

INTRODUCING

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**A ministry committed to: Leadership Development,
Mission and Church Planting
“Equipping the Saints for the end-time Harvest”**

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1. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Equipping and Raising Godly Leaders through Leadership programmes, conducting leadership retreats and school of leadership around the world.

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3. CHURCH PLANTING:

The Church arm, Grace Covenant Assembly carries out Church planting outreaches and equipping of the Saints through monthly Faith Seminars and Radio Programme titled Living by Faith and our Faithville publication.

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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME

You're specially welcome to this year's Leadership Retreat.

The theme this year is BUILDING YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY BY FAITH.

This is really very critical to God and His eternal purpose and also very critical to our eternal destiny.

Why?

Because any life or Ministry built outside of faith is built outside of God's Will.

It's ONLY by faith that you can build your life and Ministry according to God's Will

You're not to build your life and Ministry the way YOU like.

Your life is no longer your own.

There's an eternal purpose of God for your life in Christ.

Therefore, God gave us faith so that His Will can be established in our lives and Ministries..

In God's kingdom, WHAT we built is not as important as HOW we built it.

Heb 3:4

For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

Building by faith is the ONLY way you can build with God.

I pray the Lord will greatly enlighten our eyes of understanding as we retreat under Him in Jesus Christ name

Once again you're welcome.

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PART ONE

**BUILDING YOUR LIFE
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1Cor 3:9-15

When it comes to building your life and Ministry by faith, there are two critical issues involved

1. Are you building your life and Ministry in line with God's eternal purpose for you?
2. Are you building to the full capacity of God's eternal purpose?

We're not just to run through life and achieve

We're to run through life fulfilling the will of God for our lives and Ministry.

Acts 13:22

Also we're not just to do our best

We're to make full proof of our lives and Ministries.

We're to fully accomplish our eternal destiny.

Many people are just focused on achievements with no regard for God's ordained purpose for their lives.

Mk 1:37-38

Life in the kingdom is not just achievements. It's about fulfilling divine purpose

IT MATTERS IN ETERNITY

In eternity, WHAT you built is not as important as HOW you built it.

It's the how that matters in eternity.

Why?

Because, the how determines whether your're building by God or you're building by natural human efforts.

These are the only two ways man can build on earth.

Ps 127:1

Notice it was built.

But the labor is a vain labor.

The Labor has no eternal rewards.

1 Cor 3:13-15

Beloved, anyone can build anything.

Gen 4:16-17

Building Your Life By faith

Are you building only for earthly results or for eternal rewards?

The kind of life you build and the kind of Ministry you build have no eternal relevance unless built by faith.

This is because the only way you can build by God is to build by faith.

Why Faith?

There's a life ordained for you by God.

That life begins with the salvation of your soul

And it's only by faith that you can access that life.

It doesn't matter the life you're able to build.

It doesn't matter how successful that life is in your eyes and in the eyes of the world, if you're not saved, you've missed God's eternal purpose for your life.

Therefore, building your life by faith begins with accessing all that God has done for you in Christ beginning with your salvation.

The most important thing about your life is your salvation.

Eph 2:8

The salvation of your soul is the foundation of a glorious, victorious and triumphant life.

Lk 16:26

Now, you're not saved by your religious activities.

You're saved by faith in Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Rom 9:30-32

Your faith in Christ as your Lord and Savior will produce a new creation

2Cor 5:17

Christ didn't come to start a Christian religion.

Christ came to make new creatures.

Jn 3:5-8

This is what it means to be born again,

Are you born again?

Jn 1:12-13

This is where building your life begins.

Rom 3:24, 28

Living By Faith

But many believers get born again and immediately pack their faith somewhere to be used only during emergencies.

But the bible says five times that the just shall live faith

Hab 2:4

Rom 1:17

Gal 2:20

Gal 3:11

Heb 10:38

You started your life by faith and you're to continue by faith.

Gal 2:20

Col 2:6

Importance Of Building Your Life By Faith

In order to understand the importance of faith in building your life, you must understand grace.

Grace is the reason for faith

Rom 4:16

Grace is God's provision for man in Christ.

Grace is all of God and none of man

You're either a self made man or a grace made man.

Rom 11:6

Now, what God has provided by His grace can only be received by faith.

This is where the importance of faith is.

Rom 5:2

God didn't want us to build our lives by ourselves.

