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Preface

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8.

The calling upon my life is to rise up an army for God. Biblical mysteries and revelations that God has given me through prayers and my personal time with God, I have been passing on to the people of this convocation and they have grown up spiritually in a remarkable way. I can see anointed people rising up for the word of God. The people who were running behind the world have turned around and started to work for the kingdom of God.

We have printed this book with much prayer and dedication to make you understand spiritual authority and power that you have over the darkness of this world and to reach your destiny that God has ordained for you.

When you read this book more prayerfully, God will grant you authority over the gates of hell. May the Lord impart you with power to overcome every other spirit in this world. I bless you all in this year of Spiritual Breakthrough.

Faith Vs Fear

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I thank God for all of you, who have the desire to grow, receive, change and edify.

The desire what God has put in us will surely grow. We will learn and build. As the Lord started to work in us, may it manifest in us and may we operate to the fullness and the purpose God has upon each one of us. May we arise as a church and be able to fulfil the destiny that is upon us in every aspect of our life.

We have already meditated about the Altar, the strengthening of our altar and how our altar connects to the supernatural. Our body is the altar! The only part of our body that connects to the supernatural is our tongue. We see so many verses in the Bible about the fruits of our lips and praising God through our lips, which is a sacrifice.

Here let's see how we as a "personality" can connect to God in the supernatural. God is a spirit and we cannot connect to God in the physical.

A man whose spirit is not quickened or regenerated cannot connect to God. We should be born again to connect to God.

Born again doesn't mean a physical rebirth; it's a spiritual transformation. Being born again is an act of God whereby eternal life is imparted to the person who believes. Being "born again" also carries the truth of "becoming children of God" through trust in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are a spirit, living with a soul in a body.

The spirit that is given from God is untouchable, incorruptible, pre-destined and it is wholesome. If we are spiritually smart and active, we will connect and receive from the spirit of God, and we will live in the fullness. If we are ignorant, not connected to the spirit of God, we will have the spirit in us living lifelong but we may die without fulfilling the calling that is given in our spirit.

The spirit within us has a lot of potential prosperity, victory, authority and power!

We ourselves cannot connect and receive from the spirit of God. If our spirit is not connected to the spirit of God, our spirit will be like a battery without charge, untouched, unused and it will go off. We may die as a failure.

That is why many Christians though they are called, for greater things, though they have the prophecies spoken over them, though they know they are called to do something, because of the truth they do not know to connect to the spirit of God, they do not have the understanding to operate in the spiritual. They try to live in the flesh or in the soulish self-righteous attitude and live a very ordinary normal life, far beyond their calling that God has kept upon their life. When they die, they might understand what they have missed, because they did not care for the spiritual.

I thank God for he has opened our eyes. We may not have reached our destiny, but at least we are on track, we are on the move. As long as we walk in the right direction, all we have to do is **KEEP WALKING**. As a church, we are desiring, walking and moving in the right direction. Soon

we will start operating in the fullness, God has called us to do and surely, we will live as a testimony to God! Amen!!

Now let's deal with the soul. The soul is what we are. Our personality is the soul. The soul is the seat of emotions, the soul is the battlefield. The evil spirits try to show unnecessary things in our soul. The evil spirits have access to the soul (mind) and our body but it cannot touch our spirit. So they try to show the fiery darts of the evil and try to attack us.

The evil spirits attack our soul, it creates a situation wherein, the soul loses the strength and becomes vulnerable to the attacks of the devil. As long as we are strong in the soul, we are immune to the attacks of the devil. That is why we need to continuously safeguard our soul in every circumstance. We need to safeguard our soul with all diligence, coz if our soul becomes vulnerable, we will fall. As long as the soul is safe, the devil cannot touch us!

So, now talking about the soul, it is the place of existence of oneself. We are flesh. If we take flesh part away from us, what are we? We are a bundle of emotions. There is physical pain and emotional pain. Physical pain will heal quickly, but emotional pain will take a long time to heal. We have physical desires and emotional desires, so we are flesh with emotions. Flesh and emotions put together is a person. If there is emotional detachment, you will have to meet the psychiatrist and if the body is bothered then you will have to meet a physician.

The feelings will not exactly describe the soul, but for understanding, we can describe it like that. The soul is deeper than emotions. There are emotions in our heart and our soul. We can name the emotions like love, joy, peace, faith, fear, anxiety, depression and irritation. We can separate emotions into two; the emotions that come from God and the emotions that the evil spirit brings. Emotions from God are love, joy, peace and faith.

