

The Strategy Of Our Response

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Gbile Akanni teaches that God strategically calls and equips His people to respond boldly and faithfully to His divine purpose in times of crisis and opportunity.

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Description

In 'The Strategy Of Our Response,' Gbile Akanni explores how God strategically calls His people to act boldly in times of crisis and opportunity. Using the biblical example of Deborah and Israel's history, he challenges believers to recognize God's timing and respond with faith and courage. The sermon connects ancient scriptural truths with contemporary challenges, inspiring listeners to become active partners in God's divine purposes.

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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. The strategy for our own response into the purpose and the calling of God for our lives. We will still take a bit of the passage, we started looking at Amos.

Then we will take a little story from the book of Georges. And then we will begin tonight to now look at those parables that the Lord gave consecutively towards the end when he was about to go. He gave some parables or some instructions consecutively.

And Matthew was very careful to capture them, to trap them. And he trapped them very, very consistently. And I intend that tonight we will take a bit because it gives us an understanding of several issues that we must bear in mind as we respond to God in this day of his power.

And in this day of our own visitation. Now, before I will ask you to go back to Amos chapter 6. Let me ask you to read the book of Georges. Georges chapter 5. Actually I want to read Georges from chapter 4. And

chapter 5. Let me ask you to turn to Georges chapter 4 first.

And then you go to chapter 5. I am not going to be able to read everything there. I will just take a few verses so that I can give you a background to where we are going. Chapter 4 from verse 1. And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead.

And the Lord sewed them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor, the captain of whose host was Zisera, which dwelled in Arosheth of the Gentiles. And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. Twenty years.

And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidus, she judged Israel at that time. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in Mount Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

And she sent and called Barak, the son of Abinuum, out of Kedesh, Naphtali, and said unto him, Has not the Lord God of Israel commanded, Say, Go, and draw towards Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali, of the children of Zabulon, and I will draw unto thee, to the river Kishon, Zisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude, and I will deliver him into your hand. And Barak said to him, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go. But if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

And she said, I will surely go with you, notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for your honor. For the Lord shall send Zisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Go to chapter 5. We're reading that story so that you can have a general context to the issues that God will want us to raise as regards the strategy of our own response unto the call and unto the commission that God is bringing us into at a time like this. Chapter 5. Are you there? I want to just read from verse 6. I could have read from verse 1, because it's a song of praise that Deborah sang after God gave them the victory. But in that song, Deborah was making some comments.

It is her comments that I want to run through very quickly with you tonight. Verse 4. He said, Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchest out of the field of Edom, they are trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. The mountains melted from before the Lord, even that Sinai from before the Lord God of Israel.

In the days of Shamga, the son of Anath, in the days of Jahel, the highways were unoccupied, and the travelers walked through by ways. The inhabitants of the villages ceased. They ceased in Israel until that I, Deborah, arose.

That I arose a mother in Israel. They chose new gods, then was war in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among 40,000 in Israel? My heart is towards the governors of Israel that offer themselves willingly among the people.

Bless ye the Lord. Speak ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment and walk by the way. They that are delivered from the noise of the arkas, the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, even the righteous acts towards the inhabitants of his villages in Israel.

Then shall the people of the Lord go down to the gates. Awake, awake, Deborah, awake, awake, utter a song, arise, barak, and lead your captivity captive, thou son of Abinuum. Then he made him that remaineth, have dominion over the nobles among the people.

The Lord made me have dominion over the mighty. Out of Ephraim was there a rout of them against Amalek. After you, Benjamin, among thy people, out of Machaeb came down governors.

And out of Zebulun did I handle the pain of the writer. And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah. Even Issachar and also Barak, he was sent on foot into the valley.

For the division of Reuben, there were great thoughts of heart. Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds? To hear the bleating of the flocks. For the divisions of Reuben, there were great searchings of heart.

Glared, abode beyond Jordan. And why did Dan remain in sheep's? Issachar continued on the seashore and abode in his breeches. Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

The kings came and fought. Then fought the kings of Canaan in Tanak by the waters of Megiddo. They took no gain of money.

They fought from heaven. The stars in their courses fought against Issera. The river of Kishon swept them away.

That ancient river, the river Kishon, O my soul, thou hast trodden downstream. Then were the horse hooves broken by the means of the Prancines, the Prancines of the Almighty Ones. Verse 23 Kossi, my rose, said the angel of the Lord.

Kossi, Bethali, the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord. To the help of the Lord against the mighty. Blessed above women shall Jahel, the wife of Heba the Canaanite, be.

Blessed shall she be above women in the tent. He asked water and she gave him milk. She brought forth butter in a lowly dish.

She put her hand to the nail. And her right hand to the workman's hammer. And with the hammer she smote Issera.

She smote off his head. When she had pierced and stricken through his temples. At her feet he bowed.

He fell, he lay down at her feet. He bowed, he fell. Where he bowed, there he fell, down dead.

The mother of Issera looked out at a window and cried through the lattice. Why is Ischariot so long in coming? Why tarry the willies of Ischariot? Her wise ladies answered her, yea. She returned answer to herself.

Have they not spared? Have they not divided the prey? To every man a damsel or two. To Issera a prey of diverse colors. A prey of diverse colors of needlework.

Of diverse colors of needlework. Both sides meet for the necks of them that take the spoils. So let all your enemies perish.

O Lord, for let them that love him be as the sun when it goes forth in its might. And the land had rest 40 years. May the Lord give you understanding as I begin to look at the strategies of our response tonight.

First and foremost, I want to remind you that where we are in God's calendar of events, it is the time when God has decided to walk through the land and to subdue his enemy and to gather in the harvest. I want you to please mark that once God began to say that we have entered into the years, the years of plenty, the years of harvest, the years when God is going to do that which he says he will do, the years when God is already stretching out his mighty hand on our behalf and he's saying, put your hand in my hand. I have come to set my people free from the house of bondage.

I'm doing a new thing. Now shall he spring forth. What you have not contemplated in years before, God is about doing them.

And the word that has gone out of his mouth will never return to him void. It will come to pass. But this night, as I look at the lives of men and women that God roared to, the people that God spoke to, the people that God announced his intentions in their ears, the people that God is taking into confidence, the people that God wants to engage as partners.

When the other year God said, gather unto me my sins that have made covenant with me by sacrifice. And God began to say, he needed men and women who are living sacrifices for the fire of revival, that he wants to do something, but he needs men on whom he can break forth. And as the Lord led us, and he began to say, you also, you also.

So permit me to ask you to check some of the passages that we have just read, because I only use them as an illustration. There are a few issues that the Holy Spirit will have us emphasize from tonight and tomorrow, before we conclude the visions retreat on how you will respond, the strategy of our responses. Hallelujah.

The first thing I saw was that God arranges circumstances and situations in order to recruit and call men into what he was about to do. As we are reading the Bible has said that the children of Israel were mightily oppressed for 20 years. And so they began to cry.

They began to look unto God for deliverance. They began to say, oh God, can you send us help? But whenever men cry to God for God to intervene, what God does is to look for a man or a woman or some persons to send. Whenever it is time for God to move in any place, whenever something new, a new chapter is about to open in any place, in any land, in any nation, in any community, God looks for men and women that he can send.

So the emphasis God has been raising about you also go, you also go, you also go is because it is time for a new face of God's move, of God's work in our time, in our land, in our nation, and in our nations. It could not be for nothing that God is moving compelling young people, compelling men, saying you also go! And he's drawing us from different nations. And he's saying you also just go.

It can't be for nothing. Something is about to break forth. And I perceive very strongly that you are going to be coming back much more than what that sister said.

You are coming back with diversities of stories of what God is rising up to do. And you see what that sister said is only the beginning of what God is beginning to do with her life. We're going to see greater things.

