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Who will
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The great commission is yet to be completed because of the neglect of those who call themselves Christians but have zero commitment to Christ whom they claim to follow...

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the God head, Father, Son and the Holy spirit, to all missionaries who have labored to bring the gospel of Christ to lands and nations all over the world, since the time Christ died and rose from the dead. Some of which suffered greatly, losing all they had and some, their own lives. And to all ministers of the gospel who keep raising mission sending church groups.

And to my discipler, Brother John Lawal and his wife, who paved the way for the concrete description for the passion I bear today in seeing the nations reached with the gospel of Christ and to seeing disciples been raised who will complete the task of missions in Africa and beyond.

Finally, to my family, my wife; precious, and children; Ifeoluwa, Oresioluwa, Olaoluwa and to my fellow missionary team members who we bear the yoke together in the labor of The Seedsowers Ministry in order to see nations saved and disciples raised.

PREFACE

I bless the Lord who has given me the opportunity at this time, to be able to introduce this book to you. As I enter the work of missions as a missionary evangelist, this book came as a strong burden from the Lord not too long after I got married in 2016. I observed how much of the work of missions has been abandoned, while evangelism and discipleship is dying everyday as Christians get acquainted with movies and entertainment.

The experience of this neglect was so vivid to me when I served during my NYSC in far north in Jigawa state, where I observed a compulsory national youth service program in my country Nigeria, there, the Lord first raised the burden for a mission mobilization material.

And that was what led to this material. I send this material with a sincere heart praying that it will create a stirring for obedience in you and many others, to complete the task of evangelism and missions in your country, in taking the gospel far and near, with all you are and have, as the church prepares for rapture.

Your Brother, in finishing the task,

Olugbenga Adebajo.

CHAPTER ONE

A CALL FROM HEAVEN

The Lord has actually been calling you, and the voice of the Lord has been ringing throughout all the earth, calling His own men and women, but many have turn deaf ears.

In Isaiah Chapter 6:8

“Also, I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here I am, send me”. KJV

There is a question that I see the Lord raising with you... but before we go deeply into that question, let us consider the scripture above which says.....*I heard the voice of the Lord*.....which means that before a man can respond to the voice of the Lord, he must hear the voice of the Lord.

In the above passage, we see that prophet Isaiah was able to respond because he had the voice of the Lord. Dear reader, I have a solemn question for you, **WHY IS IT THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE LORD HAS BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH SEVERAL MEANS, YET YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO IGNORE HIS VOICE?** Well, you might say, I do not know how to hear the voice of the Lord and am not even sure of the voice am hearing whether it is the Lord or my mind, and this is because of ignorance on your part. But I want you to know that the voice of the Lord to you can also be likened to thoughts from the Lord that He put in your hearts. *When God’s given thoughts or desires arise within your heart, that is God, speaking to you.* I like you to know that the Bible makes us to understand that in book of *Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11*, the Lord declared saying:

“For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give an expected end”. KJV

This means that if God has thoughts, as we can see clearly from the above quoted passage, it then means that, the man who was created in the image of God is a thought being or a thinking being. And since God’s thoughts cannot be separated from God’s Word then, the Bible contains the thoughts of God. So, when you hear Isaiah speak this way in the book of Isaiah Chapter 6:8 saying ...I heard the voice of the Lord... Then it implies Isaiah heard the things God has been thinking about. In the book of **Proverbs 23:7a:**

“For as He thinketh in His heart, so is he....

And in **Matthew 12:34b:**

And out of the abundance of heart the mouth speaks”

The implication of this is that the thoughts of a man’s heart cannot be separated from the man and what the man says with his mouth?

Also, the voice of the Lord cannot be separated from what He thinks and what He says. Therefore, you have no excuse whatsoever, to say that you are not hearing from God. Because everyone that has genuinely surrendered his/her life to Christ begins to hear the Lord from that day, through His Words that comes from the pages of scriptures and from godly thoughts and desires that arises in his/her heart. What is only left for such an individual, is to grow in recognizing the voice of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord is the voice of the Lord. And His voice is found within the written Word. If a man will hear the voice of the Lord today, he will hear the Lord in his heart, especially, from the pages of the scriptures. And can I boldly inform you, that the Lord has been speaking to you since you surrendered your life to Him. And at other times, you have attended Christian meetings, and He has spoken to you there. You have had dreams and

revelations, and He has spoken to your heart many times, while you were studying the Word of God.