The spirit of Jesus has a trait. It carries love, joy, peace, and faith. Emotions from the evil spirit are anger, irritation, depression and many other negative emotions. All these emotions are spiritual. Which spirit you choose to operate on, those emotions you will portray. If you are connected to the Spirit of Jesus, you will carry emotions of kindness, love, joy, peace and

faith. Similarly, if you allow an evil spirit to dominate you, you will be oppressed by the emotion of fear, anger, self-pity, depression and similar emotions.

Faith and fear are the two emotions we are going to meditate about. Though there are many emotions, all positive emotions can be covered under Faith and other emotions from the evil spirit can be covered under fear. Anger, self-pity, depression are the by-products of fear. Love, Joy and Peace are the by-products of faith. Basically Faith and Fear are the two emotions that control everything.

In the Tamil Bible almost 365 times the word “□□□□□□□□□□” (Fear not) is used. In the English Bible, though we use different words for fear, almost 365 times, the phrase appears as “Do not fear” or “Fear not”. Wherever Jesus dealt with the people in the New Testament, he always addressed their fear and faith. When we read about the miracles Jesus did, whenever he intervened in the physical realm, into the sickness, death, pain, wind, he spoke to those people in terms of fear and faith.

When Peter walked on water and began to drown, Jesus held his hand and said, “Do not fear”. When disciples in the boat were frightened, Jesus asked why did you fear, where is your faith? When the woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus he said, “Your faith has healed you”.

Jairus, head of a synagogue temple, went to Jesus asking to heal his daughter. When Jesus went there people were crying. And Jesus said,” Do not fear, have faith. When the blind Bartimaeus shouted Jesus save me and heal me, Jesus commented on his faith. It was the same with the Canaanite woman. Jesus commented on her faith.

We can just keep counting when Jesus dealt with the fear of people. He rebuked the fear and spoke about faith. It is the soul we are dealing with now.

Jesus, at every point of a miracle, comments on the faith of people. The soulish emotion is very important to connect to the supernatural. That is why all through the Bible it is said, “Fear not”. Fear is the absence of God,

it is not from God. The moment you allow fear, like the smoke brewed inside of you, your soul is covered by demonic emotions.

Now the question is, how do you flush fear? Fear and faith are like darkness and light or cold and hot. Both emotions are two extremes. Jesus clearly said the ruler of the world is coming; he did not cover up the very truth that the domain of devil rules over the earth. Since the devil is ruling, by default the world is dark and fearful.

How do you explain darkness? Darkness is the absence of light. When there is no light, it is full of darkness. You just have to create the light and the darkness goes away. You don't have to fight the darkness. When the intensity of light reduces, the intensity of darkness will increase. You can create light but you cannot create darkness. What is cold? Cold is the absence of heat. The same way fear is the absence of faith.

Fear is the absence of Faith.

How do you shun fear? Do not fight fear. Some psychologists say you have to overcome fear; you have to fight the fear. But actually, you should not fight the fear. Fear is spiritual. It is beyond any psychological treatment. Riding the bike, talking about the snake, walking over a bridge, are not fear at all. I talk about the fear of darkness that people live all throughout their lives. Some kind of fear is needed for existence. Fear of riding a bike is necessary else you will fall. It is ok to be scared about snakes else you will get bitten. Here we are dealing with the fear that is existing inside of you, in the sub-conscious mind.

All the time we read things in terms of fear and failure. By default, we operate in the operating system of fear, failure, and defeat. That is what I'm talking about; it is beyond any psychological treatment. That kind of fear is spiritual. By default, you act with a picture of fear, death and defeat all the time.

Unless we consciously regenerate our mind, we tend to live in fear. Even born again Christians until they understand and regenerate their mind, they may operate in fear. You may say I'm saving for my rainy day; you may

have got a car that has airbags because of fear of accidents. Many of us are all the time fear-driven.

Fear may drive us in terms of failure, negativity and death. By default, all the time you may be operating in a higher degree of irritation because of the fear factor. Without the fear factor, one will operate in a very cool state. Some people all the time operate in fear. Their mind is filled with thoughts that they may fall and die, any time they might meet with an accident, any time their child may fall in a swimming pool and die! So all the time they operate in fear. This is a spiritual attack!

