.

Whom did Jesus promised to rule over the nations, to receive crowns of gold to reign over the nations?

- The ones who repent and overcome.

From every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue. So, not only the apostles. True?

But why number twenty four? How can they be twenty four and they are from every nation? Are there twenty four nations on the earth? Or, more?

- More!! (students)

Can it be only twenty four tribes on the earth? No!

So, that means that number twenty four is **symbolic number**, a **representative number**. Like when Jesus says: Speak to the angel of the church of Philadelphia. Is He speaking only to one angel or is he speaking to everybody in the church represented by the one angel?

That means one angel represents many in the church from every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue.

So, why number twenty four? To understand, always the scripture answers scripture and explains scriptures. Amen?

Let's go to the book of Acts chapter 15 verses 15 to 17,

*Acts 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
16 After this I will return, and **will build again the tabernacle of David**, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, says the Lord, who does all these things.*

So, we see the blue print of the church, the design of the church, the arrangement of the church. God says in the later days I will restore the fallen tent of David. He did not say I will restore the tabernacle of Moses; he did not say I will restore the temple of Solomon, but restore the fallen tent of David.

So, the design of the church that pleases God is conforming to the tent of David.



So let's see how the priests were arranged in the tent of David. Remember the twenty four elders? (they say) "you redeemed us and made us kings and **priests**". So, let's see how the priests were arranged in the tabernacle of David. In 1st Chronicles 24 talks about the divisions of the priests in the tent of David.

1Chronicles 24:1 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

In verse 2 Nadab and Abihu died, and had no children,

1Chronicles 24:2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.

We see that Eleazar and Ithamar had many children and grandchildren, so the order of the priesthood was for the children of Aaron. This is a symbolic priesthood for the priesthood of Melchizedek.

In the tabernacle of David there were many priests descendents of Eleazar and Ithamar. Because there were so many, they divided them in divisions and each division was represented by the head of that family. So we see in verse 5,

1Chronicles 24:5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

And verse 7 the first lot came to...

1Chronicles 24:7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,...

So it continues second, third, fourth, fifth until verse 18,

1Chronicles 24:18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

So, we see twenty four divisions of priests represented by the chief of each house but even though they are twenty four who are mentioned, but each one of them has many in their division. Like seven angels mentioned in Revelations but many represented by the one angel of each church, which represents all the churches. As we keep hearing: he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying **to the churches**.

Pay attention to verse 19,

1Chronicles 24:19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

So, these are the orderings of them in their service to execute the office of the priest. Note, it is written as the Lord God of Israel **had commanded**, so it is not coincidence it is divine appointment. God foresaw the future and he saw twenty four divisions of priests, therefore he commanded David to divide them in twenty four divisions. The end of verse 19: ...as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.



So, this is not a coincidence that this division was commanded by God in the tabernacle of David and God says in the later days I will restore the fallen tent of David.

So, we see in heaven twenty four divisions of elders around the throne from every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue, redeemed from the earth, with crowns of gold to rule, with white raiments, seated on thrones. These are overcomers, already in heaven. Their number complete, their rewards received; finished. In heaven.

Now, when is this going to happen? Can we know?

Thank God we can.

When we come from the break (of this session) we'll continue to read to know when the overcomers with their complete number, received their reward and they are in heaven. Do you want to know?

HalleluYah! God bless you!

Session III, 5th March.

The overcomers in heaven.



HalleluYah! Are you all being edified today? Did you understand all I shared with you so far? If anyone of you did not understand please raise your hand please. I will be happy to explain again.

It's important that we all understand. It's our responsibility to wake up to righteousness and wake others up.

What I told you today is the Word of God and all based on what Jesus said, all based on the Word of God, so your faith will depend on what is written here. Your responsibility is to believe it and speak it, according to the Word; no more no less. Amen?

Because sometimes people will oppose you, even some churches. Don't be surprised, don't be discouraged. Keep your eyes on Jesus and follow Jesus, and speak the truth in love. Be pleasing to God not to men, like Paul says to the Galatians in chapter 1,

Galatians 1:10 ... or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Amen. So, always seek to please God not men. Because it happened that I was invited to preach in one church, and they heard me preaching this (this teaching) somewhere else, so before I could preach in their church an elder of the church called me and said: Please, don't preach of this part of the Bible. Don't teach about this. Teach of the other side (of the Bible) about the goodness of God. Don't teach this.

I said: I'm sorry, I'll preach and teach what God tells me to preach and teach.

The elder said: Why are you stubborn?

I said: Thank you, God bless you. I'll preach what God tells me to preach.

So, the next day the pastor himself called me and said: I'm sorry we have to cancel your preaching.

Why does the Lord tell me to share this with you? For you to pray, pray for the churches, pray for people to receive the love for the truth. Pray that God make you a lover of the truth. Even if the truth hurts, you will love it and receive it. The truth will set you free and you will be pleasing to God. And your reward is from Jesus not from people. Amen? Amen!

So, let's continue about Revelations. We see the number of the overcomers complete in heaven, already seated on thrones, with white raiments and crowns; already taken to heaven and received their rewards.

But when will this happen? Can we know? Yes, we can know. Because we read from beginning of chapter 5 from verse 1 to 10:

- Revelations 5:1** *And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*
- 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*
 - 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*
 - 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*
 - 5 And one of the elders says unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*
 - 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*
 - 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.*
 - 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.*

- 9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*
- 10 *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*



If we focus on this scripture we see the overcomers in heaven with their rewards, **before** Jesus opens the seals of this book. So, we can know the period of time when the true church of the overcomers will be raptured in heaven, seated on their thrones, received all the promised rewards, before Jesus opens the seals. Amen?

Now let's see what happens on earth after Jesus opens the seals. Later if you have more time you can read the whole book, but now I want to focus on two seals. What happens only when Jesus opens two of the seals? In chapter 6 verses 3 and 4,

Revelations 6:3 *And when he had opened the **second seal**, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*
4 *And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to **take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another**: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

So, when Jesus opens this seal, peace is taken from the earth. In all history until today, was the earth ever without any peace?

- No! (students)

Always somewhere there was peace. But when Jesus opens this seal no more peace in the earth. Not only in one place but all the earth; no peace. And people killing each other, that's what is written in verse 4:

*... to **take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another**...*

Let's look at another thing that happens on the earth when Jesus opens another seal. Let's read what it happens when he opens the third seal in verse 7:

Revelation 6:7 *And when he had opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*

Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.



Every seal Jesus opens, something happens on the earth. In the second seal peace is taken from the earth and people killing one another. But in this fourth seal, when Jesus opens the fourth seal, one fourth of the earth will be killed, will die. One fourth of the earth will be killed, only when Jesus opens this one seal. How many people are on the earth now? About seven billion people. So, if it is one fourth of seven milliard, how many people will be killed on earth when Jesus opens this one seal? One point seven five billion people.

This never happened in history; in all the world wars all who died, never reached this number.

So, when we see Jesus opening the seals in heaven, on earth we can say, great tribulation is happening.

Will the church of the overcomers be in the great tribulation? No! Say it with confidence. No!

Say: I am an overcomer and I will be in heaven with my rewards as my Jesus promised. The great tribulation is not for me.

Because in Thessalonians Paul says we are not appointed unto wrath,

***1Thessalonians 5:9** For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

So, let's see together a very sad thing that happens. In chapter 7 of Revelations verse 9,

*Revelations 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude**, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*

We see great multitude now in heaven, no one can number from every nation, every people, every tribe and every tongue. Who are these?

Please read verses 13 and 14,

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and from where came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

So, who are they? They are taken out of great tribulation. They washed their robes and made them white by the blood of the Lamb.

What does that mean? Their robes were dirty. Dirty with sin. Dirty with the world. Dirty with the sins of the flesh. These, their robes were dirty and they entered the great tribulation. Because when they saw the others taken in the rapture, that they were left behind and they passed through the great tribulation, because of God's mercy and goodness, He gave them another chance to repent.

The Bible shows us that they repented later in the great tribulation and they washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. And that is why they were taken out to heaven with white robes and only palms on their hands, standing on their feet, no seating on thrones, no crowns of gold only white robes and palms in their hands.

These went into great tribulation. Who say so? The Bible. In verse 14

14 And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

These came from great tribulation.

And verse 15,

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sits on the throne shall dwell among them.



So, what is the difference between this group and the first group? Who can tell me? Raise your hand please. Yes, please!

- The first group reigning with Christ with crowns of gold and the second group standing and serving day and night. (student answered)

Bravo! You are paying attention! Because she (the student) read the Word, she believe what is written, therefore she spoke. Let this encourage you. Don't be intimidated, don't be afraid. Believe the Word and speak it!

The difference between these two groups is very clear in the Bible. Is this my interpretation? Or. Is it written? Therefore you can stand on the Word of God and preach and teach the Word of God.

To wake up the people; it is written **without holiness no one will see the Lord**. Amen?

- Amen!!! (students)

Therefore we can call people to repentance, not because we are better. No! We stand by grace, we repent first then we can help others to repent. We overcome first, then we can help others to overcome.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. If they receive you, they receive who sent you; if they reject you, they reject the one who sent you. So, don't be discouraged by their reaction. Always strengthen yourself in the Lord, and always seek to please the Lord. Never try to please men. Amen? Amen!

When the Lord told me to go to Argentina,... before going to Argentina he allowed me to read books about Argentina, I didn't know that I was going. And they talked about how the Lord sent many prayer warriors, intercessors to do spiritual warfare...So, for what I read I thought that Argentina had very beautiful spiritual atmosphere!

But when I went there I was shocked, I did not feel the presence of God I felt the presence of the enemy and very heavy oppression. I said; Lord, I don't understand, you sent prayer warriors, generals of prayer warring and intercession and spiritual warfare. Why I don't feel your presence? Why I feel the presence of the enemy?

And the Lord said; Because there is not REPENTANCE!

Because if there is no repentance that gives legal ground for the enemy to stay. So, the Lord said: Go wake my people up to righteousness. Tell my people I'm coming back very soon. I'm not coming back for a carnal church, I'm not coming back for a worldly church, I'm not coming back for a selfish church. I'm coming back for a pure, holy church, sanctified without blemish without spot. And without holiness no one will see the Lord.

So, this is the commission I received from the Lord, and this commission I impart to you in Jesus' name. Do you receive this commission? Who receives this commission? No body?

Spend time with the Lord! Seek Him, seek the Lord.

Why are you in a Bible school?

- To study God's Word (they answered)

Why do you want to study God's Word?

- To honour and serve Him. (students)

To honour and serve the Lord? Why are you shy to answer? Be bold! Be courageous!

In the first session you stood up to lay down everything for Jesus. You are here to study God's Word, to be equipped, to be prepared to go on and speak His Word, but also to wake up other people to repentance, to be equipped to be a man and woman of God. That you become light to the world and the light dispels the darkness. To be good salt, the salt stops corruption, the salt stops decay.

If darkness comes, Why?

- Because the world is lost.. (students)

Holy Spirit help them Lord! Why darkness is able to come?

- Because of the devil and the works of the devil. (students)

If light is shining can there be darkness?

- No! (students)

So, why darkness has come?

- No light!!! (students)

No light! Darkness comes because the light is not shining! Why corruption and decay comes? Because there is no good salt. Salt stops decay and corruption.

So, am I shining? Darkness must go! Because darkness cannot overcome the light!.

At night if the room is dark, turn on the light and you will see what happens...

- Darkness goes! (students)

Darkness must go! Not us, we don't have to go. Darkness has to go. Amen? Amen!

So, this is a challenge for you, everyday say: Jesus let me shine for you! More and more!

The more Jesus lives in you, the more light shines out. The more light shines out, the more darkness disappears. Do you like to see this in Ambon?

- Amen!!!! (students)

Do you want to see this in Indonesia?

- Amen!!! (students)

Remember this is God's principle. People can carry swords and guns.... Who can overcome?

- We can overcome! (student)

The Bible says that we don't wrestle against flesh and blood; we wrestle against principalities and powers of darkness. And the one Who is in us, is greater than he who is in the world. We can overcome by the power of the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ, by the power of His love, because love overcomes hatred, light overcomes darkness.

In the next seminar in the next session we will learn more about spiritual warfare, how to put on the armour of God and how to put on the armour of love. Is there an armour of love? I will show you tomorrow by the Word of God.

It is time to see God's glory. Jesus is coming back very soon, but he wants pure and holy vessels to fill with his glory, to clothe with His power to shine with His glory, and satan is defeated in Jesus' name. We shall see God's glory. The church is not leaving this world in defeat.

Did Jesus leave this earth in defeat? No! Jesus left this world with victory and glory. And the real church of the overcomers is going to leave the earth in victory and glory.

- Amen!! (students)

So, let's prepare our hearts, let's prepare our vessels, we are the vessels of the Lord, to be in purity and holiness to receive the presence and the glory of the Lord. Amen? Amen!

Prayer to close the first day seminar:

Holy Spirit, in obedience Lord I spoke what you gave me utterance of, and I trust you Father that your Word will not go back to you void, but will succeed and prosper in everyone that heard it today. It will be in good soil that you'll protect by the power of your Holy Spirit. Send the early and later rain, to water your seeds, let them grow and bear abundant fruit that your Word also produce fruit in others and multiply many folds to cover the whole world, according to your promise Father. The earth shall be full with the knowledge of your glory as the waters cover the seas.

Bless my precious brothers and sisters in this place empower them Lord. Enable them to be doers of the Word, not only hearers deceiving themselves. So, bless them Lord, protect them, assign new angels to them, and reveal yourself to them like never before!

I impart to each and everyone, the anointing that teaches them all things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Seal everything with the blood of Christ with your Holy Spirit. Give the increase to your Work and

bring it to completion. As I entrust everyone of us into your loving hands, under the blood of Jesus, under your wings

And we give you the glory, honour, praise and thanksgivings dear God and our Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you!

March 6th, Session I

The tree of knowledge of good and evil.



Genesis chapter 2 and read verses 9, 16 and 17.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2: 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

So, the Lord put two trees in the garden and told Adam and Eve they can eat of everything and of the tree of life but one tree God commanded them not to eat from. And many people said why God had to put the tree of knowledge of good and evil to tempt Adam and Eve? God did not put the tree to tempt them; God put the tree of knowledge of good and evil for them to have a choice!

For God to love you, He has to give you a choice to love him back. If you have no choice, then you are a robot . But God has to give us choices and we need to make the decisions and choose well.

So, He put the tree of life to partake of His life and He put the other tree of knowledge of good and evil that represents the enemy, represents independence of God. And God commanded Adam; don't eat of this tree of knowledge of good and evil because if you do, you will surely die.

Not only He made a command, He gave a choice to obey the command, but also gave a warning that disobedience to that command produces death. That eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, produces death.

So, in chapter 3 verses 1 to 7,

Genesis 3:1 *Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die:

5 For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

So, the serpent came to Eve as he comes to many believers, he pretends innocence and confuses what God says and perverts what God says; and put doubts about the goodness of God. So, the serpent came and denied the authority of God's Word and saying: You will not surely die!