He wants us to simply access the glorious life He has already built for us in Christ.

Mk 5:32-34

What did the Lord say made her whole?

But who made her whole?

The Lord

What does that translates to?

God works with our faith to bring to pass His eternal purpose in every area of our lives.

Understanding this truth is very critical to how much God will do with your life.

Reign Of God's Kingdom

Lk 11:2

The purpose of God's kingdom on earth is for God's will to be done on earth.

Mk 4:23

What Christ came to establish on earth is the reign of God's kingdom.

God's kingdom has come on earth.

Where?

Lk 17:20-21

God's kingdom has come in the hearts of men and women who have been born again.

Therefore, as a born again child of God, you're carrying the reign of God's kingdom within you on earth

Therefore God's will can be accomplished on earth in you and through you

How?

By faith.

That's the purpose of faith.

Faith is God's gift given to us so that His will on earth can be accomplished in us and through us.

Rom 12:3

His will accomplished in you has to do with your well-being.

His will accomplished through you has to do with your Ministry.

Gal 2:20

Therefore, faith is what makes our life meaningful on earth

This is the life God has called us into in Christ.

Without faith, our walk with God will be miserable and very frustrating.

Heb 11:6

1Jn 5:4

Heb 11:1-2

Building Your Ministry By Faith

As earlier mentioned, God has given us the gift of faith so that His Will can be accomplished IN us and THROUGH us.

His Will accomplished IN us has to do with our well being in life.

This begins with our salvation.

And as with our lives, so also with our Ministries.

His Will accomplished THROUGH us has to do with our Ministry.

And therefore the foundation of an authentic and eternal Ministry is also the salvation of our souls.

Col 4:17

No one can do Ministry,

Ministry is what God does through men/women.

Your Ministry is what you received in the Lord.

Therefore, you can't receive an authentic and eternal Ministry until you're born again.

Acts 9:4-5

Paul was doing Ministry before he met Christ and got saved.

Before then, Christ said he was persecuting Him

Are you in Ministry and unknown to you, you're actually persecuting Christ?

Acts 8:8-13

Phil 3:17-19

Acts 18:24-26

What is Ministry?

Ministry is God accomplishing His Will through us

Therefore, every believer has received a Ministry in the Lord

This makes us co-labourers with God.

Ministry is what God does through us.

Ministry is not what we just fancy to do by ourselves.

1Cor 3:9-10

Therefore, in Ministry, WHAT you build is not as important as HOW you build.

It's the how that determines whether you're building with God or just by yourself.

Acts 20:28-30

Isaac or Ishmael Ministry

Gen 17:18-19

Abraham's Ministry was to produce Isaac.

That was his Ministry,

Not to just have a child.

But you see Abraham here begging God to accomplish His purpose through Ishmael.

But God said no.

Ishmael was not God's will.

That you produce something in Ministry doesn't mean it's God's will.

Why?

Because it's not God's way.

Gen 17:20-21

Is your Ministry carrying out the purpose of God on earth, or its just your own arrangements.

Gen 21:12-13

You must be very careful when it comes to Ministry because there're inherent God abilities in man, saved and unsaved, that can make man produce ANYTHING.

Is your Ministry Isaac or Ishmael.

Is your Ministry producing God's INTENDED results and having STRIKING EFFECT

God said,

Acts 13:22

Is your Ministry fulfilling God's will? Or your own will?

That means you can't do whatever you like in Ministry.

You can't do whatever catches your fancy. Whatever pleases you.

Whatever you're doing in Ministry that's not in line with what God wants to do through your life is nothing, but labor in vain

Psa 127:1

To labor in vain means no rewards for your labors.

1Cor 3:13-15

The Faith Factor In Building Your Life And Ministry

God wants to accomplish His will IN us and THROUGH us, therefore it's a partnership.

And the ONLY way you can partner with God to produce God's intended results on earth - to accomplish His eternal purpose on earth is by faith.

It's takes faith to work with God.

You can't accomplish God's purpose in your life and in Ministry by your own strength.

Jn 5:17-19,

Jn 5:30

It's also only by faith that you can manifest the full capacity of God's assignment on your life.

2 Tim 4:7-8

PART TWO

**KEYS TO BUILD YOUR LIFE
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Building your life and Ministry by faith has eternal consequences.

Neither our lives or our Ministries belong to us.