Like darkness is ready to cover the earth all the time, fear is ready to cover people because this world is covered by demonic spirits. We children of God are connected to the spirit of Jesus. Out of our spirit, body and soul; the spirit is regenerated as we believe Jesus.

Now the Bible says you have to renew your mind and soul. Your body is bound to die! It does not go to hell, it goes to dust. It came from the earth, it goes to the earth. Soul has to be renewed every day.

Even if you bring the biggest light source, the moment the source is removed, darkness creeps in. You might get the biggest revelation. The moment your soul is attacked by the circumstances immediately fear comes in.

When Peter saw Jesus walking on water, he said, "Let me come". The word that came from Jesus was such a powerful "Rhema" word. The word came to his soul and he was able to walk on water. He was able to walk in the miracle. As long as his soul had the word "come", he was exhibiting a miracle in every step. The word made him walk on water.

But now the devil knows how to deal with us. The evil spirit cannot touch us, it cannot take the word out, but it surely can do something. It can blow the wind and the wave. When you see the wind and the wave and allow fear to come inside of your soul, your soul is not refreshed. Peter's soul was not refreshed every moment. He looked at Jesus. He was walking in the miracle. When his eyes saw the wind and the wave, he allowed fear inside. Thus miracle ceased to exist! The moment fear came in, though the miracle was

triggered by Jesus himself, the moment his mind diverted to see the wind and the waves, immediately his soul was filled with fear and he drowned. That is the answer to everything! Jesus is directly pointing it out. It was his fear! Fear is not from God, it's from the devil.

It's your fear that ceases your miracle!

Generally, you might think that I'm not walking on water, I will not fear like that. I'm not talking about the fear of water or heights but the operating system that is operating in your mind. The general operating system has to be renewed and refreshed. You need to refresh your mind with the word of God.

As long as the word of God is there in your heart, your mind is being refreshed by faith. Our faith should be renewed every moment of the day so that other things cannot get inside. That's what we see in the Bible, the word of God is like milk, as a child desires for it, we should desire for it.

David says the word of God is a lamp unto my feet. It is tastier than the honey. It means you munch on it, you dwell on it and you live on it. Even when the boat is shaking, the wind is blowing you should focus on only one thing, the sense of the spirit, not the senses of the body. As long as you focus on the word of God your mind gets regenerated. As long as you focus on the word "come" you are walking in the miracle. When you lose your focus and look here and there you will allow fear to creep in. The moment fear creeps in, faith is lost automatically.

God does not respond to self-pity. He does not respond to fear, he does not respond to cry but he responds to faith! He doesn't respond to weakness but responds to strength.

Confess:

God responds to faith. God responds to strength.

When I say God, I'm not talking about Jesus in the physical realm; I am talking about Jesus in the spiritual realm. You cannot see God today, the way you saw Jesus when he was on earth. That time Jesus was in the flesh, with soul and emotions. He also wept. Today you cannot expect Jesus to

weep. That time Jesus was like you and me; flesh, blood and soul. Jesus reacted to the pity, pain and suffering and he wept. You see him tender and soft and doing things. Of course, that is how he showed himself. He showed himself as a poor man born in a stable, in a carpenter's house and a very ordinary working-class life. He was rebuked, ridiculed by people. But he kept quiet, forgave them, he held on to everything, he responded to the pain and tears of the people. That is how we know Jesus.

But today we cannot see God the same way we saw Jesus in the Bible and sentimentally blackmail him. When you were a child, you must have blackmailed your parents, then you tried to blackmail your spouse and now you are trying to blackmail God. It doesn't work that way.

Confess:

Sentiments won't work.

Emotional blackmails won't work with God. Else whoever crying and praying would have become more victorious now. If you lock your room and cry and pray, ask God what I shall do now, God will say, **you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.**

God said," **My people perish because of lack of knowledge**". Hosea 4:6

Confess:

It doesn't work.

The church should get out of the sentimental blackmail of God. Today God is a spirit. There are rules of engagement in the spiritual realm for the spirit. The Holy Spirit is there to guide you, teach you in all the truth. He is not there to let you fall in his lap and cry. He does not respond to crying, weakness and self-pity. God means spirit. He is a spirit. If you want to connect to the spirit, understand the rules, understand the rules of engagement and engage accordingly, you will see it.