God said: If you eat you will surely die. But the serpent said: No, you will not surely die...

And this is happening in the churches everywhere in the world.

The works of the flesh:

So, let's see here an example in Galatians chapter 5 verses 19 to 21,

*Gal 5:19 Now the **works of the flesh** are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Paul the apostle gives warnings about the works of the flesh and of them is adultery; and many people think that if they don't do the physical act they are free. But Jesus said that if you look at someone with lust in your heart, it is the same sin as adultery.

And in verse 20 he warns about **idolatry** and **witchcraft**, so people think that because they are not doing the actual act of idolatry or do witchcraft, they say they are free. Please open to 1 Samuel 15 verses 22 and 23,

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

*23 For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

God says that rebellion is the same sin as witchcraft, and stubbornness, disobedience is the same sin as iniquity and idolatry.

So, we need to understand that God's standards are not our standards.

Another thing in Galatians 5 verse 21 is murder. One of the works of the flesh is murder,

*21 Envyings, **murders**, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Amen, so, one of the works of the flesh is murder. Do you know that many believers, Christian believers are guilty of this sin of murder? Are you surprised? Do you know why?

Let's look at 1 John chapter 3 verse 15,

1Jn 3:15 whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Amen. So, He who hates his brother is what?

- A murderer! (students)

How many so called Christian believers hate each other? And God sees this hatred as murder.

So, going back to Galatians 5, examine yourself with these works of the flesh; as you read from verses 19 to 21, and you see God's standard, Can you say that you are free of all of them? No! Many are not free. Many of them hate these sins but they keep falling in them.

And the serpent says: Oh it's ok! God is love, he understands; you are in the flesh, what can you do? Don't worry God is love!

And what does God say in the end of verse 21?

Galatians 5:21... , that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

So, the ones who practice these will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the serpent tells believers: Oh it's ok, God is love; we are in the flesh, what can we do? We will be free when we go to heaven only...

That is a lie of the devil to bind the believers, to keep them from inheriting the kingdom of God!

But you say, Pastor what can I do?

It's the same thing Paul the apostle suffered also. If you read Romans chapter 7, you see how Paul struggled against the flesh, when he tried to control his body he failed. And he describes it in verse 18 of chapter 7,

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

So, he describes his struggle and discovers that he cannot overcome in his power. And he doesn't say: Oh God is love, he understands! He in verse 24 instead of saying: oh, God understands, he cries:

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

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...He (Paul) made no excuses, he cried for deliverance! And we do the same thing, when we cry to God for deliverance...

God revealed to Paul, saying: Paul you cannot control the flesh with your power, but you have power I gave you by the Holy Spirit!

So, let's look at Romans chapter 8 verse 13,

Rom 8:13 For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify (put to death) the deeds of the body, you shall live.

The Lord says through Paul that if you live after the flesh you shall die and the serpent comes and says: You shall not surely die...

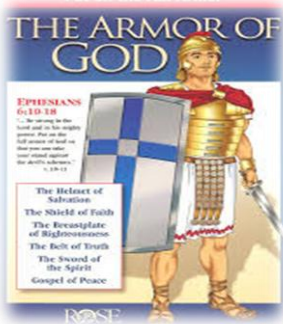
Say: Shut up devil, you are a liar! Those who live after the flesh shall die.

But HalleluYah! There is power and victory from God to overcome!

Through the Spirit you can put to death the works of the flesh. HalleluYah!

So, how does that work? Ok, I read it, but maybe I don't understand! You need to learn the ways of God.

How many people here put the armour of God every day?



The Armour of God.

Ephesians 6 verses 10 to 18,

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*
- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*
- 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*
- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Put on the whole **Armour of God** that you will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. So, if you don't put on the whole armour of God, can you stand against the wiles of the devil? No!

I would love it for everybody to interact and answer and speak. I want the Word active in you in your heart and in your mouth. It's very important. If you don't put on the armour of God you cannot stand against the wiles of the devil. Who says that? God says it. Is this a suggestion? No! It's a command!

So, everybody say: Father, forgive me for ignoring this command. Do you want to overcome? We need to pay attention to the Word of God, and obey the Word of God. The armour of God is very real.

You look at me and you see me dressed physically, but if God opens your spiritual eyes you will see me wearing something else. You will see that I am dressed like a soldier. I have the whole armour of God on me. You don't see it with your physical eyes but it is real.

God is Spirit. Can you see God? But you believe He exists. And God is more real than anything else. So, the spiritual world is more real than the physical world. Because God spoke the physical world out of the spiritual world. So that is more real, and the armour of God is real.

So, please say now: *Father, every day now I want you to put the armour of God on me. Everybody say: Father God, please put your whole armour on me now, I ask you for it and I thank you for it, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

In verse 13,

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

I want you to know that my wife and I practice daily putting the whole armour of God piece by piece. So, if I put my jeans on, my shirt on and I button it, right? Also in the spiritual world, spiritually speaking...I'm a spiritual being, so what I do is that I say:

"Father I put on the armour of God. I gird my loins with the truth in Jesus' name. I put the breastplate of righteousness. I shod my feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. I take the shield of faith that extinguishes all the fiery darts of the enemy. I take and put on the helmet of salvation and I take the sword of the Spirit that is the Word of God".

I move in the physical as if I'm really doing it because I'm doing it in the spiritual. Do you understand?

- Amen!! (students)

Do you believe that it happens?

- Amen! (students)

Why? Because, God said it. Amen? Amen!

So, do like me, If God said it, I believe it; that settles it! It's done! Amen? Amen! HalleluYah!

Everyone of you, do you believe that you have the armour of God on?

- Amen!!! (students)
- HalleluYah! Glory to God!

Now, how do I use the sword of the Spirit? What is the sword?

- The Word of God! (students)

Now, how does the sword work? Open to Romans chapter 10 verse 10,

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The heart believes for righteousness, but the mouth confesses for salvation, for deliverance, for healing.

If you believe the Word of God in your heart only, will anything happen? No!

What is missing?

- We have to confess with our mouths! (students)

Confession! When God created the world, if God only thought in his heart: Let there be light! He did not speak, but only thought in his heart, would there have been light? No!

So God, believed His Word in his heart, but only when God spoke with his mouth there was light! Amen? Amen! So, God does everything, creates everything by his Word, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen? Amen!

Do you remember Genesis one? There was darkness,

Genesis 1:2 and the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

..and the Holy Spirit hovering. If you don't remember please raise your hand.

So, the Holy Spirit was hovering, waiting for the Father to speak. When the Father spoke, the Holy Spirit moved to fulfill it. Do you understand? Clear?

- Yes!

Ok, so we go back to Romans 10, the heart believes for righteousness, so I believe what God says. Maybe I don't understand, it doesn't depend on understanding. Many want to understand in order to

believe; it doesn't work like this. There are those who wait to understand in order to believe. But God is a God of faith; He wants us to believe in His Word because He is God.

That's why it says in Proverbs chapter 3 verse 5,

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding.

Who says this? God! Amen! Therefore we need to believe with the heart not the mind. Many people agree with God in their minds and that does not change their lives. The Bible says that you need to believe with the heart. It does not matter what is going on with my mind, I choose to believe and keep believing even when what I see and hear or think is contrary to the Word. I choose to believe, no matter what I see. No matter what I hear, no matter what I feel, no matter what I think. Because all these things can be confusing and the devil can play with them.

But when the Word of God is believed in your heart, the devil cannot touch it. That's why, keep believing and keep confessing. So, how do I apply this to Romans 8 verse 13,

Rom 8:13 For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.

So, how does it work? It says that if through the Spirit you put to death the works of the flesh you shall live.

So, if you are struggling with lust, adultery, fornication, rebellion, stubbornness, disobedience, envy, jealousy, hatred, all that we read, what shall we do when we fall in these? Do we try to stop them?

- Amen (student)

But we cannot stop them in our power. What do we need to do first? We need to confess them as very sinful, we need to repent.

To repent means that I'm going on the wrong way, I need to stop and turn around and walk the other way, that's repentance.

Because many people they go the wrong way, and say: Sorry God, I'm sorry. But they continue going the wrong way. Oh, Sorry Lord I'm sorry.(And continue the wrong way). That's not repentance.

Repentance means that with all your heart you refuse to go on the same way. With all your heart you turn around and go the right way. And that is repentance. So, I stop and cry for mercy: Forgive me Father, I've sinned and come short of your glory.

So, what happens when I confess my sin to God?

- God forgives us! (students)
- Amen!

1 John chapter 1 verse 9,

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

IF we CONFESS our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Now many do this and stop. What happens if there is a bad tree producing bad fruit?, you remove the bad fruit and, what will happen? Another fruit will come out. You remove the bad fruit and another bad fruit will come out. So, that's what happens.

Many confess (the sins) but the flesh is still alive producing more fruit. They repent and more fruit comes out, so they keep going in a cycle, become frustrated and discouraged, and some people give up and surrender. What can I do?

But now God is teaching us what to do. Read in Galatians 5 verse 24,

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. What does that mean? I bring a hammer and nails and crucify my flesh? No! Jesus fulfilled that two thousand years ago and now we apply it by faith. So, if God tells me I can crucify my flesh with the affections and lusts, then I can do it!

Does the Bible say that God will crucify the flesh for you? No! So, who will do the crucifixion? And the Bible says if you through the Spirit put to death the works of the flesh you shall live (Romans 8:13). So, who can put the works of the flesh to death? God or you? Us!!!

So, what do I need to do? If I only believe it in my heart, nothing will happen. But I believe the Word in my heart and I confess it with my mouth: *Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I crucify my flesh with the affections and lusts; through the Spirit I put to death the works of the flesh.*

When I speak like this the Word of God, The Holy Spirit flows with the Word to fulfill it . So, will the Holy Spirit do it without me believing and confessing? No!

So, I believe, I confess, the Holy Spirit fulfills it!

Do you believe it? - Yes! Amen! – Bravo!

The devil does not want you to believe. The devil says: Oh, what's this. This is silly. You see, nothing happened.

Say: Shut up devil, you are a liar! The Word of God is truth, I believe it and I confess it in Jesus' name. You are defeated.

So, what happens? Many people take the Word, they believe the Word in their hearts, it's like having the sword in your belt. So, when you confess the Word with the mouth, you are taking the sword out

and wielding it. Did you ever see a soldier take the sword out and then go Bum! (with it) and then stop (stop fighting and put it back in the belt)? No! You take the sword and you keep hitting, and hitting and hitting and hitting in Jesus' name!

You don't stop until the enemy is destroyed. So, many times you have to keep believing and confessing: *I will not accept the works of the flesh and the lust of it! In Jesus' name I crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I put to death adultery, I put to death envy, I put to death jealousy, pornography, hatred, all whatever you are struggling with.*

No more struggling, start believing, start confessing (using the sword, the Word of God). You are not alone God is with you, the Holy Spirit is in you. The Holy Spirit will perform His Word, the Holy Spirit is God, if God is with you who can stand against you?

But God the Holy Spirit is waiting for your words. Your words of faith based on the Word of God in your heart. So, you believe the Word of God in your heart and confess it with your mouth and the Holy Spirit flows to fulfill it, and it shall be completed in Jesus' name.

Do you believe it?

- Amen!!! (students)
- Practice it! (Carlo)

Not once, not twice, keep practicing, keep hitting the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God). Don't stop until the enemy is destroyed. Amen? Amen!!

All of you shall be more than conquerors through Christ who loves you! Amen!

(break)

March 6th, Session II

The victory is ours!



Did you learn something new?

Students: Yes!!

So, are you going to start practicing? You have to practice the Word of God. You have to practice your faith. In the beginning many people don't have the strength, like a baby they cannot carry the chair yet. But once we start practicing, put more pressure on the muscles. If the baby stops will he develop the muscles? Will he be able to carry the chair? No!

If the baby doesn't practice, he will never be able to carry the chair. But when you persevere and keep practicing, with more practice it becomes easier (to carry), then you can do it with one hand. Then you start practicing with something else (something heavier), but we keep persevering, keep believing, keep believing the Word of God, keep confessing the Word of God, keep practicing, applying the word to practice. God will give you more and more power. God wants you to exercise your spiritual muscles, the muscles of faith, the muscles of love, the muscles of hope.

He wants you to be able to hold the sword (the Word of God), because many times the devil wants to take away the sword from your hand.

For example if you have the sword (*the Word of God*) in your hand. I give you the sword; take it (to the student)! Go like this with the sword (*lift it up*). [*Carlo takes the object given to the student from his hand easily*] What happened? He took the sword lightly, and that is what happens with many believers, they take the Word of God lightly. And the devil is able to take it from them; the devil is able to drop it from them.

What you need to do is to hold the Word of God firmly. [*Carlo says to the student*] Hold it like this! (*Lift it up again, but this time firmly*) [*Now Carlo tries to take it away, but is not able*] HalleluYah!!

Do you understand beloveds? – Amen!!! (Students)

The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit. You need to believe it and hold it firmly. You need to exercise the spiritual muscles. Persevere! Don't allow depression, discouragement, unbelief to come; these are the weapons of the enemy. The devil has no power, but you can give the devil power if you allow sin in your life, if you allow the works of the flesh to live in your life, if you allow doubt and unbelief to come in. If you allow fear to come in; if you allow depression and discouragement to take control.

This does not mean that these will not come against you, the devil will use these (depression, doubt, etc..) against you. So, when they come against you, it's alright initially, it's natural, they will come; but it's not ok to surrender to them, you need to reject them to renounce them. You need to take the Sword of the Spirit, keep believing the Word of God and keep confessing the Word of God. Keep practicing!

Beloveds the victory is yours. Paul says thanks be to God who always gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Does it say thanks be to God who SOME TIMES gives us the victory?

- ALWAYS! (students)

So, we go back to our focus in Galatians chapter 5 and now we understand these works of the flesh cannot live in us anymore. Now we choose to hate them. We repent of them, we confess them to God as sin, we receive God's love and forgiveness and we don't stop there...Speak in Jesus' name I crucify my flesh with the affections and lusts.

And whatever you struggle in the works of the flesh you address that specifically. If you have struggle with lust in your heart, say: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I put you to death lust; I put you to death in Jesus' name.

If you have envy, jealousy, say: In Jesus' name I put you to death through the Spirit. Like Paul says through the Spirit you put to death the works of the flesh.

So, I believe in my heart and I confess with my mouth and the Holy Spirit moves with the Word to fulfill it. It's not my power. It's the power of God, the power of The Holy Spirit. What's my part? Believing, faith, confession. Believing God always performs His Word, God always performs His Word. But I need to believe and confess to see the salvation of God. Amen? Amen!

All clear? Anyone does not understand?

Now, sometimes some people have more struggles than others. When there is more struggle it means that there are more demonic powers opposing, wrestling with you. Because when you allow the works of the flesh for a long time there are demonic spirits associated with them.

So, the more you allowed the works of the flesh, the more you allowed the demonic spirits to have a stronghold in you, and established bondages in you, to tie you up to the sin, that you cannot be free.

But the power of God will make you free, for the truth sets you free.

