

**The Lord Reigns
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ENCOUNTER

GOD

RETREAT

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

SESSION 1 & 2: HOUSE RULES / WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

Duration: 45 Minutes (25 Min Orientation; 20 Min Group Dynamics)

I. TIME COMMITMENT

- ✓ Always come early. If you come on time, then you are LATE. If you came late, then you are already ABSENT.
- ✓ Must attend and complete all sessions.
- ✓ Maximize every opportunity in the encounter

II. FOCUSED COMMITMENT

- ✓ All phones must be turned off and surrendered to your Guides.
- ✓ Avoid distractions.
- ✓ Be there at the scene of crucifixion!

III. SMALL GROUP COMMITMENT

- ✓ Know your small group members.
- ✓ Participate in discussions / workshops.
- ✓ Stick to assigned small groups.

IV. GET THE RIGHT DNA OF THE VISION

- ✓ In humility, submit to rules
- ✓ Lay down your diplomas, titles and set aside your learning.
- ✓ Desire to catch the spirit of the vision and be changed.

- ✓ **ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST AT HIS CROSS!**

SESSION 2 – WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? (THREE QUESTION)

1. YOUR NAME

2. WHEN DID YOU REALLY START LIVING FOR JESUS?

3. WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING GOD WILL DO IN YOUR LIFE AT THE ENCOUNTER

SESSION 3: THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AN ENCOUNTER

Duration: 45 Minutes

Introduction: Pastor Cesar Castellanos says, “I have seen lives completely transformed during these three days with radical changes that are usually not seen even after a full year.”

Let us look at the Nation of Israel....

V. GOD ASKED THE NATION OF ISRAEL TO GO TO AN ENCOUNTER

A. The Situation: Exodus 3:7-8

⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of My people in Egypt, and have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I know about their sufferings. ⁸ I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey....” (Exodus 3:7-8).

God’s desire for Israel is:

“...to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey...”

Where are you at today? What is your own situation in life?

Like Israel God’s desire is to bring you out from the land of slavery to the land of freedom and abundance.

B. The Petition: Exodus 5:3

“Then they (Moses & Aaron) answered, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go on a three-day trip into the wilderness so that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, or else He may strike us with plague or sword”. (Exodus 5:3)

Moses and Aaron’s petition reflected God’s desire to get together with His people for three (3) days. God wants three days appointment with you so He can speak to you and transform you totally.

C. The Rejection: Exodus 5:4-6

⁴ The king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why are you causing the people to neglect their work? Get to your labors!” ⁵ Pharaoh also said, “Look, the people of the land are so numerous, and you would stop them from working.” ⁶ That day Pharaoh commanded the overseers of the people as well as their foremen (Exodus 5:4-7).

Is there any hindrance in your life that will keep you from Encountering God today?

Deal 1: V25: “Go and sacrifice to your God here in the land.

Deal 2: V28: “I will let you go to offer sacrifice to the Lord your God in the desert, but you must not go very far.

In other words, Pharaoh allows Israel to go to the three day encounter on condition.

Paul wisely said that everything that happened in the old days is an example, a teaching for our days. And as we can see Moses’ proposal to Pharaoh was to allow the Israelites, from young to old along with all their possessions, to a three-day encounter.

This is exactly what the Lord is asking from you today – a three-day Encounter, so God can perform a complete transformation in your lives.

Like the Nation of Israel, God is asking you for a three day encounter where He can speak to you, transform you and deliver you from all sins and bondages.

Now that you are here, you ready and willing for the THREE DAY ENCOUNTER.

VI. THREE KINDS OF ENCOUNTER:

A. Self

- You will know who you are.
- You will discover more about yourself.
- Just like facing the mirror.

B. Others

- During the whole time of the encounter, you will have the opportunity to meet and relate one with another especially within your own group.

C. God. What is an encounter with God?

- An encounter with God is to meet God face to face. You and God will be meeting each other.
- The good news is, this does not happen without results.
- Your encounter with God in the next three days will transform your life, renew your heart and lift up your spirit.
- Your encounter with God beginning tonight will dissolve all of your pains, sadness and depression.

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- You will never be the same like Jacob from being a deceiver to become the father of many nations.
- Like Moses from being a murderer to become a deliverer.
- Like Paul from being a persecutor to become an apostle.

The outcome of your personal encounter with God tonight is that: **God will take you from where you are to where He wants you to become.**

In your encounter with God starting tonight, you will experience three F'S:

- ✓ **Freedom**
- ✓ **Fire**
- ✓ **Focus**

How to have these 3F'S:

- ✓ **Honesty**
- ✓ **Humility**
- ✓ **High Expectation**

II. TRUTHS YOU WILL EXPERIENCE AT AN ENCOUNTER

(ACTS. 26:13-18)

- You will receive vision.
- You will experience a genuine conversion.
- You will realize that you are not under Satan's control anymore but in the Lordship of Christ.
- Forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Enjoy our privileges in God.

SESSION 4: THE BIBLE & DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Duration: 45 Minutes

Joshua 1:8 *“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”*

Objectives:

1. To show them that the bible is God’s word and to impart a love for the bible.
2. To teach them the importance of Daily Devotion to God.

I. THE BIBLE:

- **B**-asic **I**-nformation **B**-efore **L**-eaving **E**-arth – Our PDOS (Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar) to enter the kingdom of heaven.
- Written by more than 40 authors, in 3 different languages over the period of 1,600 years, yet conveys a single message: God’s redeeming plan for mankind.
- Bestseller /Never Becomes Obsolete;
- One of a kind – gives new revelation to us every time we read it.
- Book of all time. Never becomes obsolete. – From generation to generation the bible changes only in sizes or physical appearance or version for clearer understanding, but never in the teachings or content which was authored by God.

A. The BIBLE is God’s Handbook written for the human race.

- The Bible is our blueprint for living
- The Bible has EVERYTHING we need to properly live our lives.
- The Bible is a gift from God
- 2Timothy 3:16

B. The BIBLE is God’s Love Letter for Us.

- God speaks to you through every verse in the Bible;
- The Bible is not about rules, it’s about relationship;
- He loves us enough to tell us what is best for us.

C. The BIBLE is a Mirror.

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- Reading it is just like looking at the mirror, you'll see who you really are

D. The BIBLE is sharp and useful for many purposes.

- Hebrew 4:12
- The Bible points out truths about ourselves;
- The Bible renews your mind so that your life can be transformed;
- The Bible helps us make choices, set boundaries, and gives us guidelines.

II. DAILY DEVOTIONAL LIFE:

A. Why we do devotionals?

- Matthew 4:4 “Jesus answered, “It is written, “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
- Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

B. When we do devotionals?

- Psalm 5:3 “Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my request before you and wait in expectation.”
- Mark 1:35 “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where he prayed.