We have heard Ignorance is bliss, but it will kill you. You cannot go in the one way traffic and say," I do not know these things." Then you are dead. You will not get another chance of life. Ignorance is not bliss. You cannot blame that nobody taught you these things. The Christian church always

lives in a self-pity attitude. All over the world we are punched and killed. We need to take authority and stand against it.

Bible talks about walking in authority, talking in authority! The violent take it by force.

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force” (Matthew 11:12, NKJV).

You cannot say “I do not know everything Lord, do something Lord,” God says, “seek the truth and seek knowledge”. What wisdom and knowledge does the Bible talk about? Is it super science or rocket science? It is talking about the wisdom of the spiritual world. We read in Proverbs, seek wisdom, seek knowledge, sell everything and buy knowledge, day and night run after it, treasure knowledge.

Why does God talk about knowledge? He is all-powerful, why doesn't he intervene and save them. God says, “My people die because they don't know”. He says my people die because of lack of knowledge. Is it sounding like Jesus? Is it sounding like the God that you know?

I am in this ministry for the past 20 years. When something happens in your life it hurts me, why is that? Many times when I pray for others asking God, “Why is that problem in their life? I stand before God for hours, that affected my health, my personal life, hurts my family life, in spite of that I put my life to ask God, seek and seek and graciously God has taught me certain things.

When you know the truth, the truth shall set you free! That is how the spiritual world works. Seek knowledge. Seek wisdom. Take authority.

There was this person whose son was troubled by an evil spirit. The disciples were doing few miracles those days but they were not able to deal with this guy. So the man brought his son to Jesus. Jesus said to his disciples, “How long will I be with you? If I am here I will be there for you. But I am not here for so long, so you have to understand and deal in the spirit.”

We spend so much time in learning aerodynamics, robotics, IT, etc, but we do not care about spirituality.

In Luke 12:13-21, a listener in the crowd surrounding Jesus asks Him to instruct his brother to divide the inheritance due to him equitably. Jesus declines, saying that life should not be based on having many possessions. He uses this occasion to teach His disciples that a godly life is more important than material things. To explain this, He tells a parable about a rich man who builds larger and larger barns to store all his crops and goods.

Since he had everything he could possibly want or need, the rich man's focus was on living an easy life. God's response is that the man was foolish because, when he died later that night, his goods would do nothing for him. Someone else would inherit and enjoy them. A person whose life is caught up in what he owns is not rich toward God.

The Bible says you are not thinking about your soul. You are so much worried about money, but today if you die, do you have the knowledge, where will you go? You have spent time, money and energy to gain world wisdom and you have gained a lot of it. Good for you. But tonight if you die, do you have the knowledge of what will happen to your soul? Do you spend time and money to learn about it?

You think it is not necessary and say, "The world is revolving faster, everything is moving fast, so I have to keep up with the evolution, let's think about it later". I'm not talking about heathens; I'm talking about the church of God.

Jesus says, "even if you gain everything and forfeit your soul what will make of you?" We take that verse for evangelism. If you don't accept Jesus, you forfeit your soul. But Jesus did not speak in those terms. He did not say if you do not follow me instead, he said if you don't think about your soul and if you are not seeking wisdom what will become of your soul?

So here the Lord is trying to teach us about fear and faith. Jesus deals with faith and fear very often. If there is fear, it means there is lack of light, so we have to switch on the light.

Confess:

Switch on the light.

How do you switch on the light? Connect to the power source. Bible says, "**Faith comes by hearing and by hearing the word of God**". Faith grows by praying in the Holy Ghost.

Listen to the word of God again and again. Listen and pray in tongues all the time. Keep renewing your mind. Continually praising God with your lips is very important.

Let's now have a look at Saul, the first king of Israel and the Israelites.

The Israelite people did not have an army. They did not know the art of war. They did not have the weapons for war. Philistines knew warfare, so they assembled to fight with 3000 chariots. Each chariot had 2 charioteers and soldiers as numerous as sand at the seashore. They went up and camped against Israelite people. Saul was just an anointed king, not knowing the art of warfare, not organized, like a nomadic tribe. We read about this in I Samuel 13:5.

The Philistines were so advanced, they had numerous men. The king and his son had one sword each. Saul and Jonathan were acting on faith. Fear and faith are spiritual.

Jonathan the son of King Saul believed in God more than his father.

