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INTRODUCTION

My name is Wilson Kitondekigya and I was saved in 1984 in Salama, Makindye, Uganda.

God gave me a real zeal to serve Him and after attending several prayer meetings I felt His leading to start preaching the Word of God.

I am greatly blessed with Joy my wife, my family and ministry. Joy and I married on 22nd May 1999, after some opposition, as some thought it was not the will of God for me to marry a woman from deep in the village but it has been proved that it was indeed the Gods Will and many people's lives have been blessed by Joy's ministry in this country.

We have been blessed with 6 children -4girls and 2 boys.

in 1996 I joined a church in Zana which was started by a lady called Mirembe Prossy. Mirembe went to be with the Lord in 1997. I then became the senior pastor of that church, where I served until 2002. I then felt the leading of God to start the ministry called Anointed Christian Healing Ministries with the heart to train and equip leaders for the work of the Lord.

the church ministry started in the house of a widow Josephine Mutagaya. After one month we moved to a hall and 6 months later God moved tremendously and we received funds from Mission Minded Ministry in the USA, and bought a piece of land where today the church is situated.

Anointed Christian Healing Ministries with the heart to reach many has its headquarters in Zana and we have planted 23 churches in the country to date. Isaiah 61:1-4.

The lord also led us to open 'Right Care Infant School' in the church, for orphans and disadvantaged children in the community.

The school opened in February, 2009 with 33 children and God continues to add this number. To date we have 97 children. We have been blessed with 4 teachers and an administrator who all do an excellent job. It is our desire to give the children the best education which will ground them for the future. We believe that God wants to raise these children to be the future leaders of our country.

Most of the children come from very poor families who cannot afford to pay for their children's education and so we trusted God to supply our needs as this ministry continued to grow. Praise God we are now able to provide lunch for them on a daily basis from the crops that grow on the land we were able to purchase and cultivate in 2009 from money donated to us when I was invited to minister in Perth Western Australia. Some of the children from the poorer families are now living with families in our church.

We also have a ministry called Ebenezer Widows Project which trains widows to sew. We now have 8 sewing machines and 1 knitting machine.

This ministry enables widows to start up small businesses for themselves, making them self-sufficient. My calling is Apostolic with God's grace to teach on the restoration of fatherhood and sonship.

I have written this first book called 'The Father's Heart' with the purpose of seeing foundation Truth restored to the church.

I have traveled to different nations including Kenya, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Nigeria, Australia and United States of America and I have seen the hand of God in all of these nations with God restoring the Truth of the fivefold ministries and healings.

concerning my visit to Australia, I was twice denied a Visa but when I applied the third time, Praise be to God, my Visa was granted. I believe when God opened this door it was also a sign that now many doors of opportunity for me to take the apostolic message of restoration Truth to the church would be opened in other nations of the world.

Mom Val Hastie has been instrumental in my life and ministry and she has contributed to this book. She adopted me as a son and on the other hand is my Barnabas 'my encourager'. All in all she loves God and is devoted to Him. We divinely connected when she came to Uganda with a team from Western Australia in 2008 for ministry work. Val was told by several doctors and specialists in Australia not to travel to Uganda because of a serious back condition but she was convinced that God was calling her there. She came and God healed her back miraculously the day after her arrival, on her first visit to our church.

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CHAPTER 1-THE HEART

God desires to fulfill His Word according to the scriptures, He has exalted His Word above His name. Everything is determined by the heart so we are going to look into this matter of the heart closely.

As we are getting to the Truth, the Truth will set the church free and bring restoration. John 8:32 'and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth make you free.'

THE HEART OF THE MATTER IS THE MATTER OF THE HEART

Just as blood is vital to the human body so Truth is vital to the body of Christ-the church. We can learn much from the scriptures by looking at the life of our key character David. *Psalms 51:10* David was praying to God to deal with the inner man, which is the heart, *'create in me a clean heart'* and also take a look at verse 17 *'the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart O God, you will not despise.'*

So many people have broken hearts and only as they come to understand the Father's heart will they find healing and freedom.

When Samuel came to the house of Jesse, everyone present thought God would use and anoint the sons who were strong and of good appearance, but we see the heart of the Father in choosing David whom He had been observing even as a small boy in the field. In this chase we see David as a type of Jesus, Goliath as a type of Satan and the Israelites a type of the church. I encourage you to prepare your heart and ask the Father for a revelation of His heart and as you continue to grow in this you will also be able to defeat giants.

Today God is not in the business of raising giants but giant killers amen.

What is in the inside is what matters-the heart. David, even as a young boy knew the heart of the Father. Goliath as a type of Satan seemed unbeatable. He was arrogant and intimidating; he was prideful, looked impressive and formidable but the army of Israel looked pathetic even although the soldiers were trained and skilled in battle. Today we can see Satan in so many areas, still defying the people of God.

How, when and where did David's ministry begin? *1 Samuel 16:1-13*-it began in the heart of David when it was joined to the purpose of God. Even today nothing in the church can work if we miss the heart of Father God for the church. It is very important my beloved, to ask the question-what is God's heart for the church?

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What did God have in mind when creating the universe? Why did He send His Son to die on the cross? When we know the answers we shall be able to follow the pattern set in place.

We find the story of David and soul very interesting. People rejected God as their king and asked for a king like other nations had and they were given Saul. They were a heavenly people called by God and yet they followed the ways of the nations around them. We see how the man Saul was the epitome of the world's view of a king, a leader, and was one who carried what the world values as important.

We see how Saul first showed courage deep and intimate fellowship with God, bringing about one of the most meaningful Psalms in the Bible *Psalms 23*. His heart was fixed on God *Psalms 37:7*-Jesus was also indicating the reluctance of some people to change from their traditional religious ways and live a life worthy of the gospel. Paul said in *Romans 1:16* '*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.*'

In today's generation where we have so many preachers, still people have not understood the scripture referring to 'new wine into new wine skins.'