She's going to be overwhelmed because God has arisen. The cry, the plight of the young people, of souls, of students that are just languishing. Did you see that several she said? Some have come out and said, it was my father.

You would think that that was a weird story. But that's becoming something serious among young people. Some say it's my grandfather.

You don't expect a grandfather to do that to a girl. All kind of challenging situations that has come. But all of this is a cry to heaven.

And God is saying, where you go. And when the cry came and said, someone will do it. But will it be you? Will it be I? Or will you be sitting where some certain categories of people sat and they did nothing? So let's quickly look, what is the response? And what is the strategy? First, I wanted to look at Deborah.

The Bible noted, and I wanted to, I wish I could go ahead and look at her response first in chapter five, before I look at her practice in chapter four. It is in chapter five that we saw the secret behind her response. But in chapter four, we saw her practical action.

Now, what was the matter in chapter five that affected her? And I wanted to mark it very quickly. After she had described what happened in the days of Shamga, how the highways were unoccupied because armed robbers, kidnappers, have taken over the road. How people can no longer do evening, evening, evening activities because it is no more safe.

I can tell you very, very seriously, there are roads in Nigeria now that you don't take. They said, Brother Agbile is too lonely. You want to travel 9 a.m. Not in the evening.

I knew when I used to, when I finish a meeting at 8 p.m. and I just say, yes, we are going back. And I'll sit on the car and I'm driving back here. And I'll tell my wife, don't worry, we are coming, we are coming.

There's no GSM, there's no phone, but once I tell her, I'm sleeping in the house tonight, whether it's 2 a.m., we will come. But now, I want to take a journey 9 a.m. Or 6 a.m. They say, no, it's too early, it's too early. 6 a.m. Do you want to go that road, sir? The road is too lonely.

9 a.m. is too lonely. Don't go that road. Kidnappers are there.

Headsmen are on the road. The other day, I was going to travel 12 noon, 12 noon, I think 1 p.m. I was going to go from Kaduna to Jaws to go and take another meeting. And they said, sir, that road is the best road.

But it's a dangerous road. We want to advise you to go back and travel back. I said, no, no, no, no.

How will I take that kind of Easter? I will not arrive where I'm going. Let me go this way. When they saw that I was determined to pass through that dangerous road, they said, okay, sir, since you have to go, we must arrange an escort for you.

So senior military officers with truckload of soldier men, they were going in front of me and coming at the back just to get me across the road. Now, when such things are happening, and you see, as soon as I passed, the man, the king that was to pass to his own village was kidnapped and killed. Now, what exactly has happened to us? What is all these challenges bringing to us? Why are we coming to a situation that is looking uncontrollable? What is the matter that you can't even trust the law enforcement agent? You can't

trust the government? Nowhere is safe.

The night is not safe. The daytime is not safe. What is that supposed to mean? It is raising a crime.

Oh, God, if you don't hire, where are we going to have help? But that crime is only a reason for God to call men like me and you and said, you also rise up. So when Deborah, in her own time, came into an experience, she said in the days of Shanga, the son of Hana, in the days of Jahir, the highways were unoccupied and the travelers, they had to take corner roads. They had to pass through byways.

They can't go on the highway again because it's too dangerous. And have I not, have we not found ourselves going round and round and round just to circumvent some dangerous places so that we can go and arrive to preach the gospel? All of that, are we supposed just to listen to such kind of news and nothing happens to us? Are we supposed to see such kind of recklessness? Can you imagine one of our brother and his wife and another brother, they left home and they were going back to Auchi where they walked. This is not in the night.

And they came to this road and that's the point. Only God. But you see, what was that supposed to do? What is God using that to bring to us? And you remember that about four, no, three years ago, our brothers and sisters went on a mission field.

Do you remember that in Akwa Ibom State? Do you remember? And as the missionaries were going about preaching the gospel, kidnappers kidnapped them with their Bible in their hands. And for one week, for one week, we were only checking, where are these brethren? What are, and the Lord said, look, I allow that to happen to you guys because I wanted to wake you up to a reality. And as we were praying, something happened to our brethren there.

They have already signed out that if they would die, let them die. But then they began to show the word of God to their, to their captors. And one after the other, these people broke down and they repented.

And you remember a great thing that began to happen? You remember that the only one MLR, one of such men came here. And as we are talking now, that chief of kidnappers had become a full-time disciple now. Now, but I just want, I'm just saying something to you.

I want you to hear me very well because we are talking about your response. The strategy of our response. Because of that, I saw a possibility, which is, as if God was giving us a foretaste of what is about to do if you will arise.

What was that foretaste? When the kidnappers had been kidnapped by Jesus, and they had become converted, and they began to confess by the word of God, each one of them was coming out with their own weapons. And say, this one. And our brothers, we went and called police and said, police, what you could not do, Jesus has started to do it here.

And so, whenever someone was ready to surrender his his weapons and all of that, police would come and take inventory of it. We told police, you know you couldn't arrest them. We are not bringing them to you now to arrest.

They have been arrested by Jesus. And what we want to do is to rehabilitate them and retrain them for the society. So do you know police? And the Ministry of Social Welfare and something, they wanted to cooperate with Peace House.

Because they said, we don't know what kind of organization are you. You are feeding these people, you are not collecting money from us. You want to arrest them, because of what you went to do, the land has become quiet.

And there was a move to say, can we collaborate? But because politicians, we haven't been politicians, they would like to make a political score point out of it. But I saw a divine opportunity. That our nation is coming to a place where all law enforcement agencies will begin to be helpless.

And the only place they will turn, they will turn to men like you and me, who has what it takes to change men. Look at the story that the lady was giving. How parents who are tired, they have done all they know how to do.

This, my boy, is in all courts. This one is addicted. This one is this.

And you have got a way of getting them saved and delivered. God, come and help us. All of that you are hearing is only a foretaste of what we are about to enter.

It's a foretaste. I have received letters. I remember that when we went somewhere to do an outreach seminar for teachers, this is not Christian teachers, we are talking about teachers, government teachers.

The Ministry of Education was the one who gathered all the teachers. We said, just gather them. We will provide the resource persons at no cost to you.

We will provide the resource materials, the teaching materials at no cost to you. We will provide lunch for every participant at no cost to the government. The government has said, what manner of men are these? Every other person that wants to do anything with government, they enter into contracts.

They collect so heavy money. They are meeting people that say, no, government, we don't need money. All this, we are doing it because God has told us to come and help you.

Praise the Lord. What was the glimpse I saw, I am saying all of that to you because the situation that we have entered, what is happening in the nation, not only in Nigeria alone, but all nations, governments are becoming helpless. Parents are becoming helpless.

Churches are becoming helpless. Enforcement agencies are becoming helpless. They actually have to run for their own lives because what they are confronting is bigger than them.

And then, once we did in one side, one place, the news went around. Our brethren went to another state. What happened was overwhelming.

And then another state commissioner wrote a letter and said, brother, I believe we learned of what you are doing for teachers and for the Ministry of Education. We want to please request that you should come and help us. And I'm looking at that letter, I said, Lord, is this a foretaste of what you want to do when revival breaks out? When men who are tired, who have come to the end of their efforts are saying, come over, show us what to do.

When our brothers went into the police and the police college was asking, they just went and said, can we make an input to your training of police officers? They said, how, how? They said, we can come in the area of ethics. Can you design a syllabus for us? We did. And for the time when that commandant was there, brethren went every week, ran classes, classes, classes.

This is not, this is not church. We're talking about policemen. They all sat there.

Even Muslims who are there, they said, this thing they are teaching is what will change our country. We are coming to a point, sir, when God allows things to happen to the extent to which it's happening in our day, it is because the gospel light is about to shine. But you see, heaven will not be able to move until it finds men like you and me saying, yes, Lord, I will go.