Now it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armour, "Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father. 1 Samuel 14:1

Jonathan did not tell his father, because his father was a man of experience and fear. Don't answer the phone call of your parents or spouse if you know that it will bring fear. They might call with such a lot of agitation and irritation and when they speak with such emotions, you might get burdened. You can strengthen yourself in prayer for an hour and then call back so you will not get affected.

Jonathan said to his young armour-bearer, why is it saying **young** again and again? Why not his experienced armour bearer? Experience brings maturity. The young calf will not know fear. They will try to do anything. Experience comes from full of defeat and failure that is called maturity. We need not know fear.

Confess:

I need not know fear.

Be young and immature in the heart. Maturity is a process of aligning all those experiences of defeat, operating in a defeated operating system based on fear. So this **young** word is interesting here.

1 Samuel 14: 6

Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armour, “Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few.”

It describes the strength in the heart of Jonathan. Jonathan did not have any fear. Is it sensible? Is it logically right to go against innumerable people with just a sword and a young boy who got a sword?

Quantity doesn't count. Quality counts.

1 Samuel 14: 8-10

8 Then Jonathan said, “Very well, let us cross over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them. 9 If they say thus to us, ‘Wait until we come to you,’ then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them. 10 But if they say thus, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up. For the Lord has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us.”

What is the strategy of war? Now we are hiding, let us go and show ourselves. Let them see us.

Confess:

Let them see us. Enough hiding Church.

Hiding is a fear-driven attitude. If Philistines look at armour bearer and Jonathan and if they say, wait we are coming here, we will stay where we are. We will not go to them. If they say “come up to us”, then we will climb the hill, which is the sign that God has given them into our hands.

Either way, one sword was enough for Jonathan, and said, “I’m going to kill all of them”. If they say come, we will go kill them. If they say wait, let them come and die. Jonathan had only one sword but a lot of faith.

Fear is the absence of faith. Darkness is the absence of Light. We build our altar, we do our sacrifice. God does not respond to our weakness, self-pity. God does not respond to sentimental emotions, he responds to faith, **it is your faith, that overcomes the world**, not your crying, not your sentiment, not your self-pity. Now get out of the rat-hole, show yourself to this society with authority and faith.

I might be the voice in the wilderness like John, talking to a few hundred people, but sure we will reach there. I may not be counted, but surely God has a purpose in our lives and we will reach there. We will overcome the world by faith!

Meditate on **Hebrew 11**

By Faith We Understand

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

3 By faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Faith at the Dawn of History

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to

please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with Godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Faithful Abraham

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude - innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

The Heavenly Hope

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

The Faith of the Patriarchs

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

The Faith of Moses

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command.

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

By Faith They Overcame

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to fight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mocking's and scourging's, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, and were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 and all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Whatever written in the above chapter will come to pass in the lives of the disciples of Jesus. That is what we call ecclesia, the Church.

Keep Walking in Faith

There are two kinds of faith, faith for sustenance and faith to go to the next level. Christian families live in the attitude of sustaining faith. They have one aim in life; to study, score good marks, complete a degree, get a secure job and sustain.

The Christian community, in general, are working class people. Not many people are business people. Christians usually think that they are minority, so business stuff is not for them. They have the mind set of my house, my family, my parents, my children and live in a small circle and live within their self. They go to church and just pray for their needs. They don't want to think beyond. They don't identify and realise what God has put in their spirit.

We have to go into the world. All that God has to give is faith, for the next level. No more sustaining faith. It has to be a continuous progress. Unless we believe God, God cannot take us to the next level from where we are today.

We have to start operating on faith. Faith for greater authority, big, mighty and explosive things. We need to start desiring greater things. In my calling in what God has given me, I'm looking for greater and mighty things. In your career, in your field of interest, ask God to give you explosive faith. Believe that you will explode, you will jump higher. Just don't focus on the next level where you just get a minimal increment in your job.

We need to ask God for faith, to jump out of the boat and walk on water. We should have faith as we look at the wind and the wave, be calm and to take a step forward.

A leap of faith, a jump of faith is what we need. Isaac sowed during famine and reaped hundredfold. Noah never heard of rain until God told him to build an ark. There was no rain in this world before the time of Noah. We see that he built an ark obeying God. It's an altogether different level.

We need to see and focus because our destiny is designed to do great and mighty things. Unless and until we start believing it, we will not operate on that. We need to identify what God has given us in our spirit, identify our talents, abilities and capabilities.

Identify the strength that God has kept in you and start operating on it.

