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BACKCOVER

CHAPTER ONE

There are lots of prayer patterns all over the world. Some people pray scripturally, while a lot of people pray amiss. The subject of prayer enjoys prominent mention in the Bible. Both believers and unbelievers pray. Even agnostics pray impetuously during moments of crisis. Prayer is the best medium of expression for old people, as prayer brings the presence of God near. Youths pray during moments of restlessness.

Children are incurable prayer practitioners. Women find succour in prayer, when they are wounded by the jugged saw of life. Men, who appear outstanding, pray in their closets, when human might fail. Who does not pray? Who does not draw upon wire strength, when life gets bleak and hope ebbs fast? Prayer, no doubt, has become the most sought grace, which the church, offers. Prayer has consequently become the greatest need by the hour. Many of our prayer books have become urgent best sellers. The subject of prayer has drawn more souls to Christ than other programmes that the Church has carried out. Recent trend in Christendom has shown that Churches that place emphasis on prayer, will emerge as the biggest or largest in the years ahead. Some twenty years ago, we started placing emphasis in the modesty of praying and deliverance.

Most churches were preaching against our focus. Within the first ten years, the ministry of prayer had become the most sought after. By the time we entered into the next ten years, most churches had become prayer addicts. Now, as we appreciate the goodness of God in the ministry, we will in particular, be grateful to God, because he has caused a revival of prayer to take over the land.

The use of prayer points, the emphasis on spiritual warfare, the introduction of strange prayer points and the burgeoning of Christian militancy, has become essential ingredients in Christendom. Christianity has become a faith to practice, life has become easier and victory has become the bonafide possession of God's children. The landscape of many nations and communities are being bounded with explosive prayers.

The mystery of darkness has been exposed, while enemies of destinies have been disgraced. God has graciously used us to launch the world into a season of aggressiveness in prayer, which was introduced by our Pentecostal fathers, in the area of apostolic prayers and revival. It has now been re-introduced to new generations. In generations in which prayer has become mechanical, there is a change. We now experience the impact of apostolic praying. Acts 4:23-31 says;

"And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to and with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art and, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatening: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

Prayer meetings have graduated from mechanical, cold and insipid lukewarm exercise, to hot, lively and explosive spiritual exercises.

Isaiah 9:4-5

"For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every

battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire."

When we started praying, people thought we were either praying like drunkards or mad people. Some Christians even accused us of bastardising Christianity, by making people to pray, as if God is either dead or wicked.

They told us to our face, that the act of making people to fast, bothered on wickedness. They opined that since we were saved by grace, we did not need to struggle in prayer. They felt that praying aloud showed that God is too deaf to hear gentle and gentlemanly prayers.

The accusations were legion, but we kept on with our prayer pattern. Today, God has vindicated us. More and more people have embraced aggressive prayer patterns. God has used us to wake the Church up from slumber, in the area of prayer.

Let us take another look at the prayer of the early Church as recorded in Acts Chapter four. The believers so prayed aggressively, that the place of prayer experienced an earthquake. The prayer was so violent that it brought unprecedented results.

- 1. The place was shaken.
- 2. They were filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 3. They preached the word of God with boldness.
- 4. They manifested apostolic unity.
- 5. They expounded the facts of the resurrection with strict power.
- 6. Great grace was upon them all.
- 7. They had no lack.
- 8. There was uncommon unity and co-operation.
- 9. They had one heart and one soul.
- 10. They lived as members of one united family.

For the above results to have come to the fore, we need to examine the ingredients of the prayer the Apostles prayed.

Here are the ingredients:

- 1. They lifted up their voices. This shows that they prayed like wounded lions.
- 2. They prayed with one accord, in unity.
- 3. They quoted the scriptures copiously.
- 4. They challenged God to behold the threat of the enemy.
- 5. They prayed for boldness to declare the claims of Christ and God heard them.
- 6. They worked for signs and wonders and God gave them.
- 7. They celebrated God as God, by saying "Thou art God"

Finally, we thank God today that a new wave of prayer and revival has pervaded the entire landscape of the Church. Leaders of many churches now make use of our prayer books secretly and openly.

To God be the glory. The prayer life of the church has received a touch of fire. Now thank we our God, the Church is marching on!

CHAPTER TWO 100 PRAYER PATTERNS

There are different kinds of prayers. Your prayers can be different kinds of weapons in your hands. The Holy Ghost has given us these prayer patterns so that we can overcome Satan and win life's battles. The patterns are not exhaustive. We can only expound the minimum.

There are at least, one hundred kinds of prayers that can be strategically employed to win different spiritual battles. I shall expound on these in this chapter.

1. Prayer of confrontation: This is the kind of prayer that makes you to run up to your adversary, in confrontation. It is like when David ran after Goliath with a sling and five stones. In a prayer of confrontation, you do not wait for the enemy to strike, you boldly advance against him, taking the battles right to his territory or doorsteps.

2. Prayer of thanksgiving: God is the central personality in this kind of prayer. You are appreciating God for all His goodness, kindness, mercies, etc., that you have enjoyed, that you are enjoying or that you are about to enjoy.

3. Prayer of adoration: Another name for "adoration" is worship. Singing, music and melodies are involved in this kind. Your spirit and soul glorify God and your tongue sings of His worthiness. This prayer has been used to open doors that could not be opened by other kinds of prayers.

4. Prayer of binding: This is a very aggressive kind of prayer. It is like taking a huge chain in your hands to tie your enemy. When you bind an enemy, you have suspended, hindered or stopped completely, the activities and operations of the enemy.

5. Prayer of loosing: "To loose," is the opposite of "to bind." There are things that are bound or tied up by wicked forces. The prayer of losing, is employed to untie and remove the ropes and chains on such things.

6. Prayer of agreement: There are battles that can never be fought and won alone. You need the consent and faith of another believer or a fellow soldier to win such battles. An issue is raised and a believer, of like faith, like mind, agrees with you, for the matter to get done from heaven. Hands may be joined or separated, in praying a prayer of agreement.

7. Prayer of intercession: In this kind of prayer, "self" is completely abandoned, for the sake of the problems and needs of another person's interest. You approach the throne of grace on behalf of somebody else. You are with God to discuss the problems of another person. This act is called a prayer of intercession. You are standing in the gap for another person.

8. Prayer of praises: This is more common in many worship centre's nowadays. No request is made to God, but His mightiness and omnipotent attributes are extolled with the voice of praise. This kind of prayer has won mighty victories where other weapons of war could not prevail.

9. Prayer of a petition: It is otherwise called, a prayer of request. You have a petition you are pressing hard on God, for Him to grant.

10. Prayer of repentance: This is the beginning of prayers for a sinner. When one turns away from his or her iniquities to embrace God's mercy and ways, he is praying a prayer of repentance. When a believer wrongs God, he too can pray the prayer of repentance to make his ways right before Him.

11. Prayer of forgiveness: This is when you ask God to forgive your errors and waywardness. If you want God to cancel your debts against Him, then you have to pray the prayer of forgiveness.

12. Prayer of defence: With this prayer, you barricade your life against the onslaught of the enemies. It is like building an impenetrable wall around yourself.

13. Prayer of Rejection: In this prayer, you stand against what you do not want. You disallow it from coming near you. Even when it is real and true, you can reject what ever you do not want.

14. Prayer of nullification: This prayer is used to cancel the unwanted. You can use it to cancel the counsel of the enemy. You can use it to cancel every evil record or document written against you.

15. Prayer of uprooting: The prayer of uprooting is used in compliance with the word of God that says "every tree the Father has not planted, shall be rooted up". Evil planting, sick foundation, etc, can be uprooted with this kind of prayer.

16. Prayer of -back-to-sender: As the theme suggests, this is a prayer that returns every evil-arrow calamity, etc., to their senders. When this prayer is offered, everything imported into the life of the believer, returns to the exporters.

17. Prayer of fire for fire: This simply means that when the enemy is vomiting fire, you too are responding with fire. The difference is that your own fire swallows the fire of the enemy.

18. Prayer of advertisements: Unlike the secular advertisement, this is the prayer to advertise the power of God. It is the kind of prayer Elijah prayed at Mount Carmel to advertise the power of God.

19. Prayer to move mountains: The Bible says: "If any man shall say unto this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea and shall not doubt, it shall be so." This simplifies the prayers that can move mountains. When you ought to pray to dry up an evil tree, you do not start praying to cause it to move like a mountain. There are differences in prayers, as the situation demands.

20. Prayer that releases weapons of war: There are many weapons of war in heaven. There is a prayer to have these weapons released against the enemies. There is an instance in the Bible, where God sent down great hailstones from above to destroy the enemies of His people. The hailstones

were weapons released on behalf of God's people. There are many more of such weapons with God.

21. Prayer that releases God's judgment: This is the prayer that makes the cloud of God's judgment to gather and rain heavily upon the enemies. God's judgment can be accelerated and released from above, by praying this kind of prayer.

22. Prayer of asking: Asking, has different categories. "Ask and ye shall receive" is a complete prayer menu on it's own. There are things you get from God only by asking. James said, "Ye have not because ye ask not."