Why is it then that the Lord has been speaking to you about those who are perishing, those that are without the gospel, He told you that He has ordained you to go and bring these souls out of destruction and yet, you keep ignoring the quiet voice of the Lord. **WHY? You are waiting for the heavens to shake so you can say, 'now, I am sure God is calling me.'** **This excuse of yours is disobedience. Take note, God speaks into our hearts through thoughts that arises from our meditation on scriptures.**

The first matter the Lord is raising, is first to you, whom God has spoken specifically to, but have turned deaf ears towards the Holy voice of the Lord. Can I ask you a question, do you know who the Lord is? The One Strong and Mighty, the Lord Mighty in battle (Psalms 24:8), and you keep turning yourself away because you are pursuing a little ambition that have no eternal value. The Lord has an intention and it is that, He is not willing that any man should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9b). But how will the Lord call people to repentance, except the Lord sends a man or woman to them? The cry of God in heaven is still the same **“Who will go for us?” ‘Whom shall I send?’** Why are there millions of Christians and yet, God is lacking men? Why are there thousands of those who claim to follow Christ and the cry in the heavenlies is still **“Who will go for us?”** Is it that all these people who claim to be born again have lost the voice of God? You see, actually a man cannot hear the voice of God and still sit down comfortably. If a man is hearing the Lord and he/she keeps ignoring the Lord, such a person is acting in disobedience and may soon loose his/her relevance.

Look at this scripture in **Isaiah Chapter 45:9**

“Woe unto him that striveth with his maker let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, what makest thou? Or thy work, he hath no hands?” KJV

It is a terrible thing for God to be calling you to go and instead of you to respond to His call, you are striving because you have placed what to eat above obedience to your maker, you have placed shelter, good living and good career above the instructions of Jehovah. Why is it that anytime the Lord speaks to you instead of obeying him completely you always think of money? Are you sure that money has not become the Idol you now quietly worship? Take note, that *whoever defies God’s instruction will live a life of frustration.*

This is a call from heaven, a cry from the Holy spirit. The intention of God is being made manifest to you and as you are reading this book right now, you know very well in your heart that He has called you to be a missionary, He has told you that you are supposed to stand up as an evangelist and go to the streets, to the secondary schools, and all over the places, preaching the gospel and making disciples.

Why is your heart so cold? What is wrong with you? Actually, for you to be hearing God consistently and you keep ignoring Him, shows that you are dead while living. What has dropped in your spiritual life? Where is the fervor that you first had, when you got born again? Why do you keep losing your passion for the kingdom because of the mundane things of this earth that will perish with those who trust in them? Do you know how many people keeps pursuing ambition? Saying, they will become this and that, wanting to be best in their career, of course there is nothing wrong in that, if it is the Lord that has commanded it. But to pursue self-ambition at the expense of divine instruction from the Lord is a dangerous matter.

You were made for the Lord, He created you for Himself and for His glory and He has continually and lovingly given you space to repent of your disobedience? How many times

have you read your Bible and clearly as you study the word of God or even as you are reading this book right now, the Word of God seems to be jumping at your heart, stirring a fire inside you but you kept ignoring it. The Lord has sent me to tell you, that it is time for you to fall on your knees, cry, repent and stand up to go and obey what He has commanded you to do.

Do you know that as we speak today, there are several thousands of youths and teenagers that are lost, operating under the spirit of manipulation and confusion, young people are committing immorality and selling their souls to the devil, young people now get involved in ritual and demonic quick rich means, there are many other lands and people groups who have not heard the gospel and there are some who have heard but do not understand? Do you know that Muslims, so sad to tell, will not get to the kingdom of heaven? Does that touch your heart? **Jesus said no one comes to the Father except through me.... John 14:6.**

Are you aware of how many people are locked up in the Islamic world without the gospel? Think of how many people on your campus who have not had the experience of somebody personally giving the gospel of Christ to them. Such was the case of a student whom a brother of mine met and presented the gospel to him in his final year in a public university in Nigeria, west Africa and the brother said *“since all my years in this campus, nobody has ever met me to present the gospel to me and I have always been eager to hear and to repent yet, nobody came”*.

Why would you sit down while the Lord’s work and the harvest field are rotting? ***Jesus said lift up your eyes and see the fields for they are white already, say not that, it is four months for the harvest to ripe (John 4:35).***

I tell you the truth; this is the Word of the Lord. Jesus said the harvest is ready but it is the laborers that are few (Mathew 9:37). Why have the laborers been so few?

It is because these laborers have refused to respond to God's call. I say to you that you shall personally give account before the judgment seat of the Lord (2Corinthian 5:10). Will it be that, it is when you get before the throne judgment of the Lord that you will discover? That it is because of your laziness and your adamant attitude in obeying the Lord to go and reach the lost that has cost many to lose their souls in eternity forever without the chance of knowing the Lord personally through you in your campus, at your place of work etc. and they get to hell, shouting your name saying, you never told me.