Yes, Lord, I want to go. I want to stand out there. Now, the Bible said Deborah, as she was seeing the issues, the inhabitants of villages have ceased.

They ceased in Israel until when I, Deborah, did what? Arose. That I arose a mother in Israel. Would somebody arise? I'm asking a question, will somebody in this meeting arise? Will you recognize that the youth that you see on the road, they are only crying, nobody has helped us.

Nobody has shown interest in our plight. Nobody has taken our situation to heart as to send help to us. If you will arise, you will come back with unprecedented kind of testimonies.

There will be an unusual increase that will attend to each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ. But the first thing I saw, somebody must arise. And for Deborah, it said, I arose a mother in Israel.

She arose with a heart of compassion. She arose with tears in her heart. Suddenly, the bowels of a mother started breaking forth again.

Someone must respond to the call of God when he said, you also go. And the first response is somebody will rise with compassionate heart. Somehow, in the course of these past two days, God seemed to be taking me back into my histories.

God seemed to be asking me to look back at what he said. And I was opening my notes, my devotional notes, some that I wrote maybe 28 years. And I'm seeing God speaking very, very clearly about what he was going to do.

Very clearly. When nothing like this has ever happened. When there was nothing at all, nothing at all.

I heard God. I wrote what he said. And I said, father, I am going to arise.

I am going to respond. I'm going to do what you are telling me to do no matter how unpopular it is. So when that sister was saying she had opposition, they said stop it.

I just smiled. I said she's just walking me in the footsteps of her fathers. There is no man that stands up to bring a change that will not be opposed.

There is no man that stands to confront the kingdom of darkness for the kingdom of God that will not suffer opposition. And let me tell you, the first people that will oppose you are the people of your own house. Even as this God is talking about, I must tell you that it will still come with a dimension of persecution.

Because we'll be breaking boundaries. We'll be breaking into forbidden areas. God will be invading the gates of his enemy.

All those that have been kept in captivity for years, gates shall lift up their heads. And captives shall be led and brought out in the name of Jesus Christ. But what must you do? I arose.

Now first, what touched me was that even though the matter is national, the challenge is for everybody. Deborah said, I arose. Did you get that single pronoun? I arose.

One of the biggest entrance to the move of God is when people that ought to arise as the spirit of God is speaking to you personally. You are to arise. When you look left and right and say, okay, before we before I will arise, this brother, that sister, that pastor, they ought to have been rising first.

Let me wait for them. How many of you have waited for people until your fire died? God has spoken to you. Instead of you to arise and say, Lord, I'm ready to obey you.

Even if I perish, I perish. And you arise. You went.

Like Brother Paul said, when it became clear to me that God has set me apart to preach the gospel, I did what? I confine not with flesh and blood. How many of you, instead of obeying God, you would rather call a conference to say, brethren, so what shall we do? You know, the way God is talking nowadays, we just need to do something. Then someone says, yes, that's true.

In fact, the way God is talking, we just have to do something. We just have to do something. Oh, we will do something.

And then another one says, sister, I thank God. You see, that's why we just have to do this business so that when we have some money now and we are able to settle, then we can do something. Hallelujah.

And then, let's just pray about it. Did you see that kind of subtlety of Satan? Religious people, they are always religious. They will change all that God is talking about to a mere religion.

They say, well, you know, God said he's going to move. We thank God. In fact, I, Deborah, I arose in Israel as a mother.

Is there somebody here tonight to say, God, I have heard you speak. If no one joins me, I will arise. But let me tell you the truth is this.

Can I tell you the truth? The truth is that there are many many cowards. Cowards. Generally.

They always sing a chorus. They are only waiting for someone to dare the devil. When you stand up, suddenly you see and say, me also, I'm also a Christian, you know.

Anyway, thank God. Thank God. And sometime, they will now come to give you many many many advices of how to do what they did not do.

You know, sometime I used to laugh. I said, if you know all this, why haven't you done it? Maybe your advice is an adversary to me. Let's put it aside.

Let me go first. Even if my methodology looks wrong, let it be wrong. It's better for me to try and fail than never to try.

Deborah arose when there was nobody. And look at how she arose. She said, during this period, the people just knew God.

There was war in the gates. That means all of us, we were, we were, we were choked in. Nobody could move out.

And worst of all, there was not a shield or a spear seen among 40,000 people in Israel. Not one single shield, not one single spear, no spear. We are all helpless.

Nothing to even resist the enemy about. And Deborah was in that situation. She arose.

She said, my heart is towards the governors of Israel that offer themselves willingly among the people. So what did she do? Let's go back now to see the strategy of her response. I'm dealing with strategies of our own response.

But I'm dealing, I first went to say, how did God mobilize her? She saw things. She heard things. Challenges came.

All of these challenges, they're a divine recruitment for you to arise. And when she rose, what did she do? All of you go back now to chapter four. Please go back to chapter four with me.

So the Bible said, verse four, and Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidus, what did she do? She judged Israel at that time. Now look at the Bible. And she dwelt under the palm tree with the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in Mount Ephraim.

And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. Hallelujah. I don't know whether you understand what she did.

She took it upon herself to begin to bring the word of God unto the people. When she arose as a mother in Israel, she did something more. She went and put her chair where? Under a palm tree.

Under a palm tree or a mango tree. Is it possible for you to start a Bible study class under a mango tree? Is it possible? Is it possible for you to just sit in your compound and begin to read Bible to the young children that will come around? Is it possible? Is it possible as a teacher in the secondary school to take your chair during the break period? Don't sit in the staff room again. What are you doing in that staff room? Can you take your chair? Go and sit under one of the trees while the children are playing about because it's break time.

What will happen? Do you know that some of the students, when they saw the teacher, what would they do? They would branch and say, ah, good afternoon, sir. Good afternoon, ma'am. And you say, ah, come, come, come, come, come.

I'm actually waiting to talk to you. What's your name? Remind me your name. By the time you sit down there and you are talking to one student, what will happen to the other one? Another student will come around out of curiosity, what is Mr. Akande saying? And before you know it, five students are hearing you.

Before you know it, four of them will give their lives to Jesus Christ. When she arose, she arose with a practical strategy. She went and sat.

She did not need to build a house. In fact, it's just a palm tree. It was only when she began to sit under that palm tree that they began to describe it as what? The borer's palm tree.

And before you know it, people started coming to her one by one, one by one, and she began to bring instruction. When they said she began to judge Israel, the word judge there is not that she was just settling quarrels between people. She was beginning to show them how to behave, how to live, how to do things.

Who is going to arise from this meeting? Even in your compound, even in the village, even under the tree. Have you read Brother Shitu's book, Shake Way Before You? Do you remember how he said when he wanted to go about to preach, when there is no money to print poster anything because he had done magic before. He would just do magic and people would gather.

And as people gathered to hear a magician, he would say, well, I've just deceived you guys. There's nothing there. But I wanted to tell you something that is true.

And before you know it, he has started to preach to souls and people are going to be saved. Do you know if you just put two, three young people together and say, let's go and do drama. And you take drama to a secondary school.

Do students like to watch drama? And you just decided that we are going to do drama, drama presentation. You just, don't print poster, just write a cardboard. After school, between 1.30 and 2, there's going to be a special drama.

Mr. J-Ro went to hell. Curiosity will bring students. Will they come? And once you start, you make sure that some of your, of your dramatists, they come in with rag, with their eyes shiny.

As if something terrible has just happened right now. Can you imagine that the whole student, they will just gather. And in another 20, 25 minutes, something has happened.

It doesn't cost anything, I remember. I created one drama. And what was this drama? That there was a man who was an hypocrite.

He was a church elder, but he was also sleeping with women. Then suddenly, there was an accident. And he died.

Oh my God. He died. And everybody gathered.

