



Kainos Ministries

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Hearing God's voice

AND DOING WHAT HE COMMANDS

**For Bible Schools and Cell
groups**

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FOREWORD

This work presumes that you have already given your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ as according to His Word in **John 1:12:**

¹² *But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: (KJV)*

Most children of God do not have a problem in serving God, the will is there, but they battle to HEAR HIS VOICE and in so doing cannot know the perfect will of God.

They find themselves in a constant battle of doubt and confusion about what the will of God might be for certain things in their lives.

Every one of us should know our purpose for being created and God's will for our lives. The Apostle Paul heard these words also applicable to us today :

Acts 22:14 ¹⁴ *And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know His will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. (KJV)*

I trust that this work will help each and everyone to hear God's voice, to know His will and to DO His will.

Love in Christ
PASTOR MARIUS SWART

Kainos Ministries is based on a word I received from the Lord in **Isaiah 43:18-19** ¹⁸ *Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. (KJV)*

¹⁹ *Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. (KJV)*

The word "KAINOS" is a Greek word which means "NEW" or "FRESH" and that is exactly what we trust the Lord for "NEW and FRESH" things in our Ministry.



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2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷ *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)*

We trust that through this book God will grow a NEW, more intimate relationship between Himself and yourself, and that God will Bless you.

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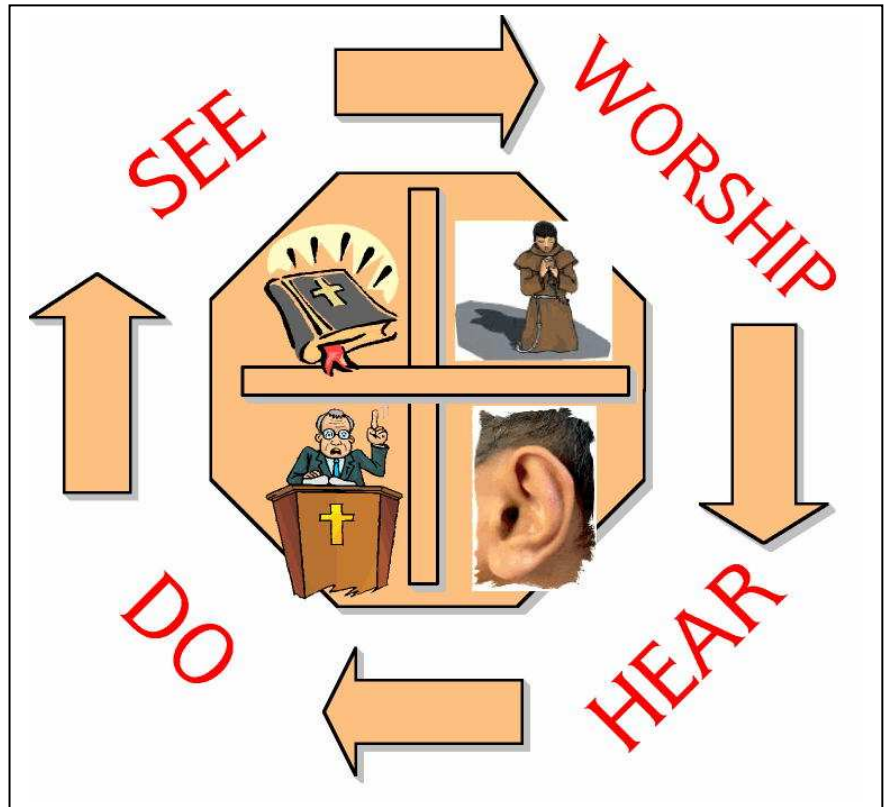
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Matthew 28:17-19 ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (KJV)

4 STEPS in HEARING GOD's voice and DOING HIS will

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You cannot DO God's will if you haven't HEARD His voice, and you cannot hear Him unless you WORSHIP Him in spirit and in truth, and you cannot WORSHIP Him for Who he really is, unless you KNOW Him for Who He really is.

If you are **NOT DOING** God's will, it means that you haven't heard His voice and you **cannot HEAR** Him unless you live a **LIFE OF WORSHIP** to God, and if you do not live this life then you **DO NOT KNOW GOD** for WHO He really is.

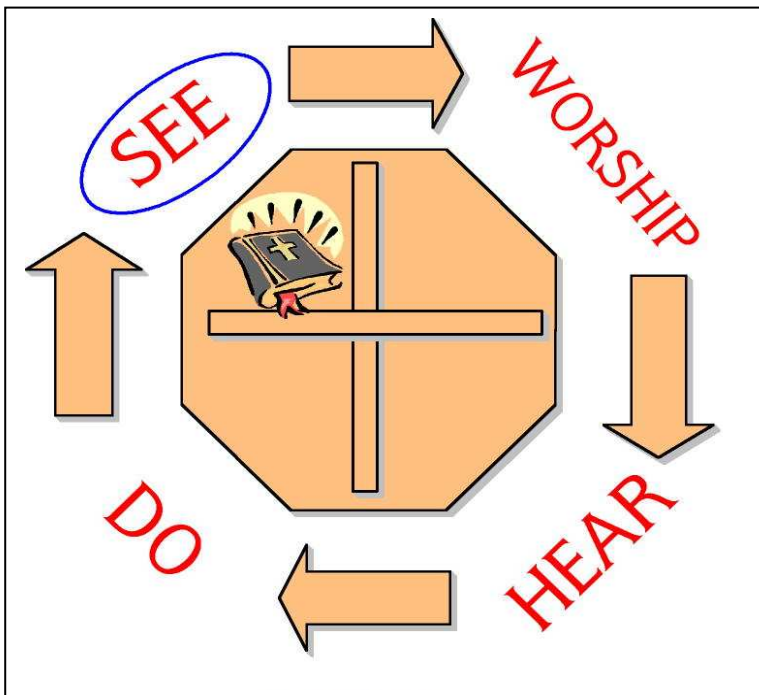
If you SEE, you will WORSHIP , then you will HEAR and then you Can GO and DO whatever HE might ask or command.

CHAPTER 1 - SEE

TO KNOW HIM FOR WHO HE REALLY IS

The disciples had to know Jesus to recognise Him when they saw Him... although some of them doubted....

Matthew 28:17.....¹⁷ And when they saw Him....



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The first step to hearing what God says and the understanding of WHAT His will might be ... is to SEE HIM for WHO and WHAT HE REALLY IS.

This illustration described the beginning of a Devine cycle in which we can have constant communion with God, being aware of His will and doing what He ask of us.

1.1 CAN WE SEE GOD?

With the naked eye? No. The Word teaches us that we can't.

1 John 4:20 ²⁰ *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom **he hath not seen**? (KJV)*

1 Pet 1:8 -⁸ *Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though **now ye see him not**, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: (KJV)*

Because we cannot see God, we cannot know God, unless He reveals Himself to us. But HOW does God reveal Himself and as WHOM does God reveal Himself? Before we can understand God's Self-revelation, we have to know WHO GOD REALLY is.

1.2 **WHO IS GOD?**

God is a triune God namely: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

There are a few proofs of this: -

1.2.1 **During the creation – Gen 1: 26** ²⁶ *And God said, Let us make man in our image, .. (KJV) .This speaks of more than one person involved in the creation of man.*

1.2.2 **At Jesus' baptism – Luke 3:21-22 ... Son** is baptized ...**Holy Spirit** descends....voice of the **Father** from heaven.

1.2.3 **In heaven – 1John 5:7** ⁷ *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (KJV)*

1.3 **HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIMSELF TODAY?**

We have to distinguish between:

- a) **General Revelation** – e.g. Creation; Bible, Books etc.
- b) **Special (Supernatural) Revelation** – Angels; Audible voice etc.
- c) **Personal Revelation** – the one-on-one encounter with Him

1.3.1 Revelation by the Father.

John 14:6-9 ⁶ *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ⁷ If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. ⁸ Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. ⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (KJV)*

We cannot see the Father with the naked eye. The Father-heart of God is revealed by His Son Jesus Christ.

1.3.2 Revelation by the Son.

Heb 1:1-2 - ¹ *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ² Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (KJV)*

You might say, "***I cannot see Jesus either***" and you are right because Jesus after His death And Resurrection, ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father.

Jesus Himself said in: **John 14:1-3** - *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (KJV)*

Heb 2:9 - ⁹ *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. (KJV)*

This means that we see Jesus with **a spiritual eye**, for WHO He really is...

1.3.3 God's Revelation through the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 ¹⁶ *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;* ¹⁷ *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (KJV)*

We cannot see the Father. That's why Jesus came. He (Jesus) is the personalization of the Father. To know Jesus IS TO KNOW THE FATHER.

But to know Jesus, for who he really is, means to have the HOLY SPIRIT in your life. This happens at REBIRTH(When we are BORN AGAIN). But even then we only know in part. The more the Spirit works in our lives, the more we learn about Jesus. We cannot see the Holy Spirit either because He is Spirit. If we talk about SEEING God, it means that we "**SEE**" through **Spiritual eyes**. It means, "A comprehension formed by the PICTURES IN OUR MINDS" when we talk about God.

1.4 WHY DON'T WE "SEE" GOD?

We ask the Question, "Why can we not "see" God for who He really is ?", and here follows a few reasons:

1.4.1 SIN / DISOBEDIENCE / IDOLATRY

Romans 11:8 ⁸ *(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. (KJV)*

If we remain in our sin and disobedience, God will eventually be forced to hand us over to our sinful desires. If we love anything more than we love God, we are busy with idolatry.

Also read: Is 42:17-18 ; Is 44:17-18 ; Jer 5:19-20; Ezek 12:2-3

1.4.2 FAITHLESSNESS (LACK OF FAITH)

2 Cor 4:3-4 ³ *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (KJV)*

If we do not believe God according to the way He reveals Himself to us through the Scripture and through personal revelation, we will not be able to see God for whom He really is.

Also read: Matt 11:3-6; Heb 11:6 ; James 1:7

1.4.3 LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

1 Cor 13:12 - ¹² *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (KJV)*

READ: Matt 13:9-9-16 ; Heb 8:10-11; Matt 11:26-29

1.4.4 LACK OF HOLINESS

Hebrews 12:14 ¹⁴ *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: (KJV).*

Also read: 1 Pet :16 ; 1 Thess 4:3-7; Rom 6:18-19;

1.5 WE CAN KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT SEE HIM.

1.5.1 LOVE THE LORD (LOVE implies OBEDIENCE)

John 14:21 _____

1.5.2 HAVE FAITH

Just as our rebirth and accepting Jesus Christ as our personal saviour, and getting to know Him as our Saviour is an act of faith, such is getting to know Him for WHOM He is and WHAT He can, an act of faith as well.

Heb 11:27 _____

Heb 11:1 _____

John 20:29 _____

2 Cor 5:7 _____

FAITH IS SEEING THE UNSEEN.

1.5.3 ADVANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE : FAITH is based on hearing the WORD of GOD.

Rom 10:17 - _____

1.5.4 STRIVE TOWARDS HOLINESS

Matt 5:8 _____

1.5.5 USE YOUR COMMON SENSE

1 John 5:20-21 _____

Ps 53:1 _____

Gal 3:1 _____

The Holy Spirit teaches us more about the Son and the Father and this is the way we get to know God, by knowing the Holy Spirit. **Therefore we have to learn to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit.**

1.6 WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD?

1.6.1 GOD IS A PERSON. - God is not an impersonal entity of Power and Might. God has personality; God reveals emotions; God has a will.

Jer 29:11 _____

Isaiah 46:10 _____

1.6.2 GOD IS ETERNAL. - For us it is immeasurable and impossible to understand and realize that God is Eternal and Everlasting.

Ps 90:2 _____

God doesn't have a beginning. He is the Beginning and He doesn't have an end. He is the end.

1.6.3 GOD IS SPIRIT - God doesn't live or dwell in handmade temples.

John 4:24 _____

God seeks true worshippers that worship Him like this
The Greek word for Spirit = PNEUMA: means Spirit – breath – wind.

Job 33:4 _____

1.6.4 GOD IS ALL-KNOWING : God is unrestricted in His knowledge.

Ps 147:5 _____

His understanding is infinite.

Matt 10:29 – 30 _____

Also read: **Rom 11:33** _____

If we realised that He knew everything, we would not have tried to do things in the dark. God knows everything.

1.6.5 GOD IS ALMIGHTY(OMNIPOTENT). God can do just as He wants.

Gen 18:14 _____

Ps 115:3 _____

Matt 9:26 _____

There is nothing that God cannot do except God cannot lie.

1.6.6 **GOD IS OMNI-PRESENT.** -Wherever you find yourself, God is there.
1Kings 8:27 _____

Ps 139:7 – 9 _____

Jer 23:23 – 24 _____

Acts 17:27 – 28 _____

1.6.7 **GOD IS LOVE. (God doesn't just love. He is Love)**
Rom 5:8 _____

1 John 3:1 _____

1 John 4:9 _____

1 John 4:16 _____

John 3:16 _____

1.6.8 **GOD IS SOVEREIGN.** Sovereign ; Supreme; Commander with the highest authority ... Master
Isaiah 46:10 _____

Daniel 4:35 _____

Ephes 1:11 _____

GOD DOES AS HE PLANS, PURPOSES AND ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.

1.6.9 **GOD IS UNCHANGING** - Constant and invariable.

He is and will never be less loving, less powerful, less Mighty or a lesser God of truth. The same God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is also our God.

James 1:17 _____

1.6.10 **GOD IS GOOD.**

Ps 34:8 ⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good:.... (KJV)

Ps 145:9 _____

James 1:17 _____

Ps 86:5 _____

Ps 100:5 _____

Ps 135:3 _____

Jer 33:11 _____

1.6.11 **GOD IS JUST (RIGHTEOUS).** - He is a fair and Just (Righteous) God.

Gen 18:25 _____

Ps 7:9-12 _____

Ps 18:24-26 _____

Ps 145:17 _____

1.6.12 GOD IS A GOD OF TRUTH

Jer 10:10 _____

John 17:3 _____

1 John 5:20 – 21 _____

He is not only just the true God, but **everything He says and does is true.**

Num 23:19 _____

Ps 119:160 _____

John 3:33 _____

1.6.13 GOD IS HOLY: - *God is free from all contamination; He's got NO faults or defects; God is uncompromising.*

Ex 15:11 _____

Is 6:3 _____

Ps 96:9 _____

Ps 99:9 _____

The essence of true holiness consists in conformity to the nature and the will of GodSamuel Lucas

1.7 GOD'S ACTIONS AS PROOF OF WHO HE IS

We learn to know God better through His actions and deeds.

1.7.1. HE IS CREATOR. WHEN GOD SPEAKS – IT BRINGS LIFE .

Psalm 33:6

Is 44:24 ²⁴

Rev 4:11

1.7.2. HE THE SUSTAINER OF ALL THINGS.

Psalm 104:27-28

Read: Matt 6:25-34 – GOD PROVIDES FOR US(See: Cellgroup Material 2)

Hebr 1:3

1.7.3. HE IS SAVIOUR / REDEEMER . That deserves our highest praise .

Rom 4:17 -

Rom 3:23-24

Ephes 2:8-9

1.7.4 HE IS OUR JUDGE.. We are all going to appear before the Judgement throne of God. Therefore we need to fear God. Some people are driven away by fear but others' fear (respect) for God brings them to repentance.

In Genesis Chapters 3-9 – God reveals Himself as the God who punishes sin. E.g Adam and Eve is banished from the garden of Eden. ; The Flood over all the earth; And we find the judgement over the cities in **Genesis 19** .

One day God will judge His enemies and all who did NOT serve Him . **Rev. 20:11-15).**

No thought, decision or action escapes the eyes of God.

1.8 THE NAMES OF GOD AS PROOF OF WHO HE IS:

In the Old Testament God reveals Himself in many different ways :

NAME VAN GOD	MEANING	SCRIPTURE
Jehova Tsikenu	The Lord our Righteousness	Jer 33:16
Jehova M'kaddesh	The Lord who is Holy	Ezek 37:28
Jehova Shalom	The Lord my peace	Judges 6:24
Jehova Shammah	The Lord who is present	Ezek 48:35
Emmanuel	God with us	Isaiah 7:14
Jehovah Rophe	The Lord my healer	Exod 15:26
El Elyon	The Most High God	Gen 14:18
Jehova Jireh	The Lord is my Provider	Gen 22:14
El Shaddai	The Lord God Almighty	Gen 17:1
Jehova Nissi	The Lord my Banner	Exod 17:15
Jehova Rohi	The Lord is my Shepherd	Ps 23:1-2

THE NAMES OF JESUS:

Jesus (Matt 1:20 ; Luke 1:31) derived from the word "Jeshua" which means Saviour;

Son of the Most High (Luke 1:32; Luke 8:28);

Son of man (Matt 8:20; Matt 9:6);

Son of God (Matt 4:3;6 ; Matt 14:33);

Son of David (Matt 9:27; Matt 12:23; Matt 20:31);

Redeemer/ Saviour (2 Pet 3:18; 2 Pet 2:20; Tit 3:6; 2 Tim 1:10)

Anointed of God (Acts 4:26; Luke 9:20; Rev 11:15) ;

Leidsman (Acts 3:15; 5:31; Heb 2:10)

Master ; (Judas 4)

Rabbi (Mark 9:5; John 1:31; John 6:25)

The Christ (Matt 16:13; Luke 4:41); *Christ means Anointed* (Luke 2:11; John 1:41)

Messiah); John 11:27; Rom 6:23; Phil 3:7-8);

Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14; Matt 1:23) ;

Isaiah 9:6 ⁶ *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (KJV)*

NAMES OF THE SPIRIT :

Holy Spirit (Matt 1:20; Matt 12:31-32; Acts 7:55);

Spirit of God (Gen 1:2; Matt 3:16; Matt 12:28);

Spirit of the Father (Matt 10:20; John 15:26) ;

Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; John 15:26; John 16:13) ;

Spirit of Christ (1 Cor 2:16; Phil 1:19) ;

Comforter (John 14:16);

Spirit of Grace (Heb 10:29) ;

Spirit of Jesus (Acts 16:7; Gal 4:6) ;

Spirit of the Lord.(Judges 6:34; Luke 4:18;Acts 5:9);

Spirit of the Living God (2 Cor 3:3);

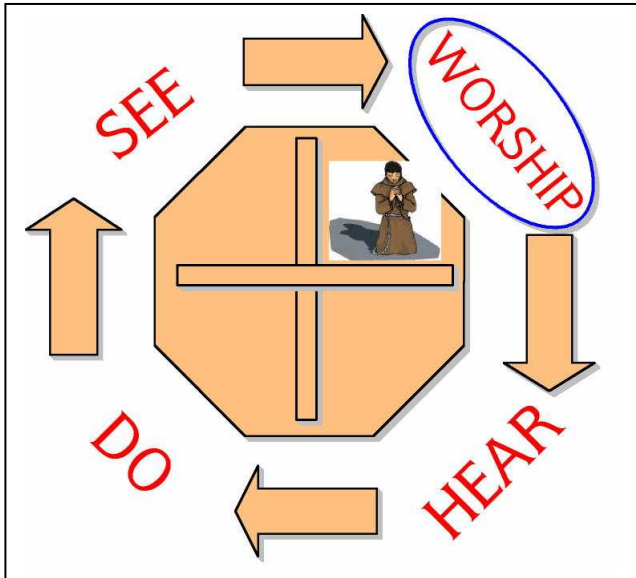
God reveals Himself in many different ways and that gives us more than enough reason to fall down before Him in Worship. Because now we can SEE Him for WHO HE REALLY is, and hence WORSHIP HIM for WHO HE REALLY IS.

NOTES:

Chapter 2 - WORSHIP

Our ACKNOWLEDGEMENT for whom He really is.

Matt 28:17-19 ¹⁷ And when they saw Him, they **worshipped** him, but some doubted.....



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2.1 WHAT IS WORSHIP?:

2.1.1 THE DEFINITION OF WORSHIP

Worship cannot be described in words it can only be experienced. But like every other experience we can endeavor to describe it in words.

a) THE ENGLISH WORD "WORSHIP" is deduced from the Anglo Saxon word "Weorthscipe" "worth – ship", which is a reaction upon, and indicates the VALUE OF GOD.

b) HEBREW WORDS (i) "Shachah" – to bow down
(ii) "Abodah" – to serve a superior

Read: Ex 3:12

Ps 100:2

c) GREEK WORDS – (i) "Proskuneo" it means to kiss the hand as a gesture of adoration.

(ii) "Leitourgia" – to serve -

Matt 4:10

WHEN WE LOVE
THOSE WHO ARE
UNDESERVING ITS
AN ACT OF MERCY,
BUT LOVING GOD IS
AN ACT OF
WORSHIP.

Romans 12:1

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (KJV)

2.1.1 **THE TWO ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP:**

- 1. **ATTITUDE** – of ADORATION
- 2. **ACTION** – OF HUMBLE SERVANTHOOD

2 Pet 1:3 ³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him** that hath called us to glory and virtue:

If I know **Him**... I will know His power... and through His power I have received everything needed to live for Him and serve Him.... i.e. **A LIFE OF WORSHIP**

2.2 THE ESSENCE OF WORSHIP

Both my **ATTITUDE** of humbleness and my **ACTION** of servanthood is driven by 2 things:

2.2.1 **FEAR** – (honor and respect)

Acts 9:31-Church....living in obedience to God

Acts 13:16 – ...God fearing men....

Rev 14:7 - ...Fear God.....give Him honour....Worship Him.....

2.2.2 **THANKFULNESS**

Ps 136:1- Oh Give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good; for His mercy(love) endureth forever..

Both my FEAR and THANKFULNESS consist of 3 ingredients:

1. REMEMBRANCE - Looks at the PAST.

Read: Ps 103:2-3

For the Jews: Deliverance out of Egypt

For us: The Death and Ressurrection of Jesus and deliverance from sin

(Isa 62:6) *On your walls, Jerusalem, I have placed sentries; They must never be silent day or night. They must remind the LORD of his promises And never let him forget them.(GNB)*

(Matt 7:11) *As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!(GNB)*

2. APPRECIATION - Looks at the NOW

For the Jews: God's providence.

For us: God's Blessings here and now.

John 14:1-3.....*and I am going to prepare a place for you.And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.(GNB)*

3. EXPECTATION - Looks forward

For the Jews – The coming of the Messiah

For us: - The Second Coming and Heaven.

J. Oswald Sanders: Worship is the loving ascription of praise to God for what he is in himself and in his providential dealings. It is the bowing of our innermost spirit before him in deepest humility and reverence. Worship is the adoring contemplation of God as he has been pleased to reveal himself in his son and in the Scriptures.

2.2 WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

Joh 4:23-24²³ *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.* ²⁴ *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (KJV)*

This scripture describes HOW we should worship ... but there is another element which we should take a look at e.g

There comes a time when the TRUE WORSHIPPERS shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Nowhere is it written that God wants worship, what He wants is TRUE WORSHIPPERS.

If we have to ask the question WHY? Then the answer is "BECAUSE GOD DEMANDS IT"... If God only wanted worship (the act per se) then the one or two that do, would satisfy Him.... BUT GOD WANTS TRUE **WORSHIPPERS.**(He wants the people)

2.3.1 **I was.....CREATED TO WORSHIP**

Is 43:7 - *Even every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.***

2.3.2 **I was.....CHOSEN TO WORSHIP**

1 Pet 2:9 - *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

2.3.3 **I was.....CALLED TO WORSHIP**

Ps 95:6 - *O **come**, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.*

2 Pet 1:3 - *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of **him that hath called us** to glory and virtue:*

2.3.4 **I am ...COMMANDED TO WORSHIP**

Rev 14:6-7 – *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to Him**; for the hour of his judgment is come: **and worship Him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

Ps 149:2-4 - ² *Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: **let the children of Zion be joyful** in their King.* ³ *Let them praise his name in the dance: **let them sing** praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.* ⁴ *For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. (KJV)*

WORSHIP IS NOT A PART OF YOUR LIFE;IT IS YOUR LIFE
RICK WARREN – A purpose driven Life

2.4 WHO DO WE WORSHIP?

Matthew 4:10 - *Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!' "*

God has the sole right to our worship, but we cannot worship God effectively if we do not know Him. (Look again at page 7-10)

We have heard of Samuel that served in the temple... BUT HE DID NOT KNOW GOD.

WE NOT ONLY PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM FOR WHO HE IS, BUT ALSO FOR WHAT HE'S DONE AND IS STILL DOING.....

2.5 A WORSHIPPER LIKE JESUS

Jesus Christ was a TRUE WORSHIPPER with the same responsibilities as ours.. e.g: To worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth. **Gal 4:4** describes Jesus as being submitted to the same laws as we are. However there was one difference: HIS **ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS** (HIS ACTS) were the true expression of what TRUE WORSHIP ought to be:

♦ **Jesus pleased the Father**

Matt 3:17 _____

♦ **Jesus knew the Father personally and did what He asked.**

John 8:29 _____

♦ **Jesus 's life was filled with praising and thanksgiving**

John 11:41 _____

♦ **Jesus loved and honored the Father**

John 8:49 _____

♦ **Jesus lived a prayerful life and depended on God**

Matt 14:23 _____

1 Pet 2:23 _____

♦ **Jesus did not seek His own will, but that of the Father.**

John 5:30 _____

Luke 22:42 _____

Matt 6:10 _____

♦ **Jesus was completely humble and obeyed the Father**

Phil 2:8 _____

John 17:4 _____

Jesus was the personification of what a true worshipper ought to be like

Do you comply with the following features?

2.5.1 A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Without it, our adoration is empty and religious rituals. Only when we KNOW God for WHOM He is and WHAT He can do, can our worship become a reality.

Look at David 's advice to his son Solomon:

1 Chron 28:9....*And to Solomon he said, "My son, I charge you to acknowledge your father's God and to **serve him with an undivided heart and a willing mind.** He knows all our thoughts and desires. **If you go to him, he will accept you;** but if you turn away from him, he will abandon you forever.*

2.5.2 GIVING CONSTANT PRAISES TO GOD

Ps 34:1 _____

Ps 48:1 _____

Ps 118:1 _____

(Take special note of words like "always" ; "at all times"; etc....

2.5.3 A HART FULL OF LOVE THAT WANTS TO HONOR GOD

Any Worship that does not come with a heart full of love IS NOT Worship, and that includes emotional involvement. (Your emotions must not drive you, but when you realise God's greatness and omnipotence you cannot help but get emotional.)

Matt 22:37 _____

Ps 34:9 _____

2.5.4 A LIFE OF PRAYER

Worship means COMMUNION and without prayer communion is impossible.