So, I tell you now that you are still living, will you respond to the call of God? Or will you allow the call of God to waste upon your life? Will you allow the investment of heaven upon your life to waste in your generation? Did you say, you are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit? Then why would you not respond? The signal that a man or woman is dying spiritually is when he or she begins to become unmoved with dying souls around him or her. When he begins to feel unconcerned and other mundane things of this world seems to matter to him/her than the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear the Lord in **(John Chapter 14:23, 24)**

“Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loves me not, keeps not my sayings: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father which sent me”. KJV

There are many people today, who say they love God but actually they do not. They love God with their lips but their heart is far away from Him. The criteria to show that you love God is to keep his sayings, **therefore, the Father and His son (Jesus Christ) is not loved by confession, He is loved by obedience.** The love of God is revealed in how we keep and obey His word.

Also, in the book of **Mark Chapter 16:15** which says

“And he said unto them, go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”. KJV

So how do you claim to love the Lord and you refuse to go out and preach. The strange spirit of Luke warmness has made people deaf, to hear the call from heaven. As we move further into the last days, the spirit of worldliness has entered many hearts. Will you check your heart from this moment, if you have not backslidden, have you left your first love? have you lost your passion? Why has the Lord continually told you to pray for the lost, to intercede for those who are not saved, but late-night movies have filled the space, several season films have replaced your love for the Lord and this shows that something is going wrong in your Spirit.

If you will not cry out at this moment, if you will not seek the Lord at this time, it may be too dangerous for you. Obeying the Lord is the criteria that you love Him. In the early church of our Lord Jesus Christ during the time of the Apostles, obedience to the Lord was what was paramount in their heart. How can Jesus die to save us from the wrath to come and all we do is to pay lip service to Him? The Bible says in **Hebrew Chapter 1:1,2**

“God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in the time past unto the Fathers by the prophets hath in this last days spoken unto us by His son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the world. KJV.

Through His son, He has shown us how much He loves the world, and through His Son He has given us instruction to go out and do the same, telling the world about its sin and to repent from it. But when your passion begins to die, it is a signal that you have lost your focus. So, let me ask you, are you born again? Have you been saved from sin? If you have, then it is time to rise up and respond to the call of the Lord before It is too late.

How many more will go to hell because you refuse to answer the call from heaven.

A Song writer said;

Must I go and empty handed?

Must I meet my savior so.....

Not one soul with which to meet Him

Must I empty handed go.

Why is it that the Lord has constantly been calling you, but your heart is cold towards Him? It is time to brace up, rise up and not be tagged by heaven as a rebellious son or daughter. Will you not rise up and allow the compassion of those who will go to hell without Christ grip you? Do you know the cost of a soul and their cry in the eternal flames of hell? Would you rise up and fulfill the heart of God.

The Bible says in ***Proverbs 11:30***,

'He that winneth soul is wise and shall shine in the kingdom of our Father.'

This was what the early Christians and Apostles did. You also need to respond to the voice of the Lord Jesus. Have you been called as a Pastor? Why are you rejecting the call? Has the Lord not told you that you will be a missionary laboring wherever He will send you? And you as a lady, are you willing to marry a missionary and go into the interior villages to labor together? But are you not rationalizing and saying that the thought of marrying a missionary is over zealousness? The reason why many Christians are in frustration and stagnancy is because, they are living in disobedience.

There are too many children of God living a frustrated and down casted life because they are not obeying God. History is filled with several people who lost their estate as a result

of disobeying the Lord. Why will you allow the devil to make you pitch your tent against the God of Heaven and the earth? The Lord has instructed me to tell you, to stir up the fire in you, hear the sound from Heaven and look at it from the pages of the scripture; God is calling you and is still asking “**Who will go for us? Who shall I send?**”

This is a question of availability; God is asking for a man who will be brave enough to stand tall against the works of darkness that is taking people away by their millions. Accident, sickness, diseases are claiming many, the rage of Satan all over the nations is claiming people to hell in their millions. Are you not moved by what moves God? Does your heart bleed because though the price has been paid on the cross of Calvary yet, several will still not receive the full dividend of salvation?

Have you been called as an intercessor? But sleep has taken the place in joining the Lord in battle for souls; do you listen to the daily news to see the continual devastation from hell? I hear the Lord asking, who will go for us. Who will bring out the sword of righteousness with all confidence and bravery that comes from the power of God and refuse the voice of satisfaction, the person who will damn the consequences, being filled with the passion of God, and knowledge of the will and purpose of God to obey the Lord with all his/her heart.