And so we were carrying, we arranged that they should carry the corpse. As if they are carrying the corpse to go and lay it somewhere before they will get coughing. And then they will bury him.

We arranged it. That's drama. And as they were going, we made sure that the man, the two people that were carrying the corpse, one of them just hit his leg against something and he fell.

And before you know it, the corpse and the people, they all fell down. Yaga! And this man's head went and hit the hard floor. When his head hit it, then he woke up.

When they saw a dead man waking up, they forgot it was a drama. Then some people first ran out because we made it so real that while they were bringing the corpse, you know, real corpse, people were weeping already. Only for his head to knock the ground, they ran.

They ran. Then we gave him microphone. And then the dead man began to speak, said, Ah! Hey! Terrible! Ah! What happened? You people don't know where I just went.

I saw fire! Hypocrite like me, all of you, you think I'm a church head, I was a terrible womanizer, and then called one woman out. Was I not sleeping with you? Was I not sleeping with you? And I said, Hey! Ah! Before you know it, we were ready with the word of God. It was still dramatizing when we walked up.

I said, look at this man. How many of you are like this? If God will not have mercy on you, you can die any moment from now. People have come out to give their life to Jesus.

Who will arise? Who will stand up? You have instincts, you have capacity, there are things that God put inside of you, and it's meant for this revival. It's meant for this move of God. Deborah arose, and she arose not to do bogus things.

Under the palm tree, she started, and come and see the Bible said, the children of Israel were coming to her, were coming to her. Of course, behind the palm tree, there was a mother heart. Are we together? Behind the palm tree clasp, there was a praying heart.

There was a compassionate heart. There was a compassionate heart. There was someone that said, God, change the situation.

Oh God, change the situation. There was a prayer going on. There was a burden going on.

And suddenly, something began to change. What is the next strategy that I saw in the life of Deborah? The Bible said, in verse, in verse, is it verse seven or verse six, she sent and called Barak, the son of Abinwam, out of Kedesh. And look at what she said to him, as not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, go and draw towards Mantavu and take with you 10,000 men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun.

And I will draw to you to the river Kishon-Sisera, the captain of the Jabin's army. And with his chariots and his multitude, and I will deliver him into your hand. Ah, this a man that has oppressed us for 20 years, has 900 chariots of iron.

Are you understanding that? To discuss the kind of might that they had. And the Bible said, they mightily oppressed Israel. But look at Deborah now.

Deborah, having her reason, she could hear what God is saying. And she knew, sent for Barak. She sent for a man, a young man.

And said, has God not been speaking that you are the one to take 10,000 men and go to the, go towards the Mantavu? Can I ask you, was Barak an army commander before? Eh? No. But when people responded, God had somebody to back up. And you see the message said, God, we deliver the Sisera and his army and his chariots, we deliver them to your hand.

Barak said, ah, hey, mm, it's not easy. It's not easy, man. Eh? He said, God said you should go.

And the boy was a bit afraid. He said, well, I will go if only you will go with me. If only you will go with me, then I will go because, ha, ha.

He said, okay, I will go with you. The only matter is that the journey will not be to your honor because now God will deliver Jabi, I mean Sisera, to the hand of who? Of a woman. What was the lesson I'm learning here? God is giving you the first opportunity to arise.

All of you sitting here, God is giving you what? The first opportunity to arise and to be a man, a woman of honor. But if you don't arise because it is time for God to move, God is going to raise stones to come and do it and that will be to your shame. That will be to your own disappointment.

If you will not respond because it is time for God to do what he says, those that you don't think, they will rise and God will see work, but then you will not have a space anymore. Can you imagine when they went to this battle? I want you to see, the reason why I'm going through all this is because I'm going to end on the instruction when God said, you also. It's because I want you to understand that it does not take a thousand people to respond to God before God's power begins to manifest.

It will take a you, it will take a me. So when the choir said, someone, and I pray that that someone will be someone here. It will be someone here who will say, God, that which you are saying, I want to respond to it.

I want to respond to what you are saying. I want to believe you for what you have said. I want to press on with what you have said.

I want to believe you for it. I want to thank God. But you see, the way the Holy Spirit is speaking to me in the course of this time, I just felt that all that God has done before, all that God has predicted before, they have come to pass.

God is speaking a new thing now. And I'm not going to be out of it. I'm not going to sit behind.

No, no, no, no. This is the reason why I have been set apart by God. How can I miss my time of visitation? I will arise.

For me, I will do what? I will arise. Yesterday night, I said, God was saying, you are a debtor. You are a debtor.

Broker class, you are a debtor. You as an individual, you are a debtor. But God is giving you a first opportunity so that you don't lose your honor.

You know when the battle was fought and fought and fought and fought? And Cicero was now tired, he was running because God actually determined to hand them over. I was touched that this man was running and there was a sister. What is that woman's name? Jaya.

Sister Jaya. Her own husband may be also on the battlefield and she must have been saying, Lord, don't let Cicero escape. If my husband could not pin him down with a gun, if Bara could not get him, oh God.

What can I do? What can I do, Lord? And she was positioning herself with hospitality. What did she use to win that battle for God? Hospitality, just hospitality. And some of you I know, God has given you great wisdom to make beer.

That people, whenever they are drinking, they just like it. And if you just believe God, I don't think God will fail to give you what it will cost to make a pot of beer and get Calabash, even if you cannot get plates, just Calabash and just put it somewhere and ask the young men in the village that there is beer for them. Can I ask you, will they come? Eh? And as they were drinking your beer, you have been praying and say, oh God.

Hand over this to me. And you know normally when they finish drinking, they will normally sit down. And that's the time, your opportunity to bring the nail.

Praise the Lord. It was touching to me that I'm looking at a woman of a strategy. What is it that you have in your hand that heaven want to use now to attract, to trap, to bring souls and to affect men for God.

Praise the Lord. Can I remember when she finished giving this man, the man said, can I have water? He said, ah, you have more than water, sir. She went and got what? Cold milk.

Cool milk. Eh? Very, very chilled milk. That no matter once you taste, just drink one cup, it's the greatest sedative you can ever have.

I don't tell you the story of my Kenderimo now, so no need. It just knock off, like that. Five minutes.

Imagine how Cicero, the captain, the captain suddenly began to sleep and was snoring. Five minutes, he's already snoring at the feet of Jair. The Bible said, you know, Deborah was creating a song.

He said, he bowed at the feet of Jair and where he bowed, there he fell. Where he fell, there he died. I was saying, wow.

What a thing. And when the man started snoring, Jair said, what an opportunity. And what did she do? She went and got a nail and there was this hammer they used to just nail things.

She got it. And when the man was lying down very well and sleeping and snoring, she targeted somewhere here. She knew where you can knock and before the man wakes up, because you know what has happened? She was very strategic and she was scientific.

Can I tell you what she did? The eardrum here, all of you do your hand like this. Are you hearing anything? You cannot. So what she did was that she trapped the two ears and as she was nailing, the man couldn't even hear the nail.

Until the nail went in, he couldn't hear. So the noise that would have woken him up, he couldn't hear. The man was in the dreamland until he got into eternity in hell.

Before you know it, he was gone. And then Jair came and stood in front of her door. When the captain, when the leaders were passing, said, come here, come here, the lord has delivered your enemy.

Come and carry him here. Am I going to have evil sisters? Who will engage of hospitality? If you read your Bible very well, she was very intelligent. Was she very intelligent? She brought the meat in a lordly dish.

So the man was just feeling highly honoured. She was just feeling like a big man, not knowing that this is quarter to the grave for him. What was the matter? Whether Jair or Deborah or Barack or anyone else, they are all arising and they are saying, if he escaped from the sword of Barack, it must not escape from the hospitality of Jair.