Eph 6:18 _____

1 Thess 5:17 _____

1 John 5:14 _____

2.5.5 A LIFE OF FAITH – Worship without faith means nothing

Heb 11:6 _____

Matt 21:22 _____

2.5.6 HUMBLE OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD

1 Cor 10:31 _____

Luke 6:46 _____

John 14:21 _____

2.6 THE IMAGE OF WORSHIP:

The image of worshipping can be illustrated in the relationship between two loved ones

- a. **UNDIVIDED ATTENTION** – Loved ones focus only upon each other. They are only conscious of each other. So too is the worshipper's attention focused only upon God, who He is, what He does, and what more He is capable of.
- b. **EXPRESSION OF FEELINGS** - Words such as **"I love you"** or "there is no-one like you". In this way a pledge of love takes place while you are worshipping the Lord.
- c. **EXPRESSION OF COMMITMENT** - "I will **ALWAYS** love you" – the same way that God binds Himself to us (Mt 28:20) we should also pledge ourselves to Him in undivided trust.
- d. **CONFIRMATION THROUGH DEEDS OF LOVE** – e.g. hugs and kisses; being intimate. This is just like our time spent in the presence of the Lord, intimate moments. The word used for worshipping in Greek is "Proskuneo" means literally to kiss the hand.

2.7 HOW DO WE WORSHIP?

John 4:23 - *God is Spirit, and only **by the power of his Spirit** can people worship him as He really is." (GNB)*

*.....and they that worship him must worship him **in spirit and in truth.**(KJV)*

Note the two words :

- (1) **BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT** (GNB) ...**IN SPIRIT** (KJV) it indicates the meeting of our spirit with the Holy Spirit. Many believers do not know what this means because they have never had a true relationship with God and especially His Holy Spirit.

(2) **IN TRUTH** – Indicates integrity before God, no pretence. The truth will set us free.

Robert Bailly "Worship is the acknowledgement of God's supreme worth; worship is prayer to, and praise of the almighty God that fills us with joy, at who He is and transforms us into a living fellowship with Him in the very essence of life."

2.8 THE DEFINITION OF PRAISE?

The word "Praise" means "**to commend, to applaud or to magnify.**" In other words, to Worship God with expressions of "praise", "applause" and "exaltation". This means that we forget ourselves and concentrate on God with expressions of Love, adoration and thankfulness. TRUE PRAISE brings us into contact with God. It brings us out of the natural into the super-natural and from the flesh into the spirit.

To understand the " HOW TO WORSHIP " a little better we have to understand that there are two phases to our Worship , namely : (1) **PRAISE** and (2) **WORSHIP**. Although it is difficult to differentiate between the two we are going to try our best:

PRAISE = expressions of WHAT God has done – **Ps 28:6**

WORSHIP = expressions of WHO God is. – **Ps 29:2**

PRAISE = TUNING IN to the presence of God – **Ps 16:8 ; Ps 63:1-8**

WORSHIP = REACTION on entering the presence of God – **Deut 16:11 ; Acts 2:28**

PRAISE = To sing ABOUT God (i.e Great and Mighty is the Lord our God)

WORSHIP = to sing TO God (i.e : You are awesome in this place, Mighty God)

2.8.1 PRAISE INCLUDES EVERYTHING WORSHIP IS ABOUT – namely **ATTITUDE and **ACTIONS****

Praise consists of more actions like verbal expressions of adoration and thanksgiving, singing, making use of instruments; clapping of hands and dancing. Even this is not supposed to be a show-off. Praise is not the purpose, but the means to a purpose, namely:

COMMUNION WITH GOD.

The charge against the people of God, and still today against the church is :

Matt 15:8 ⁸ *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. (KJV)*

True PRAISE is a matter of humble and upright commitment to God.

2.8.2 PRAISE AS A WAY OF LIVING

Your THOUGHTS determine your ACTIONS -.....i.e if I start to think the praises of the Lord, I shall not be afraid to praise God in the presence of others.

Your ACTIONS determine your HABITS..... the more I praise, the more I get used to it, and do I fall into a habit of praising the Lord.

Your HABITS determine your VALUESthe moment I'm used to praising God, I will find myself wanting to praise Him and will it become part of my value-system.

Your VALUES determine your DESTINATION I will be a conquerer through praise in spite of my circumstances . I will not find myself in despair, because I'm a Praiser.

PRAISE is not something I only do in church on Sunday, It must be a WAY OF LIVING. It must be entwined with my daily prayerlife. Wherever I am, I must praise Him, Whenever I can I must praise Himwhether I'm in my car, at home , at work ...ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE....

Psalm 34:1 – *I will **always** thank the LORD; I will never stop praising him.*

Heb 13:15 – *Let us, then, **always** offer praise to God as our sacrifice through Jesus, which is the offering presented by lips that confess him as Lord.*

2.8.3 WHY MUST I PRAISE ?

2.8.3.1 IT IS A COMMAND – and we must obey

Phil 4:4 - *Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!*

Psalm 118:1 - *Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose love endures forever.*

2.8.3.2 IT IS AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH and a DECLARATION of VICTORY

Rom 8:28 – ***We know** that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.*

James 1:2-3 - ***Consider it all joy**, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

Sometimes I have to bring a SACRIFICE of PRAISE, because I might not feel like praising God, but because God is WHO He is and He has done WHAT He's done, I praise Him anyhow.

2.8.3.3 PRAISE MAKES THE ENEMY FLEE

When we start praising God, the devil loses his grip on us. The atmosphere of true praise makes him flee.

See the example of Jehosaphat: (CELLGROUP MATERIAL 5)

2.8.3.4 PRAISE BRINGS GOD'S HAND OF DELIVERANCE INTO MOTION

Psalm 50:23 – *"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God"*

See the example of Paul and Silas (CELLGROUP-MATERIAL 6)

2.8.3.5 PRAISE CHANGES MY STATE OF MIND / HEART

Psalm 89:15 – *How happy are the people who worship you with songs, who live in the light of your kindness!*

2.8.3.6 PRAISE IS A TEACHING TOOL

Col 3:16 – *Christ's message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts.*

Other people are taught to Praise God irrespective of circumstances.

2.8.4 BIBLICAL EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE

Declaring of thanks (Heb. 13:15)
Clapping hands and shouting (Psalms 47:1)
Musical instruments and dancing (Psalms 150:4)
Singing praise songs (Psalms 9:11)
Psalms, hymns, & spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19-20)
Making a joyful noise (Psalms 98:4)
By lifting our hands (Psalms 134:2)
By being still (Psalms 4:3-5, 46:10)
By being loud (Psalms 33:3, 95:1-6)

Seven Hebrew Words for Praise

1. Halal

Halal is a primary Hebrew root word for praise. Our word "hallelujah" comes from this base word. It means "**to be clear, to shine, to boast, show, to rave, celebrate, to be clamorously foolish.**"

Ps 113:1-3 - *Praise (halal) ye the Lord, praise (halal) o ye servants of the Lord, praise (halal) the name of the Lord.*

Ps 150:1 - *Praise (halal) the Lord! Praise (halal) God in his sanctuary; Praise (halal) him in his mighty expanse.*

Ps 149:3 - *Let them praise (halal) his name in the dance: let them sing praises with the timbrel and harp.*

2. Yadah

Read : 2Chr 8:14 ; Ezra 3:10 ; Ps 22:22 ; Ps 63:5 ; Ps 69:30

Yadah is a verb with a root meaning, "**the extended hand, to throw out the hand, therefore to worship with extended hand.**" According to the Lexicon, the opposite meaning is "to bemoan, the wringing of the hands."

2Chr 20:21 - *Give thanks (yadah) to the Lord, for his lovingkindness is everlasting.*

Ps 63:1 - *So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will (yadah) lift up my hands in thy name.*

Ps 107:15 - *Oh that men would praise (yadah) the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.*

Other references: Gen 49:8 ; 2Chr 7:6 ; 2Chr 20:21; Isa 12:4; Jer 33:11

3. Towdah

Towdah comes from the same principle root word as yadah, but is used more specifically. Towdah literally means, "**an extension of the hand in adoration, avowal, or acceptance.**" By way of application, it is apparant in the Psalms and elsewhere that it is used for **thanking God** for "things not yet received" as well as things already at hand.

Ps 50:14 -Offer unto God praise (towdah) and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

Ps 50:23 - Whoso offereth praise (towdah) glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Other references: 2Chr 29:31 ; Jer 33:11; Ps 42:4

4. Shabach

Shabach means, "**to shout, to address in a loud tone, to command, to triumph.**"

Ps 47:1- *O clap your hands, all peoples; shout (shabach) to God with the voice of joy (or triumph).*

Ps 145:4 - *One generation shall praise (shabach) thy works to another and declare thy mighty acts.*

Isa 12:6 - *Cry aloud and shout (shabach) for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Other references: Ps 63:1-4;Ps.117:1;Ps 35:27; Ps 106:47

5. Barak

Barak means "**to kneel down, to bless God as an act of adoration.**"

Ps 95:6 - *O come let us worship and bow down; **let us kneel** (barak) before the Lord our maker.*

1Chr 29:20 - *Then David said to all the assembly, "Now **bless** (barak) the Lord your God." And all the assembly **blessed** (barak) the Lord, the God of their fathers, and bowed low and did homage to the Lord and to the king.*

Ps 34:1 - ***I will bless** (barak) the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

Other references:Job 1:21 ; Ps 96:2; Ps 103:1-2 ; Ps 18:46

6. Zamar

Zamar means "**to pluck the strings of an instrument, to sing, to praise; a musical word which is largely involved with joyful expressions of music with musical instruments.**"

Ps 21:13 - *Be exalted O Lord, in Thine own strength, so will we sing and praise (zamar) Thy power.*

1Chr 16:9 - *Sing to Him, sing praises (zamar) to Him; speak of all His wonders.*

Ps 57:8-9 - *Awake my glory; awake harp and lyre, I will awaken the dawn! I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord among the peoples; I will sing praises (zamar) to Thee among the nations.*

Other references: Ps 66:2-4 ; Isa 12:5 ; Ps 27:6 ; Ps 149:3; Ps 30:4

7. Tehillah

Tehillah is derived from the word halal and means "**the singing of halals, to sing or to laud; perceived to involve music, especially singing; hymns of the Spirit.**"

Ps 22:3 - *Yet Thou art holy, O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises (tehillah) of Israel.*

Ps 33:1 - *Rejoice in the Lord, o ye righteous, for praise (tehillah) is comely for the upright.*

Isa 61:3 - *To grant to those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise (tehillah) instead of the spirit of fainting, So they shall be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.*

Other references: **Ps 34:1 ;1Chr 16:35; 2Chr 20:22; Deut 10:21; Ex 15:11;**

Ps 147:1-2

PRAISE creates the atmosphere for an encounter with God. Still we have to ask the following question:

2.9 HOW CAN I ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD ?

We have to practise to enter the presence of God !

(1) Remind yourself continuously of the reality of God's presence and seek after it.
Psalm 105:2-5

(2) Decide to have communion with God regularly – If you forget that He is with you or neglect to speak to Him. If you neglect to spend time with Him, just repent and seek the next best opportunity to do so.

Psalm 44:8 ;Dan 6:10

(3) Do everything AS IF for the Lord. (FOR HIS SAKE)

This is about attitude, it is not about what I can get out of seeking God's presence but more about me pleasing and glorifying God.

Col 3:17

(4) Take control of your mind and direct your thoughts towards God.

I must not allow anything to distract me. Take special care in not allowing your thoughts to wander. Pray and Worship purposefully.

Read: Col 3:2 ; Phil 4:4-9 Isaiah 55:8Psalms 139:17...

(5) Purpose to have an encounter with God (regularly).

I must have the attitude of Jacob when I want to enter God's presence ...

Gen 32:26 ..."You can't go until you bless me," Jacob replied.

Just like Moses in **Ex 33:8-10**...we must enter into the Shekinah Glory of God. God is waiting for us to do so.

In **2 Cron 7:2**....the Priests could not stand, so great was His presence. If His presence filled those venues with such Glory how much more will we not receive when we enter into His presence.

I must have the same attitude as queen Esther in **Esther4:16** , she was so determined to enter the presence of the king, she said: ***If I must die for doing it, I must die.*** (GNB)

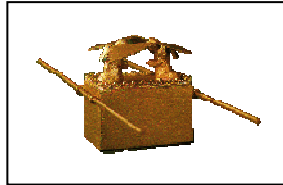
How much more should we not try and enter the presence of the KING of kings

2.10 THE TABERNACLE of MOSES AS EXAMPLE:

TABERNACLE of MOSES

MOST HOLY

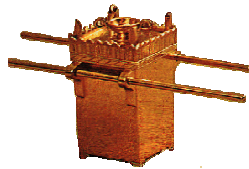
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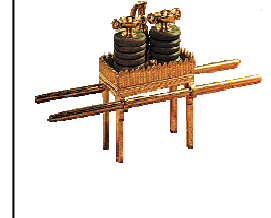


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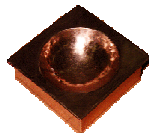
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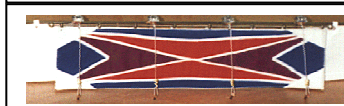


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**Brazin Altar of
Sacrifice**



GATE



INTRODUCTION:

In Hebrew, the words: '**Mishkan**', which is translated as "Tabernacle", or "Dwellingplace" , and '**Beit**' which means "HOUSE" and '**Haikhol**' which means "TEMPLE" are used in different contexts in the Old and New Testament. The most important part in understanding the Temple or the Tabernacle is the fact that it is THE HOLY DWELLING PLACE OF GOD. The word '**Shekinah**' refers to the Holy Spirit which manifested in the form of a cloud and that of fire. The word comes from the word '**Shekhan**' which means '**to abide, to stay , to dwell or 'to remain**'. This is where we got the word '**Mishkan**', describing God's dwelling place.

THE TABERNACLE CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING : **1. INNERCOURT ;**
2. HOLY PLACE and
3. MOST HOLY

God also created us : **(1) Body , (2) Soul and (3) Spirit.**

We **are** SPIRIT: **Have** a SOUL and **live in** a BODY.

1 Thess 5:23 teaches us : ²³ *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)*

Our Praise and Worship can either be just physical actions (body) or just thoughts and emotions (soul) or it can be IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH.

2.10.1 THE GATE: Thanksgiving – a willing sacrifice of praise – "TOWDAH"

Psalm 100:4 - *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.*

Here the body and the flesh could be involved only. This consists of singing; clapping of hands ; dancing; making use of musical instruments. The person who wants to praise God in this manner only, cannot expect to hear the voice of God.

REMEMBER : PRAISE : Is to PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT HE'S DONE.....
WORSHIP : TO PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS....

WORSHIP: speaks of a HEART to HEART REALTIONSHIP with God (i.e Attitude and Action)

PRAISE is the FRUIT of that relationship .

Psalm 63:4-5 - _____

Psalm 47:1 _____

Psalm 66:8 - _____

Also make use of musical instruments .

Read: Ps 150: 1-5



2.10.2 IN THE COURTYARD: - (BODY / FLESH)

In the courtyard you used to find 2 things, namely: **(1) The altar of sacrifice** and **(2) The Brass Laver.**

a. **BRAZIN ALTAR of sacrifice** – *speaks of "SALVATION", confession and forgiveness of sin.*

Heb 13:15 - _____

Here I bring my sacrifice of praise, even though I might not feel like praising God. Here at the ALTAR I confess my sins, and remind myself of the salvation brought by the blood of Jesus Christ that flowed for me.

Hebr 10:10 ¹⁰ *we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (KJV)*

Prayer: Thank you God for sending Jesus, thank you Jesus that you came, thank you for dying on the cross for me. Father I confess my sins, please forgive me my sins and cleanse me according to your word in **1 John 1:9.**

b. **BRASS LAVER (WASHBASIN)** - *speaks of CLEANSING ; Ex 30:18-21*

1 John 1:9 _____

James 4:8 _____

Titus 2:14 _____

2 Cor 7:1 - _____

THIS IS A TYPE OF THE BAPTISM - 1 Pet 3:21 ...*a symbol pointing to baptism, which now saves you. It is not the washing off of bodily dirt, but the promise made to God from a good conscience. It saves you through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

LET GOD CLEANSE YOU : - your mind / your eyes / your hands / your hands / your body

Prayer : Thank you Lord that I am washed in your blood. Lord, cleanse my mind to think good thoughts, my eyes from what they might have seen, my ears from what they might have heard, my hands from the wrong I might have done. Thank you Lord that I can be baptised according to **Mark 16:16** and **Acts 2:38.**

2.10.3 THE HOLY PLACE: (SOUL; MIND; EMOTIONS)

This is the place of ACTIONS: Raising of hands ; bowing down ; kneeling.

a. **GOLDEN LAMPSTAND (JESUS / HOLY SPIRIT – baptism/ANOINTING)**

God's instructions to what it should look like we find in **Ex 25:31-37**

.....the oil and the fire are types of THE HOLY SPIRIT ; THE FIRE OF GOD

Ex 25:37 – SEVEN = *perfect number ; and the LAMPS refers to JESUS as the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.*

1 Joh 1:5-7

1 Joh 2:8-9

1 Pet 2:9

Shine Jesus Shine

Prayer: Thank you Lord that You are the light of this world and there is no darkness in You. The darkness is passing and Your light is shining. Thank you that I can love others as proof that I am in the light because you have called me out of darkness into your marvelous light. Thank you for the anointing which breaks every yoke.

b. TABLE OF SHEWBREAD – Body of Christ / Communion / Healing / Gifts of the Spirit

Heb 10:20-22

Isaiah 53:5

Eph 4:11-13

Prayer : Thank You Lord, not only have you filled me with your Spirit, but you have given us gifts for the edification of the body of Christ. Thank you for the opportunity to have communion with You and one another.

c. ALTAR OF INCENSE (HOLINESS; PRAYER ; SUPPLICATION ; WARFARE)

Ex 40:26 -27

Ex 30:7-8 – This was to happen mornings and evenings. So is our worship ; our prayers and supplications suppose to be perpetual before the Lord. Holiness is something I have to strive for continually, daily, morning and evening. I cannot enter the Most holy unless I've been sanctified.

When Zacharais in **Luke 1:9** was busy burning incense , an Angel appeared to him. To experience the Lord as I should, I must get rid of all unholiness and **Isaiah 59:2** explains why ¹⁸*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.* (KJV)

Phil 4:18 ¹⁸*But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received..... the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.* (KJV)

Psalms 95:6 _____

The word "BARAK" is demonstrated.

Rev 4:10 _____

Prayer: Lord I want to be holy as You are holy. Let my prayers and my worship be acceptable to you, just like the incense from the altar.

2.10.3 MOST HOLY – WORSHIP IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH.

Hebr 9:8 - *The Holy Spirit clearly teaches from all these arrangements that the way into the **Most Holy Place has not yet been opened as long as the outer tent still stands.***

We cannot enter the MOST HOLY PLACE unless we have dealt with everything that can hinder us from entering God's presence.

1. THE VEIL : Jesus Christ made it possible to enter THE MOST HOLY PLACE and gave us access to the Father . THE VEIL was torn for you and I. **Heb 9:12 ; Mark 15:38;**

2. ARK of the COVENANT – Speaks of GOD'S PRESENCE .

The two Cherubims on top speaks of God's Holiness. True worship flows from the knowledge that we are dealing with a HOLY GOD.

Hebrews 9:4⁴ *and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the **golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;** (KJV)*

Inside the ARK were the following:

1. ROD of AARON – which speaks of Godly AUTHORITY and LEADERSHIP.

Matt 6:33 _____

Here I pray, NOT MY WILL BE DONE, BUT YOURS BE DONE. Here I ask God's direction. I also seek the ANOINTING and the EQUIPMENT for ministry.

2. MANNA – speaks of GODLY PROVISION

Phil 4:19 _____

Here we are not need-conscious but solution-conscious . Here we proclaim the reality of God as Jehovah-Jireh en EL Shaddai.

3. The LAW OF MOSES – God's WORD

2 Tim 3:16-17 _____

Here I experience the LOGOS word becoming a RHEMA WORD and God speaking to me about what it is I am suppose to do. **I have SEEN HIM and WORSHIPPED HIM and is ready TO HEAR HIM....**

Chapter 3 - HEAR

To discern His voice.

Matt 28:17-19 ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Take Note:

1. **And Jesus came...**

If we draw nearer to God in prayer and WORSHIP, God draws nearer to us.

James 4:8

2. **And spake to them ...**

When God draws nearer to us it is either in an SPECIAL REVELATION or in a PERSONAL REVELATION.

We all want to know the will of God and to be within the will of God, but we ask the following questions:

CONTENTS:

- 3.1 What is the will of God?
- 3.2 How can I know the will of God?
- 3.3 What "Potholes" must I avoid?
- 3.4 How can I hear His voice?
- 3.5 How do I discern between the voice of God and that of Satan?
- 3.6 What prevents me from hearing His voice?
- 3.7 WHAT IF I HAVE HEARD HIS VOICE?

3.1 WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD?

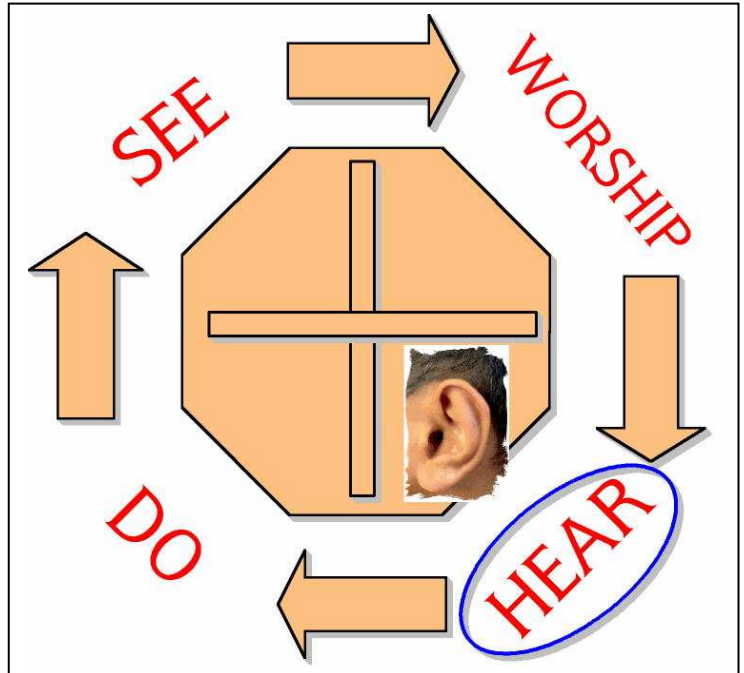
More than anything else, we must realise that God's will and way is the best for us. It is something that we have to hold on to. God wishes us the best and this will never change.

When we want to know what the will of the Lord is, it is important that we are in the right relationship with God. Here are a number of Scriptural principles that can be used as basic guidelines in almost every situation:

3.1.1. It is God's will that people are saved.

The saving of an individual is more important to God than any other case/task. We must therefore ensure that our relationship with God is right before we ask anything else of the Lord.

In the first and foremost place is Salvation God's will for everyone



2 Peter 3:9 ⁻⁹ *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (KJV)*

When the things we want to do would, for example, hinder the saving of other people, then we must realise that we will be moving outside the will of God.

1 Tim 2:4 ⁴ *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (KJV)*

Matt 28:19 ¹⁹ *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (KJV)*

3.1.2. It is God's will that we give ourselves fully unto Him.

Rom.12:1 - _____

1 Thess 4:3 _____

Anything that prevents us from living a holy life and which keeps us from our commitment to God , is not in the will of God.Any decision that will prevent me from living a godly life , is outside of the will of God.

3.1.3. It is the will of God that we Love all people (including those that are unsaved.)

Matt.22:39 _____

Luk.6:32-36 _____

3.1.4 It is the will of God that we do good works.

Ephes 2:10 _____

3.1.5. It is the will of God that we grow spritually.

2 Pet 1:5-7 _____

**3.1.6. It is the will of God
Rom 13:1**

that we subdue to Authority.

3.1.7. It is the will of God that we will grow through hardships and attacks from the devil.

Rom 5:3-5

3.1.8. It is the will of God that we will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

That we will follow Him and NOT our own selfish desires.

Eph 5:18

3.1.9. It is the will of God that we will care for the poor.

Ps 82:3-4

3.1.10. It is the will of God that we forgive those who wronged us and that we will love them.

Matt 5:23-24

Matt 18:35

Eph 4:32

3.1.11. It is the will of God that we be content with, and grateful for what we have, and not long for earthly riches and material things.

1 Tim 6:8-10



3.2 HOW CAN "I" KNOW THE WILL OF GOD?

In our search for the will of God we must differentiate between

- 1. The **DIRECT** will of God and
- 2. The **PERMITTED** WILL of God

The **DIRECT** will of God is that which He has planned and laid out for us while the **PERMITTED** will of God are those things or occurrences (situations) which God allows in my life to ensure that He can eventually achieve his **DIRECT** will for my life.

I.e: Circumstances that forces me to repent.

To become familiar with the will of our Heavenly Father, we must ensure that we comply with certain conditions:

- 1. **Rebirth:** Ensure that you are reborn according to **John.3:3-6 and Acts 2:38** by confessing your sins according to **1 John. 1:9** and accepting Jesus as your personal Saviour according to **John 1:12**.
- 2. **Baptism:** As an act of obedience according to **Acts 2:38 and Matt 28:19**. Many people who have not been baptised have already heard the word of God but still remains disobedient. Disobedience is a sin and sin hinders the work of God in your life.
- 3. **Baptised with the Holy Spirit** – It is a promise from God to every reborn child of God. It is the power that you need AFTER you have HEARD, to be able to DO what God has said. **Acts 1:8** _____

Acts 2:38. _____

- 4. **Study the Word of God** – The Holy Spirit will never lead you in a truth apart from the truth of God's word. That is why God wants you to know your bible. **2 Tim 3:16-17** _____

Be careful not to apply only certain verses and using them as guidance unless it has been confirmed in other ways.

