

The Previlage Of Being In The Ministry

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Gbile Akanni passionately emphasizes the profound privilege and responsibility of serving in the ministry, urging believers to honor their divine calling with gratitude and faithfulness.

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:17-31, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 1:27-29, 1 Corinthians 1:21

Description

In this devotional sermon, Gbile Akanni explores the profound privilege and responsibility of serving in the ministry. Drawing from Scripture and personal testimony, he challenges believers to honor their divine calling with reverence and gratitude. Through reflections on biblical examples and his own journey, Akanni encourages ministers to preach Christ crucified with passion and faithfulness, recognizing the transformative power of the gospel.

Transcript

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Telephone numbers 0703 03636 59, 0703 76811 98. Email address lsmedia at livingseed.org or visit our website at www.livingseed.org. Let us sit back and listen as the servant of God brings forth the Word of Life. Our theme for the cleric this year is The Crucified Life, Preaching Him Crucified.

The Crucified Life, Preaching Christ and Him Crucified. I would like you to please turn your Bibles to the book of 1 Corinthians 1. 1 Corinthians 1 from verse 17 up to verse 31. 1 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

2 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 3 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? 4 Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 5 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God.

6 He pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 7 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom. 8 But we preach Christ crucified unto the Jews a stumbling block,

and unto the Greeks foolishness.

9 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. 10 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 11 For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

12 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty. 13 And these things of the world and things which are despised has God chosen, yes, and things which are not to bring to naught things that are, that no flesh should glory in its presence. 14 But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, that according as it is written, it are glorious, let him glory in the Lord.

Now, the crucified life, preaching Christ and Him crucified. I just want you to see what the word of God is asking us to see. You know, as I'm reading the word of God, I see God wanting us to see something.

God wanting us to reconsider how God brought us into the ministry. To reconsider where God has picked you from. And to reconsider the privilege and the glory that God has extended to me and to you for putting us in the work of ministry.

The story of Eli and his sons came so strongly on my mind as I was looking at the privilege of being in the ministry. And the privilege of preaching Christ and preaching Christ and Him crucified. The privilege of being a custodian of the word of life.

The privilege of being the one that God has allowed to handle the oracles. The privilege. When Eli and his sons were in the ministry, and Eli was the high priest, and his two sons Ophine and Phinehas, they were supporting their father, they were the officiating ministers.

And several things were going wrong, and the word of the law became scarce, because God no more visits the altar. Because the men that are standing on the altar, they have broken their relationship with God. They are no more honoring the call and the covenant and their ordination.

They have taken the privilege of being in the ministry for granted. I noted that when people came to the altar, they treated the altar with contempt. They treated the call of God on their lives as if it meant nothing.

When people brought offerings, they forgot that this offering is the offering of the Lord, which they were only being given a privilege to administer or to officiate. They forgot that even though when the people brought their offering to the altar, and the blood of the lamb or whatever had been sprinkled on the altar, and whatever God had directed, God said, I have given my offering to the children of Aaron, the priest. They forgot that it was God's offering that he gave to them.

And unconsciously, they began to treat the work of the Lord as if it was ordinary. They began to take the work of God as if it was casual. When the people brought the offering, instead of offering it to the Lord first, they came with their flesh hooks.

They were looking for the best of the meat. They were saying, give to the priest first, otherwise we are not going to officiate your offering. And the people would be begging them, saying, please now, I'm not saying you will not take, but let's first offer it to the Lord.

Will you be teaching us how to do ministry? These things they were doing, they made the ministry obnoxious. To the extent that people no more came to the altar. To the extent that even those that were coming, they were no longer coming with any expectation.

And by the time these boys became much more reckless, even women that came to the altar to pray, these men no longer feared God. They would be sleeping with the women at the altar. So when God stood up and said, Eli, I have been warning you.

I will do a thing in your days that the ears of anybody that hears it will do what? Will tinkle. So, in one day, I will cancel your priesthood. In one day, I will take off everything concerning you.

And there will be nobody again in your clan. And if anyone that was left, he would only be begging and saying, please put me on the roster so I can at least minister, I can earn something to eat. He said, but I will not give him.

The privilege of serving God. So this night, I just want to reason with you while I welcome you. To ask you to look at where God has brought you from.

And the opportunity of being in the work of God, so as to handle it with correctness and with a correct heart. And the passage I have read could give us a general overview, but my desire tonight is not even to go into all of that. I just want to see the privilege, the glorious privilege of being a man, a woman on the pulpit.

