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GENERAL VIGIL

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Topic: VICTORY IN TIMES OF CHALLENGES.

There are some keys we need to know and to have if actually we want to have victory in a time like this in Nigeria.

Know that the word of God is not just instruction or command but it is power, authority and life.

Keys to have victory in hard and tough times.

1. Look up to Jesus.

Psalm 34:1-10, Hebrews 12:2.

When you look unto Him, He will empower you. STORY OF THE WORLDLY POWERFUL ONES....

What does it mean to look?

- It means to direct your focus on someone or something.
- To direct your focus against every other thing to a particular thing or someone.
- It means to rely on someone or something.

The Bible is telling you and I to depend totally on Christ Jesus even if you don't see Him or understand Him.

This is the recommendation for Christians in the time of troubles/challenges.

Number 21:4-9. This is a practical example of how to look up to Jesus for deliverance in time of trouble.

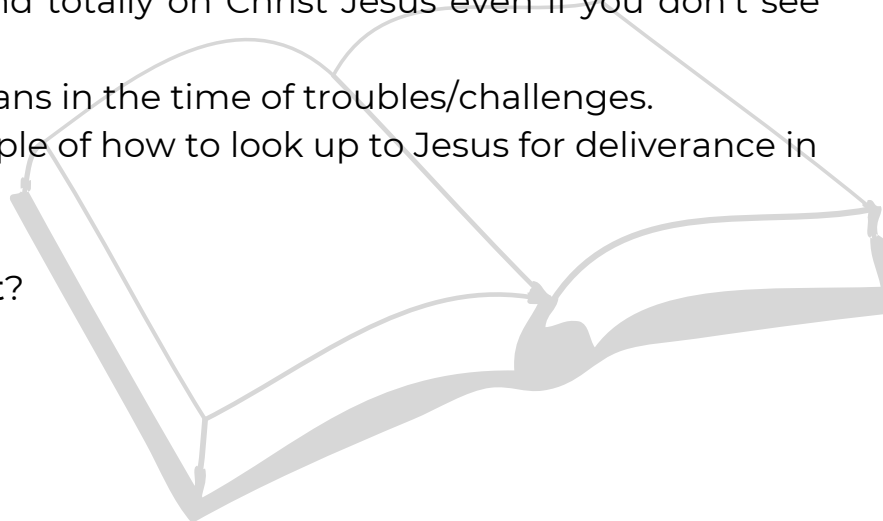
Psalm 123:1-4

Why should we look up to Jesus Christ?

- 1. Psalm 127:1-2
- Romans 9:16
- Psalm 62:11
- Psalm 20:7
- Psalm 113:4-9

Listen, in the journey of faith there are times you feel offended by God. Matt 11:1-6.

Another example is when Joseph went to prison for keeping his integrity in the God of his father.





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Listen brethren there are a lot pain can do. I remember in my former church one of our Sunday school teachers whom her mother died and myself, Sunday school coordinator and the assembly Pastor went to pay them a visit. The lady said “sebi won ni Olorun ngbo adura l’oke iyanu ni, kilode ti o gbo adura awon lori iya won ko ma ku”. Pastor quickly cautioned her to not say anything blasphemous.

That is what pains can do.

Prayer: O God, in my pains help me to look up to you and give me a relief in Jesus’ name.

There is another story of a worker in the church that bought a new car and brought it to church for prayer and anointing for safety and the car got burnt to ashes after two months and the man said “but you people or the Bible says God is the rewarder of those who serve Him diligently, is this the reward he deserves from God?”.

If it is not yet like you are offended by God, it is either you are still a baby or you are not growing.

I remember the year one of the ministry, about 5 young men who have decided to go with me saw fire from the church council of my former church and they ran back to the church. It was as if I was totally empty in life.

What about the storm of covid-19 that swallowed up some people and some survived when they looked up to Jesus and they picked up again be it in business, organization, institution, church, e.t.c.





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2. Commit to Prayer in the midst of Afflictions and Trouble/Challenges. James 5:13, 1 Thess 5:17.

When you are confused, you don't know what to do or pray.

It does not take any certificate to pray, it only takes passion and hunger.

At times, you may not know what to pray about. You can cry and shed tears in prayer or sing songs, even use a manual of prayer points.