So, first step: REPENTANCE. I stop; I refuse to continue the wrong way. I confess to God the sins. God forgives me. I receive the love and forgiveness.

Then I take the sword of the Spirit that is the Word of God and through the Spirit I put to death the works of the flesh.

And then I take one step further, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I take authority over the demons behind those sins, I take authority over the demons associated with these works of the flesh. (*Bind them and command them to leave me in Jesus' name; ask the Holy Spirit to fill me and take full control of my life*).

(End of recording; these notes have been added to complete the teaching of this session)

Warfare

- Spiritual Warfare: Pull down strongholds of the enemy. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
- Deliverance: take authority over evil spirits. Bind and disarm the strong man. Mark 3:27.
- The Power of the Blood of Jesus to cleanse us. 1John 1:7.
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit. No room for the enemy in our lives.
- Authority in Jesus' name. Mark 16: 17 Signs that follow believers.
- Persevere in the WORD of God. Believing it. Confessing it
- Our bodies a holy temple to the Lord.

Romans 8:9 But **you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit**, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

- Choice: Go according to logic, facts, or Go according to the Word of God.
- There is victory over the flesh.

March 6th - Session III.

The Soul. The Armour of LOVE.

(This session was not recorded. To complete the day of seminar these notes have been added)

Soul: will, emotions, feelings, thoughts

- Commandment: Love one another as He loved us. John13:34.
- If you want to be His disciple, deny yourself/soul, carry the cross and follow Him
- Renounce the old way of life: living according to the world.
- Bless those who hate us, curse us, treat us badly.
- Pray for those who persecute us, do us wrong

Armour of Love:

*Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;***

3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you.

*14 And above all these things put on **charity (love)**, which is the bond of perfectness.*

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

PUT ON LOVE: it's a command!

- Armour of God: To stand against the wiles of the enemy
- Armour of Love: to relate one to another. Col.3:13-17. When offenses come I choose to forgive, remit the sins, bless the person who caused me wrong.

EXHORTATION: Do not try to control your mind with your will power.

- 2 Cor. 10:3-6 Pulling down strongholds of the enemy
- The Power is from God. Spiritual Weapons from God.
- In Jesus' name I take authority and pull down strongholds...
- In Jesus' name I take authority and cast down imaginations, thoughts...
- I reject these thoughts (wrong, negative, from the enemy) and take every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.
- Practicing this continually we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor. 2:16 We have the mind of Christ.

March 7th, Session I.

The renewing of our minds.

I want to ask before we start, how many people here sees themselves as sinners?

Thank you, let's read the first part of Proverbs 23 verse 7,

Pro 23:7a For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...

So, As he thinks in himself, so is he. So, if you think in yourself you are a sinner so are you. So a sinner..., what does it mean a sinner? Ok, if you have an answer, tell me.

- People who disobey God. (student)

A sinner is somebody who practices sin. A sinner is a person who sins. A liar is a person who tells lies; a murderer is a person who murders. So let's see what God says. You told me what you think. Let's see now what God says about us. 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 21,

2Co 5:21 *For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

God made Christ to be made sin for us that we continue to be sinners?

- No!!

God made Christ to be made sin for us, for us to be sinners?

- No!

What does the Bible say? God made Christ to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Can it be a sinner and a righteous person at the same time? No! A sinner produces sin, a righteous person produces righteousness.

So, if you continue to think in yourself that you are sinners you continue to sin. True?

But if you start believing what God made you... We read in Proverbs 23 verse 7(a) As you think in yourself so are you, but if you start believing God who said, He made you His righteousness in Christ and you confess what God confesses...

Can you make yourself righteous? No! Can God make you righteous? Amen!

But if you don't believe Him and accept Him and receive from Him, how can He make you?

Let's say this is a gift of righteousness (a box is used as an example). So, if I give this to pastor Abraham, what did pastor Abraham have to do? He had to receive, so if I keep giving him and he does not extend his hands to receive, can he receive it? No!

But if I declare my desire: I want to give you this (the box). What is his part to do? He has to believe I am offering the gift. He has to stretch his hands and receive it, and take it. Right?

- Yes!

Now is this (the box) his or mine? It belongs to him now. Why? Because he believed and received it.!!

Righteousness is a gift of God for us in Christ through faith in his blood.

So, why is the church of Christ not walking in righteousness yet? Because of false teaching saying you are a sinner, you are sinners, you are sinners. (In spite of the fact that now you are now a new creature in Christ!) *2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* So, if you are a sinner, it is natural to go on and produce sin.

But if you repented of your sins, put your faith in Christ, by the faith of Him, by His blood, God says: I declare you righteous! So, if God declared you righteous, a righteous person produces fruit of righteousness. True? - Yes!

So, I will ask you again how many sinners are here in this place?...*(no answer)*

How many righteous are there in this place? *(Some answered)* Ok, the sinners come here to the front I want to pray for you...! *(The students laughed)* Really, come!

Beloved, Christianity is about faith, by faith we are saved, by grace. It's not from us; it's the gift of God for us.

And the gift of God for us to receive, we have to believe and receive. And as I told you yesterday believing alone is not enough. Because believing in the heart is RIGHTEOUSNESS, but if you want to EXPERIENCE THE SALVATION, the Bible says the confession of the mouth is for SALVATION.

Let's go again to Romans 10 verse 10,

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Does it say by believing in my heart, I am saved? No! Believing in the heart is righteousness, but for me to be saved, to experience the salvation, to experience this righteousness, I need to believe and **I need to confess it with my mouth.**

So, if I believe in my heart for righteousness, and confess "I am a sinner", Is that right?

Prayer: Holy Spirit I ask you more revelation, shine the light of your glory, please give revelation. Lord without you I can do nothing, so please take the Words that you are giving me utterance of, and open them to my brothers and sisters. Open their minds to understand the scriptures Lord. Lord Jesus please as you opened the eyes of the disciples 2,000 years ago, open the eyes, open the understanding of these disciples of yours today. Please Jesus. And I thank you Father in Jesus' name. Amen.

Beloved, if you believe in your heart, God gives you righteousness. If you confess with your mouth that you are a sinner, Can you experience this righteousness?

- No!!

No! Thank you. So, if I believe in my heart for righteousness, my confession with my mouth must agree with what I believe in my heart. True?

- Yes!

So, my confession should be the expression of what I believe in my heart, there should be no contradiction!

Now, remember **faith depends on the Word of God**. Not what I think, not what I feel, not what I hear, not what I see; it depends on the Word of God.



As we did yesterday: God said it, I believe it that settles it! Everything has to conform to the Word of God. True or not?

So, it's your choice.

Now open to Romans 12 verse 1 and 2,

***Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

***Rom 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

So, the Bible says in verse 2,

Do not conformed to this world: but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind...

So, what is the KEY for us to be CHANGED, be TRANSFORMED? What is the key for us to change? What is the key to be transformed?

- Repentance! (students)

No! What does it say?

- Don't be like the world. (students)

What does it say? Look in the Bible! Focus on the Word! Pay attention to the Word!

- Don't be like the world, don't follow the world. (students)

It says how? **By renewing your mind!!!** Is that written in Indonesian?

- Yes!

So..., to be transformed, to be changed I need to have my mind renewed. Is it clear?

So, if I continue to be in the same way, Can I be changed? No! So, to be changed, to be transformed, I must begin to HAVE MY MIND RENEWED.

So, if I think I am a sinner, I will continue to be a sinner! No?

The teaching today is strong meat, and the devil does not want you to receive it. He wants to bind you in the old way of thinking, and that's why he can keep you from changing. But you must renounce the old way of thinking and allow the Holy Spirit to renew your mind. By the renewing of your mind you start changing, you start being transformed, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3 verse 12

The Bible talks about the people of Israel having a veil...let's read,

2Co 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

*18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.***

The Bible talks about the minds being blinded. It's important not only to listen (what is written) but to read also, to see for yourselves what God is saying. Because when you leave here, I don't want anyone to say: This is Carlo's interpretation. I want you to say: **This is God's word.**

Your learning, your apprehension, your faith depends on the Word of God. If you hear me saying any word contrary to the Word of God, I invite you to come and rebuke me. I mean it, I'm very serious. Because the Word of God, when I give it to you I'm going to give an account to God for it.

And David said in Psalms let the righteous rebuke me, I will not refuse it, it's oil on my head

Psalm 141:5 Let the righteous smite me (rebuke me); it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities

And Proverbs says,

Pro 27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.

So, it's very important I give you the Word; and by the Holy Spirit I'm giving you revelation of The Word. It's not I who opens the Word, the Holy Spirit is the One who opens the Word, and the Holy Spirit opens the Word to us. The Holy Spirit reveals the Word to us, but I have to believe what He says in His Word.

That's why God sent me and said speak my Word, that's why I pray Lord if you sent me here, Lord please open your Word to them, please reveal it to them.

So, this is why I beg you listen and examine what you are listening with the Word, I challenge you to believe the Word even if you don't understand it. Amen?

- Amen!

Because these are not the words of men, it's the Word of God. So, we need to renounce false doctrines, false religions, and false teachings, all that is contrary to the Word. Amen? Amen!

Because the Bible says the minds can be blinded; in verse 14 their minds were blinded, there is a veil over the hearts and the minds of the people. But when we turn to Christ by faith that veil is removed. The Lord is able to take it away from us.

So, if I have a veil over my heart, over my mind, and I say: Jesus remove it from me. And the Lord is trying to take it! And I say: Lord remove it from me. And the Lord says: Carlo, let it go! If I'm holding it (the veil), how can God remove it?

That's what happens with some people when they take hold of their doctrines, when they take hold of their own teachings, when they take hold of their traditions. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees, **how can you believe when you hold on to your traditions?**

So, we need to be humble and say: *Lord, whatever veil there is, remove it from me. I want to be changed Lord.*

And who does the changing? It says in verse 18,

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

So, when we with open face, not veiled face, open face behold the glory of the Lord we start to change, transform to His image from glory to glory. By our power? No! By the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, the Holy Spirit starts changing us..., if I don't allow my mind to be renewed can I be changed? No!

So there is a key for transformation, to change, I have a responsibility. Again, Romans 12,

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

It's a command. In verse 2, don't conform to this world. What does it mean not to conform to this world? Don't conform to the way they think, don't conform to the way they speak, don't conform to the

way they walk, don't conform to their fashion. All that is of the world, the old nature I need to renounce in Jesus' name.

And the command here is: **you**, be transformed by renewing your mind. Be transformed.

For me to be transformed to receive the command, I say: *Yes Lord, I accept to be transformed.* He says: *Yes, but **you** renew your mind. So, Ok Lord my responsibility is to allow my mind to be renewed.*

It's my responsibility to believe what God says or not. It's my choice to believe or not to believe.

Now, how did we get saved and born again? By faith, not by sight. God said: Believe and you shall be saved. How can this be? Is it possible for man? No! Is it possible for God? Yes!

So, my part is: believing and His part is: saving. Amen? Amen!

So, if God says: I want to make you righteous. And in your mind you don't believe it, in your heart you don't believe it, Can God make you righteous?

- No!

Again we go back to 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 21,

2Co 5:21 For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

God made Christ to be made sin for us that we should be made the righteousness of God in Him.

If I don't believe it, can God make me righteous? No!

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Carlo is talking to a student now...:

You have a mighty calling of God, you don't know it yet. God is preparing you, so you can make it easy or you can make it hard. God can do it in one day or forty years, the choice is yours. So, the Lord wants you to focus on this word, and the Lord challenges you to believe His Word even if you don't understand it. Trust the Lord will all your heart, don't rely on your own understanding, and let the Holy Spirit renew your mind. He cannot do it in spite of you; He can only do it in cooperation with you as you believe. In Jesus' name. This is the word of the Lord for you, but this is the Word of the Lord for everybody here, because this word applies to everybody. Amen?

- Amen!

Amen, HalleluYah! Glory to God!

God wants to make us His righteousness, but He is waiting on us to believe. Amen? Amen!

(Now there is a break) But in the break chew on what you have received of the Word, the strong meat of the Word. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring more revelation. Amen? Amen!

March 7th, Session II

God's will: to be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus Christ (Rom.8:29).



In the beginning of this session Paula, Carlo's wife, shared about the caterpillar transformation into a beautiful butterfly. This process is called 'metamorphosis' and is the word used in the original Greek of the word 'be transformed' in Romans chapter 12 verse 2.

Now Carlo starts teaching:

...The image of Jesus Christ, you cannot compare the caterpillar with the butterfly, you cannot compare a sinner with a righteous person. There is a process of transformation, 'metamorphosis'...

[pastor Bill jokes with Carlo]

We can start speaking in tongues, HalleluYah! *(Everybody laughed).*

So, again the key for this transformation is the renewing of our minds. That's why it is important that when we come to the Lord and look at His Word we should come as children with open minds, like a white page allow the Lord to write on it. It's like a computer for example that has an old program and full of viruses, so you need to delete everything and format the hard disc completely and put a fresh and new program clean from viruses.

We have our minds, our computers, programmed from the world and from the devil, programmed from television, from newspapers, from magazines, from culture; all that is contrary to the Word of God full of viruses. Can you put a new program without deleting the old? NO! Can you put a new program without doing a format?

That is why we have to come to the Lord and say:

Lord I allow you to delete all the old. I want to be transformed, I want to be changed. I want a new way of thinking; I want a new programming for my mind free from viruses.

The only program that we should allow enter our minds should be only according to the Word of God. Amen? Amen!

And anything contrary to the Word of God, even if it sounds good, even if it looks beautiful we refuse to receive it, we reject it in Jesus' name, so we receive what is according to the Word of God. Even if I don't like it, even if I don't understand it, but because it is the Word of God I choose to love it, I choose to believe it, I choose to receive it.

The more I look at the Word with an open mind and I accept it, the Holy Spirit starts the renewing process. Transformation starts taking place and I start changing from the old image more and more to the image of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is the key for transformation? It's the renewing of our minds, this is what it says (Romans 12:2) **be transformed by renewing your mind, and renewing the mind according to the Word of God.**

So, when God says He made Christ to be made sin for us that I should be made the righteousness of God in Him. That means that God can change the image of a caterpillar and transform it to the image of a butterfly. So, God can change the image of a sinful person and transform it to the image of Christ.

And this is **God's will for us; to conform us to the image of His son Jesus Christ**, in Romans 8 verse 29,

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

God foreknew us and God called us, predestinated us to conform to the image of His Son Jesus Christ. If we continue to believe that we are sinners, Can we be transformed to the image of Christ?

- No!! (students)

So, if I think I'm a sinner, can I change and be transformed to the image of Christ? No!

The work is the work of God not us. We cannot change ourselves, God can change us, but we have to believe and receive.

If we don't believe we don't receive.

Now, being made the righteousness of God, does not mean that I cannot stumble and fall. Ok?

In 1 John chapter 2 verse 1,

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

So, he says I write you these things that you sin not. So, (*he is saying*) I don't want you to sin, that's why I write to you so that you don't sin,...