- 5. **Willingness to subjugate to God 's guidance is a basic necessity.** It is no use to ask what is God's will if you are not prepared to do what He asks. Is it indeed your hearts desire to do the will of God? **Choose** with your will to do God's will. **Pray** and ask God "Father I choose with my will to do your will"
Matt.6:33.- ³³ *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (KJV)*
John 4:34-35 - ³⁴ *Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. ..(KJV)*

The following guidelines can be applied in seeking the WILL OF GOD:

- 1. When you seek the guidance of God, it is important to **stand on neutral ground**. It means you have to come to a point where you tell God that you will be willing to do whatever His will may be. You must, as far as it is humanly possible, be neutral and subdue your personal preference before the will of God.
- 2. **Live in close communion(fellowship) with God.** When you live near God, it is generally easier to know what the will of God is. Be dedicated. **Rom 12:1-2** - _____

3. **Wait upon God.** It means to bring the subject to God in prayer, on a frequent basis, until He answers. (**Isaiah 28:16**). God has his own particular time. Don't try to move faster than God. God know exactly when to make the answer known to you, trust Him. During this time of waiting upon the Lord, you must examine your own heart whether it is about God or whether it is about you and what you want. God sometimes let us wait to test the inclination of our hearts and to prepare us mentally before He replies. To wait on God does not mean to do nothing. It means that you must be active in: consideration..., reasoning, ... examining,... listening, ... evaluating, and to study the word of God because it is all in the process of waiting upon God.

Read: Isaiah 40:30-31 _____

4. **Complete Trust** – Put all your trust in Him
Prov 3:5-6 _____

James 1:6-8 says the following of someone who prays, but doubts in his heart " _____

Pray to God with the trust, that He precisely knows what you need and that He will on his own time disclose His will to you.

5. **Act according to the green light that you have.** This is a very practical hint. Sometimes we first want to know the finest details before we will act. Normally there is a lot that we can do already without knowing precisely what the outcome of God's plan is going to be. (Remember God has the plan , but sometimes all He gives us, is the directions)

6. **Consider the circumstances.** Translate events in a spiritual way. Remember that Satan tries to prevent us from doing God 's will by putting hindrances in our way.
2 Thess 2:18 _____

God can use circumstances to lead us. You must however not just look at circumstances for guidance.

7. **The hindsight of advisors.** Share the affair with older people that is spiritual connected and in whose opinion you trust. You often get confirmation and guidance by their response or advice.
Prov 12:15 ⁻¹⁵ *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. (KJV)*
Prov 11:14 ⁻¹⁴ *Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. (KJV)*
Prov 24:6 ⁶ *For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counselors there is safety. (KJV)*

8. **Ways in which others were led.** Although everybody is unique, and God's manner in which He works with each of us, is unique, we can still learn from others. Study the Bible, church history and mission-biographies, and the ways in which God guided His servants. Look at the example of **Acts 10**.
9. **Put out a small Fleece.** When you can't differentiate between personal feelings and confirmation of the Holy Spirit, ask God to do something objective, outside yourself, to give indication of His will. Read **Judges 6:37-39** which is about Gideon's Fleece. Be careful that the signs are not dictatorial. The Lord uses this manner of guidance just as an exception to the rule. The Holy Spirit must lead you, otherwise it can happen that you want to "force" God to reply to your wants. Remember that Gideon's Fleece did not operate as a dice. In other words, Gideon has used the fleece only as a confirmation, because God has already explained His will previously.

10. **Compile a balance Sheet.** It helps to write down the advantages and disadvantages of a decision and to weigh it up against each other. When you honestly write down the advantages and disadvantages on paper the answer is sometimes as clear as day.

11. **Share with a prayerpartner or group.** It is a good idea especially when the decision will have a long term consequences, to stand before God with someone that is in the same faith as you.

12. **Be obedient to Spiritual principles.** In some situations, a specific guidance is not needed because the matter can be resolved by spiritual principles.

Heb 13:17 _____

2 Tim 2:4 _____

Matt 5:27-28 _____

There is a lot of things the Bible is clear about, and we don't have to search what God's will is, it is written clearly in the Bible.

13. **Your equipment from God.** The gifts of the Holy Spirit works through you and also gives an indication of the work that God wants you to do.

Rom 12:6-10 _____

1 Cor 12:7-11 _____

14. **Guidance of the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit confirms to you what God wants you to do, by means of an inner assurance. But be cautious after a decision was taken, that the absence of stress and fear is not mistaken for inner peace given by God. **Read Col 3:15**



3.3 WHAT "POTHOLES" MUST I AVOID ?

1. **Be vigilant of the flesh** – Be vigilant against a decision that goes with abundance, ease and natural desires.

Gal 5:24-25 _____

2. **Do not try and avoid your cross** –

1 Pet 3:17 _____

The difficult road is usually the right way. God's way is not our way. You must not shrink from degradation and suffering. Be careful for unnecessary masochism or abstention of things. It is not a spiritual law that a Christian must always suffer.

Matt 16:24 _____

3. **Be cautious against falsification.** Satan has deceitful spirits.

1 Tim 4:1 _____

The devil can dress himself as a angel of light.

NOT ALL GOOD THINGS ARE GOD THINGS

4. **The world can be misleading.** The world is not a place but rather a system. Be determined that your decision is not influenced by a desire for position, security, progress, a career or by family pressure.

1 John 2:15-17 _____

Luke 14:26-27 _____

5. **Guard against rational thoughts.** It is possible to use natural hindsight to rationalize everything.

Prov 3:5 teaches us : *"⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (KJV)*

God gave us reasoning (thoughts) to use, but our reasoning must still be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the authority and truth of the Word of God.

6. **Withstand fear. 1 John 4:18**

With God as a lovingly, heavenly father, His will is the best thing that can happen to us. We must start fearing if we are out of His security and will. Withstand any fear and disbelief that makes you hastily and impatient.

7. **Weakness does not disqualify.** Christians often resist God's will because they do not feel qualified for which God called them. If God called you, he will qualify you for which He called you.

Phil 4:13 _____

2 Cor 12:9 _____

8. Walk in faith. Be prepared to walk in faith. If you know that God has spoken to you, your only road is to go ahead.

Hab 2:4 _____

9. Pray and ask God what is His will. Sometimes we will do everything but ask God what His will for us is.

Matt 7:7 _____

10. Be vigilant against distractions. The **good** is often the enemy of the **best**. Be aware of a deflection of a lesser important purpose of that, which is not my calling. Satan may use an emergency situation to distract my attention away from what I must do.

Act 6:1-6 _____

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE WILL OF THE LORD

The following questions, with above mentioned directions will assist you by achieving a more clearer answer in various situations.

Answer the following questions one at a time to your self, as well as conducting the instructions. Not all the questions is are applicable to every situation.

- 1) Compile a balance sheet of the positive and negatives aspects pertaining to the matter why you are searching for God's will.
- 2) Are you aware of any sins, not confessed, in your life? If so, cease all other things and ask the Lord for forgiveness and cleansing and repent of those sins.
- 3) Does the bible specify about this specific matter? If so write down the principles which the Bible gives.
- 4) Does your situation give any indication in which direction you must move.
- 5) Have you prepared yourself for the fact, should you know what God's will is, you will have to be obedient to Him, unconditionally.
- 6) Do you stand on neutral ground what your own feelings and will is concerned ?

- 7) What enlightenment do you have up to this point? Write it down and act accordingly, until such times as God's will is made clear to you.
- 8) If you have no green light and there is nothing practical to do in the meantime, then wait upon the Lord for further guidance.
- 9) Are there any reliable fellow believers that you can go to for advice about this situation or maybe someone with whom you can discuss it and who can pray with you about this ?
- 10) Think of the talents and gifts that God has given you, this can give you an indication as to what the will of God is for you.
- 11) Before you come to a final decision you must positively identify whether you have peace over this matter.
- 12) As long as there is any doubt, do not act.
- 13) How do you think Jesus would have acted in this situation? What would He have done?
- 14) Ask yourself what the consequences of your decision will be: Will it spiritually influence others positively or negatively? How will it influence you' spiritually, positively or negatively?
- 15) If you judge this situation in the merits of eternity, will it influence your decision? Will you still feel this way in 50 years time and will it still be as important as to what you are presently thinking?
- 16) Is this about selfish motives? Or is it in reality about the Glory and Honor of the Lord?
- 17) Is there any attempt from you to manipulate God or to dictate to God what you want?
- 18) Will the Lord be honored by your decision or will your decision damage His name?
- 19) Will you be able to say "*I am doing it in Jesus name*"
- 20) Will it influence you in any way bearing in mind that one day you will be accountable to God?

NOTES:

10 Guidelines to know the will of God in a particular situation

1. Is it handy and wholesome for my spiritual or temporary live (1 Co 6:12)?

2. Am I addicted to it or can it lead to an addiction (1 Co 6:14)?

3. Do you damage your body thru it (1 Co 6:14)?

8. Do you have a positively peace over the matter - can I testify that under the guidance of the Holy Ghost I decided to do this particular thing (Col 3:15)?

5. Is it responsible use of your money?

6. Is it to the glorification of God (1 Co 10:31)?

7. Do you still doubt or are you sure that you must do it (Rom 14:23)?

8. Is your time spend wisely (Eph 5:15-16) How would you feel on your deathbed about it? (Heb 9:27)?

3.4 HOW CAN I HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD?

Acts 22:14 ¹⁴ *And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know His will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. (KJV)*

In other words this was not just allotted to the prophets of old but also for the Apostles and God is not a respecter of a person and we should all be able to hear the voice of God. Our biggest problem however is not to hear the voice of the Lord, but to distinguish, "Is it God communicating to me, or who is communicating to me?" When I try to listen to the voice of God, how do I know if it is God communicating to me, how do I know it is not Satan that I hear or possibly my own voice?

John 10:27 _____

John 8:47 _____

To distinguish God's voice should be normal and it should be natural to a Spirit-filled child of God. To hear God's voice indicates a relationship with God. IF YOU **KNOW** HIM..... YOU WILL **WORSHIP** HIM.....AND THEN YOU MUST **HEAR** HIM.....

New converts may possibly find it difficult, because a newborn lamb does not ultimately know the voice of its shepherd. But a sheep that is part of the flock for some time should be able to distinguish the voice of its shepherd.

Seven times Jesus calls out to the seven congregations in Revelations "HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR, WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES"
As you pray and seek the Lord's thoughts, you will know that you heard the Lord's voice. Not necessarily an audible voice, (exceptional revelation) but the Holy Spirit communicates within your thoughts. (Personal revelation.)

Jer 7:23-24 ²³ *But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. ²⁴ But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. (KJV)*

We must decide for ourselves, do we really want to hear His voice, because if I know Jesus Christ, I will hear His voice? **We must distinguish between seven different ways God can communicate with me:**

3.4.1 LOUD AUDIBLE VOICE – Like Paul / John (the Revelator)

This is only 5% of the ways in which God communicates with us. 95% of the time God communicates with our heart and soul. All of a 100% is unnatural but this 5% is mostly a personal revelation because when God communicates with us, it is only I that hear His voice. We call this a Special Revelation. **Read Acts 9:1 (Cell group material 15)**

Deut 4:33 ³³ *Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? (KJV)*

God spoke **to Moses** this way – **Ex 3:4-21 ; Num 12:8 ; Acts 7:31**

As well as to **Isaiah** - **Isa 30:12** ; as well as **Ezekiel** - **Ezek 2:2**

The Father spoke to **Jesus** this way – **John 12:28-30; Luke 3:22**

Jesus spoke to **Paul** this way – **Acts 9:4; Acts 22:7; Acts 26:14**

God spoke to **Peter** this way – **Acts 10:13-15**

God can also talk **to us** this way – **Heb 3:15**

Even the dead is going to hear Him – **John 5:25-28**

3.4.2 A still small voice – Like Elijah

This can also be a audible voice but so soft that is scarcely audible, like a whisper. Like in the case of Elijah in **1 Kings 19:1-13** **(Cell group material 16)**

In this way God could speak to many people without it being noted.

3.4.3 Visions / Dreams – Like Peter

This is the way that God spoke to His people in the Old Testament –

Num 12:6 _____

Hos 12:10 _____

Examples: Jacob - Gen 46:2 ; **Jeremiah** – Jer 24:1 ; **Ezekiel** – Ezek 1:4; Ezek 8:2; Ezek 11:24 ; Ezek 43:2-3 ; **Daniel** – Dan 2:9 ; 2:28-31 ; 4:13-13 ; 7:2-7 ; 8:1-27 ; 9:21-24 ; Dan 10:1-16 ; 11:14; **Amos** – Amos 1:1 – **Zechariah** – Zech 1:8 ; 1:18 ; 2:1 ; 5:1 ; 6:1
(See Cell group material 17)

God promised that this is the way that He will also speak to His children in the future.

Joel 2:28 _____

Dreams and visions were not just applicable for the time of the Old Testament, but still is a way in which God can communicate with us.

2 Cor 12:2-3 _____

Even Paul is not certain whether the person had a vision, or a real life experience.

Examples: Zechariah (Father of John the Baptist) - Luke 1:22

Peter – Acts 10:10-17 ; **Paul** – Acts 16:9

3.4.4 Impressions in my spirit - General and Personal Revelations

(See Cell Group Material 18)

This is experienced as a little "inner voice"

The Spirit leads – Gal 6:1 ; Gal 5:18,25 ; Rom 8:14 ; John 16:13-15 ; Acts 26:25 ; Acts 21:11 ; Acts 21:4

The Spirit teaches – Ps 143:10 ; 1 John 2:27-28 ; John 14:26 ; 1 Cor 2:13

The Spirit helps us understand the Bible – Luke 24:45 ; 2 Tim 3:16-17

The Spirit helps us preserve / remember what is good – 2 Tim 1:14
 The Spirit convinces – 1 Thess 1:5 ; John 16:8 ; Acts 13:2
 The Spirit reveals Christ – Eph 1:17 ; 2 Co 3:3 ; 1 Co 2:16
 The Spirit testifies with us – Rom 9:1
 The Spirit helps us to pray – Rom 8:26
 The Spirit awakens prophecy – Acts 21:11 | Acts 11:28
 The Spirit encourages – Acts 11:12
 The Spirit reveals knowledge – 1Co 11:23 ; Act 10:19:

3.4.5 Thru the Word - General and Personal Revelations

Hebrews 4:12 ¹² *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* (KJV)

Read: 2 Tim 3:16-17 ; Rom 10:8-10;17 ; Joshua 1:8-9 ; Ps 119:105
(See Cell group material 19)

3.4.6 Prophetic word – (Someone send by God) – like Cornelius – Personal revelation

a. Is prophecy still for today?:

The answer is "yes" a thousand times yes. It is one of the spiritual gifts and one of the gifts (ministries) that God has given to the church.. God still speaks to us by means of Prophecy.

1 Thess 5:19-21-¹⁹ *Quench not the Spirit.* ²⁰ **Despise not prophesyings.** ²¹ *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.* (KJV)

THIS MEANS THAT WE MUST NOT ACT AS IF PROPHECY HAS NO VALUE TODAY

1 Cor 14:37 _____

Eph 4:11-12 _____

The Greek word for **despise** is the word "**exoutheneo**" which means to despise; **to set at nought**, esteem less; To be contemptible; to make of no account

b. The danger of prophesying:

The dangers of present-day prophecy like in the Old Testament is the human element which is present, namely that the person can bring a message which is not what God has spoken and when it is not fulfilled, people are disappointed in God.

Jer 23:16 _____

1 Pet 1:21 _____

c. Test of Prophecy:

How can I be positively identify that the word I heard came from God (Refer to the passage about "How to distinguish between the voice of God and Satan")

1. **In line with the scripture** - All prophecy must be measured according to the Word. The Holy Spirit never speaks against the Word - **Gal 1:8-9 ; Act 17:11 ; 2 Tim 3:16-17 ; 1 Cor 14:37-38 ; Mark 7:1-13**
2. **Discernment of spirit** (testing the spirit) - **Rom 12:2 ; 1 John 4:1 ; John 7:17 ;** By discernment we mean that it testifies in your heart, and even by confirmation of two and three. **Read: 1 Cor 10:15 ; 1 Cor 14:29**
3. **God does not gossip** – God will first communicate with you before He speaks to someone about you.
4. **Fruits of the prophets** – You test a tree by its fruits, and in this way so a prophet will be known by the fruits he bears forth. **Gal 5:22 ; John 15:5-8 ; Luke 6:43-44**
5. **Time and Consummation.** Only time and the consummation of prophecy will determine if the prophet was truly from God. - **2 Kings 4:16 ; 2 Kings 20:1-6 ; 2 Chron 36:21 ; Matt 24:33**

(See Cell group material 20)

3.4.7. Angels:

Here we concentrates on the evidence of the New Testament that God still today uses angels to communicate with us as people. The Bible describe angels as messengers or serving spirits.

Heb 1:7 _____

1. **Angels warns – Gen 19:15;**
2. **Angels make announcements - Lk 2:11-13 ; Heb 2:2 ; Lk 1:19**
3. **Angels encourages - Ac 27:23-24 and cares for – Mt 4:11**
4. **Angels can give revelations - Rev 1:1 ; Da 4:17 ; Rev 22:3**
5. **Angels protects – Ps 91:11 ; Da 3:28 ; Mt 4:6 ; Jh 20:12 ; Ps 34:7**
6. **Angels fights – Da 10:13 ; Mt 16:27 ; Mt 26:43**
7. **Angels carry out God 's instructions - Ps 103: 20-21**
8. **Angels help to change the future - Gen 16:10-12**
9. **Angels will gather the harvest - Mt 13:39-49 ; Mt 24:31 ; Mt 25:31**

(see Cell group material 21)

GOD CAN ALSO SPEAK TO ME THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES
If I did not hear Him speaking to me through His Spirit

We would like to concentrate on the personal revelation in which God, through His Spirit, communicates with my spirit, and I personally hear God speaking.

We ask the Question "**WHAT DOES THE VOICE OF GOD SOUND LIKE**"?

3.5 HOW CAN I DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE VOICE OF GOD AND THE VOICE OF SATAN.

God's voice	Consequences	Satan's voice	Consequences
1. God's voice calls and invites you. The Spirit of God never formulates unfair claims of obedience.	Obedience to the Holy Spirit brings forth Spiritual fruit	Satan orders and force and when Satan talks it conjugates with fear (fear for God) and it wants to enslave us by a supernatural strength	Obedience to the voice of Satan delivers no spiritual fruit and conducts confusion and dreariness
2. When the Holy Spirit works, He wants our active co-operation , and he never extinguishes your intellect, reasoning and resolve.	With our resolve we must make a decision to work in conjunction with the Holy Spirit	The Devil wants to abuse our resolve and extinguish our intellect, and demand our passive agreement to be used by him.	We are abused
3. The Holy Spirit convince us of our sins	The Holy Spirit always indicates to us the way of deliverance and liberation of sin. He always indicates to the cross.	Satan accuses and condemns us of our sins	He brings false hope, brings extreme sins, conscious, feeling bad and brings a feeling of being an outcast, feeling of dispiritedness and incapacity to glorify God. We think God does not love us anymore
4. When the Holy Spirit convince us of our sin, He is very specific and precise	When we specifically confess our sins directly there is always forgiveness and liberation (1 Jh 1:9)	When Satan talks about sin, he is usually vague, there is a vague feeling of sinning and lots of guilty feelings.	To confess these vague feelings, never brings forth liberation.

God's voice	Consequences	Satan's voice	Consequences
5. The Spirit of God is never in a hurry. He is always patient and He is a spirit of endurance	The spirit of God gives us time to ponder and to make sure. In the Kingdom of God there is tolerance, patience, tranquillity and self control	Satan always hastily pressurizes us into to situations. Satan does not allow me to think, and reason and to make sure it is correct and to test it with others.	Satan wants us to act hastily and impulsively, because then we make mistakes. When Satan operates, he drives us to be hasty, he makes us impatient, he causes craziness, desperateness and hysteria in our lives.
6. The Holy Spirit unctions	I can follow Him if I want to.	Satan forces	I feel pressurized to do what I do not want to do
7. The Holy Spirit inspires	He makes me believe I am capable of anything	Satan intimidates	Satan lets me believe I am worthless
8. The Holy Spirit motivates	The Holy Spirit inspires me, but does not force me	but Evil dominates	I must, whether I want to or not.
9. The Holy Spirit wants to indicate our value before God.	That God wants to be in a relationship and have fellowship with me	When Satan communicates with me, he want me to believe that I am worthless , that I am so bad that God wants nothing to do with me and that God does not care for me.	The devil wants me to believe that I am worthless and that I don't even have to try to convert or to live in a holy manner and not to witness
10. The Holy Spirit wants to indicate that there is forgiveness of our sins	It gives me confidence by God irrespective how big the sin is.	Satan convinces people that their sins are to big and that they cannot be saved and be free of their sins.	It takes my boldness away from God, however how small my sins
11. The Spirit of God wants us to understand that He can heal us and make us hole , Judas had betray Christ and Peter had deceive Christ	Irrespective of the pain and how great the sin, and how abject our deeds of the past are, Peter is restored because of his regret and search of forgiveness	Satan tries to convinces us that there is no forgiveness or healing , that we never heal, total forgiveness and deliverance cannot be achieved	Satan want to convince people that God cannot do it, maybe a part but for the rest of our lives we will go forth insecure. Therefore I do not trust God for total forgiveness and healing

God's voice	Consequences	Satan's voice	Consequences
12. The Holy Spirit is always in consensus with the word	2 Tim 3:16-17 - So that we can be fully equipped for any job	When evil speaks, he says that it is not necessary to obey the word and to act accordingly, but just do it.	I can go about it wrongly and expose myself to sin, like Saul brought about sacrifices instead of being obedient
13. Holy Spirit's guidance is always contradictory with the world	Where the world hates, we must show love, where the world avenges we must forgive, we must walk that extra mile (Matt 16:21)	Satan tries to mislead us with the things of the world.	The world puts itself first, God people puts others first. The world wants to believe what it sees first, we believe what we do not see.
14. What God teaches us, are always contradictory with the fleshly desires	We must glorify the spirit and not the flesh, then we will achieve true peace	Satan request us to obey the flesh and its desires.	This consummation does not last long and is thus just temporary, and holds no true satisfaction
15. If God speaks it is always words of encouragement	Jos 1:9 ... take courage	The devil breaks you down and tries dispiriting you.	
16. What we hear by the Holy Spirit	Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ (Rom 10:17)	What the devil tells us takes us further away from God .	Because Satan lies I will never hear the truth. And I will never know God the way I am intended to.
17. God's voice builds faith and bring peace in our lives	And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding (Ph 4:7)	Satan's voice brings despair and fear	You will never have God's peace when you step outside of His will
18. Holy Spirit is a spirit of love , you hear the love in His voice	Love for God, love for your neighbor. Even love for your enemy LOVE is a Command and not just a feeling	Satan sows hate	Where the devil is present, there is hatred, indifference, contempt and condescension of God, my neighbor and my enemies. Where there is no love God is not present
19. The Holy Spirit seeks work and promotes obedience	Obedience assures God blessings in our lives (Deut 28:1-14)	Satan promotes disobedience	Where evil is present there is disobedience, rebellion, transgression of the law and obstinacy

God's voice	Consequences	Satan's voice	Consequences
20. The Holy Spirit promotes holiness and will promote us to live Holy	Where God is working thru His Holy Spirit, everything is holy, pure, clean, open, in the light, nothing is hidden, all is transparent	Satan encourage en sows disobedience	Satan flourishes on uncleanness, immorality, perverseness , sin, Unholyness , filth and disorder - all in the dark, there is a glimmer of honesty, many things is hidden
21. The Holy Spirit will convince us to give, especially to sow in God's work	Jesus was unselfish; he gave himself without anticipating money. He came to teach us what is unselfishness, generosity and self-sacrifice, mercy and compassion. Jesus came to give, His life, His gifts, the Holy Spirit and eternal life.	Satan only wants to take and he will try to convince us to take God's tithe and use it for something else, or he will try and convince us not to give at all.	Where Satan operates in peoples hearts, there is selfishness, ambition, they want everything and take what they can, they to things, they are stingy and avaricious, and part with difficulty what belongs to them, and gathers especially what moth and rust can destroy.
22. The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of truth	The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of truth. Jesus is the truth and what comes from Him is truth.	Satan is the father of all lies... and when lies is applicable, God is not present.	Satan works with injustice, iniquity and fraud. God has no intercourse with fraud. Where fraud, lies and unfairness is applicable, disciples of Christ must not co-operate.
23. The Spirit of God is a spirit of hope and faith	The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of hope. Hope interlink all aspects of a Christian 's live. Where God is present, there is hope in every aspect of life. Everything He says or does is born out of hope.	Satan sows despair and doubt	The kingdom of Satan is a kingdom of despair and doubt, darkness, and unbelief. God is not present where there is despair and doubt, darkness, and unbelief.

God's voice	Consequences	Satan's voice	Consequences
24. The Holy Spirit will always cultivate us with humility and brokenness (Phil 2:5-8)	Jesus said: "Learn from me." (my humility and gentleness.) When the Spirit of God worked in the disciples of Jesus, it was characterized by humility, gentleness, brokenness and a willingness, to part with themselves, to become servants and to put others first. They did not look for acknowledgement and was willing to crucify the self and be the least	Satan processes only arrogance and pride	Where Satan gets access to peoples hearts, there is self elevation, search for own honor and acknowledgement, pride, condescension, pretension, and bluff
25. God's voice brings peace . (Ps 85:8)	When God works, there is peace, tranquility, and stability	Satan brings inquietude and no peace	When Satan brings something to status, it is characterized by instability, war, dispute, anger, fights, backstabbing, envy , antagonism, unrest and displeasure.
26. The Holy Spirit process unity	God's Kingdom remain upright in the sign of unity, union, acclamation and unanimity	Satan brings dissension, conflict and division.	Satan's kingdom remain upright in the sign of dissension, disagreement, contrariness, conflict, and ruptures
27. The Holy Spirit is a spirit of gentleness	Where the Spirit of God works, there is gentleness, softness, sympathy, vide commiseration, mercy and empathy	Satan is a spirit of hardness and inaccessibility	When evil spirits works in people, they become hard, impenetrable, cold, inaccessible, impertinently, ruthless and condemnation.
28. The Holy Spirit brings assurance	In the Kingdom of God there is a certainty of bliss, reliable and balance.	Satan brings uncertainty	Satan's work always brings uncertainty and instability

God's voice	Consequences	Satan's voice	Consequences
29. The voice of God is known by the fruit it bring forth	Where the Holy Spirit works, it brings forth fruit of: love, joy, peace, patient, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (Gal 5:22)	The voice of Satan is characterized by the fruit it brings.	Gal 5:19-21 Sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like,

3.6 WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM HEARING HIS VOICE?

If I saw God's revelation and I worship Him for whom He is, what prevents me from hearing His voice? The same potholes that I have to avoid in my search to do the will of the Lord is applicable here, but especially heed the following:

3.6.1 HARDENED HEART -

Heb 3:7-11 -⁷ *Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,* ⁸ ***Harden not your hearts,*** ¹⁰ *Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, ***They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.**** ¹¹ *So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) (KJV)*

It is possible for us to harden our hearts. It can however have serious consequences for us, namely that we cannot enter into the rest of God. Israel exchanged "RELATIONSHIP" for "RELIGION" and "SON-SHIP" for "SLAVERY"

Read: Luke 8:5; 12 ; Ps 95:8-9 ; Jer 3:17 ; Heb 3:15 ; Heb 4:7 ; Acts 7:51

3.6.2 UNBELIEF

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

The same with disbelieve... the consequences is desertion of God.

