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Rehoboth

ABIDING, ABOUNDING

& ABUNDANT FRUITFULNESS

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ALL MLR CENTRES

Around The World

REHOBOTH

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"...FornowtheLORDhathmaderoomforus,andweshallbefruitfulintheland."

Last year, the Lord renewed His commission upon our lives and we noted that the theme of that MLR was not just a topic or a teaching. It was a commission and a direction for what we must rise up to do in all the places the Lord is sending us. We cannot withdraw again or go back to what we used to be or do. There is already a movement and it is the Lord that has moved us into this new dimension. A journey has started and it is an unstoppable move of God.

We must not stop it because of narrowness of heart or any form of unbelief. We must become unstoppable in our faith and in our zeal and pursuit. We must gather empty vessels into which this oil shall be poured and we must borrow not a few. Lack of space must not stop this outflow of the oil. Lack of perspective must not make you to come short. God has blessed us with sufficient consignments of all that we will need for this assignment. As soon as there is a need, my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. We must dig wells again and again till the enemy cannot stop us any longer.

Despite the challenges of this present time and the numerous difficulties erected on our path, the Lord has brought us to our "Rehoboth"; the season to be fruitful and to multiply has come. The Lord has made room for us and it is time to be fruitful in the land. He has put us in position to bring forth abiding, abounding and abundant fruit in the land. Though thick darkness has covered the earth and it seems all things are sinking, the Lord has commanded us to arise and shine, for our light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Our Rehoboth is here and we must maximize the 'DAY' the Lord has broken forth upon us.

There is a progressiveness in what He has called us into. Isaac's life is an illustration of where we have now reached in this move of God. God is making a room for each one of us and for us as His people. He is making a room for His Church globally and we must wax great and go forward; we must grow up and on in every dimension till we become numerous enough to take possession of the land.

"And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

*The Comforter has come, x2
The Holy Ghost from Heaven,
The Father's promise given;
Oh, spread the tidings round,
Wherever man is found -
The Comforter has come!*

2. The long, long night is past,
the morning breaks at last,
And hushed the dreadful wail
and fury of the blast,
As o'er the golden hills
The day advances fast!
The Comforter has come!

3. Lo, the great King of kings,
With healing in His wings,
To every captive soul
A full deliv'rance brings;
And through the vacant cells
The song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come!

4. O boundless love divine!
How shall this tongue of mine
To wond'ring mortals tell
the matchless grace divine
Thou I, a child of hell,
Should in His image shine!
The Comforter has come!

5. Sing till the echoes fly
Above the vaulted sky,
And all the saints above
To all below reply,
In strains of endless love,
The song that ne'er will die:
The Comforter has come!

HYMN 13. HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS

1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, and harvests' waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward he offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I; send me, send me."

2. If you cannot cross the ocean,
and the distant lands explore,
you can find the lost around you,

you can help them at your door.
If you cannot give your thousands,
you can give the widow's mite;
what you truly give for Jesus,
will be precious in His sight.

3. If you cannot be the watchman
standing high on Zion's wall,
pointing out the path to heaven,
off'ring life and peace to all,
with your pray'rs and with your bounties
you can do what heav'n demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron,
holding up the prophet's hands.

4. If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms
You can lead the little children
To the Saviour's waiting arms.

5. If, among the older people,
You may not be apt to teach,
"Feed my lambs say Christ our Shepherd,
"Place the food within their reach."
And it may be that the children
You have led with trembling hand
Will be found among your jewels
When you reach the better land.

6. Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I: send me, send me."

2. Baptize us Lord with Thy fire
And set our souls aflame
To burn and shine for Thy cause
Revive your zeal in us.

3. Refine us Lord and cleanse us
Clothe us in holiness
Transform our thoughts and nature;
Till we your glory show.

4. New hearts, more love, more passion
For souls in Satan's train
With hook or net use us still
Make us fishers of men.

5. Not gold, not power, not knowledge,
Will Thy heaven unlock
But prayer and faith and unity
Will bring the latter rain.

6. With tears and groans and fasting
O Lord help us to pray
Travailing as in birth for souls
Till You revive the church.

HYMN 10. OH JESUS I HAVE PROMISED

1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear Thee speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.

5. Oh, let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own:
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

HYMN 11. THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

1. There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love:
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above.

*Show...ers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

2. There shall be showers of blessing:
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.

3. There shall be showers of blessing:
Sent them upon us, O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing;
Come, and now honour Thy word

4. There shall be showers of blessing:
Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing;
Now as on Jesus we call!