C. How we do devotionals? (Refer to Guide to Daily Devotional)

SESSION 5: EXPERIENCING THE CROSS

Duration: 60 minutes

A. Play the Movie clip “The Crossing”.

- It’s a movie in the 80s but we have not found a movie that has conveyed the message like this video conveys.
- Please try to get the message of this video. Colossians 2:14
- When a person committed a crime that they would be crucified for - they would write the crime and the penalty on the board/plaque. Then they would nail the plaque on the cross, so people would know the crime and the penalty.
- Jesus had no sin, no crime. Pilate had it written; JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS. No crime listed on it. This is important! Every sin we committed is recorded, but since Jesus has no crime= HE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GET OUR CRIME FROM US JUST LIKE THE ONE WE SEE IN THE MOVIE, including the sins we committed that no one knows except you and God.
- Jesus paid the price of the sins we’ve done. ARE YOU GLAD THAT JESUS TOOK OUR SINS FROM US AND NAILED IT TO THE CROSS?
- The place to encounter Jesus is at the Cross of Calvary.
- READ: Matthew 27:11-31 (with music)
- As you watch this video, watch it with a desire to encounter Jesus. He died with a heart full of love for us/ for each and every one of us.

B. View the portion of The Passion Of the Christ.

- View it from another’s perspective. PRAY for God’s Revelation.
- All participants, stand, stretch your hands sideways as if you are going to be crucified.....Feel the pains of crucifixion Feel the pain of the nails piercing your hands...
- (After the Movie) Make your chairs as your ALTAR)
- We’ve seen Jesus suffering for our sins. It’s our sins that drove Him to the cross.
- Pray that He will reveal Himself to you.

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- Look at His eyes while hanging on that cross, HIS EYES FULL OF LOVE.
- KNOW HOW MUCH He longs for you. He is not angry at you. He loves you so much.

God has waited this moment so He can tell you how much He loves you with an unconditional kind of love.

C. CHALLENGE:

- If you have not fully given your life to Jesus – raise your hand
- You have been a Christian but not living for Jesus and you want to re-commit your life to Him.
- You are very special to Him. He loves you so much. Jesus has been waiting this moment.
- Feel His blood washing you today. He wants you to make you clean.

SESSION 6: THE REVELATION OF THE CROSS

Duration: 60 Minutes (45 Minutes lecture; 15 Minutes Ministering)

Scripture: *“Now this is eternal life; that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.” (John 17:3)*

I. TO KNOW JESUS: EXPERIENCE THE REVELATION OF CROSS

What did Jesus feel? Why did He ask His Father the question, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt.27:46)*

Just like David who saw it prophetically and wrote Psalm 22, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.” (Ps 22:1-2).*

Prophetically David felt the anguish, the pains and the death of Jesus on the Cross. He was stepping into the pains and anguish of the Son of God.

*5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being **MADE IN HUMAN LIKENESS**. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! (Phil 2:5-8).*

II. TO KNOW JESUS: BE BIRTHED INTO THE REVELATION OF THE CROSS.

That is what Zechariah the prophet referred to when he said, *“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on Me, the one **THEY HAVE PIERCED**, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son” (Zech. 12:10).*

Paul, the apostle, made the greatest effort of any man to take the message of salvation to the rest of the world. Why? Because he had the revelation of the Cross and said, *“I have been **CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST** and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Gal.2:20)*

Why We Need the Cross? God wants to restore us back to Paradise.

Satan used a TREE causing man and woman to be driven out of Paradise.

God used also a TREE to restore man and woman back to Paradise.

III. TO KNOW JESUS: KNOW THE BENEFITS OF HIS CRUCIFIXION

A. THE CROSS – Cancelled Curses - Symbolizes freedom from ruin and poverty.

If we asked a Jewish person, what their concept of the cross is, they will probably answer by saying, “It’s a cursed object. That is where the worst criminals in the nation are hanged to die” (Gal. 6:14; 3:13; 2:20).

Allowing Himself to be crucified on the cross means: (1) Jesus becomes a curse for us; (2) Jesus redeems us from the curse instead of us redeeming it; and (3) Curse that is in us is already cancelled because Jesus took it upon Himself.

So, when we talk of The Cross, it means our curse is cancelled. We do not need to die on the cross so we free ourselves from the said curse, Jesus did it for us.

B. The Crown of Thorns – Freedom from Toil (labor, hustle & sweat)

When Adam and Eve sinned and were expelled from paradise God told them, “... *cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you.*” (Gen. 3:17b-18a)

Crown of thorns and thistles were crowed upon Christ’s head--the blood coming out that falls on the ground redeemed the ground from poverty and curse. We are redeemed from poverty mind-set.

C. The Whip – the Wound that gave Healing

The Bible says that Jewish law permitted a criminal to be whipped up to forty times. That’s why, as an act of mercy, the Jews decided to whip him only thirty-nine times. (Isaiah 53:3-4)

Scientists have shown that there are thirty-nine major types of diseases and all other diseases are merely variations of these thirty nine. It is not by

coincidence that Jesus received thirty-nine whip lashes. This tells us that all diseases, all pain, no matter the variation, the symptoms or how serious they may be, were cancelled by the stripes inflicted on Jesus' back (Isa. 53:5).

D. The Nails

They took off all of Jesus' clothes and put him on a tree. They opened his arms and nailed each of his hands onto the Cross with very sharp nails. They put both of his feet together and nailed the third nail. Each one of these nails has a very important meaning:

1. The First Nail in one of His hands – Free from Guilt

All the guilt that was upon your life, which would take you to eternal condemnation, was cancelled on the Cross of Calvary. There is no need for you to feel guilty; Jesus took this horrible curse upon himself through that first nail.

2. The Second nail – Cancelled Argument

What is an argument? It is a legal right that you have given your adversary. How are arguments created? They are created by curses you inherited from your family and by words spoken over you by your parents that caused a negative effect upon your life. (Colossians 2:14)

3. The Third Nail on His Feet – Victory over Oppression

This nail was hammered into the part of the heel under the ankle. Scientists have discovered that they used a nail to perforate an area of the heel of the person crucified. This was a very long nail and would go through both feet.

E. The Spear – Inner Healing

After Jesus gave up the spirit, a soldier pierced his side with a spear then water and blood came out. Experts say that when water and blood get mixed together in the body it is usually because the person's heart has "exploded". Jesus suffered so much anguish on the cross that his heart exploded.

IV. WHAT THE BLOOD OF JESUS DID FOR US

The book of Leviticus teaches about the seven different blood offerings that the priests performed. (Lev. 16:14). This is an allegory of the seven times that Jesus would shed his blood.