Read: **James 1:6**if we do not believe....we cannot receive

Heb 11:1;6 without faith it is impossible to please God

Heb 11:27we must be able to SEE the unseen

3.6.3 SINS, TRANSGRESSION AND INIQUITY

Like two microwave towers; any objects between the two signals like a dove, blocks the signals, the sender still sends the signals but the receiver cannot receive because of blockage, The very same with us, God wants to talk to us, but we cannot receive because of the SINS in our lives, or our inability or unwillingness to give it up.

1 John 3:6 _____

There are 3 words in the Old Testament which describes sin:

Psalm 32:1-2 ...Blessed is he whose **transgression** is forgiven, whose **sin** is covered. ²
Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not **iniquity**, and in whose spirit *there is no*
guile. (KJV)

1. **TRANSGRESSION** - (Heb: "pesha") – means, "rebel". Rebelliousness or rebellion is the oldest sin that was committed by satan against God and it can bring forth that you do not hear His voice.
2. **SIN** – (Heb: "chatah") means "to miss "- To miss God, to miss his purpose, to miss the road, you cannot know His will, you are outside His will.
3. **INIQUITY** – (Heb: "avon"_ means "To be bended" This indicates that the sins that prevail over me makes me grow crooked, I am bowed down and bended and that prevents me from hearing the voice of the Lord.

Jesus Christ has actually made is possible for us to be free of all three of these sins.
Ps 32:2-5 ; Isa 53:5

3.6.4 THINGS OF THE FLESH / WORLD

Luke 8:7 _____

Luke 8:14 _____

Read: Jer 32:33 ; Matt 13:13 ; Lk 8:8 ; Rev 2:7 ; Eph 2:2
Col 3:5 _____

Eph 5:5 _____

(Anything more important than God borders on idolatry and it prevents me from hearing God's voice.)

3.6.5 LACK of KNOWLEDGE of THE WORD

1 John 2:4 _____

BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW OUR BIBLES we shall hear God speaking to us, but we will not pay attention to it, because it is contradictory to the way we were brought up, or against my tradition or contradictory to my church policy.

Mark 12:24Do ye not therefore err, because **ye know not the scriptures**, neither the power of God?

I will also not be able to hear the input of the Spirit if I do not know what the bible teaches concerning a specific subject whether it is a sin or not. There are certain matters on which the Bible is not specific, but then it is necessary to review the questions.

"QUESTIONS TO ASK, TO SEEK THE WILL OF THE LORD"

(Many people ask the question "Is smoking a sin; is dancing a sin? Then my answer is, "if you're in doubt, then rather don't."

If you know your bible you will know what God's Word teaches on diverse matters. Heed on Samuel that heard God's voice, but did not recognizes it, because the word of God was not revealed to Him.

3.6.6 SELF CENTEREDNESS (SEE CELL GROUP MATERIAL 22)

Read 1 Kings 17:1-12 Heed to words like "I"; "us" ; "me". This widow has become so self-centered that she did not hear God's voice, that she had to take care of Elijah. Read further about the miracle if a person does not become self-centered.

1 Cor 13:5 _____

1 Cor 6:19 _____

Job 23:12 _____

2 Tim 4:3 _____

Read: 2 Pet 3:3 ; Jude 16:18 ; James 3:14-16 ; John 17:20

3.6.7 PROBLEM AWARENESS i.s.o SOLUTION AWARENESS

Matt 6:25-27 _____

Matt 6:31-34 _____

2 Cor 4:17-18 _____

Matt 13:22 _____

3.5.8 FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS (SEE CELLGROUP MATERIAL 22)

The widow was ready to die while God wanted to use her to take care of Elijah.

If I don't have hope I might miss the will of God.

Eph 2:12 _____

1 Pet 1:21 _____

Heb 10:23 _____

1 Tim 5:5 _____

Rom 15:13 _____

ALSO READ: Rom 5:5 ; Hos 12:6

3.7 NOW THAT I'VE HEARD HIS VOICE?

Now that I know that I have heard from God I can show **one of 4 reactions:**

Read : Luke 8:5-15

⁵ A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. ⁸ And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold

Jesus 's admonition: (verse 8-10)

... And when he had said these things, he cried, *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.* (KJV) Luke 8:9-10 ¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. (KJV)

1. Hardened Heart - Verse 12 -

It is people with a heart, which listens to the word of God, by preaching or prophecy or by writing, through the spirit and does not accept it, the devil comes and steals it.

(This person usually has a inclination of – this is not my work.)

2. **Shallow Heart – Verse 13** – It is the heart that accepts the word with joy, people that wants to do things for God, but with the slightest of resistance their courage abandons them. **(This person usually blames other people (circumstances) that he can do nothing for God.)**

3. **Stifled Heart – Verse 14** – This is a heart with wrong priorities; problems and seductions of the world, stifle the word. **(Every time God addresses this person he feels guilty and makes a decision to do something for God, but groups pressure, friends, family and things of the world convinces him/her quickly otherwise again.)**

4. **A good and sincere Heart – Verse 15** – This person accepts the word of God, hears the word of God and reacts on it, and hold the promises that God gives, persevere in the faith and carries good fruit. **(This person usually notice a vocation on their lives and has a desire to live-out their ministry. They qualify themselves usually for service work, learn enough knowledge that there faith can amplify and usually develops faster, a spiritual maturity)**

3.7.1 KEEP A JOURNAL (Write down)

If you hear from God, make sure you write it down as soon as possible, so that you can recall it again. The longer you take to write it down, the bigger the chance that you can forget some of the "details"

Jer 30:2 _____

Jer 36:2 _____

Hab 2:2 _____

Ezek 37:16 _____

Isa 30:8 _____

Deut 27:8 _____

Also read: Deut 11:29 ; Ex 17:4

Here is an example of a Prayer Journal to assist you in hearing His voice.

My Prayer-Journal (Example)	
DATE: 12/09/2002	TIME 21H00
DREAM ; VISIONS; PROPHETIC WORD OR IMPRESSION ON MY SPIRIT	Today at the men's camp in Eston, one of the pastors approached us in the "small group" and he said that he saw a face of an old fashioned launch-arm, and he saw how the arm of God was launching someone. He said that the person to whom it means something ,must confess. I confirmed that it was for me. He acknowledged that God was calling me to Australia. HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING WHAT GOD SPOKE TO ME
SCRIPTURE:	Isa 43:9-21 ; Ex 23:1-33 ; Dt 30:1-20
Text verse	Isa 43:19 Ex 23:20 Deut 30:16
WHAT WAS THE SITUATION IN THE BIBLE	God declares himself as the true redeemer; God promised his people to bring them into the Promised Land with conditions. Promises of well being if they listen to Him
Application 1: What do I experience , God wants to tell me?	And after Pierre Grigor experienced just yesterday that God gave us both identical names for our attendances, namely KAINOS-MINISTRIES. God gave me this name one year ago. Three years ago God gave me the inspiration that I shall go to Australia. And now God showed Pierre Grigor that he will start working in Australia. This is now the 3rd confirmation. Praise the Lord. . .
Application 2: What do I have to do?	God is going to take me out of Durban West, so I better start preparing. I will have to pray for "detail" to get the plan from God. I will have to wait patiently for God's right time. Lord please help me to hear your voice further on "WHAT, WHERE AND HOW?"

MY PRAYER JOURNAL

DATE:		TIME:	
DREAM ; VISIONS : PROPHETIC WORD OR IMPRESSION ON MY SPIRIT			
SCRIPTURE			
Text verse			
WHAT WAS THE SITUATION IN THE BIBLE			
Application 1: What do I experience What it is God is trying to tell me?			
Application 2: What do I have to do?			

Jeremiah 30:2 ² Thus speaketh the LORD..., Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. (KJV)

Photo copy the above prayer-journal

3.7.2 WAIT ON THE LORD

God does not always talk to us when we want Him to. And we have to wait until He tells us to go. That is why we have to wait on Him. God's mandate to his disciples, after they heard His word was to "WAIT UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED STRENGTH"

(Acts 1:8 ; Luke 24:49)

Habakkuk 2:1 ⁻¹ *I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. (KJV)*

Psalm 5:3 ³ *My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. (KJV)*

THE VALUE of WAITING UPON THE LORD

1. **EQUIPMENT** - The receiving of strength and the gifts to do what God wants us to do.
Luke 24:49 – go and wait... until you received strength...
Acts 1:8 – you will receive strength....
1 Samuel 9:27 ²⁷ *And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God. (KJV)*
2. **BUILDING CHARACTER** - The receiving of character that is necessary for you to see your duty through and not giving in halfway.
1 Samuel 10:8 ⁸ *And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do. (KJV)*
IF THE WORD FROM THE LORD LINGERS, and I'M NOT PREPARED TO WAIT AND ACT IN MY OWN MIND, I MIGHT JUST SIN AGAINST GOD, AS SAUL DID.
3. **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** - The receiving of the word and spiritual maturity to handle each matter and each struggle successfully.
Psalm 130:5-7 ⁵ *I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. ⁶ My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. ⁷ Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. (KJV)*
4. **FORTIFICATION OF STRENGTHS** – The receiving of new strength when I get tired.
Isaiah 40:31 ³¹ *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (KJV)*

3.7.3 WAIT ON THE LORD - FASTING AND PRAYING

"Waiting on the Lord", fasting and prayer is not a way to turn God's arm for us to get what we want, but a way for us to show God how important His will and presence is to us.

Read: Matt 17:20-21 ; Isa 58:1-8 ; Luke 22:40-46 ; 1 Cor 7:5

3.7.4 GET CONFIRMATION OUT OF THE WORD

Because the Holy Spirit will never dictate or give contradictory to the word, is it better for our own peace of mind to ask confirmation out of the word of God. Ask in prayer for guidance while you read the word.

3.7.5 FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDANCE

Together with the Word, the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will overshadow your heart and mind. **(Phil 4:6-8)**. NOW THAT YOU'VE LEARNED TO RECOGNISE HIS VOICE, FOLLOW HIS GUIDANCE.

Chapter 4 - DO

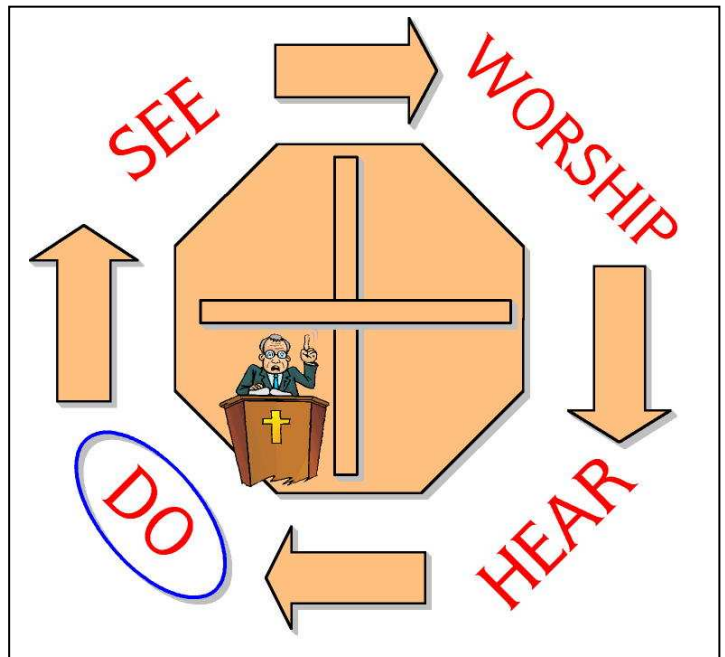
To carry out God's Instructions

Matthew 28:17-19 *And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Go ye therefore**, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

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If you have heard the voice of God, it will be linked to a TASK, and each TASK given by God promises a blessing, provided the task is completed. The conditions to receiving the blessing is **obedience**.



4.1 WHAT TO DO -

4.1.1 THE COMMISSION OF EVERY BELIEVER

MATTHEW 28:19-20 : *Go, then, to **all peoples everywhere** and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,... and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."*

PS.- Be aware of the **PLACE** where we must be involved. **"THE WHOLE WORLD** " Jerusalem"(LOCAL TOWN/CITY), Judea(LOCAL COUNTRY), Samaria (LOCAL CONTINENT).... **To the outermost of the earth..... Acts 1:8**

Each believer's main task is the making of Disciples. The word "**disciple**" is derived from the Greek word "**mathetes**" and the meaning is "**to be a learner (TO BE A PUPIL)**". In other words, we must **teach** others "**TO SEE**", "**TO WORSHIP**", "**TO HEAR**", "**.....AND TO GO**"..

THIS ASSIGNMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. PREACH THE GOSPEL – give your testimony

Mark 16:15 *He said to them, "Go throughout the **whole world** and preach the gospel to all people.(GNB)*

Also read **Acts 1:8** and realise that witnessing is the best evangelism, " **the good news**" of what God has done for you and me, draws others towards God.

The word Paul gave Timothy in **2 Timothy 4:2** - *Be preaching the **word at all times, in every place**; make protests, say sharp words, give comfort, with long waiting and teaching;(BBE)*

Which "**word**" is he talking about? The one that I saw (read), or the one that I heard?. Allow the "**logos**"- (the written) word, to become a "**Rhema**" (spoken) word in your heart, and spread the **WORD THAT YOU RECEIVED FROM GOD** – This is good news to all that will listen.

2. BAPTISE THEM:

Read: Matthew 28:19 again

Mark 16:16 _____

Rom 6:3-6 ; _____

We do not have the time to discuss the water-baptism in detail, but all God is asking from you is, **BE OBEDIENT** .

3. TEACH THEM -

Matt 28:20 -*and **teach them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."*

Also read: **2 Tim 3:16-17** _____

Matt 11:29 _____

Mal 2:7 _____

Ps 117:29 _____

John 7:16-17 _____

Other tasks which are part of being a disciple:

4. WE MUST ALWAYS LOVE, EVERYONE – Matthew 22:38 _____

1 John 4:21 - ²¹ *And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.* (KJV). **Read: 1 John 4:7 ; 1 Pet 4:8 ; Heb 13:1 ; Col 3:4 ; John 15:8-17.**

Also your neighbour: **Mark 12:31.....** even your enemies:

Luke 6:27 _____

1 John 3:18 _____

5. ALWAYS REJOICE – 1 Thess 5:16 _____

A person that always rejoice will draw people closer to Christ as they will want to know why they are always happy. Children of God should be happy regardless of circumstances. That makes us different from the rest of the world.

Phil 4:4 _____

1 Pet 4:13 _____

James 1:2 _____

6. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING (NON-STOP) – 1 Thess 5:17 _____

We must pray **at all times: Eph 6:18 – for everything and everyone.**

Col 4:2 _____

John 16:24 _____

7. BE GRATEFUL IN EVERYTHING – 1 Thess 5:18 _____

Phil 4:6 _____

8. HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD – Phil 2:7-8 _____

1Pet 5: 5-6 _____

Isaiah 57:15 _____

James 4:6 _____

9. RESIST THE DEVIL – 1 Pet 5:9 _____

James 4:7 _____

1 Cor 10:13 _____

10. BE HARMONIOUS – 1 Pet 3:8 _____

Ephes 4:2-3 _____

2 Cor 13:11 _____

Read : 1 Cor 1:10 ; Rom 15:5 ; Rom 12:16 ; John 17:20 ;

11. BE HOLY – 1 Pet 1:15-16 _____

12. BE ALERT, AWAKE AND SOBER – 1 Pet 1:13 _____

1 Pet 5:8 _____

1 Thess 5:6 _____

Col 4:2 _____

13. BE UNFALTERING – 2 Thess 2:15 _____

Gal 5:1 _____

1 Cor 15:58 _____

1 Cor 16:13 _____

14. FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER – Eph 4:31-32 _____

Matthew 18:21-35 _____

15. LIVE IN PEACE WITH YOUR BROTHER – Matthew 5:22-25 _____

I don't think that we have even touched everything that we openly regard as "***something to do if it is up to my ability***" or "***something I will do if I feel like it***". We must realise that this is **A COMMISSION (TASK) THAT GOD GAVE US, HIS WILL.**

4.1.2 PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE'S SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS

a. **Adam and Eve's assignment – Gen 2:16** – Do not eat of the fruit...

b. **Kain's assignment – Gen 4:6** – Reign over sin

c. **Noah's assignment – Gen 6:6 -**

d. **Abraham's assignment – Gen 12:1;** _____

Gen 17:1 _____

Also read: Gen 17:9 ; Gen 17:15 ; Gen 17:19 ; Gen 22:2 ; Gen 22:12.

e. **Moses's assignment – Ex 3:10** _____

A commission concerning his father-in-law

In **Ex 8:19-23** get help..... **Ex 19:3; 21** say

Heb 8:5 _____

f. **Bileam's assignment – Num 22:12** _____

g. **Isaiah's assignment – Isaiah 1:7-9** _____

h. **Barak's assignment** – concerning Deborah – **Judg 4:14** _____

i. **Assignment to Manoah and his Wife, Parents of Samson – Judg 13:3-9**

j. **Samuel's assignment – 1 Sam 8:7-9 ;22** (To annoint a king) _____

k. **Saul's assignment – 1 Sam 10:7** (Calling as king);

1 Sam 15:3 _____

l. **Isaiah's assignment** – (To prophesy the judgement of the Lord) . **Is 6:9-10.....**

So he told me to go and give the people this message: "No matter how much you listen, you will not understand. No matter how much you look, you will not know what is happening."

Read : Isaiah 1:16-20 _____

m. **Jeremiah assignment** – (To prophesy to Juda) **Jer 1: 7;17...** _____

Jer 18:2 ; Jer 21:8 ; Jer 27:2 ; Jer 28:13 ; Jer 30:1 ; Jer 36:2,27 ; Jer 39:15 Jer 43:8

n. **Ezekiel assignment**– (To be a watcher on the wall to Israel) **Ezek 3:17** –..... In each chapter God says "*You must say...*"...But Ezekiel also "had to do" **Ezek 11:4 ; Ezek 12:3-6 ; Ezek 12:18 ; Ezek 17:2 ; Ezek 20:46 ; Ezek 21:1 ; Ezek 21"18-20 ; Ezek 24:2 ; Ezek 24:16 ; Ezek 24:24 ; Ezek 28:21 ; Ezek 29:1 ; Ezek 32:18 ; Ezek 33:1 ; Ezek 34:1 ; Ezek 35:1 ;Ezek 37:4-14 ; Ezek 37:16 ; Ezek 38:1.**

o. **Daniel's assignment** – Dan 12:4 _____

p. **Hosea's assignment** – Hos 1:2 _____
Hos 1:6..... _____

Also read: Hos 1:9..... Hos 3:1

q. **Joel's assignment**– Joel 1:1 _____

Joel 3:9 _____

r. **Assignment for Jonah-** Jonah 1:2 _____

s. **Habakuk's assignment** Hab 2:2 _____

t. **Haggai's assignment**– Hag 2:2 _____

u. **Zechariah's assignment**– Zech 1:17 _____

Read: Zech 6:10; Zech 7:5 _____

v. **JESUS' ASSIGNMENT(To save the world) – John 3:16-18** _____

Matt 5:17 _____

Mark 2:17 _____

1 John 4:14 _____

Also read: 1 John 4:9 ; Gal 4:4-6 _____

w. **Peter's assignment– Matt 4:18** _____

Read : Matthew 14:29...commission to walk on water; **Luke 22:32...**to strengthen his brothers, **Gal 2:8** – His calling as apostle of the Jews – **1 Pet 1:1 ; 2:1**

x. **Ananias's assignment – Acts 9:17** _____

y. **Barnabas and Saul's assignment – Acts 13:2-4** _____

Acts 13:46 _____

4.1.3 YOUR SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT

1 Tim 6:13-14 ...¹³ *I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus,*¹⁴ **That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)**

Have you **seen** God for who He is? Then you have to **WORSHIP** Him for who He is, God is a winning God and He makes you a winner, and you are part of His Kingdom and part of His winning-team.

Just read **Jer 29:11** again: _____

Joshua 1:8..... _____

To understand your task at hand, you have to know that there is three different assignments:

a. **A long term assignment –**

I will have to know **WHAT** it is that God wants me to do. In other words **"MY MINISTRY"** and that includes my **GIFTS** with which I was gifted. Except the work that each believer is called to do, you may also experience a **FULLTIME CALLING** to work full-time for God. This may entail the following: (a) to be a Pastor or an Evangelist, or (b) it can be that you minister to elderly people; or to Children or to Youth.

I must know **WHERE** it is that God truly wants me to be involved in, i.e **MY PASSION** . The third Facet of my task is **HOW**, and that involves my **personality**.(*for more information on "Discover you **MINISTRY** " please contact **KAINOS MINISTRIES***).

b. A short term assignment –

This involves the task that God gave me to do for a period of time so that His kingdom can be expanded. This Short-term task can be taken up in the long-term task. Examples of this is, to be involved with a specific organisation, or to stand in a specific calling, to do a specific job, or to bless a specific community. I MUST BE ABLE TO LISTEN WHERE IT IS THAT GOD WANTS ME TO BE INVOLVED IN. Our community is filled with too many people that doesn't know **what** it is that they must do, they don't know **how** or even if they are **at the right place**.

c. Immediate assignment

This is to hear God's voice as His Spirit unctons you to bring a word, to prophesy or to lay hands on someone who needs the power of God. To contribute something to the service like Interpretation of tongues or Prophesy, or simply to give word of encouragement. –

1 Cor 14:26

I must be obedient and respond immediately because God's timing is perfect, if I am not obedient then I will miss God's intended time.(Kairos moment)

As it was said before " WHAT I MUST DO", is connected to the GIFTS and MINISTRY that I received from God. (**SEE: My Equipment and Authority**)

4.2 HOW TO DO THAT?

God is the one who enables us to do, what we were called to do, you don't have to worry about your ability, God supplies. If we discuss " HOW", then we are talking about..... " HOW I MUST GO ABOUT IT" . *Take note these are only guidelines , you must listen to what God's specific plans are for your specific calling.*

4.2.1 THE SOIL – "WHERE"?

Although God's commission includes "**the whole world**" we can't always be involved everywhere, but I must be able to know **WHERE** it is that God wants me to be involved in, and **WHAT** precisely it is that He wants me to do. My **Passion** determines the "**SOIL**" **WHERE** I will be involved. Listen to your heart and know what God placed there.

Ask yourself the following questions?

1. What makes me " tick" ? What motivates me? What makes my heart beat?
2. What is my interest or my orientation?
3. What would I do without even getting paid for it?
4. What do I see that other people don't necessarily see?

Passion is a God given capacity to fervently attach ourselves to an object (people, causes, idea etc) over an extended period of time to meet a need."
Aubry

Ecclesiastes 9:10 ¹⁰ *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. (KJV)*

Col 3:23 ²³ *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (KJV)*

4 CHARACTERISTIC OF A GODLY PASSION

1.1 IT is supplementary to my **MOTIVATION** pattern.

1.2 IT IS emphasised through my **GIFTS** .

1.3 IT IS strengthened through my **PERSONAL** responsibility and life's-situations.

1.4 IT IS directed by **GOD** for **HIS** wholesome goal.

"What generates Passion & Zeal in you, is a clue to revealing your destiny.
What you love is a clue to Something you contain." —
Mike Murdock

4.2.1.1 THE PREPARATION (" PLOWING THE GROUND") = "Intercession", Prayerwalks ; etc.

If I am through listening to what it is God wants me to do, I must isolate the place WHERE I want to something for God, I must pray WHO it is I must reach, who's life must be changed. I must pray so that I may know exactly WHAT God's assignment for me is. This only applies to short and long term assignments. For an immediate assignment I must ask God for the peace that whatever I'm suppose to do is really from Him.



(The longer you linger the bigger the chances that you are missing God's "Kairos" moment).

4.2.1.2 CAIRN THE TERRAIN OF:

Gen 13:14-17.... ¹⁴...., *Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ¹⁵ For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.¹⁷ Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. (KJV)*

Jos 1:3 ³ *Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. (KJV)*

Intercession: "Prayerwalks" ,etc. Will be necessary BEFORE you begin your MINISTRY. Spiritual warfare might also be needed to cairn off, the "LAND ; AREA" where God wants to use you. (**PRAYING WITH INSIGHT ON SITE**).....

2 REASONS WHY I MUST CAIRN MY TERRAIN OF:

1. **TO TAKE NEW LAND INTO POSSESSION** – maybe a new Sunday School / Children's Church Group, new Youth group, new Cell-group, A New calling, a new congregation, etc .
2. **TO REPOSESS YOUR LOST GROUNDS** – to win back children or youth, to revive backsliden and luke warm souls for the Kingdom of God. To rejuvenate a Cell-group or a congregation that could not make it.

4.2.1.3 LESSONS TO LEARN FROM JOSHUA: Num 13:18-20

- a. **WHAT DOES THE AREA LOOK LIKE?** What does my calling entail in the area where I must get involved.
- b. **WHAT DOES THE PEOPLE LOOK LIKE?** What type of person will I have to reach and Bless.
- c. **WHAT DOES THE PLACE LOOK LIKE WHERE THEY STAY?** Their social standing will determine how I must handle them.
- d. **WHAT DOES THE SOIL LOOK LIKE? (FERTILE)** – How fertile are they for the Gospel , what is their background?

Whether I "soak" my terrain by prayer, in spirit, from a distance or whether I pray on the spot where I must serve, or the place where I must plant a Cell-group or even a Congregation, **I have to Pray**. Intercession is of most importance. BEFORE I even begin with what God has placed on my heart.