HYMN 12. THE COMFORTER HAS COME

1. Oh, spread the tidings' round,
wherever man is found,
wherever human hearts
and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue
proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come

And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." Genesis 26:13, 22 KJV

As we wait on the Lord for this year's gathering, it is a clarion call, and a blowing of the trumpet unto the greater place of open heavens, open doors, open windows and broad places for us to be fruitful, to increase and multiply, expand and possess the gates. It is a call to dig wells, grow our roots and break forth on every side and become unstoppable in bringing to pass the unstoppable move of God, in preparation for our King's appearing. We have come to our Rehoboth and the Lord Himself has made room for us to be fruitful in the land. And "I the Lord will hasten it in his time" is His firm word unto us.

This is the burden for this year's MLR. There is a "Rehoboth" for you as a person. The season for you to be fruitful in the land of your personal life has come. It is a season when all your blocked wells shall be opened. All that you struggled and contended for in times past will become a thing of the past. You are coming to a place of rest, where you can fulfill the destiny for which you were born. Bible studies, professional works and other issues for us to make the most of this season in God's visitation upon our lives are being outlined for this meeting. Come with us and set your heart on moving into this room God has made for us to be fruitful in the land of the living. Fruitfulness on all sides is our expectation.

God is waiting to appear to you again during this MLR. It is taking place at several onsite centres and this is so that you will find your own space to retreat into God's presence in a place near to you. Plan to be in the camp, so you can maximize the time and the fellowship with other brethren.

Feeding and accommodation have been freely provided as the Lord has provided. We trust the Lord to impact you and indeed bring you into your own peculiar and particular "Rehoboth"

God bless you.

Your brother,

Gbile Akanni

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR MLR 2021

	THURSDAY 9TH	FRIDAY 10TH	SATURDAY 11TH
	7:00-8:30am	Prayer Mobilization, Praise /Worship/Devotion (ON-SITE)	
	8:30-8:40am	General gathering, Prayers and Hymn (ON-LINE)	
	8:40-9:30am	Devotional Challenge and Prayer (1,2,3) (ON-LINE)	
	9:30-9:55am	Prayer Tips for Uproars (1, 2, 3) (ON-LINE)	
	9:55-10:20am	Prayer Uproars (ON-SITE)	
	10:20-10:30am	Special Numbers from Nations (ON-LINE)	
	10:30-12:00pm	Theme Message and Altar Call prayers (ON-LINE)	
	12:00-1:30pm	Bible Study (1, 2, 3) (ON-SITE)	
	1:30-3:00pm	Counseling, Lunch and Break (ON-SITE)	
	3:00-4:10pm	Workshop/Group Meetings	Workshop/Group Meetings (On-Site)
	4:10-4:20pm	Prayer, Corp. Worship/Hymn	Prayer, Corp. Worship/Hymn (On-Site)
	4:20-4:25pm	Hymn and Prayer (Online)	Hymn and Prayer (Online)
	4:25-5:20pm	Ministerial/Mission Challenges	Ministerial/Mission Challenges (1, 2, 3)
	5:20-5:30pm	Special Numbers from Nations	Special Numbers from Nations (On-Line)
	5:30-6:55pm	Message, Altar Call & Prayers	Message, Altar Call and Prayers (On-Line)
	6:55-7:05pm	Closing Remarks, Notice/	Closing Remarks, Notice/ Benediction
	6:55-7:05pm	Dinner, Local Counseling/	Dinner, Local Counseling/Logistics (On-Site)
		FRIDAY AFTERNOON	
	3:00 - 5:00	MILERT Commissioning:	
	5:00 - 6:00	Media Mission/ Ded. of Materials BAFTY Challenge	
	6:00 - 6:10	Special Numbers from Nations	
	6:10 - 6:55	Evening Message	
	6:55 - 7:05	Prayers/ Remarks & Benediction	

	WEDNESDAY 8TH
	4:00 pm
	4:30-4:40 pm
	4:40-4:50 pm
	4:50-5:10 pm
	5:10-5:20 pm
	5:20-5:30 pm
	5:30-6:50 pm
	6:50-7:00 pm
	7:00 pm:

3. Deeper, deeper! tho' it cost hard trials
Deeper let me go!
Rooted in the holy love of Jesus,
Let me fruitful grow.

4. Deeper, higher, ev'ry day in Jesus,
Till all conflict past,
Finds me conqu'ror, and in His own image
Perfectd at last.

