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HOMILY

Identifying The Season Of Response

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast to our profession. For we have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we, yet without sin. let us therefore come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us in the time of need". (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Obtaining the mercy and grace of God in the time of need refers to God's direct intervention on matters that bother us. Divine intervention creates impact and change, which most times, recipients neither expect nor deserve. The term 'unmerited favour' speaks of God's intervention in the life of an individual. The degree of His impact is always far more beyond that which recipients of His favour could ever deserve or earn. A good case study of this is the life of Apostle Peter. Examining his experiences with the Lord, the extent to which he saw God's amazing grace in his life, he acknowledged he did not deserve the honour and blessings bestowed on him.

In life, we all get to a 'time of need'. However, every 'time of need' also has a season of response or answer from the Lord. The Bible says, "...seek the Lord when He can be found and call upon Him when He is near" (Isaiah 55:6). In all situations, in spite of the seeming magnitude of the challenges we face, there is always a season of response or answer during which God intervenes in our lives to bring about the miraculous. Every temptation carries within itself a way out. God however, requires our willingness to allow Him take charge of our lives and bring forth the answers we expect.

Sadly, some Christians miss this season of response because their current demeanour is that of bitterness and offence. Others subdue the feelings that their hopes have been deferred carrying on as though all is fine. Whereas, at such times, God expects that we approach Him in prayers with the mind of the understanding and thanksgiving. There's no doubt God is always faithful! He alone has the answers we seek and He is ever ready to unveil the mysteries surrounding the events of our lives. "Call on me and I will answer and show you things which you do not know...." Jeremiah 33:3.

If in your Christian walk, your practise of certain Biblical instructions does not yield the results you anticipate, you must return to God and ask Him to show you what ought to be done and the right way to do it. "There's a way that seems right in the eyes of man but the end thereof is destruction."

As we wait on God to show up in our season of response, we must wholeheartedly engage the truths contained in the Word of God. His grace is made available to you at such times. Do not hold back anything from Him. Let Him work in you and through you so that His works of grace will be perfected in your life. Your season of response is here!

Pastor 'Poju Oyemade

What's Up!

01 Election Prayer Chain: The church is observing a prayer watch for Nigeria and the elections, commencing from 6am on Fri 22nd February and runs through till 11pm on Mon 25th February 2019. You are encouraged to pick any hour most convenient for you daily. Everyone is encouraged to join in.

02 Premarital Classes: All singles are invited to the 'Singles' Valentine Carnival & Concert' holding on Saturday February 23rd 2019, Time: 2pm Venue: The Covenant Place, Beside The National Theatre Iganmu, Lagos.

03 Baby Dedication & Baby Naming online: You can now book for Baby Dedication and Baby Naming online using these links:
www.insightsforliving.org/babydedication &
www.insightsforliving.org/babynaming

04 Marriage Enrichment: The Marriage Enrichment department invites all married persons to its Town Hall event, a Breakfast meeting, titled:" He Said", "She Said" (refining the art of communication in marriage) has been postponed due to the elections. A new date is to be fixed soon.
Please note that questions relating to the topic can be sent via email to c3marriages@gmail.com, kindly contact Jumoke on 08160000239 for all enquiries.

05 Women's Monthly Prayer Meeting: Covenant Christian Centre now holds Monthly Women's Prayer Meetings. The Purpose of this is for women to unite in prayer and fellowship, to bring the supernatural power of God into (their) our lives, and to enforce what God has ordained, promised and designed for (their) our lives, families, church, city and nation. This holds on the ***2nd Saturday of every month at the Lekki Chapel,*** and ***3rd Saturday of every month at the Covenant Place, Iganmu.***

Time is 7am - 9am.
All C3 Sisters are invited.

06 Life Fellowship: Are you new in church or you have been around for some time but still quite on your own but will love to be integrated into our Life Fellowship (cell group) system, here are the hotlines you can call to get you started 0818 600 0025 or 0818 600 0081 or 0818 600 0082. These lines are open every weekday from 9am to 5pm.

07 Church Quality Control: The Covenant Christian Centre Quality Control Team request that you kindly send any comments, observations, suggestions or challenges you may have while using any church infrastructure or facilities to contactqcteam@gmail.com.