But, IF anyone stumbles and fall, anybody sin, we have and advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. Because we are going in the process of transformation, in the process we can fall, in the process we can stumble, in the process there are accidents.

But thank God, He who started the good work in us, He is able to finish it. God can finish the work in us, God can perfect the work in us, because He is God, we are not gods.

He is the one who makes us, we don't make ourselves, but He cannot make us in spite of ourselves, He can make us as we continue to believe, as we continue to trust him, as we continue to allow our minds to be renewed, transformed.

So, in chapter 7 of Hebrews,

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.

Jesus is able to save us to the uttermost. Is it written he can save us a LITTLE BIT? No! He can save us COMPLETELY, as we continue to trust Him and believe Him; continue coming to the Father by Him, continue to come to the throne of grace to receive mercy when we fall and find grace to help us in the time of need.

The grace of God to help us, to keep us from falling anymore. The grace of God, the power of God to have victory.

So, we start walking in the righteousness of God. In 1 John chapter 1 verse 9,

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Now, he (John) says I don't want you to sin, you are made the righteousness of God in Christ, but if anyone falls and sins and IF we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen? Amen!

It's like God gave us white raiments, white clothes, we are walking in the robe of righteousness, because God made us His righteousness in Christ, so I am walking in white robes of righteousness, but in the way of walking, in the process maybe dirt come on my robe.

So, **what I do is to run to Jesus**. I don't wait, I run to Jesus and I confess my sins and the Bible tells me He is faithful and just to forgive me, and not only to forgive me but to cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

If I am clean walking in God's righteousness, am I a sinner? No! Because He cleansed me, how can I say I'm dirty?

It's like saying (to God): *You are a liar, you did not clean me!* Can God lie? No!

If He cleansed me, I am clean. If I say I am dirty I make God a liar; and God forbid. God is true, He is faithful and just. If He cleansed me, I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth, I'm clean I'm not dirty any more.

This is why I renewed my mind; I'm not a sinner anymore. Carlo the sinful man was crucified with Christ and was buried in baptism and now I am raised a new creation in Christ by the glory of the Father, as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so the Father raised me to walk with Christ in His righteousness. Do you believe this?

Look at Romans chapter 6 verse 1 to 6,

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Amen!

Anyone here was not baptized yet? All were baptized? Amen! Were you baptized by submersion in the water? So everybody was under the water, completely submerged, that represents burial.

When you came out of the water, God, according to the Bible, raised you with Jesus to walk in His resurrection life, no more the old life, the old man, the old life was crucified, was destroyed in the cross and was buried in baptism and we were raised in a new life by the glory of the Father.

Baptism is not only symbolic, something very powerful is happening spiritually. **Something very powerful is happening. In baptism union is happening with Christ, union with Him in His death, in His burial and in His resurrection, believing in the power of God, the glory of God who raised Jesus from the dead also raises us with Christ! HALLELUYAH!!!**

To walk in a new life, in His righteousness, in His holiness, in His purity, in all that we need to be in Christ!

So, we should let go of the old things, let go of the old thinking, allow our minds to be renewed, so we can start the process of transformation to the image of Christ, from glory to glory. HalleluYah!!!

Again, 2 Corinthians chapter 3 verses 16 to 18,

2Co 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Who is excited about this? HalleluYah!!! Amen! Wow!

Who is a sinner here?... (No one answered this time). Who is the righteousness of God? – Amen!
HalleluYah! (students)

Amen, because you believe in your heart, you confess with your mouth, as you think in your heart so are you.

Now start to produce fruits of righteousness, start to produce fruit worthy of repentance. You can do it by the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ.

It's a process, if you stumble and fall, if you sin... GET UP!! CONFESS your sins! REPENT! God is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. CONTINUE WALKING IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS! DON'T GO BACK!! KEEP GOING FORWARD! Keep going forward, don't stop!

(If) You fall..GET UP! CONFESS! WASH YOURSELF with the blood of Jesus! CONTINUE GOING FORWARD! Don't go back!

(If) You stumble and fall (again) GET UP! CONFESS YOUR SINS! He forgives you, he cleanses you. CONTINUE FORWARD!

As you continue, God is faithful; He is able to save you to the uttermost, that's why His name is JESUS, because He can save us from our sins.

If we continue living in sin, so Jesus was not able to save us. God forbid!

His name is **JESUS, GOD CAN SAVE US! HE CAN SAVE US! HE IS THE SAVIOR!** He saves us and He saves others. There is a gift from God, the gift of RIGHTEOUSNESS in Christ, through the faith in Him, by His blood. But if we don't believe, you don't receive; if you don't receive, you lose.

The Lord will have us to take a break here and we can continue (later), and continue to meditate in the Word, let the Word renew your mind and allow the transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen? Amen!

God bless you!

March 7th, Session III

Entering His rest: Against all hope continue to believe.



So, do you have your minds renewed now?

- Amen!!!! (students answered enthusiastically)

Prayer:

Thank you, Father, for your transforming power. Continue your work Lord by the power of your Holy Spirit. We honour you Lord. We appreciate you Holy Spirit. Thank you for the change into the image of Christ from glory to glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Precious saints, **it's all about faith, Faith in what God says, not how I feel, not how I think, not what I see, not what I hear; depends on the word of God.**

If what I see conforms to the Word of God, I say: Amen! If what I hear is according to the Word of God, I say: Amen! If I think according to the Word of God, I say: Amen!

But whenever there is anything contrary to the Word of God, I don't accept it, I reject it. I start praying about it, I start to prophesy for God to change it. For everything to conform to His Word, to His will. I don't accept the status quo, I don't believe in: 'Let be' 'Let be', Let things be as they are.

God wants to transform us, and through us to transform the world. Is God able? Amen!

So, I want you to open to (Paul's letter to the) Hebrews please, chapter 3 from verse 12 to 19,

*Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief**, in departing from the living God.*

*13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be **hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.***

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

15 While it is said, Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

*19 So we see that they could not enter in **because of unbelief**.*

And please continue till verse 3 of chapter 4 of Hebrews,

***Heb 4:1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of **entering into his rest**, any of you should seem to come short of it.*

*2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it**.*

*3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest**, as he said: As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

And verse 6 of chapter 4 also,

***Heb 4:6** Seeing therefore it remains that some must enter therein, and **they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief**:*

So, to summarize all that we have learnt the last few days in the Seminar:

- To know the power of God to save us to the uttermost;
- The power of His deliverance and The power of His sanctification, The power of His transformation to His image from glory to glory;
- We learnt how to crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts, to put to death the works of the flesh;
- To deny ourselves to carry the cross daily and follow Jesus;
- To walk in love, continually loving and forgiving others;
- How to get control of our minds, not by will power, but the power of God using His powerful weapons;
- In Jesus' name to pull down the strongholds in our minds, in Jesus' name to cast down the imaginations, the arguments, the reasonings, logics, every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.
- And continually to take into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.
- To have the mind of Christ at all times.
- To start believing what God says about us, what he wants to make of us, and believe Him that He can do it, trust Him; it does not depend on us trying to work it, it depend on us continually to believe in Him; and as we continue to believe in Him he works in us.

And now, He warns in verse 12 of chapter 3 (Hebrews),

*Heb 3:12 Take heed, (pay attention) brethren, lest there be in any of you **an evil heart of unbelief**, in departing from the living God.*

He warns about having an **evil heart of unbelief**, because in Romans we read that the heart believes for righteousness and the mouth confesses for salvation. So, it is important that we continue to believe in our hearts. Repent of, and renounce unbelief. So different times when you read the Word of God, even if you don't understand, say, pray:

Father, I don't understand it yet, but because you said it, I choose to believe it. And because I believe it I confess it Lord. I allow you to renew my mind Lord. I surrender to the work of the Holy Spirit I bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, forgive me for all the times of unbelief. I choose to believe Lord, in Jesus' holy name.

And look at verse 13,

*Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be **hardened through the deceitfulness of sin***

That we need to continue to exhort one another, encourage one another, exhort one another in the Word of God, exhort one another in the teachings you have received.

And the Bible says in verse 14,

*Heb 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;***

That we choose to continue to believe the Word of God even if it sounds impossible, even if our circumstances are different, even if our situation is different, continue to believe the Word of God, continue to believe and confess the Word of God.

When I married my wife, Paula, few months in the beginning of our marriage's life; like we were married in May and around August, September, the Lord allowed hard circumstances to come against us. No more offerings came to us and to the ministry, we didn't have any more money for food and I made a covenant with God, me and my wife, that we ask no body for money, this ministry is for love, Jesus paid for it with His blood. And therefore whatever we need, we only ask the Father and the Father provides for us. How? We don't know, but we don't ask people for money.

Even my earthly dad different times he asked, do you need anything? And I used to tell him: Dad, even if I don't have anything to eat, I cannot ask you; because of my covenant with God. If you have in your heart to give an offering, it's between you and God. But I will not ask you.

So, we went..., the Lord allowed difficult times and situations that we did not have money to eat and exactly a period of forty days when we had some flour with water we knead it and made small pieces of

bread. So, for two days we ate of those two pieces of bread and one day we ate nothing. Another two days we ate of those two pieces of bread and then another day we ate nothing.

This process continued for forty days. So, the devil attacked us: *where is your God? God is a liar, where are the promises of God? It is written the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. The Bible says that the lions lack and the young lions suffer hunger but those who seek the Lord won't lack any good thing. So where are the promises of God?*

For forty days we were tormented by the enemy in our minds. So the facts and the situations were that we had no food. But we chose to continue to believe the Word of God, we chose to continue to confess the Word of God, we chose to **renounce all unbelief and** against **all hope in hope continued to believe** (*Rom. 4:18*) **because God is not a liar!**

But the devil says: look at your circumstances! (I said) I don't care about the circumstances I choose to continue to believe the Word of God and confess the Word of God. I continue to pray and believe God can change everything. I will refuse to ask people for money even if we didn't have anything to eat.

And we became very thin even my, and ...excuse me but even my pants would fall down without me unbuttoning them. And the devil said: Look at your wife, your bride, she is so thin, what are you doing to her. But we chose to continue to believe in God and the promises of God. It is written the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. It is written the lions lack and the young lions suffer hunger, but we who seek the Lord, shall not lack any good thing. (*Psa. 34:10; 23:1*)

We refused to agree with what we saw, we refused to agree with what we felt, we refused to agree with what we thought. We chose to continue to agree with the Word of God; to believe and confess the Word of God.

The Lord allowed the testing, to see if we just confess the Word like that (lip service, just mental agreement), to see if we only agree when we are good and well or continue to believe even when it is hard; or continue to believe, when what we see is impossible.

But God is true, God is not a liar, his words are true, his promises are true, and they are all yes and amen in Christ. So, when we went to the fire and we passed this cross, we died to ourselves, the power of resurrection came and God opened His heavens and poured His blessings upon us.

The devil is a liar. Now remember when God saved Israel from Egypt, Who took Israel to the bitter waters of Mara? The devil did that?

- **The Lord** (students)

God took Israel to the bitter waters of Mara, not the devil. But what did the people of God do? Did they continue to believe God? No! They murmured.

Who took the people of Israel to the place of hunger where there was no food? The devil? No! God did. God took them to the place of hunger. Did they continue to believe? Or they chose unbelief and murmuring?

So, God allows us,... he takes us into the wilderness, Why?

Open Deuteronomy chapter 8 verses 2 and 3,

Deu 8:2 *And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no.*

3 *And he humbled you, and suffered you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

So, God is telling His people to remember the way He led them in the wilderness, why the Lord allows the trials, temptations in the wilderness?

Number one: **To humble you**. God has to humble us, to be able to be gracious to us; because God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble (*1 Peter 5:5*). And sadly pride is very strong in man, in humanity. So God has to break this pride, he has to humble us, because His grace is for the humble.

And the second thing that it says is: **To prove you, to know what is in your heart**. Is there “continue to believe” or “continue in unbelief”? Will you continue to keep his commandments, to obey or not? It’s easy to keep the commandments and to obey God when things are smooth and nice. But will you continue to believe when the times are hard and painful?

So, the Lord allows the trials and this is the purpose of God when you go to fiery trials, when you go through painful working of the cross inside you, even though you don’t understand what is happening. Even though you don’t see the promises of God fulfilled yet! I encourage you and exhort you to continue to believe. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God.

Speak and say:

Lord I don't understand but I choose to believe, I choose to humble myself under your mighty hand O God. I choose to trust you. Maybe now I don't see the performance of your words but I continue to believe and confess your Word and you will perform your Word. In your time Lord you will perform your Word I choose to believe Lord.

So, we go back to Hebrews chapter 3 verse 19,

Heb 3:19 *So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

So, they could not enter the rest of God why? Because of unbelief.

Unbelief stops you from entering the rest of God.

Unbelief stops you from receiving from God.

Look in James chapter 1 verses 6 to 8,

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

So, when you ask of God ask with faith. When you believe the Word of God don't allow the circumstances to dictate to you and cause you to waver and be double minded. Let the Word of God dictate to you no matter what you see contrary to the word of God, no matter what you hear contrary to the Word of God, no matter what you experience contrary to the Word of God.

Please don't waver, don't allow unbelief, if you start wavering and start allowing unbelief, quickly repent and ask God to forgive you and declare with your mouth, Father I choose to believe.

Because the devil wants to stop you from believing the Word of God; and the way He can stop you, is by making you waver, to be double minded, because the Word of God says: He who wavers receives nothing from God. Amen precious saints?

So, are you receiving revelation today?

Amen, so we go back to Hebrews 4 verse 1,

Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

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We must believe, when we hear it (the Word of God) we choose to believe it. If we don't believe it we lose, like the people of Israel in the wilderness. And in verse 3,

Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Repeat after me:

I'm a believer, I'm not a doubter. I'm a believer; I love the Word of God. I believe the Word of God I receive it with faith. And because I'm a believer I enter into His rest. I believe that I am made the

righteousness of God in Christ, for it is written: And God made Him sin, He who did not know sin for me, that I should be made the righteousness of God in Christ. Amen.

Are you a believer?

- Amen!! HalleluYah!!! (students)

Are you a doubter?

- No!!!! (students)

HalleluYah! I declare you more than conquerors through Him who loves us!

- Amen!!! (students)

Let's stand to pray:

Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I take authority over any unbelief in any heart. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I curse any root of unbelief it shall not prosper in any one, it shall not live, it shall not produce any fruit in any one. I command any unbelief be uprooted from every heart and be planted in the sea, in Jesus' holy name.

I impart to your children to every person here, Father God, the gift of faith. Lord, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, and everyone here heard the Word of God and believed the Word of God, so the Word be profitable in everyone of them. I call forth your Word to prosper in every heart of them. I call forth your Word to take deep root in every one of them Lord. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I call forth your Word to break forth Lord and produce fruit in ever one, abundant fruit, Father, for the glory of your name in Jesus' name. I call forth fruitfulness in everyone, fruitfulness through everyone in Jesus' holy name.

I prophesy over everyone here; you are fruitful for the kingdom of God, the Lord Jesus ordained you to be fruitful, that your fruit should last in Jesus' holy name. I prophesy the devil cannot steal, nor kill, nor destroy what God has been doing and does in everyone here. For God what you did, what you started in everyone you are faithful to complete it.