The privilege of being allowed to handle the word of God. Paul said, and I wanted to look at Paul's, he spoke something. I will bring it out quickly and then we shall be praying together tonight.

He said, for the preaching of the cross, to them that perish is foolishness. But unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. To the people that are perishing, they think that we are in foolishness.

I remember when I announced, I told my mother that I am now ready to leave all I was doing, that God is calling me. She cried. She cried.

She said, it means everything is scattered. It means you are going to be begging now. She started saying, I would just tell all your brothers to come and carry their children.

Since you are going to now be living on charity. She didn't know the glory of being called to serve God. She actually thought that serving the government, which I was doing, was more glorious than stepping into the service of the almighty God.

When my wife also got ready to leave her medical practice, to come to serve God on full time, so that we can face the call of God in our lives. I traveled with her to our father-in-law there, my father there. As we sat there with her uncle, who was the only surviving uncle at that time.

And we said, we have been praying, as you know that we have been going up and down preaching. God is saying that we must face this thing seriously. And that Sade is also going to resign her job and come into this thing.

The Baba just stood up. He put his two hands on his head and started weeping. He said, Kai, those that are pursuing him, they have finally got him.

He said, why is it that these people will not leave him alone? What kind of problem is this? They have confused you. This is a serious witchcraft that has come upon you now. How can you do this? You mean you are not going to be begging about? Ah! Oh my God, the way he was crying.

Myself and my wife, we don't know what to do. We just stood there. He came and shook me, shook me and said, don't you see? Sade, have they taken away your head? When we allowed him to finish crying, we said, well, but you are also a man of God.

Baba was a reverend colonel in the Anglican Communion. But as far as he was concerned, for them, it's no problem. Since he was a retired principal, before he became what he now became.

But for this one, young as you are, no! Don't do that. Why was that? They never saw the glory of being called to carry the word of life. Always thought that the pulpit and the ministry is for dropouts or for those that are tired or those that could not make it out there in the world.

It appears as if that's all that is available for anybody who cannot go far in life. So ministry was regarded as punishment or as an unfortunate thing that happens to unfortunate people. But that is not what concerns me tonight.

It is not what others are thinking about the work of ministry. But I want you sitting here tonight, whom God has given a privilege of being involved in the work of God. I want you to see what God has called you into.

So that as we search into this cleric this year, two things that we are begging God to do is that the reality of our call and the focus of our call and the message of our call will come so sharply to us and clearly. That by the time we are going out from here, we are going fired up. We are going encouraged, rekindled to go and do exploits in the name of Jesus Christ.

Look at the word of God and I want you to follow it very quickly. For it is written, God said, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and I will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God.

It pleased God that by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. Listen, people will think that foolishness, preaching is foolish and that is for the people that are foolish. But the Bible says it pleased God that by the foolishness of preaching, what will happen? God will demonstrate his saving power to those who believe.

For the Jews, they are requiring a sign and they are going up and down, show us a sign for us to believe that you are correct. And the Greeks, since they are very learned, they are asking for philosophical wisdom. But we, what do we do? We preach Christ crucified.

Unto the Jews, a stumbling block. Unto the Greeks, foolishness. But unto them which are called, whether they are Jews or they are Greeks, Christ.

What? The power of God. Christ, the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Now I come to what I'm hearing God saying, see. And that's where I thought I should draw our church here tonight. See, verse 26, verse 27, verse 28 and verse 29.

Can you please follow me there and let's draw the issues quickly. For you see your calling brethren. How that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty and not many noble are called.

See, if you were to look, can I ask you, where did you come from? Who are you? What is your pedigree? You will notice that for many of us, the mercy of God that picked us out from the Mary clay. The mercy of God that reached out to us, we that were nobody. When I look back at where God went and picked me.

Anytime I went back home and I went to where I was born, where I was picked. I just say, so this is what God, this is where he went to pick a man like me out from. And again and again I'm asking, Lord, why did you focus on me? Sometime as I go about preaching from one place to another, meeting different people, shaking hands with people.

He don't saw me, I say, if not the gospel, if not the gospel, if not the word of God, will I ever meet people? I know definitely, without doubt, I would have died in my village. I know it. I would not even have been able to travel 50 kilometers outside my village.

I know it. I inherited nothing from my father. There was nothing to inherit.

When Baba died and they were distributing his properties, do you know what they shared to me? One pair of shoes that was oversized. That's all I got from my father. Nothing.