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1. **.He sweated blood.** Jesus was in such great anguish in Gethsemane that He started to sweat and his sweat seemed like large drops of blood falling to the ground (Luke 22:44).
2. **He bled again when they put a crown of thorns on His head.** The thorns easily pierced his temples and his head started to swell up almost to double its size. (Matthew 27:29-30)
3. **He shed blood when they hit His face.** (Micah 5:1; Isaiah 52:14) It's very likely that when they beat his face his nose also bled.
4. **He shed blood when they pulled His beard out.** (Isaiah 50:6)
5. **He shed blood when they whipped His back.** (Matthew 27:26)
6. **He shed blood when they crucified Him.** (Matthew 27:35; Psalm 22:16)
7. **He shed blood when they pierced his side with a spear.** (John 19:34)

Conclusion:

The blood that poured from His hands, His feet, His back, His side, and His temples is the blood that washes us from all sin and from all iniquity. "...*and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*" (Hebrews 9:22b). Just one drop of Jesus' blood has the power to cleanse the darkest and most despicable sin that man has ever committed. (1 Peter 1:18-20)

Challenge:

Perhaps you will say: "My heart is hurt; my soul is broken into pieces; the wounds are very deep." Jesus tells you today, "*My child, my heart exploded so that yours could be healed, so that your emotions could be restored. Turn back to Me and I will turn back to you. Starting today, your life will be completely different if you turn to Me.*"

What should you do? You should give your all to Jesus. Take them to the Cross and leave your old nature there. Everything will be left at the foot of the Cross. You will have a new nature, which is the character of Christ inside of you. When you go beyond the Cross, you will find the loving arms of the glorified Jesus.

SESSION 7: HEALING THE HEART

Duration: 60 Minutes (40 minutes lecture; 20 minutes ministering)

Scripture: Proverbs 18:14 *“A man’s spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear.”*

Objective: Let people know that God can heal and restore emotions through inner healing.

Introduction:

- The deepest wounds that one can have are found in the soul. When God created man, He designed us not only to be loved and to feel love, but also to give love. When the soul is wounded, it is difficult to receive love from others and to offer our love to others as well.
- Many adults struggle with issues that began with wounds that were inflicted during childhood. When a person sustains wounds to the heart, the pain can remain for years. Perhaps they did not receive affection from their family or maybe they suffered from a general lack of love, encouragement, recognition or affirmation. Whatever the case, those wounds from childhood can leave a large void in a person’s heart. When this happens, people try to soothe the wounds with things that cannot heal, which can lead to a lifestyle of sin. Example: Vices, drugs, leaving homes, early marriages.
- So many people enter marriage with old wounds festering. They believe that having a husband or a wife will cause them to finally overcome – or at least forget what they suffered. But this is such a tragedy because the intimacy of marriage only forces the wounds to go deeper and exposes them even more. The frustrated husband or wife could only say, “PAREHO LANG KAYONG LAHAT! Pareho ka lang sa Mama/Papa ko”
- Since man has no means of true/genuine healing, God will do it for us through what we call INNER HEALING.

I. WHAT IS INNER HEALING?

- When we talk of inner healing, we are referring to the healing of the wounds inflicted on the inside of a person – not physical pain, but the wounds felt in the soul. We know that a person is a THREE part being. Every person alive is composed of a spirit, soul and a body. When we speak of inner healing, we are focusing on the wounds of the soul.
- The soul is made up of the MIND, the WILL, and the EMOTIONS. The mind processes information and is what makes us conscious of and able to interpret the world around us. The EMOTIONS are our feelings. They give life its flavour, but if they are wounded they cause great torment. The WILL is the decision- maker. It is the part of us that has the last word.
- For example, when people hear the Word of God, it goes to the mind, where the information is processed. Then it goes to their emotions, where they react to it according to the way they feel about it. But the will makes the final decision, it determines whether or not they obey. God respects the human will so much that He does not interfere with its decisions. Even loving Him should be our choice from the bottom of their heart.

II. WHEN DO WOUNDS OF THE SOUL BEGIN?

A. During CONCEPTION.

Some wounds are inflicted before we are born. When a child is conceived, he is an extension of his parents. Everything the parents go through things like fear, stresses, thoughts, fears, words spoken while the child is in his mother's womb can affect the child. In addition, the character of both parents is reproduced in the child.

B. During CHILDHOOD

1. VERBAL ABUSE – NEGATIVE WORDS, COMPARISON
2. PHYSICAL ABUSE – IMPROPER DISCIPLINE
3. SEXUAL ABUSE – RAPED, MOLESTED, USED BY SPOUSE

- Any wound sustained while in the womb or during childhood whether it is caused by something spoken or something felt or perceived- leaves a psychological scar on a person's life. What's worse, these wounds can become open doors through which Satan can gain entrance into a person's life and torment them with impure or unclean spirits, such as fear, insecurity, feelings of inferiority, jealousy, anger, rejection, etc.
- The enemy takes advantage of people's lack of understanding of who Satan is and how he operates. He tries to compel people to believe he really doesn't exist and gets them to ignore him. As long as he can remain hidden, he can more easily control people's lives, but he loses his power when he is exposed.
- Every Experience a person lives through is stored in the brain. As we think or act, small electrical impulses travel through our brain cell and form paths. Every situation produces a new path. The more an experience is repeated, the more established that particular pathway becomes. Repeatedly being rejected or mistreated in childhood will develop though patterns of rejection and condemnation.

III. WHAT IS REJECTION?

A. Rejection is a lack of acceptance.

- A person who is rejected is not invited to join others, is contradicted when he speaks, does not fit in and struggles to find a place in a group of people.
- Rejection is the main cause of wound in the soul and it comes from a true or perceived lack of love. In today's society, relationships between parents and children are more distance than ever and there is much emptiness, loneliness, and confusion in the hearts of children.
- When the wounds of rejection have been inflicted on a person's heart, the Lord's desire is to heal them.

B. HOW TO EXPERIENCE HEALING AND RESTORATION FROM REJECTION?

1. Identify the possible cause of the rejection.

Get to the root of the matter. Be aware that the source of the pain may be in your subconscious mind, out of the reach of your memory. In these

cases, ask the Holy Spirit to bring revelation, as only he can, so the healing can begin.

2. Confront the Past

Facing the pain of your past will not remove the anguish, but with the Lord's help, you can acknowledge and accept what has happened, and you can do it without fear.

3. Identify those who have hurt you.

REMEMBER: Jesus Suffered Rejection for you

1. He was rejected in the womb.

Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph knew that Jesus was not his natural son. He considered abandoning Jesus and Mary. (He didn't)

2. He was rejected after birth.

King Herod felt threatened when he heard people saying that a baby had been born king of the Jews. He issued a decree to kill all baby boys in the region.

3. He was rejected by the Jews.

Religious leaders, politicians, and the townspeople hated Jesus.

4. His own disciple rejected him.

They were frightened when Jesus was arrested and they abandoned him. One disciple betrayed him, another denied him, and the others ran away. One of the thieves on the cross even rejected him.

5. His father rejected him.

This was the most critical time in His life and he felt His father turn His back on Him. He cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus experienced the Father's rejection because He was taking our place!

Seeing the Fruit

God begins the process of true inner healing through brokenness. If you have been abandoned or rejected by a parent, God wants to come into your

life and take the place of your mother or father, filling all the empty places that abandonment has left in your life. **Psalm 27:10** “**When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me.**”

God wants to reach down into the deepest part of your being, to heal you, to provide everything you need, and to restore you completely. God does not want you to experience pain or rejection, but the important thing is that even if your family has turned their backs on you, God has not. He has picked you up and is holding you close. He is pouring his love and affection upon you, and will continue to do so through all eternity.