Luke 5:37-38 'And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. 'But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

We have to change our mindsets otherwise we will be stuck in the old systems.

CHAPTER 2-THE CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus is our Lord and King-everything is in Him. When Jesus was on earth He called Peter and Andrew and said in *Matthew 4:19* '*Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.*' They **immediately** left their nets and followed Him. So we too must be totally surrendered to the call. The time you spend with Jesus influences who you become. Becoming is a process.

We are predestined by God to be called and chosen as disciples of Jesus Christ. 1John 5:12 '*He who has the Son has Life; he who does not have the Son has not Life.*

This is the key to the beginning of our journey, a doorway that whoever believes in God's Son has eternal Life. He is **ALL** you need.

You don't need to wait for eternal life because it begins the moment you are born again. You don't need to work for it because it is already yours and it is guaranteed if you continue in Him.

Some people only hope that they will receive eternal Life. John says we can know we have it. Our certainty is based on God's promise that he has given us the eternal Life through His Son. This is true whether you feel close to God or far away from Him. Eternal life is not based on feeling, if in your heart you know that you received Him.

FULLY SURRENDERING TO HIS CALL

Let us now look at another important part in the life of David, the emphasis here being God's will not our will. When we communicate with God, we don't demand what we want, rather we ask Him what He wants us to accomplish on earth.

If we align our prayers to His will, He will listen to us so I encourage you to start praying with confidence. David's attitude and response to God shows how fully surrendered his life was to serve the God of the universe. 1Samuel30:6 *'but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.'*

I exhort you as you read this book to surrender fully to the Lordship of Jesus so that you are sure of your sonship.

Colossians 2:13 *'and you being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.'*

God looks at us as if we had died with Christ. Because our sins died with Him, we are no longer condemned. Relationally we have become one with Christ and His experience is ours. In our daily life we must put to death any sinful desires that keep us from following Christ.

CHAPTER 3-THE GOAL

INTIMACY WITH Christ

Psalms 6 David's distress is evident as he pours out his heart to God verse 2 *'My bones in agony, my soul is in anguish, worn out with groaning, all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.'* God listens when we cry out to Him. God knew that we would have that need. He designed us like Himself in His own Image and every time we listen to others, we reflect the likeness of the listening Father.

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ACCEPTANCE FROM THE FATHER

When we really listen to a person, we are saying in essence that we care about that person and they are important to us-important enough to have our undivided attention. I want to share your hurts and problems, your strengths and weaknesses, your joys and sorrows, your doubts and fears.

This kind of listening requires many things but above all it requires acceptance. Acceptance says to a person I accept you as you are. You can be yourself with me and I will not reject you for it. When the prodigal son came home his dad received him and accepted him as he was, even after losing everything the father had given him. In the same way, God receives us and grants us salvation, as we are –not by works.

We have learnt much from our son Samuel. The moment I start the engine of the car he comes running, at times even without a shirt or shoes on. He calls you and tells you “dad I am also riding with you”- no matter what he has or hasn’t on or what you will say.

If you say no, the following day will still come. Why? Because he is looking for intimacy and also he knows he is accepted as a son in the house. This should now be our heart attitude as we are accepted by the Father and we are in fellowship with Him.

This does not mean that you will agree everything a person says to you ,but any disagreement you may have in relation to that person’s lifestyle or opinions must not interfere with your acceptance of him or her as a person.

If the goal is well defined then the church immediately takes steps to grow. In Matthew6:9 Jesus teaches us how to pray. *‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is heaven.*

Jesus introduced to us a loving Father –now we belong.

Jesus wants His Kingdom to be fully established on earth through the church, and Matthew16:18 makes it clear-*‘I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (Hell) shall not prevail against it.’* Jesus is the chief cornerstone of the church so if we fail to follow the divine pattern how can we successfully build the house. Jesus is the centre of everything. We must focus on Him.Psalm127 la *‘Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it.’*

FULLNESS OF CHRIST IN US

Colossians 2:9-*'For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and you are complete in Him Who is the Head of all principalities and power.'*

All of God was in Christ's human body. When we have Christ we have everything we need for salvation and right living.

INHERITANCE

Our inheritance is sure when we become one with Christ and continue in Him. Isaiah 9:6- the government of heaven fully experienced on earth through the saints.

CHAPTER 4-JESUS' MINISTRY

Jesus as the Son of God begins His ministry in Matthew 3:13-15 when He came to John for baptism in order to fulfill all righteousness, *'Then Jesus came from Galilee to John to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You and You are coming to me?" 'But Jesus answered and said to him,' "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."*

Jesus was born as King but He needed John from the family of a priest to baptize Him so that He could fully operate as a king and a priest. The Holy Spirit came upon Him and the Father declared Sonship. He was led into the wilderness and after forty days fasting and confrontation with the devil He began preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

The religious sects began to fight the system of Jesus; they wanted no change from what they had been used to for many years. Is this not happening in some of today's churches? They are following the wisdom of men, no matter what the bible teaches. Compare the New Testament church and the present day church. The Pharisees and Sadducees were the law keepers who tested Jesus in many ways, their mind sets were locked in the traditions. Thank God that Jesus is still today entering our temples and turning upside down the tables and restoring order in His house. We must be obedient to the Word of God and properly follow the New Testament pattern.

For many years I struggled within my spirit, until God revealed to me what He intended to do. I was so stuck with the denominational thinking, believing that it was the way so that I could please my God, but now I know the centre is Christ.

Jesus is bringing 'new wine into new wineskins' so it is very important to think new, not following the traditions of men or the new age movements which deny the power of Christ. We must receive Jesus as our Lord and King.

CHAPTER 5-THE FOCUS OF JESUS' MINISTRY

The kingdom of God-repentance-Matthew 4:17 *'from that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

John 3:3 Jesus expounded the Kingdom of God and how to receive and enter into it.

Remember when Nicodemus went to Jesus at night and wanted to know the criteria for entering into God's Kingdom-You **must** go through the experience of being born again in the Spirit. That is the very first step and the key to entering the Kingdom of God.

