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**CHURCH OF NIGERIA
(Anglican Communion)**

JGIYC 2021 THEME SONG

GOODNESS OF GOD

(BETHEL MUSIC, JENN JOHNSON)

I Love You, Lord
For Your Mercy Never Fails Me
All My Days, I've Been Held In Your Hands
From The Moment That I Wake Up
Until I Lay My Head
Oh, I Will Sing Of The Goodness Of God

And All My Life You Have Been Faithful
And All My Life You Have Been So, So Good
With Every Breath That I Am Able
Oh, I Will Sing Of The Goodness Of God

I Love Your Voice
You Have Led Me Through The Fire
In The Darkest Night
You Are Close Like No Other
I've Known You As A Father
I've Known You As A Friend
And I Have Lived In The Goodness Of God (Yeah)

And All My Life You Have Been Faithful (Oh)
And All My Life You Have Been So, So Good
With Every Breath That I Am Able
Oh, I Will Sing Of The Goodness Of God (Yeah)

'Cause Your Goodness Is Running After
It's Running After Me
Your Goodness....

Introduction:

The Primate of the Church of Nigeria, Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba, did not leave anyone in doubt as to his passion for the empowerment and discipleship of the youths, when in his address to the **13th General synod of Church of Nigeria on Wednesday 23rd September 2020**, declared a state of emergency on Children and Youth ministry in Church of Nigeria. In his words: **“We want to raise the Joshua Generation who shall conquer their generation for the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”**.

This enormous work was right there committed to the **Task Force on Children & Youth Mission** as follows:

1. *The Right Reverend Aloysius Agbo (Anchor)*
2. *The Right Reverend Foreman Nedison*
3. *The Right Reverend Festus Sobanke*
4. *The Venerable Paul Whiskel*
5. *The Venerable Amos Chijioke*
6. *The Venerable Tolutope Olaniyi Agesin*
7. *Mr. Rex Onu*
8. *Mr. Mike Adegbile*
9. *The Venerable Sam Igein Isemede*
10. *Barrister Mrs. Chinelo Anazodo*

This Task Force in collaboration with the leadership of all the youth organisations and ministries under the guidance of our Primate saw the need for synergy among us, and to set up a platform that will galvanize, and effectively and intentionally raise a generation of transformational agents. This is the burden that birthed the **Church of Nigeria Youth Conference**, tagged **“Joshua Generation International Youth Conference (JGIYC)”**. It is a strategic intervention and deliberate effort focusing on a generation of young people. It is conceived to draw and bring together, develop, raise, teach, equip, empower and commission a New Generation of Godly Leaders of Integrity to spearhead the spiritual and socio-economic transformation of not only the nation of Nigeria, but also the continent of Africa and the world!

It is envisaged that as generations of young people and Christian professionals are equipped as earnest disciples and change agents, the impact would not only transform their lives but also take up the seven mountains of influence for God, that is: The Business and Economy; The Politics and Governance; The Communication and Media; The Celebration and Entertainment; The Academic and Education; The Family and Marriage; The Worship and Religion.

This conference Is envisioned as a divine platform for emergence of men of integrity and women of virtue; salvation and prosperity of souls; molding and blessing of hearts; renewal and transformation of minds; healing and deliverance of lives, and equipping and empowerment of millions of young people to fulfill Jesus' Great Mandate to serve as salt and light of the world, and His Great Commission to transform nations.

Therefore, we deeply appreciate the Primate of All Nigeria, His Grace the Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba for being passionate about the youths, for entrusting us with the responsibility of coordinating this strategic discipleship movement among the youths and for making great sacrifices to see it succeed. Your Grace, my team and I cannot thank you enough for the confidence and commitment.

It is apt, at this juncture, on behalf of the Primate and the organisers of this conference, to express our unmitigated gratitude to the **Vice Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Sir Prof. Charles Igwe**, for accepting to give us this space even at the shortest notice and for adding blissful comfort to hospitality. Brethren, it might interest you to know that the originally planned venue for this conference was **Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo**. However, the University authority expressed concern over inadequate facilities to take care of the envisaged number of participants and it became imperative to look for alternative venue. It was at that time that, at the instance of our Primate, the Vice Chancellor of UNN was approached and he graciously obliged us. Thank you so much our beloved Vice Chancellor.

Your Excellency, the **Governor of Enugu State**, our dear brother, **Rt. Hon. Dr. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi**, you have always been there with and for us in moments like this. We thank you and your team immensely for your patriotic hand of fellowship and for joining us to accord warm welcome and comfortable hosting to our Primate. Your tenure shall surely end in praise.

May I also welcome our resource persons who have graciously answered this clarion call. Your willingness to become vessels of blessing to our youths shall not go unrewarded. I cannot forget to appreciate here, our brother, the **Technical Adviser** to the conference, **Bro. Billy Birungi** from **Uganda**. He is the brain behind the designing of the conference framework and structure.

Worthy of mention are the efforts of great servants of God, who have been labouring sacrificially since the conception of this vision till date. Some of whom are:

1. *The Right Reverend Jolly Oyekpen, Bishop of Akoko Edo And National Chaplain, Anglican Youth Fellowship Nigeria (AYF) & Anglican Students Fellowship (ASF)*
2. *The Venerable Dr. Paul Dajur, General Secretary, Church of Nigeria*
3. *The Venerable Benjamin Idume, Director of Youths, Church of Nigeria*
4. *The Venerable Dr. Olayemi Fatusi, Personal Assistant to The Primate*
5. *The Venerable Benjamin Ameh Enwuchola, Protocol Officer, Church of Nigeria*
6. *The Venerable Oliver Ofoegbu, Director of Missions, Church of Nigeria*
7. *The Venerable Olalekan Onanuga, Chaplain, Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo*
8. *Mrs. Olayemi Dada, Treasurer, Church of Nigeria*
9. *Bro. Joshua Audu Gana, The MD/CEO Of Supertek Nigeria Limited*

All the Diocesan Youth Coordinators and Chaplains whom I may not be able to mention by names here, may God who sees in secret and knows your labour of love reward you both secretly and openly in Jesus name.

We must appreciate our fathers in God, who happily took the responsibility of hosting the pre-conference Group Mentors workshops held last month; **The Right Reverend Pelu Johnson, Bishop of Lagos Mainland, The Right Reverend Ndubisi Obi, Bishop of Nnewi, and The Right Reverend Robinson A. Godwin Bishop of Lafia**. May God reward you abundantly beyond your imagination.

May I crave your indulgence to appreciate my wonderful Team Leaders. It may interest you to know that this conference has been organized and implemented by 15 working and service teams. Thanks to these Team leaders:

1. *The Right Reverend Aloysius E. Agbo Assisted By The Venerable Dr. Emeka Ezea (Team 01: Coordination Administration & Communications)*
2. *Barrister Mrs. Chinelo Anazodo (Team 02: Treasury, Budget & Fund Raising)*
3. *The Venerable Amos Chijioke (Team 03: Venue, Accommodation & Security)*
4. *Dr. Mrs. Modupe Onwochei (Team 04: Catering & Meals)*
5. *The Very Reverend Dr. Olagbaju Assisted By The Venerable Professor Sam Ike (Team 05: Medical & Health Care)*
6. *Evang. Celestine Uzoma (Team 06: Recreation, Sports & Games)*
7. *Engr. Akintunde Korede (Team 07: Audio & Visual System)*
8. *Engr. Ifeanyi Omeata (Team 08; Registration & Hospitality)*
9. *Professor Nonso Achebe (Team 09: Workshops & Group Leadership)*
10. *Bro. George Onyemenonu Ezechi (Team 10: Travel & Transport)*
11. *Bro. Wisdom Ireaja (Team 11: Prayer Intercession & Devotions)*
12. *Bro. Lloyd Brown (Team 12: Protocol, Discipline & Order)*
13. *Evang. Ataisi Frank (Team 13: Sessions & Time Management)*
14. *The Venerable Professor Pic Onwochei (Team 14: Music, Praise & Worship)*
15. *The Venerable Paul Whiskel (Team 15: Guidance & Counselling)*

No doubt, many people have contributed enormously to make this meeting a reality. Time and space will not permit to call your names but we must not fail to thank you cumulatively: the leadership of the youth organizations across the Church of Nigeria; leaders of churches and non-denominational organizations that have bought into this vision; good spirited individuals and organizations that have donated generously in cash and in kind in order to enable the youth attend this conference free of charge. The Almighty God shall certainly reward you beyond your expectations.