Actually, to obey God is better than sacrifices; to obey Him is not grievous because obedience is a prove of your allegiance to Him.

I pray the Lord will stir your heart to respond now and not later.

I conclude with this passage. The book of **Luke chapter 11:23**, Jesus said!

“He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathers not with me scatters”.
KJV

This implies that, as co-laborers with Christ, we gather souls with Christ, but if you fold your arms and do nothing, you are actually scattering what Christ is gathering and have become an enemy of the gospel, because there is no middle ground.

DON'T POSTPONE YOUR OBEDIENCE, WILL YOU PRAY NOW?

CHAPTER TWO

WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

In chapter one, the Lord raised a strong matter of obedience to His agenda. And I believe that you have made up your heart to respond. If you have not responded do not proceed to the next chapter.

One of the greatest deceits from the pit of hell is that of an erroneous believe that some groups of people are the ones called to the missionary work and to the work of evangelizing the souls that are lost. The devil has spread this wrong understanding that the work of missions, which is evangelism and discipleship to the lost and ignorant souls, is a work for the sacred few, and this has made several people who are supposed to become a battle axe for the Lord, to become vegetables in the garden of the world system and the devil. Those that should have sharp threshing teeth as instrument of the Lord are now blunt because of spiritual disease and Luke warmness.

The missionary call is the inexcusable call of our Lord that places a demand on every born-again child of God. When our Lord said, "**every authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth, and he said Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Now, if the commandment the Apostles were given was to Go and make disciples and to tell others to obey the Lord, then, it means the apostles were supposed to tell the disciples they were making to also Go. Therefore, it will be terrible for any believer to get before the judgment seat of Christ and say, there was nothing I could do towards the evangelization of the lost souls. Such a statement will never be acceptable before God, who is the judge of the living and the dead.

Look at what the Lord said to Moses in Exodus chapter 4:2

“And the Lord said unto Moses, what is that in thy hand? And he said, A rod”

It was strong to hear the Lord say to Moses, what is that in your hand? The way the Lord is saying to your heart right now, what is that in your hand? And Moses said a rod. To Moses, it was a rod, but to God, it was a tool. To Moses, it is just a rod to which he uses to tend the sheep, to God, it is a tool for His purpose. Verse 3 of the chapter above further says, ***“and God said, cast it on the ground, and he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent: and Moses fled from before it ⁴ and the Lord said unto Moses put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail, and he put forth his hands, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hands”.***

This is very instructive and the matter the Lord is raising here is for you to know that there is something in your hand, which to you is a mere rod, but to God it is a mighty weapon to dislodge and scatter the works of the Devil, a mighty weapon to bring in souls to the kingdom of Christ in their thousand and in their millions.

YOUR PROFESSION.

What is that rod in your hand? This rod is your profession. I want you to know that in 2 Cor. 5:14 and 15, it says,

“For the love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then we all died. ¹⁵ and that He died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again”

According to this scripture, verse 15 of this chapter strikes a demanding tone. Do you know one of the reasons Jesus died on the cross of Calvary was that He died so that you will not live anymore for yourself? Hence, living for yourself is a crime unto the cross, it is against the sacrifice of the son of God on your life, because His death ended your self-life, and He empowered you to live for Him. So, you are no longer permitted to do anything anymore for yourself, you need and have to understand the death on the cross. You must understand that you are to live for Him, and you are to be convinced by the word of God which cannot lie. Right now, take a minute to think about the projects that the Lord never told you to do that you are doing.

Also, about the career, the Lord never told you to pursue but you are doing for the purpose of self, and several other things. One of the reasons Christian students fail, especially those that should be flying high in the class is because, they are studying for self.

If you are a product of the cross that is, if you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and your savior, then you are no more permitted to live for yourself, it is a verdict from heaven and this will be a criterion for us on our journey to the kingdom, for in Him, we live, walk and have our being. That means, there is no other life permitted to be lived outside Christ and His purpose.

Living for Him is the normal life of a Christian. Living for self is the abnormal life of a Christian.

Therefore, if you know you were created for Him, through Him and by Him, and this creation occurred after you surrendered your life to Christ, which is the real creation, revealed in the book of 2 Corinthians 5:17 which says, ***“therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold all things have become new.”***

So, this creation created by Christ Jesus, has no other life than the life of God and that life of God in him is not supposed to be used for any other purpose apart from the glory and purpose of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, you can no longer live for yourself.