IV. **STEPS TOWARD HEALING AND RESTORATION:**

1. Forgive with all of your heart those who have offended you.
2. Do not hold onto anything in your heart that causes bitterness, resentment, hatred, or rebellion.
3. Forgive yourself. Romans 8:1 “ There is now therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”
4. Surrender yourself completely to Jesus. “Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

SESSION 8: THREE QUESTIONS

Duration: 15 - 30 Minutes

VII. THREE QUESTIONS: WHAT MORE DO YOU EXPECT?

1. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
2. WHAT HAS THE LORD DONE TO YOUR LIFE SO FAR DURING THE PAST SESSIONS OF THIS ENCOUNTER?
3. ARE YOU EXPECTING GOD TO DO MORE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ENCOUNTER?

VIII. GUIDES SHOULD PRAY FOR THE DELEGATES AFTER THIS SESSION.

SESSION 9 & 17: SOWING THE BEST & FINANCES

Duration: 60 Minutes

Scripture: *Galatians 6:7* “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

Introduction: You are now changed. The new season and new seed has come! The Encounter experience brings changes to our lives. “When we change, everything changes.”

God wants us to be a “thermostat” not a “thermometer”. God wants us to influence the lives of others positively.

I. WHAT AND HOW DO WE SOW GOOD SEED IN OTHERS’ LIVES?

1. Sow Seeds of Positive Attitude

- Use Positive language and positive thinking at all times.
Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”
- What we speak, what we do and what we act will impact our lives and the lives of others. (Use the word of faith, be affirmed by the Word of God & speak the language of faith.)

2. Sow Seed of Integrity

- Doing the right thing even when no one is watching.
(Start your devotion; do your journal faithfully. Have a continuous fellowship with God.)
- The more you hang out with God, the more you act like HIM.

3. Sow Seed of Spirituality

- Serving God is our top priority. Serving God is our mainline not our sideline. (Be skillful in the things of God. Build our character. Be passionate for God.) Pay attention to our spirituality; follow hard after the things of the Spirit.)

4. Sow Seed of Discipline

- Discipline is to give your children direction, not to hurt them or create traumas. “If God doesn’t discipline you as he does all of his children, it

means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.”
Hebrews 12:8 (NLT)

(Doing daily devotion, being accountable to your cell leader, going to church, paying your tithes, becoming a soul-winner. Real discipline is done in love.)

5. Sow a correct Self-Image

- We must believe that we are very precious to God, that God loves us and has good plans for us. *“How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered” (Psalms 139:17).*

II. SOWING GOOD SEED FOR YOUR PROSPERITY

Dear friend, I am praying that all is well with you and that your body is as healthy as I know your soul is (3rd John 1:2).

A. God wants You To PROSPER

God wants you to be HEALTHY and WEALTHY

The Bible says,

*“...for Abraham was **very rich** in livestock, silver, and gold” (Genesis 13:2).*

*“In this way Jacob became **very wealthy**. He had many flocks, slaves, camels, and donkeys” (Genesis 30:43).*

*“There was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless, a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. 2 He had seven sons and three daughters. 3 He owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred teams of oxen, and five hundred female donkeys, and he employed many servants. He was, in fact, **the richest** person in that entire area (Job 1:1-3).*

1. Cause of man’s curse of poverty and sufferings

Gen 3:17 And to Adam God said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit I told you not to eat, I have placed a curse on the ground. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. 18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. 19 All your life you will sweat to produce food, until your dying day. Then you will return to

the ground from which you came. For you were made from dust, and to the dust you will return" (Gen 3:17-19).

1. Our first parents listened to Satan.
2. Man and woman eat the forbidden fruit.
3. Ground is cursed, growing thorns and thistles.
4. Results: All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

B. How to Move from Poverty to Prosperity

1. **KNOW** that you are redeemed from curse of poverty and sufferings to become healthy and wealthy.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9).

2. **OBEY** by giving your talent, time and money. Talking of money, pay your tithes and give your offerings into the house of God.

➤ Jesus Obeys by giving Himself.

➤ We must also Obey by Giving ourselves: Talent, Time & Money.
Giving of our money is done in two forms:

1. **Tithes.** What are tithes? These are ten percent (10%) of our income.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you!" (Mal 3:10).

2. **Offerings.** What are offerings? Are our giving over tithes. Anything you give above your tithes is offering to the Lord.

Conclusion: The Bible says,

"Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD, and they study it day and night. They are like

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trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do (Psalm 1:1-3).

LET US DECLARE:

God Loves ME
He has accepted ME
He trusts in ME
I AM his favourite
I AM unique and special
I AM an overcomer
I AM the head not the tail
I AM the King of Kings' kid!
I AM born to be blessed!
I AM blessed to be a blessing!
I AM not ordinary, but extraordinary!
I AM healthy and wealthy!

SESSION 10 & 11: THE FATHER’S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

Duration: 60 Minutes (50 Minutes lecture; 10 Minutes ministering)

Objectives:

- 1. To know the consequences of sin;**
- 2. To apply the real meaning of repentance;**
- 3. To have a clear understanding of God’s forgiveness and love.**

Introduction:

I. Sin and its Consequences in a Person’s Life:

A. What the Lord felt when David had failed & disobeyed Him.

The prophet Samuel wrote about the sweet psalmist of Israel, and said that he was, “A man after God’s own heart.” According to this description, David should have been a man who was faithful to the Lord, obeying Him in everything He should ask. But it wasn’t so. He failed and fell into sin.

In David’s case, the process unfolded like this:

1. The sin of adultery led him to the sin of hypocrisy: In front of Uriah, her husband, he tried to act like a friend whom he deeply appreciated.
2. The sin of hypocrisy led him to the sin of homicide: he sent Uriah to be killed by the sword of the sons of Ammon. (Gal. 6:7; Numbers 32:23b)

B. Consequences of Sin:

1. **It affects the finances.** (2 Sam. 12:8)
2. **It opens a door to a spirit of violence.** (2 Sam. 12:10a; Ps. 51:14a)
3. **It gives rise to public shame.** (2 Sam. 12:11b)
4. **It opens the door to curse.** (2Sam. 12:11a, Prov. 26:2; 2 Sam. 12:13)
5. **A spirit of death comes in to the family.** (2 Sam. 12:13-14; Ps.32:1-2; 32:3-4)

Verse 3 and 4 show us the consequences of every sin that is not confessed in the following areas:

- a. **Physical Area:** “When I kept silent, my bones wasted away.”
- b. **Emotional Area:** “Through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand is heavy upon me.”
- c. **Financial Area:** “My strength was sapped as in the heart of summer.”