Ephesians 6:12 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. (KJV)*

See the part on " MY EQUIPMENT AND MY AUTHORITY"

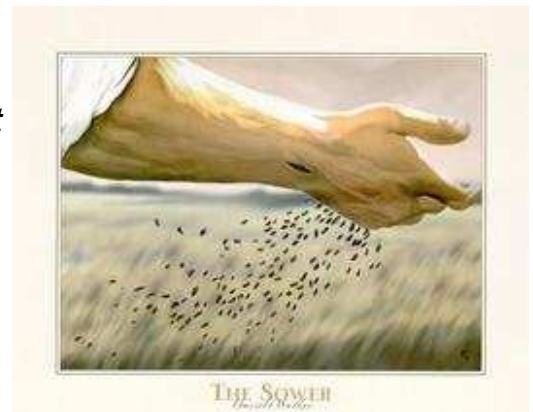
BEFORE I CAN SOW I must make sure THAT THE SOIL WHERE I'M ABOUT TO SOW, IS GOOD.

Mark 4:20 ²⁰ *And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (KJV)*

4.2.2 SOW THE SEED

Ecc 11:6..... ⁶ *In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. (KJV)*

One of my branch managers at an Insurance company taught me to be ready **"ALWAYS" and " EVERYWHERE"**



What the gospel is concerned, we have to be "READY AT ALL TIMES" to spread the GOOD NEWS, we must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. God's timing is always perfect, therefore we must always make sure that we have heard from Him first, before we make a move .

2 Cor 9:10..... ¹⁰ *Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;...(KJV)*

To be able to sow the seed effectively you must remember 3 things: **(1.) REALISE YOUR PERSONALITY ; (2.) REALISE YOUR ASSIGNMENT ; (3.) UNDERSTAND YOUR COMMITMENT.**

(1) REALISE YOUR PERSONALITY: - This will determine **HOW** you are going to sow. It is now the right time to do a personality-analyses such as the DISC – Profile, then you will know what your own personality entails, as well as other personalities. (**See our course – DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRYanother incensitive by KAINOS MINISTRIES**).

(2) REALISE YOUR ASSIGNMENT:

1 Cor 3:6 ⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. (KJV)

We must realise that we will not always see the souls come in, or the fruit on our labour, I must never measure MY SUCCESS to the fruit, GOD BRINGS THE GROWTH, and He chooses the labourer's that will bring in the crop. YOU MUST JUST DO WHAT GOD ASKS YOU TO DO and TRUST HIM for the rest. **GOD KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING.**

(3) UNDERSTAND YOUR COMMITMENT.

EVERYTHING THAT WE DO IS DIRECTED TOWARDS BUILDING THE KINGDOM, and therefore BUILDING THE CONGREGATION. The sowing process might involve, Sunday School, Welfare, Evangelisation, the leadership of a Cell-group or even Church-planting. I must have an **alliance i.e "belong" to a Congregation or a Church**, I can't expect God to bless me if I am not involved and not committed.

Haggai 1:6 ⁶ *Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. (KJV)*

EVERYTHING THAT I DO MUST GLORIFY GOD AND BUILD "HIS" KINGDOM, it must not be for myself and "MY" kingdom.

Col 3:23 ²³ *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (KJV)*

4.2.3 TO WATER –

TO WATER IS TO WORK WHERE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY SOWED, the same principal applies, that **what I do, I do for God**, and NOT for people.

Col 3:23 _____



1 Corinthians 3:6 ⁶ *I have planted, **Apollos watered**; but God gave the increase. (KJV)*

To water where somebody else have sown, is just as important as the sowing process itself. You're "watering" can be a confirmation to what God gave previously, it can be love where somebody else already started. The "watering" IS WORD IN PRAXIS. People who have not just heard the Word for the first time, it is a day to day demonstration in lives of Children of God.

Maybe you are not "starting" the Sunday School, Children's Church, Cell-group or a Church, but you are "watering" where other's have sowed, and that is just as important because without that, there will be no growth. Even if I don't see any seedling originate, I must still water conscientiously. We need to persist with patience..

Hebrews 10:36 ³⁶ *For ye have need of patience, that, **after ye have done the will of God**, ye might **receive the promise**. (KJV)*

Just like the one who has sown, you will also receive your reward . **How** God does it and **when** is up to **Him**.

4.2.4 GOD WILL GIVE THE INCREASE –

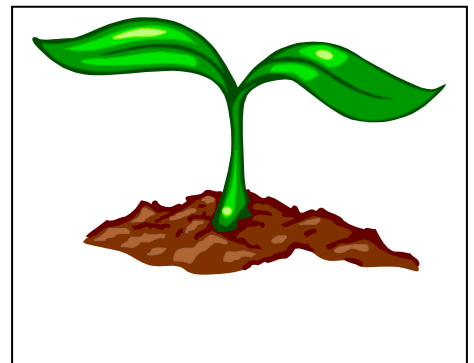
1 Corinthians 3:6 ⁶ *I have planted, Apollos watered; **but God gave the increase**. (KJV)*

Mark 4:26-28 ²⁶ *And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; ²⁷ And should sleep, and rise night and day, **and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how**. ²⁸ For the earth bringeth forth fruit **of herself**; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. (KJV)*

How this happens (we knoweth not how)

ONLY GOD KNOWS.....

For the earth bringeth forth fruit **of herself****(AUTOMATIC)**....



The word that is used here, is the Greek word "**Automatos**" whereof the word "**Automatic**" is derived from, whereupon NATURAL CHURCH-GROWTH PRINCIPALS are based. The word means: 1) *to be moved by one's own impulse, or acting without the instigation or intervention of another.....*

GOD DOES NOT NEED OUR HELP WHEN IT COMES TO THE GROWTH.

We must therefore not be concerned over HOW GOD DOES "HIS" WORK, ONLY ON HOW I COMPLETE "MY" ASSIGNMENTS.....**Make disciples.....Baptise them..... and teach them.....**AND GOD WILL MAKE THE GROWTH possible.

1 Corinthians 3:7 ⁷ *So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; **but God that giveth the increase**. (KJV)*

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT GROWTH WE MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN QUANTITATIVE GROWTH and QUALITATIVE GROWTH:

4.2.5.1 QUANTITATIVE GROWTH –

Acts 2:47⁴⁷ *Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (KJV)*

Acts 5:14¹⁴ *And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) (KJV)*

As long as I complete my' assignment, GOD WILL GIVE THE INCREASE, I don't have to take the responsibility for the growth.

4.2.5.2 QUALITATIVE GROWTH –

Psalm 92:12-13 ¹² *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.* ¹³ *Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. (KJV)*

Hebrews 5:12-14 ¹² *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.* ¹³ **For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.** ¹⁴ *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age(mature), even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (KJV)*

It is important to realise that the obedience to the assignment of God helps to bring the growth to a movement. It is not just expected of me to help the Kingdom expand, but also to help every member entrusted to me, to become an adult Christian.

Ephesians 4:11-15 ¹¹ *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;* ¹² **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** ¹³ **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** (KJV)..... ¹⁴ *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;* ¹⁵ *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)*

QUALITATIVE GROWTH ENTAILS THE FOLLOWING:

- i. Distinguishing between GOOD and EVIL** - I must be able to DO GOOD and SHUNT all EVIL. My ability to distinguish between good and evil determines the measure to which I have grown –

Heb 5:14 _____

1 Pet 3:11; _____

1 Cor 14:20. _____

ii. Being EQUIPED for service – The measure to which I allow God's Word and His Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit to affect my life, determines my growth . If we do not have the equipment, how can we do the work ?

2 Tim 3:16-17 _____

Ephes 6:14; _____

iii. Edyfing the Body of Christ - . – If you don't fulfill YOUR function in the Body of Christ, the body is ill and weak and disfunctional -

Ephes 4:12,15-16; _____

Col 2:19 _____

iv. Unity in Faith - If we are not UNITED in faith, then we are divided and a Kingdom which is divided , will crumble. -

Ephes 4:16 _____

1 Cor 11:18. _____

Division speaks of immaturity and is from the devil.

v. Unity in Knowledge of the Son of God – If we do not serve the SAME LORD , we would not be able to work together. If we all know the Lord for Whom HE really is, we will have the same knowledge.

2 Tim 4:3. _____

vi. Ability to handle all situations – We must not be "UNDER" our circumstances. Our ability to handle difficult situations determines our growth

Heb 5:14; _____

James 1:6; _____

1 Pet 5:9-12. _____

vii. Ability to distinguish

heresy – We must know the TRUTH –

1 John 4:6; _____

2 Pet 2:1-2; _____

1 Tim 4:1-2; _____

Phil 3:2 _____

viii. Winners mentality – We must forget the former things, and reach towards that which is ahead of us –

Phil 3:14-15; _____

Isaiah 43:18-19; _____

1 Cor 5:17. _____

ix. Spiritual Stability – The measure to which I can resist temptations, determines my growth -

James 1:12; _____

1 Cor 15:58. _____

x. Ability to LOVE - If I cannot love unconditionally as He does, I still need to grow –

1 Thess 3:12; _____

2 Thess 1:3; _____

1 Thess 5:13 _____

xi. Ability to GIVE / SOW – The measure to which I trust the Lord with my finances and is obedient and faithful, determines how much I have grown –

2 Cor 9:10-11 _____

Eccl 11:6; _____

Mal 3:10 _____

xii. My "Commitment" – My "commitment" determines my growth –
Ps 92:13 _____

Heb 10:25 - _____

KNOWLEDGE and INSIGHT can either come through studying of the WORD of God, or attending a BIBLESCHOOL or a CELLGROUP or any other schooling in the Word of God, or INSIGHT is gained by EXPERIENCE. MY GROWTH will be determined by the measure I allow GOD to teach me by gaining KNOWLEDGE and EXPERIENCE.

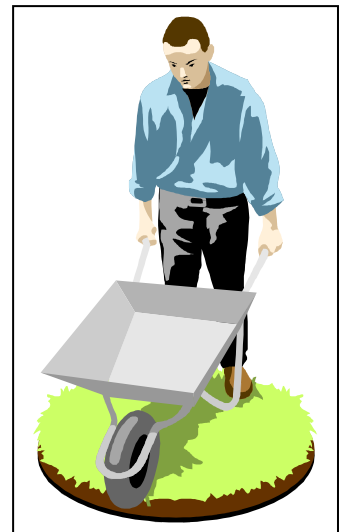
4.2.5 REMOVE THE RUBBLE / WEADS

Because GROWTH is determined by God, and it happens "AUTOMATICALLY" (BY ITSELF) , we must remove and get rid of everything which can hinder growth i.e :

4.2.5.1 LACK OF VISION:

Prov 29:18 -*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.* (KJV)

Because we have heard from God, we are diligent to DO HIS WILL, but if I do not remind myself and others what the vision is, we might get discouraged , lose heart and will eventually lose faith, and that will hinder growth.



4.2.5.2 LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

Prov 19:2 - _____

Rom 10:1-2 _____

Many a times we as TEACHERS; (THE PEOPLE WITH THE ASSIGNMENT), start a work without doing the groundwork properly. We **do not know** "THE LAND", **we do not know** "THE PEOPLE" , **we do not know** the circumstances or whether they are ready to receive the Gospel.

When we start the task, how genuine our intentions might be, growth is hindered baie a lack of knowledge and a lack of strategy.

The disciple who is not teachable and does not learn, hinders growth by their unwillingness to be taught and trained. They will never become Spiritually mature.

Matt 11:29 ; _____

John 7:16-17 _____

4.2.5.3 LACK OF FAITH

Hebr 11:6 ⁶ *But without faith it is impossible to please Him(GOD): for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV)*

James 1:6-7 ⁶ *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth 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. (KJV)*

Sometimes we expect a harvest but does not receive one, because of a lack of faith.

A Lack of faith and doubt can hinder growth .

Matt 6:28-30 _____

Matt 6:23-26 _____

4.2.5.4 BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS:

SIN = broken relationships. Whether we sinned against God or against one another, it not only ruins realtionships but hinders growth as well

Therefore we have to follow **Matt 5:22-24** ... ²² *But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. ²³ Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; ²⁴ **Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (KJV)***

THE 4 STEP WAY OF SOLVING PROBLEMS: Matt18:15-17

¹⁵ **Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee :**

1. **go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone:** if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. , ¹⁶ *But if he will not hear thee....*
2. **then take with thee one or two more,** that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. ¹⁷ *And if he shall neglect to hear*
3. **tell it unto the church:** *but if he neglect to hear the church*
4. **ONLY THEN... let him be unto thee as an heathen man** and a publican ...

I MUST TRY MY UTMOST TO WIN BACK MY BROTHER /SISTER, if they do want to cooperate, and you have tried the first 3 steps, then only can you treat them as heathens. REALTIONAL PROBLEMS ARE MOSTLY CAUSED BY PERSONAL PROBLEMS. Therefore you and I have to determine our Personalities.

A lack of RELATIONSHIP can hinder growth – one of the biggest reasons why sinners do not come to church is because of “believers” not living in harmony.

Heb 10:24 _____

1 Pet 4:8; _____

John 13:35.

Matt 18:18: ¹⁸ *Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)*

BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS CAUSES BONDAGES, TO ME AS WELL AS TO MY BROTHER, I MUST NOT HOLD ANY GRUDGES AGAINST MY BROTHER.

4.2.5.5 INADAPTABILITY – (RESISTANCE TO CHANGE)

We we are not able to adapt to the changes of the ages, **it can hinder growth as well.** I.e: Today's **youth** cannot be reached in the same way as Twenty years ago. **Children** are confronted with the latest Playstation-games and are not intersted in the same characters as when we were young. Our congregation-members have become more sophisticated, wiser , more experienced, which means that they are no longer satisfied with the same churches, the same pews or the same manner of worship as before. Even the music differs from that of 10-20 years ago and only a few people is still satisfied with the praise and worship of yesteryear. **Congregations** cannot expect to grow if they do not adapt to the latest Praise and Worship trends. ("RTC – Resistance to Change" ; if we want to stay relevant in this day and age, we have to change.)

ADAPTABILITY DOES NOT MEAN COMPROMISE – We do not have to compromise our value system, or the message of the Bible. Our ways in which we portray it, might change.

1 Cor 9:20 _____

Is 43:18-19 _____

4.2.5.6 LACK OF PRAYER / INTERCESSION

Is 59:16 - *And he saw that there was no man , and wondered that there was no intercessor*

1 Tim 2:1-4 - ¹ *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;**³ *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;* ⁴ *Who will have (1) all men to be saved, (QUANTITIVE GROWTH) and (2) to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (QUALITIVE GROWTH) (KJV)**

Joh 16:24 _____

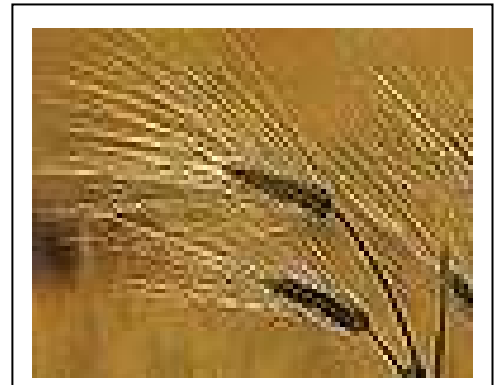
James 4:2-3

James 5:16 _____

4.2.6 BRING IN THE HARVEST –

Mark 4:29 ²⁹ *But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (KJV)*

EVERYONE OF US IS ABLE TO WIN A SOUL FOR THE LORD. We must just make sure that we are tuned into God's voice to hear **when** "the harvest is ready". God can use each one of us, but God has chosen some of us to sow, others to water...and some others to bring in the harvest. That is the reason why only some experience the calling as an Evangelist or Missionary.



Luke 10:2 ² *Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. (KJV)*

A FEW THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BRINGING IN THE HARVEST

a. THE FULFILLMENT – God's wil (John 4:34)

Our greatest joy and our biggest fulfillment comes from the knowledge that I pleased the Lord by doing what He asked me.

John 4:34 _____

b. TIMING – God's timing – (John 4:35)

We must be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit to know God's exact timing (kairos moment). We must not move too early or too late, because that would influence the effectiveness of what it is God wants achieved.

John 4:35 ³⁵ *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

c. THE REWARD – SOULS FOR THE KINGDOM (John 4:36)

....³⁶ *And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal .*

God is our rewarder, we must not seek the approval of, or our reward from man. Our reward here on earth is the knowledge that I have been used by God.

Col 3:24 ⁻²⁴ *Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. (KJV)*

This reward I do not receive here on earth, but in heaven . **Heb 10:35-36 teaches us:**
³⁵ *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*
³⁶ *For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (KJV).*

I must never envy the one who bring in he harvest, and must never fear that my labour was in vain or has not been noticed by God. Whether I sow or water or reap, EVERYONE OF US MUST REJOICE IN EVERY SOUL THAT WAS BROUGHT INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

d. THE GLORY – All GLORY belongs to God.(John 4:38)

The soulwinner must not boast in themselves for bringing in a soul, and must not become proud. All Glory belongs to God. Somebody has sown, someone else watered where we now harvest. All had a part but the Glory belongs to God.

John 4:36 ... that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

The harvester must always remember : **John 4:38-³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.** (KJV)

2 Cor 10:17 -¹⁷ But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. (KJV)

All we must be , is obedient then we will all experience the joy of being part of every soul saved.. EVERY WORKER WHETHER THEY WERE PART OF THE PREPARATION, SOWING, WATERING, REMOVAL OF HINDERANCES OR EVEN THE HARVESTING,ALL CAN REJOICE IN THE LORD FOR EVERY SOUL WHICH CAME INTO THE KINGDOM.

COMMENTS:

4.3 MY EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORITY

Here we must distinguish between (1) **POWER** and (2) **MIGHT ...**

1. **POWER – MY EQUIPMENT** – these are the TOOLS and WEAPONS which I received from God to carry out my assignment effectively .
2. **MIGHT – MY AUTHORITY** – this is to make sure that nothing prevents me from carrying out my assignment .

The best example to explain the difference is a TRAFFIC OFFICER. To distinguish between POWER and MIGHT or between EQUIPMENT and AUTHORITY is as follows: If the traffic officer tries to stop an oncoming vehicle in his own power, he will be flattened. But if he should lift up his hand to indicate to the driver to stop, the vehicle must come to a halt because the traffic officer acts in the AUTHORITY of the TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT and therefore of the GOVERNMENT.

There are certain things that we can do in **POWER** but that is then the POWER and EQUIPMENT given by GOD. Other things can only be done in the MIGHT and AUTHORITY given by GOD.

The greek word for **POWER** as used in **Acts 1:8** , is the word "**dunamis**" which is translated as : "**strength power, ability, power for performing miracles power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts.**" This means **THE POWER, STRENGTH and ABILITY** given by the **HOLY SPIRIT** to fulfill God's commission.

2 Tim 1:7 _____

The word "MIGHT" is derived from the Greek word "**exousia**" which is translated as w "**power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases ; leave or permission; the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege); the power of rule or government; jurisdiction.**" This means the **AUTHORITY** which I have received TO RULE .(Specially over the works of Satan).

Mark 11:28-29 _____

Ephes 1:18-21 ...; that ye may know the exceeding greatness of his **power(DUNAMIS)** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his **mighty power**, ²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ Far above all **principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:** (KJV)

Col 2:10 ¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and **power: (EXOUSIA – AUTHORITY)** (KJV)

4.3.1 MY EQUIPMENT (POWER)

Hebr 13:21 – (May God...)²¹ *Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)*

My EQUIPMENT consists of the following : **(1)** The **TOOLS** (GIFTS) to do the WORK God has commissioned me to do. As well as **(2)** the **WEAPONS** to resist the onslaught of Satan.

EXAMPLE OF NEHEMIAH : Nehemiah 4:16-18

¹⁶ *And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. ¹⁷ They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. ¹⁸ For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. (KJV)*

4.3.1.1 THE TOOLS –

THE 4 MAIN CATAGORIES OF GIFTS/MINISTRIES

1. MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT - 1 Cor 12:8-10

GIFTS OF REVELATION	DISCERNMENT OF SPIRIT
	WORD OF WISDOM
	WORD OF KNOWLEDGE
GIFTS OF POWER	GIFT OF FAITH
	GIFT OF HEALING
	WORKING OF MIRACLES
GIFTS OF COMMUNICATION	GIFT OF PROPHECY
	GIFT OF TONGUES
	INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

Every believer has all these gifts when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. But when God uses us, the Holy Spirit uses us in certain ways only a mixture of certain gifts are manifested.

2. MINISTRIES OF THE SPIRIT - 1 Cor 12:28

<p>28 AND GOD HATH SET SOME IN THE CHURCH, FIRST APOSTLES, SECONDARILY PROPHETS, THIRDLY TEACHERS, AFTER THAT MIRACLES, THEN GIFTS OF HEALINGS, HELPS, GOVERNMENTS, DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES. (KJV)</p>	APOSTELS
	PROPHETS
	TEACHERS
	MIRACLES
	GIFTS OF HEALING
	HELPS
	ADMINISTRATION / (GOVERMENTS)
	TONGUES

3. GIFTS OF MERCY - Rom 12:3-8

<p>READ : 1 Pet 4:9-10</p>	PROPHECY
	MINISTRY/SERVANTHOOD - 1 PET 4:10
	TEACHING - COL 3:16
	EXHORTATION / ENCOURAGEMENT - 1 THES 5:11,14
	GIVING - LUKE 6:38
	RULING/MANAGING / ORGANISING
	- MERCY- LUKE 6:36

4. EQUIPPING OF THE SAINTS – Eph 4:8-14

<p>Ephes 4:11 -</p>	APOSTELS - 1 TIM 1:1
	PROPHETS -
	EVANGELISTS -
	SHEPHERDS/ PASTORS -
	TEACHERS – 2 TIM 2:2

5. OTHER GIFTS - Undefined

Acts 7:60	MARTYRSHIP
1 Cor 7:7 -8	SELIBACY
Psalms 150:3-5	MUSIC
1 Pet 4:9	HOSPITALITY
Exodus 31:3	SPECIAL WORKS

To carry out your task effectively you will have to live out one of these ministries and a mixture of these gifts must manifest through your ministry, to be able to do so.

4.3.1.2 THE WEAPONS

Read : Ephes 6:10-18

*“Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (KJV)** ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye 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 ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*⁸ **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,** and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (KJV)*

a. WHERE DO I FIND STRENGTH AND POWER ?

1. IN THE LORD – ... be strong in the Lord, (IN WHO HE IS)

John 15:5 _____

2. IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT - (IN WHAT HE CAN DO).....and in the power of his might. (KJV) BECAUSE HE IS STRONG, I CAN BE STRONG AS WELL.

Ephes 1:19... _____

b. HOW ? – ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God,

c. WHY MUST I PUT ON THE ARMOUR?

1. Vers 11 - , that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

*The word been used means : “ **to stand firm** ; to make a stand in the presence of others ,to be established . Like the foundation of a building; stand unharmed, to stand ready or prepared; to be of a steadfast mind; one who does not hesitate, one who does not waiver*

Daniel 11:32 *but the
be strong, and do exploits.* (KJV)

people that do know their God shall

2. **Vers 13** - that ye may be able **to withstand** in the evil day, ...

Word means: 1) **to set one's self against**, to withstand, **resist**, oppose 2) to set against . Like a tug-of-war person prepares himself not to be pulled over.

James 4:7 ⁷ **RESIST THE DEVIL** and HE WILL FLEE from you. (KJV)

i.e WE MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE A STAND....AS WELL AS RESIST

Together with this we must realise that:

a. **Our fight is NOT against flesh and blood** , - **verse 12¹²** *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood* . Which means that my fight must never be against people... but against the evil spirits...

b. Our weapons are NOT carnal - - *they are spiritual,....* **2 Cor 10:3-4**

See Cellgroup Material 29.

c. **We know the plans of Satan** - **2 Cor 2:11** _____

d. **His weapons cannot harm us** - **Isaiah 54:17** _____

e. **We must bind the strongman** - **Luke 11:21-22** _____

d. WHAT THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE LOOK LIKE ?

We will not be able to take a stand or be able to defend ourselves or be able to resist the devil if we do not know **WHAT** the weapons of our warfare **LOOKS LIKE**, or **WHAT IT IS USED FOR**. I must realise that for every command that God gives me, there is a devil, demon or evil spirit to prevent me from achieving my goal.

1. THE TRUTH AS A WEAPON

verse 14 - ¹⁴ *Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with the TRUTH...*

Satan is the father of lies, the best way to conquer him is by staying in -, and speaking the TRUTH. IF I LIVE AND SPEAK THE TRUTH I will never be embarrassed, and IT WILL SET ME FREE. **READ: John 4:23-24; John 8:32; John 14:6; John 17:17-19; 2 Cor 6:6; 1 John 5:6; 1John 4:6; 1John 2:20-21;27;**

2. RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A

WEAPON

verse 14 - *and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

JUST AS THE BREATPLATE, RIGHTEOUSNESS will protect all vital "organs"

Rom 4:5 _____

Rom 5:21 _____

3. WILLINGNESS/PREPAREDNESS AS A WEAPON

verse 15 - ¹⁵ *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*

Someone once said " **FOR EVIL TO CONQUER, GOOD MEN MUST DO NOTHING**".

Your willingness and Preparedness is a way to break the strongholds of the devil.

4. FAITH AS A WEAPON

verse 16 - ¹⁶ *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

1 Thess 5:8 _____

FAITH PROTECTS.....

5. SALVATION AS A WEAPON

Verse 17 ...¹⁷ *And take the helmet of salvation...*

1 Thess 5:8 _____

IT PROTECTS YOUR THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS AND WIL, YOUR THOUHT-LIFE (SOUL) is one of he biggest ATTACKING AREAS of Satan. Your KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, protects you against these attacks.

6. THE WORD OF GOD AS A WEAPON

verse 17 -... *and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*

Heb 4:12 _____

IF I am obedient to the WORD OF GOD and I am not only a hearer but a doer of the WORD (James 5:) ... then the devil will not be able to lead me into temptation, he will not be able to mislead me, make me doubt or make me miserable...**Read: Jos 1:8-9 ;**

OTHERS WEAPONS TO OUR DISPOSAL :(T/O)

7. TRIALS

/TRIBULATIONS AS WEAPONS

1 Pet 4:1 - _____

If I had suffered for the sake of the Gospel I would have automatically laid down my sins, and would have made sure that my relationship with God is right so that there would be nothing that Satan can use against me.. **READ: James 1:1-4; Rom 5:3-4;**

8. THE WILL OF GOD AS A WEAPON

2 Cor 6:7 _____

When I do the will of God there is nothing that Satan can do to make me feel guilty of , or that he can accuse me of before God.

9. ENDURANCE AS A WEAPON

verse 13 ... and having done all,(having fought the fight to the end...)**.... to stand. Hebr 10:36** _____

READ: Heb 12:1-3; James 1:4; James 5:11 ; Luke 21:19.