HYMN 05. I AM PRESSING ON

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ryday;
Still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord lift me up and let me stand,
By faith on heaven's table land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Tho' some may dwell where these abound,
My pray'r, my aim is higher ground.

3. I want to live above the world,
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground.

4. I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleams of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

HYMN 06. NOT I BUT CHRIST

1. Not I, but Christ, be honoured, loved,
exalted;
Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard;
Not I, but Christ, in every look and action;
Not I, but Christ, in every thought and word.

*Oh, to be saved from myself, dear Lord,
Oh, to be lost in Thee;
Oh, that it may be no more I,
But Christ that lives in me.*

2. Not I, but Christ, to gently soothe in
sorrow;
Not I, but Christ, to wipe the falling tear;
Not I, but Christ, to lift the weary burden;
Not I, but Christ, to hush away all fear.

3. Not I, but Christ, in lowly, silent labour;
Not I, but Christ, in humble, earnest toil;
Christ, only Christ! No show, no ostentation;
Christ, none but Christ, the gatherer of the
spoil.

4. Christ, only Christ, ere long will fill my
vision;
Glory excelling, soon, full soon, I'll see-
Christ, only Christ, my every wish fulfilling-
Christ, only Christ, my All in all to be.

HYMN 07. I AM PRAYING

1. I am praying, blessed Savior,
To be more and more like Thee;
I am praying that Thy Spirit
Like a dove, may rest on me.

*Thou Who knowest all my weakness,
Thou Who knowest all my care,
While I plead each precious promise,
Hear, oh, hear and answer prayer.*

2. I am praying blessed Savior
For a faith so clear and bright
That its eye will see Thy glory
Through the deepest, darkest night.

3. I am praying, blessed Savior,
And my constant prayer shall be
For a perfect consecration,
That shall make me more like Thee.

HYMN 08. ENLARGE MY HEART

1. Enlarge my heart O Lord
That I may rightly perceive;
Help me to understand
What the true burden of the Lord is;
That I My not slack any more
Nor withhold myself from Holy use.

2. Perfect my sight O Lord
Help me to see as you see;
Right value for eternal things
Lord give me cause my eyes to see;
That I see not men as trees,
Nor lose sight of my duty and call.

HYMN 9. GIVE US OH LORD THINE UNCTION

1. Give us O Lord Thine unction
Anoint us for Thy work
Arise and set us in motion
O Lord the man of war.

Congregational Hymns

HYMN 01. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand has provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

HYMN 02. I STAND AMAZED

1. I stand Amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be:

How marvellous! How wonderful!

Is my Saviour's love for me!

2. For me it was in the gar-den
He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine;"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

3. In pit-y an-gels be-held Him,
And came from the world of light
To com-fort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

4. He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His ve-ry own;
He bore the bur-den to Cal-v'ry,
And suf-fered and died a-lone.

5. When with the ransomed in glo-ry
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the a-ges
To sing of His love for me.

HYMN 03. ROCK OF AGES

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure-
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labour of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

HYMN 04. DEEPER DEEPER

1. Deeper, deeper in the love of Jesus
Daily let me go;
Higher, higher in the school of wisdom
More of grace to know
Oh, deeper yet, I pray,
And higher ev'ry day,
And wiser, blessed Lord,
In Thy precious, holy word.

2. Deeper, deeper! blessed Holy Spirit,
Take me deeper still,
Till my life is wholly lost in Jesus,
And His perfect will.

Program Highlights

1. Prayer Mobilization, Praise and Worship: (ON-SITE). This is the first crucial gathering of the day, when we shall seek to enter His courts with praise in our hearts. It is the starter for the day and for all we hope to receive from the Lord each day. It must be attended with every devotion of hearts.

2. The Devotion: (ON-SITE) There will be a 45-minute devotional charge each day to mobilize our hearts unto further praying and personal consecration. Though the MLR is global, each MLR center is unique and must therefore engage the hearts of all those of us who are gathered in our respective places. We trust the Lord that each of these devotional charges will add to the conviction and the overall unction on the meetings.

3. Devotional Challenges: (ONLINE). This is a short exhortation unto prayer and personal walk with the Lord that will ginger our hearts unto prayer and personal consecration. It will be running for the three main days of the MLR.

4. Tips for Prayer Uproar: (ONLINE). It is the short space created to share burdens of prayer for us all to make an uproar to God in earnest and concerted praying. It will mobilize us to engage the real uproar of prayers at our local centres where we shall pray in our own way and in our languages as the Spirit leads.