The Joshua Generation:

The metaphor of **Joshua** in the coinage of this conference's identity is very significant. It was Himself who said to Joshua the Son of Nun and servant of Moses; ***"Be strong and courageous, for I will distribute the land I swore to their fathers to give them as an inheritance."*** (Joshua 1:6) speaking about Caleb, God said that Caleb had a different spirit because he and Joshua gave a positive and optimistic report after the other ten spies had given negative and demoralizing testimonies. Joshua and Caleb had declared authoritatively and courageously: ***"Only rebel not against the Lord, neither ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is within us: fear them not"*** (Numbers 14:9).

And of course, the Israelites celebrated many victories, and many years after this episode, Caleb had to say, and it might also be true of Joshua: ***"... and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in"*** (Joshua 14:10-11). It follows from the scriptures that the name Joshua is synonymous with bravery, courage, dynamism and victory, which should be characteristic of the youthful age.

There are many ideas about the age of the youths but if we take it to be people within the age bracket 18 to 35, according to Nigeria's National Youth Development Policy (2001), it becomes obvious that the youth form more than 45 percent of the entire world (not just Nigeria's) population. It will also mean that they occupy strategic positions in the political, economic, religious and socio-cultural life of the nation.

Thus, because of the creative power and dynamic talent in the youth, it is a period that needs serious spiritual galvanization of energy otherwise it will spell doom and result in religious fanaticism, bigotry and other forms of criminality; which are prevalent in the society today like kidnapping, ritual murder, cultism, terrorism etc. What happened during the End SARS protest in Nigeria, in October 2020, was a good example. It was a case of the youth genuinely investing their energy in a sustained protestation to enforce a desired outcome from the powers that be. But it became obvious that no matter how peaceful such protestation might be, bad egg will always infiltrate it to cause mayhem and anarchy because they lack the decorum that comes from spiritual galvanization of youthful energy.

Beloved people of God, it is this spiritual galvanization that this conference aims to offer our youths; for the number of days we are going to stay here; so that they can live their lives with purpose. By the grace of God, the vessels are well prepared and the atmosphere is conducive both physically and spiritually. Therefore, you cannot afford to leave here untouched by the divine presence if you are diligent and attentive; and together we can sing with Joshua:

***We Are Able To Go Up And Take The Country
To Possess The Land (Nigeria, Africa, The World)
From Jordan To The Sea,
Though The Giants May Be On Our Way To Hinder,
God Will Surely Give Us Victory....
Only Move On To The Righteous Side....With God.***

Thanks and remain blessed.

The Right Reverend Aloysius Eze Agbo



The Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba, Is The Primate Of All Nigeria, Archbishop Of Abuja & Bishop Of Diocese Of Abuja; And The Convener & Chief Host Of The Joseph Generation International Youth Conference (JGIYC).

He Was Ordained A Deacon In September 1984 And A Priest In July 1985. He Became A Canon In May 1988 And An Archdeacon In August 1994. He Was Consecrated As The 01st Bishop Of Gombe In 1999. He Was Presented As The Archbishop Of Jos In January 2018. He Was Presented As The Archbishop Metropolitan And Primate Of All Nigeria In March 2020.

Primate Ndukuba Has Authored Books And Is A Recipient Of Several Awards Both Locally And Internationally. He Is A God-Fearing Man, Humble And Passionate About The Great Commission. He Is Committed To Developing, Raising, Teaching, Equipping, Empowering And Commissioning A New Generation Of Godly Leaders Of Integrity To Spearhead The Spiritual And Socio-Economic Transformation Of Not Only The Nation Of Nigeria, But Also The Continent Of Africa. He Is Happily Married To Mama Angela Ndukuba And Blessed With 06 Children And 05 Grand-Children.

Welcome Address
By
The Most Rev'd Henry C. Ndukuba
Archbishop, Metropolitan And Primate Of All Nigeria
At The Maiden
Joshua Generation International Youth Conference
05th -10th, April 2021 At University Of Nigeria, Nsukka

Praise, Glory, Laud, and Honor to the Almighty God for leading His Church in every generation for His glory. Assuredly, Our Generation shall declare His Splendor to the Nations. This Generation like no other has witnessed manifold crises that seek to bewilder and dissuade many from embracing Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord, and the soon Coming King, whose Reign we proclaim!

Our hearts long for God's Reign in this the Third Decade (2020-2030) of the Second Millennium. Indeed, according to His word to us in Isaiah 52:1-10, it shall be to us the Decade of the Reign of God, Amen! We are expectant of His mighty Move, Revival, and fulfillment of His word concerning the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) as God's instrument of End-time move of God and Global missionary force. Our young people are very strategic in this move of God. For the Scriptures says...I write to you, young men because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. (1John 2:14)

The Church in Africa appears only to marginally meet the needs of youths. This has left the youths with some sense of identity crisis, fractionalization and survival scuffle in many nations of Africa, and Nigeria can as well be tagged the epic centre of this struggle. Many programs aimed at reaching the youths outside of the Church are lopsided and valueless. Exciting Church-based youth programs are mostly lacking sustained impact, often not so relevant to the modern youth and so the Church is losing its young people.

Undeniably, young people are the most affected by these myriads of crises. Christian youths are not immune from this reality. They feel ignored, marginalized, misunderstood and torn apart by the prevailing crisis of our days, even in the Church, and in particular the global Anglican Communion. The average Anglican young person today has experienced Identity, Postmodern, Family, Societal and Financial crisis in one way or the other.

Unfortunately, most adult Church members including clergy seem to be at a loss or dilemma on how to handle the challenges of the young people. However, we see a huge opportunity waiting to be harnessed among our young people. If only we could redirect their creativity towards the Kingdom of God, and engagement with the Society. We will see the yoke upon our nation broken - *But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck.* (Genesis 27: 40)

Our young people are our future and therefore must be given a priority place in the Church. The Church of Nigeria has young people unbounded energy, a generation with great creativity, a generation characterized by existential questions, and a generation with immense potential that can impact our world. We trust God, to breathe upon these vessels in the place of Intentional Discipleship in such a way that these young Anglicans will influence our world positively in a very unique way. Hence, there is a need for the Children and Youth Ministry of the Church to be turned into a Mission with Intentional Discipleship as a core task - this is the burden behind the Joshua Generation Children and Youth Task Force led by Rt. Rev'd Aloysius Agbo.

Young people today are searching for models and examples in a world full of options and disillusion. A lot of young people ask for the meaning and purpose of their lives. The ***Joshua Generation International Youth Conference*** with the theme, “**Living With Purpose**” (Romans 8: 28-30) is envisioned to answer these questions, bring all our young people and youth groups together in an Intentional Holistic Discipleship and mentoring atmosphere. My beloved young people, we are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:6) and predestined to become like the Sons of God. *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.* (Romans 8:29).

Our salvation redefines and aligns our purpose with God's eternal purpose for our lives. Purpose flows out of conviction and values for life. It determines the process of our decision-making and priority in life. If we have been transformed by Christ, we are meant to live for Christ—to glorify Him forever. When this becomes the life pursuit of anyone, the person becomes mentally prepared, spiritually empowered, economically resourceful, and God's social transforming agent. We are believing God that participants in this maiden Conference will rise in the power of the Holy Spirit to take over the Seven Mountains of influence in the Society - Media, Politics, Education, Economy, Family, Religion, Arts and Entertainment. My dear young people, as you resolve to live a life of purpose in Christ, God shall be honored in your lives and you shall be great in the land in Jesus Christ Name.