10. SUBMISSION AS A WEAPON

1 Peter 5:5 ⁵ *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another,*

1 Pet 2:13; James 4:7;10 ; Tit 3:1; Rom 13:1;5; Job 22:21

I must be able to submit to : my parents ; leadership at church; my boss at work; The Government and its laws. Etc...

11. HUMBLENESS AS A WEAPON

1 Pet 5:5 -*and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (KJV) 1 Pet 5:6* ⁶ *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

(Also read: **James 4:6 ; Rom 12:16.** The first sin committed in heaven was pride. That is the reason why Satan and a third of the angels were cast out of heaven. God hates pride, therefore we have to stay humble in spite of successes. He who gives God the glory will not fall into the sin of pride.

12. THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AS WEAPONS

2 Tim 2:25-26 _____

THE SAME WITH ALL THE OTHER FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT, like JOY.

Deut 28:47 ; Rom 15:13; Rom 14:17; Neh 8:10IF YOU DO THIS THE DEVIL CANNOT GET A HOLD ON YOU.

13. HONESTY/DECENCY AS

Romans 13:12-13 ¹² *The*

let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. ¹³
Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. (KJV)

.....1 Pet 4:3 ; Gal 5:19-21;

IF WE LIVE HONESTLY(NIV-Translates this word with "Decency) WE CANNOT BE TEMPTED AND BE MISLEAD .

A WEAPON –

night is far spent, the day is at hand:

4.3.2 MY AUTHORITY

Matt 28:18-20 ¹⁸ *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

Before God can send me out to be used by Him, God wants me to know WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF , through Him who strenghtens me. I must know HIS AUTHORITY as well as MY AUTHORITY through Him.

4.3.2.1 ALL THE POWER/AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH BELONGS TO HIM

Judas: 25 _____

Col 2:9-10 _____

Col 2:15 _____

JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER:

- i. SICKNESSES/DISEASES – **Joh 5:8; Luk 8:54; Luk 6:10-11; Matt 8:14-17; Luk 4:39-40; Matt 9:35**
- ii. EVIL SPIRITS – **Mark 1:25; Mark 5:8; Mark 7:27; Mark 9:25; Luk 4:33 ; Luk 4:41**
- iii. NATURE - **Luk 8:24; Luk 9:13-16; Matt 14:28-29**
- iv. DEATH – **Mark 5:39-41; Joh 11:11-43**

Jesus manifested His power in what He "**CONFESSED**" , as well as in what He DID NOT CONFESSED. Jesus did NOT confessed that Jairus' daughter is dead, neither did He do so concerning Lazarus, but every time that Jesus "SPOKE"(CONFESSED) healing, deliverance and miracles flowed. HIS POWER and AUTHORITY WAS IN HIS CONFESSION

4.3.2.2 IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM (JESUS) BY THE FATHER

Luke 20:2 _____

John 5:27 _____

HE (JESUS) CAN GIVE IT TO WHOM HE PLEASES.

1. HE GAVE IT TO THE
sickness/diseases - **Luke 10: 9**

SEVENTY – Power over

...over the demons – **Luke 10:17-20**

2. HE GAVE IT TO THE TWELVE DISCIPLES/ APOSTLES-

Luk 9:1 - *Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. (KJV)*

READ: Matt 10:1;8; Acts 2:43

**3. HE GAVE IT TO PAUL – Acts 13:9-11; Acts 14:10 ; Acts 16:18;
Acts 20:9-11**

4. TO YOU AND ME AS WELL :- THIS POWER AND AUTHORITY BELONGS TO EACH ONE WHO HAS BEEN BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Matt 16:18-19 ¹⁸ *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)*

THE KEYS TO BINDING AND LOOSING WAS GIVEN, TO BE USED

2 Pet 1:3 ³ *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,*

Ephes 1:18-21 *...that ye may know ... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: (KJV)*

2 Cor 13:10 ¹⁰ *Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction. (KJV)*

4.3.2.4 HOW TO UTILISE THIS AUTHORITY

This authority is mainly situated (1) **TALK (what I say)** and my (2) **WALK (what I do)** i.e **WHAT I SAY** and **HOW I SAY IT** as well as **MY ACTS OF LAYING ON OF HANDS.** .

Col 3:17 ¹⁷ *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)*

(1) **MY CONFESSION AND THE WAY I TALK – makes the difference between victory and failure.** WHAT YOU SAY IS WHAT YOU GET.

(Please note that I'm not promoting any "Prosperity" teaching like the "Name it, ..Proclaim it... and Frame it – Theology.)

WHAT I'M TRYING TO

TEACH YOU IS:

- a. I MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO SATAN, - **Mark 16:17**
- b. I MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO MY MOUNTAINS (SITUATIONS) – **Matt 17:20; Matt 21:21; Zech 4:6-7**
- c. MY CONFESSION SAVES ME – AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HEAR ME
Rom 10:9-10

A WRONGFUL CONFESSION CAN PUT ME and others INTO BONDAGE i.s.o BRINGING SALVATION.

(2) LAYING ON OF HANDS - victory over sickness and disease entails the laying on of hands as well as anointing with oil.

Mark 16:18 _____

Mark 6:5 _____

Luke 4:40 _____

James 5:14-15 ¹⁴ *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:* ¹⁵ *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (KJV)*

THE AUTHORITY OF THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 4:7 _____

Again we see the reference to POWER (EQUIPMENT and WEAPONS) and IN WHO'S NAME (MIGHT and OUTHORITY)

Acts 4:10-12 ¹⁰ *Be it known unto you all, ..., that **by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, ... even **by him** doth this man stand here before you whole.... Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)***

THEREFORE IN HIS NAME THERE IS :

- a. SALVATION – **Acts 4:12; Phil 2:9-11**
- b. CASTING OUT OF DEMONS - **Mark 16:17-18 ; Luk 10:17**
- c. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT – **Mark 16:17**
- d. HEALING – **Acts 3:6 ; Acts 4:30**

Satan will try his best to prevent us from using THE NAME OF JESUS as in **ACTS 4:17-20. We also must be able to take a stand and say:" ...²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. (KJV)"**

Read Col 3:17 again : ¹⁷ *And **whatsoever ye do** in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)*

4.4 THE DEVASTATING DISOBEDIENCE

RESULTS OF

Deut 11:27-28

JUST AS OBEDIENCE IS REWARDED WITH GOD'S BLESSING, SO IS DISOBEDIENCE REWARDED WITH PUNISHMENT.

EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE:

Name	ACTION	RESULT
Adam en Eve Gen 2-3	<i>Ate of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, of which they were told NOT TO EAT.</i>	<i>Was banned from the garden ; Adam had to work ; Eve had to bare her children in anguish.</i>
Kain Gen 4:1-12	<i>Kain was commanded ro REIGN over the sin. He wouldn't and killed his brother</i>	<i>He was cursed and banned to be wanderer. Gen 4:7-12 ...he was marked as the first murderer.</i>
Moses Num 20:7-12	<i>Moses was suppose to SPEAK to the rock, but he striked the rock instead.</i>	<i>He could no longer lead God's People into the promise land.</i>
Saul 1 Sam 15:19-21; 1 Sam 28:15-18	<i>Saul was suppose to wait on Samuel, but brought an unacceptable offering to the Lord.</i>	<i>Lost his throne as king of Israel.</i>
Ten Spies Num 14:36-38	<i>Ten of the twelve spies,(Joshua and Kaleb was the other two) did not adhere to God and was afraid to enter the Promised Land.</i>	<i>Were not allowed to enter the promised Land, dwelled for 40 years in the desert, and died there.</i>
Bileam – Num 22:1 ; Num 24:25 2 Pet 2:15; Juda :11 Open 2:14	<i>Was suppose to bless the people of God. Accepted a bribe from the Moabites, to curse the Israelites instead of blessing them.Later fell into Idolatary .</i>	<i>Was nearly killed by an Angel of God. Died later at the hands of the Israelites.</i>
Samson	<i>Was commanded NOT to cut his hair. Was a ...</i>	<i>Lost his strength; Lost his eyes and later lost his life</i>
The People of God Jer 6:16-19	<i>Was suppose to return to their previous ways...</i>	<i>Evil came upon the whole Nation and all their plans failed.</i>
Disobedient Prophet 1 Kings 13:7-10; 11-24	<i>Was not supposed to eat or drink anything and was not suppose to return the same way he came.</i>	<i>Was killed by a Lion.</i>
Name	ACTION	RESULT

Israel Joshua 5:6	<i>Was suppose to believe that God will fulfill His promises. The doubted instead and feared the</i>	<i>Spend 40 years in the desert and died there</i>
Jeroboam 1 Kings 14:7-10	<i>Idolatory</i>	<i>Evil came over his house and every male family member died</i>
Rich Youngman Luke 18:22-23	<i>Was suppose to sell whatever he had, giive it to the poor, and come to follow the Lord Jesus.</i>	<i>Wouldn't and in sodoing lost the Kingdom of God. Anything that is of more importance than God, is Idolatry .It is sinful and therefore worthy of judgement.</i>
Peter Matt 26:41	<i>Was commanded to watch and Pray. But fell asleep .</i>	<i>Came into temptation and was not strong enough and therefore _____ the Lord Jesus.</i>
The DISOBEDIENT Heb 3:18; Ephes 5:6 ; Col 3:6; John 3:36 Jer 18:10	<i>Supposes to be OBEDIENT and to adhere to the commands of the Lord.</i>	<i>Will NOT enter the rest of the Lord. Will be punished. Loose whatever God wanted to bless them with.</i>

These are just a few examples of disobedience. Disobedience will be punished. Disobedience is Satan's way of berieving us from the plans that God has for us.

4.4.1. DISOBEDIENCE CAUSES FRUITLESSNESS

John 15:1-6 - _____

4.4.2 DISOBEDIENCE CAUSES DISTANCE / REJECTION

Matt 7:21-23 _____

ALSO READ: 1 Sam 15:22-23 _____

4.4.3 DISOBEDIENCE BRINGS INSTABILITY

Matt 7:26-27 _____

4.4.4 DISOBEDIENCE INCLUDES PUNISHMENT –

Deut 28:45 _____

Jer 11:8 ; _____

4.4.5 THE DISOBEDIENT WILL MISS THE RAPTURE –

Rev 3:3 _____

READ: Matt 25:1-13

2 Pet 2:21 ²¹ For it had been better for them not to have known the **way of righteousness,(THE WILL OF GOD)** than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (KJV)

4.5 W

HAT IF I AM OBEDIENT ? (THE REWARD ON EARTH)

The results of being OBEDIENT is so overwhelming that NO-ONE can afford NOT TO BE OBEDIENT to every command God gives us, no matter how big or how trivial.

4.5.1 OBEDIENCE DELIVERS FRUIT –

John 15:5-6 ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit:** for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (KJV)

Col 1:10 _____

4.5.2 OBEDIENCE DELIVERS BLESSINGS –

Deut 4:40 ⁴⁰ Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, **that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.** (KJV)

ALSO READ: Lev 26:3-13; Deut 28:1-14.

4.5.3 OBEDIENCE DELIVERS PROSPERITY AND GROWTH

Deut 6:3 _____

1 Kings 2:3; _____

Jos 1:8-9 _____

4.5.4 OBEDIENCE ENSURES STABILITY –

Matt 7:24-25 ²⁴ Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:** ²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (KJV)

4.4.5 OBEDIENCE STRENGTHENS OUR RELATIONSHIP /FRIENDSHIP

Matt 12:50 _____

John 15:14 _____

God's people were special I - **Exodus 19:4-6** ...ANS SO ARE WE...

God's Love for us through all the ages – **Eks 20: 6; Deut 5:10**

OBEDIENCE IS A CONFIRMATION THAT WE KNOW HIM – **1 John 2:3**

4.5.5 OBEDIENCE BRINGS LIFE

1 John 2:17.....: *but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (KJV)*

Who does what God commands, SHALL LIVE – **Lev 18:4-5;** _____

4.5.6 OBEDIENCE ENFORCES RESPECT – Deut 4:6 ⁶ *Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. (KJV)*

4.5.7 OBEDIENCE CONFIRMS THE WORD OF GOD –

Deut 30:10-14 _____

Rom 10:8-10..... ⁸ *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;* ⁹ *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* ¹⁰ *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (KJV)*

4.5.8 OBEDIENCE ENSURES ANSWER TO PRAYER –

1 John 3:21-22 _____

4.5.9 OBEDIENCE BRINGS PEACE –

Heb 12:11 _____

4.5.10 OBEDIENCE REFLECTS GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE –

1 John 5:3 _____

1 John 2:5 ⁵ *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. (KJV)*

EXAMPLES OF THE RESULTS OF OBEDIENCE

- 1. NOAH** - Although Noah could not understand WHY, he was still obedient and this obedience caused him and his family to be saved.(And ensured the future existence of mankind) - **Gen 6:6 ;Heb 11:7 ; Heb 5:9**
- 2. Abraham** - His obedience caused him to be one of the richest and most blessed men. With his willingness and obedience in offering his son, he proved himself. God provided another offering and commanded him NOT to harm his son. If he was not obedient he could have killed his son, ... - **Genesis 22:18** ... and us as well because we are his descendants.
- 3. Moses** – His obedience freed the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt. **Ex 3:10**
- 4. Joshua** - His obedience included a promise - nl. "Success in all that he did". – **Jos 1 :7-9**
- 5. Samuel** - His obedience ensured a king for Israel – **1 Sam 8:8; 22**
1 Sam 9:16...
- 6. Daniël** - His obedience to the command in **Dan 12:4...namely " Keep these words hidden until the end of time"** ; ensured that Jesus' coming to this earth could not be hindered.
- 7. Hosea** – His obedience, how difficult and humiliating it must have been, ensured that God could speak to His People. **Hos 1:2; Hos 1:6; Hos 1:9; Hos 3:1**
- 8. Joël – Joël 1:1** ...talk to the leaders and the people....**Joël 3:9** ...speak to the nations.
- 9. Jona** - Although he tried to flee, his eventual obedience saved a whole city.
- 10. Habakuk** – He was commanded in **Hab 2:2**...Write down the vision ... for everyone to read ...
- 11. Jesus – HIS obedience saved the world – John 3:16-17**....and the father exalted Him and gave Him a name above all names – **Phil 2:8-9**
- 12. Peter** - His obedience to the command in ...**Luke 22:32**...caused the salvation of up to 3000 people. His obedience further ensured the salvation of Cornelius and his family, and that they received the Holy Spirit (**Acts 10**)
- 13. Ananias** - His obedience ensured that Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit - **Acts 9:17**
- 14. The disciples** - Their obedience in **Acts 13:2-4** ensured Barnabas and Paul to be consecrated for the calling, and that God sent them **Acts 13:46**...

OUR OBEDIENCE HAS A MIGHTY IMPACT ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD. IF YOU AND I ADHERE TO THE COMMISSION OF THE LORD AND EVERY COMMAND THAT HE GIVES US, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR HOW SMALL, THEN GOD MIGHT JUST USE US ALL OVER THE WORLD.

It is within your potential to be the next: MARTIN LUTHER, JOHN G. LAKE ; ORAL ROBERTS; BILLY GRAHAM ; CATHRINE KUHLMAN ;REINHARD BONKE; BENNY HINN or T.B JOSHUA

Although we DO NOT seek the status, we all seek TO BE USED BY GOD

Col 4:12 ..(I am), always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand **perfect and complete in all the will of God.** (KJV)

COMMENTS:

4. 6 THE PROMISE:

Matt 28:20 , lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Col 3:23-24.. ²³ *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;* ²⁴ *Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. (KJV)*

GOD'S PROMISES INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING :

1. HIS EVERLASTING NEARNESS –

Matt 1:23 _____

_____;

John 14:16-18 _____

2. BLESSINGS UPON OUR WORK – DEUT 28:1-14 ;

Acts 20:32 _____

3. OPEN DOORS –

REV 3:7-8 - ⁷ *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;* ⁸ *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. (KJV)*

4. HIS CO-OPERATION -

Mark 16:20 _____

5. HE WILL FINISH WHAT HE STARTED –

Fil 1:6 _____

6. RESULTS -

Isaiah 55:11 _____

Psalms 128:2 _____

7. GOD' PROTECTION -

Ex 15:26 _____

1 Thess 5:32 _____

8. NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH -

2 Pet 3:13 _____

This we can only receive through HOPE; FAITH and ENDURANCE.

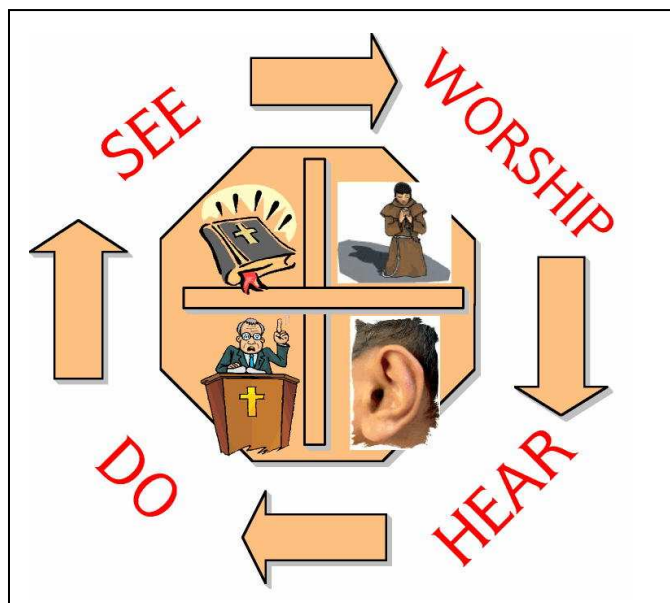
Num 23:19 ¹⁹ *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (KJV)*

Heb 10:23 ... ²³ *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)* (KJV)

Heb10:35-36 ³⁵ *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. ³⁶ For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (KJV)*

Heb 11:33 ³³ **Who through faith obtained promises...**

IT IS WORTH OUR WHILE TO DO WHAT GOD ASKS, IF GOD CAN TRUST ME WITH A FEW, HE WILL BE ABLE TO TRUST ME WITH MORE. THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR HIS VOICE EVEN CLEARER.



CELLGROUP MATERIAL

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CELLGROUP MATERIAL 1

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1. **WELCOME (ICE BREAKER)**(see back page)
2. **WORSHIPPING**
3. **WORD: To know the will of God and to do it.**

READ: EPH 5:15 - 17 - *so be careful how you live. Don't live like ignorant people, but like wise people. ¹⁶ Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days. ¹⁷ Don't be fools, then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do.*

The number one question in everyone's life: If God wants us then to understand what His will is, why is it then so difficult to find out what it is? (Discuss)

Let's look first at a few misconceptions: What God's will isn't.

- a) God's will is not a **feeling**.
Jer 17:19..."Who can understand the human heart? There is nothing else so deceitful; it is too sick to be healed.
- b) God's will is also not a **formula**. There is not a ten-step formula to know the will of God.
- c) God's will is a **communion**.
- d) Not a set of **rules**, but a **Relationship**.
- e) Not a **road map**, but a **lifestyle**.
- f) Not an **agenda**, but an **attitude**.

Discuss for 10 minutes?: 1 Cor 1:9 *God is to be trusted, the God who called you to have fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

- a) Don't be **fatalistic** about the will of God. (**Jn 7:17**) God wants to include my choices in His will.
- b) Don't have any **fears** about God's will. (**Jer 29:11**) God's will is an expression of His love.
- c) Don't get **frustrated** about His will. (**Rom 8:28**) God's will is a long-term process that includes **problems** and **pleasure**.

The right attitude = FAITH.

Read: Heb 11:6; 1 Tim 2:3 - 4; 2 Pet 3:9; Ps 119:105

4. **WORKS : OUR VISION:**

Lord, help us to live with you in a loving relationship and so to learn what your will is.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 2

1. **WELCOME** (ICE BREAKER: See back page)
2. **WORSHIP**:
3. **WORD**: To know God's will and to do what He commands.

Example of Samuel: Read 1 Sam 3:1 – 8

1 Sam 3:6 – 8...*The LORD called Samuel again. The boy did not know that it was the LORD, because the LORD had never spoken to him before. So he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am." But Eli answered, "My son, I didn't call you; go back to bed." The LORD called Samuel a third time; he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am." Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy,*

Did Samuel serve the Lord? _____

Did Samuel hear the voice of God? Why? _____

Could Samuel distinguish the voice of God? Why not? _____

Did Eli know God? _____

Could Eli hear the voice of God? Why not? _____

4 THINGS THAT PREVENT US FROM SEEING GOD:

- a) Disobedience: **Rom 11:8; Jn 14:21**
- b) Unbelief (doubt): **2 Cor 4:4; Heb 11:27; Heb 11:1 – 6; Jn 20:29; 2 Cor 5:7**
- c) Lack of knowledge: **1 Cor 13:12; Rom 10:17; Mark 12:24**
- d) Lack of Sanctification: **Heb 12:14; Mt 5:8**

4. WORKS : Vision:

Pray for each other so that each one will know the Lord better, through Revelation of His Word as well as the personal revelation of His Holy Spirit. Pray that each and everyone's ears will be tuned in so that they will hear God's Voice more effectively.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 3

1. **WELCOME** (ICE BREAKER: See back page)
2. **WORSHIP:**
3. **WORD:** TO SEE GOD

Read: Matt 6:25 – 34

Matt 6:25... *"This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes?"*

V 24... You can't serve God and the world. That is: Uneasiness – anxiety is as good as idolatry. WHY? Because if you fear or worry then you don't know God as El Shaddai.

God wants us to know Him for who He really is...

Read v 26: *...Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds?*

Read v 28: *And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves.*

Now, read Gen 22:14 ...(Jehovah Jireh)

What do you think of yourself? Are you worth more than the birds? Are you worth more than the flowers? _____

Read: Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 3:1; 1 Jn 4:9

Can anxiety change your situation? (v 27) _____ NO _____.

WHAT CAN CHANGE MY SITUATION?

- a) PRAYER: **Phil 4:6 – 8; Jn 16:23**
- b) FAITH: **Heb 11:1 – 6; James 1:6**; v 32... (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things.
- c) KNOWLEDGE OF GOD: Your heavenly Father knows that you need all this. Also read: **Mt 10:29 – 30; James 1:17**
- d) CONFESSION OF SINS: **Isaiah 59:1**
- e) SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM: v 33...*Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things.*

4. **WORKS**

Pray for each other's needs; pray that each one will trust in God to provide for them. Pray that each and everyone will know God as El Shaddai and Jehova Jireh.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 4

1. **WELCOME(ICEBREAKER)**
2. **WORSHIP**
3. **WORD** – What do you see?

Read: Jer 1: 11 – 12 ¹¹ *Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.* ¹² *Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.*

Now read: Numbers 13: 17 – 20 – Take note of the four things they had to look at:

- (a) The country – how was it? – good or bad?
- (b) The people – strong or weak, many or few?
- (c) Cities – open or fortified?
- (d) Land – fruitful? Bring the fruit back

Look again at God's promises: **Ex 3: 8; Ex 13: 5; Lev 20: 24**

What was the report of 10 of the 12 spies:

- (a) Country – according to the promise – **Num 13: 27**
- (b) Land – according to the promise – **Num 13: 23, 27**
- (c) Cities – fortified
- (d) People – like giants **Num 13: 33**

If God did what He had said in relation to the land and its fruitfulness ... how much more would He fulfil His promises in relation to the people and the cities? – **Num 23: 19**

- **What did Joshua and Caleb see? Num 13: 30; Num 14: 6 –9**
- **What did they do differently? Num 14: 24** – a different spirit – they saw God for who He was and the enemy for who they were.
- **What was their reward? Num 14: 24**
- **What was the punishment for those who doubted? Num 14: 23**

Rom 1: 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Turn your binoculars around – we sometimes look through the wrong end of the binoculars. WE see God as too small ... and our problems as too great.

WHAT DO YOU SEE? DO YOU SEE WELL? Do you see that God is able to do more than you can ask or even think?

Read: **Eph 2:7; Eph 3:20; Phil 4:13; Job 42:2; Jer 32:27; Mt 19:26; Mt 28:18**
Also for us: **Mt 17:20; Heb 11:6; Heb 13:21; Lk 9:1**

4. **WORKS**

Lord, help us always to see God as BIG and our problems as small. Because God is watching over His word to perform it.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 5

1. **WELCOME (ICE BREAKER):**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: HUMILIATION**

Read Luke 7:36- 50

Can you see here, out of the conduct of the woman, how to know the will of God and do it?

- a) **SEE** - she knew who JESUS is.
- b) **WORSHIP** - What attitude did she have? Remorse and Degradation.
- c) What actions speak of Worship? - washing and anointing of feet, drying off with hair / self-abasement.

Read: 2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 2:4; Heb 5:7; Is 38:5

The Pharisees were too "Blind" to SEE who He really was. They only knew Him for what they thought He should be. **Discuss.?**

- a) Because they could not SEE – Critical / Spirit of Religion
- b) Because they did not WORSHIP him - Condemning

Read v 40-43

Discuss the term: He for which many were forgiven – has loved more _____
How does such a person's FEAR appear? _____
And his THANKFULNESS? _____

Lk 5:26; Ps 142:7

After she SAW and WORSHIPPED, **what did she HEAR? v 48** Your sins are forgiven.)Now she got to know Him as Saviour.)

What was God's command to her? Go and sin no more (peace)

Can you see the sequence?

See – Worship – Hear – Go

What did the Pharisees HEAR v 44-47 _____

Read: Lk 6: 38; Mark 4:24; Mt 7:2-3; Lk 18:10-13, 26 – 27

4. **WORKS**

Pray that each one will come to know Him as Saviour and Redeemer and will worship Him for who He really is.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 6

1. **WELCOME / ICE BREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: Read Is 6:1-8**

This is a typical example of worship. Discuss each of the following facets of Isaiah's experiences in worship.

REVELATION (v 1) God reveals himself to his creation.

Vision of God: Ps 18:6-16; Exod 16:7; Is 66:16; Mt. 26:64 (See)

- a) ADMIRATION (v 2) - God's servants react on the Revelation **Lev. 3:10; Ps 99:3-9; Lk 1:35; 1 Pet. 1:15 (Worship)**
- b) CONFESSION (v 3, 5) - We realize our sins – Vision of Self – **Ps 32:1-5; Lk 18:13 (Worship)**
- c) FORGIVENESS (v 6,7) – God forgives those who confess honestly. **1 Jn 1:9 (Hear)**
- d) DECLARATION (v 8) - God makes His will known. **Ps 66:4; Jn 3:16; Acts 2:17; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; Titus 2:11**
- e) DEVOTION (v 8b) -The willingness to be used by God. Vision of the world
- f) COMMISSION – order(v 9) God sends willing people. **Mt 28:19; Acts 1:8 (DO)**

When we encounter God, we start becoming aware of the following:-

- We see God for who He is
- We see ourselves as we really are
- See the world and the condition it is in

We then have a journey - 1. Upwards 2. Inwards 3. Outwards

"Worship is becoming aware of God's presence and responding to His presence."