Feedback:

At Covenant Christian Centre, we love to have feedback. Please send any feedback you have to ***respond@covenantchristiancentre.org***

Poem

The Father Gave Himself

Come gaze upon Love,
See for yourself His selflessness,
The manifestation of Love was the giving of Himself

Throughout eternity you won't find it anywhere
A God of all ages gave Himself in Human Form,
To forever take care of the terms of our redemption

So believe in His everlasting and endless love
His life, our light to shine in the centre of a darkening world
Let's revel and express His life in every sphere of our lives

If you close your eyes,
You will see Him smiling with love for you
Because you are the Fulfilment of His intention for humanity
To be fruitful, multiply and express Dominion.

By
Korede Oseni

Notice

If you or an immediate family member or friend is sick & in need of prayer kindly call any of the following numbers below:

IKE – 0805 654 5600
ABIMBOLA – 0802 305 5212
EMMANUEL – 0802 972 0555
OLUSHOLA – 0818 074 0031

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER DETAILS

for **Covenant Christian Centre (Covenant Christian World Assembly)**

GTBank Herbert Macaulay Branch.
Account number - 0010471264.
For mobile transfer simply dial
**737*32*Amount*138# to give offering*
*and *737*32*Amount*139# to give tithe.*
Zenith Bank Herbert Macaulay Branch.
Account number - 1010845720.
For mobile transfer simply dial
**402*96600803*Amount#.*
This can be used on any bank's card
To give either offering or tithe
Stanbic Bank Herbert Macaulay Branch
Account number - 0003699923

Domiciliary Account for C3 Online transfer is now available with
GTB - 0114030385 &
Zenith Bank -5070235873

TQL is the programme to watch on Sunday. Mouth-watering interviews, interesting personalities and much more is what is in for you when you Tune in EVERY Sunday by 3:00pm prompt on STV and 4:30pm prompt on Channels Television!!
The charismatic host of this programme is Pastor 'Poju Oyemade.

Sunday Services

Yaba Centre
400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
Service Time: 6.30am prompt.

Covenant Connect (Youth church)
Venue: 400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
Service Time: 10am prompt.

Office phone Number: **081 60000 239 or 081 42459 324 or 0809 4999 998**

Covenant Place, Iganmu
Right beside the National Arts Theatre
Service Times:
1st Service: 7.45am prompt
2nd Service: 10.30am prompt

Covenant Chapel, Lekki
Behind Oando Filling Station, 4th Roundabout Lekki
Service Times:
1st Sevice: 8:00 am prompt
2nd Service: 10.30am prompt
Office Phone Number: **081 8841 1111**

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Mainland Centre
YABA CENTRE: 400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba.
Day: Wednesday | Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Island Centre
THE COVENANT CHAPEL: Behind Oando Filling Station, Fourth Roundabout Lekki.
Day: Thursday | Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Pre Marital Counselling

Have you completed foundation of faith? Are you a committed C3 member? Do you have your parents' consent to marry? If yes to all, then plan to attend the pre-marital classes. ***Kindly note that fixing of wedding dates cannot be earlier than 2 months after counselling has ended.*** Classes now start first Saturday of every month so, kindly register early.

2019 Walk-in/Physical classes Dates

1st: Feb 2nd – March 9th
2nd: March 2nd – April 6th
3rd: April 6th – May 11th
4th: May 4th – June 8th
5th: June 1st – July 6th
6th: July 6th –Aug 10th
7th: Aug 3rd – Sept 7th
8th: Sept 7th – Oct 12th
9th: Oct 5th – Nov 9th
10th: Nov 2nd – Dec 7th

Distance/ Diaspora classes (Special):
March - April 2019 AND August - September 2019

For more details: Please call Olajumoke or Tobi at the church office on 08160000239 or 08142459324

****.....Through Wisdom a house is built....In all thy getting, get Wisdom****

Marriage Enrichment

We are committed to Enriching & nurturing marriages, thus impacting God's Kingdom.
Invest in your marriage & Connect with us too. To join our mailing list, do contact us.
For more details, call church office; Jumoke or Tobi, 08160000239 or 08142459324.
You may also contact us at c3marriages@gmail.com

EVENT	TENTATIVE DATES	VENUE
Marriage town hall (Breakfast)	23rd Feb	Joint
Couples love feast	25th May	Joint
Marriage seminar	24th Aug	Joint
2019 Couples Weekend Getaway	7th - 10th Nov	Joint
Couple's fellowship	21st Apr, 23rd Jul, 26th Oct	Lekki & iganmu
Quarterly Marriage prayer meetings	30th Mar, 13th Jul, 21st Sept, 14th Dec	Lekki & iganmu
Marriage Enrichment Classes	Duration of 4-6 Wknds	
Quarter 1 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 2nd Feb.	Lekki & iganmu
Quarter 2 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 4th May	Lekki & iganmu
Quarter 3 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 3rd Aug	Lekki & iganmu
Quarter 4 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 2nd Nov	Lekki & iganmu
One – One Couple Counselling	Available for booking	Contact us.