Now, back to what the Lord asked Moses in Exodus 4:2—what is that in your hand?... I see the Lord gave a chance to Moses to define what is in His hands, and God saw that Moses has not yet understood that, what was a common rod before the call to service, is now a mighty weapon that will not only divide the red sea, but that, which will bring a lot of exploits before the gentiles.

I hear you say, but the Lord has not called me. Jesus said to His disciples as recorded in the Bible, that as my father sent me, so, I send you. The book of Romans makes us to understand that we are **THE CALLED**. The Christians are referred to as the called-out ones.

In Romans 8:28,

“And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God and are called according to his purpose”

This is our natural place. We are called to a purpose and one of His intent and purpose is that we might be His witnesses to testify of Him in the nations of the earth.

Verse 30 of Romans chapter 8 says, **“moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom He called, them He also justified, and whom He justified, them He also glorified”** so as the called, of the Lord, we are called to carry out his mandate. So, since the day the Lord called you unto Himself, that is the day you became born again, since that day, there is a mandate placed on you.

- (1) You are no longer to live for yourself, but for Him
- (2) You are to carry the message of His son to the nations of the earth.

(3) You need to know that your profession is a tool in the hands of the Lord not a means of self-achievement and fulfillment.

Are you a medical doctor or studying medicine in the campus or whatever your profession is, would you go to the Lord in sincere cry and say Lord, this rod in my hand, what will You desire to do with it? Do you know that the jaw bone of an ass in the hand of Samson killed thousands? (Judges 15:15-17). The stone in the hand of David slaughtered Goliath (1 Sam 17:49). From the scriptures, we have seen God used what is in the hand of men to wrought great miracles.

Just like the rod in the hand of Moses, David, Samson, I hear the Lord also ask you a question **what is that in your hand?** Why will you sit down in the office only to waste away till old age, when the Lord is asking you, but this rod in your hand can bring me glory, it can slay the Goliath that is defying the name of God in your company.

Do you know that God can use you and that rod in your hand (profession) to do a lot of exploits in your office? Many people come to your desk every day; but the issue is, do you see your desk as a platform? Muslims will never come to your church, but they will come to meet you in the office, to do business with you. When you say it is against the business ethics of your company to preach the gospel, but do you know there is enough wisdom from God that you can collect from Him to dispense your duty and at the same time to bring in the harvest. Why will you allow timidity to destroy the spiritual fervor in you and to hinder the glory of God from where God has placed you? Do you know, your promotion in your office, is not for nothing, God is the one doing it.

Are you a student? That is the rod in your hand, being a student in your campus qualifies you to meet other students both Muslims and 'so called Christians'.

Are you a teacher? What a rod that you have, because you will be sitting over 30 student or pupils to whom the Lord can use to slay the Goliath troubling nations. That Goliath of nations hindering souls from coming to the kingdom may seem tall and huge but a short David who will allow God to use what is in his hand will see Goliath fall face down before the Lord.

Look at how doors of some nations are closing against missionaries because they do not want the gospel to enter their nations, but they are open to employ workers in their industries, they are looking for lecturers in their universities. Why will you not ask the Lord where and when will He want to use the rod in your hand? Why is it that, you love comfort which has made you so complacent?

If you continue this way, you may become nameless in the Zion of God in the coming days, when He will be rewarding men, acknowledging His servants who stood with Him to bring glory to His name, and your name may be out of the list.

The question is, what is that in your hand? Are you a commercial driver? You drive 18 people or less than twenty, you like it or not, unbelievers will enter your bus because everybody has a destination to go. What if you slot in a message? you never can tell, somebody might repent. I remember a testimony of a brother who picked a tract commonly left in a place and through that tract he met the savior of the whole world.

Are you an I.T personnel? what a rod in your hand, to engage thousands of youths with the gospel who are wasting away in immorality and decadence through the internet.

Have you asked the Lord, that how can this rod in my hand bring joy and glory to you? What is that, that you have? that you will not allow the Lord to use, to bring Him glory.

Actually, if you will not allow the Lord to use that rod in your hand, that same rod, in the hand of the devil, may be used to torment you. But if the rod is placed in the hand of the Almighty God it will become a mighty tool that will bring deliverance and bring in great harvest.

There are several nations in Asia looking for expatriates, there are many schools in the village looking for teachers, and even Islamic settlements are looking for teachers in their schools. There are universities in North Africa that you can apply to do masters, why are you planning to travel abroad for self, do you know there are many opportunities and doors opening in nations? Who will say to the Lord? send me, with the rod in my hand.