Nothing. And I'm asking, if not the gospel, where will I have been? If not the word of God, who will I have been? I would have become nothing but a mere non-entity that nobody would ever even hear about. Two weeks ago, I got a call from my primary school classmate.

And what was it he said? Your friend, our classmate, whom we sat together in primary school, this man was very brilliant. I always struggled with him. He was always taking first.

If I beat him once, he would wake up and the next two times he would push me to the second position. He called me the other day and said, he died. But you see, what touched me, I said, oh God.

He struggled and struggled and struggled and struggled and he died. He died in the village. I was asking my friend, when are we going to bury him? They buried him that same day.

Why? There was nothing. There was no reason to keep him. There was nothing.

Nobody was there to bury him. He said, let's just pack him. And I was saying, that's my own classmate.

We shared a desk together from primary one to primary six. Very brilliant. He became nothing.

But I remember years, a few years ago, when I went to our hometown. The gospel brought me back home. I was surprised that the gospel can bring a man that was nothing, can bring him to the platform.

The gospel. I'm trusting God that you will not live here without paying attention to the call of God on your life. I pray that this call of God will be so serious to you that you will preach Christ with all your strength.

That you will preach Christ with a sense of gratitude. That you will preach Christ with an understanding that it's only a privilege. Without Christ, what will I be? And as I came to the meeting, you know, the meeting was so large.

There were several thousands of people. And I was, I was, I was, I was being brought in. And I saw people, I saw, one of the two people I saw that day that made me to cry.

I saw my primary school teacher struggling to enter the meeting. Ah! No, no, no, no. There's no space.

There's no space. Ah! I felt bad. I said, that's the man.

That's the man who, who, who, who, who taught me from primary three to primary six. This is the man that taught me arithmetic. And see how they are pushing him.

Because they think a big man of God has come to town. I said, God, if they only knew that I'm not a big man. I'm just a boy from the village.

That God had mercy upon to allow to touch the gospel. So I quickly signaled some of those socialites. They said, that's my father.

Ah! They said, ah, ah, ah. That's Bragbile's father. They thought it was my biological father.

They quickly ran and said, oh, sorry, sir. Bragbile said, you are his father. We should bring you forward.

So they came and gave him special seats. That's when I relaxed. And then I saw him himself.

He was smiling. He said, that's my boy, that's my boy. My boy.

So I remember that as I finished the message, thousands of people, you know how they were saying, oh, we want to touch the man of God. We want him to pray for us. I was also rushing.

So that my master will not disappear before I greet him. So I went and fell before his face. And I started weeping.

And he himself started weeping. He said, Bile, so this is what you will become. So this is what you will become.

When I heard that Bile Akane is coming, I said, is that not my primary school boy? I just came with curiosity to see whether you are the one. When I saw that you are the one, I said, eh? So this, that boy, that tiny boy, so this is what he can become. Ah, in my lifetime.

In my lifetime. In my lifetime. So that day, I told him, I said, how did you come? He said, I came, I tried.

Oh, it bothered me. So I said, okay, I will take you home. I put it in my car and then we drove home.

He was saying, yes. Really, I know. I know that you are going to become something.

But I didn't know that this is what you are going to become. Then my other classmate, the one I was telling you that had just died, I also saw him in the meeting. I came, I said, ah.

I called him by his name. Then he said something that touched me. He said, Bile, where you left me is where I am.

Everything I tried to do didn't work out. I tried to go to school. No help.

I started selling drugs. This is a patent medicine seller. Everything scattered.

The wife I married was troubling me. So I married another one. As you see, I married two wives and the two of them are troubling me.

I don't know what to do with my life. Ah. I looked at him.

That's my classmate. More brilliant than myself. He should have been a professor.

But he died in the village. I remember praying for him. Leading him to Christ.

He said, be praying for me. I missed you. I'm looking at all those whom we shared the same seats together.

When the gospel came to single me out and pull me out and to call me out of darkness onto the marvelous light. But not only that, and he now, in his mercy, called me to be, to put me in the gospel. Isn't it a privilege? The first time I found myself entering aeroplane.

The people don't know what was happening to me. I've never entered aeroplane before. But the gospel put me in the aeroplane.

They came and said, they heard that I can come and preach in Sierra Leone. And they brought me a ticket. I didn't know where to start from.

They were saying, you go here. You know I never understood how aeroplane will carry everybody. So I sat in there.

And I said, Billy Akane from the village in aeroplane. I don't know how to express it. Village man.