Let us at least start to day dream. You might say, if I had this zeal before 10 years, I could have achieved, now everything is settled, got married, have family, what do I do pastor? I want you to dream. I'm not asking you to do anything else.

Confess:

I will start imagining.

Let us do something more than what we are doing right now. There is much more than what I am doing right now, when you are sleeping you can have the Eureka moment. You can have a dream, you can have a revelation. You start making big things out of nothing. We have a lot of testimonies where people take a step of faith and receive. So jump.

Confess:

Jump to the next level.

Jesus says, you are a sign witness. Sign witness is a kind of landmark. In the book, of Luke 5 :3-10, we read

3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at your word I will let down the

net.” 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it; he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.”

Here is an illustration from the Bible where we see how Peter received the word from Jesus and acted on it. One night Peter and few disciples went out and got into the boat to catch fish, but that night they caught nothing. Jesus said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Confess:

Just cast the net. It will fill.

The Bible says, the net was full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. You see the leap of quality and quantity. The change in the atmosphere! Your word! Because the word came he cast the net, the word came he walked. The Rhema word, the spoken word brought a change in that circumstance.

Let’s talk about the faith of the Centurion and the Canaanite woman.

A centurion came to Jesus, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

The centurion was operating on a different level!

When Jesus heard this he was amazed and said, "I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith". Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

A Canaanite woman came to Jesus, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word.

So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

We see Jesus commenting on the faith of the Canaanite woman. Small faith like a mustard seed is enough.

The woman with the issue of blood was bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. We see in the Bible that Jesus comments on her faith.

We see different kinds of faith here. We can operate in any way. All that matters is our faith.

Confess:

I will not be where I am.

The blind Bartimaeus, could not get up and walk, because he was blind. He was not able to go into the crowd. All that he could do was, shout to Jesus. What is common here, a desire to change, to rise above.

You must not settle down. You must desire to take a step forward in faith. Whatever is possible with your hands, do it with all your heart.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector of the city Jericho and learned that Jesus the prophet was passing through the city. Since Zacchaeus was "short in stature," he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up into a sycamore tree to have a better view of Jesus. That is what drew the spirit of God to him. Though things are not told about him, what he wanted God asked him very clearly. Zacchaeus told Jesus that he would give half of his goods to the poor. He said so because he desired for a change. We shouldn't operate in fear but operate in faith.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

We need to understand that our body does not describe us. Our body might be described with the age, height, weight, talents, physical problems, diseases, debts and failures. We are living inside this body and it is no longer we live, Christ is living in us.

Confess:

What my body does, it doesn't count because it's no longer me who is living in this body. It is Christ who is living in me.

Our body is not going to eternity. This body will die and go to the mud. Only you live in the body. You are the spirit sent in your body. What is in you is the personality. You are vibrant, joyous, energetic, smiling and a jumpy personality. You have become more mellow and mature and weak, because of the failures of the body. Your body got married. What is marriage? Two bodies living together is marriage. This body taking care of the other bodies is more stressful. We live with Christ. What is in us should manifest!

We are living a life connected to the body. We are not living our lives. Start living your life, start living your dream. How you wanted to fly, how you wanted to do things, how you wanted to become a millionaire and what kind of car you wanted to drive. Ask your children. They will tell you. They have great plans. You scold them as immature children. They do not know the value of money because they do not live as a body, they live as themselves. When we grow we learn to live as a body. We become mature, beaten up trying to make money. It's no more the personality of you living but just the body living.

Paul says it's not me living but Christ living in me. Can you see the difference? That is what we mean living by the spirit. Start dreaming, start imagining and start building your dream world! May the Lord strengthen you to walk in faith and authority and may whatever put in your spirit manifest in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen!

Testimony:**Sister Malar (Malliga) Testimony:**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My name is Malar (Malliga), working as software professional. I belong to a staunch Hindu family where they worship idols, snakes and ancestors as gods. My parents' also worshiped one of my aunts who passed away in her young age. She was a fortune teller and she was possessed with the spirit of a serpent. The day I was born, my parents assumed that my aunt has reincarnated and dedicated myself to the late ancestor.

From my teenage I was encountering several problems physically, mentally as well as spiritually. I neither had a peaceful sleep nor had a stable mind due to which I could not concentrate on my studies. Overwhelming physical and mental struggles had dried up my spiritual life. Even at my workplace, faced too many rejections for no reason and felt obstacles in all the walks of my life. In such a drastic situation I started attending "Eternal Light AG Church" regularly and immediately sensed that all my life burdens slowly started to move away.