5. Prayer Uproars: (ON-SITE). While the Tips for Prayer Uproar will be given centrally on-line to set the focus, the burden and the mood, there will be a 25minutes of intensive prayers, following the tips in our respective locations. This is to ensure we all pray in agreement to the Lord no matter where we are.

6. The Bible Study: This is another crucial aspect of this MLR. It bears the instruction we must act upon to see "Rehoboth" in our lives and in our labours in the area God has located you and it is going to be conducted on site.

7. Ministerial and Mission Challenges: (ONLINE). This will highlight for us some of the global challenges that we all as the Body of Christ must respond to.

8. Professional Workshop: {ON-SITE}. In obedience to God, we have deliberately confronted all the various professional tribes with the matter of discipleship in the past several years, . We perceive God is about also to give us a "Rehoboth" amongst all professions and professionals . The workshop will run for two slots on Thursday and Saturday and we have included a carefully prepared outline to guide us on how to 'sow' strategically into this field.

9. Special Numbers and Choir Ministrations: (ONLINE). We will listen to choirs from the different nations bring in their ministration for us all to benefit from.

10. MILERT Commissioning: As we have responded to the Lord's leading with the multi-ampus system, with online and onsite inputs also in MILERT, the commissioning of the graduating sets from the various campuses and languages have also been arranged to take place at some designated centers. Such centers have been notified by the MILERT office and students are aware of the arrangements. We will therefore be commissioning them on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 during the MLR. All of us from across the nations will be standing with them for the impartation of the victuals they need for their journey in life and for the ministry the Lord is setting before them.

Bible Study

Perpetuating the Move of God

Abiding, Abounding and Abundant Fruitfulness

Labouring with God in this day of His power and of His visitation on the face of the earth calls for a clear understanding of what we must do. While the euphoria of a divine move lasts, the tendency to waste away the oil and the rain in vague, frivolous emotional activities is very high. This has been the bane of several revivals that have come in recent years among us. God has taken quite a long time to instruct us on the focus and purpose, the manner and the pattern, the message and the means, and the final expectation of His heart for this move of His Spirit.

So that nothing be lost in the midst of several issues and so that we may have a clear guide in our hands as regards how to run with this move of God, we decided to make this matter of perpetuating the move of God an in-depth Bible study. Our little book on "Guidepost to Revival" was a follow up message to the MLR of 2000 where God confronted us with the matter of bearing responsibility in revival so that nothing be lost and we have come to see that those instructions are still very cogent for us in this day of His visitation.

This particular Bible Study will deal with how not to let the fire of revival die with us and how to make it a perpetual move of the Holy Spirit till the Lord Jesus Christ returns. The critical emphasis God has laid on our hearts as the crux of our labour over the years will come forth again. The essence of our existence has come and this is the reason why we have been recruited into the Kingdom service.

STUDY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE WIDOW IN 2 Kg 4:1-7.

A. 'Go ...'

2 Kg 4:3; Matt 28:19-2; Lk 14:21-2; Acts 5:19-21; Matt 4:12-13, 23; Mk 1:36-38; Mk. 16:20

What is the implication and the driving force for this if the revival of our time will last?

For revival to become continuous and to last, the disciples of Christ (the carriers of the revival fire) must keep going for God. They must keep going to preach the gospel. Jesus kept going from place to place, preaching the gospel and teaching them God's word; so the revival in His time lasted. The disciples of Christ also went everywhere, preaching the gospel and teaching people the words of this life as they have been commissioned. Every opportunity was used to preach and to teach. That was what made the number of disciples to multiply and the revival to last. We must do likewise if this revival will last. We must keep going.

B. '...borrow vessels.'

2 Kg 4:3; Ezek. 18:4; Heb. 13:20; Jn. 10:11; 1 Cor. 3:9-10; 6:20.

In what ways can you use them to fill your workplace and the land with disciples?

g. By investing your life to pursue excellence in your workplace. Be diligent, hardworking, resourceful and available. Seek to make indelible contributions for the progress of your profession or career. Become pertinent to the society in the lawful and righteous discharge of your duties.

It is your professional excellence that will adorn the life of Christ whenever you present it to others.

In what areas can you pursue excellence in your workplace?

How can you go about it in each of the areas identified above?

h. In what other ways can you invest in godliness and righteousness to bring transformation to your workplace?

Discuss the practical steps involved in each of these ways of 'sowing'.

4. God has promised to reward you handsomely if you commit yourself to doing His work of winning souls and securing them in discipleship. He says:

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." (John 4:35-36 NKJV)

How should this motivate you to labour tirelessly for your Lord?