But the gospel. The gospel. Has God called you? And you are joking with your call? Are you treating the call of God as a mere thing? Are you playing with the grace of God on your life? Are you in the ministry as if, as if it's a punishment? Do you wake up everyday only complaining and begrudging God? Or are you taking your life as if it is nothing for God to put you to handle the work of God? The gospel.

It looks like foolishness to those that are perishing. But to us who believe it is the power of God. The gospel.

If I could come down and shake you I would have just been shaking you. Congratulations for God calling you to be in the ministry. Congratulations that you are one of those that heaven has earmarked not to be a millionaire but to be a preacher.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. When it became clear to me that Ah! What a privilege.

What a privilege. Then I knew that I better put all my strength I better put all that I have to pursue this call of God on my life because it's a privilege. When it became clear to me that Ah! God has given me what people thought is foolish the foolishness of preaching and yet it is by that foolishness of preaching that God has ordained that men will be saved.

That men will find help. That men will find deliverance. That men will find the purpose of God for their lives.

Then I began to understand that Ah! I'm a privileged man for God putting me into the work of God. This night as I welcome you I wish to welcome you with a deep deep deep gratitude in my heart that God has set you apart to be one of those who carry this great instrument for saving souls. It was then I no longer

worry my head that somebody is a lawyer or somebody is a high court judge or somebody is a banker or somebody is a an engineer or somebody is something it no longer bothered me because I now realize that the high court judge is wonderful, is learned is highly respected but you know he can only condemn and convict criminals he has no instrument to save them.

But look at me here notorious criminals notorious sinners that nobody knows how to handle God gives me the word of God Christ and him crucified and I see criminals kneeling down and say what must I do to be saved? I see husbands that have come to the point of divorce their wives judges have tried they have brought lawyers everybody has tried and they are about to dissolve it they have even dissolved it and yet God will give me a word I will just be preaching this gospel that looks like foolishness and the man is arrested I say Bragbili when you put your finger like this as if you are talking to me did you know me before? I say I don't know you but the gospel knows you the word of God can locate anybody anywhere and I have seen people they rush out like that and they are crying they are rolling on the ground and the next thing I want to reside with my wife in for my wife now and they will go and they will bring the wife and I have seen marriages the gospel the gospel I have seen the gospel changing men changing men changing hopeless situations and bringing men you know to a newness I have seen what the gospel can do and tonight I wish to ask you have you seen the gospel? have you seen the call of God on your life? wives have you seen what God has brought you into? when you got married to this man whom God has called have you thought it was unfortunate? are you quietly putting pressure and saying this thing you do this thing you do let's plan for our future I want to go to London I wish you understand who travels more than a man who carries the gospel? who travels more than a servant of God who carries the gospel? the last time me and my wife we went they put us and we were travelling until we arrived Australia they said this is the end of the world when we landed I said my wife we are in Australia you know it looks funny I said and God has brought us here as I see you sitting before the Lord tonight women custodians of the gospel what will you do with it? how will you handle the gospel? will you be on the pulpit and you will be preaching nonsense? will you be wasting people's opportunity? Paul said God has not sent me to preach with eloquent words because I don't want to make the cross of non effect I don't want to waste the opportunity of preaching Jesus and him crucified because that is the power of God for changing men two weeks ago or last week students and youth who are gathered there in their thousands and the gospel and I saw the gospel wrestling with young lives I saw the gospel I saw notorious drug addicts those that came deliberately who have been stealing I saw the gospel arresting them coming out in tears bringing what they have been smoking dropping it and the brothers who are burning it the gospel what police CIA intelligent officers policemen what they cannot do the gospel do you take for granted the gospel? do you treat lightly the call of God on your life? as you have come during this week two things I am begging God to do may the Lord sharpen your heart may the Holy Spirit give you a fresh vision so that you will preach Christ and preach Him with all your strength that you yourself having experienced the crucified life you will have nothing else to do than to preach Him crucified who is the hope of mankind who is the answer to the problem of our generation he now says because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men for you see your calling brethren how that not many wise men after the flesh not many mighty not many noble are called but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty these things of the world and things which are despised has God chosen yes and the things which are not to bring to naught things that are that no flesh should glory in His presence this night while I want to welcome you can I ask you tonight how do you treat your call how do you handle the call of God on your life do you trample on it or do you magnify it there are three ways in which I could speak about taking the call of God for granted trampling on the call of God the sons of Eli they trampled upon the call of God on