When I hear God say, you, go you also, there's something you have been ordained and equipped by God to contribute to what God is doing in our generation. There are things that it is only you that God has planned and prepared and equipped to carry that out. Will you arise also? God will help us in the name of Jesus Christ.

But why Deborah arose? Why Jair did what she could? Why Barack actually went down on foot? And the people of Zebulun look at what the Bible said about them. Go back to chapter 5 and see. It says, Out of Ephraim was there a route there against Amalek? After you, Benjamin, among thy people out of Machae, came down Governors, and out of Zebulun did I handle the pain of the writer.

Can I ask you? Would there be need for publishing for this revival? Eh? Did you hear what her sister was saying? That what she decided to do when she looked at all the vices, all the troubles that young people are going through, she studied, she did research. She put them on PowerPoint. She got Batu for the young.

Got some of the salient points, put them together. And as she would shoot it, the books is on her hand, other tracts, people are crying. Jesus was there to save.

Would there be people who would just say, okay, we must have continual supply of tracts. As we are going, we just want to give tracts. I remember that when the Lord led us to do an outreach, there was an outreach to military men, uniformed people, custom, police, and all of that some years ago.

There was just a meeting. There was food, there was a, it was like a dinner, but this time we are targeting police, we are targeting uniformed men, custom officers, and all of that. After they finished eating, I was waiting.

I was waiting to strike. And by the grace of God, we came forward. And how God began to talk about a general that was in trouble, a captain who has become a captain.

As we are telling that story, these are all of them. We are talking about General Neyman, a commander of the Army of Syria, but who could never open his feet because he was a leper. By the time I was finishing that, we went to talk about the chief custom officer, CSP something, Zacchaeus.

We got some initials for him. ZZ Zacchaeus. All of them said, what does that Z mean? We will tell you about that next time.

And we saw how this man was a very short man but very tough. He would just come and confiscate things and say, this, that, that, and move to my office. And how this man was restless because all the things that he had made contraband and he has taken to his house never gave him rest.

The custom officer here! The place was quiet. When we gave a call, come and see what God did. They were coming out.

So when, after a little while, God gave wisdom and they transcribed that message. That's what became when men of the great force require, needed a greater force. Have you ever seen that before? And there was a time that you see all checkpoints, everybody that is traveling, when police stop you, go out like this.

The next day after they ask you, officer, I have something for you. You say, yes, yes. You see something good? You give him the book.

Sometimes we never know that people are reading it. Until sometime we were passing and one policeman saw us and stopped us. He said, you gave me a book the other time.

It has been dealing with me. I couldn't sleep. Actually needed that deliverance.

I have been telling all these my colleagues that we are just wasting our time here. Do you have any such book again for us? I said, ah. So it meant then that even materials and what was our desire then? That that book would be made in such a way that is so cheap that you just carry it and just be give me any policeman, any soldier man, any customs man, any body task collectors you meet on the way.

All those NAFTA officers, all those that used to say, where is it from? When they meet you on the road, they say, where is your importation paper? They are waiting for that book. Can you also, his Bible said, there were these men, they that handled the pain of the writer. Where are the editors? People that God has given you grace you could read English very well.

What are you doing? Are you going to perish with that knowledge? Can't you come up and say, sir, what can I do? I have a degree in grammar. Can I be used to edit some materials? Can I transcribe a message so that I can see it's sent everywhere? The man that translated the Bible into English, William Tindale, I don't know what God will do to such a man. Who single-handedly gave us the English Bible.

I was wondering, if the Bible was not translated into English, where would people like us have found the faith? But you know what he did? He was personally disturbed that people who come to church and there's no knowledge of the truth, there's no truth, nothing. And he decided because the closest language that the Bible was in then was what they called the Vulgate. Because somebody translated the Bible from the original to what they call Vulgar language.

Because the bishops, they don't want the Bible in ordinary language. So this man translated to Latin and he was persecuted. I don't know whether he was not even roasted alive.

So when William Tindale felt that there's only one legacy he can leave for the people so that they can know the truth, you know what he did? He had first class in English. When I talk to young people I say, look, be your best because God always use sharp swords. Some of you are thinking because you are first class, you are too good to serve God.

What do you mean by that? This man had first class in English. Everybody was expecting him to become a professor. He said he has a mission in life.

His mission was to get the Bible written in English. So you know after first class in English, he went and enrolled are you hearing me? For another degree in Latin. He got another degree in Latin so that he can have a clear understanding of Latin in which the Bible was translated.

Then he knew that the Bible was only translated into Latin. It was originally in Greek and Hebrew. This man again went and took another degree in Greek.

What are you talking about? People that have labored for the Kingdom of God and they are waiting that you and them will be on the same table sharing communion. It took years. He now relocated himself to Israel.

After he has got Latin, Greek, English he now needed to learn Hebrew. Before he began to translate. By the time he finished translating, he first translated the Gospel of John.

There was no press. They were doing long hand writing. Writing on scrolls.

When he finished a chapter they started sending it around. It was like hot cake. Nobody should see you read it, so they read it in the middle of the night.

When someone finished, another one would copy for another person, just like that. People's lives were changing just by reading the Scripture. They progressed, progressed, progressed until they finished the New Testament.

And before you know it, the things he has done was now spreading and people were beginning to encounter Jesus just by reading the Bible in English. The authorities were annoyed with him. He became wanted.

And they were searching for him everywhere. When they got him, they got him somewhere in Holland. And they bundled him and brought him back to England and tied him to the stake and roasted him alive.

Just for translating the Bible. When he was about dying as they were roasting him, only one prayer he prayed. He said, Oh Father, open the eyes of the king of England that he may see.

After his death, everybody thought that the work he did would die. But God answered that prayer. I think they were just looking for a good, a piece of literature that expresses the English language in its purest form.

And they said the work that they did was the best language expression for English. So they ordered. So the king that time was King James.

That's why we call it King James Bible. He gave a decree that the Bible must be printed and distributed. That was the beginning of revival.

How can you say you don't know what to do? Different people were arising to turn the battle to the gates. People with the pen of a writer. Imagine what will happen if our books continuously were translated and written out in Thieve, written out in all the local languages and sent everywhere.

Do you know that you just need to carry a small book? Why sit we here till we die? You remember that small book? I think we have done it into Thieve language now. Eh? You just need to go to where people are doing barrier. And just come to the press and say, can I have why sit we here till we die in Thieve? And you just carry about 200 copies.

And just go to those barrier. And put it in the hand. You suddenly discover that people will be reading it.

And they will be turning their life to Jesus. How will you say you don't know what to do? When God is saying you also go you into the vineyard. The strategy of their response.

They responded with whatever they had. Those that could write, they took it upon themselves to write. I was talking to our brothers who are working in the press.

I just went to greet them and to thank them for laboring. I was telling them that what they are doing is the only hope for the future of what we are talking about. Whatever truth you did not publish is going to perish.

Supposing the Bible has not been written, what are we going to do? And you will not know how much I honor those early missionaries that came to Thieveland back home. And they took a decision that the first thing they would do is to learn our language in order to be able to translate the Bible into Thieveland. Do you know that those people that translated the Bible to Thieveland were not Thiev people? How can somebody come from a far away land and learn our language? He learned all the alphabets and began to put words to it.

And then they gave us the Bible. And you know what they did? While they were teaching the Bible, they also started a class just to teach how to read and to write. Why were they doing that? They know that unless the knowledge of the truth of the word of God is spread, people will perish.

We don't need you now to go and interpret the Bible into Thiev now. It's already here. All we are telling you is to go and distribute it.

All we are saying to you is that, carry it! Small, small tracts. Small, small booklets. Can someone of you sit down with it and say, oh God, this thing must go to the nook and cranny of this land.