Jesus is ready but cannot pour His Spirit into old wine skins, so it is time to be very careful how we build our structure.

At times you wonder about some of today's messages in our churches –they focus so much on prosperity. Do you realize that we are living in a materialistic society; do you not see the change, that self and flesh have taken the place of the Spirit? When John the Baptist was going through a hard time in prison and Herod was getting ready to take his head off, John sent his disciples to Jesus

Matthew 11:4-6 to ask *'Are you the coming One or do we look for another?'* Jesus replied *"tell him of the things you see and the things that you hear, tell him of the signs, miracles, the lame walking, lepers cleansed, the dead raised, and the gospel preached to the poor."* v6 *and blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."*

'The poor have the gospel preached to them' -the understanding of this statement came to me recently. Jesus did not say that the poor had bags of money dumped on them. He said the poor were given the gospel.

Apparently there is something in the message of the gospel that is meant to deliver the poor from their poverty. One thing that is meant to deliver the poor from their poverty. One thing I am convinced of is if we fully adopt the Kingdom of God, then everything will follow. Matthew 6:33 *'But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.'*

I can truly testify that for the past eight years of my ministry I have not begged for money but God has provided and continues to do so.

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If we get this understanding then the prosperity kind of Gospel will be kicked out and Kingdom Truth centered on Amen.

In Africa, 90% of the preachers today speak more about what they have done and about getting visas etc. Getting people to pay money for prayers and paying to be anointed with so called 'special' oil is becoming the order of the day. Sad to say when many pastors go overseas to places like America they come back more spoiled.

CHAPTER 6-TOTAL SUBMISSION

At times we may not understand why the Bible says David had a heart after God's heart. He was submissive even when it cost him. A good illustration is when David was being confronted by Nathan the prophet -2 Samuel 12:1-12 David's response showed great humility. How many kings and leaders would appreciate being confronted in public?

Now let us compare David and Saul's attitude on the topic of submission.

When Saul was in his ministry as a king, God sent a prophet to give him directives. Saul heard clearly from Daniel that he was to go and destroy all the Amalekites. 1Samuel15:3 *"Now go and attack Amalek, and destroy all they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."*

What happened? He compromised and substituted instead of fully obeying what he was commissioned to do. Saul spared some of the lives of people and animals, substituting the perfect will of God and pretending that he was going to make a sacrifice. We know from scripture that God considers obedience more than sacrifice and rebellion is a witchcraft.

Samuel came back to King Saul told him he has done as God, whom Samuel served, directed him. Samuel said "what about the bleating of the animals in my ears?" Saul lost the kingdom. The moment we miss the divine pattern we shall be like Saul and lose the Kingdom of God .It is not all about what people say but what our Heavenly Father wants the church to do. We are coming to the time and place where a decision has to be made between following the biblical principles or the traditions of men. The problem with following the traditions of men is that it hinders us walking into our true inheritance.

ARE YOU SUBMISSIVE TO GOD'S COMMAND?

Discovering the calling in the body of Christ will help you in the times of challenge to endure the doctrine of Christ. Don't do things because others are doing the same. I was much driven by this when I was first appointed as a pastor in the first church where I ministered.

I did things because my neighboring churches were doing it, which in the long run created in me, a competitive attitude. I eventually moved into striving and performance, thinking my church could be the best until this truth was revealed to me as one of the mysteries of the Kingdom. All that we do must be in the context of the Kingdom of God, not in the context of some inherited form of church. The church is a body not an institution. The church is not separate to the Kingdom. All power and authority is with Jesus, and He has given that power to the church as a body so it must function as a living organism.

CHAPTER 7-THE CHURCH IN THE MAKING

Throughout the old and New Testament we find the church of God mentioned in different ways-this amazing family of God.

First we need to understand what a church is or what a church signifies.

Let us examine some definitions of the church. A church is those called out from the world to live as a family according to the standard of God. A church is a living organism. A church is a group of saints, called to be the bride of Christ.

Israel is a type of the church, the nation chosen to represent God on earth. The church was once in the captivity in Egypt and was persecuted for over 400 years.

It was a remarkable event when God delivered his chosen nation from Egypt under the leadership of Moses, after 400 years of bondage. When they came to the Red Sea experience, they all looked to Moses, complaining to him about the next step. We see the burden was laid on one man, Moses, because 'the church' was immature. Moses prayed alone and God instructed him to step forward. (Exodus chapters 13 and 14)

The next 'church' in the wilderness experienced a strong fellowship with God. That was a time for the church to grow into maturity. Maturity is the major goal for the church. Galatians 4:1-2. *'Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is a master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.'* Babies don't inherit.

Forty years passed and now the candidates for the Promised Land are registered in the book of God.

Later Joshua took up the leadership to lead the children of God into their inheritance. Compare the command and guidance of Joshua to that of Moses. In Joshua's leadership everything rotated around him alone. The Joshua generation is the Holy Spirit generation and remember Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit to guide us into all Truth.

Let us look at another example of the differences between the types of leadership of David and King Saul.

Whereas Saul ruled over Israel with his man made system, David was led by God. We see when David fought Goliath he refused Saul's armour and weapons and trusted in God alone.

God used David who fully depended on the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said "I will build my church" Matthew 16:18, so how can we possibly build without the Lord. Beloved, the church is in the making and she will fully manifest the true character of Christ on the earth. This is the church we should look for not just a denomination or organization.

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE

Now we have come to understand the picture of the church that is the in the heart of the Father, that which He gave His only begotten Son to die for. John 3:16

The church in the making must follow the New Testament pattern.

In Philippians 1:1 we see the leadership set up of bishops and elders not above or beneath but leading amongst the saints and together building the house of God. Now we are no longer majoring on titles which separate us but we are one family-the church working and fellowshiping together, carrying the message of the cross and salvation to mankind. That is why God is restoring the hearts of the fathers to the sons and sons back to the fathers-it is all about the family.