We are sincerely grateful to all our fathers in God, the Archbishop and Bishops of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) for mobilizing our youths for this conference. We thank all our esteemed Special Guests most especially His Excellency Lawrence Ifeanyi Ugwuani, Executive Governor of Enugu State and His Excellency Senator Ifeanyi Arthur Okowa, Executive Governor of Delta State, our Special Guests of Honour, and resource persons: Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, Prof. Vincent Anigbogu, Mr. Tony Elumelu, Engr. Abiodun Fijabi, Brother Gbile Akanni, Brother Billy Birungi, Brother Solomon Lange, Bishop Ephraim Ikeakor, Bishop Prof. Dapo Asaju, Venerable Dr. Ebuka Omeke, Reverend Canon Timothy Olonade, Mrs. Christie Ehimika and Venerable Justice Okoronkwo. We are indeed grateful to you all respected servants of God.

Thank you and God bless you all.

The Most Reverend Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba
ARCHBISHOP, METROPOLITAN AND PRIMATE OF ALL NIGERIA



The Right Reverend Aloysius Eze Agbo (JP), Is The Bishop Of Nsukka; And The Anchor & Coordinator Of The Joshua Generation International Youth Conference – Very Passionate For Developing, Raising, Teaching, Equipping, Empowering And Commissioning A New Generation Of Godly Leaders Of Integrity To Spearhead The Spiritual And Socio-Economic Transformation Of Not Only The Nation Of Nigeria But The Continent Of Africa.

He Was Made A Deacon In 2000, Ordained A Priest In 2001, Collated A Canon In 2006, And Installed An Archdeacon In 2008. He Was Elected Second Bishop Of Nsukka In March 2008; Consecrated At The Cathedral Church Of St. James The Great, Oke Bola, Ibadan In May 2008 And Enthroned At The Cathedral Church Of St. Paul, Nsukka, Enugu On Sunday, 06 July 2008; At The Age Of 40.

Bishop Aloysius Is Happily Married To Mama Ifeoma Agbo (JP) With Four Children: Gift, Evangel, Elijah And Emmanuel; And They Live At The Bishop's Court, St. Cyprian's Complex, Anglican City, Nsukka, Enugu, Nigeria.



Billy Birungi Is The Technical Advisor Of The Joshua Generation International Youth Conference; Instrumental In Coordinating, Planning, Organising And Implementing The Conference. He Is A Christian Believer & Thinker, Husband & Father, Youth Minister & Mission Leader, Social Entrepreneur And Financial Accounting & Wealth Management Advisor (In That Order).

Billy Birungi Is The Founder & Chief Executive Of BASE Groupe (BLESSED ASSURANCE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE) - An Emerging African Sustainable Mission, Advocacy, Empowerment And Development Organisation With Engagement In: Youth Discipleship & Empowerment Stewardship & Leadership Development Mission & Social Action Evangelical & Development Communication (www.basegroupe.org)

Bro. Billy, As He Is Fondly Called, Has Over 20 Years Of Youth Ministry And Mission Work Leadership. He Has Coordinated And Led Conventions, Conferences, Missions And Outreaches Around The African Continent. He Is Married To Grace Lamuno-Birungi (A Barrister & Lecturer-At-Law) And Blessed With Three (03) Children: Benita, Graham & Grant; And They Live In Kampala, Uganda.



The Rt. Hon. Dr. Lawrence Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (Popularly Known As "Gburugburu") Is A Nigerian Political Leader. He Is The Executive Governor Of Enugu State, Serving His Second Term Having Been First Elected In 2015, And Again In 2019.

He Was A Member Of The House Of Representatives Of The Federal Republic Of Nigeria For 12 Years, 2003 - 2015, Representing Igboeze North/Udenu Federal Constituency Of Enugu State. He Was The Chairman, House Committee On Marine Transport. Ugwuanyi Was A Two Term Chairman Of House Committee On Marine Transport. He Also Held The Position Of Deputy Chairman Of The House Committee On Pensions Where He Helped Enact The Pension Reform Act 2004. Governor Ugwuanyi Was Previously The General Manager Of Premier Insurance Brokers Limited, Enugu And Has Also Been The President Of The Rotary Club Of Emene In Enugu State.



The Rt. Hon. Dr. Arthur Ifeanyi Okowa Is A Nigerian Political Leader. He Is The Executive Governor Of Delta State, Serving His Second Term, Having Been First Elected In 2015, And Again In 2019.

He Previously Served As A Senator For Delta North Senatorial District In Delta State, Nigeria. He Is A Medical Doctor And Previously Worked Briefly With The Defunct Bendel State Hospitals Management Board As A Medical Officer Before He Went Into Private Practice As Director, Victory Medical Centre, Igbanke.



Mr. Tony Elumelu Is A Visionary Entrepreneur And A Philanthropist. He Is The Founder Of The Tony Elumelu Foundation, An Africa-Based And African-Funded Philanthropy, Dedicated To Catalyzing Entrepreneurship Across Africa. He Is Chairman Of Heirs Holdings, UBA Group Plc, Seadrill Nigeria Ltd And Transcorp Plc — Nigeria's Largest Listed Conglomerate.

Mr. Elumelu Sits And Serves On Several Councils And Advisory Boards; And Is The Author And Leading Proponent Of "Africapitalism," An Economic Philosophy Which Advocates For The Private Sector's Commitment To Africa's Development Through Long-Term Investment In Strategic Sectors Of The Economy, That Drive Economic Prosperity And Social Wealth. Mr. Elumelu Is Married To Vivien Elumelu, A Medical Doctor, And They Have Seven Children Together.



Dr. Akinwumi Adesina Is The 08th Elected President Of The African Development Bank Group. He Was First Elected To The Position In 2015 By The Bank's Board Of Governors At Its Annual Meetings Held In Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. He Previously Served As Nigeria's Minister Of Agriculture And Rural Development. Until His Appointment As Minister In 2010, He Was Vice President Of Policy And Partnerships For The Alliance For A Green Revolution In Africa.

Dr Adesina Is A Globally Renowned Development Economist And Agricultural Development Expert, With More Than 30 Years Of International Experience.



Gbile Akanni Is Considered By Many To Be The Best Bible Teacher In Nigeria. He Is A Highly Sought After Nigerian Preacher, Author & Renowned Teacher Of The Word.

Bro. Gbile, As He Is Fondly Called, Heads 'Living Seed' (A Weekly Fellowship Gathering) - A Trans-Denominational Ministry That Reaches Into Every Strata Of The Nation Of Nigeria. His Ministers' Leadership Retreat Held December Every Year Is Attended By An Estimated 30,000 Leaders From Around The World.

Bro. Gbile Is Married To A Beautiful Woman, Mama Sade Akanni, A Medical Doctor. Together They Raise Four Children And Peacefully Live In Their Home In Gboko, Benue State, Nigeria.



Solomon Lange Is A Famous Nigerian Gospel Singer And Motivational Speaker. He Started Singing In The Village Baptist Church Choir At The Age Of Nine (09). His Music Career Started In 1997 With A Small Gospel Music Band. He Became A Solo Artist In 2002. He Has Many Great Albums And Has Performed Around The World. Solomon Has Two Albums, 'Na Gode' And 'Alheri' Released In 2008 And 2012 Respectively.

Bro. Solomon Is An Anointed Minister Of The Gospel In Music, And A Prolific Inspirational Songwriter. Solomon Lange Has Ministered Alongside Many World Renowned Gospel Artistes Like DA' TRUTH, Donnie McClurkin, Panam Percy Paul, Judy Jacobs, Micah Stampley, Ron Kennoly, Sammie Okposo And More. He Is Also The Organizer Of "1voice" Gospel Concert. Solomon Is Married To Florence Lange And Together They Have A Daughter.



The Right Reverend Ephraim Okechukwu Ikeakor (JP) Is The Bishop Of The Diocese Of Amichi, The 144th Diocese Of The Church Of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Bishop Ikeakor Was Made A Deacon In 1996. He Was Ordained A Priest In 1997. He Was Preferred Canon In 1998; And An Archdeacon In 2000. He Was Elected Bishop In November 2008; And Consecrated In January 2009. He Is Gladly Married To Mrs. Nkem Ikeakor.