their lives first by not honoring their own personal consecration to God by taking the grace of God on their lives for granted by not putting a demarcation between the clean and the unclean by living recklessly my dear brother and sister I welcome you but should I ask you are you a man of God in the pulpit and you are secretly living in sin you don't value the call of God the call of God didn't mean much to you the word of God you carry doesn't have weight for you how can you be the man who is God's own mouthpiece and at the same time you are the one who is also a slave of sin how could one mouth be blessing and the same mouth is cursing how can there be sweet water and bitter water from the same source how will you stand on the pulpit and say oh the grace of our Lord Jesus be upon you all and people believing that you are a man of God they are saying amen amen amen some will do their hand like this collect your prayer put it on their chest like this because they just believe that what you are saying is going to translate into blessing but look at yourself in the secret look at what you are doing how you made yourself vile and ordinary as a man of God they are not ashamed to unzip themselves before a useless girl that means you don't understand you don't value the call of God on your life you trample on it in which other way will a man treat lightly the call of God the privilege of being God's servant the sons of Eli they took the privilege of the altar they took it for personal advantage they sought their personal pleasure before God who called them was pleased they forgot that even just to touch the work of God was only a privilege that God was allowing them to have what did they do they took it lightly they thought that it was not their own opportunity to eat and to collect special meat have you dishonored the call of God by using the pulpit only to to gather things around yourself to talk more about yourself and talk less of the man of Calvary are you more concerned about your own convenience and your own remuneration and your own achievement and your own pleasure and your own satisfaction at the expense of him who called it you are not understanding the gravity of the privilege you know he touches me if I were not if the gospel was not given to me who am I that people like you should listen to me who am I who am I and I see how sometime I would go to a meeting these are professors these are important persons you know you know old and very important in the community and all of that and when you want to preach they will they will adjust their goggles and say who is that boy but because I knew the power of the gospel I just say bow your head and let us pray let us give honour to the Lord our maker actually I want all of you to stand up and they will stand up if I say lift up your two hands they will do so because they believe I am standing on behalf of God they will do so if I am preaching for 10 minutes 30 minutes 20 minutes 40 minutes they will be there if I were not having the gospel do you have audience with a politician talk to me look at how many many form you will feel even for the man to say yes who are you where are you coming from yes who sent you here and then you will be shivering to talk to him but on the pulpit he is the one shivering to hear you and how could you now take that pulpit and you are doing nothing than just talking about yourself I want you to enter into this cleric this year with a a critical need it has become too costly to come to Boko because the road is bad everything is difficult but you have come something must happen to you and what is the third way by which a man could trample upon his call by not preaching the message you see this pulpit it is not a place to say anything if it is not to preach Christ when you come to that pulpit there is only one thing that you are meant supposed to do to do what to preach Christ and him crucified to now come to the pulpit and begin to display how much English you know and to be speaking big big big things so that people are clapping for you you have missed the point if you don't preach Christ ah you have trampled upon this privilege of the call of God so tonight we are going to call on God together first I wanted to say thank you for calling me Lord thank you for including me thank you for putting my name among those that have found favor in your sight as to put them into the ministry but Jesus said to his disciples there don't even rejoice about that I want you to thank God that your name is in the book of life that that is even bigger than the fact that demons are subject to you as we call on God tonight and you are saying Lord I have come would you like to say to God the