RESOLUTIONS

1. What are the lessons you have personally learnt from this Workshop? List them.

2. Therefore, what steps have you decided to take in order to start harnessing the opportunities for fruitfulness in your professional workplace?

3. When shall you begin to take these steps? Draw up a time-related Action Plan which you are going to prayerfully follow as you go from here.

May you indeed become more and more like Jesus, as you arise from this MLR to step into your 'Rehoboth'. May you be able to also say sincerely: *"My food is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."* John 4:34.

Therefore, may His Kingdom come as His disciples are multiplied abundantly in your professional workplace, to the praise of His glory, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

b. By intercessory prayers for your colleagues at work.

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy" Psa 126:5.

Discuss when and how to intercede for your colleagues.

What issues are pertinent to raise before God in such prayers for their souls?

c. By refusing to be *"unequally yoked with unbelievers"* 2Cor 6:14-18. Do not partake in their corrupt practices and sinful lifestyle. God says, *"... touch not the unclean thing ..."* vs 17.

Money, promotion or favour that is earned by bribery and corruption, cheating and lying or by any other sin is not a blessing but a curse people collect for themselves and for their families! Do not touch the 'unclean thing'.

What are the 'unclean things' disguised as blessings or prosperity in your workplace?

How do your colleagues arrange to collect these 'unclean things'?

How practically are you going to 'come out from among them, and be ye separate' in the way you do your work from now forward?

d. By preaching the Gospel to your colleagues and others you meet in the course of your work. Everyone who is in Christ has been reconciled to God and is automatically given the work of reconciling others to God:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2Co 5:17-18 NKJV).

The seed you must sow in their hearts to enable them to repent and be reconciled to God is the Gospel message.

Therefore, stop being "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes ..." Rom 1:16.

What are the practical ways you can create opportunity to preach the Gospel in your workplace?

e. Persuade the believers at your workplace to become disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Share often with them the obligation of every believer in Christ Jesus to learn His life and to follow Him, with the aim of becoming like Him in thought, word and deed in all things.

How can you do this effectively in your workplace?

f. By exposing those who desire to grow in the knowledge of Christ to His teachings.

How can you accomplish this progressively in the life of each willing believer?

What are the opportunities available in your locality for discipleship training?

(i) What does this mean?

It means all souls belong to God, not to man. The soul of the believer and that of the unbeliever belongs to Him. Jesus Christ paid the price with His precious blood to redeem every person on earth from destruction. He is the Chief Shepherd; all others are His delegates. If we will have vessels to fill for God with the word of God and the oil of the Holy Spirit, we can only borrow them; we cannot buy them.

(ii) How can we effectively carry out this? Jn. 3:27; Ps. 2:8

A man can receive nothing unless it is given to him from heaven. We must go to God each time to borrow these souls from Him and from the people He people under whom He has put them. Human beings are the vessels into which the oil of revival can be poured, not glass bottles or iron basins. Prayer is therefore crucial in getting souls to be saved and filled for God.

C. '... borrow vessels everywhere from all your neighbours'.

(i) Discuss what could be the hindrance to our obeying this instruction as we blaze the fire of revival. Lk 5:1-9; 2:52, Heb. 12:14.

Potential revival vessels (human beings) are everywhere in all our neighbourhood at home and at work, in churches and outside. But an unfriendly attitude and unrighteous life of self and sin can scare them away from our reach. It is capable of making us to toil and toil and yet catch nothing.

(ii) What is the effect of denominationalism and lack of good neighbourliness on the spread and perpetuation of revival? Lk. 11:17; Eccl. 10:1; Prov. 14:34

Denominationalism causes division among God's people. It causes not only a division by name but is also capable of causing division at heart. Also, sin is a reproach to any people. It causes even powerful anointing to stink. This will scare away people from receiving our message and quenching the fire of revival. Avoid both.

(iii) How can we overcome this? Mk 9:38-40; Lk. 10:29-37; Acts 10:15

Refuse to be denominational in your heart. Break that fence of denominationalism by stretching out a loving hand deliberately to those who are not of your church denomination. Just as the Samaritan suspended his journey to help that Jew who fell among thieves, go and do likewise. Be a neighbour to anyone and any church in need of your help whether they belong to your denomination or not. If you keep doing this, when the time comes for you to borrow those vessels to fill for God, there will little or no hindrance.

D. '... empty vessels.' 2 Kg 4:3.

(i) What does that mean?

Lk 14:15-24, Mk 11:1-2, 3:13-14, Lk 1:52-53, Matt 5:3.