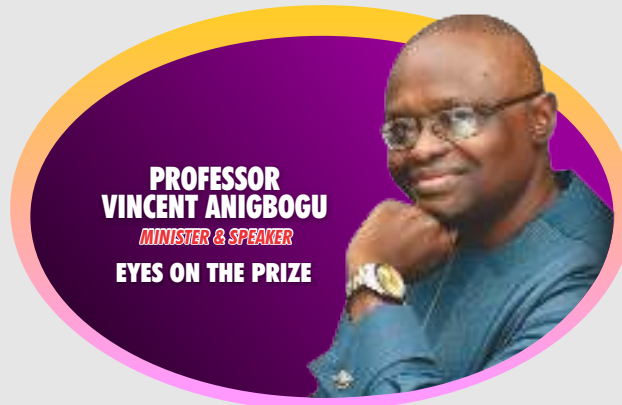
The Right Reverend Professor Dapo Folorunsho Asaju, Is A Bishop And An Academician. He Is The Bishop Theologian Of The Anglican Church Of Nigeria.

He Is A Member Of Several Academic Societies Including Theological Resource Grading For GAFCON Church Of Nigeria; British Society Of New Testament Studies, Nigeria Association For Christian Studies, Nigeria Association For Bible Studies, Academic Staff Union Of Universities. He Is The Former Vice Chancellor Of Ajayi Crowther University. Bishop Dapo Is Married To Barrister Mrs. Harriet Seun Asaju With Children.



The Venerable Dr. Moses Ebuka Omeke Is The Archdeacon Of Cathedral Archdeaconry, Diocese Of Nsukka. He Is The Coordinator Of The Triumphant Night Ministry: "The Monthly Sentinel Inter-Denominational Prayer Convocation – A Reviving All Night Vigil Of Worship, Word, Warfare And Waging For The Land And The People" In The Diocese Of Nsukka (Church Of Nigeria).

Venerable Ebuka Is A Medical Doctor By Training And A Prophetic Minister By Calling, And Is Married To Dr. Chidimma Omeke, A Medical Doctor.



Professor Vincent Anigbogu Is A Distinguished Scholar, Administrator, Technocrat And Leadership Transformation Advocate. He Is The Founder And Director General, Institute For National Transformation (INT) With Centers In Atlanta, Georgia – United States, Nairobi – Kenya, Kampala – Uganda, And Lagos – Nigeria. He Is Also The Founder/President/CEO, JC Quality Management Group In The United States, Nigeria And Uganda.

Prof. Anigbogu's Focus Is On Developing Quality And Integrity In Leadership Development. He Envisions And Has Unquenchable Passion For A New Africa And Nurses The Dream Of Seeing The Development Of Purposeful Leaders Who Will Impact Their Generation And Africa. He Is Married To Peggy Anigbogu, Who Serves As The Chief Administrator Of INT International.



Engr. Abiodun Fijabi Heads Up Lord Princely Associates - A Team Of Public Speakers And Trainers, With Vast Experience In Leadership, Communication, Sales And Management Of Change. He Founded Church Envisioned International (Formelry Life Africa) To Stand Alongside Churches Across The World To Enhance Their Leadership Capacities And Effectiveness In Readiness For The Final Harvest That Will Bring Back The King In Great Power And Glory.

Abiodun Is Comfortable With His Passion, Which Is To Lead His Life To Its Fullest Potentials And Help Many Others To Do The Same. He Is Senior International Faculty At Haggai Leadership Institute. He Is Public Speaker, Trainer, Writer, Radio Host...Working Towards The Redemption Of Africa. Abiodun Is Married To Mopelola Fijabi And Have A Darling Daughter Fiyin 'Foluwa' Fijabi.



The Reverend Canon Timothy Olonade Is An Expository Bible Teacher, An Ordained Minister Of Foursquare Gospel Church And A Canon In The Anglican Communion. He Is The Founding Executive Director/Team Leader Of El-Rehoboth Global Leadership Foundation, A World Mission Enterprise Established In 2011 To Accelerate The Fulfilment Of The Great Commission.

He Believes In, And For Over Four Decades Has Championed, The Global Cause Of Christ In The Local Church By Raising Mighty Army Of Believers Who Will Participate In God's Global Redemptive Plan.

Canon Timothy Olonade Is Married To Hannah, A Fellow Missionary And President, WOGIN SMILE Initiative For Women And Vulnerable Children. The Olonades Are Blessed With Three Adult Children.



Mrs. Christie Ehimika Is An Entrepreneurial Skills Developer Spanning About A Decade. She Is A Registered Training Consultant With The Industrial Training Fund. She Uses Her Combined Skills Of ICT And Vocational Skills At Bringing Value To Many From Within And Outside Church Circles.

She Mentors The Young And Young At Heart On Simple Strategies That Can Change Their Financial Reality, Despite The Challenges Of The Times Globally; And Has Successfully Raised Teams Of Ordinary People Growing As Financial Pillars Of Support For Their Families & Communities.

She Is Married To Emmanuel Oje Ehimika (Preacherman) – The Visionary Of The Jesus Dream World Wide Worship Hour And Ministers Alive Ministrations. She Is A Co-Minister With Her Husband And They Live In Lagos, Nigeria.



The Venerable Justice Okoronkwo Is The Archdeacon Of Rantya And The Director Of Missions In The Diocese Of Jos (Church Of Nigeria). Venerable Okoronkwo Is An Agricultural Engineer And Also Holds A Degree In Theology, A Masters In Ethics And Is Currently Rounding Up A PhD Programme At The University Of Jos. He Has Also Studied At The Oxford Center For Christian Apologetics.

Venerable Okoronkwo Coordinates An Apologetics Platform Called Rescue Mission, Often Highlighting Christian Responses To Contemporary Issues And Global Trends. He Is Passionate About Youth Ministry In Secondary Schools, Campus Fellowships And Christian Corpers Platforms. He Is Married To Winifred And They Are Blessed With Four Children: Marvel, Triumph, Noble And Fortune.

JGIYC 2021 STANDARD OF OPERATION

- ✚ *For A Fruitful Time At The Conference, A Very High Degree Of Discipline, Conduct, Co-operation, Focus, Obedience And Understanding Is Demanded. Participants Are Encouraged To Attend All Sessions And Outings From The Conference Venue Are Highly Discouraged. Participants Are Advised To Arrange For Other Personal Issues, Business, Visits And Tours After (And Not During) The Conference Time. This Makes Life Easier For Everyone At The Conference.*
- ✚ *Whereas The Dress Code At The Conference Is Basically Informal, Participants Are Encouraged To Observe Modest Dressing. Every Conference Participant Is Encouraged To Dress Decently At All Times. Cleaning And Washing Up Are Encouraged.*
- ✚ *Conference Venue (University & Hostels) Property Should Be Handled With Utmost Care And A Sense Of Responsibility. Water Taps Must Not Be Left Running. Remember You Don't Need Water As Much As That In A Swimming Pool To Have A Bath. You Are Encouraged To Switch Off The Lights During Day.*
- ✚ *Drugs, Alcoholic Beverages, Firearms, Knives, Cigars/Cigarettes, Explosives, Secular Literature Are Not Allowed At The Conference Venue (University & Hostels) For Whatever Reason.*
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- ✚ *“Nevertheless We, According To His Promise, Look For New Heavens And A New Earth, Wherein Dwelleth Righteousness. Wherefore, Beloved, Seeing That Ye Look For Such Things, Be Diligent That Ye May Be Found Of Him In Peace, Without Spot, And Blameless.” **2 Peter 3:13-14 (KJV)***

JGIYC 2021 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE & SYNOPSIS OF SESSIONS