So, I commend to you Father, every person here and the works of your hands, give the increase to your works, bring it to completion, perfect your work Lord. For the work is yours, the belief is ours, we trust you, Lord, to do your perfect work in us; to change us, to conform us to the image of your Son Jesus Christ. Continue the transforming power, form glory to glory, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Seal all with the blood of Christ; cover your children and every one of us with the blood of Christ and with your glory. Keep us as the apple of your eyes. Be a wall of fire around everyone of us and be glory in the midst of everyone of us; that your name be hallowed, your kingdom manifest, your will be done in us and through us, as well as for us, in earth as in heaven. And we give you the glory, honour, praise and thanksgivings heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Last Day Seminar, 8th, March
Session I

The power of the tongue: Life and Death



Proverbs 18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Praise the Lord!

The power of life and death is in the tongue. The power of the tongue: you can have death and you can have life.

Life can include salvation, deliverance, healing. All that God would have you to have and you desire according to the will of God is in the power of your tongue also.

Also death, cursing, sickness, diseases, can be in the power of the tongue. As we learnt before that as you think in yourself so are you. And as you believe in your heart the Word of God is righteousness for you and as you confess it is salvation.

So, precious saints, today the Lord would have you pay attention to the words of your mouth.

Jesus said we will give an account for every careless word uttered with our mouths. And Jesus said out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. So, what is your heart filled with?. What is your mouths speaking all the time?

Is your mouth, your tongue, producing life always? Or is just producing death? Is it producing salvation, deliverance, healing? Or is producing death, sickness, disease, illness and cursing?

So, the Lord tells us that power is in our tongue. And James says in the letter of James, that out of the mouth comes salt water and good water, curses and blessings come out of the mouth. And he says, this cannot be, it should not be this way. And he says, who can control the tongue?

Jas 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

10 Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

But thanks be to God, we can bring our tongues to the control of the Holy Spirit. It is our choice to submit the tongue to the control of the Holy Spirit to utter the utterances of God or, come under and submit to the influences of other spirits and give utterances of others things.

So, you can utter things according to the will of God and the Word of God, produce life, salvation, deliverance, and healings. Or give your tongue to the control and influence of other spirits and speak things contrary to the Word of God and can produce death, sickness, disease, illness and curses. Is it clear?

It's very important, today's lesson is very important. If you grab it in your heart and start practicing it you will be blessed and be a blessing to others. You produce life for you and for the people around you. You produce life wherever you go.

I don't know why, (I'm going to share this) but anyway the Lord knows. Many years ago I had something in the blood, the uric acid will go so high that can affect the liver the joints and causing excruciating pain in the joints and bones. And the doctor said there is no healing, that you must take medicine all your life. So, I accepted before, that report but at the same time I asked people to pray for me. And people prayed for me and anointed me with oil and nothing happened. I had a plastic bag full of medicine.

And then one day I said: *Lord, do you want your son to take medicine all his life?* And I heard the Lord telling me: *No! I healed you!*

Jesus said I healed you and I had the Word of God to confirm it. It is written: Jesus Christ himself bare our sins in his body on the tree that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes we were healed.

1Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.

So, now I had a choice to submit to the report of God, the Word of God, or submit to the reports of the doctors, the report of science. So, shall I agree and speak what the doctors and science speak? Or do I agree and speak what Jesus said?

I made my choice, to believe Jesus. I chose to believe the Word of God. And any report, any declaration contrary to the Word of God, I choose to reject and denounce in Jesus' name.

So, when the Lord said: *I healed you*. Righteous anger rose in me: *In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I rebuke you and bind you devil. Pick up your garbage and leave in Jesus' name. By the stripes of Jesus I was healed.*

And praise be to God! Since June 1995 until today I didn't take any medicine. Any symptoms that would come against me, I refused to submit to, I chose to submit to the Word of God. God cannot lie, His Word is true, I choose to believe it and confess it, and I choose to glorify God.

Every time I believe His Word and speak it and confess it, I glorify Him. And He wants to be glorified in every one of you.

So, as we read yesterday or the day before, the importance of believing in the heart and the importance of confession with the mouth; if you believe that you are a sinner and confess that you are a sinner, then you are a sinner. It's in the power of your tongue.

But if you believe the report of God that God made Christ sin who knew not sin that God may make you His righteousness in Christ, you believe that in your heart, you confess that with your mouth you will start living His righteousness by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As I said, it does not mean that no one will fall sometimes, but when and if you do, you stand up and repent and confess and God forgives you and cleanses you. If God cleanses you, you are clean! You have to believe it and confess it.

The devil will come to resist and oppose the Word of God and make a trap for you to fall and if you fall he brings condemnation against you and say: *Ha, you are the righteousness of God? Look at yourself! You are a sinner, look at you!* And bring guilt and shame and condemnation. So you can believe that and him and submit to it and give up; and be depressed and be discouraged and stop fighting and struggle. Or, continue to believe in the goodness of God in His mercy that endures forever, his faithfulness is everlasting.

If you stumble and fall, don't run away from God, run to God. Don't allow shame and guilt to keep you away from Him, that's the weapon of the enemy to keep you away from God.

The Bible says the righteous falls seven times and gets up!

Proverbs 24:16 For a just (righteous) man falls seven times, and rises up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

Does it say the sinner falls? Or the righteous? You see, so the righteous can fall, but the righteous does not stay down, the righteous gets up, continues to believe God with all his heart and continues in the righteousness of God. Right away he confesses to God.

And I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth: *Shut up devil you cannot condemn me any more in Jesus' name. I confessed my sins to my Father and my Father is faithful and just he forgives me my sins and cleanses me from all unrighteousness. HalleluYah!*

So, continue to believe, continue to confess with your mouth. Don't submit to the negative thoughts in your mind, don't accept accusations of the devil, and don't accept the condemnation of the devil. Renounce all condemnation. Sometimes you start feeling condemnation and guilt and the devil convinces you that (what you feel) is the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Remember this very carefully, when the Holy Spirit brings conviction, He does not bring condemnation and hopelessness. The Holy Spirit brings conviction and brings hope; He helps you to run to Jesus to confess your sins, to give you repentance, to receive love and forgiveness, to receive cleansing.

Remember the contradiction between the conviction of the Holy Spirit and the work of the unholy spirit. Holy Spirit brings conviction, hope, and forgiveness. The unholy spirit brings condemnation, hopelessness, depression and discouragement.

So, that is why it is important to pay attention to what Jesus said: Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. So, what are you filling your heart with? Are you filling your heart with dramas of the world? With stories from magazines? With garbage and filth? What is filling your heart?

Because from the abundance of your heart, your mouth will speak.

So, if you are watching dramas all the time, you will speak like the dramas. Do you like that? No!

But if you fill your heart with the Word of God, of the abundance of the heart you will speak the Word of God. So, what are you giving your tongue the power to utter? Words of life? Or words of death? It's your choice.

Like an illustration a brother gave one time and he said that if you eat watermelon all the time, and you fill your stomach with watermelon and somebody touches you on the belly, what will come out of your mouth? Watermelon!

So, he talks about an ex-criminal, who got saved and God started changing him from a hard criminal to a child of God. And he used to be angry and when he got angry would hit people. But now he is saved, started to be filled with the Word of God and somebody did something against him and he started to get angry. So he started to get angry (*about to explode, and finally he uttered*) God bless you! (*He could not curse anymore*).

Glory to God! That's the power of God!

What are you filling your heart with?

So today's exhortation from the Lord to every one of you is, ask the Holy Spirit to help you, to show you what kind of words have been coming out of your mouth. Words of death, sickness, disease, curses, discouragement? Or words of grace, words of wisdom that produces life, health, salvation, deliverance?

Examine yourself and once you start realizing what came out of your mouth contrary to the Word of God, start repenting and say:

Lord forgive me, I allowed careless words to come out of my mouth. Please I don't want this anymore. I bring my tongue and release my tongue to the control of the Holy Spirit, please Lord I want my heart to be filled with your Word, filled with your truth, words of wisdom, words of grace, seasoned with salt.

Many children sadly grew up with negative attitudes, sadly many times because of the utterances of their parents, or their teachers. When they said to them: *you are stupid! You are stupid! You will grow up to be nothing! There is no hope for you!* And when the children grow up and they act stupid, and good for nothing actions, the parent say: I don't understand why my children grew up like this!

It's because the parents prophesied negative words over their children. Negative words were spoken by maybe parents or brothers or sisters, by teachers by friends, words that really hurt you, that caused negative effects in you, in your attitudes.

(end of recording)

...Negatives words spoken against their lives, words that hurt you and affected you negatively, even sometimes words uttered by you, by saying: Oh, I'm stupid. And others things you spoke against yourself. Or doctors told you about certain sickness and disease and you agree with them and you say: I have this..., I have this..., I have this....

So, if words like that were uttered by you, and also you want to be free from these words, repent of them, reject them and renounce them. But it has to be your choice, because those words are contrary to the words of God. And from now on you start to agree with the Word of God and confess the Word of God.

This is not wishful thinking or hopeful thinking. This is putting your faith in the Living God and in His Word and you can stand on the Word of God, it's a rock that cannot be shaken, it's a foundation that cannot be shaken or removed.

So everyone that wants to be free from these negative words, I want you to stand up and I want to pray for you in Jesus' name.

First I want you to pray with me now:

Heavenly Father, forgive me for every careless word I have ever uttered. Forgive me for words I uttered in agreement with others contrary to your Word. I repent of them Lord. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I reject them and I renounce them.

Father I receive your love and forgiveness and as I receive your love and forgiveness, I am able to love and forgive others. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I receive and release your love and forgiveness for me and in me and through me for all others who have uttered things against me; whether father or

mother or brother or sister, teacher or friend...If you remember anyone right now, the Holy Spirit is reminding you of someone, speak their names. Say: Father, I forgive this person. Amen.

Now I pray for you:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I take the power and the authority over every word uttered and or thought or spoken and written or prophesied, divined or spelled to any of you against any of you, about any of you and or by any of you against the will of God, contrary to the Word of God, contrary to the Holy Spirit, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by His blood I rebuke these words, I bind them and break them from each and every one of you in Jesus' holy name; I cancel them by the power of the blood of Christ and I declare them null and void in Jesus' holy name.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by His blood I take the power and authority and the victory over you all powers of darkness, forces of evil and all you demons associated with those words and those utterances.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by his blood I rebuke you and I bind you, I disarm you and take away the armour you trusted in, I spoil your goods and plunder your houses in Jesus' name.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I command you now, loose every person here! Loose them now in Jesus' name. Pick up your garbage and cohorts leave them now in Jesus' name, out of their lives. Leave! Be gone to the abyss without causing any harm and never to come back in Jesus' holy name.

Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I loose every person here, I release everyone in this house from them from their effects and influences, to the full control of your Holy Spirit, displace and replace the enemy and fill everybody here now with your Holy Spirit, with your Word, your truth, your light, your presence.

8th March

Department of Finances of the City of Ambon

Faithful in little, Faithful in much: You cannot serve two masters.



Luke chapter 16 verses 1 to 15,

- Luke 16:1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.*
- 2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of you? give an account of your stewardship; for you may be no longer steward.*
 - 3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord takes away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.*
 - 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.*
 - 5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owes you unto my lord?*
 - 6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take your bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.*
 - 7 Then said he to another, And how much owes you? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take your bill, and write fourscore.*
 - 8 And the lord commended **the unjust steward**, because he had done **wisely**: for the children of this world are **in their generation** wiser than the children of light.*
 - 9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.*
 - 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*
 - 11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*
 - 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?*

- 13 *No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*
- 14 *And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.*
- 15 *And he said unto them, **You are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.***

Praise the Lord! The Lord Jesus Christ here is talking about finances and he focuses on the issue of Faithfulness. There are many misunderstandings of these scriptures. Because in these scriptures the Lord Jesus is using scorn, he is scorning, mocking.

People don't expect the Lord Jesus to mock, but in the book of Proverbs, the Bible talks about God, He mocks, He scorns the scorners.

Pro 3:34 Surely he scorns the scorners: but he gives grace unto the lowly.

So, he talks about this rich man and in different places in the book of Luke when he talks about the rich man, he is normally talking about an unrighteous rich man, so this rich man is not necessarily a man walking with God. And we see in chapter 12 from verse 16 to 21, talks about the rich man.

And the Lord said to the rich man: you fool, tonight is your soul required of you, for who shall be your riches?

I think that some people here are wondering and surprised of the scriptures or you don't remember them, so we look at them together, let's look at Luke chapter 12.

- Luke 12:16 And he spoke a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:*
- 17 *And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?*
- 18 *And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.*
- 19 *And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have much goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry.*
- 20 *But God said unto him, you fool, this night your soul shall be required of you: then whose shall those things be, which you have provided?*
- 21 *So is he that lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.*

So here we understand what Jesus is doing in this example in this story, in Luke 16, he is talking about this rich man that is not necessarily a just man, and he has an unfaithful steward wasting his money and when the time came for the steward to give an account to his master, he thought he was wise, he tried to make friends with people by stealing from his master and giving discount to the debtors of his master.

So, in verse 8 of Luke 16,

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Same thing in the world, when people do such things they say: Oh, he is very wise! Bravo!

So, Jesus said, what is highly esteemed in the eyes of the world is abomination to God, and God says about the wisdom of this world, that He is going to destroy the wisdom of this world. And, if you don't believe me open to 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 19,

1Co 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

So, what is wisdom for the world, highly esteemed by the world, what they think that is Wow! What a good thing they have! But before God is ABOMINATION. And God says I will destroy the wisdom of this world.

So, Jesus now starts mocking those who are listening to him, specially the Pharisees, He says, Go ahead, make yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness...

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

So, where are the everlasting habitations of the unfaithful and unrighteous? Answer me please.

- Hell! (audience)

This person (the unfaithful steward) thinks that he is doing a smart thing, by stealing from his lord, making discount to the other people and making money for himself, to make friends with them to receive him later. And Jesus said: that **their everlasting habitations will be hell.**

So, when we are dealing with finances, are we being honest and faithful with what we have, or do we misuse and abuse this trust to make friends, to make a position for us, and be accepted by the world? Or do we say: NO! I will be faithful with what I have, because my security is in God. My security is in Jesus. My security is not in money; my security is not in positions. Maybe the world will laugh at me, but I know God is pleased with me.

So, it's our choices to please God or to please ourselves. To build for the kingdom of God or to build our barns for this earth and try to make riches from unfaithfulness, unrighteousness, and we don't know if tomorrow we will be alive to enjoy it! And we can be in danger of God coming to us and saying: you fool today your soul is required of you, all this money collected, for whom you have collected it?

I confirm to you and affirm to you; you cannot buy and sell in hell. In hell there are no mansions, there is everlasting punishment and suffering in the lake of fire. So, Jesus again affirms in verse 10,

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

So, the Lord is giving us a golden rule here, if you are faithful in little, you will be faithful in much; and if you are unfaithful in little, you will unfaithful in much. So he confirms in verse 11,

Luke 16:11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, how will you commit to your trust the true riches?