The Lord asked Moses what is that in your hand Moses said [A rod] later, it became [The rod] of deliverance. It is simply a rod but that is a rod, which will shake Egypt and deliver thousands from bondage. That wisdom of God in you, will be used to water down and dislodge the tricks of the devil that has held many down for a long time in ignorance.

Are you an artist? Do you know what that rod can do when you begin to design things that will draw men? But I discovered that you may not know what the rod is, until you go to the mountain of God, the mountain of Horeb (A place of prayer), the place where the activities of God take place with a man, and that man, will discover the power and potency of what looks like a casual rod to become something of great value before the Lord.

And Moses presented what he had before the Lord and it became a great instrument. You can now fall on your knees and speak to the Lord. Cry to Him in sincerity of heart so that the compassion of the lost might grip you and that the Lord might reveal to you, the power of the Rod you carry.

Are you a Student about to write UTME? Or you are writing a professional course, you may need to say Lord, what will you do with this rod? Thank God for those who have understood the rod in their hand and they are using it against the devil. But there are many, still ignorant of the potential of their profession and rather than use the rod to the Glory of God, they have become slaves of the rod, slaves to their Job and profession.

In Government, we need politician who will stand up and say Lord, give me this country, give me my state. Are you a Vice-Chancellor, H.O.D, Or Dean of a faculty? Do you know how many students must sit in a class to listen to you? As a Lecturer, why do you refuse to allow the Lord to use that mighty weapon in your hand? I ask you again, what are you afraid of? Actually, those who are cowards to the course of the Lord on this earth and are ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ needs to hear this:

Jesus said in **Luke 9:26**,

“Those who are ashamed of me on earth, I will be ashamed of Him before my Father and His angel”.

Take note, it was the Lord our Savior that said it. If it is because of not losing your face before friends that you will not stand up tall, then, ask the Lord to give you wisdom. Actually, there is wisdom with God on how to use that Rod in your hand, only if, you can ask Him, He will teach you.

I hear the Lord asking you; will you allow this rod to remain a useless rod in your hand or a mighty tool in your hand? Your profession is a mighty weapon to the missionary course. All of us have been called as a missionary; you are only to ask Him where He is sending you? When He says, ‘Go into all the world,’ He meant all of us. So, the missionary call is the indispensable call of our Lord Jesus Christ to all believers and it is not an option, it is a **Must**.

Hudson Taylor, the great missionary said “The great commission is not an option to be considered, it is a command to be obeyed”.

Do not be less concerned about the dying souls of the unreached people groups. Take for instance in the Northern part of Nigeria, if a medical Doctor, Teacher, should go amidst them, won't there be a great transformation? Why are many people afraid to go to a place where they are needed? Is it not because of the fear of death? Which we shall deal with more deeply in later chapter.

So, if you sit down and feel unconcerned, you are simply joining the enemy of our Lord Jesus Christ to advance his own course. Because the idleness of Christians is a great advantage to the devil and his cohorts, this gives the enemy the time to advance and to push his own agenda to another notable distance. But where and when a Christian stand up to work, God works but when we fold our arms, it is very costly.

So, the Lord is asking you- **What is that in your hand?**

Will you bow and pray again and make a definite decision.

CHAPTER THREE

YOUR RESPONSE

The Lord, I believe in previous chapters, has opened your eyes to the importance of what you carry in your hand. And I believe that when you are through reading this book, you will not sit idle saying, there is nothing I can do. It is my prayer that, the Lord's course will not suffer loss, while you are alive.

In the book of Mathew 28:18-20 which says-

“And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”. Amen KJV

This is the command of our Lord, this is our assignment, this is the only task as a church. Everything we do and have, must be released for this assignment and command given by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is written not to some special few, but to all believers. As long as believers carry the Bible, as long as that command is **in the word of God, then, it must be obeyed.** Not to obey this word of God is disobedience and to disobey the word of God is to commit sin.

The missionary enterprise is an inexcusable enterprise to all believers. The excuse several believers give is that, the Lord has not called me. Do you know what that means? It means you have simply identified yourself as an unbeliever. As long as the word of God said, we are the called ones and you say you are not called, it then means you are calling God a liar

and simply denying your identity as a Christian. God is saying to you again, from His Word, you must GO.

The missionary work is large, big and strong. It is an enormous task. The great commission is great because, it has a great scope and it requires a great commitment. It is so great a commission that the commitment of one man is not enough to bring about great result. That is why **missions is the joint responsibility of all believers**. Since the Lord has said Go, every believer should begin to ask the Lord, how and where am I to go.