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Sun 04th	JGIYC Teams Arrival; Final Briefing & Systems Pre-Testing												
Mon 05th	Arrival; Checking In & Washing Up									Dinner, Orientation, Meet, Greet, Network & Share Experiences			
Tue 06th	WASHING UP	MORNING GLORY & DEVOTIONS	BREAKFAST	BIBLE STUDY	WELCOME CEREMONY & OFFICIAL OPENING			LUNCH BREAK	WORKSHOPS & TRACKS	RECREATION, SPORTS & GAMES	WASHING UP & DINNER	PANEL DISCUSSION: Agri-Business: Farming For Socio-Economic Transformation	
Wed 07th					Praise & Worship	THEME EXPOSITION: Living With Purpose	Praise & Worship					PLENARY SESSION: Godliness With Contentment	Cultural Performance & Talent Nite
Thu 08th												PLENARY SESSION: Following And Making	Ministry Of Healing & Deliverance
Fri 09th												PLENARY SESSION: Eyes On The Prize	Thanksgiving & Worship Nite; Commissioning & Official Closing
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CONFERENCE SESSION		OBJECTIVE & DERIVATIVE	MINISTER/SPEAKER
01.	PLENARY SESSION: Welcome Ceremony & Official Opening TUESDAY 06 APRIL 2021 09:30AM	Objective & Derivative: The Grand Welcome To The Gathering; The Delivery Of The Key Note Address; And The Official Opening Of The Conference. Africa Is The World's Youngest Continent. Almost 60% Of Africa's Population Is Under The Age Of 25. In Nigeria, According To Gaskia (2014), Youths Of 35 Years And Under Are Estimated To Constitute 70% Of The Population Of The Country. This Is The Largest Young Generation In History. This Young Generation Is Africa's Hope; And The Need To Unlock The Potential Of This Generation Is Imperative For Security Of Our Future. The Key Note Address: "Africa: Unlocking Our Potential, Securing Our Future" Is Aiming At A Deep Reflection On The State Of Affairs Of Africa And Making A Clarion Call For Securing Our Future And Destiny Through Unlocking The Potential Of Africa's Young Generation For The Spiritual And Socio-Economic Transformation Of The African Nations.	WELCOME ADDRESS: The Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba <i>(Primate Of All Nigeria & Chief Host)</i> WELCOME ADDRESS: Rt. Hon. Dr. Lawrence Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi <i>(Executive Governor, Enugu State, Nigeria)</i> JGIYC 360-DEGREE VIEW: Bro. Billy Birungi <i>Technical Advisor (Kampala, Uganda)</i> KEY NOTE ADDRESS: Mr. Tony Elumelu <i>Guest Speaker (Abuja, Nigeria)</i> CHIEF GUEST OF HONOUR: Rt. Hon. Dr. Arthur Ifeanyi Okowa <i>(Executive Governor, Delta State, Nigeria)</i> VOTE OF THANKS: The Right Reverend Aloysius Agbo <i>(Bishop Of Nsukka & Coordinator)</i>
02.	PANEL DISCUSSION: Agri-Business: Farming For Socio-Economic Transformation TUESDAY 06 APRIL 2021 08:00PM	Objective & Derivative: Agriculture In Africa Has A Massive Socio-Economic Footprint. More Than 60% Of The Population Of Sub-Saharan Africa Is Smallholder Farmers, And About 23% Of Sub-Saharan Africa's GDP Comes From Agriculture. Yet, Africa's Full Agricultural Potential Remains Untapped. The Future Of Food In The World Will Depend On What Africa Does With Agriculture. Agri-Business Is A Must. The Discussion Is Aiming At Imparting The Young Generation With A Changed View On Agriculture - The View That Agriculture Is Not A Development Or Social Activity But A Business. Equipping And Levying A Challenge Upon The Young Generation To Engage And Use Agriculture To Generate Wealth.	FACILITATOR & SPEAKER: Dr. Akinwumi Adesina <i>(President Of AfDB Abidjan, Ivory Coast)</i>

03.

THEME EXPOSITION:

**Living With
Purpose**

WED 07 – FRI 09

APRIL 2021

09:30AM

Objective & Derivative: Every Human Being Was Formed In The Image And Likeness Of The Creator — A God Of Purpose And Destiny. Heaven's Perfect Plan Is Such That Every Human Being Should Maximise Their Life, Fulfill Their Destiny And Live With A Sense Of Divine Purpose.

There Is An Ardent Need For Breeding, Developing, Raising And Building A Generation That Lives To Full Potential And Fulfilment Of God's Purposes, A Generation That Is Resilient In These Perverted, Degenerated, Defiled And Wicked Times....Through Firm Determination For Holy And Godly Living, A Generation That Deeply Espouses The Values And Virtues Of Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Morality And Integrity, A Generation That Will Rise To The Challenge Of The Kind Of Leaders That Africa And The Nations Are Desperately Yearning And Looking Out For.

Based On The Portion Of Scripture In: **“And We Know That All Things Work Together For Good To Those Who Love God, To Those Who Are The Called According To His Purpose. For Whom He Foreknew, He Also Predestined To Be Conformed To The Image Of His Son, That He Might Be The Firstborn Among Many Brethren. Moreover Whom He Predestined, These He Also Called; Whom He Called, These He Also Justified; And Whom He Justified, These He Also Glorified.”** Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV), The JGIYC Theme In The Statement: **“Living With Purpose”** Is Aimed At A Challenging And Inspiring Exposition And Teaching To Impart Biblical Wisdom And Spiritual Insights That Will Help The Young Generation To Live With Increased Vision And A Greater Sense Of Destiny.

MINISTER & SPEAKER:

Brother

Gbile Akanni

(Benue, Nigeria)

04.	PLENARY SESSION: Godliness With Contentment WEDNESDAY 07 APRIL 2021 11:30AM	Objective & Derivative: <i>“Now Godliness With Contentment Is Great Gain....Pursue Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, Gentleness. Fight The Good Fight Of Faith, Lay Hold On Eternal Life....” 1 Timothy 6:6-12 (NKJV)</i> <i>We Live In An Era Of Do-More, Get-More, Be-More, Get-Rich Quick! This Is Especially True As It Relates To Money And Material Possessions.</i> <i>Godliness Means The Practice Of Conforming To The Will Of God; The Reflection Of The Nature Of The Kingdom Of God In The Course Of Everyday Life. Contentment Helps To Distinguish Between Wants And Needs. When One Is Contented, They May Not Desire For Anything More Than What They Need. Contentment Often Leads To The Realisation That Joy Doesn't Come From Material Things.</i> <i>The Session Aims At Impartation Of The Timeless Truth Of Godliness As A Practice And Contentment As A Virtue That Challenge The State Of Affairs In Society.</i>	MINISTER & SPEAKER: The Right Reverend Ephraim Ikeakor (Anambra, Nigeria)
05.	PLENARY SESSION: Following And Making THURSDAY 08 APRIL 2021 11:30AM	Objective & Derivative: <i>“And He Said To Them, “Follow Me (As My Disciples, Accepting Me As Your Master And Teacher And Walking The Same Path Of Life That I Walk), And I Will Make You Fishers Of Men.” Matthew 4:19 (AMP)</i> <i>Jesus Mentored The Twelve – To Know Him (And, Through Him, To Know The Father) And To Represent God's Love In The World. By His Simple Act, Jesus Exemplified God's Love For Them And Called Them To Love One Another.</i> <i>The Session Aims At Examining The Importance Of Christian Discipleship And The Essence Of Mentorship, Imparting Deeper Understanding And Full Appreciation Of Mentorship, And Underscoring How Vital It Is, In Christian Discipleship.</i>	MINISTER & SPEAKER: The Right Reverend Prof. Dapo Asaju (Abuja, Nigeria)