Are you faithful in the little you have in your work? Are you faithful in whatever position you have? Whatever place of work you have? Are you faithful in everything? Are you faithful in the time of your work? Are you faithful in using the phone? Are you faithful in using the supplies of the office? Or are you allowing compromising and using something little here and something little there?

Jesus said, if you are unfaithful in little, who can trust you with the true riches? And the true riches come from above. And if God sees your faithfulness in the little things, God will bless you and raise you over much. Your promotion does not come from man; your promotion comes from God.

If you expect your promotion from man there is a possibility of you being disappointed, but if your expectation for promotion is from God you will NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED. Because your promotion comes from God, your blessing comes from God.

So, you cannot serve God and mammon! Who is your Lord? Money? Or the Lord Jesus? Who is controlling your life, money? Or the Lord Jesus?

I was in business before knowing the Lord, but to make the story short when I came to know the Lord, the Lord gave me a choice and said to me: If you want to go back to your business, I will bless your business, I will prosper you and make you successful and use you in ministry in your business. Or, leave everything, I have other plans for you.

So I surrendered to the Lord, to His plans, and gave everything up to the Lord. In reality, I did not give up anything, because it was all dirty junk anyway.

But I have like a covenant with the Lord, that in the ministry I don't ask any one for money. Whatever I need I ask you, Lord. And the Lord has been faithful in taking good care of me for many years and taking me to different nations; and the Lord kept sending the provisions without me asking anyone for money. So, I was living by faith.

Some people even pastors mocked me: Oh it's easy for you to live by faith, you are only one person, you have no wife, no family. And I said: Why, God can take care of one person, but cannot take care of two persons? He cannot take care of three? Or four or five? Or million on six million? Is God all powerful or is He limited?

Is He the God of Carlo or of the whole world? The God of the Universe!

So, during ministry in Argentina in 2005, I met my precious wife Paula, and before we got married, I said: By the way, I have nothing to offer you but Jesus. And before she met me she thought her security was in a job, security in a diploma or a degree, security having a home, security in different things. And here comes this man saying I have nothing to offer you but Jesus.

And thank God He blessed me with a very precious wise woman. A virtuous woman of God, because when she calculated the security of everything in the world with Jesus, there was no comparison; and she chose Jesus as her security.

So, the Lord joined us together, and blessed my precious wife with the same faith to walk with me. Depending only on God, to please only God, that we have no Lord but Jesus, and the Lord blesses us. We were tested, we were tried, we went through the fire, we went through hunger, we went through homelessness, but the Lord kept us.

And after each trial, our promotion came from God, our blessings came from God. The Lord provided tickets for us to go to the nations. At times the Lord blessed us to stay in hotels; and we asked no people for money. And we don't have bank accounts; we live by faith depending on Him. Why am I sharing this testimony with you? To show you that I am not talking from my head, I'm not talking religion, I'm speaking to you from my heart. I'm sharing my heart with you.

That you can trust the Lord Jesus Christ, you can depend on God.

And if you were unfaithful with anything in the past, there is time to repent right now and ask God to forgive you and receive the redemption of Christ, paid with His blood for your sins. And put your faith in Him and trust Him to sustain you.

Many people will laugh at you, maybe your friends, maybe your family, sometimes even the church, like what happened with me. But I know whom I have trusted; these people are not the ones taking care of me. I love them, I forgive them and I bless them in Jesus' name. God is taking care of us, He is Yahweh Yireh (God sees and provides).

So, precious people, who are loved mightily by God, Jesus says to you: No servant can serve two masters,

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Do you want the blessings of God to come upon Indonesia? Do you want the blessings of God to come upon Ambon? Do you want the Department of Finances to be run by God or by the devil? Do you want the Department of Finances to be run according to the system of the world or according to the system of the kingdom of God? It's your choice.

I believe God can bless this department through your faithfulness as you honour God and are faithful in the little, God will honour you, God will raise you over much, and your promotion comes from God not from man.

And remember in verse 15,

Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, You are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

So, what is highly esteemed to man is abomination to God. So don't expect commendation from people expect the commendation that comes from God. The choices are yours.

So, allow the Holy Spirit to examine you please, Say:

Lord shine the light of your glory upon me now, show me where was I unfaithful, I want to repent Lord. I want to ask forgiveness. I want to ask for grace, make me faithful, even in the most little things I want to be faithful, I want to please you Lord. I want to please you Lord. I want to honour my job, honour my department, honour my city, honour my government, and honour my country. I want to be faithful. That your name be hallowed, that your kingdom come and your will be done in this department, in Ambon, in Indonesia.

Because when you are blessed by God, you bring the blessing to your nation to your country. Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added unto you. I challenge you to believe it, I challenge you to expect it.

So, now let's take some time and allow the Holy Spirit to examine us. Close your eyes don't look at anyone else. And say:

Holy Spirit expose whatever is not pleasing to God, show me where was I unfaithful, and give me repentance Lord. I want to humble myself, I want to change Lord. I want to be a faithful person in little as well as in much; my expectations are from you Father.

(end recording)

(Asking people who have not received Jesus as Lord and Savior, to have the opportunity to do so)

...and never received Jesus as sovereign Lord and Savior and you want to repent of your sins and give your life to Jesus, and you want to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Please come forward we want to pray for you.

(end recording)

Do you want to repent of all the times of unfaithfulness? I'm going to ask you something that maybe is hard for you to do, but is your choice to fear God or fear man. If you want to repent of all the times of unfaithfulness and become true faithful servant of God, without looking at anybody else, please stand up as a sign of humility before God.

Prayer:

Father I pray that you raise men and women in this place after your own heart and make everyone faithful in everything. Please forgive all the sins, transgressions, trespasses and iniquities, offenses and debts committed in this department by anyone in any time in any generation, Father we repent of them and renounce them and we claim the power of the blood of Christ to cleanse from them.

Unite their hearts to fear your name. Let everyone tremble at your Word. Bring integrity and righteousness to this department, and through your children let this department shine with the light of your glory. Restore all that the enemy has stolen. Be merciful to the people of this city of this country of this nation. Be gracious to them save them and forgive them and bless them Lord and make them a people after your own heart. That your name be hallowed and your kingdom come and your will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

And we give you all the glory and honour and praise and thanksgiving Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

God bless you!

Ambon City. Bible Study: Meeting with pastors

March 6th

Blessed are you if you know these things and do them.



Acts chapter 6 verses 1 to 5,

Act 6:1 *And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.*

- 2 *Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.*
- 3 *Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.*
- 4 *But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*
- 5 *And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:*

Amen. Thank you!

We see in the Word of God that when the disciples multiplied something happened. Suddenly there was murmuring among the people of God. The apostles called the multitudes and made a decision. And the decision they made, pleased the multitudes. Now you read the story, you read the Bible, and I want to ask you, does the decision of the apostles please you as well?

I see nods but I don't hear yes. Those that were here yesterday know that I love the people to interact with me. So, I hope the lack of answer was more for being careful. If you were careful to answer, that is wisdom. So, I will ask you this question again, Do you think that the answer of the apostles pleased God?

- Yes! (audience)

Well, let's pay attention to the Words of God and find out, if it was pleasing to God or not.

First, what happened to the disciples? Even though they had a good excuse, even though they were justified, they murmured. What does the Word of God say about murmuring? Let's open the Bible in 1 Corinthians chapter 10 verses 10 and 11,

1Corinthians 10:10 Neither murmur you, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Amen. So, the Bible says that whatever happened in the Old Testament with the people of Israel are examples to us to learn from them. So, the Bible says don't murmur like so many of them did murmur and were destroyed by the destroyer.

Complaining and murmuring in the church is very dangerous. Murmuring and complaining in your life, no matter how many excuses you have, is very dangerous. God hates murmuring. And the Bible says when people murmur, they open the door to the destroyer to come in.

Jesus said about satan that he comes to steal, and kill and destroy, but I (Jesus) am come that you may have life and life more abundant. Sometimes we don't see the life more abundant and we see more of the destruction of satan in our lives, Why is that? Let's examine ourselves, Do I have a habit of

murmuring and complaining about my situations? Or I have the habit of praising and thanking God in all things?

So, in this first church there was murmuring, and this sin opened the door to the destroyer as we see later. So, what did the apostles do? Did they confront this sin and rebuke it in Jesus' name? Did they stop the people and say: repent and be careful? No!

Now, another thing, when that happened, Did the apostles seek God for answer to the situation? No!

So, second thing, the apostles did not pray and seek God. What did the apostles do? Instead of praying and seeking God and rebuking the multitude, they gathered the multitude and they said: it is not reason that we should leave the for Word of God and serve tables.

Act 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

It's not proper to leave the Word of God and serve tables. Sounds very religious! But did they remember the lesson Jesus taught them? Let's open to the book of John chapter 13.

We all know the story, if anybody here does not know the story raise your hand. We know the story about Jesus getting up from the table, taking a towel and wrapped himself and he goes down on his knees and washes the feet of the disciples. Do you remember the story?

*John 13:4 He rises from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
5 After that he pours water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.*

Jesus, the very Word of God Himself, who is busy doing ministry to the people, busy praying to the Father, Jesus the King of glory, the Lord of lords went down on his knees to wash the feet of the disciples, doesn't say he went down on his knees, but can you wash somebody's feet without going down on your knees?

And what is lower? Washing feet or serving tables?

- Washing feet (audience)

And in those days they did not have asphalt, in those days it was dirty roads, filled with dirt and they didn't have cars to go over them they had donkeys and cows and sheep. Have you ever seen donkeys and cows and sheep walking without dropping...? So, you can imagine the road was really decorated. That is the kind of road the disciples walked on. So, the feet were really dirty and stinking. And Jesus was down on his knees and washed their feet.

And we read in verses 13 to 17,

John 13:13 You call me Master and Lord: and you say well; for so I am.

14 *If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet.*

15 *For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.*

16 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.*

17 *If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.*

So, Jesus tells them I am your Lord and master. If I your Lord and Master washed your feet you also ought to wash one another's feet. So, Jesus not only gave them a commandment, he gave an example that you should do as I have done unto you. And verse 17,

17 *If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.*

So, what happened in the Book of Acts? Thousands of people being saved, signs, wonders and miracles. Even when Peter walked, his shadow healed people. And then suddenly there was murmuring, and we see the apostles they forgot a very important lesson. We are no better than they, this is written for us to learn. This is written for us so that we can learn and pay attention what we read in the Word of God. And learn from what happened.

It's dangerous when the Lord blesses us, it is dangerous when we see signs and wonders in our lives and forget the most important lesson and the commandment of God to love one another as He loved us. His love not only makes us go down on our knees and wash feet. His love allowed Him to take all our filth and sins, all our disgusting things he carried them on himself on the cross, so He can redeem us, so He can wash us and He says wash one another's feet. **That is to serve one another.**

Many people, they like the title of apostle or prophet and miracles and signs and wonders in their ministries, but are they pleasing to God?

- No! (audience)

The apostles on what they did, did they please God in their decision? No!

Everybody answer!

- No!!!

Good, wake up! I love people answering, thank you sirs for answering loud. Everybody be encouraged to answer loud, don't be ashamed, don't be afraid! Don't be shy.

Now, we see Paul, he learnt a very good lesson, because he says in Galatians chapter 1 verse 10

Gal 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

So, here we see Paul, he learnt a good lesson, if you please men you should not be a servant of God.

Open to Proverbs chapter 14 please, verse 12,

Pro 14:12 There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

So, here we see a decision made without consulting God, a decision that pleased men, that seemed right in the eyes of people, but what was the end of it: Death.

The sin of murmuring opens the door for the destroyer to destroy. We see Steven, the first martyr, he was killed, why? Did God want him to die? For me I believe, No. But God's laws cannot be broken. You see He said DON'T murmur as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. And before the murmuring we see there were many attempts of the devil to stop them but failed, he could not kill them They put them in prison and the angel comes and opens the prison's door, they were protected by the power of God, even when they were persecuted, they were protected.

But for the first time when sin was not confronted and was allowed to continue, opened the door for the enemy to come to steal and kill and destroy (John 10:10), Steven was martyred and the church was scattered.

But you can tell me: But brother, good things came from that, in verse 7,

Act 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Even though they made a decision not pleasing to God, still the Word of God increased, the number of disciples multiplied and great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. So, people may say, if they made a wrong decision, why should God bless them? Because we forget that God is a good God.

When God blesses, it is not because we deserve it, when God blesses, it is because He is a good God and He loves to bless His children. So whether we are doing it the right way or the wrong way, God is doing His Word, and His Word is good.

So, it is a dangerous thing that we measure our stand with God according to the signs and wonders in the ministry we have. So I made a decision not to look at the blessings and the miracles and what God does in my life as a sign of approval, as a sign that He is pleased with me.

I learnt that God blesses me and does miracles because He is a good God, because His mercy endures forever, His faithfulness is from generation to generation.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I rebuke you and bind you spirits of death and fear, leave ...Father I loose every person here from all the oppressions in Jesus' name.

(end of recording)

“(A word of knowledge for someone in the audience) What you are suffering is not unto death. Seek the Lord; you are free in Jesus' name. Amen.”

So, precious saints if I want to be pleasing to God, I don't look at the blessing as a measurement, I look at the Word of God. Are my thoughts, my words, my actions conform to the Word of God? That's how I make sure that I'm pleasing to Him or not. Amen?

So, therefore I need to spent time with the Lord. Seek the Lord in prayer and in the Word. Examine myself with what I read, is my life conforming to His Word? As Jesus said: ***If you love me keep my commandments***. I can stand here and say: I love you, I worship you. And think that I'm pleasing God.

But if I don't keep His commandments, I'm deceiving myself.

One time I was meditating in the Word of God, and I was reading the story of the sinful woman, who came to Jesus, and Jesus was in a banquet, was the guest of honour; she was not ashamed, and came behind him and with tears of repentance she washes his feet. She didn't care of all the dignitaries of the highly reckoned people.

She was repentant and broken; and with her tears she was washing His feet, and she brought her hair, and the Bible says the hair of the woman is her glory, she brought her glory down to his feet and dried them with her hair, without shame, she did not care what the people would say. She was kissing His feet and worshipping Him.

And I was meditating on this act of love and I got jealous of her, I became very jealous. I said: Lord, I cannot love you like her. I don't have long hair my glory to take to your feet. And the Lord said: My son, this is not love. I said: Lord, what do you mean? Do you want more than what she did?

And the Lord said to me: Many of my children do like she did and more, but when I ask them to obey me, they don't obey me. ***If you want to love me, obey me, keep my commandments***. There is only one test in the Bible, to test our love for Him, I don't know if there is any other! If you do, tell me.

So, the only test I know in the Bible is what Jesus said: ***If you love me keep my commandments***. If you love me keep my commandments. So how do I examine myself if I love Him in truth? I examine myself by: am I keeping his commandments? Are you keeping His commandments? Some yes, some no. I am not your judge. I am not here to criticize you, I'm not here to condemn you, but I'm here to help you to wake up, to see the truth and if you love the truth and receive the truth, the truth will make you free.