Only vessels that are empty can contain the oil of revival. Any vessel

containing anything else is not qualified to be filled with the oil of revival. God tolerates no rivals. Self-life is the major competitor against God in a person. Self-ambition, self-plan, self-convenience, self-comfort, self-effort... self is the greatest enemy of revival. If you discover that a vessel is not yet empty, the first thing to do is to empty it before you start filling it with the oil. Empty each soul that God gives you. Empty him of self-life and everything that occupies him. It is only then he will be hungry for God, His righteousness and His purpose. Loose the colt! It is meant to carry the Lord of glory and be available for Him alone.

(ii) What is the advantage of empty vessels compared with full ones?
Prov. 27:7; Lk. 1:53; Matt 9:12, 16-17, 5:6.

A full vessel has no space for anything fresh. He is choosy. There will be a lot of argument and resistance. God normally sends away such people empty. To someone who is empty and hungry, even bitter things are sweet. Only those who know they are sick look for and appreciate the physician. Do not waste the precious oil or pour it into a basket. Be deliberate in emptying each vessel before pouring in the oil.

E. '... borrow not a few.' *2 Kg 4:3, 6; Lk 14:21-24; Mk 16:15*

Note the word 'borrow' and the phrase 'not a few'.

What is the implication of this on our labour if this revival will be sustained?

To borrow means the vessels are not our property; so we should not label them as ours and we must return them to their owner. 'Not a few' means we can never borrow enough vessels. God has an insatiable desire for souls to be saved and be filled with the 'oil'. He says, 'Go quickly into the streets and lanes of the city... go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.' We must keep going to borrow vessels and never say 'It is enough'.

F. 'And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons.' *2 Kg 4:4; Mk. 3:13-19; Mk. 9:2, 28-29; Matt 5:1-2; Mk. 6:30-32; 10:41-42 (GNB), Jn. 20:19-25.*

i) What does that mean?

Behind the shut door was the woman, her sons and the vessels before the filling with oil began. The pouring of the oil into the vessels takes place most of the time in the private, in the absence of the crowd. It is not wrong to exclude the crowd when pouring into disciples' lives. Also, the vessels to be filled, the woman and her sons were available for the exercise. The disciples were also available and Christ was there to fill them.

He gave His time and attention to instruct and teach them and to answer their questions. He took them to the mountains apart and was with them behind closed doors and in private and secret places, in gardens and by the riverside, just to shut in with them. This is crucial in revival. There must not only be multiplication of disciples but also the 'pouring of the oil' into their vessels to deepen them in the faith and make them sendable and usable.

In this workshop, we shall no longer sit to highlight our problems and challenges, but to look out for the 'Rehoboths' which God is opening unto us in this season. Look well and you will see that this new 'well' you are about to dig is the one the enemy has no capacity to contend over or close up. It is time for you to shine forth and show forth the glory of Him who has called you into His marvellous Light.

Each one of us must work assiduously during this time to identify our opportunities and discuss how to engage them, thereby making the most of our 'DAY'.

This workshop shall bring forth workable plans relevant to the peculiar location where we practice our profession. Rather than mere talk, we shall arise from here with definite plans to collaborate together as we carry out our aggressive 'sowing' for the 'unstoppable' multiplication of disciples in the land, in Jesus' name.

DISCUSSION POINTS

It is written:

"Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:" (Gen 26:12-13 KJV)

Before we can expect to receive an honest harvest, we must sow. Sowing always precedes reaping. Besides,

"... this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2Co 9:6 NKJV)

1. What opportunities can you identify in your workplace for you to 'sow' in it?

2. What seed does God expect you to sow abundantly in your workplace in this our 'day'? He says: "... *The seed is the word of God.*" *Luk 8:11.*

3. How then should you sow the Word of God in your workplace?

Discuss how to carry out each of these ways of sowing for fruitfulness in the peculiar environment of your workplace.

a. By seeking God sincerely and deeply in repentance, so that your life can experience consistent righteousness. God says: Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you. You have plowed wickedness; You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, Because you trusted in your own way, In the multitude of your mighty men. (*Hos 10:12-13 NKJV*).

You must first invest more deliberately and abundantly in Bible Study and in prayer, in order to become like Jesus and to walk in righteousness.

Discuss how to practically achieve and maintain this goal despite your busy schedule.

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP GENERAL OUTLINE

Recognizing, Engaging And Maximizing The 'Rehoboth' In Your Profession

FOCUS

Over the years, the Lord has impressed on us to be true representatives of the Kingdom of Heaven within our professions. He has consistently insisted that Christ's life must not be limited to the religious environment of Fellowship activities and Church programs. Jesus must reign through our lives, in the practice of our professions in our workplaces.