4. **WORK**

Are you willing to go? Pray for each other's willingness.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 7

1. **WELCOME /ICE BREAKER:**
2. **WORSHIP:**
3. **WORD:** Example of Jehosaphat **2 Chron. 20:1-22**

What where their circumstances? Surrounded by 4 enemies. No outcome, could starve to death

Who were they? (Judah – which means "Praise") Is it not time that you realise who you are in the Lord? - **Ps 139:14; Is 43:1-7**

Did they know who God is? **(v 3) Read: Ps 103:1-5**

Discuss the thought "Need ...teaches ... to pray"? **1 Sam. 26:24, Ps 50:15, Ps 54:7**

Take note of: the manner of worship **(v 4-12)** Remembrance – Appreciation – Expectation

- What effect did their worship have? **(v 14)**
- Could they hear God's voice? **(v 15)**
- What was God's command? **(v 16)**

Read the command in Galatians 5:1 - Discuss how we allow ourselves to be brought under the bondage of Satan again. E.g. Prayerless – lack of praise – despondency – depression – unbelief – melancholy – dejection and sin.

What happened when they were obedient? **(v 22) VICTORY**

2 Chron. 20:22 *And when they began to sing and to praise, **the LORD set ambushes** against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and **they were smitten**.* (KJV)

Take notice of the command and promise of Deut 28:1 and 7

God works together with Praise (obedience) **see – worship- hear – command – obedience –** God's intervention in a powerful and mighty way. (See God in Action, **Acts 14:3; Heb 2:4**) Praise is a pleasant fragrance before God - **2 Chron 2:14** Praise is to spread the fragrant scent of God's knowledge and it ensures that we always triumph.

4. **WORKS**

Come let us pray for each other and teach each other to praise in spite of circumstances. **Col 3:16**

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 8

1. WELCOME / ICE BREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD: Exodus 3:1-4,17 – TO GAZE UPON HIS GLORY

- a) Where did Moses find himself – **Ex 3:1** – sometimes we also find ourselves in a desert.
- b) Did Moses know God?
- c) **Read v 2-3** – Why do you think Moses did not recognise the appearance as an act of God? God had not revealed Himself in such a way before or was Moses so focused on his circumstances that he did not recognize the acts of God anymore.
- d) Did Moses recognize the voice of God? Yes – **Ex 3:4-10**
- e) TAKE NOTE HOW HIS ATTENTION IS FOCUSED:
 - i. UPWARDS – God is a Holy God (**v 5**)
 - ii. INWARDS – Sinful people (**v 5-6**)
 - iii. OUTWARDS – Nation's suffering, God's plan for redemption – freedom (**v 7-9**)
- f) When he heard God, then he received the command (**v 10**)

See – Worship – Hear – Do (act)

- g) What was Moses' reaction?
 - 1. Feeling of worthlessness (failure) (**v 11**) Just like Isaiah and Gideon
 - 2. I don't know You very well – In whose name do I act ? (**v 13**)
 - 3. Fear of what people might think or say (**Ex 4:1**)
 - 4. Consciousness of Inabilities – (**Ex 4:10**)
- h) What was God's answer?
 - I will be with you (**v 12**)
 - My name is "I am" God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (**v 14**)
 - Demonstration of Power (**Ex 4:2-9**)
 - I will give you help (**Ex 4:11-13**)

4. WORKS

Let's pray that our excuses will dry up and that we will be prepared to do what God wants.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 9

1. WELCOME / ICE BREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD: Read **2 Sam. 13:30 & 14:44**

- a) Absalom sinned against King David – **2 Kings 13:30** – Just as we did (**Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23-24**)
- b) The king had made peace with this situation (v 39) God forgives us. (**Jn. 3:16; Is 1:18 & Is 43:25; Ps 103:12**)
- c) The king missed Absalom (**2 Sam. 14:1**) God longs after a relationship(fellowship) with us. (**Mt 22:1-10; 1 Cor 1:9; 1 Jn 1:13**)
- d) How persistent are you to go in to the king – Absalom set the fields of Joash on fire. What are you prepared to do to enter into the presence of the KING OF KINGS? (Read: **Esther 4:16**)

THE WORD FOR WORSHIP: New Testament =. "**Proskuneo**" – which means "**to fall down, to bend your knees**"....Old Testament =. "**Shagah**" – which means "**to bow your head, adoration, wandering, to kiss the hand.**" **Read: (Jn 4:23; Mt 2:11; Rev 7:11)**

e) WHAT HINDERS YOU FROM GOING INTO THE KING?

- Unconfessed sin – (**1 Jn 1:9; Isaiah 59:1**)
- Guilty conscience - (**1 Jn 3:21**)
- Unforgiving attitude – (**Mt 5:23-25 & 18:15-17; James 5:16**)
- Fleshly desires – (**2 Tim 2:22, 1 Cor 15:50; 1 Thess 5:23**)
- Lack of knowledge – (**1 Jn 5:18; James 4:4; 1 Cor 6:9; Rev 8:26**)
- Wrong relationships at home – (**1 Pet.3:7**)
- Unbelief – (**Jn 9:38; Heb 11:6**)

f) Can we have confidence in God and access freely to God? - **Heb 4:16, Eph 3:12; 2 Sam 7:27; Heb 10:19-22**

4. WORKS

Is there anything that hinders you from entering into the presence of God? Pray for each other for freedom with God.

1 John 5: 14 *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 10

1. **WELCOME / ICE BREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: Scripture – Acts 16:23-26**

INTRODUCTION: We know **WHAT** worship is, we know **WHO** we worship – but do we really know **HOW** to worship –

WORSHIP = swap transaction for the blessings of God and to hear the voice of God.

God brings us from – not enough- to just enough – to more than enough

Phil 4:4 *Always be glad in the Lord. I repeat be glad. Can you do it?*

- a) Things may happen, but God knows where you are – **Acts 16:23-24**
Your circumstances should not hinder you from worshipping God. To KNOW Him ..-is to LOVE Him ..- is to OBEY Him –.. is to PRAISE Him – ...is to WORSHIP Him.
- b) Irrespective of circumstances – be obedient.
- c) Is **Phil. 4:4** a request or command? _____ What about **James 1:1-2?** _____
- d) PRAISE (your obedience) brings you into the presence of God. – **Acts 16:25-26**
What did God ask of them, you and of me? _____

Discuss a few similar commands? – **1 Thess 5:16-18; Ps 100:4; Heb. 13:5**
What were the results of their obedience? _____

What promises does God give us? – **Ps 22:3; Mt 18:20; Mt 28:20; Ps 89:15; Rom. 8:28**

THE ADVANTAGES OF PRAISING GOD IRRESPECTIVE OF CIRCUMSTANCES:-

- a) Praise lifts me higher than my circumstances.
- b) Praise brings the hand of God into movement.
- c) The works of the devil are destroyed.
- d) The joy in the Lord is my strength and refuge.

AMPL - Psa 50:23 *He who brings an offering of praise and thanksgiving honors and glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God.*

4. **WORKS:**

Pray for each other that each one will carry on praising God in spite of circumstances.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 11

1. **WELCOME / (ICE BREAKER):**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: Scripture – Mark 7:24-30**

v 24 *Then Jesus left and went away to the territory near the city of Tyre. He went into a house and did not want anyone to know he was there, but he could not stay hidden.*

WHERE GOD IS AT WORK...HE CAN NOT STAY HIDDEN...EVERYONE WILL SEE

Rom. 1:20 *Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen; they are perceived in the things that God has made. So those people have no excuse at all!(GNB)*

Mark 7 25 - *A woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit in her, heard about Jesus and came to him at once and fell at his feet.(GNB)*

Who was this woman?

- a) Non-Jew (Greek – Cyro Phoenecian)
- b) Dog in the eyes of the Jews
- c) Unsaved
- d) Wrong Practices – child was demon possessed

Did she know Jesus? Yes, from hearsay. Did she worship him? Yes, (v 25)

What was Jesus's reaction? V 27- ... But Jesus answered, "Let us first feed the children. It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."(GNB)

Jesus did not say NO but WAIT- picture of children and dogs (To describe the difference between Jews (children) and non-Jews (dogs).

God's plan was always that everyone shall receive but first the Jews then the rest.

Today it's actually different:- **Jn 1:12** - Everyone who believes in Him

What was her answer? V 28 On WHAT account did she receive what she asked? Her Testimony.

Read and discuss:

- a) Your testimony – Saves yourself – **Rom 10:10**
- b) Your Testimony – Will Save others – **Acts 1:8; 1 Tim 4:6**
- c) Your Testimony empowers others – **1 Thess 5:11; 1 Thess 4:18**
- d) Your Testimony serves as confirmation – **2 Cor 13:1; Jn 8:17**

She HEARD the voice of God – v 29 and SAW a new revelation.

4. **WORKS:**

If someone is unsaved, let them come to the Lord and see that he saves, heals, and baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 12

1. **WELCOME / ICE BREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: Scripture – Revelation 1:9-20**

- a) Testimony of Jn 1.1 Fellow believer 1.2. Follower of Jesus 1.3. Not ashamed of the Gospel 1.4. Worshipper
- b) His circumstances – (v 9)
- c) What was he busy with? (v 10)
- d) What was his experience? 1. In worship and busy with command (task) to do God's will and in His presence. 2. Then he heard – v 10

The New Process

- a) **SEE - v 12-16**
- b) **WORSHIP – v 17 – when I saw Him**
- c) **HEAR – v 17-18**

What did he hear? v 17 – *He then took me with his right hand and said:*

- Don't be afraid – **Rom.8:15; 2 Thess 3:16**
- It is I, the first and the last (beginning and the end – **Alpha and Omega) Rev. 22:13; Jn 1:1-3; 1 Pet 1:20; Jn 17:24**
- The living – I was dead and, look I live until all eternity – **Rom 6:9; Jn 4:14; Jn 10:28; Jn 11:25-26; Rev 4:9-10, Rev 10:6**
- And I have the keys of death and the hell – **Mt 28:18, Heb 2:14-15, 2 Tim. 1:10, Rev 20:6, Ps 49:15**

d) **DO /GO / COMMAND**

Twice the command - (v 11-19) Write down what you have seen:

If he had not listened and done what God asked:

- Then there would have been nothing left behind for us to have to read
- We would not have known what is to happen IN THE END TIMES
- Then God would not be Glorified
- Then He would not have experienced the anointing – blessing of God.

4. **WORKS:**

Come let's pray that each and everyone of us learns to hear the voice of God and leaves it behind for those who follow in faith.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 13

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER

2. WORSHIP

3. WORD: READ: GEN 3:1 – 3 (WHERE DID YOU HEAR IT?).

- a) **Rom 10:10** – FAITH COMES THROUGH HEARING ...that is: Everything that I believe, I must have heard somewhere. Discuss? _____
- b) Where did Adam and Eve find themselves? –
(i) In sin – were disobedient (**v 7**)
(ii) In fear – Hiding away (**v 8**)
- c) The devil does not want us to know God for who He truly is. Thus why he tries to distort our knowledge of God through:
(i) Sowing doubt (Did you hear correctly?) - **v 2** – Is it true what God said? **Gen 3:3; James 1:6 – 7**
(ii) Queries God's integrity: - **Gen 3:4** (makes God a liar) **Num 23:19**
(iii) Queries God's motives – **Jer 29:11; Rom 8:28**
(iv) Temptation
 - Desires of flesh. **v 6**...*then woman realized the fruit of the tree was good to eat. ...Gal 5:17*
 - Desires of the eyes – **v 6** ...*and nice to look at. Mark 9:47; 1 Jn 2:16*
 - Pride – Haughtiness – **v 6** ...*and desirable because it gives knowledge. 1 Tim 6:20–21; 1 Cor 13:2; 1Cor 8:1-3*
- d) God's desire is to have fellowship with His children – He wants to walk and communicate with us. **v 9** ... *But God called to the humans and asked, "Where are you?"*
- e) What did they answer? ... **v 10** ... we heard You and feared. Did they hear the real God? Must we fear when we hear God's voice?
- f) God's question - **v 11** ... *How did you come to know* – WHERE DID YOU HEAR IT?
Read: Rom 10:17; Lk 9:35; Jn 10:27; Rev 3:20; Jn 5:30
Make sure that you have heard from God, before you believe, speak or do.

4. WORKS:

Pray for each other: Make sure that you hear and believe only what God tells you.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 14

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER

2. WORSHIP

3. WORD: PARTICULAR REVELATION

Num 24:3-4 ... and he uttered this prophecy: "The message of Balaam son of Beor, The words of the man who can see clearly, who can hear what God is saying. With staring eyes I see in a trance a vision from Almighty God.

What was Balaam's relationship with God? Did he know God? Could he hear God's voice? **Num 22:9-10** Living relationships – talk with each other.

What did Balak want from him? ... **Num 22:5-7** King of Moabites – fears – asks – comes to curse the nation – tries to bribe Balaam. Is that not what the devil wants to do with each one of us? The word "integrity" means no compromise.

What did God say? ... **v 12** ...what was Balaam's answer? ... **v 18**

What did God say the second time? ...**v 20** ... only what I say may you speak.

The consequences of compromising: (lack of integrity)

- a) Makes God angry ... **v 22**
- b) Blinds us ... **v 23**
- c) Makes us selfish deceivers ... (**Read: Jude: 10-12**)

What was Balaam's reaction because he could not see? Gets angry; loses temper; lack of self-control...
What do we do?

Firstly God must speak to him in supernatural ways – 1. Donkey; 2. Angel; - Could not see – could not worship – only when God spoke supernaturally – he heard.

People only change because:

- a) They have a good enough reason – they want to change or
- b) They HURT enough THEY HAVE TO change.

Read: 2 Cor 3:18; Rom 12:2-3

WHAT MUST GOD DO SO THAT WE REMAIN OBEDIENT TO HIS WORD?

Realise that no curse can bring you down if God has chosen to bless you. – **Gen 12:2; Gal 3: 13-14; Deut 28:1-14; Prov 10:22; Num 24:9**

4. WORKS

Lord, help us to serve you in such a way that we always will experience your blessings.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 15

1. WELCOME /ICEBREAKER

2. WORSHIP

3. WORD – A LOUD AUDIBLE VOICE

ACTS 9:1-9 ... As Saul was coming near the city of Damascus, suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" he asked.

Paul is born-again at this occasion

- He calls Him Lord.
- He is called from here to ministry – Acts 26: Testifies how God has sent him and God does not send unbelievers.
- Ananias calls Him brother.
- What happens to his companions? Could they hear His voice? Yes, but they didn't understand

Acts 9:7

Read Acts 22:7-9 – Does the Word contradict itself? Discuss

What happened to Judas Iscariot? Look at all the scriptures. Are there contradictions? **Mt 27:5; Acts 1:18** – What did actually happened to him? (It has been said that he hanged himself and that his insides came out.)

What about Cain? ... Where did he get his wife? ... Were there woman we did not know of? **Gen 4:1-2; Gen 4:13**

Acts 9 = heard voice – but didn't see ... **Acts 22:** = nothing heard –

In Greek the word – "they did not hear" actually means **"they did not understand"**.

That is: they **could not discern His voice**.

Read: Jn 12:28 What did Jesus hear?

What did His disciples hear?

What did the crowd hear?

OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION DETERMINES **HOW** WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE.

Isn't it strange how different people hear the same voice differently? Even though it's an audible voice,

I must be spiritually TUNED IN to hear the voice.

Must still have FAITH

Must be PREPARED TO hear God's voice.

WHY DO WE SELDOM TODAY HEAR GOD SPEAK OUT ALOUD TO US?

- We have the Word – **2 Tim 3:16-17**
- We have the indwelling Holy Spirit – **1 Jn 2:27**
- God uses His body – **Eph 4:11-12**
- Only if above three don't work!

4. **WORKS**

Pray for each other that God, in whichever way is needed, will talk to you and that you will know His will and do it.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 16

1. **WELCOME / ICEBREAKER**
2. **WORSHIP**
3. **WORD: (STILL SMALL VOICE – LIKE ELIJAH)**

Read: 1 Kings 19:11-12 – take note of the ways God reveals himself.

- a) Very strong wind – **Jn 3:8; Ps 18:10**
- b) Earthquake – **Ps 104:32; Ps 114:7; Jer 10:10; Joel 3:16; Heb 12:26**
- c) A fire – **Heb 12:29; Acts 2:3; Mt 3:11**

GOD CAN TALK TO US – He could use the above elements but He could choose other ways and after the fire there was a whispering in the silence ... and after the fire a still small voice. It requires good power of discernment to hear in spite of the noise on the mountain.

Take note of the following:

- a) Firstly he didn't recognize the voice.
- b) But he reacted to that which was recognisable.

1 Kings 19:13...When Elijah heard it; he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

Take note of the two ways God speaks to him – First the whisper then the loud, audible voice.

- a) First voice: Could not make out the words; just remember the voice – in spite of all the other voices around him. Enough was the recognition that he reacted to.
- b) Second voice: What are you doing here? Undeniably he could hear the voice and could hear what He was saying.

Will God also speak to us like that? Read: **Isaiah 20:21**

A few things that we must realize

- a) God speaks inside our frame of reference– Like Samuel who heard the voice but didn't know who was speaking. Sometimes people's voices sound alike, especially over the telephone and then we think it is someone else because it's our frame of reference. What about Elijah? What about John on the Island of Patmos?
- b) We must be in the centre of God's will. Samuel served God. Elisha compromised and his sons strayed totally. Only Samuel heard God's voice. In **Matt 17:6** God talks to His Son – for the people it sounded like thunder, because Jesus was in God's will. Others would say it's the angels or your spiritual maturity, which will determine how you hear God's voice.
- c) Your reaction determines whether God will speak to you again.

Samuel reacted immediately – just-wrong person. Elisha came out underneath the tree immediately and found God on the mountain – there he heard God's voice again. Your reactions determine if God will speak to you again. Give honour that you hear God's voice.

4. WORKS

Lord, please help us to discern your voice.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 17

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER

2. WORSHIP

3. WORD – Visions – like Peter

Acts 10: 9-18 ... The next day, as they were on their way and coming near Joppa, Peter went up on the roof of the house about noon in order to pray.

PETER DID KNOW (SAW) WORSHIPPED

He became hungry and wanted something to eat; while the food was being prepared, he had a vision.

PETER HEARD FROM GOD IN TWO WAYS:

- a) Had/saw a vision – **v 11**
- b) Heard God's voice – **v 12**

WHAT DID HE SEE? **v 11-12** ... He saw heaven opened and something coming down that looked like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners to the earth. In it were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and wild birds.

WHAT DID HE HEAR? **v 13** ... *A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat!"*

WHAT WAS PETER'S REACTION? **v 14** ... *But Peter said, "Certainly not, Lord! I have never eaten anything ritually unclean or defiled."*

If Peter had a living relationship with God, why did he refuse God?

What hinders us that we sometimes disobey God?

1. My own preferences: When I choose what I want and do not want.
2. My _____ - I do not have to listen to anybody else.
3. Tradition – **v 14** ... I did not grow up like that.
4. Religious Spirit – My forefather (ancestors) / church never did it or approved it.

WHAT IS GOD'S ANSWER TO OUR EXCUSES? **v 15**

... "Do not consider anything unclean that God has declared clean."

The fact that God did not withdraw from Peter the first time, speaks of His grace. God is gracious to us and patient with us because He wants us to share in His great redeeming plan.

IF GOD GIVES or ASKS ME SOMETHING then I will NEED IT in the near future. **v 17**

4. WORKS – THE IMPLEMENTATION

Pray that God will help you that nothing will hinder you from hearing his voice.

Take a piece of paper and wait on the Lord; write down what your vision is for your cell group. Ask the Lord to show you His plan for you, get together and compare notes.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 18

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER

2. WORSHIP

3. WORD – (Impression in my spirit/general/personal revelation)

Discuss each of the following means how God the Holy Spirit can work with and in me through direct impartation into my spirit..

- a) The Holy Spirit convicts – **Jn 16:8; Jn 17:8; Acts 16:10; 1 Thess 1:5; 1 Thess 2:13; Heb 11:19; Rom 4:21; 1 Cor 7:40; Acts 20:23**
- b) The Spirit testifies – **Jn 15:26; 1 Jn 5:6-10; Heb 2:4**
- c) The Spirit teaches and reminds – **Jn 14:26**
- d) The Spirit leads – **Rom 8:14** ... those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children.
Rom 9:1
- e) The Spirit brings about love – **Rom 5:5; Rom 15:30; 2 Tim 1:7; Col 1:8; gal 5:22**
- f) The Spirit gives instructions – **Acts 13:2** ... *while they were serving the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said to them, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul, to do the work to which I have called them." **Acts 11:12***
- g) The Spirit prevents – **Acts 16:6** - they travelled through the region of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit did not let them preach the message in the province of Asia.
- h) The Spirit protects – stands by us **Phil 1:19** ... *because I know that by means of your prayers and the help which comes from the Spirit of Jesus Christ I shall be set free.*
- i) The Spirit gives revelation – **1 Cor 11:23; 1 Cor 4:5; Eph 1:17**

CAN YOU NAME A FEW MORE THINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES to lead, guide, warn and reprimand us?

4. WORKS: (PRAYER)

Lord, I really want to discern your voice and understand the impartation in my spirit.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 19

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER

2. WORSHIP

3. WORD – General revelation

GOD'S WORD IS IMPORTANT TO HIM: **Ps 138:2** ... *for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*

EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD

a) **2 Tim 3:16** ... *All scripture is given by inspiration of God* – Given by God – God breathed ... like in **Gen 1:2-3** ... *And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. THEN GOD SAID* ... **Job 33:4** ... *The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

b) It is profitable:

- To teach in truth – (for doctrine)
Titus 1:9; Deut 8:3; John 17:17
- To combat misconception, (for reproof)
Rom 10:17 ... What you believe you must have heard.
Mark 12:24 ... the reason you wander
Prov 10:17; 2 Pet 3:16-17; Eph 6:17; 1 Jn 2:14
- To set wrongness right (for correction)
Ps 11:105; Jn 1:1-5; Ps 119:105
- To cultivate a right lifestyle (Teaching in righteousness)
Heb 4:12; 1 Pet 2:8

c) **2 Tim 3:17** ... So that the man can stand in duty to God.

- Completely prepared – that the man of God may be perfect
- Thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Josh 1:8-9 ... For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Also read **Ps 1:3**

HIS WORD MUST ALSO BE IMPORTANT TO ME. Then He will:

- Answer my prayers – **Jhn 15:7**
- Come and dwell with me – **John 14:23**
- Testify of me – **1 John 5:7**

4. WORKS

I must be a doer (follower) of the Word: **James 1:22-24; Acts 4:29**

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 20

1. **WELCOME /ICEBREAKER**
2. **WORSHIP**
3. **WORD** – Prophetic word – (Someone sent by God)

Definition of a prophet

The Greek word is "prophetes" which literally means "to speak directly". "Nabi" is the Hebrew word which means "someone who reveals something to someone else". Another Hebrew word is translated into titles like "the prophet", "a watchman", and "messenger of the Lord", etc.

Prophecy is from God

1 Cor 12: 28 *And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*

Why did God give this gift/ ministry?

Eph 4: 12 – 13

- (a) To equip the saints
- (b) To build up the body of Christ – **Eph 2: 19 - 22**
- (c) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God
- (d) unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Jesus as Prophet Deut 18: 15 – 18; Jn 12: 47 – 48

The Holy Spirit speaks prophetically Jn 16:13

Us, as Prophets

Read: Ex 7:1 – 2; 2 Pet 1:21 "inspired by the Holy Ghost, the saints spoke of God ... **Jer 1: 7 - 9**

The ministry of a prophet = called and appointed by the Lord Jesus Christ to be His spokesperson to the church and to the nation.

Prophetic utterance = to speak and make known the will and intention of the Lord to the heathen, to warn and give direction, as well as to tell of future events. To motivate the body, and to exhort in situations where there is distrust, hopelessness and lethargy.

The characteristics of a prophet

- Prophets are called – by God and not by man – **Eph 1: 18; Eph 4:1; Heb 3:1**
- Prophets are anointed – they are not ordained – **1 Kings 19:16**
- They are holy men – Separated for God – **1 Thess 4:7**
- They have a vision – for the church and for the nation – **Dan 9:24**
- They are intercessors – **Ezek 13:4**
- They are subject to judgement – **1 Cor 14: 29**

Read also: **Acts 21:9; 1 Cor 14: 1 – 6; 22; Rev 1:3**

4. **WORKS**

If there is someone in your cell group who has this gift, anoint the person for service and pray that he will speak with liberty.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 21

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD: (ANGELS: CORNELIUS – Acts 10:1-7)

What was Cornelius' background ? Not a Jew / Italian / Captain in the army

What was his Testimony ? 1. Religious, 2. Godfearing, 3. Giving – loved people.

Did Cornelius have everything necessary to be a child of God.? _____ -

No / Otherwise God would not have sent an Angel

Read: Eph 2:8-9 ; Rom 3:23-24

Our Works cannot save us, but it is important to God.: READ: James 2:17-20; Acts 10:4
Cornelius “KNEW” God (only partially)... WORSHIPPED Him...and HEARD ...even through an Angel.

WHAT WAS HIS COMMAND/ASSIGNMENT ?Vers 5 _____

NOTE THAT CORNELIUS:

Never QUESTIONED “WHY”

NEVER DOUBTED

DID NOT ASK FOR A SIGN (Luk 1:18)

DID NOT WAVER / or PRAYED TO GET CONFIRMATION – Jud 13:8

IN THE MEANTIME GOD WAS BUSY WITH PETER – We must realize that as long as the Lord tarries, HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.