23. Prayer of knocking: When God seems reluctant to do a particular thing, one effective way to pray and get His attention, is by knocking. This prayer resounds in heaven, like a loud knock on the door of God's presence and blessings. "Knock and it shall be opened to you."

24. Prayer of enquiry: When you go to God to seek His mind on an issue, you are engaged in the prayer of enquiry. Anyone seeking to know what God says about a person, thing, etc., will have to pray the prayer of enquiry. David enquired of the Lord whether or not to go to battle.

25. Prophetic prayers: This kind of prayer foretells the future. It wins before the. war. David told Goliath, "This day, you shall fall and I shall cut off your head." That was prophetic. It happened accordingly. This prayer predetermines the outcome of what is desired. It is also the type Elisha prayed when he healed the source of a river with salt.

26. Apostolic prayer: The authority and anointing of an apostle is thrown into this kind of prayer. Apostolic prayers produce apostolic results. This prayer is prayed with the power of an attorney and the sovereignty of an ambassador.

27. Sanctifying Prayer: The prayer of sanctification purifies a person or thing for a holy use. The prayer makes holy, and sets apart for divine use.

28. Sanitization prayer: This is similar to, but still different from the sanctifying prayer. Sanitization prayer is a spiritual disinfectant It kills

harmful spiritual organisms and neutralizes the effect of anything unhealthy to the spiritual welfare of a child of God. A child of God, lodging in a hotel, should be wise enough to offer this prayer in his hotel room, on his bed and bathroom, and anoint the apartment against the consequences of earlier or recent users.

29. Prayer to speak destruction: It is an authoritative prayer meant to wreck havoc on the enemy and his kingdom. Spiritual destructions are carried out through this kind of prayer.

30. Resurrection prayer: It brings what is dead back to life. An example is found in Ezekiel chapter thirty-seven: the account of the valley of dry bones. This prayer activates resurrection power, to bring to life what has been dead.

31. Prayer of consecration and dedication: This type of prayer is more common in the Old Testament. People and things were hallowed to God through prayer of consecration and dedication. When a person or thing comes under the power of this prayer, only God has exclusive right to touch or use the person or thing. Any contrary use warrants the wrath of God.

32. Prayer that opens heavens: The power of this prayer penetrates the heavens and flings open the doors and windows of heaven. When the heavens are opened through this prayer, there is a total experience of breakthroughs because blessings are poured down rapidly.

33. Aggressive prayer: Jacob knew the secret of this prayer. He said to the heavenly visitor, "Except you bless me, I will not let you go." He was completely resolute, bold and aggressive. The Aggressive prayer is a go-getter-prayer. It does not take 'no' for an answer. Although he suffered dislocation in the process, Jacob held onto the angel of God, until he got his blessing from him. This is the type of prayer you pray, in order not to let the angel of your blessings go.

34. Prayer of groaning: Heavy burdens that make words ineffective often lead to groaning in prayer. Words are replaced with deep agonizing sound. This prayer has prevailed in many instances in the Bible. Groaning makes the spirit feel like it will burst, pressing its desire to God.

35. Travailing prayers: This prayer is borne out of much pain, sorrow and affliction. It is like a woman about to put to bed, shouting her requests to her husband. The pains of the birth process within which she cries out, will make the man to dash around to grant her request. God is touched with feelings of our sorrow, pain, agony, etc., when such experiences colour our prayers before him.

36. Acidic prayers: The Psalmist's prayer in Psalm 109, is an example. The wordings of this prayer are like pouring acid on green leaves. It is a very deadly prayer against the enemies' welfare. In the text above, you find terrifying statements like, "Let there be none to extend mercy unto him . . . let his children become fatherless. . . let his posterity be cut off . . . as he loved cursing, so let it come unto him." Any adversary that is the target of this kind of prayer, is finished.

37. Prayer to pronounce the curse of God: A child of God can pray to pronounce the curse of God. He is not actually cursing, but invoking the powers of divine curses on enemies, where and when the need arises. Jesus looked at the fig tree and pronounced a curse on it. I am aware that a great man of God was forbidden from holding a crusade in a certain part of this country and he left the place, shaking the dust off his shoes. That action carries a terrible implication for that land. Jesus said it shall be worse for a land like that, than for Sodom and Gomorrah, on the day of judgement.

38. Wordless prayers: This type was prayed by Hannah. Only her lips were moving; words were not coming out. It was thought that she was drunk. This was the prayer that put an end to her mockery as a barren woman, and gave her a prophet, plus other children.

39. Prayer-walking: An area is encompassed and prayers are offered in the process. Like the children of Israel going round the walls of Jericho, here, you are walking and praying. It is the kind of prayer to claim a place or land for your inheritance. It is written, "Wherever the soles of your feet shall tread upon, that have I given unto you."

40. Prayer-watches: To pray this kind of prayer, the twenty-four hours in a day are divided into segments, to observe prayers. It can be prayed at an

interval of one hour each. This prayer runs through the whole day. Smith Wigglesworth, famously known as the Apostle of healing, was known for this kind of prayers. His was at an interval of thirty minutes sometimes..

41. Prayer of supplication: Is a prayer to plead with God. There is no command or aggression here. You need something from God, for which you are pleading with Him. Your tone is soft and full of pleas.

42. Prayer of faith: This prayer expresses confidence in God and His words. Therefore, as it is prayed, it is also believed immediately to have achieved its intent. This is the prayer of faith. Praying and believing.

43. Prayer of worship: This prayer belongs to the large family of adoration, thanksgiving and praise. It is however different from other types in the family. This prayer carries a high level of solemnity and reverence.

44. Prayer of meditation: It is like the wordless prayer of Hannah, but different, in that, the lips do not even move at all. It takes place in the heart or mind. You think very deeply about God or some things you need from Him. You are talking to Him, but only with the mouth of your spirit or mind.

45. Mental prayer: This is a prayer prayed inside the head especially when the heart is confused. The mental power becomes an instrument of communication with God. It is a mental prayer.

46. Heart prayers: Like a well of water, this prayer springs up from the interiors of the heart. It is deep and it is of the heart.

47. Walkie-talkie-prayer: It is prayed in desperation, when a quick answer is needed from God, in the face of danger that does not leave room for a better composure of prayers. Like calling for help with the walkie-talkie device, you naturally and desperately shout out your heart to God, for urgent rescue.

48. Praying in the Spirit: This prayer sets aside all known and learnt languages of communication. The spirit takes over and introduces His own language of communication with God through the believer. It is otherwise

known as, praying in tongues. Paul probably prayed in the sprit more than any known Christian of his age. He told the Corinthian believers, "I speak in tongues more than ye all."

49. Praying with understanding: This is the direct opposite of praying in the Spirit. You carefully choose your words and talk to God in any of the languages of men. When you pray in a known language, you are praying with understanding.

50. Spontaneous prayers: This prayer flows without any pre-meditation or plan. It comes out automatically, of its own accord. When blind Bartimaeus heard from the noise and great rush that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, without a previous rehearsal, he started shouting spontaneously, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." That is a spontaneous prayer.

51. Schedule prayers: In contrast to spontaneous prayers, but also very effective strategy of winning battles, is a well planned prayer. Prayer points and topics are well laid out. They are followed accordingly. You may have prayer topics on Monday, different from that of Tuesday, through the week. Even in one day, you can plan or schedule your prayer topics and follow through carefully. It is a strategy for winning spiritual battles.

52. Explosive prayers: Let me give an instance from an experience I had in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. I was invited to an international programme. As I called the first prayer point and the people started praying with the rumbling of thunder in their voices, some. police men rushed there trying to find out what the problem was. They thought an explosion had taken place because they used to know that place as quiet, even when prayers were offered. That is an example of explosive prayer. It breaks open every lid on your spirit and in the environment, like the blast of a bomb.

53. Extended prayers: Moses, with God on the Mount, lying prostrate in prayers that lasted forty days and forty nights, was engaged in extended prayers. There are battles you cannot win by praying short, snappy prayers. Also, when Israel experienced defeat by the hands of the men of Ai, as a result of Achan's sin, Joshua stretched out himself before the Lord in prayers, from morning till the evening of that day, before the Lord revealed the secret to him. That was extended prayer.

54. Desperate prayers: Peter was in extreme desperation when he was sinking in the water. It was in desperation he cried out: "Lord, save me." That was a desperate prayer. You pray and let God know that He cannot afford to wait one second more, before intervening on your behalf

55. Prayer of delight: You are happy and delighted about what is happening in your life. You are expressing your delight in God and your appreciation of God. You look at what God has done for you and you burst forth in delightful prayers.

56. Praying alone: There are times you need solitude with God. There was a time in the life of Jesus and His ministry that He had to "go a little further" from His most intimate disciples, "and prayed." That was praying alone. Elijah had to leave everybody else at a point, to be alone with God on a mountain. There are secrets God will not reveal to you until you are' alone with the Almighty. Jacob was alone when he wrestled with the angel.

57. Free prayers: This prayer is like a blank cheque into which you can fill whatever amount or figure you desire. There is no body leading the prayer and there are no specified prayer points to rigidly follow; Free prayer is not limited by time or prayer points. "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it."