One day suddenly my nipples started bleeding. I was worried and went to the hospital for a check-up. The doctors just gave some medicines, did some tests but they couldn't diagnose the cause of bleeding. I personally met the Pastor and shared all my problems with him. Pastor counselled me and gave a prayer strategy that I could follow in my daily life like how to pray and when to pray. Instantly I obeyed and carefully started adopting his advice in my daily prayer life. The very first miracle that I received is the peaceful sleep. The second miracle is that the serpent spirit within me left immediately. The bleeding from my nipples stopped. Almost 4 months I was jobless and as Pastor exactly prophesied I got a new job 2 days after Easter. Further Pastor helped me to get saved and I was baptised. The biggest miracle is that, the day I got baptised my menstrual problem that I had for four months became normal. Now I am completely set free.

All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

Sister Valentina Augustin Testimony:

Worth the wait!

Last year, June month we came to ELAG for the first time.

It's been exactly one year now.

Here is the list of testimonies:

1. New job with 60% hike:

For a woman who is juggling between work and family, she has to be prepared for the unprepared circumstances. If you are a woman who has built your house on the foundation of Christ, then be assured for the tough tides to hit your house. Nevertheless, you remain firm and in turn pave way for God's glory. GLORY TO JESUS!!

Life was moving at God-given pace when we joined Eternal Light AG church in June 2018. I was moving along as an anointed woman of God until the day when I was to meet the most unexpected moment. I worked for 10 years at a reputed multinational company. That was the time when the appraisal approached; I was given a very excellent rating. This company I worked gave me a very comfortable and flexible atmosphere to work with and I have never had a thought of changing my job at all. But sometimes I used to think in my heart about the companies who give a lot of benefits that they completely work from home.

It was at this juncture I attended an interview for another company when they had seen my CV in a job portal. They had their India base in Chennai and Head office in US, so all my interviews were done through video calls and phone calls. Finally, In the last round, they asked me to relocate to Chennai as they don't have a branch at Bangalore. I confirmed that I can't relocate to Chennai and HR said she will come back to me with a distressed voice. I totally forgot about this interview, and I thought how could they hire me as I am not interested to relocate to Chennai and on the other hand, they don't have a branch at Bangalore also. I just left that matter.

That was the time our Pastor announced one-week fasting prayer at our church starting from July 23rd. On July 23rd despite being my son's birthday, I had taken leave from office and I attended the fasting prayer at our church. I was praying in spirit throughout the day at church. The evening I reached home and celebrated a simple birthday for my little one. Much to my dismay, when I checked my mail, I found the new organisation had sent an offer letter with 60% hike for a much good position, they also told me to completely operate from home as they don't have an office in Bangalore. I had forgotten the entire episode but the Mighty Lord did not forget me (Isaiah 49:15). The very moment I thought about fasting prayer much before attending it, Lord Almighty gave deliverance just like in the days of Daniel. After 10 years of struggle, Jesus has given me time to be with my little kids at home and do the job. Glory to God!!

I joined the new company. While I was thanking God for this immense grace, little did I know that I had to get ready for the fiery darts of the devil. Within a few days, I was informed by the management that I am fired as the two hirers (Vice Presidents) who hired me have left the concern and that they do not have any idea on where to fit me in. I was given two months of notice period. I messaged our Pastor for prayer and he assured me of his compassionate prayers for me. I didn't tell anyone about this matter. I just kept it inside my heart. Because I was very strong in my faith according to the verse "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

The situation did not make me sad; I carried on the same work as usual and slept peacefully that week. Halleluiah!! In fact, my husband's cousin wedding was to take place the very same week. I joyfully joined hands with my husband for the wedding that was to take place. The Lord kept me in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3) that week and the Mighty God never gave me a chance to lament or murmur. When I returned from my in-law's place, I received a mail from the same company asking me to join in, they reconsidered me as they didn't want to leave a good resource. I was

astounded for the testimonials the company gave about me and also for the projects I was to be locked. Truly, it is a threefold blessing as per the words “The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still (Exodus 14:14)” I must specify at this point that other candidates were fired subsequently for the same reason, but the management never bothered to get back to them. But the Lord in His mercy showered His blessings on me alone. He gave me the shield of faith and quenched the fiery darts of the devil (Ephesians 6:16).