B. Experiencing the consequences of his sin led David to make the decision of repenting. (Psalm 32:5)

David's confession is not superficial, nor does he try to justify what happened. He makes a detailed confession and describes his sin to the Lord because David knows that God is the one who can forgive his sins. It's interesting to see that when he made the decision of confessing his sins, God had already decided to forgive him. He had already erased his iniquity. (Psalm 32:6)

The same will happen when people have a genuine repentance. They will receive God's forgiveness and they must make the decision in their hearts to never offend Him again.

It is important to consider some general and specific steps for examining this attitude of genuine repentance. The believers' faith can grow only when they truly repented, clearly knowing the difference between repentance and remorse.

II. Experiencing the Forgiveness and Love of our Father God.

Whenever a person falls into sin, the forgiveness and love of God never changes. He hates our sin, but loves us enough to forgive us and accept us back in His fold. Let us look at the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:17-24)

A. REBEL WHO DECIDED TO CHANGE

Three different aspects of the prodigal son's attitude that make up the process of true repentance:

1. He renewed his mind and was enlightened. (Rom. 12:1-3)

If the prodigal son had conformed himself with the junk that the world offered him, he would have never made the decision to return home and seek a *second opportunity from his father*.

2. He made the right decision.

He said, "I will get up and return to my father".

3. Confession is the final step of repentance.

The prodigal son also said to his father: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you".

B. A FATHER WHO WAS WAITING FOR HIS SON'S RETURN

The father acted before his son's genuine repentance:

1. **He saw him from afar.** “*And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him*”.
2. **He was moved with mercy.** “*...and he was moved with mercy...*”
3. **He went out to receive him.** “*...he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*”
4. **He had a robe of righteousness prepared.** “*but the father said to his servants, “Quick, bring the best robe and put it on him..”*
(Zechariah 3:1-4; Isaiah 53:1-6)
5. **He restored the son's authority** “*...and put a ring on his finger*”.
6. **The son was entrusted with the greatest ministry: to preach the gospel.** “*...and sandals on his feet*”
7. **His joy was restored.** “*...let's have a feast and celebrate...*”
(Luke 15:6-7)

C. SEVEN STEPS TO RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. **Be cleansed** “*...and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin*”. (1 John 1:7)
2. **Get rid of all burdens.** (Heb. 12:1) Sin is a burden that stops the Christian life from going forward. They are like chains that bind the feet.
3. **Stop doing what is evil.** (Eph. 4:25-29) “*...In your anger, do not sin*”.
(Colossians 3:5-6)
4. **Learn to do good.** (Eph. 4:32; Phil. 2:3-4; Eph. 2:10)
5. **Seek understanding.** “*...prostitution, old wine and new, take away understanding*”. (Hosea 4:11)
6. **Return what was taken.** (Luke 19:8)
7. **Do justice to the orphan and help the widows.**

CHALLENGE:

Isaiah 1:18: “*Come now let us reason together, says the Lord, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*”

SESSION 12: SEVEN WORDS OF VICTORY

Duration: 30 Minutes

Scriptures: Luke 23:34-46, Matthew 27:46, John 19:25-30

Objective:

1. To know what Jesus purchased and redeemed for us by the things He suffered.

Introduction: Jesus chose His words on the Cross very carefully and these words represent seven things He conquered on the Cross.

- The Cross represents the curse and dying on it was a long, cruel death in brutal agony.
- The person being crucified would suffer with intense fever that caused profuse sweating, excruciating pain all over their body and intense thirst that was caused by dehydration.
- Jesus experienced all of these symptoms and when the people around him offered him a drink he refused because he wanted to pay the price for our redemption in full. He didn't want to lessen the pain.
- The seven words of victory come from the last words he spoke while dying on the cross.
- The words of a dying man are usually indescribably powerful because they are spoken from the heart, their deepest feelings and secrets from their heart. And Jesus' are no different.

1. His Words of Forgiveness:

Luke 23:34 – *Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”*

- Jesus forgave the very people while they were killing him
- Forgiveness is an act of faith, (it is hard at times)
- Our feelings and emotions are set against forgiving
- It doesn't make any sense to forgive people that don't deserve it, and no one does, but he forgave because he is merciful and forgives without limits.

Mark 11:26 – *But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”*

- Forgiveness is medicine for our heart and we need to take it constantly.
- Jesus was tortured and killed so I could be forgiven.
- **Say, “I AM FORGIVEN, AND I CHOSE TO FORGIVE.”**

2. His Words of Invitation:

Luke 23:43 – And Jesus said to him, “*Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.*”

- Surrender your whole heart to the Lord and he welcomes you into his open arms.
- God’s purpose is that we remain in the center of his will. To love, trust and serve him.
- The Lord told Moses in Exodus 33:14, “my presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
- There is no better place than in the presence of God.
- That’s why in Exodus 33:15 Moses told God “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place.
- The presence of God in our life is what enables to persevere through all trials.
- **Say, “I AM IN GOD’S PRESENCE.”**

Psalm 16:11 – You will show me that way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

3. His Words of Restoration:

John 19:25-27 – “*Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” 27 And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.*”

In Malachi 4:6 we receive the promise of the Lord. **He will turn the heart of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.**

- The enemy is trying everything he can to destroy our families, but God has given us a vision that restore the unity and sanctity of our families.
- Jesus was separated from his father so we could be reconciled to him and our homes and families restored.
- **Say, “ME AND MY FAMILY ARE RESTORED.”**

4. His Words of Acceptance:

Matthew 27:46 – *At about three o’ clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, Lema sabachthani?” which means “My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?”*

- Jesus was appealing to his father’s heart in the language of his youth. And this shows us that we need to deal with the wounds of our youth.
- Everyone has felt rejection in their life at some point.

Deuteronomy 31:6 – *So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your G*

- He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Psalm 27:10 – *“Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.”*

Matthew 11:28 – *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*

- He was rejected so I could be accepted.
- **Say, “I AM ACCEPTED.”**

5. Words of Love.

John 19:28 - *after this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said “**I thirst**”*

- His thirst was not physical; his true thirst was longing for the salvation of lost souls.
- His thirst was for us to be saved

1 John 4:19 – *“We love Him because He first loved us.”*

- I will love because he first loved me.
- **Say, “I AM LOVED.”**

6. Words of Triumph:

John 19:30 – *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

- Jesus fulfilled his purpose – it is finished means he finished the work, it is done
- We also have a purpose, and to fulfil that purpose.

2 Corinthians 2:14 – *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

- Jesus had to overcome every obstacle, trial and temptation we have to fulfill his purpose.
- The enemy tempted him just as he tempts us.

Matthew 4:4 – *But He answered and said, “It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**”*

- Jesus overcame every curse on the cross, sickness, poverty, depression and even death and so can we.

- Say, “I AM VICTORIOUS.”

7. Words of Hope:

Luke 23:46 – *And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit. “ Having said this, He breathed His last.*

- When Jesus was certain everything had been accomplished he committed his spirit into the father’s hands.

Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you and plans to give you hope and a future.*

- We have the same hope.
- Say, “I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD, MY BLESSED HOPE.”

SESSION 13: TRANSFORMING THE CURSE INTO BLESSING

Duration: 60 Minutes (45 Minutes lecture; 15 Minutes ministering)

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 19-20 *“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make, Oh! That you would choose life so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying Him and committing yourself firmly to Him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”*

What Is Meant By Curse?

- An appeal to supernatural power to inflict someone or some group
- An evil spell, something that causes misery or death
- An appeal or prayer for evil misfortune to fall on someone or something

I. Why Curses Enter Into Your Life?

- Because of SIN (Gen.3:14-19). Because of man’s (Adam & Eve) freewill they have chosen the curse rather than the blessing. Adam and Eve sinned and were expelled from paradise. The time man disobeyed God, the ground was cursed and the mankind was also cursed.
- That’s why Jesus Christ Himself needed to die on the cross to take our curses. If we don’t have any curse in our life He would not need to go to the cross.

II. Identifying the Curses

a. Mental or emotional Instability

- Mental problem, Sudden mood swing within a second.
- Offended easily, Upset easily etc.
- Not capable upholding or keeping a job or even taking care of themselves.

b. Repeated or Chronic illness

- Chronic illness that persists for a long period of time.
Ex. Asthma, Allergies, frequent or sever headache, seizures

c. Miscarriage or reproductive Problems

d. Marital or enmity among relatives

Feeling of hatred from one family to another. Possible reason:

1. Marriage life problems
2. ILLICIT relationship between relatives
3. Envy, Jealous, Greediness etc.

e. Constant Financial trouble

1. Lack of money
2. Lack of food
3. Lack of everything

f. Tendency to have an Accident

1. always in trouble
2. Prone to accident, etc.

g. Family History of suicides or unnatural death

Ex. Fire, suicides, poison, etc.

III. Different ways on How the curses Enter into your Life

a. Curses of Idolatry (Deut.27:15)

Ex. Image of Buddha, Frog, pig, Lucky charm, Lucky dress, Lucky days, Lucky colors etc.

b. Dishonoring Parents (Mk.7:10)

Ex. Disrespect, Disobedient, etc.

c. Injustice Toward the Weak (Deut. 27:17)

Ex. Proud, self reliance etc.

d. Trusting in Flesh (Jer.17:5-7)

Ex. Proud, Self Reliance etc.

e. Stealing (Ex. 20:15)

Getting something without any permission.

f. Curses Spoken

(a.) By the people of God

Ex. Christians, Pastors, Prophet, servant of God etc. You have the power over your mouth; you can pronounce either a blessing or a curse. So be careful of what you are saying.

What you confess, you will possess!

(b.) By the servant of Satan

Ex. Witchcraft, Demonic forces, followers of Satan etc.

(c.) By Parents

Parents have the power to declare blessing or curse over their children

(d.) By Our Own Self

We have the authority to release blessing and curse over our self.

(e.) Through Other People

IV. **How To Be Free?**

We can ignore the curse and we can receive the blessing! HOW?

a. Listen to His voice

How? Through His word; the Bible. The word of God is a powerful weapon against any curses.

b. Keep His Word and Obey

Keeper of His word, Doer of His word. When you keep the word of the Lord in your heart and in your life. You have the power to ignore all the curses and receive all the blessing.

Gal.3:13 "But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse for our wrong doing. For it is written in the scripture 'Cursed is the one who is hung on the tree.'"

Conclusion:

The cross

Be free, Jesus already took all the curses in favor of YOU! Because He loves us so much!

SESSION 14: HAVING VICTORY OVER THE ADVERSARY

Duration: 45 Minutes

Scripture: Matthew 12:29 *“Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”*

Introduction:

- While we live on this earth, we will be subject to the prince of the power of the air and to his evil spirits – and we will have to fight them.
- Jesus dying on the cross made a way for us to walk in blessing and protection, but we must choose to walk in that path. We must enforce our victory over the enemy or he will defeat us.
- There is a spiritual fence around us, protecting us – and no demon can cross it. If they try, the power of God will stop them. The Lord’s presence is always with us and his protection is all around us, protecting us from evil.

Steps to Victory Over the Adversary

1. Bind the Strong Man.

Binding the strong man does not mean that we eradicate the forces of evil from the entire world – only Jesus will do that. But by unmasking him, we take the influence of evil off of our lives, our families, our businesses, our finances, our cities and our nations. After binding Satan, then you can have the wall of protection from God.

2. Rebuke the Demons.

Mark 16:17 NKJV *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.”*

- On the cross, Jesus bound the strong man. The crown of thorns on His head bound the strong man. The spear with which they pierced His side bound the strong man. Every act the devil committed against Jesus became a form of bondage to himself. When Jesus died, the adversary was completely destroyed because the Son of God, on the cross, bound him.
- Jesus’ death defeated the enemy. Whenever you want to bind the enemy, just do it in the mighty name of Jesus. The devil does not want you to use that name, because when he hears it, he knows he cannot win.

- When you declare, “Satan, I come against you in the name of Jesus,” Jesus hears you calling upon the power of His name and HE acts. When you say, “I bind you,” Jesus enforces what He did on the cross and binds the adversary immediately.
- If we learn to rebuke the demons by faith, we will be able to overcome any type of spiritual warfare.

3. Resist the Adversary.

James 4:7 NKJV *“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”* If you do not submit to God you will not be able to resist the devil.

- Acts 19 (Sons of Sceva) These guys were humiliated because they thought they could just cast out demons in Jesus’ name. They were not submitted to God. The demons know if you are submitted to God. The key to victory is submission to the Lord. When we are submitted to Him, we have the authority to cast out any and every demon.

4. Declare the Victory of the Cross

Galatians 3:13 NKJV *“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*

- Jesus became a curse on the cross so we could be free from the curse. When people understand the power of the cross, the threat of the curse disappears.
- The cross is like a big magnet and your sins, bondages and curses are like little pins. When you get close to the cross, the its magnetic force will pull all the pins from you and you will not be able to hold on to them. When the demons hear you say, *“It is written, Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law,”* Galatians 3:13, they are attracted to the cross where they are totally defeated!

5. Put on Your Spiritual Armor

(Ephesians 6:12-18)

- 5.1 The Belt of Truth – Live according to God’s word. When you decided to serve Him you also decided to live according to His word.
- 5.2. Breastplate of Righteousness - This covers your heart, your soul, your feelings, and your emotions. God does not want you to be wounded emotionally. This heals your heart and protects your heart.

- 5.3. Shield of Faith – This is how we extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one – the thoughts he aims at your mind. If you have open doors to the enemy, these thoughts can do you great damage. Some thoughts come from the enemy. Guard your mind as the most precious treasure in the world.
- 5.4. Sandal of the Gospel of Peace – Preparedness to share the Gospel.
- 5.5. Helmet of Salvation – Protects your mind giving you the assurance of salvation and that you belong to God.
- 5.6. Sword of the Spirit – The sword of the spirit is the confession of the Word. The bible is the Word of God. It, like a weapon to a soldier, is only valuable to those who know how to use it. The word works when we speak it! Matthew 4 The three times Satan tempted the Lord, Jesus resisted him by confessing the Word, answering every time by saying, “It is written...” The devil left him. Memorize scripture and confess the word.
- 5.7. Prayer and Supplication in the Spirit – Prayers for others in tongues.