The thinking has to change from how many members do we have, to how many disciple? This means that the aim must be that of training and equipping saints, for we are called to make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19" *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

A successful leader is one who leaves behind a successor. We cannot do that unless we destroy the ‘one man show’ mentality. Another thing-we must stop asking ourselves what will make our churches grow and ask what is stopping us from growing. Causes must be found first, not just dealing with symptoms.

The Holy Spirit is presently taking the church through the process of transition.

TRANSITION

The present truth church will no longer be a mixed multitude but a disciplined army under the dominion of Christ. It will be like the time in Israel after the deliverance from Egypt when the Red sea was rolled back, healing at Marah and manna falling daily from heaven. They then had to make the transition from being a general assembly to being separated into tribes which was the divine pattern of that time.

Now it’s time for God’s people to camp around the mountain of God until everyone knows his or her calling, placement, ministry and relationship to God’s greater purposes within His local and universal church. We have to adopt the attitude of change from what we have been doing if it is not of biblical principles.

Ministries are being brought forth to fulfill Malachi 4:5-6. *“Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”*

CHAPTER 8-RESTORATION OF TRUTH

Ephesians 4:11’And Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ’till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrines, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the Head –Christ–from whom the body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in Love.

The fivefold ministries were given to the church to prepare God’s people for service.

We were not to do the work for the people but to train people to do the work, so that the body of Christ may be built. The gifts are for the body-the church, and not to be exercised by one man.

This is the divine pattern of the New Testament church.

The body of Christ was and is meant to be trained and equipped by the fivefold ministries. The western system adopted the orthodox way of having one gift (pastor). The other 4 ministries have been rejected in church for many years. When we accepted the philosophy that a church is to be governed by a pastor it caused everyone to jump into the office of a pastor because it was the only recognized office. The church must be built on the foundation truth of apostles and prophets. In fact, the fivefold ministries will have to function fully together, in order for the church to grow into maturity.

The truth is being restored; the apostolic fathers are the determining factor in this restoration. As I said, the truth must be embraced to cause the church to enter into the forthcoming revival, bringing great breakthroughs throughout the nations.

God says in Haggai 2:7 *'I will shake all nations'* and today the shaking of nations is seen in part, in the present economic crisis and in natural calamities. By living according to God's Word people will be able to endure any crisis. The righteous shall live by faith.

CHAPTER 9 –GOD'S AGENDA FOR THE CHURCH

The next major thing to take place in God's divine timetable is the major restoration movement. In fact there can be no second coming until there is a full restoration of all things, as spoken by the prophets. We cannot hasten Christ's second coming by just preaching that it is going to happen soon but we can hasten it by preparing the way and making a people ready. Before Christ returns, the church must be fully mature.

We cannot go until we go grow. The church will not go up until it has grown up- that is to say when the restoration of all things has taken place and the church is conformed to the image of Christ. Preparation begins when we receive the apostolic and prophetic revelation on what needs to be restored and then we function under Holy Spirit empowerment, transforming people into the true image and likeness of Christ.

The intended purpose is for Jesus to work through His church. The church is central to God's purpose. God is empowering His church with boldness and zeal brought about by true apostolic and prophetic voices.

The church has come to a time in history where the fivefold ministries have to begin working together in order to bring the body of Christ in the unity of faith. As soon as the fivefold ministries are put in place, then the church will be ready to cross Jordan. This is the time when all saints are of one mind and heart. The Father's heart from the beginning is to see His body functioning in maturity and unity. The saints will be zealous to establish the Kingdom of God on earth so that His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

I am beginning to see this happen in the community where I minister. Pastors from different denominations have started coming together for the cause of unity. In 2006 we were able to organize a community pastor's fellowship which lasted for two weeks and every pastor came to minister and the fellowship bore fruit and this fellowship continues to this day.

God is in the business of uprooting and destroying man made religion we call denominations. If you are still clinging to the old structure, I urge you to faithfully consider what is written in this book. My prayer today is that your life will be changed and refreshed with these biblical truths.

CHAPTER 10-THE CHURCH JESUS IS BUILDING-MATTHEW 16:18)

The church is the household of God and it is built on the foundation of apostles and prophets. Ephesians 2:20 *'having been built on the foundation of apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.'* There is no other pattern other than the ministries God has given through Christ to the church which is His body.

The bible warns us about the last days 2 Timothy 3:2 *'Men will be lovers of themselves.'* For 1800 years the church in general has not had the true biblical foundation. Soon after the New Testament was written, the church began to replace the ministry of the apostle with the man made office of a bishop. (Pastor) The bishop was raised up to rule over the church of a city which is contrary to the clear teaching of scripture.

Acts 14:23 *'So when they appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believes.'*

CHAPTER 11-THE WRONG FOUNDATION

Matthew 7:24-25 *'Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock; and the rains descended, the floods came, and the winds came and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.'*

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A building with a poor foundation is at great risk and will not stand the test of time. The height and strength of a building is determined by the foundation. Christ is the cornerstone and sure foundation of the church so we must build our lives on Him. Due to past unbiblical teaching the church's greatest challenge is to take hold of the Truth and build again on the right foundation. This has caused a lot of misunderstanding in the Christian arena so now is the time for the church to go through restoration.

CHGAPTER 12-DENOMINATION AND INSTITUTIONS

Whatever has not been planted by the Father must be uprooted. Anything which is not biblical should be thrown out, but we need courage, clear understanding and wisdom in how to go about this. This could be your time to re-structure your beliefs and the church. Then you will be equipped as the disciples of Jesus, ready to change others in your community.

The bible says in James 3:16 *'For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.'*

When the Truth was lost from the church, man made denomination with their own beliefs and concepts were adopted. Many ways of building were put in place and the church has been under these influences ever since. Different versions of the bible are even used to back up these beliefs, resulting in many messages being preached which are not of Christ. Regardless of what the bible says, many people still follow wrong teaching, Traditions of men and religious behaviour.