58. Biblically ignited prayers: This prayer pattern can be explained from the statements of Jesus, "It is written." You look at your situation and find a Biblical answer to it and then take up the Scriptures, invoking the powers thereof to address your problems.

This prayer is called, biblically ignited prayer, otherwise known as praying according to the Word of God.

59. Written prayers: This method, is like preparing an epistle to be read. You write down your prayers and read it out.

60. Singing prayers: Psalms are songs. If you look at the contents and messages of many of them, you will find out that they are prayers. Many songs that are rendered in worship centres nowadays, are prayer-songs. A prayer-song is still a prayer, but given a musical rhythm. As prayers can be read, shouted out, commanded, etc., prayers can be sung as well.

61. Mind prayers: It is not only the spirit of a man that is involved in prayer, the mind too is involved. The seat of thoughts is the mind. Your mind can form thoughts that are prayers to God. With your mind, you can think-pray to God.

62. Reading prayers: Prayers can be written out and read. They still produce the same effectiveness, like other forms of prayer. The most famous sermon in America, titled, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" by Jonathan Edwards, was written and read from the pulpit. A radical conversion followed it. Prayers that are read, can produce similar effect.

63. Night prayers: Night is what is used by God to distinguish the day. There are strategies to pray night prayers, because of its peculiar characteristics and the operations of darkness in the night. There are victories that will not be experienced during the day, except the battles are won in the night. Luke 18:7 says, "shall God not avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him."

64. Morning prayers: The Psalmist wrote and said; "Early will I seek thee, O Lord." He knew the secret of the Morning Prayer. Before the other hours of the day unfold, the Morning Prayer is the weapon and strategy to use against the evils associated with that day.

65. Circular prayers: It is a prayer distributed over specific hours of the day, or days of the week. It is rotated on hourly or bi-hourly basis, between two or more people. The prayer goes on that way, in a circle.

66. Chain prayers: This is similar to circular prayers. A chain of praying men and women are involved. The end of a prayer session is the beginning of another. The prayers prolong in a continuous chain, until victory is won.

67. Loud prayers: There is nothing quiet about this kind of prayer. It is audible and loud. One advantage of this kind of prayer is that, it does not allow drowsiness to rob one of his prayers. You need to pray loud to overcome sleep and wandering thoughts.

68. Revoking prayers: When evil decrees and satanic judgments have been issued against you, you need revoking prayers. These are prayers to destroy curses, evil covenants, negative decrees, satanic judgments, incantations, hexes, spells, etc.

69. Silent prayers: It is not every time you pray loud. The Silent prayer is also a strategy. It has its own power and place. The Silent prayer is most relevant when you have to pray in places you cannot afford to raise your voice.

70. Vernacular prayers: There are burdens in the heart that can best be expressed to God in the language you master most. God understands all languages. You cannot say or pray some prayer aright or satisfactorily if you use a second language, but with your mother tongue, you can say all you want to say. It is a strategy for winning spiritual battles.

71. Prayer of confession: Not only sin can be confessed in prayers. Your faith, expectations, desires, etc, can also be confessed in prayers. Somebody is sick and after prayer, begins to say, "I am healed." He is prayerfully confessing his healing. This is a prayer of confession.

72. Prayer of fellowship: This kind of prayer brings you into spiritual intercourse with the Almighty. Here, you are fellowshipping with God in prayerful link. This prayer services your interpersonal relationship with God.

73. Faithful prayers: There are times you pray and it seems nothing is happening. You do not give up. You keep on praying faithfully. You become undaunted in your prayer; you are not relenting on the frequency and tempo of your prayer. You keep at it, against all odds. That is called faithful prayer.

74. Persistent prayers: This is a prayer you pray again and again and again. Irrespective of what is happening, you are determined to prevail upon God, despite His seeming reluctance to respond to you. The widow in Luke 18, who pestered the judge With her request, is a very good example of persistent prayer.

75. Forceful prayers: There is so much spiritual vigour and energy that account for the potency of this kind of prayer. It is a prayer driven by irresistible spiritual force. Elijah prayed this kind of prayer.

76. Protective Prayer: If what you want is the protection of God from all evil, you will have to pray protective prayers. This prayer brings you directly under the canopy of God where you are beyond the reach of any evil.

77. Breakthrough prayers: If you have been hindered from your breakthrough by a barrier, then you need to pray this kind of prayer. This prayer will open closed doors, break all barriers and crash walls that are standing in the way to your success.

78. Prayer of despair: When your spirit is low and you suddenly find yourself in a valley, the kind of prayer you pray, is a prayer of despair. Your soul is reaching out to God, for help in your helplessness.

79. Prayer of lamentation: Jeremiah was probably the greatest Bible character in the school of lamentations. Read the book of Lamentations and you will get a clear picture of this kind of prayer. It is a prayer soaked in much tears. Tears of sorrow, calamities, etc., wet the path of this prayer to the throne of grace.

80. Prayer of triumph: The prayer of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2 and 3 is a classic example of the prayer of triumph. It was a prayer of victory. Victory over her adversaries, mockery and barrenness. When God makes you to overcome your problems, sorrows, etc, this is the time to pray this kind of prayer like Hannah.

81. Prayer of penitence: David prayed this kind of prayer when Prophet Nathan pointed his sin of adultery and murder to him. He humbled himself in deep repentance and pleaded with God for mercy and clemency. When you wrong God, or the Spirit of God convicts you of any error in your life, the effective prayer to pray is of penitence.

82. Prayer of reformation: This prayer reforms and rebuilds. The work of Nehemiah, in rebuilding the broken walls of Jerusalem, was reformation.

There are prayers to pray to reform damages done by wicked forces.

83. Listening prayer: Prayer is not all the time, talking to God. You let God talk to you also. Prayer is a two-way communication system. You talk. to God and He talks to you. When you are quiet before Him like Habakkuk, to find out what He will say to you, you are in a listening prayer.

84. Arrow prayers: This is when prayer takes the offensive of an arrow that is shot at a target The various prayer points you have to pray here are like many arrows in the quiver of an archer. You bring them out and shoot them at your target.

85. Ceaseless prayers: This prayer has a beginning, but no end. You start praying, but you do not stop praying. Blind Bartimaeus was ceaseless until Jesus turned around to heal him. You hammer your point to God so much that the only choice He has is to answer you.

86. Begging prayer. As the title suggests, you are in a posture begging God for His help, assistance, favour, etc. You are not commanding, binding, or loosing. You are simply pleading with God in humility. God draws near such people.

87. Partnership in prayers: This is when you need the support of one or two other persons in prayer. As Moses' hands were held up on the mountain by Aaron and Hur, your hands in prayer are held steady, by the support of your prayer partners.

88. Collective prayers: The size involved in this kind of prayer is larger than can be found in partnership prayer. A whole church can pray it; Members of a house fellowship can pray it. It is collective, because it involves everybody. After the apostles suffered persecution, the prayer they prayed that made the place to shake, was a collective prayer. The women that prayed for the release of Peter from prison also prayed the collective prayer.

89. Demanding prayer: This prayer places a resolute request on God. In process and effect, it is demanding.

90. Commanding prayers: The Scripture says, "Thou shall decree a thing and it shall be established unto you." You can thus, command in prayers.

91. Prayer of authority: When you pray this kind of prayer, you are operating under delegated power. You are exercising a given authority and asserting your position of power that the Lord has given you. Jesus said: "Behold I give unto you power." You can exercise this power and authority in your prayer.

92. Prayer of dominion: This is the prayer from the lips of a champion. This is the kind of prayer that is prayed in the spirit of a conqueror. You exercise your dominion over everything God has put under your feet in Christ. When you pray this prayer, you are keeping everything under you where they belong.

93. Anointed prevailing prayers: This is the prayer that overcomes. Jacob prevailed upon God. David prevailed upon his enemies. Jesus prevailed over Satan and the cohorts of hell. You can prevail in any situatiton, by praying prevailing prayers.

94. Barricading prayers: With this kind of prayer, you shut the enemy from your life taking him out of your family, business, career, etc. You mount up reinforcement against his advances, so that he is kept away permanently.

95. Warfare prayers: Any spiritual soldier should be familiar with warfare prayers. You pray this kind of prayer when the battle line is drawn between you and your adversaries.

96. High priestly prayers: There is an anointing that goes with the office of a high priest. Everyone that is born again has been made a priest unto God by Christ. Under the anointing of holy priesthood, you can achieve a lot with your prayers. The Bible is full of examples of praying priests.

97. Conjugal prayers: This is a prayer agreement essentially between husband and wife. God respects the union of marriage. If you have not been exploring the benefits of this prayer, start today. You can otherwise call it, matrimonial agreement in prayer.

98. Talking praying: This is a conversational kind of prayer and is discursive in nature. It is like entering into a dialogue with the Almighty God. It is very potent and effective. God said in the book of Isaiah, "Come now and let us reason together," that is, to enter into a dialogue. Beloved, God wants to dialogue with you.

99. Revelational prayers: When you pray this kind of prayer, the heavens are opened and you enter into the visions of God. Deep and secret things are divulged through revelational prayers. You pray, as God reveals these things to you.