privilege of being a preacher the privilege of being in the ministry the privilege of being called to handle the gospel Father if I have trampled upon it I want you to please forgive me if I have broken my quiet consecration if my life has no longer if I don't hold my life dear as a life that has been handed over to God dedicated to God and for him alone if I find myself sharing my life with something else Father I'm sorry I just need you to help me tonight do something new with me do something deliberate do something eternal with my life we are going to pray together and I don't think it is too early for you to begin to say Lord please renew my faith please restore my fire please Lord maybe I forgot that it was not my qualification it is your mercy that brought me here maybe I took it for granted that you put me in the work and I started misbehaving Lord please have mercy on me church members may not be able to talk to you like this because you are already a terror to them you forgot that grace brought you here so we will go to God in prayer and that prayer I want you to join me as we pray before him you are going to join me in that prayer and the song of prayer Jesus my Lord to you I cry unless thou save me I must die oh bring thy free salvation nigh and take me as I am hymn number 7 we will just take that song and pray together with it will you please rise as we call on God together Jesus my Lord to you I cry unless thou save me I must die oh bring thy free salvation nigh and take me as I am as I am and take as I am and take me as I am as I am my Lord only pray Christ that for me oh take me as I am helpless I am unfulfilled oh God but yet for me thy blood was spilt I can't make me walk the way as I am and take me as I am as I am and take me as as I am and take me as I as I am my Lord only pray Christ that for me oh take me as I am no prayer oh my best resource I owe only prayer yes before thy own namesake and take as I am and take me as as I am as I am and take me as as I am my Lord only pray Jesus oh take me as now before we take that stanza for he said behold me Savior at your feet deal with me as thou seest me thy work begin thy work complete but take me as I am we will sing that song that stanza for three times and if this night while we are all praying and crying to God for ourselves without bothering with anybody you want to say behold me at your feet this is how I am I forgot the greatest privilege that you offered me I took my call lightly it didn't matter to me anymore my consecration I have scattered as we take the song this second time before we finish you may just want to come to the altar this altar and say Lord look at me I have come to Boko this year I can't go back struggling this ministry to which you have called me I must not make a shipwreck of it I don't want anything that will make me a regret to heaven let God not say I regret calling him into this work I give him a great privilege that he trampled upon it behold me see you are her feet the way me are thou see as thy work begin thy work who take God bless you as you just come before the Lord as I am and take take me take me as I am as I am and take God bless you God bless you who know my Lord Jesus Lord Jesus oh God who take me as we do this song one more time if you are coming place to so behold me look at me at your feet Lord deal with me as thou see me I need help now Lord thou see as me thy work begin thy work complete take me as as I am as I am God bless you it's God saying to you even tonight let God begin his work even tonight God don't let me return the way I've come who know my who only pray Christ for me oh take me as now finally we all lift up our hands to God behold me say save your heart thy faith the way deal with me as thou see us meet while we are taking that song can I ask Bishop Eze our right reverend Eze please come forward and help us to pray tonight and commit us to the Lord take me as I am as I am oh take take me Lord do something new in my life this cleric must become a reviver for me my call must not be lost my space in the ministry let no one else take let me not become a mere noise maker Lord do a new thing in my heart go through my secret life tonight and take me as I am as I am Lord as I am Lord take me oh God please lift up those hands to heaven and say Lord take me as I am Lord we are here as your servant we are here Lord send us air particularly do a new thing in our hearts bring forgiveness to us Lord the cleansing of the blood as I am Lord brethren we have just come at the right time our beginning is the current beginning he who seeeth our hearts who searcheth and seeeth our hearts who understands us is

bringing us back to himself back to himself oh Lord our God you know us you know our sickness you know oh Lord you have told us how and where you picked us oh my God we have come at this time to say except you do the first thing in our life again we are finished oh Lord the first thing you need Lord we are grateful we are so grateful that we have this opportunity to be in your presence once more to be called back to you again Lord God almighty we are asking this time oh Lord your hands that are so open to receive us back great God that we have come that he who called us who nurtured us who gave us a place is taking us back again we want to thank you gracious Lord we want to praise you because no man can do this for us no one can do this for us Lord these are your servants I ask oh God of heaven that as the heavens are open to receive us to receive us to restore us to flush out all the debris that have closed our eyes that have taken hold of our hearts that has so much misled us that we don't remember where we are coming from again that is not by the blood of Jesus by that cleansing power that will be cleansed tonight and rededicated to you again and become again Lord we cry for that thing we saw from beginning that thing that made us to say is only God that thing that made us to say bye bye to the world Lord we pray that that fire will come again that fire will come again that you merciful God you are our father who is so merciful who is rich in mercy we have mercy upon us in the name of Jesus Christ that as we have come to cry to you the door of mercy will be opened to us that God of heaven that as we have started ah the fire will be on our bones again Lord God almighty we are holding as treasure what you have given to us what you have called us to hold Lord there cannot be any better thing in the world than what you have called us to hold we are asking Lord God of glory that we stand at the right place and do the right thing for you are capable that to do it Lord who called us you are able to do it even this night to say to our past is past to say our past is gone to say of all those things that clustered in our hearts are gone to all those things Lord that made us to swipe from the way are gone in the name of Jesus Christ that in this place of renewal our covenant have been renewed our call have been renewed our vision of you have been renewed never never to turn back to those things that we have already turned back to we are not going to swim in those bad water again Lord you have called us you have washed us help us never again to be like the pig that we washed and returned to the dead never to be like the dog that we vomit and return to his vomit in the name of Jesus that power that held us from beginning we ask for it that grace that held us from beginning we ask for it in the name of Jesus Christ thank you precious Lord thank you Father for charging us for beginning with us Lord this fire will not go out this fire until we see you face to face in the name of Jesus Christ thank you gracious Lord in Jesus Christ name we have prayed

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