By His grace, several of us are already consciously bearing Christ's life into the workplace. We are beginning to let Him express Himself through us in the discharge of our career duties. Already, some of our colleagues are being affected by our witness in the workplace and some are committed disciples of His today.

However, our respective workplaces are yet to be brought under the dominion of the Kingdom of Christ and of His righteousness. The children of darkness are strategically reproducing, multiplying and repositioning their kind as future replacement sons in sensitive positions of our professional workplaces. Our influence as the salt of our professions and as the light in the midst of our colleagues is still very scanty.

However, the time has come for us to aggressively multiply disciples of our kind in our workplaces. *'For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land'* Gen 26:22. God has brought us into our 'Rehoboth' in this revival labour. The Lord Himself has gone ahead to make room for us to be fruitful and to be effective at the gates of our calling as the 'rods of His strength' *Psa 110:2*. We can now stand in the midst of His foes and stamp the Kingdom of God on the hearts of men everywhere and in our professional practice where we represent Him as His ambassadors.

Perhaps several wells you dug before were closed up by the 'Philistines' who envied you and overwhelmed you, to the extent that you only managed to stand on the periphery of things; you became marginal and almost a stranger in the place you were called to inherit and establish His Kingdom. But now, the Lord has gone ahead of you to make room for you to be fruitful in the land for the sake of His Kingdom.

ii) What is the purpose of this instruction as we labour over souls?

There is no instant usable vessel. Usable vessels are made, not bought. Even when vessels are available, deliberate effort must be made to make them before they can become effective vessels for revival. Jesus laboured this way on His disciples before they became useful for kingdom purposes. We must deliberately create time and attention to exclusively shut in with the souls God gives us in order to pour the 'oil' into them without any distraction.

G. '... then pour into all those vessels.' 2 Kg 4:4.

i) What do you understand by this in the handling of souls? *Matt. 5:1-4; Lk. 12:1 (KJV, MSG); Jn. 7:37-39; 20:21-22; Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16; Matt. 6:33*

To pour into the vessels means to teach them God's word until the word of God dwells richly in them and it becomes flesh in them. They must be filled with the will of God so much that they are not in any doubt about the purpose of their being filled. They must become kingdom minded. It also means to ensure that they are filled with the Holy Spirit as to endue them with power from on high. Every disciple must be handled this way. It is the vessels thus filled that will have the capacity to help pay the debt that the Church owes this generation.

ii) Why must this be done?

Kg 4:2,7; Jn. 6:5-12; 12:3; Matt. 5:13-16; 9:37-38; Rom. 10:13-14; Lk 19:11-13, 16-17, 20-24.

First, there is a debt to be paid. Secondly, there is oil in the house, even in the Body of Christ to pay the debt. But the oil needs carriers; it must be poured into empty vessels to carry it to where it will be sold out to pay the debt.

Before the disciples could have something to give the hungry crowd, Jesus had to put the bread and the fish in each of their hands. It is only what we put into these vessels that they will give to people. No one has anything in himself to save the lost and make them upright. You must pour into each vessel. The 'oil' has an innate capacity to multiply and fill other vessels. The 'pound' of God in a disciple has capacity in itself to gain more pounds; so the servants said to their master, 'Lord, your pound has gained ten pounds.' But if you have not put any pound into a life, you should not expect any fruitfulness. You must labour to pour the 'oil' into each vessel.

iii) Discuss how we can carry out this instruction in order to perpetuate revival in our time. *Matt 28:20; Ex 24:12-18; Num. 27:18-20; Matt 5:1-2; 10:1, 5; 2 Tim 2:2; 4:1-4; Col. 1:27-29*

The central instruction in the great commission is, *'...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...'* (*Matt. 28:20*). We must teach them the truth that has affected our lives until they learn to observe, to obey the word of God and it becomes their lifestyle. By Bible Study and through our exemplary life, we must teach them. They must be given opportunities to observe our lives and be delegated to try their lives and implements through Christian service. Having been filled, we must

commission them to go and fill (teach) others. That was what our Lord Jesus Christ, Moses and Paul did and that is what Jesus commanded us to do. This is what it means to make disciples and this in essence, is what it means to pour into these vessels.

H. '... and set aside the full ones.' 2 Kg 4:4.

(i) What does that mean?