We can divide missions into two aspects;

1. **The Local**
2. **The foreign**

For the local, the greatest missionary question is not just that, where are the unbelievers? Unbelievers are everywhere (John Piper). But for the foreign aspect, the question should be, where is that place that has no church, no Bible, no access to the gospel, no missionary, and that even if they want to hear, they cannot hear because nobody is there to present the gospel to them, therefore they are lost.

There are many places locally where there is little or no presence of the gospel. Have you made it a duty to ask about other places in Nigeria or in your country where Christ is not known? it will surprise you, that there are many places in Lagos state alone, and many other places, where they do not have the gospel. Does this move you?

There are places especially rural settings that are tied to idolatry and ancestral worship. But the question is that, can the Lord use you and the rod in your hand to destroy the purpose of darkness in that place? There are several places in Northern Nigeria that needs the gospel. And those of us that call ourselves Christians in the south are living like

unconcerned people of the kingdom. Yes, of course there are places in Northern Nigeria and other nations in the world that are hostile to the gospel but there are also other places in your country containing people groups who are not hostile to the gospel. For example, Isawas, in Jigawa State are not hostile people though they live among Muslims and there are other several people living in the Northern part of Nigeria and even in your country who are waiting for whom God will send.

Do you know the love of Christ can constrain you and the Lord might be sending you there to live and work among such places even as a full time missionary, or as a missionary with your profession? There is much work to be done in different tribes, the Igbira people of Kogi, the Fakai of Kebbi State, the Egan people in Nupe Subgroup. The Garawa people of Bauchi State, the Ganagana people of Niger State, the Gobi in Bauchi town.

All of this people without the gospel will be doomed forever without the knowledge of their Savior. The world is hungry for the truth. You are only starving them, if you sit and disobey.

Will you go? Why will the church sit down, doing nothing? Why will you say to yourself, there is nothing I can do? Can I tell you? If you refuse to rise and Go, Islam will go, and that means, the salvation of thousands upon thousands of people may waste.

The missionary call is our responsibility now. The Local aspect of missions involves preaching the gospel to a particular group of people within your locality or of same language and affinity. Do you know there are people of other tribes in the campus that can be targeted with the gospel and who can take the gospel back to their own people? There are several students who belong to a tribe of people groups in the campus. If we target the students of different tribes, disciple them and give them the vision of reaching their people

group, we never can tell where the harvest can or may yield for the kingdom of God. The harvest will rot in the field, if no one is there to harvest it, in Act chapter 1:8 which says-

“And ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth”.

So, from Acts 1:8, we see the progression of the missionary work, from Jerusalem which is where you are, Judea, the neighboring places, Samaria, which is the outside and far away from the neighboring places, then the ends of the earth which involve people groups of another culture of another place, which is cross cultural missions. So, you cannot stay in Jerusalem and be complacent.

Ask the Lord, what will you have me do? And it will surprise you that the Holy Spirit has been long awaiting that question from your lips. You can go with your profession; you can go as sent by your church. Of course, anyone who should leave his/her country or people must receive express instructions from the Lord and permission from the local Church before venturing into the field among the people groups of another culture where you are sent.

Nevertheless, those who have been called by God to stay at their Jerusalem cannot fold their arms, watching T.V, cartoon and season films. Both the one who goes to another people group to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the one who stays at home to evangelize locally and to teach and preach are all working towards the same course. But listen to this, no Christian has the right to decide where he or she will go. He or she must ask the Lord, where the Lord is sending him or her to.

The Islamic country of Central Asia, hosts some of the least of the evangelized people on the earth. India, as a sub-continent, is home to more than 850 million Hindus; about one

billion people in Japan, China, and South East Asia are devoted to Buddhism. Why is it that 2000 years after Christ came into the world, about 2 billion people call themselves Christians and yet the task of the great commission is still unfinished?

Are we just going to wait and sit down and say, the Lord has not called me, when the Lord as clearly stated; go ye into all the world? It is the command He gave His disciples and we are His disciples. Except if you are not one....

FEAR OF DEATH

Many people have allowed the fear of death to grip them. I tell you, if fear still rules you, it means you are a slave. Correct liberty of the cross of Calvary is liberty from sin, self, worldliness, and fear of death. Hear the Lord as he spoke through the mouth of the Paul the apostle in **Hebrew chapter 2 verse 14-15,**

14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same: that through death He might destroy him that had power over the death, that is, the devil”.

The way Jesus destroys the devil is by His death.

15 “And for the fear of death were all their life time subject of bondage”.