100. Targeted prayer: This is a prayer that has a specific focus and goes for it. What is your target in prayer? Go for it at once. You will get it, in Jesus' name. What I have highlighted here, can be taught in three years. They have been given to you in one article.

I challenge you to get deeply involved in the ministry of prayer. The above prayer patterns will bring supernatural blessing into your life and that of others. God is looking for men and women of prayer; those who will make prayer and intercession their priority. May God inspire you to pray and make a great influence in your generation.

CHAPTER THREE **THE BATTLE IS THE LORDS**

When God comes to centre stage in your life, He would deal with anyone who tries to deal with you. Whoever says you will not go up; whoever says you will not have divine acceleration; whoever says you will not be enlarged, must be removed by fire, in the name of Jesus.

The Bible says: "I will bring honey out of the rock. I will bring oil out of the stone."

We know that a stone cannot produce oil, neither can honey come out of a rock. These are impossible things. What the Bible is saying is that, no matter how harsh the economy is, no matter how terrible the situation is, the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is able to squeeze out your breakthrough for you.

"He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail." I Samuel 2:9

The Bible says;

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither bread yet to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understandings, nor yet favour to the men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all." Ecclesiastes 9:11

David said to Goliath in I Samuel 17:47

"And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you unto our hands".

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

What was David telling Goliath? He was telling him that, the race is not to the swift, the battle is not to the strong, and that by strength shall no man prevail.

The above scriptures tell us certain things:

Promotion does not necessarily go to those who are worthy. People can reap what they did not sow. Advancement does not necessarily go to those who work the hardest; not that we should not work hard. They tell us that natural gifts by themselves are not enough to handle the battles of life. Natural abilities or talents are not enough for a successful life. They tell us that skill and intelligence do not necessarily give progress; the swiftest and the strongest, do not necessarily give progress.

The battle is not for the strong and by strength shall no man prevail. There are wise people who are hungry. There are intelligent people who go unprepared. In many contests, the best candidates do not necessarily win. Being smart or talented, is not the guarantee that you will succeed. People say heaven helps those who help themselves. Heaven helps those who agree with Jesus that they cannot help themselves and they want Jesus to help them.

NOT FOR THE STRONG

Pharaoh had a very large army and was very comfortable. He had reasoned that with the kind of army he had, pursuing the people of Israel, who had no weapons, would be very easy for him, but he got to the Red Sea to find out that the battle was not for the strong and the race not for the swift, and that by strength shall no man prevail.

Goliath was a very strong foe. He cursed the people of God for 40 days. He was a formidable foe, but there were certain things he did not understand

until he landed in hell fire. Gideon's army started with thirty-two thousand. Eventually, God pruned them down to three hundred.

Why? The battle is not for the strong, the race is not for the swift, and by strength shall no man prevail.

If they say, "Get on your mark and go," and you jump forward and begin to run, it does not mean that you will win. Moses was 40 years old when he tried to help God, by using physical strength to kill an Egyptian. He learnt the hard way that he could not do anything in his power. He had to go to a training school for 40 years. He learnt there, that by strength should no man prevail. When the same Moses came back with the rod of God in his hand, there was nothing in that rod. God just wanted to use it to disgrace the enemy and he took over the whole land of Egypt from Pharaoh.

"All nations compassed me about but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them. They compassed me about, yea they compassed me about but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. They compassed me about like bees, they are quenched like the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord, I will destroy them." Psalm 118:10 It is only in the name of the Lord, that you can operate, for by strength shall no man prevail.

THE WEAPON OF PRAYER

One gentle and obedient sister got married in a Pentecostal church. This was a holiness-preaching church. All of a sudden, she found that her husband began to backslide. During prayer meetings, he would not pray and the woman was worried. She said, "But brother, you should pray now." He said, "If you keep insisting that I should pray, I will not pray together with you again." Then the sister kept quiet.

One day, he told her that he would be having a visitor that night and she should prepare food for the visitor. The sister did not think much about it but prepared the food. By 1 a.m., the visitor came in. It was a woman dressed like Jezebel. He said, "Darling, give your visitor food." The sister said, "Well, although I feel like breaking the head of this woman with a bottle, I will not do it. If I did that, they would say, that I am not broken." So she served the food.

The woman ate and went into the bedroom with her husband.

The sister tried to pray, but the prayer did not flow: Her legs were shaking. In the morning, she accused her husband: "What is the meaning of this?" The man said, "Listen, as from now on, this is just a question of style. If you are not happy with this style, there is only one solution, pack your things and go."

Two nights later, he brought another woman and asked his wife to prepare food for her and she did. After some time, the man said, "All right, I am even fed up with you. Get out!" The woman said, "I cannot leave, we built this place together." The man then brought in a herbalist to chase her out and also brought in a strange woman. So, there was a herbalist and a strange woman in her home. A very strange combination. It was going on like that and the woman was fast losing weight.

A GREATER POWER

She told her parents and they said, "Did we not tell you, not to marry him and you said he was born again, sanctified and spirit-filled?" At this point, she came to one of our Anointing Services and when she got home, she waited for all of them to vacate from the bedroom and anointed the bed and went to sleep that night.

When her husband came back from roaming around the streets, the strange woman was not in the room. He went into the witch doctor's room and found out that the witch doctor and the strange woman were committing fornication. He was very angry. He gave the strange woman a terrible slap. She slapped him back and a fight started. The strange woman and the witch doctor joined hands and started beating him. When the beating became too much for him, he started calling on his wife, whom he had not spoken to for two years, to come and help him. She came to rescue him from the hands of those who wanted to kill him in his own house. Of course, that was the end of the problem. The man started staying at home and going to church, and the marital problem came to an end.

By strength shall no man prevail? Arguments by the couple, did not solve the problem. Their meetings failed to resolve it Threats of "I will divorce you, I will carry away all the children," could not solve the problem. but one drop of anointing oil on the bed, broke the backbone of the enemy. I pray that the backbone of your enemy, shall break as you read this message, in Jesus' name.

ARGUMENTS

Let me tell you a parable: One day, a goat was stuck in the bush, between two trees and it cried, "Let somebody help me!" Someone came and said, "I will help you, I will set you free." The goat said, "Before you set me free, please tell me: will it hurt me? How long will it take? How hard are you going to pull my neck? How much will I pay? Have you pulled out somebody like this before? Do you know the right tools to use? Have you graduated from the school of animal release? When you free me, will I owe you a favour? What will the favour be? Okay, would you promise not to damage the tree but just to remove my neck? Should I close my eyes or should I open it? Should I sit down or should I stand? Have you washed your hands? After freeing me, can you guarantee that my neck will not get into this situation again? Tell me why you even want to free me. How are you going to do it? Tell me, when will you do it?"

The goat was bombarding the man with lots of questions and the man was watching in amazement. It said, "Well, let me sit down here and continue to cry." This is the position of many people. They want to harass God with many questions. Somebody says, "I am the Almighty" and they stand before Him preparing thesis on their problems. They are describing a mountain to God, who can speak to the mountain and it will flee. They are crying, when they should address the issue.

A SIMPLE SOLUTION

The Bible says that at the pool of Bethesda there was a multitude of the lame, the blind, the deaf, etc. Jesus, who sent the angel to trouble the water, personally went there, but the people around did not recognize Him. He went to one person and asked him a simple and direct question: "Will thou be made whole?"

The answer to that question should have been; Yes or No, but the man said, "I have nobody to put me inside the water. I have been here for 38 years." He had been trying in his own power to receive healing. He did not know that the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong, and that by strength shall no man prevail.

When you carefully study the word of God, you will begin to understand certain things. The Bible says, "Ye shall be the head and not the tail." The fact that the Bible says that there is a department called the head and there is a department called the tail, means that people are already in either of these two departments. To move from the tail to the head; the race is not for the swift, the battle is not for the strong and by strength shall no man prevail. Those who are struggling with their power had better drop it and go to the One who is able to defend them.

WHAT IS THE TAIL?

It is the backside. It is the last and the lowest part of anything. It is that side of the coin which does not bear the head of a ruler. Some people are already candidates of the tail region. When something is about to get to your turn and they say it has finished, you are a victim of the spirit of the tail. If it is only in your room or hall that some candidates would cheat and the examination would be cancelled, or if you are always in the wrong setting or in the wrong class, the spirit of the tail is at work. When stubborn household wickedness is openly pursuing you, the spirit of the tail is at work.

I want you to know beloved, that when a person has been confined to the tail spiritually, he is Mr. Tail. Therefore, it does not matter which exams he takes or which connections he has at the top. With his connections, he will still remain at the tail.

Give him a hundred million naira; he will not be able to account for it, because he is still in the cage of the tail. The Bible says: "Ye shall be the head and not the tail; ye shall be above and not beneath."Deut28:13

A SOLEMN ARENA

Those two departments are crystal clear in life. This promise can be seen in the lives of the Israelites today. Although Israel is surrounded by about one hundred and ten million people and its population is three to four million, the enemies could not destroy it.

The fact that the Bible says there is the head or tail, above or beneath, shows that somebody must occupy these positions. Somebody like me decided a long time ago that I do not want to belong to the tail. I decided that my lot is not in the tail region, in .the name of Jesus. What are we saying?; that as a child of God, that is if you are a child of God, God has planted something in you to make you great. God has planted something in you, that will take you to the head department. Some never discover this at all.