06.	PLENARY SESSION: Healing & Deliverance THURSDAY 08 APRIL 2021 08:00PM	Objective & Derivative: <i>The Things Around Someone Affect Them Positively Or Negatively And Contribute To Their Character, Beliefs, Reactions And Way Of Life.</i> <i>If The Surrounding And Closest People And Circumstances In One's Life Are Harsh And Unfair, They Cause Them To Hurt Which Leads Them To Getting Wounds That Affect Their Character In A Negative Way, Leading To People Having Bondages, Addictions, And Ungodly Character And Way Of Life.</i> <i>However, After The Holy Spirit Sets In, He Takes Authority And Through Healing & Deliverance, One Begins To Live A Life Of Freedom In Jesus Christ, As He Leads And Directs Our Moment By Moment.</i> <i>The Session Aims At Imparting A Clearer Understanding Of And Equipping In The Ministry Of Healing (The Work Of The Holy Spirit In One's Life Through Which Repair To The Body, Soul And Spirit Is Done) & Deliverance (The Work Of The Holy Spirit In One's Life Through Which The Works Of Sin, The Flesh, The World And The Devil Are Destroyed); As Well As A Time For Ministration In Healing & Deliverance.</i>	MINISTER & SPEAKER: The Venerable Dr. Ebuka Omeke (Nsukka, Nigeria)
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07.	PLENARY SESSION: Eyes On The Prize FRIDAY 09 APRIL 2021 11:30AM	Objective & Derivative: “Not That I Have Already Obtained All This, Or Have Already Arrived At My Goal, But I Press On To Take Hold Of That For Which Christ Jesus Took Hold Of Me. Brothers And Sisters, I Do Not Consider Myself Yet To Have Taken Hold Of It. But One Thing I Do: Forgetting What Is Behind And Straining Toward What Is Ahead, I Press On Toward The Goal To Win The Prize For Which God Has Called Me Heavenward In Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14 (NKJV) The Session Aims At A Fervent Exhortation That The Christian Life Is Like A Race. That The Christian’s Aspirations Are Not Found In This Life But In Heaven, Where The Christian Receives An Award Of Everlasting Glory. It Aims At Imparting A Challenge For Significant Living By Maintaining The Imperishable Crown Frame Of Reference.	MINISTER & SPEAKER: Prof. Vincent Anigbogu (Lagos, Nigeria)
08.	PLENARY SESSION: Thanksgiving & Worship Nite AND Commissioning & Official Closing FRIDAY 09 APRIL 2021 08:00PM	Objective & Derivative: A Special Time For Vibrant Live Worship, Giving Thanks And Praise To God, As Well As Sharing Testimonies From The Conference Week. Final Charging Of The Delegates To Go And Transform Communities, Impact Nations & Conquer Territories For God. Commissioning Charge And Prayer Over The Conference Participants.	WORSHIP LEADER & GUEST ARTISTE: Bro. Solomon Lange (Lagos, Nigeria) MINISTER & SPEAKER: The Most Reverend Henry Ndukuba (Primate Of All Nigeria)

09.	WORKSHOP ONE: Purpose: The Spirit Of Leadership TUE 06 – FRI 09 APRIL 2021 02:30PM – 04:30PM	Objective & Derivative: Leadership Is Africa's Critical Need Today! The Workshop Aims At Reflecting On Africa Leadership Challenges And Solutions In An Ardent Call For Efforts In Equipping And Building Godly Leaders Of Integrity – A Crop That Will Spearhead Africa's Spiritual And Socio-Economic Transformation, Causing The Continent To Be A Blessing On Earth. The Goal Of The Workshop Is Equipping, Preparing & Imparting Participants With Leadership Skills And Principles, For The Challenge Of The Kind Of Leaders The Continent And The Nations Are Desperately Yearning For....Leadership Skills And Principles That Emphasize Character, Passion, Servant-Hood And Godliness.	FACILITATOR & SPEAKER: Engr. Abiodun Fijabi (Abuja, Nigeria)
10.	WORKSHOP TWO: Purpose: The Need For Skills Acquisition TUE 06 – FRI 09 APRIL 2021 02:30PM – 04:30PM	Objective & Derivative: The Workshop Is Aiming At Raising A Generation That Should Not Become Idle In Their Expectation Of The Return Of Christ, But Should Acquire Skills For Enterprise And Business For Supporting Livelihood And Welfare, Fighting Poverty And Overcoming Socio-Economic Challenges.	FACILITATOR & SPEAKER: Mrs. Christie Ehimika (Abuja, Nigeria)
11.	WORKSHOP THREE: Purpose: The Call To Missional Living TUE 06 – FRI 09 APRIL 2021 02:30PM – 04:30PM	Objective & Derivative: The Workshop Aims At Raising And Building Up A Generation That Is Grounded In The Attitude, Thinking, Behavior, And Practice Of Engaging Others With The Gospel Of God's Grace; Imparting Deeper Understanding And Full Appreciation Of The Urgency And Significance Of A Lifestyle Of Mission.	FACILITATOR & SPEAKER: The Reverend Canon Timothy Olonade (Jos, Nigeria)
12.	WORKSHOP FOUR: Purpose: The Challenge Of Leaving A Legacy TUE 06 – FRI 09 APRIL 2021 02:30PM – 04:30PM	Objective & Derivative: Legacy Is The Inevitable Result Of Fulfillment Of Purpose. Simply Put, Purpose Is The Reason For Which Something Is Done Or Created Or For Which Something Exists. The Goal Of The Workshop Is Imparting A Challenge For Significant Living By Maintaining The Greatest Legacy Question: "Am Living On This Earth, When Am No Longer Living On This Earth, How Will The People Living On This Earth, Know That I Lived On This Earth?" Frame Of Reference.	FACILITATOR & SPEAKER: The Venerable Justice Okoronkwo (Jos, Nigeria)

BIBLE STUDY SESSION ONE (01)

TUESDAY, 06 APRIL 2021

TOPIC: **New Life By Grace**

1. Introduction:

Ejike is a young Christian man from the Igbo tribe in Nigeria. During his 18th year, he and the boys of similar age in his village were to be admitted into the youth association together. But before this they must perform some act of bravery to prove they are courageous and ready to be a man. In the old days, they might engage in wrestling to demonstrate both spiritual and physical strength or even go to battle against another tribe. But in these days, they must find some other daring deed to prove their manhood. So, they decided to steal a neighbor's pig. Using sour corn they lured the pig into the forest, where they caught and killed it. As they were roasting it over a fire, an elder from Ejike's church, James, found them. Ejike immediately became ashamed and defensive. When James asked them why they killed the neighbor's pig Ejike angrily replied, We had to in order to become a man. It is our culture!

- a) Why did Ejike feel it was acceptable to kill the neighbor's pig?
- b) What are some things young people feel they must do because it is their culture, even if it is wrong? Why do they feel they must do them?

2. Read Ephesians 4:17-32. Briefly retell the passage in your own words.

3. Discussion Questions:

a) Head: What does it say and mean?

- (1) How do the Gentiles walk who do not know God?
- (2) What does it mean to put off your old self and to put on the new self? Why is this important?
- (3) What are some attitudes and actions which characterize our new self?

b) Heart: What is my attitude?

- (1) Which aspect of your old self do you find the most difficult to put off?
- (2) What should be our motivation for putting on the new self?

4. What Is New Life In God's Kingdom Like?

Previously, we have learned that we become new citizens in God's kingdom by confessing our rebellion against Him and trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection for forgiveness of our sins. When we believe in Jesus, His Spirit makes us alive, and we are born again as a new person. The old person we once were has passed away. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. We have a new identity as children of the King and a new culture as citizens in His kingdom.

How then are we to live as new people in God's kingdom? Ephesians 4:22-24 says we are to put off the old self and to put on the new self. Our old self was without understanding of God, and our hearts were hard toward Him. We were deceived by Satan and believed his lies. The result was that we were characterized by sensuality, greed and every kind of impurity. If we are honest with ourselves, we all can see ways in which these things have controlled our lives.

But now, as new people in God's kingdom, we are to put on the new self which is in the likeness of God. Our new self is characterized by a renewed mind, believing and speaking truth to our neighbors, not sinning in anger, working hard to provide for ourselves and our families, doing honest work, guarding our mouths from impure words, speaking words that build up others, putting away bitterness, anger and slander, and being kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving one another.