Can we dominate the land with the word of God and not see results? One of my friends who is dead did something that really touched me. When the word of God affected him, he was first of all one of those who said, what is this peace house people doing? What are they doing? Because he did not know. But when the word of God hit him and he encountered Jesus afresh, I remember 1.6 a.m. This man was in my house.

He said, Brother Bile, I just want to first apologize to you that we out of ignorance were attacking you. We didn't know. How can I work with you? I said, sir, just be in the church and be doing what we are doing.

So those Bible studies, they were pushing it. So when the book, God's pattern, the book that we wrote on Deborah came out, I could see how this brother, very busy doctor that he was, he sat down and translated it into Thief. He told me, he said, there is no literature in Thief language that talks about correct marriage.

There is nothing with which you can instruct husband and wife that they can read in the language that shows them this is how to marry, this is how to go together. I saw that man liberally to translate that book. And it's paining me now that we still could not have, we have not printed that book in Thief language.

And I was just going to say, can you check our archives, whether we can see what this Baba wrote? And if anyone who is interested this kind of material, this kind of instruction, or you just take a little portion from no more to and say let's trans, let's get this into Thief language, let's get this into Idoma language, let's get this into Yoruba language, let's get this into whatever language and begin to reach those who will never hear English. Is there something somebody can do here? Eh? I'm asking a question. Is there something someone can do here? And the choir said, that someone, could it be you? Could it be I? This night, what will you do? How will you respond? I said that they all, not all of them were on the pulpit, but all of them were somewhere in the vineyard doing something that is all conglomerating onto the move of God that they experienced.

Those who only could handle the pen, those who could just print. Few months ago, somebody gave me a book on reformation. Very short book.

It's a story of how Martin Luther turned the Catholic church around that led to what you call the Protestant movement, which was the beginning of the revival that all of us are now part of. Praise the Lord. When God encountered him with that single message of the judge shall live by faith.

And he had been crying and been crying. He didn't know what to do. One time, he just wrote his confessions on paper and placed it at the entrance of the church.

500 confessions. By the time he put it, anybody that is coming to church, something just stopped and they started reading. And that's the word of God.

And as they were reading, something was changing. The church authorities were annoyed. They took that man, they were ready to put him in prison in their own ecclesiastical imprisonment.

But there and then, he never stopped writing. And while that is happening, some other persons, they just got that confession and they began to pop, they went to get a printing press and they began to print and they were scattering it everywhere. That was what brought that revival.

Can the printer page, can it do a work? I'm asking you a question. I'm asking you a question. Can singing, can it bring revival? You see the way our brothers and sisters who are leading us in song here, do you know that something is in this land that I know our people, they cannot, they cannot ignore singing.

You just need to be singing in a compound. You soon discover that someone in his own compound is dancing. And before you know it, you just discover that he will rush what he's doing and begin to dance and dance towards where the music is coming from, just like that.

Do you know that why we do all night working for the dead, for many days, is nothing but what? Dancing and singing. That's all. Who is there among you? You have a good voice, you know how to construct something, won't you engage it for God? Shouldn't I have singing teams that are just singing about? When they finish singing, people gather.

They say, we have another special song and the drummers are there just getting that thing and people are beginning to do the snake dance. And before you know it, the word of God is coming out. And somebody just stopped it when everybody is really, really dancing.

He just stopped it and said, stop! That's an urgent thing to say. He said, what is that? And you bring the gospel. Is there anything someone here can do to cause the purpose of God to advance in our midst? I'm asking a question.

And I don't know whether you are thinking. I've seen so many people now in our midst, graduates. Some of them have become lecturers.

And you know what touched my mind? I dedicated them as babies here. They are babies that I was the one who named them. They are now lecturers.

So if we had made serious, serious, serious input into the lives of those that we thought are young toddlers, in a few years' time, would they be carrying the fire of the gospel? I want to put it to you tonight. But let me put it in the words of Amos and in the words of Deborah. Since we're already in Deborah, let me start with Deborah and then I end it with Amos chapter 6. Then I'll be asking you to stand before God again tonight.

Now, there were a query, a very terrible query upon Reuben. Reuben was the firstborn son of Israel. Am I right? He was supposed to be the clan head.

But something has happened to Reuben, the problem of indecision. Since he went and misbehaved with his father's wife, I don't think that man ever recovered to think seriously. Even though God was willing to forgive him and gave him all opportunities, yet he never proved himself to be anything.

Look at the Bible pointing at the challenge unto Reuben. Would someone please help me read verse 15, verse 16. Read it from any other version apart from the King James that I've been reading.

Who is there to help us tonight? Judges chapter 5, verse 15 and 16. Go ahead. Down into the valley was the princess of Issachar with Deborah and Barak.

At God's command, they rose into the valley. But the tribes of Reuben didn't go. Why did you sit at home among the shepherds playing your shepherd pipe? Yes, the tribe of Reuben has an uneasy conscience.

Why did Gilead remain across the Jordan? Why did Gilead remain beyond the Jordan? And why did Dan remain with his ships? And why did Asher sit unmoved upon the sea shore? Let me ask. Did you see all these questions? Why? God was talking about a divine query. Why stand you here? I do all the day long.

And see all the questions here. Why did Reuben sit down with an uneasy conscience hearing the bleating of the ship? Why? Why did Gilead remain beyond Jordan and did not come to help the Lord? Why did Dan remain in their ships? Why did Asher continue unmoved on the sea shore? Go on reading, sir. At east beside is Abos.

But the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali dared to die upon the field of Batu. They dared to go and die. They jeopardized their lives on the field of Batu.

While others are sitting back and just contemplating and thinking, thinking, thinking, and never come to any decision. While others are sitting back and just, the Bible say, why? Why did you abide in your ship? What are you doing there? What are you spending your life doing now? When it is time for God to show his glorious power through your life, what are you doing? Zebulun and Naphtali, they were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field. Yes.

The king of Canaan fought in Tarnach. Yes. By Megiddo Spring, but did not win the victory.

No. The pharisees of heaven fought Caesarea. Yes.

The rushing Kishon River swept them away. Amen. March on, my soul, with strength.

Hear the stomping of the horse hoof of the enemy. The horse hoof of the enemy. Go now to verse 23 so that we can move.

But the angel of Jehovah put a cause on Merus. The angel of the Lord Jehovah has put a cause on Merus. Yes.

Caused them bitterly. Caused ye bitterly. He said, because they did not come to help the Lord against his enemy.

Ah! Does God need help? That's what we are reading in the Bible now. God who is the almighty he said, come and help me. It will be your honor.

God who could fight his battle by himself has decided to honor you and said, come, help me. But the people of Merus, they did not come to the help of the Lord in the time of battle against the mighty. So God said, cause them a bitter cause was placed on their lives because they did not respond at the time of divine visitation.

Please permit me now to go to Amos. And I stop as I read Amos. We read Amos chapter six.

Please go quickly to Amos chapter six. We started reading yesterday but I want you to begin to look at it. Say woe to you who are at ease in Zion.

Who trusts in man Samaria notable persons in the chief nation to whom the house of Israel comes. Go over to Canaan Sea. From there go to Hamath the great.

Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than yours? Now, what was their mistake? Verse three. Can you check what was their mistake? He said, woe to you who does what? Who put fire off the day of doom? Who are always procrastinating? Can someone read that from another version? Just verse three.

Amos six three. You push away all thought of punishment awaiting you but by your deeds you bring the days of judgment near. You see? You are always thinking that the day of doom is not near.

And yet by doing nothing, by the kind of way you are behaving, you have actually brought the time of destruction very close. Those who lie on beds of ivory, who stretch out on your coaches, you eat lambs from the flock and calves on the midst of the stall. You sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments and invent for yourself musical instruments like David.