It's only when you build your life and Ministry by faith that you can build according to God's pattern for your life and Ministry.

Heb 8:3-5

Now every believer carries divine capacities of life and Ministry to manifest on earth

There are two aspects to this.

1. Don't build less than your God ordained destiny
2. Don't build outside of your God ordained destiny.

Faith doesn't make God do anything. Faith only receives what God has done for us in Christ.

Anything built outside of faith, therefore does not, will not and cannot please God.

Now we're in the kingdom to please God not ourselves.

Ps 95:1-11

Why was God grieved?

Because of their unbelief

Unbelief will make you build outside of God's Will for your life

For example if God's will for you is 5k Church and you only build 500, God will not be pleased because your unbelief limited God.

God wants us to build our lives and Ministries from the position of rest not from struggle.

The focus of the retreat is to show that anything built outside of faith cannot please God.

Everything not build by faith is build outside of God's will and purpose.

Building your life and Ministry is therefore building according to pattern shown you.

1. Have a genuine salvation experience
2. Have the revelation of God's will for your life and Ministry is.

Both your life and Ministry are preordained by God.

Jer 1:4-5

Your life and Ministry predated you.

Acts 9:15-16

3. Know you have the faith to build your life and Ministry

God gives us faith so that His Will on earth can be accomplished IN us & THROUGH us.

That's the purpose of faith.

Gal 2:20

This is not natural, human faith.

You can't build your life and Ministry by natural human faith

You can't accomplish God's Will on earth IN you and THROUGH you by natural human faith

Faith is not trying to make God do anything.

No one can make God do anything.

Faith only receives what God has already accomplished in Christ.

4. Receive your life and Ministry assignment by faith.

How?

Step out

Whenever God communicate to you about your life and Ministry, He communicate the faith for the assignment..

Lk 8:22-25

He that observed the wind will not sow.

Heb 11:8-10

Mk 16:20

And they went

How?

By faith

What then happened?

The Lord. Hallelujah

Beloved as “went”, what will happen?

The Lord.

Beloved, until you “went”, you’ll not see anything.

But as you “went”, Hallelujah.

How many are ready to “went” tonight?

Help me ask someone - are you ready to went concerning your life & Ministry?

5. Fight the good fight of faith.

satan will challenge your Ministry

1 Cor 16:8-9

2 Tim 4:7-8

satan threatened me with death when we started our Ministry in Ibadan...

It took me 7 years to get manifestations but I never stopped one day.

I never laid down one day.

I kept fighting the good fight of faith.

All that satan is fighting in your life is your Ministry.

Your Ministry has great eternal consequences.

6. Guard your heart.....

Faith is of the heart, therefore, whatever affects your heart affects your faith.

Mt 17:19-21

Guard your heart against unbelief, doubts, fears, envies, offenses etc

1Tim 1:18-20

7. Follow credible leaders with good faith examples.

Phil 3:17-21

8. Be Patient

Prayers

I take the precious blood of the triumphant Christ and I dismantle every satanic resistance to my destiny spiritually etc.

I sprinkle the precious blood of my triumphant Lord and Saviour over my spirit soul and body and I cancel every satanic activities in Jesus

I break every yoke of laziness in my life spiritually etc

HYMN

THOU MY EVERLASTING PORTION

1 Thou my everlasting portion,
More than friend or life to me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with Thee.

2 Not for ease or worldly pleasure,
Nor for fame my pray'r shall be;
Gladly will I toil and suffer,
Only let me walk with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee;
Gladly will I toil and suffer,
Only let me walk with Thee.

3 Lead me thru the vale of shadows,
Bear me o'er life's fitful sea:
Then the gate of life eternal,
May I enter, Lord, with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee;
Then the gate of life eternal,
May I enter, Lord, with Thee.

I HAVE ONLY ONE LIFE ON THIS EARTH

1. I have only one life on this earth
And as vapor it's passing away.
I must labor for treasures of worth,
Ere toil ends at the close of the day.

Refrain:

Only one life to give,
I could never withhold it from God.
Only one life to live,
I must not miss the "Well done!" of God.

2. Only one life, and white are the fields,
With compassion this great need I view;
This one life that I have I will yield;
And the little I can, let me do.

3. One poor life, small the off'ring at best,
Yet the world and the flesh often call;
This my answer must be to each test:
I'll not serve God with less than my all.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate,
If they, like them should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my
righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.