6. Cancel the arguments that are against you.

Colossians 2:14 NKJV *“having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”*

- All arguments based on words, thoughts or actions were canceled at the Cross. Jesus paid our debt in full, forgave all of our sins completely and has obtained total victory for us on the cross.

7. Apply the Blood of Jesus.

Head	Freedom from poverty mind-set
Hands	Freedom from guilt and arguments
Feet	Victory over oppressions & Tortures
Side	Healing in inside
Back	Healing from all sins
Face	Healing our self-esteem
Drops of blood from his body = Healing betrayal	

SESSION 15: THINGS THAT BIND YOUR MIND

Duration: 60 Minutes

Scripture: *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed; all things are new.” (2 Cor.5:17)*

- There are many old things that have passed away in your life.
- Now, you’re dead to sin (Romans 6:11-16).
- Today, we want to show you that there are some new things you need to learn. **Jesus** not only died for you; He also **lived a holy life** so that you would have **an example to follow**. There are things back home that are waiting for you; you must make the decision here, before you leave, that you are going to live **a new life in Christ**.

I. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE (Hebrews 4:15)

A. Jesus had a correct relationship with the Father.

1. *Prayer* – Jesus often withdrew to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
2. *God’s Word* - He discussed the Scriptures in the temple as a boy, read the Scriptures in the synagogues, and quoted Scripture against Satan (matthew 4:4)
3. *Obedience to God’s Word and God’s will* (John 14:15; Matt. 26:39)

B. Jesus had a correct relationship with Himself

1. We must allow God’s Word to become part of our lives, to renew our minds so that we can become a new creation in Christ.
2. As Jesus did, we must determine to fulfill God’s purpose for our life.

C. Jesus had a correct relationship with others (Matt. 5:43-48)

II. MEDIA THAT DESTROYS YOUR MIND

1. What is Media?

A. Music

- An artistic form of auditory communication incorporation instrumental or vocal tones in a structured and continuous manner.
- Any agreeable (pleasing and harmonious) sounds.
- Musical activity (singing or whistling etc.)

- A musical composition in printed or written form.
- The sounds produced by singers or musical instruments (or reproductions of such sounds).

B. Movies

- A form of entertainment that enacts a story by a sequence of images giving the illusion of continuous movement.

C. Internet

- A computer network consisting of a worldwide network of computer networks that use the TCP/IP network protocols to facilitate data transmission and exchange.

D. Television

- Broadcasting visual images of stationary or moving objects.
- A receiver that displays television images.
- A telecommunication system that transmits images of objects (stationary or moving) between distant points.

E. Radio

- An electronic receiver that detects and demodulates and amplifies transmitted signals.
- A communication system based on broadcasting electromagnetic waves.

F. Newspaper

- A daily or weekly publication on folded sheets; contains news and articles and advertisements.

G. Tabloid

- Sensationalist journalism.
- Newspaper with half-size pages.

2. The Purpose of Media

Media stimulates our emotions and senses. It can manipulate our minds and control our actions.

How do media stimulate and manipulate us?

1. **Media “preaches” messages**, both direct and subliminal.

2. **Our spirit is affected** by the media we allow into our lives.
3. **The Importance of Choosing Good Media**
 - A. **We cannot allow anything to take control of our lives.**
 1. We can allow what is spiritually beneficial to influence us (1Corinthians 6:12).
 2. If we're not careful, we will become a slave to whatever can master us (2Peter 2:19b).
 - B. **No secular music.**
 - C. **What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?** (2Cor. 6:15b – 7:1)
 - D. **We must ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.**

If we had watched or listened to something that is harmful, we must receive His conviction and correction.

Conclusion: Altar call

LESSON 16A: SEXUALITY FOR MARRIED

(DURATION: 30 MIN; TIME FOR MINISTRY: 30 MIN)

REFERENCE: The Marriage Encounter – CHAPTER 6

SUGGESTED VERSE: Hebrews 13:4

OBJECTIVE: Every man and woman should understand the limits that God established in his Word for sexuality

SEXUALITY BY DIVINE DESIGN

Marriages is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. He 13:4

God wants to renew our minds so that we can have the intimate sexual relation with our wife that God designed.

1. SEXUALITY IS A FOUNTAIN OF FUN THAT NEVER DRIES UP

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love. Proverbs 5:18-19

2. SEXUALITY IN MARRIAGE PRODUCES HAPPINESS AND IS GUILT FREE

A. HAVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.
“Genesis 1:28

B. KNOW THAT SEXUALITY IS APPROVED BY GOD

Then God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.
Genesis 1:31

C. OBEY

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but the tree of the knowledge and good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat it you shall surely die.
Genesis 2:16-17

D. KNOW THAT YOUR WIFE/HUSBAND WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. Genesis 2:22

E. TREAT YOUR SPOUSE AS YOU WOULD TREAT YOURSELF

And Adam said: “This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” Genesis 2:23

F. TREAT YOUR WIFE WITH DIGNITY

She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man

G. ENJOY SEXUAL INTIMACY

Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:5

H. BE TRANSPARENT

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:25

THE IMPORTANCE OF ROMANCE

Before any game, every player needs to warm up the body. If he engages in a game without an appropriate warm up, then he could possibly suffer a pulled muscle. Something similar occurs in the couple’s intimacy. You must create the right atmosphere for success in your sexuality.

Don’t treat your spouse as an object. Show that you care for their feelings, dreams and thoughts. This will cause them to know that they are loved and desired.

MINISTRY: Pray that their marriages would glorify God. That they would honor their spouse and treat them like a queen. Release blessing and passion into their marriages.

LESSON 16B: SEXUALITY (YOUTH)

Duration: 45 Minutes

SEX and our DESIRE to have a relationship with someone, is something that if controlled can be a blessing to us but if done in a wrong way it can cause much damage to our lives.

I. Formation

God is forming us through our emotions
God wanted to prepare our hearts before marriage
God must heal you
God uses many things to form us

II. Waiting on God

- We are not created to be alone;
- Wait and WORK;
- Make a COVENANT to God. More than a promise, this is a pact between you and God. To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)
- Never do anything in secret;
- Never have a relationship with a person that does not have the same Christian principle;
- Wait until you turn to think about feelings for another person.
- Evaluate yourself as you wait;
- Am I ready emotionally? Financially? Spiritually?
- Has God already formed me the way He wanted?
- If I can't handle my own life how am I able to handle the life of other people?