Every vessel has a maximum capacity to which he can be filled. So it is with disciples. A time comes when a disciple becomes full. He manifests the fullness of Christ and fullness of the Holy Spirit. He is able to connect more intimately with Christ and receive grace to serve. By life, Christ is seen in him and the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit manifests in him. Out of the abundance of his heart, his mouth speaks. It is time to set him apart for the call of God on his life.

On the contrary however, it is possible for another disciple to be full of himself and what he can do. He becomes arrogant and is no longer eager to take in spiritual things. It is important not to force-feed such a disciple. He also must be set aside to go through personal experiences with Christ, while you concentrate on other vessels, until he is able to humble himself to learn more.

(ii) How do we recognize 'the full ones' among the vessels we are pouring into? *Prov. 27:7; Heb. 5:13-14.*

When a disciple is filled full with the right stuff, he becomes mature in spirit and grace; he is able to partake in strong meat and is eager to exercise himself in spiritual things. But when he is full of himself and of other things apart from the things of the kingdom, he is not eager to receive spiritual things; he loathes even honeycomb.

(iii) Discuss how to set aside 'the full ones'.

Mk 16:15; Acts 6:3; 13:1-4; Phil 2:19-22.

Full vessels must be sent out to preach and to serve, to prove what is in them. When a man is full, it is time to delegate him for Christian service to give him opportunity for fruitfulness.

(iv) Why must the full vessels be set aside?

2 Kg 4:7; Rom. 10:9-13-15; Matt. 5:13-16; Rom 8:19; 2 Tim 2:2.

There is a purpose for filling vessels. It is to fill others and pay the debt that the Body of Christ owes mankind.

I. 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debt.'

How can we achieve this in our labour for revival in the body of Christ? *Acts 9:6, 10-17; 10:1-6, 10-16, 20; Rom 16:1-5; Phil. 2:19-30.*

To sell the oil means to advertise the treasure in the disciple by introducing and commending him to the people to whom you are sending him. It also means to release the disciples that have been filled to peoples and places where they are needed to serve. Do not hoard such vessels.

The vessels gathered by that widow were to be with her until she has filled them with the oil. They were not to be there for ever but to be filled

and released for the oil in them to be sold out. Discipleship under a human discipler has a duration which God alone determines; it is until the time appointed by the Father. As you fill vessels for Christ, watch their growth in character (Christlikeness) and in Christian service and be ready to release them to contribute their grace towards paying the debt the Church owes his generation.

J. '... and you and your sons live on the rest.' 2 Kg 4:7.

I) What does that mean?

Prov. 11:25; Matt. 6:33; Lk. 10:7; Matt. 20:2, 8; 1Cor. 9:9-10; Lev. 6:16

God cares not only for His work but also for His workers and their families. He does not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain. The labourer is worthy of his wages. He will pay you. But note that it is only the remainder, the rest after the debt has been fully paid that you will live on.

ii) Discuss the need for this caution in the perpetuation of revival.

Outline the mistakes of the sons of Eli in this matter. What caution must we take as we see in the life of Paul? *1Sam. 2:12-17; 1Cor 9:13, 24-27;*

We must not allow the spoils become our first priority and thus spoil the anointing and bring diversion and contamination to the move of God. We must be careful to thresh the corn first and not trash and trample upon it out of personal greed and seeking of self-pleasure. We must not bring reproach to the ministry to which God has graciously called us in mercy.

CONCLUSION

As we have gone through this Bible Study you will notice that God is willing to fill every available empty vessel we bring to Him. It is time for abiding, abounding and abundant fruitfulness. The vessels that will bear His life and the oil of the Spirit must be multiplied that this land and this generation might experience His move again. You have been commissioned to go and borrow vessels everywhere and to borrow not a few. Fire never says it is enough. The grave that swallows the dead never cries, "enough". The barren womb never stops crying for her own seed. The land that is dry and parched never has enough rain. What will flood the entire earth is still in the heavenly realm. The windows of heaven are still waiting to pour forth if there are vessels to contain it.

God's move can become perpetual in saving and raising men for heaven if there are empty vessels ready for God's use. Every revival that stopped was not stopped by God, but lack of burners, empty vessels and ignitable men were the parameters that stop the move of God. We must commit ourselves to the Lord afresh in this day of His power that we shall not quench the Spirit and the move of the Spirit. Let not the fire quench in your own life and let not the baton drop from your own hand to the ground without laying it in the hands of other disciples you have laboured with God to fill. The pot of oil will not finish till there be no empty vessels in which to pour. Let us go and borrow empty vessels as we reach out in every possible way and by every means and in all wisdom. Keep the flame aglow... Keep moving in the move!