

God's Lighthouse

Eyes that see... Ears that hear (Isaiah 32:3-4)

TESTIMONIES AND MESSAGE SYNOPSES

Sunday 24th August, 2025

The meeting started at 10:02 a.m. After Sister Sifon Okon led the opening prayer, she called for a member of the music team to teach a memory verse. Thereafter, she called for testifiers.

¶ RACHAEL OGHENEBINE

She thanked God for:

- •Good counsel from the FARS seminar, brethren, and her shepherd.
- A significant improvement in her relationship with people, especially her siblings, after listening to the FARS seminar on Relational Intelligence.
- •Godly company.
- Deliverance from gluttony.

¶ MKPEBIORO ASUQUO

He thanked God for:

- Healing him during a GAM fellowship meeting.
- Preserving his life following an injury from an explosion.

¶ CHARLES NDUKWE

He thanked God for:

- The boldness to share a testimony with the general house for the first time.
- •Self-control in not retaliating when a parent assaulted him for disciplining their child who is a student in his school.

¶ GIFT UWEMEDIMO

She thanked God for:

- Deliverance from oppressive spirits.
- Restoration and confirmation of her dreams.
- •Speaking to her family members through dreams.
- Keeping her from being initiated into witchcraft and the spirit of divination.

¶ MR. AND MRS. BLESSING EKPO

They thanked God for:

- The journey that led to their marriage.
- Protection from what would have been a fatal accident.
- Provision for their marriage, including free accommodation.
- •God's Lighthouse and the immense support they provided.

Announcements were made. Pastor came up, led us in a session of worship, prayed, and started teaching.

MESSAGE BY PASTOR ITA UDOH

¶ GOD'S MODEL OF PREPARATION

Ezekiel 47:1–5

- •God leads us in a model of preparation only He knows.
- •God does not take us through equal depths and distances. As we go through stages with Him, the depth and distance can be remarkably different.
- You should not be in ankle-deep water too long. People enjoy Christianity when they enter deeper waters.
- •God will habitually take us through stages, but we must be willing to go forward. There must be progress on our part!

¶ HOW TO ATTRACT GOD'S INTERVENTION

Romans 10:10; James 1:17; 2:6

- •Most people want to see God do difficult things, but they are unwilling to act in obedience.
- Many people claim to love God, but are unwilling to let go of the human relationships that get in the way.
- •God wants to be our priority. The human heart cannot manage two primary loves.

¶ PLEASING MEN

Luke 10:4; Galatians 1:10

- If you seek to please everyone, you will not be a servant of God. You have one job: to please the One who sent you.
- •In pleasing God, you will displease people.
- •Do not use serving God as an excuse for laziness and unfaithfulness. Do what you ought to do wholeheartedly and diligently.
- •Stop spending all your time with people. Have seasons when you retreat and spend time with God.

¶ HOW TO LOVE GOD

Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 John 5:1

- •God expects you to be sacrificial, not just with money, but with your time, attention, and energy.
- There is a price to pay in loving God, including spending time with Him.
- Fall in love with God in the present, before you get distracted with marriage, children, work, etc.
- •Spending time with God is a great sign that you love Him.
- If you love God, you will be willing to spend your resources on his children.
- •Many people do not love God with their strength. Loving the Lord with your strength is using your body to do things physically for the Kingdom of God.

¶ DATING

1 Corinthians 6:16–18; 13:4

- Dating is the greatest enabler of immorality and fornication in the world.
- In dating, the potential for sin is one hundred percent.
- When two people have sexual relations, they become an item in the spirit.
- •To avoid immorality, you must flee.
- •God wants us to acknowledge that it is not every practice that is acceptable.

¶ WHAT TRUE LOVE IS

1 Corinthians 13:4–8

- •Love is shown in deeds.
- •Love is patient, kind, and does not envy. It does not boast; it is not self-seeking.
- •When you stand before God, what will be asked of you is if you learnt to love.
- •Love is not prideful, it is not rude, and it does not dishonour others. It is not easily angered.

¶ CHILD DISCIPLINE

Proverbs 13:24; 23:14; 29:15

- •You can train a child to do anything.
- Anyone who loves a child will discipline him.
- Teach your children to be voice-responsive.
- •When a young child is errs, discipline should be done at the same time he commits the offense, so he can link pain to disobedience. Combine actions with words, and your child will be less problematic.
- Discipline should be measured, thought of, and carefully executed.
- •Do not lie to children.

¶ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 1: What is the problem with a person who keeps getting into entanglements? I mean, he is entering into a friendship they have to break every now and then. What should this person do?

ANSWER

- •Be in church, join a department, and serve in the house of God. Get entangled with kingdom work! Associate with other brethren.
- Entanglement is a result of endless, non-specific movement. Do not read or watch everything, as they can keep you entangled.
- Entangle with Jesus. Stop entangling with human beings to get what you want.

QUESTION 2: On the matter of love, what about parents that give their children backhand and even talk to them rudely and diminishingly? Is that still called love?

ANSWER

•Never use the word "rude" with an authority figure. Many times, love comes in the form of a backhand (slapping with the back of the palm), and you must have done something to deserve it. Behave well. Don't do anything that will make your parent harshly to you, don't be rude, and don't do what is not to be done.

QUESTION 3: You said the hardest person to practice love with is your spouse. How about the roommate you share a room with, just the two of you?

ANSWER

• Your relationship with your roommate is limited, while that with your spouse is for life. In marriage, the mindset is that you are going nowhere. Living with your roommate is temporary and prepares you to live with a spouse. Spouses are the hardest to practice love with because you live with them.

QUESTION 4: On the matter of unclean animals, how about the scripture that says Jesus declared all things clean? Does it mean if we take these unclean foods by faith, we can be kept from the harm associated with taking them?

ANSWER

•In Acts 10, Jesus was referring to every nation of the earth, not necessarily food.

QUESTION 5: How can one love God with his/her soul?

ANSWER

• Your soul is your mind. You use your mind to do the things that please God and think of how to do things right, or you can use your mind to think on things that are ungodly.

QUESTION 6: What is the solution for a born-again Christian spouse who occasionally threatens to leave a marriage because of childbearing issues?

ANSWER

• Pray that your husband should become like Elkanah, the husband of Hannah.

Pastor Ita Udoh led us to pray concerning the message we heard. He led the closing prayers, prayed for the offerings, and made some announcements. The meeting came to a close at 4:47 p.m.

There is so much more!

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