A good example which we can learn from the past is when Saul, being the choice of man, was made king. The people rose up and cried out to Samuel to choose for them a king like other nations had. God permitted the will of man and Saul was given but Saul brought calamity to many people. David, however, was the choice of God.

Let us look at the history of the church.

The next step in God's plan to restore mankind has to be facilitated by the church. This is the heart of the Father-This brings us to a very important period in the history of the earth called the CHURCH AGE.

OUTLINE

This age can be divided into the following categories

The rise of the church.

30AD to 100AD (the birth of the church)

100AD TO 313 AD (The Jerusalem church)

313AD TO 476AD to the fall of Constantinople

1095AD to 1291AD

1517AD to present time

The pre-conception of the church.

After the fall of the nation of Israel, God continued to pursue His purpose of establishing His Kingdom on earth as per His promise in Isaiah 9v 6-7.

THE CONCEPTION OF THE CHURCH

During the three years of the ministry of Jesus on earth He chose the disciples whom He later called apostles (Mark 3:14)

With these men besides Him he taught and demonstrated the Kingdom of God on earth until His death and resurrection.

The preaching of Jesus and the disciples centered on the Kingdom and repentance as the door of entry.

Today where do we put more emphasis? Please continue studying this church history then we shall conclude together with a point.

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH 30AD TO 100AD

The church was birthed on the day of the Pentecost. In one day three thousands children of God were born again and entered the Kingdom of God. This is the church found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

THE JERUSALEM CHURCH

This was the first 'mother' church which had the original disciples of Jesus name-the Apostles of the Lamb.

Success in this church resulted because 'They devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and in prayers' .Acts 2:42

They continued in the Apostles doctrine.

They fellowshiped together

ANTIOCH CHURCH

Success of this church Acts13:1-3

They had no racial discrimination. They received all people with gladness.

Believers were led by the Holy Spirit-not men

They had apostolic teams going out

Elders raised local bases

They developed a worldwide missionary team

EPHESUS CHURCH

This is the church planted .The details of this church are found in the book of Acts chapters 19 and 20.

The success/failure of this church Revelations 2:2

They had strong apostolic training team

They were hard workers and patient

They had the grace to detect true and false apostles
They hated wicked men
They left their first love Revelations 2:3

OTHER EVENTS DURING THIS PERIOD-IN 70AD

The Jews thought they would rule the whole world by waging war so they decided to fight the Roman Empire. They were defeated and the following things happened to them:

The temple was destroyed

Jews were scattered throughout the whole world and it was not until 1984 that they started to return.

LOST HISTORY

After the death of the apostles we have a space of 50 years in which we do not know what happened. In about 120AD we see the church had a very different outlook. It is during this period that we started losing the fivefold ministries and other gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is in this time that the Episcopalian/Bishopric leadership appeared in the church replacing the apostolic /prophetic ministry.

BELOW IS THE SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

From 30AD TO 100AD –the apostles lead the church

From 100AD to 200AD – the apostolic fathers replaced the church leadership with bishopric leadership which they held above the apostolic.

By the beginning of the 2nd century the following had happened

All the apostles had died (John being the last to die)

The Israelites had fled from Jerusalem and scattered due to the war with the Roman Empire.

This war also led to the destruction of the temple

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH BETWEEN 100AD -313AD

The church was under the persecution by the Roman Empire

When the temple was destroyed and the Jews scattered, Judaism was almost completely eradicated. Before this, the Roman Empire began to investigate the Christian community and discovered the following things that prompted them to persecute the church.

Christians worshipped another Lord called Jesus and not the emperors.

Christians treated slaves as equals, which was against the Roman law.

Christians stopped their followers from buying idols-this threatened the economy of the empires.

CONSEQUENCES TO THE CHURCH

The church underwent serious persecution which included the following:

They were denied citizenship, meaning that they had no protection from the law.

They were banned from meeting and if they were found, they were burnt alive.

As a result, most of them met and fellowshiped 'underground'.

This lasted for over two hundred years.

Some of the saints who played a great role in this season and died as martyrs were Simon the brother of Jesus, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin, and Leonida (a Lady)

The church fathers decided to select 27 books to protect the church from heretical teachings.

The second major thing that happened was that since the Christian faith was spreading fast the church fathers decided to form a church government organization that would protect the church from scattering due to the prevailing persecution.

The church fathers adopted a church government from the Roman Empire administration pattern.

They divided the Christian community into regions which were later divided into smaller manageable areas.

Bishops were given authority to reign over regions. This structure made the church look like an institution. The church looked more organized from the outside yet it had begun rotting from inside.

The Presbyterian kind of church government was replaced by the Bishporic government where one individual became very popular, having much power to rule over others. There is a saying 'Absolute power corrupts absolutely'

HUMAN HAND ON THE CHURCH

The ceasing of the persecution seemed a blessing to the church but the marrying of the church and state became a curse.

Everybody, both God seekers and gain seekers (prosperity preachers) entered the church building and proclaimed to be Christians but many had not been born again.

Privileges given to church leaders prompted worldly ambition and unscrupulous men began to seek positions in the church.

Bribery entered the church. Those with lower privileges paid bribes to get higher and better paying ranks.

The morality and integrity within this church decreased compared to the church that was under persecution.

Pagan worship styles and traditions entered the church.

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Worship deteriorated from heart and spirit to eye and ear pleasing.

How does this line up with the worship team in your church today?

All types of performance, events and designs filled the church buildings. This raged from photos of martyrs to the worship of the pagan goddess Diana who was renamed Mary the mother of Jesus.

It is very unfortunate that the mistakes that were made 1500 years ago are still being repeated even now. The worst thing we have done as the church is never to have learned from history.

THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH

This church entered a dark age where the world entered the church instead of the church reaching the world.

Humility and holiness that was in the early church was replaced by arrogance, ambition, pride, selfishness and hatred.