III. Establish Principle

- God wants total virginity. God wants total virginity
“ You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But now I tell you: anyone who looks at a woman and wants to possess her is guilty of committing adultery with her in his heart.” (Matt.5:27-28 TEV)

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- Not to look on people lustfully.
- Not to get involve to pornography (imagination , videos, music, pictures-- media);
- Have the right boundaries with opposite sex;
- Lies of the world:
 - It is a form of exercise.
 - It is not a big deal.

TRUTH

Expression of love in marriage.

SESSION 19: ESTABLISHING THE VISION

Duration: 60 Minutes (30 Minutes lecture; 10 minutes clip; 10 minutes ministering)

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 *“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Introduction: LORIMI’s setting

Looking at verses 18-20 if we are not very careful and not allowing the Holy Spirit of God to speak to us, not allowing Him to give a fresh revelation, inspiration and illumination, we will miss a lot.

Allow me to unfold to you line by line these verses as introduction of establishing the Vision:

- The Vision is born under the authority of Jesus Christ. (v18).
- The authority of the Vision comes from heaven, in other words, from the Father. The authority of the Vision has to be exercised on earth. In other words, we can paraphrase verse 18 like this, “by the power and authority vested upon Me by my Father in heaven...therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”
- Jesus when telling us to go and make disciples of all the nations is bound up in the context of heavenly authority given to Him by God the Father.

I. Jesus has a new WORK for you to do

- Jesus is giving us the work. We can call it a Christian Vocation. This new work is our mainline. All other works we got are only sideline.
- We are called Christians because we are Christ's like. We do not just act like Christ, but we do what he does.
- Jesus destroys the works of the devil. We will also destroy the works of the devil. Jesus picks and forms His 12 disciples we will also pick and form our 12 disciples.
- What Jesus did on earth we will also do them. What Jesus told us to do we are committed to do them.

Out from this new work that Jesus called us to derives our...

1. LIFE PURPOSE...

- You cannot survive without life purpose. You will miss the meaning of life. Life is meaningless without a purpose. This purpose serves as your direction.
- Of course in this vision our purpose is: **“To love God and love people”**
- This is otherwise known as **PASSION** for God and **COMPASSION** for people.
- In this vision your passion for God would be intensified as never before.
- Our passion for God is our intensified or compelling desires to serve Him. This is expressed in prayer, devotions, and reading the Bible. They become our habits and discipline. We love to do it. Our relationship with God is our priority, relating to Him is our pleasure.
- Along with our passion for God is also our **compassion for people**. It has been said that if you do not like people then you are in wrong business. It has been said that **our passion for God determines our compassion for people**.
- In this vision you will become passionate and compassionate. You will be changed. I will be changed. “if I change everything changes.”

2. GOAL to achieve...

- **Our goal is to make every believer a leader, every believer a leader of leaders.**

- As I look at you, you are a SEED with all the potentials to become mountain. Because you are leader of leaders; and your leaders are leaders of leaders.

3. ASSURANCE to make it...

- Why? Jesus says, **“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** We can accomplish the job of making disciples because Jesus is with us.

In order to be effective in the job we need...

II. Training or Process to go through

- This is otherwise known as the G12 Vision STRATEGY.
- Encounter is just the beginning of the process. From encounter you need to climb to another level of the said process and training.

Church Attendee

Cell Attendee

Pre-encounter

Encounter

Post Encounter

SOL (1 & 2)

Re-encounter

SOL 3

- You need to know the G12 Vision STRATEGY called Ladder of Success:

Win

Consolidate

Disciple

Send

- As you go through this process and training, you will be:
 1. Changed in your character, especially the level of your mind-set.
 2. Challenged to embrace the VISION
 3. Develop Core Values

- Vision without values will never be materialized. The following values:
 1. Bible reading and journaling;
 2. Prayer & fasting;
 3. Living in miracle everyday;
 4. Goal oriented = 12, 144 & 1,728

III. Challenge

- The challenge is: I want you to commit and recommit yourself to the vision and the process before the cross.
- If you are already in the vision I challenge you to continue in it and make a covenant to run the vision with no stopping
- Make a covenant to be part of the G12 PASTORS' network... for mentoring, coaching, fathering and connecting purposes.
- Make commitment and covenant to pick and form your G12 leaders.
- For pastors (pick and form two G12 networks. Church leaders and pastors network). G12, 144 & 1,728;
- For leaders, pick and form your G12, 144 & 1,728.
- Come to the cross now as you take your ID and pin it on the cross...

SESSION 20: BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Duration: 60 Minutes (45 minutes lecture; 15 minutes ministering)

Scripture: Acts 1:4, 5 “...he gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is the Comforter
- He is a person
- He is the one who glorifies Jesus
- He knows the most intimate things of God
- He has the fullness of God
- He makes us born again
- He is our guide
- He reveals divine secrets

II. What is the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

A. It is immersion of a believer in the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. In fulfillment of John’s prophecy -Matt 3:11-12, Luke 3:16-17
2. According to Jesus’ Word –Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5

B. Things to remember concerning the baptism with the Holy Spirit

1. If you are **saved**, you already **have** the Holy Spirit. -1Cor 3:16, Rom8:9
2. The gift of the Holy Spirit is a **promise** for all who ask (Luke 11:11-13)
3. Any **believer** may **receive** the gift of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29)
4. The holy Spirit gives **power** to witness –Acts1:8
5. A person may be saved and water baptized but not yet **baptized** in the Holy Spirit –Acts 8:14-17

Indwelling and baptism with the Holy Spirit are two different things. After receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit, we have the power:

- To witness
- To succeed and prosper
- To heal the sick and cast out demons
- To overcome and resist the devil
- To be able to do the will and purpose of God in our lives

III. Steps to help you receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit

A. Remove all barriers like:

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- Fear –Do I need to speak in tongues? Do I need to be slain in the Spirit?
- Unbelief
- Indifference, etc.

B. Request –Luke 11:10-13

C. Receive –Reach out by faith

D. Release –Total Surrender, John 7:37-39

Three Conditions:

1. BE THIRSTY- Let us come to Jesus and drink
2. BELIEVE – Streams...flow from deep within
 - The Father is the Giver
 - The Holy Spirit is the Gift
 - Jesus is the Baptizer
3. RECEIVE

GUIDE IN DEALING WITH PERSONAL PROFILES

- 1. Acknowledge & confess your personal sins and the sins of your ancestors (By reading the Profiles);**
- 2. Ask God's forgiveness and cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ;**
- 3. Renounce all sins and its consequences of curse in your life;**
- 4. Pull down all strongholds in your life and surrender your thought to obey the Gospel;**
- 5. Bind the enemy to limit his work in your life and your love ones and cast them all out; (Rulers of darkness, Spiritual wickedness - cast them all out into the Pit of Destruction; Principalities and powers all other spirits cast out into the desolate land);**
- 6. Take your Sword of the Spirit and cut off all connecting Cords, Silver Lining, and Seal any openings and weak points in your life by the blood of Jesus Christ.**
- 7. Burn the Personal Profiles and declare your freedom - In Jesus' name!**