The worst place to go, is the burial ground. There, you see a lot of unfulfilled dreams and dead visions. There, you will see men, who had dreams of what they wanted to do, but were buried with those dreams. Our generation did not benefit from what they wanted to do, because they had been buried with them. This is why one of the most solemn places on earth where you do not have to tell people to stop making a noise, is the cemetery. It is also one of the best preaching pulpits.

A DIFFERENT MESSAGE

Some people never discovered the Moses that God had planted in their lives. Some have been blinded completely to it. Some have been sent on a diversion. They are pursuing A, when they should be in Z. Others have killed the Moses that God gave to them. Some have sold their Moses off Some lost their Moses in the university, while they were busy sampling girls who were marine agents. There were many prophets when Jeremiah was prophesying. The message of Jeremiah, was the only one that was different. He was saying, "There is no peace, there is problem here," but all other prophets were saying, "There is peace." They even threw Jeremiah into a dungeon. Today, we do not even know the names of those prophets in our Bible, but we are reading about Jeremiah. "The race is not to the swift, the battle is not to the strong and by strength shall no man prevail."

THE LOCATION OF YOUR POTENTIALS

Some people's potentials are in their hands. Some in their feet. Some in their memory. Wherein lies the Moses that God gave to you? If you do not know it means that you do not know what God has planted into your life to make you the head. If you are in the tail department now, you must move away from there. You shall be the head and not the tail. You shall be above and never beneath.

WRONG METHODS

The authority of the Scriptures means that all believers are meant to be at the top wherever they are. They are supposed to be the most influential wherever they are. If we just sit down and say, "Well, one day, I will get there," and you refuse to remove yourself and get delivered from the tail, or you are struggling, using your own power, you will remain where you are.

You will be like the drunken man that took a boat after getting drunk and began to row the boat. He rowed for twelve hours and said, "When am I going to get home?" When it was daylight, somebody said, "young man, you have not removed the rope you used to tie the boat on the bank and you say you want to move; remove the rope."

A lot of people are rowing the boat of their life, when it is being tied down by household wickedness, and they have not cut it off. "You shall be the head and not the tail." I have seen so many things in my life. I have seen someone living without two legs. I seen someone without two hands, both legs and he is alive. But I am yet to see somebody without a head, who is alive. Therefore, God said, "You shall be the head and not the tail." It is in the head that you find the teeth; a defensive weapon. The tail is closer to the anus, closer to faeces and it has no defense; no teeth. The tail can be cut off without any serious consequence. This is why some people have been removed from their jobs and no one regretted it. It is time for you to rise up from your sleep and take your rightful position.

THE TAIL POSITION

The wealth of the Gentiles cannot come to us when most believers are at the tail position. We must cry to the Lord today to get ourselves delivered from every spiritual cage of the tail. If you look at your life as you are reading this message and you find out that you are under serious bombardment of household wickedness, it will put you in the tail region, unless you do something. If you look at your life today and it appears as if you are in the wrong location, then you have to rise up. Note that a fish cannot receive blessings outside the water and a tomato fruit cannot prosper on top of a mango tree. There will be no prosperity, when you are doing something the Lord does not want you to do. You may hold a degree, but the Lord would ask you to go and start selling fish. You may hold a Ph.D. and the Lord would say, "Go into poultry." I know many medical doctors who are not practicing their Profession today. You must ask yourself these questions; Am I doing what God wants me to do? Am I a medical doctor, because my parents wanted me to become a doctor?" Are you what God wants you to be? Ask yourself these important questions.

SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION

Perhaps, your parents insist that you must be an engineer but in school you cannot cope with mathematical calculations. Then, you begin to devise methods of how to cheat in examinations, or you cannot cheat and you say, "lecturer, I will come and greet you at night," or you sell your body to pass your exams. By this, you go deeper and deeper into the tail region. Perhaps,

you look at yourself and find that all your friends are not serious, they are people who want to pull you down. you better leave them.

Perhaps you notice that there is an emptier working against you, they do not disturb you from working; they just empty what you have. A lot of young girls have their virtues already transferred to sugar daddies. Many poor men become rich by committing immorality with women who had good virtues. Perhaps you have noticed that people have issued curses on you and looking at yourself, the curses are happening and are causing problems for you, then you have to do something about it.

EXAMINE YOURSELF

Perhaps you look at yourself and find that you are always in the midst of criticisms in anything you do, you should pray yourself out of that cage today. Perhaps, you have noticed that when you have good things to do something will just go wrong, then there is a system that wants to keep you permanently where you are. If some people tell you how much money they have handled in their lives and how they have nothing now, you will be amazed. It is the spirit of the tail. The race is not to the swift, the battle is not for the strong and by strength shall no man prevail.

Enrich a man who is at the tail, as long as he is still in that place, he will surely return to poverty. Elevate him, he will be disgraced out of office. Push her to a place she can find a good husband, she will bite the man and fight her way out because of that thing working against her.

I want you to look at yourself very well, how has life been treating you. What are the opportunities the enemy has stolen from you, the positions you ought to have attained and for some reasons, you are not there. Look at your family, those members that are your senior, what are their achievements and what have they done. Look at the siren being blown against you everyday. You know that within you, there is a power to be a winner, an overcomer, but somehow, with all the talents, it appears as if you are not moving forward. Whenever you want to move, something goes wrong and takes away your time, money, etc.

The prayer points you are going to pray need what I call, holy desperation. When you go into holy desperation, progress starts. It was when Jacob got desperate that progress started. It was when blind Bartimeaus got desperate that progress started. This message is for champions and not for those who want to remain in the tail department. It is for those who want to receive expected and unexpected breakthroughs.

Please, I want you to pray these prayer points, so that by the time you finish, there will be a divine re-arrangement in your life. If you are supposed to be in a particular position and the children of darkness gathered together, I because they have connection and pushed somebody above you, you will pull them back in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Every spirit of the tail, what are you doing in my life? I bind you, in Jesus' name.
- 2. My destiny, come alive by fire, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Every cage of the tail, break, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Every witchcraft cauldron, break, in Jesus' name.
- 5. My father, if I am in the wrong position, change me now, in Jesus' name.
- 6. I claim divine re-arrangement by fire, in Jesus' name.
- 7. The power that moved Moses forward in the Red Sea, move me forward by fire, in Jesus' name.
- 8. Sing these songs to thank the Lord: "There is no mountain, that we cannot climb. There is no problem, that we cannot solve. When I say we, I mean Jesus and I. When I walk with Jesus and He walks with me, there is no mountain, that we cannot climb."
- 9. Every enemy of my increase, scatter by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 10. I hold the rod of God in my hands. I smash the head of every oppressor, in Jesus' name.

- 11. O God, arise and place the head of my Goliath in my hands, in the name of Jesus.
- 12. Let my stone locate the unprotected forehead of my Goliath, in Jesus' name.

CHAPTER FOUR THE MYSTERY OF DIVINE SURPRISES

The Bible says that in the beginning God. created the world and after He had finished His creation, He ran them through a spiritual Computer and His verdict came out; "they were all perfect". So any imperfection to what God has done, must have been introduced by the enemy.

Although the Bible says, "Ask and it shall be given unto you," it is also possible to receive without asking. What does this mean? It means that you and I can be in the continuous flow of God's blessings. There is a big difference between somebody who lives by the spring of water and somebody who buys bottled water from the supermarket. One person is directly at the source and the other one goes to buy, which would run out very quickly.

THE PLACE OF BLESSING

Sometimes, a person happens to be in the place of God's blessings and because he or she is there, God in his own mercy just decides to bless the person. I remember one of my great fathers in the Lord who came to the church to laugh at people because he found the way they were praying funny. I am referring to the 1930s; the Pentecostal people then, used to pray a lot harder than we do today. As they prayed in the church, people used to come to the window and laugh. This was what the man also came for; but as he stood by the window watching them, the Spirit of the living God took him and threw him inside and he began to roll on the floor.

MIRACLE BLESSINGS

Immediately, they surrounded him and began to pray "You stubborn spirit, spirit of mockery, come out of him, in the name of Jesus. They preached salvation to him and that very day, he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He came for something different, but was blessed. Sometimes, God does that. Occasionally, somebody escorts his friends to a meeting, especially if they are good friends, and the person gets blessed.

There are many examples of people who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit while just reading a book. Nobody prayed for them. Many people have also received blessings, without even asking. Brothers and sisters, what I am telling you is that you can be in a position of the continuous flow of God's blessings, where you receive without asking. It is the key to this that we will be looking at now;

UNSOLICITED MIRACLES

In Acts 10: 44, we read about Cornelius. Peter was very reluctant to go to the gentiles, because it was unlawful for the Jews to keep company with them. The apostles of Jesus were not different either, because they were Jews. God wanted Peter to go to the household of Cornelius. but Peter did not want to go, until God showed him some visions. When he got there, he did not want to be entertained with anything or do anything serious. He just stood by the door and then started to ask questions; "why have you brought me here?" He further said that they knew it was not right for him to be there, and that he was not supposed to come to such a place; and he started his message. In verse 44-47, "while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them, which heard the word." Note that they were not praying to receive the Holy Ghost. "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many. as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also poured out his gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" Then, Peter had no option. "Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

GOD'S PATTERN

The old pattern was that, you must first be baptized in water before praying to receive the Holy Spirit. God has however overruled that bureaucracy. As we can see in Acts 10:44, He first filled them with the Holy Spirit and so he had no option but to baptize them. Some of us have organized God, that he must do this and that.