The message of holiness was nowhere to be heard. (Where did you last hear the holiness message in your church?)

Simplicity of worship was replaced by performance, image and events (some today even have to register to join the worship team)

This I show denominations and institutions took over from the plan and purpose in the heart of the Father.

CHAPTER 13- CALLED TO BE AN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

The apostolic church of the New Testament was not denominational or institutional and neither is the apostolic church of the last days. Today there is much compromise through ignorance of the scriptures and not comprehending the call of God as set out by Jesus and the apostles. Many Christians prefer the traditions of men over obedience to the Word of God. The first apostles were challenged by the religious authorities of their day and told in Acts 5:28 'saying did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? Verse 29 'But Peter and the apostles answered and said: we ought to obey God rather than men.

Jesus expects His church today to obey God rather than men.

Make a right decision to search the Word for yourself and see what it really says and follow it. Ask God to reveal truth to you and show you anything from His Word that contradicts your present beliefs. If you ask He will do it.

CHAPTER 14- MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

The revelation of the mysteries, releases glory. This wisdom is not for babies!

Corinthians 2:10 'But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.'

God ordained this wisdom before the ages for His glory and now the Spirit is revealing these mysteries to us. That is why it is so vital to grow into maturity.

CHAPTER 15-CHURCH AS A FAMILY

In order to bring out the picture of a church being God's family, we need to understand the word 'family'.

A family is the basic unit of society where people are accepted and loved-So God's family there must be:

- People
- Acceptance
- Love

Church is a family, not a club or an organization where we meet for business, dance and sing and go home. Today when we talk about church, people think titles, instrumentalists, vehicles, education and they forget relationship is what God is calling His people back to. Family begins with two- a husband and a wife and after some time the children come forth. The bible says in *Matthew 18:19* "For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am in the midst of them."

Many ministries are discouraged at times due to lack of numbers in their churches, feeling they are not doing a great work of God.

A church is not all about numbers, but relationship. I heard a testimony of one bishop who had a big congregation and God spoke to him to surrender the ministry, to go home and begin a home fellowship. After telling the people what God had spoken to him many members left him? He only had 7 people in his house .One day he called his spiritual father and told him that now he had only 7 members-the father replied "amen". The bishop thought his father hadn't heard what he said so he repeated the statement again. His father told him that he had more than enough (as more than two or three were gathered in Jesus 'name). His spiritual father encouraged him that he was doing a great work of God because his focus was obedience. If you feel that you are too big to be in a small congregation then you are too small to be in a big congregation!

Family is a place to relate, fellowship and enjoy the ministry of the Father.

If we are to encounter revival, family must be renewed. God is setting up different places and homes for fellowship and communication so that deep Godly spiritual relationships can be formed resulting in intimacy with God and with one another. Meeting together in a large congregation can be a time of celebrating what God has done and is doing. When people meet in smaller groups it is so much easier for them to share and move in the gifts of the Spirit whereas they would hold back in a larger church setting.

In the life of Jesus we see a demonstration of the relationship God desires to have with us. Christ desires to have intimacy with His bride, the church, now and throughout eternity.

2Corinthians 5:17 Christians are brand new people on the inside. The Holy Spirit gives them new life and they are not the same any more. God brings us back to Himself by blotting out our sins and making us righteous in Christ. We are not longer God's enemies or strangers or foreigners to Him when we trust in Christ. Because we have been reconciled to God, we have the privilege of encouraging others to do the same, and thus we are those who have the word of reconciliation.

FIVE LEVELS OF RELATIONSHIP

(The 1, the 3, the 12, the 70 and the multitude level). Remember the smaller the number, the more lasting the impact.

The first church or family never started with big numbers. God made Adam and Eve- then they produced children so the family tree went on increasing. Jesus spent time in intimacy with a few so they could impact many. He would sit and have meals with ordinary people. The true church is all about family, not programs. Our God is the God of quality-He begins with 2 and ends up with many. The work God is doing of reviving the church and establishing His kingdom on earth is going to involve many, in Jesus name, so let us hold fast to the Truth of the bible in the New Testament pattern.

Isaiah 43:18-19 *'Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it.'*

This is the season and time for change and to move according to the calling of God

CHAPTER 16- THREE STAGES OF A CHURCH

STAGE ONE-THE INFANT STAGE

1John 2:12-14 *'I write to you little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake'.* Anyone born is as a baby so when we are born again our journey begins on day one as babies in Christ.

That is why Peter says in 1Peter 2:2 *'as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word that you may grow thereby.'* The first stage is the infant stage. Those reborn or those teaching those reborn have to be very careful the right foundation is laid. The right message must to be taught:

- Repentance
- Faith toward God
- Baptism
- Laying on of hands
- Resurrection of the dead
- Eternal judgment

In undeveloped countries most of the preaching is aimed at the symptoms. Because of poverty and diseases, prosperity and healing are the messages of the day therefore the foundational messages to ground a baby in Christ are not properly laid. We need to know the causes that are stopping the church from growing. It is no wonder that Christians who are not rooted in the Word of God are *'tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.'* Ephesians 4:14

What is received at the infant stage determines destinies.

What are the characteristics of children? They are selfish, fighting and quarrelling amongst each other and being jealous towards one another. Do you see the spirit of jealousy in the church? All these things are sign of immaturity. You can easily know the level of some Christians when you hear them pray-self –centered Christians are sign of immaturity.

STAGE TWO-YOUNG MEN (DISCIPLESHIP)

Hebrews 6:1-2. 'Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith towards God.'

1 John 2:14 'I have written to you young men, because you are strong and the Word of God abides in you and you have overcome the wicked one.'

In the physical, this is the stage in life where strength is developed. In the same way a successful body builder avoids the things that will hinder his growth and only eats food with the proper nutrients that will produce the proper results he needs, so you are the one that determines the strength of your spiritual house by the things you feed on each day. This is a time for discipleship. A lot of breaking, molding and processing are done. Young people are trained and equipped for ministry. This is a servant hood stage-Paul and Timothy are good examples of this.