Putting off our old self and putting on this new character of Christ does not happen automatically after we trust in Jesus. It is a gradual, intentional process of change over time. So, how do begin to live like a new person in God's Kingdom? We do this in 2 ways:

- a) **New beliefs:** Paul says to be renewed in the spirit of your mind. We must recognize and reject old beliefs that are deceitful, and we must accept new beliefs which are true and right. We must learn to depend on God to help us to do this. Galatians 2:20 says, I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh *I live by faith* in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. By faith we must believe that our old way of life is dead and gone, and that we have a new way of life because Christ lives in us. Each day we must depend on the Spirit of God in us to help us put off the lies which lead to anger and sin and to put on new beliefs that result in kindness and forgiveness.
- b) **New actions:** 1 Timothy 4:7 says, *Train yourself for godliness.* As new citizens of God's kingdom, we must also practice living differently than we did before. We must work hard to put old habits aside and train ourselves to develop new habits. This requires diligence and discipline. 2 Peter 1:5 says, For this very reason, *make every effort* to supplement your faith with virtue In order to put on new actions we need others to help us, pray for us, encourage us, and hold us accountable to change. Living a new life requires every effort of our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. As we daily train ourselves for godliness we find that the old self will have less control of us.

Finally, we must always remember that we put on the new self, not *in order to* gain eternal life, but *because we have new life* in Christ. We give up our lives to serve Him *because* He gave up His life for us. We desire to live holy and set-apart lives *because* our King is holy and set-apart. The result is that our lives reflect new life in His kingdom and draw others to His kingdom as well.

5. Discussion Questions

a) **Hands:** How can I obey?

- (1) Consider an area in your life that is a struggle to put on the new self. What old beliefs do you need to reject and what new beliefs do you need to accept concerning this issue?
- (2) II. How can you daily rely more on the Spirit of God to help you in this area? Give a practical example.
- (3) What is something you can do to train yourself to put on the new self in this area of your life?

b) **Help:** How are my relationships?

- (1) How should living according to the new self, impact how you see or treat others? Give a practical example.
- (2) Who can you ask to encourage and pray for you in this area of your life?

6. Memory Verse

Ephesians 4:24 *put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

7. Prayer:

- a) For ourselves and for each other
- b) For those who have not believed in Jesus

BIBLE STUDY SESSION TWO (02)
WEDNESDAY, 07 APRIL 2021
TOPIC: *Renewing Our Minds By The Word*

1. Introduction:

Oyegun was excited by the prospect of his new boarding school. It was known for its strong academics and a friendly environment. After a few months, he began to spend more free time with some of his newfound friends on his sports teammates. One day they invited him to sneak into the girls' dormitory, just to greet them they said. Oyegun protested, It is against the school rules, and besides the Bible says to flee from temptation. Oh, the Bible is just an old letter for ancient people! Don't you want to discover your own truth? they asked him.

- a) Why did Oyegun's friends reject the truth of the Bible in exchange for their own truth?
- b) What do young people around you believe about truth and its importance in their lives?

2. Read Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:12-17. Briefly retell the passages in your own words.

3. Discussion Questions:

a) Head: What does it say and mean?

- (1) How are we to be transformed rather than conformed to this world? What does this mean?
- (2) Instead of being deceived, what are we to continue in?
- (3) According to these passages, how does God's Word help us?

b) Heart: What is my attitude?

- (1) How is God's Word important in your life? Give examples.
- (2) In what ways do you neglect God's Word in your life?

4. What Is The Path To Transformation In God's Kingdom?

When God created us in His image, He gave us minds, hearts, bodies, and relationships with others. These 4 areas work together to make up the whole person. What our mind believes influences what our heart loves, and what our heart decides determines what our body does. And what the body does affects our relationships with others.

For example, when Satan deceived Eve in the garden he spoke lies to her mind, causing her to question God's instruction not to eat of the forbidden fruit. Because her mind was deceived, her heart became attracted by the appearance of the fruit and the desire to be wise. After her heart was taken, her hands cooperated as well, and she took of the fruit, resulting in damaged relationship with her husband and with God.

Romans 1:18 says that we have suppressed the truth and become confused in our thinking. We have exchanged the truth for a lie, and so we have become fools. The result of our ignorance and foolish thinking is that we love and do all kinds of evil.

In Romans 12:1-2 Paul says we are to be transformed by the renewing of your minds that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. When our minds are renewed by the truths of God's Word, we are able to discern what others are saying to us, whether it is true or not. To live a transformed life in God's kingdom, we must first be changed *by the renewing of our minds*.

But how do we know that God's Word is true, especially since there are so many religions and philosophies which claim to have the truth?

- a) **God inspired men to write the Bible.** 2 Peter 1:20 says that Scripture was written by men who spoke the truths of God as they were driven along by the Holy Spirit. God spoke through prophets and apostles who were chosen by God to write what they understood God to say (lit. to breathe out) by His Holy Spirit.
- b) **God preserved what they wrote.** The Scriptures have been faithfully copied and preserved for us to read today in the Bible, which is based on manuscripts more numerous and reliable than

any other literature in the world. The reliability of the Scriptures is also confirmed by the many different ways that prophecy in the Old Testament was fulfilled by Jesus.

- c) **God gave it as our final authority.** Any teaching, prophecy or word of knowledge must be in agreement with God's Word, and any teaching or word that disagrees or adds to it must be rejected. (2 Peter 1:19-21, Galatians 1:8,9, Revelation 22:18-19)

God's Word does many things for us. John 8:32 says the truth sets us free, and Psalm 119:105 says God's Word is a light to our path. It discerns the thoughts and intents of our hearts, so that we do not deceive ourselves and willfully sin against God. (Psalm 119:11, Heb.4:12) God's Word is like food which helps us grow into maturity, and it teaches, rebukes, corrects and trains us, so that we can be equipped for every good work. (1 Peter 2:2, 2 Timothy 3:16)

How can we utilize God's Word so that it transforms our lives?

- (1) **Study it (head).** Psalm 119:15-16 says, I study your instructions; I examine your teachings. I take pleasure in your laws; your commands I will not forget. As we study the Bible daily, we come to know who God truly is and our thoughts and beliefs are shaped by His Word.
- (2) **Meditate on it (heart).** Psalm 139:23-24 says, Search me and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! As we allow God's Word to touch our hearts, it results in both conviction and praise. And memorizing it shapes our values and guards our thoughts and actions. (Psalm 119:11)
- (3) **Obey it (hands).** Joshua 1:8 says, This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, *so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.* We do not study and meditate on God's Word simply for knowledge, but so that we can obey it in our attitudes, actions and relationships.
- (4) **Share it (help).** Deuteronomy 6:6 says, And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall *teach them diligently* to your children and *talk of them* when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. As we share God's Word with others, we begin to understand it better ourselves. And as we talk freely about what we are learning our family and friends learn too!

The Bible is God's loving message and authoritative instruction for our lives. We must develop a habit of spending time with God in His Word every day. We call this Disciplined Daily Devotion or 3D. Ask your mentor how to have your own 3Ds. This is the single most important thing we can do to grow as a Christian. As we study, meditate, obey and share God's Word, it renews our minds, shapes our hearts, and guides our actions and relationships, causing us to grow as new people in God's kingdom.

5. Discussion Questions

a) Hands: How can I obey?

- (1) How could you strengthen your time in God's Word according to the pattern in the lesson?
- (2) How can you use God's Word to help you discern what is true or to guide you through a challenge in life?
- (3) What could you say to someone who doubts that God's Word is true?

b) Help: How are my relationships?

- (1) How could you share what you are learning in God's Word with your own family or friends?

6. Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

7. Prayer:

- a) For ourselves and for each other
- b) For those who have not believed in Jesus

BIBLE STUDY SESSION THREE (03)
THURSDAY, 08 APRIL 2021
TOPIC: Setting Our Minds On The Spirit

1. Introduction:

When Grace showed up for her first job interview, she nervously eyed all the other applicants who filled the front office. One was a tall woman in an expensive dress. Another was a young man who wore a smart suit and carried a large leather briefcase. A third was a short man whom she could tell by his accent came from a southern tribe. The longer Grace sat there, the more she felt like a small, uneducated girl from a humble village. A few weeks later, when she was informed that she did not get the position, she complained bitterly to her friend that they probably selected someone who was beautiful or from their own region of the country. How can you be sure? asked her friend.

- a) Why did Grace believe she did not get the job? What do you think was the basis for her beliefs?
- b) When have you believed something without knowing it was true?