You drink wine from bowls. You anoint yourself with the best ointments but you are not grieved for the affliction of the people of God. You are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

I want to ask tonight as we stop. Is there anything that God is saying you must do and you are saying not now? Are you hearing God saying, you also go! There's a space that God has reserved for you. Whether you are in the classroom and who is the best person to go and capture the students, the primary poopies than those of you that are standing before them every day.

Who is the right person that could help us? As I'm talking to you now, several schools they are asking priests to come and help them conduct morning devotions. What's the problem? We don't have enough hands. Somebody will wake up around 6.30 and say, I want to prepare myself so that by 7 a.m. I'm in that school so that when they are starting the morning devotion, morning assembly I just give them 10 minutes of a challenging message.

You don't know what God does. The teachers they are affected, the students immediately after school hours if you're around they say, that thing you said in the morning is touching me. I want to talk to you auntie.

And how could you see harvest and walk away? When some of our brothers decided just to make an experiment and they went to some secondary schools in Lagos the result was so overwhelming that as I'm talking now they started what they call school visitation teams. They are in excess of 150 people but the schools cannot be covered. They must go from one school to another school every day of the week and yet schools are not covered.

Even Muslim principals are begging them to come. The time of harvest has come. The time that God has been speaking to us about is here.

The reason why you have been trained in discipleship is for this matter. The reason why God is exposing you to all that he has exposed you to is this matter. When we went to Okoto in 2006 and we were speaking about the firebrands I still remember how many, many students were coming out crying, Lord set me on fire, set me on fire, set me on fire.

I have met several that said it was that meeting they gave their life to Christ and you are a witness tonight again. Are you a witness to that again? How could we say there's nothing to do? Who is here among us tonight? And God is saying, why do you want to sit back contemplating? Why do you have to keep postponing and postponing and procrastinating what heaven is asking you to do? And you arise and arise with a heart of compassion a heart that is saying, Lord whatever must be done for the kingdom of God, I'm ready to do it. We talk about going, going, going, going, going.

Do you know that when we come back tomorrow we begin now to see I told you that someone like Jai only went with her own hospitality. Men of Zebulon, they are the men with the pen of a writer. There are others that what they did to advance the purpose of God was not on top of a puppet like this and yet they were so effective in turning the kingdom from the hand of the devil to our God.

when one of my sons in the Lord several years he has been I've been pushing him, he's following me up and down, I'm praying for him I would go to his village, I would sit pray for him all night I would read my notes to him I said look at what God is saying and I believe that you are part of that I believe that you are part of that I was believing God when they began to turn out right when they go places and I see God moving with them crippled, standing up as they preach the word of God and he comes back and says sir, the thing you told me those years they are happening, I say yes it's because God is faithful, God is true God is still waiting and looking for who else he will lay hands upon here tonight I'm going to ask you to join me in prayer I'm going to ask you to to decide what will be your own response when we come back tomorrow the practicality is what we now begin to deal with what is God asking us to do in Boko what is God asking us to do all over the nation what is God asking us to do in all over the nations how is God moving this matter forward how is God demanding that we must, we must the things he has told me to do the things he is telling you personally to do how will you arise but tonight in a very short moment of prayer can I ask you to just rise and say Lord I will not be a Reuben I will not be in the class of Reubenites I will not be class among the tribe of Dan Oh God nothing will make me to sit back again lift up your voice and cry to God don't let them continue to put why, why, why why on your own life heaven wants to move now it is time for the Holy Ghost to walk in our day it is time for God to ravage the kingdom of darkness be it in the Doma land in the Gede land, in the Chulo land in Jukun land in Kutep land in Tiv land, in Egon land in Mada land wherever God is saying it is time for me to move it is time for me to move I am ready to walk it is time for God to bring the battle for the young to the gates it is time for heaven to release men unto us someone must say yes yes to the Lord someone must arise and say Lord I arose I Deborah I arose call on God, call on God tonight you can't say I am too young you can't say I am old if you see a breath in your nostrils ask God tonight Lord I am ready to do what you are saying Lord I am ready to run for you I am ready oh God I am ready oh God all the challenges around us is only making it a right time for God to move with us Holy Spirit will you please walk in this meeting tonight Holy Spirit Holy Spirit will you move in this place will you set fire in the heart of men will you do something beyond us oh God by your walking will you manifest your great power in the midst of your people tonight because I know you are ready to confirm your word with signs and wonders following I want you to make that prayer I am not going to be among the Reubenites who only listen to the bleating of the sheep and never did anything I will not be among the tribes that are always indecided procrastination has always cut them short Lord tonight set me on fire set me ablaze open my eyes to see my opportunities Deborah did not have a church hall there was a tree under which she sat and began to curse the will of God to come to pass in her day oh Lord we are ready to go for you we are ready again oh God to respond to what you want to do in the nations we are ready oh God to move into your will while some of us are speaking to you you are going to send some outside the borders outside the borders of the land outside the borders of Nigeria Lord we are just saying yes have

your way those that will be sent into different aspects of work you are saying Lord here am I now oh God the things that you have caused me to know the things that you are causing me to hear I'm ready to obey you tonight Holy Spirit please walk in our midst now go from row to row oh God from heart to heart from person to person from heart to heart Lord confront us individually deliver us from spirits that are always confining with flesh and blood rather than obeying, rather than going we just keep talking Lord please deliver us tonight Holy Spirit have your way Holy Spirit have your way Spirit of the Lord please have your way Holy Spirit please have your way in this meeting with the individual souls that you are touching tonight set us on fire thank you thank you Lord thank you say one thing to God this night just one thing I wish you can re-echo what Deborah said then I arose can I hear you saying Lord I will arise now I'm rising now that which you have said before me that which you have asked me to do I'm rising to walk into it now I'm rising to obey you now even if God is saying to you your immediate response to this is for you to go into discipleship where your life can be helped that's what to rise now and say now I can postpone it let me just go and settle down with this so that my life can make many tomorrow can you rise listen to that now thank you I want to pray now, I want to conclude tonight in the name of Jesus Christ please stand wherever you are I'm talking to God now in the name of Jesus Father tonight as we stand before you it is clear that the time has come all we are saying is that do not oh God replace us with another stone dishonor that you are offering us don't allow us to make ourselves dishonorable Father tonight I pray for every soul that is standing here who have heard your voice because you confronted us individually set our hearts ablaze in the name of Jesus Christ we have made a declaration tonight we don't want to be in the class of the Rubenites Rubenites have a lot of thoughts indecision in their hearts listening to the blithing of the sheep or looking at wind and they never came to help the Lord Dan was standing across the Jordan he never moved Father don't number us among such people in the name of Jesus Christ but we talked about Naphtali we talked about Zebulon we talked about men who jeopardized their lives to come to the help of the Lord in the days of his battle Father tonight mobilize our heart unto action in the name of Jesus Christ from this night oh God because I know your spirit is at work we release these people to your hand such that the only thing we will get back is their report in the name of Jesus Christ our Father and our God you have told us very categorically you picked us you concentrated on us you exposed us you allowed us to hear your word and the truth you exposed us to the wine refined on leaves you permitted us to touch the spirit of revelation it's not for us it's not for decoration it has made us a debtor to our generation Lord I stand before you oh God on behalf of these men and women we will settle our debt to this generation it is not for nothing that you located this work in this land it is not by chance you could have put it anywhere else but you told us many years ago that a reviver is going to break forth from here and is going to overwhelm the nation and the nations of the earth and that many children that will be raised from here they will be in top positions leading your purposes all over we've seen a glimpse of it we've seen some oh God that you allowed us to touch when they were in secondary school they are in different nations and doing something but I hear you saying the time for this outburst is about here Lord I ask your eyes that you have kept upon this land and on the people of the land don't turn it away oh God we are ready to take responsibility we are ready to run round the land in the name of Jesus Christ we are ready to obey you we are ready to go as you are saying we should we will go Lord we shall go Holy Spirit come upon us as we go from here Lord even now whatever it is there have been like obstacles we speak against you right here Barak said ah I will go but you must go with me Lord we are grateful that he went so that Cicero could be uprooted thank you for the church thank you for the jail who engaged hospitality to deal with the big man Lord we are asking everything you have put in our hands every competence any of us have got we decide right now to invest it in your purpose in the name of Jesus Christ those who have voices to sing those who have hands to beat drums we choose to invest it all to see what you will do those who can dramatize we