WHAT WAS THE END-RESULT BECAUSE THEY OBEYED ? _____

Acts 10:44-48

THE BIBLE DESCRIBES ANGELS TO BE: “Messengers” and” Ministering Sevants” HEB 1:7

- a. ANGELS BRING WARNING – Gen 19:15
- b. ANGELS MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Luk 2:11-13; Heb 2:2; Luk 1:19
- c. ANGELS ENCOURAGE – Acts 27:23-24; AND MINISTER – Matt 4:11
- d. ANGELS GIVE REVELATION – Rev 1:1; Dan 4:17; Rev 22:3
- e. ANGELS PROTECT – Ps 91:11; Dan 3:28; Matt 4:6; John 20:12; Ps 34:7
- f. ANGELS FIGHT – Dan 10:13; Matt 16:27; Matt 26:43
- g. ANGELS DOES AS GOD COMMANDS – Ps 103:20-21
- h. ANGELS HELP IN CHANGING THE FUTURE – Gen 16:10-12
- i. ANGELS ARE GOING TO BRING IN THE HARVEST – Matt 13:39-49; Matt 24:31 ; Matt 25:31

In a book by Roland Buck “ANGELS WITH A MISSION” he describes how an Angel appeared to him and gave him 7 priorities in the heart of God, namely :

- 1. THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS
- 2. COMMUNION WITH GOD
- 3. KNOWING JESUS IS ALIVE
- 4. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- 5. THE GREAT COMMISSION TO TELL THE WORLD
- 6. KNOW THAT JESUS’ RECONCILIATION IS ETERNAL
- 7. THE COMING OF CHRIST

WORKS : LORD, Although we prefer that You speak to us directly, we recognize Your ANGELSs as YOUR Ministering Servants, that assist us in our task.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 22

1. **WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: WHAT HINDERS ME FROM HEARING HIS VOICE ?**

Read 1 Kings 17:1-6

Did ELIJAH hear the voice of God ? _____

What was the first assignment ? _____
and the second ? _____

God changed HIS way of Provision; WHEN YOU'VE HEARD FROM GOD, you do not panick because the situation has changed.

DID GOD SPEAK TO A WIDOW ? _____ verse 6

DID SHE ADHERE TO HIS VOICE ? _____

WHY THIS WOMAN ? God has used other woman prior to this occasion – She provided for ELIJAH previously ; GOD WANTED TO USE THIS WOMAN – GOD WANTS TO USE YOU and ME.

If God can change the nature of a crow , God can change us to be used by Him (e,g It is against the nature of a crow to provide food, specially for people) ..IT is against a donkey's nature to talk and GOD used a donkey...SO GOD CAN USE US AS WELL

3 REASONS WHY SHE DID NOT HEAR GOD'S VOICE

1. **SELF-CENTEREDNESS**

1 Kings 17:12...Note the concurrence of words like "I", "we"; "my";"us"

Also read: 1 Cor 13:5; 1 Cor 6:19 ; Job 23:12; 2 Tim 4:3 ; 2 Pet 3:3;

Judas:16-18 ; James 3:14-16: Jesus Prayed for us: John 17:20

2. **PROBLEM CONCIIOUSNESS i.s.o GOD-CONCIIOUSNESS**

Matt 6:25-27 ; 31-34

2 Cor 4:17-18

Matt 13:22

3. **HOPLESSNESS**

Ephes 2:12 ;

1 Pet 1:21

Heb 10:23 ;

1 Tim 5:5

Rom 15:13 ;

Rom 5:5

Hosea 12:6

HOW CAN I RECTIFY THESE ?

1. **PUTTING OTHERS FIRST / SERVING OTHERS** – Gal 5:13; Matt 23:11 ; Phil 2:3

When she put Elijah first – her own provision came

2. **ACT IN CONTRADICTION TO THE "NATURAL"** – Heb 11:1; 1 Cor 2:13; 1 John 2:16 ;

When she heard the Word and acted upon the word; God provided

3. **GET NEW HOPE** – Ps 146:5 ; Rom 4:18

OUR HOPE is from God; NOT WHAT we see...

WORKS:

LORD HELP US TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW ANYTHING TO HINDER US FROM HEARING YOUR VOICE

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 23

1. ICEBREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD: WHAT IF I HAVE HEARD HIS VOICE ?

READ: Luk 8:5-15

a. WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS PARABLE ? _____
_____ **vers 8-10**

b. Name 3 things according to Matt 13:15, which prevents people from receiving from God what they are suppose to ?

- 1. MIND ARE DULL – cannot understand**
- 2. EARS HAVE BEEN STOPPED UP –cannot hear**
- 3. EYES ARE CLOSED - cannot see.**

ALSO READ: Jer 5:21; _____

Jer 6:10 ; _____

Jer 32:33 ; _____

Mark 4:9; _____

Heb 3:7; _____

Rev 2:7;11;17 _____

c. NAME 4 TYPES of SOIL IN WHICH MIGHT BE SOWN; (what types of hearts does it represent ?)

- 1. PATHWAY – HARDENED HEARTS**
- 2. ROCK – SHALLOW hearts**
- 3. THORNS – CHOKED HEARTS**
- 4. GOOD SOIL – GOOD and RECEPTIVE HEARTS**

Discuss what each of these hearts look like? Can you name a few examples?

READ: Jer 15:16 ; 1 Thess 1:6 ; 2 Cor 8:2

Example of HARDENED HEART = Ex 5:2

Example of a SHALLOW HEART = Jud 6:12-14

Example of a CHOKED HEART = Jud 16:17-19

WHAT ABOUT Luk 18:22-24

d. WHAT DOES A GOOD AND RECEPTIVE HEART LOOK LIKE ?

- 1. HEAR /RECEIVE THE WORD – James 1:21**
- 2. ACCEPTANCE WITH JOY – Isaiah 55:12**
- 3. IS NOT DISTRACTED - Heb 12:2 ; Ephes 4:14;**
- 4. WALK IN FAITH – 2 Cor 5:7; Heb 11:6**
- 5. DOES AS GOD COMMANDS – Matt 7:21 ;**
- 6. BEARS THE FRUIT – John 15:1-11**
- 7. RECEIVES THE REWARD – Col 4:23 ; 1 Cor 3:14;**

WORKS : LORD; HELP US TO HAVE GOOD and RECEPTIVE HEARTS ; THAT are NOT hardened ; NOT shallow or choked.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 24

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD:

Read: Acts 1:4-26

4 LESSONS TO LEARN WHEN YOU HAVE HEARD GOD'S VOICE

a) LISTEN TO GOD'S INSTRUCTION v 4-5, 12-13

- What did they have to do? WAIT
- What was God's promise Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- How sure were they that they were doing what He said? _____ **Num 23:19; 2 Cor 1:20;**
- Is it worthwhile waiting? ...**Jer 29:11; 1 Cor 2:9; Is 40:31**

b) ASK FOR GOD'S HELP v 14

Acts 1:14 *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. (KJV)*

- In one accord - **Ps 133:1-3; Acts 2:44; Rom 12:16; Rom 15:5-6; Phil 2:2-3**
- Prayer - **James 5:16; 1 Tim 2:8; Col 4:2; Phil 4:6; Rom 12:12**

d) SOAK YOURSELF IN THE WORD v 15-22

Knowledge = get information; **INSIGHT** = understand the information; **WISDOM** = application of the information- **2 Tim 3:16-17**

Read: 1 Jn 2:14; 1 Pet 1:23-25; James 1:18-23; Heb 4:12;

d) ALLOW GOD TO LEAD YOU v 23-26

Acts 1:24- 26 ²⁴ *And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,* ²⁵ *That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.* ²⁶ *And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (KJV)*

THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INDICATES:

Gal 6:1.. brotherhood;..... **Gal 5:18...**no longer under the law;

1 Cor 3:1 ...maturity;**Rom 8:14...**kinship

Joh 16:13truth**Ps 143:10** ... level paths...

Discuss the following: When is the drawing of lots from God and when is it not? Can God still lead us in this way today?

4. WORKS

Lord, help us to follow your lead and to do what you ask.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 25

1. **WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: To know God's will and to do it**

READ: Matt 28:1-20

1. **WHAT WAS THE FACT OF JESUS'S CONDITION ON SUNDAY MORNING ?**
Verse
2. **WHAT DID the two MARY's (And the other disciples) believe**

3. **TAKE NOTE OF JESUS' WORDS : John 2:19 ; Mar 10:34**

Have you ever watched a REPLAY of a sports-game where the end result was already known
At the times where the opposition scores, you do not get excited or afraid because you already know
your team has won

WHY DO WE GET EXCITED/ AFRAID AT TIMES WHEN WE ALLREADY KNOW THE END RESULT ?

READ: Col 2:14-15 ; Rom 6:6; Rev 12:9

4. **NOTICE** : HOW MARY/and the disciples did not ACT ACCORDING TO what THEY HEARD (John 2:19 ; Mark 10:34) ...BUT...ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY : SAW" - Mar 15:46-47

Luk 23:55 *The women who had come with [Jesus] from Galilee followed closely and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.THEY WERE READY TO GIVE UP ...read verse 56*

5. **WHAT DID THE ANGEL TELL THEM IN Luk 24:6-7**

Luk 24:8 *And they remembered His words.* WHAT MUST GOD DO TO HELP US REMEMBER WHAT HE HAS SAID IN HIS WORD. **READ: Rom 10:17**

6. **WHAT WAS THE COMMAND ? Read Mat 28:7 / Mar 16:7**

GO TELL ...GO TO GAILILEE

7. **WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSE - Mat 28:8** *So they left the tomb hastily with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.*

BUT WAS WAS THE RESPONSE OF THE OTHERS ? **Mark 16:11-13** ; AND PETER ?

Luke 24:12

WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THEY STAYED WITH THE GRAVE CLOTHES ?

1. WOULD NOT HAVE SEEN HIM – Matt 28:9-10 ; Mark 16:4; Luk 24:31; Luk 24:36
2. WOULD NOT HAVE HEARD HIM – Matt 28:19 ; Mark 16:9; Luk 24:45-49
3. WOULD NOT GET THEIR COMMISSION – Mark 16:15-16 ; Matt 28:19
4. WOULD NOT GET THE POWER – Acts 1:8 ; Luk 24:49
5. WOULD NOT BE OBEDIENT – Mark 16:20;
6. WOULD NOT GET THE REWARD – Matt 25:21-24

4. WORKS:

I MIGHT NOT KNOW THE FUTURE; but LORD HELP ME TO BE OBEDIENT AT ALL TIMES and TRUST YOU THAT YOU KNOW BEST. EVEN IF I DO NOT UNDERSTAND; HELP ME TO TRUST YOU COMPLETELY so that I DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE FOR ME..

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 26

1. ICEBREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD: To know God's will and to do it

Read: Acts 2:37 *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, **what shall we do?*** (KJV)

FIRST COMMANDMENT: (for the unbeliever): (v 38) Repent ... and be baptised

Mark 10:17 - *And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?* (KJV)

SECOND COMMANDMENT: Keep the law of Christ.

What was the old commandment? - **Read: Ex 20: Deut 5**

Does the Lord want us to maintain and retain this law? **NO!!!**

Read: Rom 6:14-15; Rom 7:4-6.; Gal 5:18; 1 Cor 9:20-21;

Why did Jesus then ask him this question? The man was a Jew and Christ had not yet been crucified so he was still saved by obedience to the law.

What is the law of Christ Jesus?: Read Mt 22:37-40

What is the one thing that hindered this man? He loved his wealth and possessions more than he loved God and you cannot do that.

THIRD COMMANDMENT: Fulfill your calling

Acts 22: 10 *And I said, What shall I do, LORD? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.* (KJV)

Have you ever asked the Lord what He wants you to do? Ask Him now!

- a) Is there something I must repent of? **1 Jn 1:9**
- b) Is there someone I must forgive? **Eph 4:32; Col 3:13**
- c) Is there something that I am lacking in? – **Gal 5:20; Eph 6:10-17**
- d) Is there something I must do? – **Ex 15:26; Num 22:20; Jer 42:5; Col 3:17; Eph 6:6; Col 3:23**

4. **WORKS**

Lord, help us to be obedient to your commands and to share in the miracles that You do.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 27

1. WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:

2. WORSHIP:

3. WORD: To do the will of God

Read: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

What is Samuel's problem? (v 1)- He clings to the past / Mourns over Saul -
If I cling to the past, it can prevent me from receiving what God has for me in the future.

Read: Is 43:19; 2 Cor 5:17-19

What is God's assignment for Samuel?

- Fill a horn with oil
- Go to Bethlehem
- "Take a heifer with you and say "I have come to bring a sacrifice to the Lord"
- Invite Jesse to the sacrifice.
- "Anoint unto me the one that I name."

DO YOU RECOGNISE THE FOLLOWING PATTERN?

- Preparation** –
- The **place** where God wants to reveal Himself
- The **creation** of an atmosphere – God must be honoured.
- The **person** to whom God wants to reveal Himself.
- What** does God want me to do?

What about **Jn 14: 1 – 3**? Do you see the 5 steps that Jesus followed there?

What was Samuel's witness? **v 4** And Samuel did that which the LORD spake

4 THINGS THAT I MUST NOT ALLOW IN DOING GOD'S WILL.

- My own thoughts** must not influence me - **v 6 – Ezek 13:3; Is 55:9**
- What I may see** must not be the criteria on which I judge a situation- **v 7** "for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." **Heb 11:1-3; 2 Cor 5:7; Rom 8:24-25**
- Do not be a respecter of persons** – **Acts 10:34**
- Don't give up too soon** - **v 11-12 - 1 Tim 4:13; Gal 4:19.**

WHAT WAS HIS FINAL ORDER? v 12 And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he (KJV)

WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF HIS OBEDIENCE? v 13 -. And the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward..

What do we learn from **Jn 14: 15 – 17**?

4. **WORKS**

Lord, help each one of us to be obedient to your command and to share in the miracles You do.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 28

1. **WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:**
2. **WORSHIP:**
3. **WORD: To know God's will and to do it**

Read: Luke 10:1-9

How did the Lord send out these 72 people? - **two by two** - Why? While one was talking, the other could pray

Where did He send them? To every town and place that He intended them to go

We must not go where we THINK we should go. We must ask for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. **Read: Ex 3:10; Judges 6:14; 1 Sam 16:1;; 2 Kings 2:4; Is 6:8; Jer 25:15; Ezek 2:4; Lk 11:49; Acts 26:17.....**

GOD SAVES ... GOD CALLS ... GOD EQUIPS ... AND GOD SENDS

On our own, we can never save the world – what is Jesus' answer? v 2

It is important that we also intercede.

How does God send us?

- a) v 3 – I send you forth as lambs among wolves – Be ready for the devil who wants to tear us apart – **Lk 22:31-32; 1 Pet 5:8;** But also be prepared for people who do not want to accept the message of the Gospel. – **Jn 12:38**
- b) v 4 "Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes" – nothing must hinder us from doing what God sends us to do.
- c) and salute no man by the way. – **Keep focused on the goal** – the goal is to win souls. – **Acts 1:8; Mt 28:19**
- d) **v 5 – 6** And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again - Bring a message of PEACE
- e) **v 7** Go not from house to house, - make sure that every soul is 1. Saved; 2. Baptised; 3. Plugged in to a local church or cell group to learn. **(Mt 28:18-20)**
- f) **v 7 – 8** And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: – accept the manner in which God provides for your needs.
- g) **v 9** And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you! (KJV) – be Christ to the world
Read : Lk 4:18-20; Mark 16:17-18; Lk 9:1-2; Acts 5:16; Jn 14:12

4. **WORK**

Lord, help each one of us to be obedient to your command and to share in the miracles You do.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 29

1. **ICEBREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: To know God's will and to do it**

Read : 1 Pet 2:5-9 – What are we? We are a Holy Priesthood, a Royal Priesthood, Princes and Princesses ... Princes and Princesses need a castle.

Read: 2 Cor 10:3-5 :³ *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.*⁴ *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*⁵ *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (KJV)*

- a) Have you ever heard someone say "I have a weakness"? Are they doing something about it? The things that people regard as a weakness are STRONGHOLDS.
- b) What is a STRONGHOLD? The word means : castle, fortress, = the wrong castle!

Differentiate between = INABILITY and a STRONGHOLD:

- **Inability** = Something that I **cannot do** no matter how hard I try e.g. 100 m race.
- **Stronghold** = Something that I **can do** but **do not want to do** or do not know how to do. E.g. temper/ smoking/ drinking/ pornography/ television/ gossip/ lust

c) **HOW IS A STRONGHOLD DEVELOPED?**

- It first appears in one's thoughts (by suggestion) – e.g. **Gen 3:1-3**; (Did God say?)
- It becomes a contradiction of God's word – **Gen 3:4-5**
- Becomes an imagination: **Gen 3:6**

d) **What do our weapons look like?– They are not carnal weapons...Eph 6:**

Motto of the French Legion: = FOR US IS NOT TO QUESTION WHY, FOR US IS BUT TO DO AND DIE.

e) **Who makes our weapons effective?– God – 2 Cor 10:4**

f) What do we do with these weapons? We tear down strongholds

g) **HOW? –**

- Take our thoughts captive – in obedience to: **James 1:12-14; Eph 2:3; Heb 4:12; 2 Thess 3:5; Col 3:2; Phil 4:7-8; Eph 4:23-24**
- Destroy every attack of pride: **Know your Bible and do it**
- Destroy every imagination: **Do not justify your actions**

4. **WORKS:**

Lord, help us to focus our thoughts on you.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 30

1. **ICEBREAKER:**

2. **WORSHIP:**

3. **WORD: INDEPENDENCE FROM GOD AND DISOBEDIENCE**

READ: Num 14:1-24

- a) From which two situations were the people already freed? (v 2)
 - Egypt
 - The desert
- b) What are they afraid of now? (Giants) Read: **Ps 103:1-5**
- c) How can the miracles of God in the past help me in my present circumstances? (The same God who saved me in the past can save me NOW.) **Read 1 Sam 17:37.**
- d) Whom do they blame now that it appears that things have gone awry? **Moses and Aaron (Leadership)**
- e) Name two things that Joshua and Caleb asked of the people.
 - Do not rebel against the Lord
 - Do not be afraid of the people
- f) **Why?**
 - Our God is with us - **Mt 28:20; Mt 1:23; Ps 37:25; 1 Chron 28:20; Ps 27:10; Heb 13:5;**
 - Their gods cannot save them

We must realize that:

- a) Our fight is not against flesh and blood - **Eph 6:10-18;**
- b) Our weapons are not carnal - **2 Cor 10:3-4**
- c) We know the devil's plans - **2 Cor 2:11**
- d) His weapons are powerless - **Is 54:17**
- e) We must bind the strong man - **Lk 11:21-22**
- f) We must take authority

Read: Mt 16:18-19; 2 Pet 1:3; Eph 1:18-21; 2 Cor 13:10;

Col 3:17 *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)*

ALSO READ: Mark 16:17; Mt 17:20; Mt 21:21; Zech 4:6-7; Rom 10:9-10; Mark 16:18; Mark 6:5; Lk 4:40; James 5:14-15

What grieves the heart of God? v 11 *And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?*

The punishment and the blessing v 22-24... *But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.*

4. **WORKS:**

Lord, Help us not to look at the circumstances and thus to become disobedient to your commands.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 31

1. **WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:**
2. **WORSHIP:**
3. **WORD: THE FAST THAT GOD PREFERS**

Read : Is 58:1-14 What was Isaiah's assignment? v 1 *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. (KJV)*

What did they do that appears right? v 2 *Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.*

What is the accusation against God? v 3 - *Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.*

What is God's answer?

- a) Do as you please
- b) Make their people work harder – v 3
- c) Incorrect motives - v 4

What kind of fast does God prefer?

- a) Forgiveness – **v 6** – Let the oppressed go free ... **Col 3:13; Eph 4:32**
- b) Release - **v 6** – Break every yoke ... **Lk 11:46; Gal 6:2**
- c) Provision – **v 7; v 10** ...Give ...**James 1:27; Mt 25:43-45**

What is God's promise? – v 8

- a) Light breaks through – **v 8;11; Mal 4:2**
- b) Restoration – **Lk 4:18; Is 61:1-3**
- c) God's protection – goes before you. **1 Chron 4:10;**
- d) God's blessing – that overtakes you. **1 Chron 4:10; Deut 28:1-14**
- e) God's guidance– **v 11; Is 48:17**
- f) God's provision– **v 11; Is 43:20; Mt 6:26**
- g) God's refreshing – He will give you power. **Acts 1:8; Is 40:31**
- h) Fruitfulness – You will be like a watered garden, like a fountain that does not dry up.
- i) Equipment – Your people will rebuild their ruins. **Heb 13:21**
- j) Recognition – You will be accepted by God and approved by men ... **Rom 14:18**

4. **WORKS**

Father, help me to do what is right so that I can take possession of all your promises.

CELLGROUP MATERIAL 32

1. **WELCOME / ICEBREAKER:**
2. **WORSHIP:**
3. **WORD: NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER**

Read : Zech 4: 6 – 7 ⁶ Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. (KJV)

Zerubbabel had been commanded to rebuild the temple – his natural reaction was to build it in the only manner that he knew how.

What does the angel teach him? How is it possible? – Not with (my) strength (weapons and equipment). Also not with my power (authority). But by **the Spirit of God** (His power and might)

According to Ps 44: 3, also, the victory is

- a) Not with the sword (power)
- b) Not in their own strength (authority)

But (1) in His strength , (2) His power and (3) His presence

Why?because He loves you.

Read: Is 41:8-11; Is 43:4-6; Dan 10:11-12; Jn 14:21-23; Rom 8:37-39

Now read : Acts 19:13-16

- a) Did the sons of Sceva know Paul? (Yes) / and the demon? (Yes) "Paul I know"
- b) Did they know Jesus? (No; they speak of the Jesus whom Paul preached)
- c) What about the demon? (**v 15** – yes) "Jesus I know (Perhaps it had previously been cast out)
- d) Why could the sons of Sceva not do what Paul could?

Do => Hear => Worship => Know(See)

You can do nothing for God – if you do not know Jesus personally (Even if you grew up in the church – N.B. – the seven were sons of a Jewish high priest)

- e) Did the demon recognise them? - No – "but who are you?"
- f) Has the devil noticed you? _____

Are you destroying his works? Is he afraid of you or are you afraid of him? _____

What is the result if you try to fight the devil in your own strength?

v 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. (KJV)

Read: 1 Jn 4:4; 1 Pet 5:8-9; Lk 10:19; Ps 18:31-34; Eph 6:10-18; 1 Thess 1:5 1 Cor 2:13

5. **WELCOME / WORKS**

Lord, help us to act in the power of your strength and authority and not to depend on our own ability.

ICEBREAKERS

1. a. Where were you at Primary School ?
b. What was your favourite subject, and why ?
c. Who was your best friend at school ?
d. Can you remember the day that you made a decision to serve the Lord ?
2. If you were the king or ruler of a country, what would be the most important ordinance that your people should adhere to ?
3. What has been the biggest frustration or problem that you had to face at work ?
4. Who was the single most influential person in your life , who is your biggest confidant ?
5. What hurts you the most in life ? What is your reaction when you get hurt ?
6. What will you do with a million rands ?
7. Are you very inquisitive by nature .Wy or Why NOT ?
8. Do you think you would have been able to live in the ARK?
9. A friend buys you a pair of Ostrich-leather shoes, but they hurt your feet while going out with them, how will you handle it ?
10. What would you say if you got into an elevator and just as everybody is staring infront of them iin dead silence, your stomache starts growling ?
- 11.How would you describe your Mother-in-law's personality ?
- 12.There is little difference between gholf and shopping wood;Discuss ?
13. How would you try to tell a dumb-deaf -person, that Jesus loves and died for him/her. ?
- 14.How would you conquer the South Pole ?
15. Your first date is to go on a fishing trip and you become nauseous and know that you are going to vomit, what now ?
16. Which rules did your parents have that you thought was ridiculous? What do you believe them to be, now ?
- 17.Who was your biggest adversary on Academic or Sports terrain? What was the impact that it had on you, and why ?

18. What would your family do if you were to bring three dirty hawkers for Christmas dinner ?
19. If you were allowed to drive 20km/h faster than the speed limit, would you ? Why ?
20. What would you be, and what do think you will do in 10 years from now ?
21. If your Pastor preached the worst sermon of his entire ministry and asked you "How did I preach ?" What would you answer ?
22. Do you think one should only date the person you're going to marry ? Why/ why not ?
23. If you could tell people WHEN en HOW they are going to die, would you ?
24. Why do you think God allows tragedies ? Is He the author of them ?
25. When does a person mature ? Discuss the term "infantile adults" ?
26. What would you say to a friend who had a bad haircut ?
27. If you did not have to work, what would you do with yourself ?
28. If a co-worker did something illegal at work, what would you do ?
29. If you knew that a person would lose their job if you spoke the truth, would you be prepared to lie on their behalf ?
30. If you could spend 24 hours with a person, who would that person be ?
31. If you knew that Jesus was coming tomorrow, what would you do today ?
32. If you could have the same day all over again, which day would that be ?
33. If your friends knew everything about your life, do you think they will still be your friends ?
34. If you were to appear on television and be asked "What is the best thing about your cell-group ?" What would your answer be ?
35. If you could change your name, what would your name be, and why ?
36. How do you differ in parenthood, from your own parents ?
37. If your "room" had to gossip about you, what stories would it tell ?
38. Do your children have to obey you, even if you are wrong ? Discuss?
39. Which is easier, to give a compliment, or to receive one ?

40. Is there somebody whom you are fond of now, but were not fond of when you first met ?
41. If you should be at the Film-theatre and somebody would talk all the time while you are watching, what will your reaction be ?
42. If your best friend were to use the name of the Lord in vain, what would you do ?
43. Will you go out with somebody with a bad reputation?
44. If Jesus would visit your church in person, what do you think would HE think?
45. What interests you more, the past, present or future?
46. Will you ever lie about your age or weight ? (Ladies be careful before you answer ?)
47. Do you think God has a sense of humour ?
48. Who is easier to raise, a boy or a girl ?
49. What is the most risky thing you have ever done ?
50. If you could only keep "one" of all five senses, which one would it be ? Why ?
51. "Be careful whom you step on, on your way up, you might just need them on your way down". Discuss ?
52. Which of the following is the greater sin ?
. To cheat in the exam **or** a. Parent that makes a long distance call on company's expense ?
53. Should we pay our television licenses ?
54. If you could ask God a question which He will answer immediately, what would that question be ?
55. If you could go back in time, or go to the future, to which era would you go ? Why?
56. What is the biggest thing that God has done for you in recent times?
57. If somebody would gossip about you, would you gossip about them too?
58. If you could write a book, what would the title be ?
59. If were to get a chance to address the whole world, what would your message be ?
60. The difference between men and boys, is the size of their toys , and the difference between women and girls, is the cost of their pearls . Discuss ?

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