Take note of the verse 15, the fear of death is stronger than death itself. When a man dies, that is all. But when a man is in the fear of death, he dies severally before he actually dies. This man in all of his life time will be subject to bondage. This is a stronger verdict from the word of God that those who are afraid to die are living in perpetual bondage. *It amazes me that a Muslim by the wrong indoctrination can commit suicide as suicide bomber because of the passion in his heart to enthrone the course of his own god but Christians who claim to love the Lord are not willing, and does not have passion for the lost. He cannot preach in*

the bus, he cannot share tracts, he/she cannot stand up for the course of the Lord in his class or in his or her company, such rebellious people are not worthy to be called the followers of Christ.

It is important for you to know that the message of the gospel is not an attraction and calling to a life of comfort, ease and complacency. The call to be a Christian is a call to be courageous and to stand out among others, to stand tall for the gospel, a call of commitment and bravery and obedience. As you are reading this book, you know in your very heart that the Lord is speaking to you, that the task of the great commission has been placed upon you. As a young man and woman, what have you given yourself to, that is now a great distraction to you? The truth that now faces you compels you to go or you can choose to disobey.

You can no longer say that you have not heard or never been told. If thousands of souls keep falling into eternal flames and more students, friends, family members who ought to hear the gospel from your mouth but because of the fear of death, and fear of what people will say has made you zipped your mouth, I speak to you strongly it will not be funny on the last day.

Please consider again what Jesus said in Luke 9:26;

“For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father’s and of the holy angels”.

The command of the Lord is **Go**. Those whom the Lord has ordained to labor in the hard and hostile places of the unreached people groups of the Northern part of Nigeria solicit our prayers and support. Our duty is not to abandon them. I particularly saw the suffering and abandonment of missionaries in the Northern part of the country Nigeria. And many

of us sit down in the south and our comfort zones, spending frivolous time before T.V set and phones, we shall not find it funny on the final day, if we continue in rebellion.

There are those that have been sent by the Lord to go out of their country, kindred and people groups and there are those who have been called by God to stay back among their own people groups, yet those called for both foreign and local mission work has been called with an equal task, responsibility and commitment.

Take note, that there is an agenda of Islam to take Africa and especially Nigeria, it is not time to keep quiet, those who keep quiet and fold their arms are not doing well at this crucial hour. Rise up and do something, we must run quickly while we have the opportunity.

You can Go, pray, send, visit, support, but don't disobey. Know this for sure, the Lord at this time is stirring your heart to take up the responsibility to look for mission agencies around you. Actually, if you ask questions, you will find answers.

Seek Mission agencies that are laboring in different part of the nation Nigeria and Africa. Among the Igbira people in different settlement, also among the Yoruba people there are people who are cut out in the rural villages who are devoted to Islam and Idolatry worship and they are in need of the Gospel. In cross-river, there are tribes found in the middle belt, who have not heard the gospel. For example, in Benin Border, there are a lot of people that have no access and understanding of the gospel. In Edo rural areas, in Benin City several souls are still deeply involved in Traditional religion. Quite a number of works still needs to be done.

Students are gradually slipping into Apostasy; they have become slaves of entertainment and corruption from the media, and you are still unconcerned? It is time to arise and yield

to the call of the master, it is time to stand up and obey the call of the Lord with all your might.

Remember Jesus said, he who is ashamed of me on the earth, him will I be ashamed of in the presence of my Father and the Holy Angels. Have you made up your mind to be responsible and to obey Him by yielding to the call from heaven, to use the rod in your hand, so that when you are done on earth, you can be acknowledged by the father and it will be said that you satisfied the heartbeat of the Father by your obedience.

I want you to know this, that **life is a vapor and eternity is long**. These are two strong realities you should think about. Everyone will soon pass away from the earth to stand before the Lord. What shall be said about you on the final day? It is now placed before you to respond or neglect, go or disobey. Will you fall on your knees again and pray at this moment? The Lord's course must not suffer loss. If you are ready, pray these prayers.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Say Lord, I am ready and willing, help my heart of fear and complacency and replace it with an urgency to obey you.
2. Help me to focus on this path I have taken and never to look back. Grip my heart with the passion for the lost.
3. Help me oh God to live in the constant assurance that you are with me even to the end of world.
4. Let your Will and kingdom be established in my heart, so that wherever I go or you will send me, your kingdom shall be established.
5. Anoint me with your Holy Spirit and power, so that wherever you send me, I will joyfully go and whatever you say, I will do. Amen.

Are you willing to be involved in missions, do you have a burden to invest your life in what matters in eternity, or are you called to become a missionary and you need to know what to do, then call?

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