ask oh God that from this meeting several streams of men and women will break forth and before we know it oh God an unstoppable move of God an unquenchable fire will break forth in the name of Jesus and as men go from here to different states different parts of Nigeria and other nations of the earth we are trusting you that we will hear the same results as we are standing here some people because this message is being put on live stream they are watching in different nations of the earth we ask oh God that you set them also on fire we ask Lord that in the communities where each one of them are cause them to take the battle to the gates we are asking oh God that those that are sitting in the corners of their rooms and they are watching your message we ask Lord that fire will fall upon them and an anointing that nobody can stop will be brought upon our heads thank you Father we will take this battle to the gates in the name of Jesus when the choir began to say someone will go someone will carry the message shouldn't be I, shouldn't it be you this night Father with quiet resolution in our spirit we declare Father we shall go if you are joining me to say Lord I'm going to do that which you have shown me no more discussion I just want to be obeying you now can you now stretch that hand and lift it above your head and say God not just our leaders praying even me even me Lord make me fruitful cause me to multiply can you say that personally to God with your own hand up show me all the opportunities I have that you have put in me I want to engage it for your service every matter that you have placed in my hand my intelligence I'm going to engage it William Tinde engages capacity and we now have the English Bible I don't know how many millions and millions of souls that man by this work had enabled to come to the kingdom of God Lord I will engage my capacity my competence, my intelligence my skills my training whatever it is is in my hand today I lay it down for your service Lord use me Lord use me Thank you Thank you Father Thank you Lord tonight Thank you that as we go in obedience let the glory of God break forth upon our lives as men of old heard him preach and obeyed him then and eternal things broke forth by their hands Lord who answers prayer will do it again Amen Father we raise our hands each and every one of us because this matter is unto us this matter concerns us this matter engages us we raise each of us our hands because you have spoken into our ears each of us because you intend to involve us each of us we have a part in this matter and you are speaking coming to each of us individually to indicate what specifically you are asking us to arise and to do Lord we want to say have your way in our lives in the name of Jesus we are saying yes Lord yes Lord yes Lord we are saying oh Lord as you have decided concerning us let it be unto us according to your word we give you our truth we give you our own pledge we are not just speaking like that first born son of the Lord of the house that said yes I will go and he sat down Lord we just needed to say something otherwise it was not necessary you will see us going in the name of Jesus and from this moment forward our response will be action in Jesus name we have realized that it was because we did not move that the violence of the evil day has encroached upon us more and more day by day and you got to the point in that Amos chapter 6 verse 8 where I began to tremble that you are saying the very policies of your people Israel and of Jerusalem you the Lord their God you abhor you abhor even the investments you made in your people when they did not arise Lord we will not continue to sit down and join your message and join your grace and join all of your favors and not arise far be it from us O God forbid it us in the name of Jesus we ask O God therefore that the curse you placed placed on Amos will be far from us for no Lord we shall arise in the name of Jesus if there is any grace any of us needed any understanding any wisdom there were specific strategies and you've shown us through your son that they did not require any complicated thing nobody was required to do anything above his means the available palm tree the available mango tree Lord and the seat we have in the house that we can bring out and sit down is all we needed Lord what could hinder us from going Lord we are arising O God and we will go in the name of Jesus from this vision retreat there will be no longer a sitting down and enjoying the music even if it is of sheep that are bleating there will be no sitting down to indulge ourselves with all manner of pleasures

there will be no sitting down for our lives to be engrossed in all manner of entertainments Lord will we spend the time going and we count on you who accompanied them from of old and who confirmed the word with signs following we have even today heard that anyone who arose even if we did not particularly know the person was touched and was arising you who knew you followed that life and there were signs following Lord you will follow each and every of us the young and the old the women and the men the boys and the girls you will follow to confirm your word that's why we are all arising we are arising in our classes among mates as students we are arising as teachers as parents we are arising as leaders of thought we are arising in all the positions you have placed us we are arising with compassion Lord you will move our hearts to be concerned to care for all that is beginning to come upon us how could we be indifferent how could we be so irresponsible how could our lives be so irresponsible Lord we will arise in the name of Jesus we will find no explanation if these things that are coming the headsmen the kidnappers all the armed robbers about our own very people that would have uphold such things even here in Boko they are doing it now this is horrible who could have imagined that a team man can be a kidnapper Lord cause us to arise in the name of Jesus if it has gone this far Lord what will be the end of this if we arise not forbid it us not to arise cause that we shall surely arise and the arising must be now now oh God that the cup is full in the name of Jesus thank you because you will do this and your name alone will be glorified blessed be your holy name now we pray oh God for whoever came in today maybe it is his very first time and we are talking about arising for the Lord but his own life is already captured by the devil his own life is already eaten deep by sin his own life is under the torment of darkness his own life is yet to be released only the release can arise only the release can go for the Lord we want to pray for each and every of us we don't want any to be tied down by the chains of sin by the chains of the bondage of all manner of addictions by the chains of the loss of this life the loss of the flesh the loss of the eyes the pride of life Lord come to our rescue now Holy Spirit bring deliverance save every soul release every life from the captivity of the enemy are you there and God is saying I need that release can you begin to pray for yourself particularly we may pray for you but if you yourself you don't confess your sin and decide to forsake those sins if you yourself you don't decide to take the step to hand yourself over to him there can be no help that God can provide for you what he wants to do is for you and with you can you therefore begin to pray and as you are praying raise that hand and please while others are sitting down you stand up because we must conclude this matter with the Lord with your life now as the others who have already taken the step are sitting down don't mind them it is your day today where are you raising that hand and saying Lord you must visit me now can you quickly run out here I want to pray with you to say Lord this release is for this life this evening that's why you brought her sister quickly can you come forward right here to the altar yes my friend quickly quickly can you rush down God never wanted you to miss out on the opportunity to go for him he never wanted you to remain under the captivity of the enemy that's why it is very late we want to leave but he said no no I won't let this life be lost would you quickly join them if you are coming can you rush now you are needing to quickly start running can you keep running quickly until you arrive because we must pray with you this night we are under the unction of the Holy Spirit God is saying look I won't permit this one to go or help because I cannot guarantee what holds for tomorrow in his or her life that's why he has given this opportunity you are still coming down quickly quickly quickly now because we must pray to commend you to the hand of the Lord don't mind those that have already sorted themselves out we are talking about your matter is sin still still ruling your life God wants to end that matter now thank you father for each of these brothers as you have come thank you for each of these sisters can you speak to God personally now you are nearly here Lord take control of my life completely save me I don't want to be a sinner again now I don't want the devil to have control over me all those very very dirty thoughts in my heart deal with them and forgive all of my sins cleanse me from everything that is unclean save my soul this night and

thank him for answering you because he has already arranged the deliverance in Christ he has already sorted it out on the cross in Christ Jesus but he was asking you to come and ask him so he can help you and bring you in tell him thank you thank him for saving your soul today as we will be speaking with you to explain much more how you can hold on to this and make it to become a permanent experience in your life I want you to make up your mind there is no going back there is no going back to the world no going back to sin no going back to darkness no going back onto those habits that disobey God now can you raise your two hands as we pray with you and pray with all of us together Father we thank you for tonight

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