God can however over rule all these. I did not read in that chapter that they took altar call, neither did I read that the Gentiles should be sanctified first or pray for the Holy Spirit.

Peter was just speaking and right there on the spot, God gave them three things they needed. Peter had not even prayed. Maybe he would not have prayed, because he would never expect them to receive the Holy Spirit. What I am telling you is this; you do not have to pray sometimes, before receiving a miracle. You can be in that continuous flow of God's blessings.

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

1. The first answer is in Matthew 6:33. You may struggle and try to do things on your own, but there is no way you can set aside what is in Matt 6:33 which says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"; it is an automatic addition. So, the first key to receive without even asking or praying, is to first seek the kingdom of God. Ensure that this one is in your pocket and do not worry about the other things. They will fall in place when God embarrasses you with the rest.

Immediately you have the kingdom in your pocket, it means your name is written in the book of life in heaven. It is a register of the names of the Redeemed and once a name is not registered in that book, the person may ride a Lexus car from his church to his house. He may even ride another Lexus car from his sitting room to the toilet, but all will be in vain, if his name is not in the book of life. It will be a useless exercise. No matter how beautiful, ugly, intelligent or uneducated you may be, if your name is not in that book, it is better that you were not born, because of what will eventually happen.

Once a name is written in that book, all other things are added. If your name is not there, no amount of begging can solve the problem, and this is why that song writer says, "Lord I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold, but I will make sure of heaven, I will enter the fold.

In the book of your kingdom with the pages so fair, tell me Jesus my saviour, is my name written there"? If your name is not there, what is the use of the money, the comfort, or the split unit air conditioner, when eventually, the person will sit in another air conditioner that will be blowing hot fire.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

There is somebody who is close to me, who did three days dry fast and prayed, "O lord, make me to enter into heaven." Day one, he saw nothing. Day two, nothing also. On the third day, I think the Lord did not want to waste his time, so he flashed a scripture before his eyes which says, "Strait and narrow is the way that leads to life, but broad and wide is the way that leads to destruction and there will be many that travel therein." Immediately, he went arid broke his fast, because there and then, he saw himself in a vision, in a narrow path, with bush by the right and by the left, infact, he could not turn. He was taking one step after the other and could not run, because if he moved fast to the left or right, something not too pleasant might happen.

God told him that bribing and fasting could not get him to heaven. You must therefore continuously live the kind of life God wants you to live. Christianity is not a temporary affair. Character is not what we see in your life now, but it is what is in your life when you are in the dark, where nobody sees you. Christians are not found in the church, they are found at home, far away from the influence of the church.

IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

The names in the book are written for record purposes, it is not for fun. The Bible says; "the book was opened and I saw the young and the old coming." If your name does not appear in that book it means that you are not going to heaven.

Your name may be on the Sunday school register. It may be in the reformed fraternity lodge or whatever. It may even be in the non-reformed one. It may be in a club register or any other organization, but if it is not in the book of life, it is all nonsense. If somebody dies and they write a page of obituary that he was a member of so and so old boy, of so and so LLB, PHD etc, they are useless when compared to the book of life, because the Lord will not look at all these.

Your name may be in the member's list of Ikoyi club, or Yoruba tennis club, or in one church register somewhere. You may be a member of the church council, or pirate, or cult clubs ruling the universities now: All these will mean nothing on the day of judgement. The only important thing beloved, is to have your name in the book of life. You start your journey there, because the bible says; .

"The Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord God will give grace and glory and nothing good shalt be withhold from them that walked uprightly" (Ps 84: 11)

So seek ye first the kingdom, ensure that your name is in the book of life, and all other things will follow: This book will be opened to everybody and there will be no exception. Your money, reputation, good name or good works, will not get you anywhere on that day. The fact that you carry the bag of the pastor has nothing to do with the book. In the world, names are sometimes removed from certain lists and when you say, "my name is not on the list," they may say, "sorry, it was due to a typographical error in the book." The judgement is coming, there are many things we may not understand about His judgement, but one thing is clear; the Judge will not make a mistake.

There will be no lawyer to advocate on your behalf because he will be struggling to clear himself too and if he is a SAN, he would also find out that his "SAN" is useless there. All the lies he told in court will be useless. The judge will not make mistakes because he does not belong to any political party. He is free from partiality and does not have racial or tribal sentiments.

The question now is; Do you want to receive without asking? Is your name written there? Your name is written in the book of life only when you get born again. The disciples of Jesus worked miracles and did all sorts of things and they came back rejoicing, saying, "master we thank God, even the demons were subject to us in your name," but Jesus answered, "this is not your source of joy, do not rejoice in this, but rejoice, that your name is written in the book of life"

I believe that one of those who performed miracles was Judas, but his name was removed. So if your name is not written there, you better make sure it is there now. We have three witnesses on earth; "the Spirit, the water and the blood." These are the three witnesses of God, on earth. On the judgement day, you and I will have to give account to God. It does not matter whether you believe it or not, there will be judgement. Since there cannot be any judgement without witnesses, they shall also stand; the Spirit, the water and the blood.

A person appears before the judgement throne of God and God calls in the witnesses. "Witness number one, come out," and the Holy Spirit comes and God asks him, "do you know this man? The Holy spirits says "yes I know him. I spoke to his heart. I told him to drop his cigarette, anger and fighting. I took him to big revivals. I spoke to him about his powerlessness. I spoke to him about his end and I even spoke to him in his dreams, where he found himself naked in the toilet, but he resisted me over and over again."

POWERLESS TONGUES

I told him that he was speaking in powerless tongues. I persuaded him to leave fornication and he said, "I am advanced in age, I must marry," then, the blessed Holy Spirit says, "Father, I witness against this man." Suddenly, God opens his mouth again and calls witness number two, and the blood of Jesus, the speaking blood comes out. And God asks the blood "do you know this man?" And the blood of Jesus says, "Yes, I know him. He heard about the power in the blood of Jesus. He heard that he needed to be totally delivered from sin. He heard that partial or incomplete deliverance is bad. Several times I tried to clean him up, but he listened to his friends and rejected my cleansing power. Father, I witness against this man" Then God calls witness Number three, water and says, "Water, do you know this person?" "Yes I do. Of course 70% of his body is mine. He used me for drinking, cooking and bathing. He traveled on me in boats and even used me to wash clothes. He saw me every day, but ridiculed me as baptismal water, because while he was dipped in me as being baptized, he was still living in sin. Father, I testify against this man." What are you going to say? Will you be saying, "my father was the first archbishop of the Lagos Diocese" or "he was the greatest apostle that visited Nigeria?" Will you say, "I was in the 1930 crusade. I was there when they drank the water dry at oke-oye but I did not drink any of the water". What will you say? These are serious issues beloved. Lets now examine the keys.

1. key number one; seek ye first the kingdom. Ensure, that your name is written in the book of life. What I am talking about now has nothing to do with anybody wearing a white collar, or somebody that calls himself a General Superintendent, General overseer or whatsoever name. Heaven does not recognize all those funny names. What God recognizes is the heart. You may look at the outside and see wonderful, powerful anointing, but God looks at something else. You may be hailing somebody as powerful, but as far as God is concerned, he is a weakling.

2. The second key in receiving without asking, is in Jude 1: 3 "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you, of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and to exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints". Key number two is to contend for the faith that God has delivered unto you. Let your life advertise Christ. We could look at a person and see that all he is doing is advertising himself or all the latest attachments of hair in town. We could look at a person and see that all she is advertise what you profess to believe, not advertising the devil. Beloved, I am sorry to say this but these days, Christianity and Christians are not what they are supposed to be. It is

a shame to see what some people, who call themselves Christians, do in secret.

We have a lot of people who claim to be born again but are not transformed. The born again, is only born again when there is no provocation. Many are failures, serious failures at contending for the faith. We still have a lot of spiritual babies in the house of God, just as physical babies. God can tolerate them, but only for some time. You cannot ask a two-year-old boy to go and cook in the kitchen, you have to do the cooking for him. At fifteen, he should be able to cook himself some meal. God tolerates you for awhile, until you grow up.

If God sees that the growth of some people is stunted, He creates things around them that will harass and worry them, until they become serious. To tell you the truth, I know many sisters who would not have become prayer warriors if they had not married gorillas. After some beatings here and there, they tried Juju and found out that the man would take the juju again and beat them with it.

They eventually ran to Christ and started praying. If not that they married gorillas, they would still be in the streets, dancing all night and pasting money on the heads of mermaid and all kinds of funny spirits dancing at parties.

When you get born again, God tolerates you a bit. He says, "little child, let's see him improve." God wants matured people, who are willing to serve Him and ready to lay down their lives. Not those who keep telling God everyday, "I love you God, just as far as you keep meeting my needs, but the day you do not meet my needs, I do not like you anymore." I have told you this before; God has not and cannot be modernised.

