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This book is dedicated to the God head; The 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 keeps raising mission sending church groups.

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Finally, to my family, my wife; precious, and children; Ifeoluwa, Oresioluwa, Olaoluwa, Haske 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, and while evangelism and discipleship is dying every day, Christians get more acquainted with movies and entertainment and personal ambition outside the will of God.

The experience of this neglect of missions was so vivid to me when I served my nation in the Nigeria youth service, I was posted far north to Jigawa state, it's a compulsory national youth service program in 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. Amen

Your Brother, in finishing the task,

Olugbenga Elton Adebajo.

CHAPTER ONE

A CALL FROM HEAVEN

To know the will of God, we need an open bible and an open map – Tony cooke

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

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 turned deaf ears.

There is a question the Lord is raising right now with you... but before that, consider the scripture above which says.....***I heard the voice of the Lord***..... before a man can respond to the voice of the Lord, he must hear the voice of the Lord.

In the above passage, you can see that prophet Isaiah was able to respond because he heard the voice of the Lord. I have a solemn question for you, **WHY are you ignoring God’s voice despite him speaking to you through several means? Stop giving the excuse of you not recognizing his voice contemplating if it is the voice of the Lord** or your mind, this statement shows ignorance on your part.

God’s word spoken in the scriptures is clearly his voice, the scriptures are the surest way by which God speaks to us. I also want you to know that the Lord can Place thoughts and desires in your heart concerning his will. *When God’s given thoughts or desires arise within your heart that is God speaking to you.*

It is not God who does not call, it is man who will not respond! –

Isobel Kuhn

In ***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, the man who was created in the image of God is therefore 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.

In taking the scriptures seriously, the Holy Spirit breaths on the scriptures to your heart as you read and study.

Why is it then that the Lord has been speaking to you about those who are perishing, without the gospel of the kingdom, 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? Are you waiting for the heavens to shake so you can say, ‘now, I am sure God is calling me?**

You keep turning yourself away because you are pursuing a little ambition that has 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 lose 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 save the lost and instead of obedience on your part fear has crippled you 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.*

***If God calls you to be a missionary, don’t stoop to be a king –
Jordan Groomes***

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 the vast billions of 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 different campuses who have not had the experience of somebody personally explaining 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).***

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 your laziness and your adamant attitude in disobeying 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 you begin to feel unconcerned and other mundane things of this world seems

to matter to you, than the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then something is really wrong.

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

Proof your love for God by obedience not lip service. **Mark Chapter 16:15** 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 warmth 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 and sleep 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.

How could I spend the best years of my life in living for the honors of this world, when thousands of souls are perishing every day? – C.T. Studd

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.’

Have you been called as a Pastor? Don’t reject the call? Has the Lord told you that you will be a missionary laboring wherever He will send you, then obey him NOW? As a lady, are you willing to marry a missionary ready to go anywhere to labor together? But are you not

rationalizing 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.

History is filled with several people who lost their estate as a result of disobeying the Lord. Don't pitch your tent against the God of Heaven and the earth? God is calling you and is still asking **"Who will go for us? Who shall I send?"**

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 the knowledge of his will.

To obey God is better than sacrifices; to obey Him is not grievous and it is the prove of your allegiance to Him. 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

We must 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.

Only one life, twill soon be past, only what is done for Christ will Last – C.T. Studd.

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

CHAPTER TWO

WHO ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

Who are you living for and what will you die doing? 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 of evangelizing the souls that are lost. 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 instruments of victory 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).

He gave this commandment to the Apostles to Go and make disciples and to tell others to do the same, thus the chain continues. 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.

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. 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 are to live for the glory of Christ alone, take a minute to think about the projects that the Lord never told you to do that you have embarked on.

Think about the career the Lord never told you to pursue but you poured your energy into them for the purpose of your self-life. One of the reasons Christian students fail, especially those that should be flying high in the class is because, they are studying for THEIR SELF GLORY, even though some work very hard.

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and 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 (Christ), we live, walk and have our being (Acts 17:28).*** 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,

Then, you can no longer live for yourself. Don't struggle with the Lord, you cannot pitch your tent at the yard of the devil.

What is that in your Hand?

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”

To Moses, it was a rod, but to God, it was a tool. To Moses, it was just a rod to which he uses to tend the sheep, but to God, it was 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 could be a mere rod, but to God it is a mighty weapon to dislodge and scatter the works of the Devil on earth, a mighty weapon to bring in souls to the kingdom of Christ in their thousands and in their millions.

What is that in your hand?... the Lord gave a chance to Moses to define what was in His hands, what was a common rod before the call to service, became 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 asking you a question **what is that in your hand?** Why will you sit down in the office only to waste away

till old age, but this rod in your hand can bring God 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 my company to preach the gospel, but do you know there is enough wisdom from God to dispense your duty and at the same time to bring in the harvest of souls? 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?

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'.

If you are a teacher? What a rod that you have, because you will be sitting over 30 students 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 those nations 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 the Lord will be rewarding men, acknowledging His servants who stood with Him to bring glory to His name, 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, whether you like it or not, unbelievers will enter your bus because everybody has a destination to go. What if you slot in a gospel message? You never can tell, somebody might be convicted by the word of God leading to repentance. I remember a testimony of a brother who picked a tract commonly left in a place and through that tract he met Jesus Christ the savior of the whole world.

Are you an Information technology 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? 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.

If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him—C.T STUDD

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-glory, Will you 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.

I discovered that you may not know what the rod is, until you go to the mountain of God, the mountain of Horeb **(The place of prayer).**

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?

Fear is only as deep as the mind allows it-- Anonymous

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 the Lord 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 unbelievers, 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 a Christian 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.

When you make the decision to be involved in missions contacts us immediately, address is at the back of this material.

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, and this is the only task he gave to us as a church. Everything we do and have, must be released for this assignment, 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 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.

The greatest missionary question is not just that, where are the unbelievers?

Unbelievers are everywhere, 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.-- (John Piper).

We can divide missions into two aspects;

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

LOCAL MISSIONS: This involves all activities to bring about gospel saturation and raising of disciples within your region, tribe, territory and your country, making proper advance to places that has little or no access to the gospel of Christ,

FOREIGN MISSIONS: This involves all activities to bring about gospel saturation and raising of disciples OUTSIDE your country, making proper advance to places that has little or no access to the gospel of Christ, this is cross cultural missions, when you cross culture (An aspect of this falls under local missions too)

There are many places locally where there is little or no presence of the gospel. Have you made it a duty to ask about places in your country where Christ is not known? These are called unreached people groups, it will surprise you, the other shocking truth is there are many who have never been disciplined by anyone, they don't know what it means to be a Christian they only have religion and they live in Sin. 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 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, the Fulani people are crying for the gospel and many are now coming to Christ but where are Christians willing to receive them to shield them from extreme persecution.

The Gospel is only good news if it gets there in time – Carl Henry

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 scope 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 your 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 chapter2 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 living 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 wrong indoctrination can commit suicide as a 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 do not have passion for the lost. Several Christians 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, and 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 to commitment, 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, which is now a great distraction to you? The truth that now faces you compels you to go to reach the lost but 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 are deprived because of the fear of death, and fear of what people will say, I speak to you strongly REPENT.

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.

Respond to the harvest among nations; 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 disobey.

It is not God who does not call, it is man who will not respond—Isobel Kuhn

Will you fall on your knees again and pray at this moment? The Lord's course must not suffer loss while you are alive. Jesus said DON'T DENY ME...

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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