Numbers 11:16-17 'So the Lord said to Moses" Gather to Me 70 men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and the officers over them, bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them and they shall bear the burden of the people with you so that you will not bear it yourself alone.'

PREPARATION

Preparation is necessary if we are to serve and be effective in the kingdom of God. Even as it takes 9 months for a human to conceive and give birth and the mother prepares so that everything is ready for the baby so we need to be prepared for what lies ahead for us in God.

One believer who did not understand the importance of preparation, had a wife who was about to give birth. He went to ask for help from a friend but the friend said "I have nothing to give." The friend realized the man's negligence and said "my wife is in hospital and I don't have enough" that would have been okay but saying they had nothing after having 9 months to prepare, he saw that the man lacked planning. So the point is, anything you don't prepare for, you plan to fail.

Preparation is always done private

Nobody saw David killing the bear and the lion which attacked the sheep. It was not until the time Goliath that he gave testimony.

When God is preparing someone He takes them through times of trial and testing but it results in maturity and victory.

How do you spend your private time? How are you faithful with your money, family and ministry? Too many leaders have positions or titles before God's timing. He wants leaders that have been tried and tested. This is the time to prepare yourself for there is a battle cry that is coming and only the prepared army of the Lord will be involved. One good bible example is that Joseph. He had a time of separation where God worked on his character and he grew in the Lord. In time God put him in charge of Pharaoh's household and the entire land of Egypt and he was instrumental in feeding nations in a time of famine. *Genesis 45:8 "So now it was not you who sent me here but God: and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt."*

God is preparing you right now and at times you say it is too much for me, it is too hard, why me? I tell you the truth-you are going to be God's solution in the future. The difficult situations you are going through now are God's preparation in you so that in the future you too can be a blessing to others and even nations.

When God spoke to me through a word of prophecy that I was going to travel to Australia I expected this to happen in the very near future but it took ten years of preparation before I was made ready. If I had gone before God's time I would not have been as effective as I was in 2009 when God used me to minister to many people in that land. It is crucial to allow God to do the work of preparation in you, no matter how long it takes.

Habakkuk 3 "For the vision is yet for an appointed time: But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it: because it will surely come, It will not tarry."

STAGE THREEE-SONSHIP-FATHERHOOD (MATURITY)

This is done by the grace of God. Even as we see the relationship the Father had with Jesus we too are to be fathers pointing to and representing our loving Heavenly Father. Malachi 4:5-6. 'He will restore the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, 'If the hearts of the fathers are not healed they will end up abusing their children.

When the hearts of the fathers are healed they will be able to raise up sons, who in turn will become fathers who will raise up sons.

God brands/imprints the spirit of the fathers on the sons. Now the sons think like the father and leave witness for their sons.

Joshua 22:27-28 'But that it may be a witness between you and us and our generations after us, that we may perform the service of the Lord before Him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings that your descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have no part in the Lord."

'Therefore we said that it will be, when they say this to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, 'Here is the replica of the altar of the Lord which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices: but it is a witness between you and us.'

One characteristic of a good father is dying to self.

In order for a caterpillar to go to the next level it has to deny itself food and becomes a pupa and finally emerges as a butterfly-changed into something new.

Secondly, fathers produce their own kind. Malachi 4:6 God is raising the fathers in the body of Christ so that the body will experience the fullness of Christ.

Thirdly, fathers release inheritance. It is the responsibility of a father to show the children the inheritance. *Psalms 2:7-8. 'You are My Son. Today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.'*

In May 2007 I visited Nigeria in West Africa to attend a leader's convention and also was given an opportunity to share a message with the leaders. All the ministries in that conference and main speakers were Bishops, Arch Bishops 'Super' Apostles. I observed how they introduced themselves-"Praise the Lord, My names is Arch Bishop....., the senior leader of ten churches in the country, I have been overseas etc.

I was introduced by the host to speak in such a meeting in the evening and I began by saying "this is your brother Wilson from Uganda and I came to share the simple message of our Lord Jesus Christ. "After my sermon, many leaders approached me with a lot of questions. They were so blessed with the way of my introduction as I looked to be secure and free. I told them if you know that you are a son in the house you don't need a title to be recognized.

The church is not a place of titles but fellowship

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It is time to receive our spiritual fathers in order to fulfill the purposes of God. *1Corinthians 4:15-16 'For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you imitate me.'*

TWO WORDS CONNECTED WITH THE FUNCTION OF FATHERHOOD

1. Relationship-A true father would never feel he is too special to relate with his children.

2. Character-the inner qualities of the father are developed in the sons.

The concept of fatherhood-*John 14:7 "If you known Me you would have known the Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."*

The raising of spiritual sons. *Galatians 3:27 'For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.'* and *Galatians 4:7 'Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.'*

CHAPTER 17- HONORING GODLY LEADERS (SPIRITUAL FATHERS)

1KINGS 19:19-21 'So he departed from there, and found Elijah son of Shaphat, who was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and run after Elijah, and said "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him" Go back again, for what have I done to you?" So Elijah turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and became his servant.'

1. **RECEIVE**-Then Elijah passed by

What you recognize determines what you receive.

2. **RELATIONSHIP**-Then he arose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

3. **RESPECT** –whoever you respect you will be attracted to.

4. **RESPONSIBILITY**-To develop the character of the father.

5. **RECIPROCATION**-*2Kings 3:11 'But Jehoshaphat said," Is there no prophet of the Lord here, that we may enquire of the Lord by him? So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said," Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah".*

This happens when there is an opening of our hearts to one another.

Paul as a father to Timothy (teaching and giving correction)

Barnabas as an encourager to Paul.

The opportunity to serve and learn from another man's experiences is priceless.

6. **REPRODUCTION**-Elisha receives a double portion from his spiritual father Elijah.

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“And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”(2Kings 2:9)

CHAPTER 18-IDENTITY CRISIS

Our father gives us our identity and connects us with our heritage and directs us toward our destiny.