3. Meditate upon and Speak the word over the situation. Joel 3:10.

No matter how weak you may be in the Lord, you must be able to speak the word even if you don't have strength to pray.

Isaiah 3:10. The bible is saying no matter what happens, as the righteousness of God always declare that it shall be well with you.

I was teaching those who attended morning dew that to be more positive for God's blessings, they must speak positive words.

By speaking, you can come out of debts and lack.

By speaking God created, by speaking God blessed His people, God restores by speaking, God lifts by speaking.

Psalms 107:2-3. Speak positively even with the situation on ground.

4. Seek Comfort, Prayer and help from Friends and Family of believers. Acts 4:21-25.

When you are in distress or trouble as Christians let the company of believers pray with us.

It is in this generation of Christians that it is not happening.

When I was young, there were days when my father would not go to market to sell his goods just because one of the church members has issue and some other members especially in the group or department will forgo their businesses and come for prayers until that problem is solved.

1 Thess 5:25. Apostle Paul the greatest among the apostles is the one talking that the brethren should pray for them.

That is to tell you that we need corporate prayers to solve some problems because there are times we would be weak and not able to pray but the brethren can gather together to pray with us.



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Phillipans 1:19. Apostle Paul speaking, telling the church in Phillipi that his deliverance from the prison is sure through their prayers.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

- Living an isolated Christian life will not profit you in the day of adversity.
- Listen brethren, having family of believers who will love and care for you will require you sowing seed of love and sowing seed of help to believers too. Those investments are made for the day you will need the assistance of the brethren.
- Attendance does not mean you have a spiritual family, have you registered your impact to the body of Christ by registering your care, love, kindness. Who knows that you are in the group? Who have been a beneficiary of your love and kindness?
- There are believers who go through pains and they go through it alone because they have not made any spiritual commitment enough to show any track records of service, of giving, of prayers.

Listen to this story: a man having rendering his service unto the Lord whole heartedly in love, offering and other areas in the body of Christ and things changed suddenly. One day he came to church and he was unable to pay offering with joy and after service, another man called him and asked for what happened, that was when he narrated his story that his rent is overdue because his business was not like before and the man gave him the address of his office to come on Monday.

He was thinking that the man will give him the rent because he asked him how much and he said 5million Naira. To his greatest surprise instead of the house rent, the man brought out a bunch of keys and gave to him, that was how the man became a landlord. He told him that he has been watching him in all his services in the body of Christ that he has been doing wonderfully well.

Prayer: O Lord, compensate me for the impact I have been making in the body of Christ.



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Some of us when you hear that someone is sick, it does not concern you. Someone is in trouble or one challenge or the other and you are less concerned provided it does not affect you personally, that is why you bear pains alone in the body of Christ.

Prayer: I receive Grace to have impact in the body of Christ.

There was a woman in the Bible when death wanted to claim her life untimely, people came around her and said no it must not happen because of her impact in their lives.

Galatians 6:10, read it.

Listen, if your absence in church is not missed, it means your presence is not contributing much.

The body of Christ will rise up to the needs of those who are contributors in one way or the other to the needs or others.

There are four kinds of helpers:

- Divine connector: these people don't have solution to your problem but they know who has solution, the only thing they can do is connect you. Example, Naaman's housemaid connected him to Elisha. Prayer.
- Men of influence: these men have influence and as they talk on your behalf, things change for the best. Somebody's phone call can give you all you need to fulfill destiny in your life. Prayer.
- Gifted men: especially the business men. Even in the ministry a gifted person can bring glory of God into our visions. Prayer.
- Burden bearers: those people are not after your level or your title but they are after you as a person. They are ready to carry your burden for you no matter how heavy it may be.

Burden bearer will see your nakedness and cover it and cry with you for the shame and reproach. They will never allow you to go back as far they are alive.

5. Engage the prophetic. Hosea 12:13.

I am not saying you should be looking for prophets here and there. Thank God I have told you that the Holy Bible is all about prophecy and fulfillment.

Your pastor or minister in charge of your church is your prophet.

When your pastor says he prophecy into your life when you claim it, it comes to pass if our faith can take it.



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Do not joke with the prophetic utterances of any true man of God.
May God help you to know and understand how prophetics work.