Note: ME 1, explores topics such as; Money, Sex, Roles and Responsibilities, Conflict Resolution e.t.c & ME 2 is more advanced, exploring topics such as: Winning Together, Marriage & Family as a Tool for God's Kingdom Agenda, Managing Change and Long Life & Divine Health - Our Covenant and Heritage.

CHUCKLES, TRUTH & FUN-FACTS

Chuckles

A man goes to the doctor and tells him that he hasn't been feeling well.
The doctor examines him, leaves the room and comes back with three different bottles of pills.
The doctor says, "Take the green pill with a big glass of water when you get up. Take the blue pill with a big glass of water after lunch. Then just before going to bed, take the red pill with another big glass of water."
Startled to be put on so much medicine the man stammers, "Wow doc, exactly what's my problem?"
The doctor says, "You're not drinking enough water."

Source: Unknown

Edu-Aid
Educational Aid Global Initiative

Edu-Aid is Covenant Christian Centre's social response to the standard and quality of public primary education in Nigeria through innovative and creative weekly programs and activities as well as scholarships and sponsorships for primary school students. We are presently active in 10 schools on the Lagos Mainland and Lekki environs.

Get involved in 3 ways:

1. **Volunteer Partner:** Join us on the field weekly to mentor or train a child
2. **Resource Partner:** Donate academic materials to support our cause
3. **Financial Partner:** Sponsor a child or donate funds to support our programs.

For enquiries, call Teju on **07066736513**
OR reach us on:
Email - eduaidccc@gmail.com, **Facebook -** Edu-Aid CCC,
Twitter - @eduaidccc, **Instagram -** @eduaidccc
Account Details for Donations:
Zenith Bank/1014339803/Educational Aid Global Initiative

Project W.R.A.P

The Widows Relief & Assistance Program
Supports over 200 families of late police officers and military personnel annually with scholarship, rent assistance, holiday job placement, business loans and skills acquisition workshops.

You can give back through Project W.R.A.P by;
1. Becoming a Financial Partner.
2. Volunteering with us.
3. Giving in-kind support to our families.

For enquiries, please call:
Eunice on 08180032237
Or email ***contactc3wrap@gmail.com.***
Website: ***www.projectwrap.org***
Account Info for Donation:
Zenith Bank/1013751758/Covenant Christian World Assembly (WRAP).

Covenant Capital

Covenant Capital is an initiative of the church to provide financial and advisory assistance to entrepreneurs in the church to empower them to achieve their God-given financial potential and contribute in practical ways to their immediate community through job creation, financial empowerment and role modelling. Covenant Capital is available to all members of Covenant Christian Centre at these levels: Microfinance, Micro Credit, Business school and Business Advisory Services and much more.

For enquiries, please contact KELECHI at the Church Office, Yaba from Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm. You can also call 0816 000 0238 or visit www.covenant-capital.org

First Time?

With great pleasure we warmly welcome you to ***Covenant Christian Centre*** and believe that without a doubt you received practical wisdom through the ***Word of Faith.*** Today's message is available in audio CD, MP3 format and you can download at the E-Library unit. Past messages can also be found at the CD sales stand and the E-Library stand.

The church website is ***www.insightsforliving.org*** online you'll be able to access messages, mails and publications.

For more resources on various outreaches of the ministry (e.g. ***the Platform, WAFBEC*** etc) visit any of the following websites ***www.theplatformnigeria.com, www.wafbec.org*** or call ***0816 000 0239.***

You can also check out our online community on face book i.e. C3. Meaningful contributions through discussions, comments and suggestions are highly coveted. You can also participate in the occasional competition and win something! You can visit ***www.facebook.com/CovenantChristianCentre*** to join our facebook community.

To get integrated into church, you can volunteer for any of our programmes which are organised periodically e.g. Lagos Sees, Edu-Aid, WAFBEC or The Platform. Simply look out for information about these programmes.

Kindly fill the visitors form and return to the welcoming unit.

We appreciate your presence here today and look forward to seeing you at any of our services, monthly seminars and special events.