The truth is that you cannot fully come into your identity, authority and destiny until you connect with a spiritual father who can tell you who you are, your heritage and where you are going.

FOUR BASIC NEEDS OF A SON

1. **Love** – What son does not want to hear “I love you” from his father?
Don’t you know that a person doesn’t care how much you know until they know how much you care?
2. **Security**-what son wants to come home to a father he is afraid of?
3. **Affirmation**-what son does not want to be told he is doing and growing well?
4. **Destiny/purpose**-what son wants to sit and do nothing? He needs direction from his father.

Do you now see the importance of spiritual fathers in the church?

Without this what can our people know about our Loving Heavenly Father?

We as fathers can represent His heart to the church.

THREE THINGS GIVEN TO THE SON FROM THE FATHER

“But the father said to his servants,” Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.”(Luke 15:22)

The robe representing the father’s identify.

The ring representing the father’s authority.

The sandals representing the son’s destiny.

CHAPTER 19-THE CURSE OF LACK OF FATHERING

Malachi 4:5-6 “Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Lack of spiritual fathers in our lives results in poor growth spiritually.

The curse of barrenness, being unproductive in life 2Timothy 2:2 ‘And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.’

If our vision as leaders is not for at least 4 generations down the road, then our vision is lacking.

THERE ARE 3 TYPES OF FATHER WOUNDS THAT MOST PEOPLE CARRY AROUND ON THE INSIDE OF THEM.

The abusive wound. This involves physical, verbal or sexual abuse. Without divine intervention and healing most people who experienced these types of wounds never recover.

The passive wound. The father is disconnected from the child's life most of the time; the father is a good man who provides for his family, but is not involved in their child's life.

The silent wound. The child never receives validation. The father is present but never verbally affirms the child. This child has never heard the words 'I love you, you make me proud, you have what it takes, I believe in you.'

FALSE IDENTITY

The absence of a father will produce such a deep wound that if it is not identified and healed the person will embrace a false identity; they will experience insecurity and will lose the inner drive that is necessary for reaching their God given potential.

3 STEPS FATHERS CAN TAKE TO PREVENT FATHER WOUNDS

1. **Initiative**-Spiritual fathers must take the initiative and recognize the need to seek out, get alongside, encourage, mentor and develop sons for ministry.
2. **Affirmation**-Spiritual fathers must affirm their sons-'I love you, I believe in you, I am proud of you, you have what it takes.'
3. **Investment**-Spiritual fathers must invest in their sons-investing their time, listening and encouraging.

CHAPTER 20-THE WOUND OF REJECTION

Proverbs 15:13 'A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.'

What is the definition of rejection? Rejection is the feeling of being unwanted, excluded, worthless and it makes you feel you are always on the outside looking in. You desire people to love you but you are unable to receive their love. You may want to be a part of a particular group but you feel that you don't have what it takes to belong.

External associations with rejection-shame and humiliation.

What causes rejection? The most common cause of rejection is the lack of love from one or both parents or guardians. God has created every human being with the desire to love and be loved.

CHAPTER 21 –AN ORPHAN SPIRIT

Our true identity can only be found in Christ Outside of and even in Christ (if we are not healed) we operate to one degree or another under an orphan spirit.

We will unsuccessfully try to find our identity on other things (our job, title, position, sports, appearance, achievements or whatever) and even people eg our family, our spouse we can become co-dependent and lose 'self' and not be able to function or operate independently. We will strive for acceptance and approval but never truly find it. We will compete and try to be the best at everything.

A spirit of an orphan can be a product of both poor nurturing and unhealed wounds of the past. This spirit is unseen but the external behaviours and characteristics reflect what is in the heart.

I received many wounds in the first church where I ministered and God encouraged me to get healing before I moved into another ministry and for sure my wounds were healed. As a result God has enabled and used me to raise many sons in the faith. Unhealed wounds produce an orphan spirit and if a minister is not healed from these he will raise up servants not sons. Had I not been healed I would have been insecure in all aspects of my life and ministry so I encourage anyone with past wounds to receive healing before going into or going any further in any type of ministry. Only one, who truly knows what it means to be a son of God, can be a father to others.

THE DIFFERENCING CHARACTERISTICS OF ORPHANS AND SONS

Almost no-one will fall completely into one category or the other; this is designed to help you see where you may need to be re-parented rather than being a tool for you to label anyone else.

AN ORPHAN

Sees God as a master
Feels like a servant or slave
Has a love of law (legalistic)
Has insecurity
Feels no peace
Feels burdened
Has anxiety
(Seeks the praise of men which leads
striving and insecurity)
Runs from pain
Seeks to avoid problems
Sees the cost of failure
Obeys orders
Looks at the right way to do the job
Considers consequences
Sees cost
Talks about self

A SON

Sees God as a loving Father
Knows he/she is a son/daughter
Follow the law of love
Has security
Has peace
Feels Free
Is confident
Rests in Father's into acceptance and
acceptance and being justified
Embraces pain strategically
Seeks opportunities in problems
Sees the benefit of failure
Solves problems
Looks for God's way to do the job
Sees possibilities
Cares for others
Talks about his team

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CONCLUSION

By the grace of God, let this book, which explains God's desire to bring true identity in Christ, back to the church, draw you to the heart of Father God. We need to see church leaders relating as brothers and sisters and that God is only interested in our hearts, not our titles or our big churches or our great values. As in the heart of David, bringing a true understanding of what it means to be a son of God.

Allow this revelation to release life, blessing and joy into your lives first and then to overflow into the lives of others and your church. Come back to the true calling of the apostolic church. Family not titles and love not power-lording it over one another. Let us embrace the true Father heart of God that will bring people back to our Loving Heavenly Father. In Jesus name!

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Before you can be filled with the wisdom of God and receive the mysteries of the Kingdom you really must be free from an orphan spirit. Then you can fully function and walk in your inheritance.

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