The old time religion is still what will take you home to heaven and God is expecting you to move with him, in such a way that it will be impossible for witches to be walking on the streets. God wants us to move in such a way that we will empty the prisons, and services will be full. God wants every one of us to be powerful evangelists everywhere we go, so that we only need to look at people and they will give their lives to God.

GOD'S ANGELS

He wants us to get to the stage that people will seek to commit their businesses into the hands of Christians, but the way it is now sometimes, believers are the first to do 419 when sinners should be confessing even before we discover them. This is how God wants us to move. Wherever we go, we should radiate the love of God towards everybody, convert millions and millions of people to Christ and rid our nation of evil spirits. When we do, all these angelic visitations will be a common occurrence. There are always angels around, but the trouble is only a very few can recognize them. A lot of us are looking for an angel that will be a white man with wings.

If an angel is in a service, he will be the same skin colour as you and dressed just as you are and you will not know. Everybody will be telling the truth when we move the way God wants us to move. Everywhere we go, we will spark revivals and God will be working for our sakes.

How many people want to build themselves up to that stage? Then, we must contend earnestly for the faith which was once given to the saints.

These days, it is very sad to know that some preachers equate Christianity with what you have in your bank account. Your wealth is not an indication that you are in the way of life; this is why we have a lot of noise makers, but very few deep Christians. You do not recognise men of God by what they wear or how they behave. It is rather by what God planted into their lives. As I told you before, Elijah did not have his bath for three and a half years. I know that he must have been smelling, yet he was recognized as a man of fire. Many people are rushing to God these days because the devil has failed them and they just want to use God as a more powerful fetish, but God is not looking for such people. God is looking for people who will write blank cheques with their lives and God will dictate the amount. Oh that we may go back to the faith that was once delivered unto the saints!

POWERLESS CHURCHES

Why is there so much dishonesty and crime in this country now, despite the number of churches springing up? Why do we have so many girls wearing trousers, who say they are born again? It is because most believers are not seriously contending for the faith? Anyone who wants to receive without asking, must first contend for that faith, which was once delivered to the saints. Do not be the one who will dilute God's testimony, rather be the one to strengthen it.

There was a time I was put in a committee and people were complaining. I do not know why they put me there actually. Since they knew they would be talking about entertainment, they should have left me out. They wanted to plan for a reception and made a long list of needed items. They estimated twenty thousand naira for beverages, then I asked what they meant by beverages, and they said beer. I rejected it and they all frowned at me.

There is a man of God whose name is Billy Graham. At a time, some people called on him and asked if he would like to become the President of America. He said with due humility that it will be a demotion for him. There are some people; apparently new in MFM, who will like to affix chieftaincy tittles to their names. It is a demotion. God calls you a king and a priest and you say you "are a chief.

Chieftaincy titles have put so many people in bondage. No true Christian will accept a chieftaincy title and undergo all those demonic ceremonies. Some people would deceive themselves by saying, "as they were putting the Akoko leaf on my head, I was pleading the blood of Jesus." Who sent you there? Contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Let them know that you are a fanatic for the Lord.

Do not say "I do not want them to say that I am a fanatic." Let them know you do not hide it, show your true colour. It is when some sisters do not show their true colours that unbelievers would be slapping their backs. When you show your true colour as a child of God, demonic men cannot touch you? It is because you dress like them, talk like them and walk like them, that makes them slap your back.

3. You must have unwavering faith, to receive without asking. You must believe God for your healing; believe God for your domestic problems and

children. I know of a business man who was in a deep financial trouble. After a while, he just stopped praying about his business and went to the pastor and requested for the names of all those who had been coming for the healing ministration. He locked himself up and started praying for them by name, one after the other. Before he got to the end of the list, he became a millionaire. When he abandoned the shadow and chased the substance, his lot changed. When things are rough, pray and believe. Most problems do not get solved by you worrying about them anyway. So you have to believe God, no matter the situation.

4. Psalm 37:4 "**Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**" Many come to the Lord but cannot rejoice before him. They wear sad looks to the church and cannot joyously praise the Lord. They fear and worry and this affects their appetite. When a believer gets to the level that he is so worried, that he cannot eat, something is wrong. The bible says, in Proverbs 17:22,

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

So if you are going to be worried, the bible says that your bones will dry up and you will look older than your age. Worrying does not solve any problem. Do an experiment; struggle to be happy for one month and see what happens. "Delight yourself", the bible says, "in the. Lord." The bible says "my soul rejoices in the Lord." Try and read II Chronicles 20. An army won a battle by simply praising the Lord. They did not pray, but praised the Lord and as they praised the Lord, things began to happen.

God inhabits the praises of His people. When you are happy and you are contented with what God has done for you, there is no way you are going to harass your system. Many people are only used to saying, give me, give me, but they must learn to delight themselves in the Lord and praise His Holy name. The scripture says, "The joy of the Lord is our strength."

5. Psalm 37:7: "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him: Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of him who bringeth wicked devices to pass"

This means, do not work your life by the timetable of another person's life. Do not do unprofitable comparison. Rest in the Lord. The meaning of rest in the Lord is do not worry. Worry, you may not believe it, steals so many things from us. Anxiety kills people before they even die, and to make it worse, it is a sin.

When you pray with worry, anxiety and complaints in your heart, the devil says, "God, look at this your child, he is praying but look at his heart, he is worrying, whereas the Bible says, (the devil knows the bible) "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." Since this person's heart is troubled, he cannot have this miracle." It will be so because the devil will not tell lies to God.

When you are not resting in the Lord, you are worrying. Job prayed for his healing but he was not healed. Immediately he prayed for his friends, he was healed. Many will receive their healing if only they would stop praying for themselves and pray for others. So if you are still a worry bag, you cannot receive without asking, because the same devil will harass you. You do not need to worry. All forms of worry are borrowed from people of the devil. You do not see a week old baby worrying, so it means you were not born with it. You should therefore cast worry out of your mind. Some people say, "it is natural." No, if you say it is, then you are giving the rein and control of your life to evil forces and the devil. You can decide what to do. Many waste most of their time worrying. Because worry is one of man's greatest plagues, it is one of those diseases that regularly send people to the hospital. Many worry about their past, future and some even worry about their present positions.

Do you want to die because of worry, when you have the God who holds tomorrow in his hands? There is nothing you can do about yesterday because it is gone. Only God holds the future, not a prophet. So when you know all these, why not just rest in the Lord. Some people sleep at night and right in the middle of their sleep, they sigh. If you ask them what was wrong, they will tell you not to worry. Ask them to eat and they would only want tea, since they have lost appetite. Why?, because they worry; they are dying gradually. It is like that strange song people used to sing and kill themselves with when we were in school. It is called "killing them softly." People sang it a lot in my class and those who used to sing it, never passed their exams.

6. Live a Holy life: Abraham lived such a life and he attracted God's attention. When you live a holy life, you are not the one who will be asking. God will be looking for you, because your life is attracting divine attention, unlike those whose lives are attracting demonic attention. You could be in a situation where your life is attracting divine attention. Not that you will be praying, "Oh God, I want to see you, I want to hear. Others are seeing and hearing. Oh God speak to me" No! Live a holy life and you become his friend. It is automatic, whether you like it or not. When you become his friend, he will bombard you with so many blessings, that you would not even know where to run to. If you want to challenge what I am saying, try it.

In Genesis 18:17 the Bible says, "And the Lord said, shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I want to do." Do you see, God wanted to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham did not pray that God should show him what he wanted to do, but he just showed him. The same thing happened to Paul, Peter, Joseph, Daniel and Isaiah. They were all trusted with God's secrets. One thing I find very interesting is this, God rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham cried, "God you cannot destroy the righteous with the wicked." The Judge of this earth is always right, yet Abraham negotiated with God from hundred to fifty people. God said, "Its Alright, if I find fifty." Then Abraham negotiated more, till ten and God said, "Its alright, if I find ten, I will leave them alone." Abraham was happy because he had a brother there, who had a wife, making two people, two daughters not married, and their other daughters married to one man each, totaling ten people. He had calculated rightly. When the angels took them out eventually, the number became three and a half. Why were they three and a half? This was because Lots wife, who was told not to look back, looked back. Note that while God rained fire and brimstone on that city and told them not to look back, the Bible says, that Abraham's face was on the place and he did not become a pillar of salt. A Holy life makes you God's favourite person. You can pray all night, "God I want to see a vision," and you will not see anything, but if you live a holy life, he will be the one to come to you and tell you things.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Lord purge me with your fire, in the name of Jesus
- 2. Lord, if my name has been removed from the book of life rewrite it, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. I disallow the enemy from making me a bad example, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord, in Jesus' name.
- 5. O Lord, restore me to the perfect way in which you created me.
- 6. I reject every pollution, in Jesus' name.
- 7. The devil will be publicly disgraced in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. I will become what God wants me to become, whether the enemy likes it or not, in Jesus' name.
- 9. Every satanic agent delegated to my life, be roasted in the name of Jesus.
- 10. Father Lord, frustrate any attempt by the enemy to plant satanic tree in my life in the name of Jesus.
- 11. Let my hands break down the citadel of the enemy in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER FIVE THE MYSTERY OF OFFENSIVE WARFARE

We thank God for giving us the strategy of offensive warfare. There are two kinds of battles one can fight: defensive warfare or offensive warfare. Defensive warfare, is when you just read your Psalms 23, make the sign of the cross, and say, "I cover myself with the blood of Jesus, and put myself in the envelope of fire. Amen," and you go to bed. Somebody else who says, "I command the fire of the Holy Spirit to begin to circulate around my house, and any witch that wants to pass through this place, receive spiritual calamities, in the name of Jesus."