So, you are not here to please me, I'm not here to please you, I love you, I am willing to lay down my life for you if the Lord say so, but I will not try to please you. But I challenge you if not now, then later at home examine yourself, are you keeping the commandments of the Lord Jesus? Or you only keeping what you like and what you don't like you ignore?

If that is the case, repent. Repent and ask Jesus to forgive you. He is faithful and just to forgive you and to cleanse you. Come to His throne of grace, receive mercy because you failed and find the grace to help you at the time of need; because in my power I cannot keep His commandments, but I can do it through Him who strengthens me, who enables me.

So I have no excuse not to keep the commandments, because whatever I need to keep His commandments, He is willing to give me the power and the grace to do it. He is just waiting for me, waiting for you to humble yourself, humble yourself, humble yourself. He gives grace to the humble. Hate pride, because He hates pride, he gives grace to the humble.

I learnt to say Lord I humble myself before you, because I am poor and needy I always need of His grace. Because without Him I can do nothing. But I believe and confess I can do all things, through Christ who strengthens me. And the Christ who strengthens me is the same Christ who strengthens you. The same Christ who empowers me is the same Christ who will empower you.

And His grace is always sufficient but he is waiting for us to humble ourselves and ask for mercy and ask for grace to help us, as we humble ourselves, He pours His grace in abundance. So, tonight if you haven't kept the commandments of Jesus faithfully, you compromised the Word of God in different situations, in different cases you compromised to the Word of Jesus. In different times you tried to please men.

(end of recording)

REPENT!

Examine yourself and stand on your feet and start crying to God for mercy and forgiveness, he is ready to pour his grace in abundance upon you tonight. I believe open heavens upon us tonight.

(end recording)

Who wants to repent and ask for mercy and forgiveness?

So, if the Holy Spirit is convicting you, please stand on your feet as a sign of humility before God. Don't look at others, close your eyes and look to Jesus because He is the one you need, He is the one who forgives your sins, His blood washes you clean in Jesus' name.

Holy Spirit move Lord, I cry to you Lord for abundant mercy and grace, grant everybody repentance to life with contrition and penitence and humility before you. Shine the light of your glory; remove the veils and blindfolds, expose where everyone has come short, Lord.

Convict and grant them repentance Father. Holy Spirit move in Jesus' name.

(People is invited to come forward in repentance before God after hearing the Word of God)

All of you who are truly repented and need the abundant grace of God, please come forward to the altar, there is a mighty outpouring of the grace of God.

Father, thank you for the mighty work of your Holy Spirit, thank you for your abundant grace to be poured upon your people. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I cover every person that came forward; I cover their sins and debts with the blood of Christ. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I remit their sins. In Jesus' name I cover you and your sins with the blood of Jesus. In the name and the power and the

authority of Jesus Christ I remit your sins, I remit your sins and I declare you forgiven for Jesus' name's sake. I declare you washed clean with the blood of Jesus.

Now receive the love of God, receive the forgiveness of God, receive the grace of God; say: Lord I receive your love, Lord I receive your forgiveness, Lord I receive your grace.

Now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ all you demons associated with those sins, I rebuke you and bind you in Jesus' name. Loose God's people and go to the abyss in Jesus' name. I loose your people Father, from the effects and the influences of the enemy, and now Father let your Holy Spirit and fire fall, let your Holy Spirit with fire fall right now on every person here. The fire of God, the fire of God fall now. Consume everyone here with the fire of your love. Consume everyone with the fire of your holiness, let your Spirit and fire fall Lord in Jesus' name.

HalleluYah, HalleluYah, HalleluYah, HalleluYah...

(The Holy Spirit is ministering to the people as they humble themselves)

Now they sing: *We place you in the highest place, for you are our great High Priest, we place you high above all else, and we come to you and worship at your feet...*

March 7th, Ministry to Women.

Knowledge of good and evil or Intimate relationship with God?



Carlo's testimony:

The Lord told his mother (when she was pregnant of four months and after having a fight with Carlo's father, she thought that she lost the baby), not to be afraid and that she would not lose the baby, and that she would have a boy and call him, Carlo.

...you will have a boy and call him Carlo. So, when I was born, my mom tried to call me Carlo but my dad opposed the name and he chose to call me Suleiman my grandfather's name. So, my father and those on his side called me Suleiman and my mother and those who are on her side called me Carlo.

But I grew up inside me I felt my name is Carlo. When people called me Suleiman I felt strange.

My parents broke up when I was six, seven years old. My mom's family before she divorced dad, had immigrated to Australia, so when mom divorced dad and left him she went to live in Australia with her family and I stayed with my brother in Jordan with dad.

So, there were a lot of painful times growing up, when you don't have a mother with you, you need that love and compassion of a mother. So, I grew up looking for love, for peace, for joy. So, when I grew up, I grew away from the Lord and the devil seduced me and deceived me and had me in bondage, so I was looking for love, peace and joy in all the wrong places. So, my life growing up was a disappointment after disappointment and deeper and deeper in sin.

So, I was very ugly on the inside, but on the outside I looked good to people; and I was religious I used to fast and pray. So, we have a saying in Arabic: On the outside marble but on the inside soot, filthy.

So, when I was grown up there was a time when I was in Montreal, Canada, and got to a point, that I was sick and tired of life, I didn't want to live anymore and the devil put in my head...in Montreal there is a hill and on the hill there is a huge steel cross...and the devil put in my head to climb that cross and throw myself off and commit suicide.

So, I went to that hill to that cross with the intent of climbing it and committing suicide, but when I came to the cross and discovered that it had a fence around it, I was thinking how am I going to climb over the fence to climb the cross? So, I started talking to God, I didn't know that He was listening, but He changed my heart and my mind not to commit suicide and put in my heart to go back to Jordan. For me thinking that I would go back to Jordan to start all over again.

So, in Jordan I started to build a business, I was trying to. I went back in August '88, but by the end of 1989 I was sick and tired of life again. There was so much pain inside I didn't want to live anymore, so I went to my bedroom and went down on my knees and started screaming and crying to God. I was screaming of the pain inside, and the screaming was so high pitch, that there was no sound coming out. And I cried to God: You gave me life, I don't want it, take it from me! I know it is a sin for me to commit suicide, strange I had enough sense to know that.

But I was crying to God: take my life I don't want it! You gave it to me, you take it back, I don't want it! I was screaming and crying. But the Lord touched me, suddenly I had a revelation and I said: *Ok, either you take my life away or, tell me what do you want from me?* I think that then I had peace and went to sleep.

The next day I went to a travel agency in Amman, because I was thinking to go to the Bahamas to attend the wedding of a friend of mine and at this agency, the lady who worked there, she had known me for years, giving me my travel tickets and helping me in different ways, but for the first time when I sat down, she looked at me and she said: Carlo are you a believer?

- I said: I'm Christian.

- She said: Yes, but Are you a believer?
- I fast and pray.
- But are you a believer?
- I'm Greek Orthodox! Like saying I'm Catholic or Protestant.
- And she said: But are you a believer?

I got confused, she kept hitting me: Are you a believer? Are you a believer? Then she said to me: We have a youth meeting in the church would you like to come? When she said that, I heard a voice: You asked me, what do I want from you? Come!

So, I went. I had my own Christian religion, I had my own ideas about Christianity but when they tried to convince me of the truth of the Bible I was in conflict with them. I gave them a very hard time, after trying many times, the leader said: Here, you take the Bible home, you read it for yourself! He did it in a nice way.

So, I went home and I thought I'm going to read little bit, but the Holy Spirit arrested me, and instead of reading for an hour or two I kept reading till six o'clock in the morning. Another day I was reading till ten o'clock in the morning. Another day I was reading till about 1 pm. I was sleeping, eating, drinking with the Bible and I was making questions to try to convince the other people of my points of view. Some questions they were able to answer and other questions they didn't answer, or didn't convince me.

But I discovered other times, when I'd be talking to people, and while talking to them words came out of my mouth answering my own questions. I said: Wait a second I just answered my own question!

So, to make the story short, I came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. I opened my heart for Jesus and I received Him as my Lord and Savior, I was in love with Jesus. And Jesus came to me one day and he said: *Carlo I allowed you to go to different places in the world, I allowed you to taste different things of the world. I allowed you to prove them, to try them, to taste them but I did not allow you to possess them. Now I brought you to taste me, after that you have tasted me, tell me what things did you like of the world, ask of me and I will give them to you. Whatever things you like of the world ask me I'm going to give you whatever you ask.*

I said: *Lord, all that is in the world is gold plated (not real gold); I didn't know any better, that's why I was running after them. But now that I have come to know you Lord the pure gold, how can I ask for the fake? I said: I don't want anything from the world, Lord, I want you.*

Another time the Lord came to me and he said: Carlo, if you like to go back to your business, I'll prosper you make you successful and use you in ministry in your business. Or, leave everything and follow me I have other plans for you. I didn't have to think about it, so I left everything and followed Jesus.

Many times we think we are ok, we are good people, but the goodness in people is not the goodness of God. Actually the goodness of people before God is filthy rags as it says in Isaiah 64 verse 6,

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags, dirty and stinking. You see in the Garden of Eden when God created Adam and Eve, God gave them to eat of all the fruits of the garden and of the tree of Life but there was another tree in the garden that is called the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In Genesis chapter 2 verse 9, and verses 16 and 17,

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you will not eat of it for the day you will eat you shall surely die. So the tree of knowledge of good and evil has fruits producing good and producing evil. But God said:

The fruit of this tree if you eat of it whether good or evil produces death.

And the serpent, the devil, tempted Eve and he said: God does not want you to eat from it because when you eat from it you'll become like gods knowing good and evil. So, Eve looked at the tree it looked good, it looked so nice and was desirable to have wisdom, to know good and evil.

So, when Adam and Eve ate of the tree death happened right away. The death that happened first is the spiritual death, separated from God, so no more the life of God was in them, so the physical body started deteriorating and dying.

But I want to focus on the word:

You'll become like God knowing good and evil.



Therefore since Adam and Eve, all humanity walked on earth, whether knowing it or not, as if they are gods knowing good and evil, making their own decisions. Every decision is based on each one's knowledge of good and evil.

So, in all religions they try to stop the evil in them and develop the good in them. The religious Christianity, or Judaism or Islam or Buddhism or Hinduism, if you notice all speak against evil and to do good, they try to stop the evil in them and do good.

So, there is no difference, because they know how to do good, the Hindus know how to do good, the Buddhists know how to do good and all religions try to do good.

But can they truly measure up to the goodness of God?

So, when you love someone, can you continue to love them when they hurt you? Can you love your enemies? Can you bless them that curse you? Can you pray for them that hurt you and persecute you?

Jesus said: Because you love them that love you, what's the difference between you and the others? So, if you do good to them that do good to you, what's the difference between you and others?

You know, these are the standards of God. That God chose to love us when we were enemies against Him. You will say how were we enemies of God? By breaking His commandments.

Jesus said if you look at a woman with lust in your heart, you've committed adultery. The Bible says if you hate your brother you are a murderer. Have you ever told a lie small or big lie? Did you ever steal, even one penny, one Rupiah? But for God even if you took one Rupiah that is not yours, you are a thief.

If you look at a person with lust in your heart you are an adulterer. So, is an adulterer, a thief, a liar, a friend of God? Or, an enemy of God?

And also the Bible says if you love the world and you are a friend of the world you are an enemy of God.

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

So, all these sins and other sins separate us from God. It doesn't matter how religious we become or try to do good, we are still sinners and fell short of the glory of God.

So, if you stand before God in judgment day, are you going to heaven or are you going to hell? Answer, Heaven or Hell?

- Hell.

But God loves you so much he says your religion is filthy rags before me (I was religious fasting and praying, but I was going to hell), but God doesn't want anyone to go to hell, that's why Jesus came in the flesh, He took a human body to receive God's judgment against us in Himself and He rose from the dead

and He wants us to repent and turn to Him. When we repent and turn to Him, He comes by the power of the Holy Spirit and births our spirit again.

The spirit in us was dead in sins and trespasses, separated from God deserving His judgment. But Jesus died and paid the death penalty in our place, He shed His blood in our place. And many people said when I asked why did Jesus die in the cross? So, I ask you, why did Jesus die on the cross? What would you answer me please?

- Because of His great love for us. (audience)

Ok, so this great love for us, what does this love desire?

- He desires for all to be saved. (audience)

Yes, who can give me a deeper answer? Why did Jesus pay our sin penalty and died for us? What was the real desire of his heart?

- Because of His great love for us. (a pastor)

So, what does love desire? Holy Spirit I ask for fresh revelation.

God longs for intimate relationship with each one of you.

Love's desire is intimacy.



So, if you don't have that intimate relationship with him, you did not fulfill His desire for loving you and dying for you in the cross.

God loves the angels and the angels worship Him many times better than us, but God has a special desire for us, not for the angels. **US!** Because the Bible says **we are the only ones He created in His image.** And His desire is for intimate relationship with men.

So, when the Bible talks about man and woman, husband and wife, it's talking about Christ and the Church, the bride. Do you have that revelation that you are the bride of Christ? Are you in love with the One you are going to marry? And you don't live for yourself, but you live for Him because you are in love with Him? Or you are only thinking that He is Lord, He is God, and I am the servant, I have religion, I worship Him, I love you and then bye?

Are you living every day for Him? Are you living every day with Him? Continually talking with Him? Having relationship, or do you have a religion? Do you just do your religious duties? Where are you from Him? If you don't have that relationship with Him yet, tonight God's invitation for you, is to come and dedicate yourself to Him fully to enter into that love relationship with Him and say:

Lord, I don't want religion I want relationship with You, because You Lord don't want religion. The world is full of religions, but Your heart's desire is to have relationship with me. That's why you were willing to die and pay the sin penalty for me, to wash me from my sins because You are holy and to have relationship with You I have to be holy. So, tonight I want to receive Your love and forgiveness to wash me clean, to enter into (that love relationship with You).

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Open the book of Revelation please, chapter 3 verse 20,

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

So, Jesus says: I stand at the door and knock. Do you think that He stands at the door of a stranger's house? It's very strange He is standing at the door of His church, because the Lord is speaking (here) to the churches. Doesn't that surprise you that Jesus is standing at the door of His church knocking? Do you know why? Because many churches have their religion, they have their order of things, a schedule. They finish their practice, their order and leave.

And He says, No! I want to have a relationship with you. And He makes it more personal, he who hears and opens the door I will enter in and sup with him and he with me.

What does it mean to have sup with the Lord? Relationship, communion, intimacy, dinner for two, breakfast for two, lunch for two. Are you receiving revelation?

Do you know what the name Carlo means? It means deep intimate beloved friend, that there is friendship in love, which is intimate.

So the Lord called me, and gave me a covenant name. He called me already to that intimate loving relationship with Him. At one point I thought this calling (this intimate relationship) was only for me, for a special relationship with the Lord. But then I needed to humble myself, and discovered the truth, that the Lord not only desires the intimate loving relationship me, but through me to call others to that loving intimate relationship with Him.

