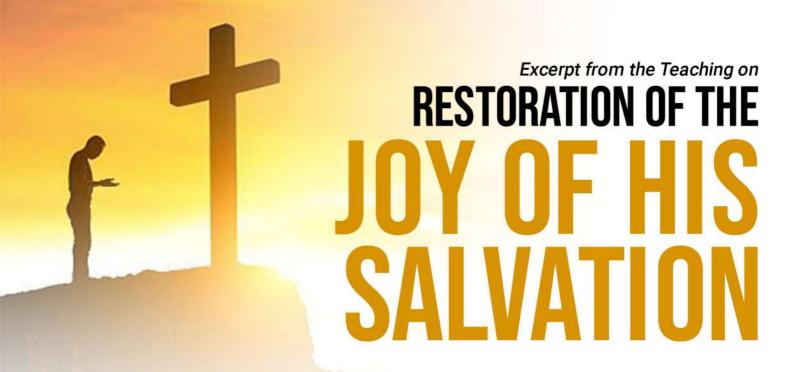


### NEWSLETTER

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I think it'll be good to start my text reading from Isaiah 61. Prophet Isaiah speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ, this was quoted also in Luke chapter 4. It says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

I welcome you all to November. I will focus my teaching on the joy of the Lord but I want to do a reverse teaching. A born-again Christian or a believer in Christ was once a sinner; we were all saved by grace and not by works or by our Good Deeds. We were once sinners before we became born again, not by our works but by God's grace. This message is going to be aimed at those who aren't aware of the purpose the Lord Jesus had to die for our sins.

Let's first look at the concept of salvation.

There's a TV program I like. I can't remember the title. In the program, you'll see people go to the scrap yard to take a car that has been at the yard for such a long time. They take this old car which is completely rusted out of the yard and through a process where the car will be salvaged and restored to its original look when it was first made. The end product is always such a beautiful sight.

This TV program usually reminds me of Salvation. It is from salvation we get the word Salvage. We were all rusted and dead through sin and God came to salvage us. The Lord Jesus Christ died For All Mankind to remove us completely from religion and to bring us into fellowship and relationship with our God and Father for us to become sons and daughters and not slaves to religion.

What the Lord Jesus Christ did when he came to earth was the Hallmark of his ministry and that is the ministry that we also carry on to fulfill on behalf of Christ. That ministry is the gospel. The gospel means the good news. When we talk about the gospel we simply mean the good news, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. That means Jesus Christ Our Lord is the central point.

So, what is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? It is the good news about Jesus Christ and what he had accomplished on the cross for all of us. In John 1:29, John the Baptist said about him, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The essence of the Gospel is that the people who aren't aware of this truth can be informed about it so that they can accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and come into the fold.

In Romans 3:23 we see the penalty and punishment of sin but Christ dies to deliver us all from it. No one is exempted. But we must accept what he has done, that's where the danger is. It is in not accepting the righteousness of God in and through Christ Jesus.

As a result of the fall something happened to us, we fell short of the glory of God. To fall short means to drop from a height, to die, to decay. The process of death came into the scene and began to ravish all mankind. Man dropped from the height that he was with God, he dropped below God's glory.

When man sinned the first thing God the Father did was to remove him out of his presence, out of the enclosure that God put man, called Eden. God banished him from his presence so the glory departed and man dropped from the height that he was with God.

The kingdom of God is governed by laws. The system that God set in place is governed by laws. The word of God is what upholds everything. The foundation of everything that we have and see is based on the word of God. Because God spoke everything into being, I assure you that everything will begin to fall if you remove God's word.

There's no Kingdom that can ever exist without laws. God gave boundaries to everything he created. The boundary to us through his laws. The law is there in order to point us to sin and to guide us back to Christ.

Moses wasn't there during the days of Adam and Eve nor had the commandment been given but God's law was still in existence as a boundary for man that is why when they sinned, they were instantly judged. Christ's death is to pay the penalty of sins and to remove us from its punishment but even as it is, we man we can still by the act of our will return to sin, hence, bringing ourselves under the law of sin and death which God has already removed us from through Christ Jesus.

We transgress God's law when we cross his set boundaries

### Importance of the Law

- The law helps us to know where we've gone wrong and then direct us back to Christ
- Without the law, there will not be knowledge of sin and there will not be any need for repentance. Romans 3:9-12. Romans 5:18-19

In Romans 5:18 we see that since man could not stand due to the fallen state, through Christ Jesus, we have been made righteous. The sins of Adam was able to affect all mankind because he produced offspring in his fallen state but Christ righteousness brought justification and life for all men.

Justification simply means that a person who has accepted Jesus Christ is released completely from eternal judgment or punishment or condemnation to divine pardon through the finish work of Jesus Christ on the cross. This is the focus of the good news of the gospel

The 'Joy of Salvation' means we have been acquitted and declared not guilty of that crime because of the Lord Jesus Christ who made the full payment of the crime of sin. Romans 8:1. Colossians 1:19-22

### How to enjoy the joy of his salvation

- We must continue in our faith. Colossians 1:23
- We must bear fruit of righteousness. John 15:8



### Stages of growth every believer must go through

- 1.Baby stage. 1 Peter 2:1-2; a stage where you are being taken care of and fed by others
- 2.Little children. 1 John 2:1; a stage full of struggles of the lost of the flesh.
- 3.Children. 1 Corinthians 13:11. Galatians 4: 1-3; a stage of no control of the mouth due to lack of understanding and self-control.
- 4. Young men/women. 1 John 2: 14b; a stage of building stamina and letting the word of God abide
- 5.Sons. Romans 8:19; a stage for the revelation and manifestation as sons of God by yielding to the control of the Holy Spirit
- 6.Fathers. 1 John 2:13-14. 1 John 2:3; those who carry the heart of God, know his will his purpose and live for it. Those in the place of intimacy with God.
- 7.Elders. James 5:14; those with responsibilities, established by faith and understand the will of God. Elders are specialist in their craft. This is where God wants to raise us to so that he can send us out to go and conquer the kingdom of darkness in whichever area or sector we are in.
- 8. Judges. 1 Corinthians 6:2-4; people who make decrees and pass judgement on matters
- 9.Heirs of God or joint heirs with Christ. Romans 8:1-16; people who are partakers of Christ suffering that they may also be glorified with Christ

Majority of believers fall in the fourth stage, some are in stage one, some in stage two, and some in stage three. It's sad because I've seen believers who have been in church for 40 years and haven't grown past stage three.