I am currently working for this company for the past 7 months and completely working from home.

2. New Car:

Some people would be wondering, is buying a car difficult / what a point in telling this as a miracle? But it is.

We have been using a two-wheeler from 2012. We have planned and brought a car in 2013. Immediately the car met with multiple big accidents then and there...not 1 or 2.... we didn't even sit one time, on that car as a family. We spent lot of money in repairing the car. Then we just left that matter and we thought “Car is not for us”. After that, even though we have enough money, we were not able to buy a car. We didn't know that, it's a spiritual bondage which was stopping us to move from a 2 to 4-wheeler. We convinced ourselves that car is not mandatory, bike is ok. Shimi sister knows this story. She has been telling us that Pastor is praying for this matter and encouraged us. We started coming to the Bible study and evening prayer in our church regularly. I still remember, last year in that winter season we used to come in bike with our little son to the evening prayers. Without our knowledge, our bondage was broken and we were set free. Things changed. Recently we just went to a car show room one day and we were looking for cars. Without any fear, we brought a brand new 7-seater (🚗) big car in the month of March 2019. The Wednesday and Saturday prayer meeting plays keen role in anyone's life who comes regularly.

3. Spiritual growth in my husband's life

I came from a RC background. I am the only one got saved, baptised and anointed in my family. But my husband was born and brought up in a Pentecostal family. He was not active in the old churches which we attended. Just for name sake, he used to come and sit at the back. There will not be any involvement from his side towards the church. But after we came to ELAG, I can see the change in my husband during the worship and he says that he feels Gods presence and anointing during the service. Thank you, Lord! For leading us to the right place to worship God!

4. Husband's Career breakthrough

Be it handling the Sunday school, ushering or literature work, we started actively participating in the church activities. As per the written word in 1 Samuel 2:30, the Lord declares "for those who honour me I will honour them.... Very recently, I had requested Pastor to pray for my husband's office issues and financial breakthrough as he was facing, a lot of issues with his manager. Manager was very rude and created unnecessary pressure. Surprisingly he had received very good rating and 15% hike for this year. It is proven that if God opens the door for us, no one can shut that door".

Have faith.... Watch God fighting your battles while you STAND FIRM in THE LORD!! (That rock-solid, unyielding, stubborn faith). My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colourless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking and cheap living.

This church has stood as a backbone spiritually, and I would like to thank & honour Pastor Oswin who always labours in preaching and teaching on spiritual secrets and his revelations. With a grateful heart, I thank God for this awesome church. May He raise many testimonies like me and glorify His Mighty name. There are so many women who have left their career for the sake of kids and family. God chose the weaker vessels like us to shame the wise. It's time we rise for The Lord and burn brighter at places where darkness rules. The Lord delights to see us rising up like



Testimonials

Deborah, Esther, Jael and other women biblical warriors. Let's shake the dust and serve Him in whatever way we can.

The above-mentioned miracles have taken place from June 2018 to June 2019. Awaiting for much more 📖 Be blessed!!

Regards,

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About the Pastor

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He is an anointed preacher empowered to regenerate souls through his sermons. He was into part time ministry during his college days. Having graduated in Theology he is serving in full time ministry as a Pastor since 1999. Through his Spirit-filled preaching he has brought revival and restoration in the lives of many. Many in his meetings are touched and experience divine healing and deliverance as he powerfully ministers under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Through these years of ministry, the Lord has been using him in the areas of emotional and physical healing, deliverance from the bondage of evil spirits and witchcrafts.



His passion is to bring transformation in the lives of people and to lead them into complete deliverance and make them understand their authority in Christ. The Lord is using him to inspire youths and families to propel into their next level in God where they start using the authority that is on them as a child of God.

His passion for God's kingdom is evident in his preaching and it activates a brand new passion for the Lord in the hearts of people.

About the Church

Eternal Light AG Church had its humble beginning with 4 people in the year 2013. The church was formed by faith of a small group. Our mission is to reach and influence the world by equipping and raising leaders who walk in spiritual power and authority, establishing the kingdom of God in every walk of society.

About the Book

This book is brought to you by the literature ministry wing of Eternal Light AG Church. Sermons given by our Senior Pastor every Sunday is being transcribed, edited and published for the benefit of the body of Christ. We wish you will feel blessed and edified by these sermons.

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