OFFENSIVE WARFARE

The person who prayed the latter, is taking the offensive. He is fighting. Any army that does not do offensive prayer, cannot succeed. It is when you do not have the power to win that you start with defensive prayer, but if you have the power to attack, then you should go to the offensive because that would make the enemy of your soul to be weak and thereby surrender. So beloved, you must gather your forces against the enemies. You must wear your whole armour. You must load your weapon, and fire. You may say, "Where is the gun?" Beloved, you are the gun, and well targeted prayers uttered in faith are the bullets.

The Spirit of God takes the bullets to the target. The man who killed Ahab in the Bible did not just fire the arrow without direction. His prayer took it to the right target. The Holy Spirit directed the stone that killed Goliath to the right place and then things began to happen. Jesus is power personified. Power on earth and in heaven has been given unto Him. No power has fought against the gospel and progressed. Those who fought against Christians and the gospel died miserable deaths and the gospel they fought against is still alive and well. There was a French man called Voltaire. He boasted that he would devote all his energy to destroying every Bible in town. He died in the process and after his death, a Christian press bought his house and they started printing Bibles there.

AN ENCOUNTER

Adolf Hitler hated Christianity so much that some Christians were calling him the anti-Christ. He is dead now, but his former headquarters in Berlin has become a Christian centre. Adolf Hitler had a lieutenant who said Christianity was poison and warned his wife never to allow his children partake of it. The man had nine children. Seven of them became Christians, while one of them, even became a missionary.

The devil may be controlling many, but the Bible says, "The earth is the Lords' and the fullness thereof For all things in heaven and on earth, were created by Him." We thank God, for He is still the same yesterday, today and forever. There is a sister in this ministry, as she was about finishing her prayers one night, a Yoruba demon idol holding a club came to her. The sister asked, "Who do you want,?" and the demon idol mentioned all her five names and said, "I have been sent to you."

The sister asked, "Why?" And the demon replied, "To kill you." The sister then said, "I command you, in the name of Jesus to stand at attention like a policeman." The demon stood at attention. She went further and asked, "What is that in your hand?" The demon replied, "A club," and the sister said, "Ok, begin to use it against yourself." The demon started hitting itself with the club. After sometime, the sister then said, "Get out."

ALL THING ARE POSSIBLE

By 6 a.m. the next morning, someone was knocking at her door. It was the person who came to deliver a message to her that her father had just died.

She went home to see him. By the time she got there, she saw big holes on the head of the father. She asked if he was attacked by armed robbers and the relatives around said no, that he just went to bed, and suddenly, they heard him scream and before they got to him, they found out that his skull had been broken, with blood all over his head. The woman said, "Please, do not invite me to his burial." They said, "But you are the first born." She asked them to shut up and walked away.

When you know that your God has all the power on earth, your fears will disappear and your problems will be solved. Perplexities will be removed, trials will become triumph and temptations will then become testimonies, because for them to challenge you, they will have to first challenge your God. God says that all power in heaven and on earth, belong to Him. This is why I love that old beautiful hymn, which says, "Bruised is the serpent's head, hell is vanquished, death is dead."

That was what happened on the cross. It goes further to say, "Captive is now captivity." I do not know what kind of challenges you are facing but I know one thing, whatever is challenging you, is challenging the One behind you. Just turn them over to the Lord and you will witness deliverance and miracles.

FORGET THE PAST

Many Christians stay too long in the past, not forgetting about those things that are behind and looking forward. Nobody can successfully walk straight, while looking back.

A thirty-five year old sister told me that her father raped her when she was ten years old. I counseled her to get out of it, for she cannot ruin the whole of her life because of what happened to her twenty-five years ago.

One American man said, "Give me liberty or give me death." So you have to make the same decision to get out of bondage. Pray this prayer point: "I refuse to stay in the waste bin of life, in the name of Jesus." Take the fight and turn it over to the Lord. We would not be reading about David in the Bible, if not for the fact that he challenged one man called Goliath. He defeated Goliath because he came against Goliath, in the name of the Lord of hosts. He just turned him over to the Lord.

SATANIC DESIGNS

In a church I attended a long time ago, a woman had a child that was always sick. Every month, she visited the hospital at least twice and her business was going down because she spent all her money on the sickness. One day, she got fed up and took the child by the hand, raised him up and said, "If you want to die, die. I am not taking you to the hospital again, in the mighty name of Jesus," and she put the child down. Since that day, the child did not have a single fever.

The devil has organized and designed many people's lives in a wicked way. During breakfast, they drink uncooked egg, or eat some onion. For lunch, Egusi soup or nothing else. If any other thing is taken, there would be problem. For dinner, it is either pounded yam or something that is white in colour. If they try any other colour like Amala, they are dead. In some homes, when cooking is going on in the kitchen, you will hear people saying, "Ah, daddy does not eat crayfish, do not add it Daddy does not eat beans. He cannot eat carrot, he does not eat liver," etc. If you are like that, decide today, that you are getting out.

DEMONIC SUFFOCATION

The devil has suffocated the spiritual lives of so many people. Doctors and herbalists have told some people not to eat certain things. The One who declared that all power has been given unto Him, is saying to you, that no matter the situation or what the doctors have said or what the lawyers say about your case, He will fight from heaven for you, with heavenly weapons that cannot be destroyed. At His name, we shall have our peace.

For how long will you waste time crying, "Oh, I have lost that job again," "my husband just abandoned me, a strange woman grabbed him." How long are you going to be crying? God is watching all those enemies and all those problems pursuing you. He knows where and how they started. He knows all the participants; He knows how far they have gone with your case. God is now puncturing their tyres and frustrating their efforts. Pray this prayer point aggressively:

"I command the tyres of my pursuer to be punctured, in the name of Jesus."

There used to be one magician who told his followers to bury him alive and that he would resurrect like Jesus on the third day, and they did. His magic was so powerful that anything he said happened. He was an expert at editing the seven books of Moses. (Moses never wrote any sixth or seventh book. So if you are reading them, know that they have no bearing with the kingdom of God. You are only polishing your coffin. The earlier you set them on fire and burn them, the better for you.)

While it was getting close to the third day, the ground began to shake and it was as if the man wanted to come out, but suddenly, thunder from God came and blasted him back to where he was coming from and that was his end. Why? Jesus says, "All powers belong to me." God will not give any other being power, that is equal to the power of Christ.

JESUS IS LORD

Jesus our Lord is in heaven, and I am sure that my Joseph is no more in Egypt. Intellectuals may fail, academics may stumble, as they are busy doing now. Philosophers may make mistakes but God's word will not fail. God will never make a mistake. This is why you must not lose your contract with Jesus and if you do not have the contract, get it now. Your contract with Jesus is your salvation. Salvation is the only commodity in life which has no substitute.

Beloved, there are many laws that have been written down through the ages: Natural law, scientific law, economic law, etc., but there is however a divine law to which we are pointing the attention of our enemies. When a weaker power meets with a stronger power, the weaker power vanishes. Perhaps you have not yet surrendered your life unto Jesus, that is you are not born again, you cannot fire any successful arrow at the enemy, instead,

the enemy will be stronger against you. Therefore, if you want to succeed in your journey of life, the first step is to get born again and surrender your life to Jesus. I am not talking about being confirmed or baptized with water. Are you born again? Have you publicly surrendered unto Jesus? If you have not done so, you have to do so now.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. I am getting out of all negative circumstances, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Every power working against my advancement, receive the arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Every power working against the peace of my life, receive the arrow of fire, in Jesus' name.
- 4. You strongman attached to my family, receive the arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. Every household wickedness, receive the arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Every spirit of financial failure, receive the arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. (Put one hand on your chest and the other one on the stomach). Lord, touch my system with your fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. (Retain your hands on your chest and your stomach) Lord Jesus, touch the foundation of my life with your fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 9. I clear away the hidden places of the enemy in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 10. Let my breakthrough manifest powerfully this year, in the name of Jesus.
- 11. Any power hindering my breakthrough this year, receive the arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus.
- 12. All good ways that have been closed in my life, open in the name of Jesus.

- 13. As you mention each of the situations listed below, shout: receive the arrow of fire, in the name of Jesus (three times):
 - Every anti-progress spirit.
 - All the powers revealing my secrets to the enemy.
 - Every evil friend that has been sent into my business.
 - Every unprofitable attachment to my prayer life.
 - Every power blocking the anointing of God in my life.
 - Every serpentine spirit.
 - All satanic attackers in the dream.
 - Every spirit of demotion.
- 14. I send every bondage back to the sender, in Jesus' name.

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