There's

work to be done. Our focus should be to make sure we are growing in God. One of the major work of the Holy Spirit within us is to groom us and prepare us for these stages in life but in most cases, I realize that when people do not understand the process the Holy Spirit is taking them through, they tend to resist but when the understanding comes, we submit to him and allow him to take us through the process so we're not grieving him in the end.

I don't know what stage you are in but at least prepare yourself for growth. Let the Holy Spirit begin to grow us into all these stages.

Using the story of the woman in Luke 15:8-10 as a metaphor to explain the Restoration of the Joy of Salvation. The main person who rejoices over the salvation of souls is God. Salvation is made possible by God through his precious son, the Lord Jesus Christ who has now brought the restoration of joy of salvation back to the heart of the heavenly father.

Our focus must be where God's heart, souls. We must align ourselves to what makes the Father's heart rejoice. This means we must focus on soul-winning. We must evangelize, we must tell people about this good news. We must tell the unsaved what God has done for them through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God bless you all.



### MY TESTIMONY OF DEAD BONES RISING

"Steve, I'm afraid we won't be able to work with you if you don't meet our targets for this month." Then she hung up.

It all started in 2019. After experiencing personal tragedies and being in low-paying and unstable jobs for several years, I was made the head of a big logistics company in Kenya in January 2019. Reporting to directors, and heading several managers, I was in charge of revenue growth, cost management and maintaining high-quality standards while scaling the delivery operations of the company.

In Mid-March of 2019, our sales numbers were so low that judging from projections, we weren't going to meet our target for March. Hence the call from one of our directors. She wanted my plan to meet the sales target for March.

"We'll meet our target for this month!" I boldly responded. Truth was, I didn't what to do.

How the Holy Spirit led me, against all odds to achieve pace-setting heights, is the testimony I want to share with you today.

### **Ascending The Mount:**

That night, after the phone call, I prayed to God. I reminded Him that I was in the organization on His assignment. I prayed. I lamented. I waited. I was about to give up and retire to bed, when I heard this in my spirit:

"Speak to the four corners of the earth and call forth customers to you...!" What? I wondered, looking around. Was my mind playing tricks on me? The phrase echoed severally in my spirit.

While in processing mode, these words rang in my spirit: "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard..." Psalm 62:11

Like young Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:8-9, I perceived that God was giving me the blueprint of my solution. But what kind of solution is this? I had very serious doubts about the instruction. Like Mary asking Angel Gabriel in Luke 1:34, I asked: "...how shall these things be?" I didn't have a choice. It was do-or-die for me. The solution had been a year in the making...



### My Consciousness & Heart Posture Before The Manifestation:

God began working on me in 2018. In 2018, I spent a lot of time on God's word, daily night-time prayers and regular fasting sessions. Through those spiritual exercises, manifestation blockers like wrong belief systems, pride, and a focus on self were exposed, uprooted and flushed out by prayer.

Imagine peeling off an onion, layer after layer until you reach its core. That's how God peeled off my manifestation blockers. I hated what God was doing to me! It was painful, very slow and seemed unnecessary to me. But God had to have His way in me.

The result was that self was replaced with a focus on pleasing God and a desire to serve humanity. God aligned my convictions and belief systems with His Word. The impatience in me was replaced with patience and long-suffering. And that was just the beginning...

### Glorifying God While Taking "Small" Action Steps:

Back to my predicament at work. The following day, in obedience to the Holy Spirit, I said this prayer: "I call forth high-value customers from the North, South, West and the East corners of the earth to locate us today in the mighty name of Jesus Christ..."

I know it sounds silly in the natural. But I said that prayer every morning before I went to work. And I did it for months. I also began thanking God for a net-breaking experience. Before I even knew how God would make it happen.

In that season, the Holy Spirit gave me very specific instructions on how to lead my team and how to set new targets for them. Summarizing a long story that took months, we delivered the revenue targets for March 2019.

And the next 10 months shocked everyone:

- Monthly revenue grew by 25% above set targets;
- The revenue in 2019 became the highest the company had ever made in its 10-year history;
- Service delivery capacity increased by 400% while maintaining monthly customer satisfaction at over 95%;
- We bought and increased our fleet of trucks by 60%;
- We increased our industry-standard warehouses and godowns by 300%

Please don't get me wrong, it wasn't all about speaking to the air. Spiritual intelligence had its place. But paradigm shifts and hardwork from the team also played key roles.

I created an incremental growth plan but God showed up exponentially. I give all the Glory to God! What started as a call threatening to fire me ended with me meeting the directors to discuss my shareholding possibility in that company at the end of 2019!

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways..." Isaiah 55:8 became light and life to me. I appreciated God like never before:

"As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things."

Ecclesiastes 11:5 NIV

That experience sharpened my skills, upgraded my strategy execution expertise and catapulted me into consulting for Directors and CEOs.

I pray that this propels you to greater heights in Jesus name!



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