2. Read Romans 8:5-8, Philippians 4:4-10. Briefly retell the passages in your own words.

3. Discussion Questions

a) Head: What does it say and mean?

- (1) What does it mean to set our minds on the Spirit? What is the result in our lives?
- (2) Instead of being anxious or fearful, what are we to think about and do? Why?

b) Heart: What is my attitude?

- (1) In what ways you are tempted to set your mind on things of the flesh? What leads you to this and what is the impact in your life?

4. How Are We To Think As New People In God's Kingdom?

Previously, we have learned that as new people in God's kingdom, we are to have renewed minds. We grow from infants into spiritual maturity by taking God's truths like milk into our lives. As we do, God's Word equips us for every good work (1 Peter 2:2, Timothy 3:16). But, knowing God's Word is not the same as living in it. A person can possess a map which shows the way from one city to another, but unless they actually use the map, the knowledge itself does not help them. Similarly, we must not only know God's Word, but allow it to change how we think and live.

In Romans 8:5-6, Paul says we must learn to set our minds on the things of the Spirit, rather than on the things of the flesh. To set our minds on the flesh is to believe what is untrue or seek what satisfies one's self. To set our mind on the Spirit means to believe what is true and seek what is pleasing to Christ's Spirit living in us.

In Ephesians 4:22-24, Paul says it a different way: we are to be renewed in our minds as we put off the old self and put on the new self. Like Eve, we have all been deceived by Satan's cunning lies, so that our thoughts will be led astray from sincere and pure devotion to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3). So, we must put off lies and deceit, and put on the Spirit, what is true and right.

For example, if someone criticizes me, my old ways of thinking might say, This person is speaking badly of me because they are jealous of me. While this may not actually be true, my selfishness can lead me to believe a lie. I must be aware of this and reject what is false. I must tell myself, I do not know why this person criticized me, and I will not make false assumptions! I will pray God to help me to understand this situation and think rightly. When I do this, I am putting off the old self and refusing to set my mind on the flesh.

Instead, Philippians 4:8 says I should think on whatever is true and just. Instead of suspecting things I do not know, I should go to the person who criticized me and find out what they actually meant. I should seek to understand the reason behind it and seek reconciliation. In this way I am putting on the new self and setting my mind on the Spirit.

Because our attitudes and actions follow our thoughts, we must be careful to control what we think about. Often our minds are quick to believe what others tell us, and they easily wander to impure or untrue thoughts. Sometimes our thoughts become trapped in one way of thinking, and we find it difficult to see from a different perspective.

The world, our own flesh, and Satan can capture our minds through lies, impure thoughts, and narrow perspectives. But 2 Corinthians 10:5 says, we must take every thought captive to obey Christ. One of the most important ways we resist Satan's work in our lives is to know God's Word and to train ourselves to think about what is true, right and pleasing to Christ.

In Philippians 4:4-10 Paul tells us that instead of dwelling on anxious thoughts, we should do two things: give thanks and pray. We should rejoice in God's goodness and that He is at hand, in control of the things which make us anxious. And we should pray, asking Him for wisdom to understand our situation and help to overcome whatever is the source of the problem. (James 1:5) When we do this, we are promised that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your *hearts* and your *minds* in Christ Jesus.

5. Discussion Questions

a) Hands: How can I obey?

- (1) Consider an area of conflict or anxiousness in your life. What lie do you need to put off? What truth do you need to set your mind on?
- (2) How do you plan to spend some time praying and thanking God about this issue?

b) Help: Who can help me or whom can I help?

- (1) Who can you talk to and pray with about this issue?

6. Memory Verse

Romans 8:5-6 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

7. Prayer

- a) For ourselves and each other
- b) For those who have not believed in Jesus

1. Introduction:

Allan never meant to hurt anyone. At least this is what he told himself. He knew he was not a strong student academically. But he thought that if he could outsmart the other kids, he would prove he was just as smart as they. So, he sneaked into the classroom, found the teacher's gradebook, and made a few small changes to some of the student's scores. Later that week, 3 top students were sent home for failing their exams. Allan was shocked but did not speak a word of what he had done. "I am just as clever as they are, and they can find another school" he told himself.

- a) What motivated Allan to change the students' grades?
- b) What does this reveal about Allan?

2. Read 2 Samuel 11:2-5, 14-15; Psalm 51:1-4, 10-13. Briefly retell the passages in your own words.

3. Discussion Questions

a) **Head:** What does it say and mean?

- (1) What was the cause of David's actions against God and Uriah's family?
- (2) What were the results of David's sin?
- (3) How did David respond to God after he admitted his sin?

b) **Heart:** What is my attitude?

- (1) Think of a time you gave in to temptation. What was your attitude and how did it lead you to sin?

What Is Our Heart?

Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Our hearts are the place from which two important things flow, our *worship* and our *will*. We worship what we love in our hearts, whether it is God or something else. We also will to do what we love, and so we make decisions in our hearts as well. Thus, our hearts are the primary influence on all we think, feel and do.

Unfortunately, our hearts are sick because of our sin and rebellion against God. Jeremiah 17:9 summarizes the condition of our hearts, saying, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" In the case of King David, his own heart deceived him and led him down a path of adultery and murder. James 1:13-15 says that sin begins when we are ruled by our own desires. This leads to temptation, which eventually leads to sin and death. In other words, a wrong attitude in the heart leads to wrong beliefs and emotions, which lead to wrong actions.

For example, if I am prideful in my heart, I will wrongly believe that my image or my intellect are my own doing. I will feel insecure and will begin to think more about others' opinions of me than about the value of others. This will likely result in wrong actions such as lying, putting others down, or cheating in order to advance myself over others. As we can see, broken hearts results in broken minds, emotions, actions and relationships as well. So, what can be done to restore our hearts?

- a) **We must have *renewed* hearts.** Because our old heart is sick and deceitful, no amount of regret, good intentions, or positive thinking can make it better. After King David sinned, he cried out to God, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." David understood that the real source of his sin was not a pretty woman, but rather his own heart. Without a renewed heart he could not experience a restored life. We must first trust in Jesus' death and resurrection for a restored relationship with God. When we do, the Holy Spirit washes and renews our hearts and we have peace with God. (Titus 3:5, Rom. 5:1-5) Faith in Jesus is the foundation for ongoing heart renewal.
- b) **We must sincerely *repent*.** In verses 3-4 David cries out, "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!" David admitted that his primary sin was against God Himself, and so he cried out to God in repentance. In doing so, he received mercy and cleansing. When we sin, we often try to make excuses or cover it up. Instead, we must honestly admit our sin against God and others. We must sincerely repent and ask God to cleanse us through Jesus. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- c) **We must *refocus* on God.** The result of true repentance was that David was set free to worship God once again from a heart of joy. (vss. 12-13,19) In fact, he asks God for a renewed spirit and restored joy in his salvation. Sometimes after we have confessed our sin, we may continue to dwell on our own failures. But we must refocus our hearts, not on our failures, but on the mercy of God and His goodness in saving us. This refocusing on God's goodness redirects our hearts to please Him instead of ourselves.

Because our hearts are constantly being tempted away from Christ, we must practice renewal of our hearts every day, even every hour. When we find ourselves straying from God, we must remember the sacrifice of Jesus for us and that we are new people with new hearts by faith in Him. We must be quick to confess our specific sins to God and submit our hearts to His will. And then we must praise Him for his mercy in cleansing our hearts and giving us the power to obey Him. As we do this continually, we find that not only our hearts, minds, actions, and relationships begin to experience renewal.

4. Discussion Questions

a) **Hands** - How can I obey?

- (1) Consider a temptation which you currently face. How can you "guard your heart" before it leads to sin and its damaging effects?
- (2) When you sin how quick are you to sincerely repent and refocus your heart toward God? Is there anything in your life for which you need to honestly repent before God?
- (3) How does God's mercy and goodness keep your heart from returning to sin?

b) **Help** – How are my relationships?

- (1) Who have you offended by your sinful attitudes or actions? What will you do to restore your relationship with them?

6. Memory Verse

Proverbs 4:23 *"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."*

7. Prayer

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