God does not have favorites, but every one of us, we choose to make that choice to enter into that loving intimate relationship with Him. But if there is any sin in our lives it separates us from Him because He is a holy God, but once we repent and confess our sins, He forgives us and cleanses us and nothing separates us from Him.

So, if the Holy Spirit spoke to you, if you only have religion and you still have sins separating you from God, please tonight repent and ask God to forgive you. And everyone here who desires that intimate relationship with God, make sure you are forgiven and washed with the blood of Jesus, and say tonight:

Lord, I open the door for you Jesus, come into me into my heart, wash me with your blood and teach me to love You, teach me how to have that relationship with You; to desire You above all else. And not only be my Lord and my God, not only my Savior and Redeemer, but also be my Love.

If this is your prayer, please stand up before God, don't look at anybody else, it is between you and God. If this is your desire, stand up. Those who stood up, I would like you to come forward. There is going to be a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit tonight, a special move of God, a special work of God inside your heart.

You heard me giving you an example of prayer to Jesus, but I want you with your whole heart speak to Him, express your own words to Him from your heart. I can encourage you and give you an example of what to say, but the words have to be yours. Tell Him that you love him, that you choose to repent of your sins, that you ask Him to wash you with His blood, to purify your heart. Tell Him:

I open the door for you Jesus, I desire you Jesus, come in to my heart, come in to my Spirit, kiss me Lord Jesus, teach me to love You, to desire You, how to relate to You in love, draw me into more intimacy with You. Make me a true lover of Yours, to worship You in Spirit and in truth, to adore You in the beauty of Your holiness. I surrender my heart to You, rule in my heart, rule over me. I give you my heart, I give you my soul.

Continue with your own words to the Lord, speak to him. Continue talking to the Lord.

(time of ministry, praying for the people who came forward)

Prayer:

Lord I pray the power of your love to fall upon everyone. The fire of your love; the holy fire of the love of God come upon everyone now. Fill everyone to overflow. Fire Lord, the fire of your love consume them Lord.

Say: Jesus consume me with your love, the fire of your holiness Lord. I love you Jesus, I love you Lord, I don't want to leave You anymore. I want intimate relationship with You Lord.

The fire of God fall on everyone now. Stir up our hearts Lord. I impart to everyone the hunger and thirst for the living God. I impart the fresh hunger for Jesus, fresh hunger, fresh thirst for Jesus, for His word. Overwhelm us with your love Lord.

Say: Jesus kiss me, Say: Jesus kiss me, join me to Yourself, teach me to hear Your voice and make me to walk with You to wait for Your soon coming with great desire and longing for You. In Jesus' holy name.

Holy Spirit move, touch every one!

March 8th

Pentecostal Church

The wisdom of God vs. Wisdom of the world.



Psalm 107 verses 23 to 32

- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;*
24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.
25 For he commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he brings them out of their distresses.
29 He makes the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he brings them unto their desired haven.
31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Praise the Lord! This section of Psalm 107 talks about believers, those who know the Lord, they go down to the sea in ships, the sea, many times the Bible talks about the sea as a symbol of the world and ships talks about ministries or businesses.

Why do I say they are believers? Because in verse 24,

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

So, these are people who go into the world, work in the world, do ministry in the world, they do see the works of the Lord and they see wonders in the deep.

And then notice in verse 25,

Psalm 107:25 For he commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves thereof.

Now, who caused the storm in the sea? – The Lord.

So, people who believe in the Lord, they go to work in the world, whether in ministry or in business, they see the works of the Lord and the wonders of the Lord. HalleluYah!

But God commands the storm, He raises stormy winds, with the winds and the storms they mount up to heaven they go down again to the depths, their soul is melted because of trouble, they reel to and fro like a drunken man. (Psalm 107: 26 and 27)

Do you remember another story like this in the New Testament?

Remember the Lord did a miracle of feeding five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fishes? And the Bible says after He (Jesus) did the miracle, He constrained the disciples to enter the boat and go to the other side of the lake. The Lord constrained them, He made them get in the boat and go and He went up to the mountain to pray.

And if you say the Lord fed the five thousands and constrained the disciples to get in the boat to cross the lake. At what time do you think He did that? Anybody have any idea?

Those who have heard me before know that I like people talking back to me. I encourage you to be involved; I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to help you to give you revelation, exercise wisdom from God.

So, what time do you think Jesus did the miracle feeding the people put the disciples in the boat and went up to the mountain to pray? What time do you think it could have been?

- Before six.

Bravo! Very good! It has to be before sunset. Because, at sunset the people have to be at home. But the Bible says that the disciples were tormented in the storm, the wind was contrary to them, the waves up and down, they were laboring and tormented and Jesus was watching them.

So, let's say they made it into the sea between three and six o'clock, let's say the storm started between four and five, and they were struggling, and it was so hard for them, and the Lord was watching. He did not come to help them right away, He did not come at six o'clock in the evening, He did not come to them at nine o'clock at night, He did not come to them at eleven o'clock, or midnight. And they were tormented and still the Lord was watching. At one o'clock in the morning He did not come, at two o'clock in the morning He didn't come, at three o'clock He didn't come.

The Bible says the Lord came to them walking on the water in the fourth watch of the night, between three and six o'clock in the morning. Why did the Lord put the disciples in such a situation? And He was watching them. Were they in danger? No! Because the Lord was watching. But, did they think they were in danger?

So, how many of you were through stormy winds and trials and sufferings? HalleluYah!

Now, during the trial, did you ever feel the Lord left you? Did you ever feel you are in danger?

- Yes!

Now the truth, were you really in danger? You think you are in danger! Because the Lord was watching you. You see this is the problem, when the Lord commands the storm, what happens to faith?

- Wavers.

Sometimes gets wings and flies away. What's the Lord purpose from all this? In Psalm 107 in the last part of verse 27,

Psalm 107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

Pay attention to these words and **they are at their wit's end**, they come to **the end of their wisdom**, they come to the end of their understanding.

This is God's purpose: **To destroy your wisdom, to destroy your understanding.**

Because many times the Lord tells, you trust the Lord with all your heart, rely not on your own understanding.

Now, let's examine ourselves in the light of the Lord, Do we really always trust the Lord with all our heart? Really?

- Yes.(audience)

I'm sorry but I believe in my spirit that with your words you say: Yes! But in the fire, but in the storm your trust is wavering. *Lord! Where are you Lord! Why did you leave me? Don't you see I'm suffering?* Any body prayed this prayer before?

- Yes. (audience)

Now, you are being truthful, thank you! (People laughed)

Praise the Lord, truth is coming out! The purpose for bringing this out is not to condemn you or to criticize you or to judge you. But for you to face up to the truth where you are from the Lord, to examine yourself, am I really trusting the Lord in the fire? Am I trusting the Lord in the storm? Or when I don't see the Lord moving, when I want him to move, I don't see him, I don't see His hands; all I see is the storm and the wind, all I see is my suffering, I see the suffering of my loved ones. And I am crying to God and I don't see any answer. And in the seventh hour of the night I'm crying and there is no answer, at the ninth hour of the night I cry and there is no answer, at midnight I'm crying: God where are you? And no answer. At two o'clock in the morning I'm crying to God and there is no answer.

How many of you at that point start depending on your understanding? You start to use your brain to find an answer to your problem. You start trying to find a way to get out of the situation. God didn't come, God didn't answer, and so, I have to move, I have to act.

You see, the Lord wants us to come face to face with the truth of our situation. But many times we honour the Lord with our lips, but our hearts are far from Him. But we were so deceived; we thought that what we declared with our mouths we also do it with our hearts. But the Lord is the one who examines our hearts and the reins. He knows what is inside each and every one of you. And because He loves you, He does it tell you in your face right away, I'm sorry but you are honoring me with your lips but your heart is far from me.

That's the situation with humans. Now, I know pastor Abraham honors me and my wife and pastor Bill very much. So if he tells me words of honor, how do you think He would feel if I tell him: no, you are honoring me but your heart is far away? He wouldn't appreciate it very much. But I know that he does what he does with his heart. We bless you and thank you pastor Abraham.

But can you imagine the Lord coming to us and telling us: My child, my son, my daughter you are honoring me with your lips, but your heart is not right with me? And we start arguing with Him and try to convince Him that He is wrong: No Lord, no way! Like Peter, the Lord said: Peter you will deny me three times! No way Lord! (Said Peter) if they all deny you I will not deny you, but what happened in the fire? He denied Him three times.

Do you think we are any better than Peter?

- No! (audience)
- Thank you pastor.(Carlo)

Yes, no one is better than Peter, every one of us, the Lord has to show us the truth about ourselves in the fire.

So, the Lord has different purposes for allowing these things:

- He does not want to destroy us, but He wants to destroy something in us.
- He wants to apply the cross to something in us that has to die.

The problem with humanity is that from the Garden of Eden, since Adam and Eve partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the Bible says they became like gods knowing good and evil. That's why God says trust the Lord your God with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding,

*Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

With our lips we say: Yes, Lord Amen! But the heart is deceitful and wicked, who knows it, that's what the Bible says. Therefore the Lord has to expose it. Because in reality we still think that we are gods we know better, that we know good and evil.

That's why the Lord says in 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 19,

*1Co 1:19 For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.***

God says: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise. So, the Lord reveals here that our own wisdom, our own prudence, understanding is under God's judgment. God is committed to destroy it, that's why the Lord in Psalm 107 commanded the stormy winds, even though they know the Lord they know His Word they've seen even His wonders, but because of God's love for them and God's love for you He has to fulfill His Word.

Because in 1 Corinthians 1 also He says in verse 30,

*1Co 1:30 **But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:***

So, God has to destroy our wisdom, our prudence. Why? Because He wants to give us His wisdom.

That's why Paul says to the Corinthians if any among you think he is wise let him become foolish first.
*1Co 3:18 **Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.***

And the other thing I think the Lord wants to destroy is:

- Pride.

God hates pride.

And 1 Peter chapter 5 verse 5 to 7 says,

*1Peter 5:5 **Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.***

*6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:***

*7 **Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.***

And verses 8 to 11,

*1Pe 5:8 **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:***

*9 **Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.***

*10 **But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.***

*11 **To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***

So, here is the revelation for you to understand, that God is committed to destroy your wisdom that is natural wisdom, He wants to destroy your own understanding and your prudence until you start to trust

Him with all your heart, even in the midst of the fires and the storms, and to start to be strong in the faith without wavering until you trust Him and lean not on your own understanding.

You can say: God I don't see you, I don't feel you, I don't understand why and what is happening, but I trust that you are with me. Because **you said that you will never leave me no forsake me. Therefore I believe that you are here.**

That's the faith the Lord wants to establish in every one of you.

And therefore God wants to be gracious to you, He wants to pour grace upon grace upon every one of you. But if you have pride in your heart God cannot be gracious to you, God has to resist you because God resists the proud. And many times we think that we are humble, there is a famous pastor in Argentina who said that it is like a bad breath, the last person to know it, is the one who has it. Do you agree with that? I agree with it.

Because pride is very deceitful it manifests its ugly face in different facades, in different manifestations. So God is committed to destroy pride from every one. Why? Because He loves us, He does not want to resist us. He cannot change; God is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. That's why it says in verse 10 of 1 Peter 5, there is a promise,

*1Pe 5:10 But the **God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.*

You see, here it uses the title of **the God of all grace**. Wow! I like this Word; you know I think that I am receiving revelation. **The God of all grace, He loves to be gracious to me.** He sees me rowing (like the disciples in the storm), tormented by the storm, he sees me with the waves going up and going down and He waits until I come to my wit's end, when I am totally humble then The God of all grace who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, another revelation, God is longing for you so much to bring you to glory but in the beginning He has to resist you because of "bad breath", I mean pride, because God resists the proud.

But after that you suffer for a while, when the suffering produces in you humility, when the suffering brought you to your wit's end, (the God of all grace) make you perfect.

How many times you tried to be perfect? Trying to be perfect is also pride. I made it! (We would say) but when God humbles you and brings you to your wit's end, **God makes you perfect. Wow!**

Can God make you perfect? Many people tell me: Oh, nobody can be perfect! That's because they tried and failed, that's also arrogance and pride. But there is a perfection that comes not from man, nor from the efforts of man, there is a perfection that comes from God.

So, He makes you perfect, establishes you, strengthens and settles you, God is committed to perfect His work in each and every one of us.

My wife and I went through many sufferings and my wife had the courage and said: Lord, why do you put up with us? Or why do you put up with me? And the Lord told her: I am committed to you; I am committed to finish my work in you. I am committed to make you perfect.

So, let's receive Peter's exhortation in verse 6 of 1 Peter chapter 5,

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.

So, when you go through the trials remember: God loves you. He is sovereign, nothing happens without his permission. Jesus is upholding all things by the word of his power. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He cares for you.

At the moment, you don't understand why the trials and the sufferings, but start practicing to trust him with all your heart, rely not on your own understanding. The more you use your natural understanding, the more the Lord will allow the trials until He finishes His work and brings you to your wit's end. And He knows when that is.

That's why Peter says: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in His due time. Cast all your cares, your burdens upon Him for He cares for you. Amen?

Are you encouraged tonight? Did you learn more of God's ways? Do you understand now His wisdom?

So, please tonight, close your eyes and ask the Lord to forgive you for all the times that you doubted Him, that you doubted His goodness, that you relied on your natural wisdom, that you relied on your own understanding.

Say: Lord forgive me, I did not understand your ways I did not understand the storms, I did not understand the trials, and all these storms and trials were an expression of your love, because you are committed to finish your work in me, to destroy my natural wisdom so that I will have Your wisdom, to destroy my prudence my understanding so that I can have the understanding of the Holy Spirit. To destroy the pride that you may be gracious to me, forgive me Lord, I have no excuse but the blood of Jesus. In the name of Jesus I humble myself under you mighty hand.

I trust you to finish your work in me and I believe Lord, that I am not the only one suffering but all my brothers and sisters all around the world are going through the same sufferings, because you want to make all of us perfect. And thank you Lord, you are more than able.

One more time I surrender myself to you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I repent of and reject and renounce all human wisdom, all human wit and understanding. I repent, reject and renounce all pride and now Father I ask you for grace. Impart to me your wisdom; impart to me the humility and meekness of Christ.

I love you Lord because you first loved me. Thank you Father, thank you Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Heavenly Father I obeyed your command to speak this word to your people, and I trust you Lord to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think according to your power that is working in us. Seal your words with the blood of Christ, don't allow the enemy to steal it or make any one to forget it. Keep reminding us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Cause everyone to be teachable and understanding, enable us to be doers of the Word by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Bless your people in this house, bless your church Lord.

Bless the pastor on his birthday Lord. May this period in his life be filled more with Your Presence, drawing closer and closer to you Lord in more intimacy with you Father, in love with you Jesus, on fire for you.

And enable this congregation to do the same. Bless them Lord and I thank you Father for the privilege and honor to serve tonight and I give you the glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thank you very much.



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