

# THE WORD OF GOD

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**Scriptural References:** John 1:11-12, Daniel 11:32b, Matthew 4:1-11, 2 Chronicles 20:20, Rom. 10:17, Acts 14:8-11, Mark 5:25-29, Luke 7:11-15, John 11, Psalms 24:7-10, Prov. 29:18; 6:32, James 4:7, Number 12, 1 Cor. 10:10



There is power in the Word of God. God's Word is life; it brings riches and complete life to "those who need it," because the Scripture says: ***"He came to his own country but his people did not receive him. Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children."*** John 1:11-12, GNT.

All those who want life and joy must obey the Word of God and the teachings of the Bishop of the whole world. As a Christian, you must know the power and the efficacy of the Word of God. This helps you gain upper hand over the forces of the evil one.

Jesus Christ fasted for forty days and nights, and when Satan knew he was hungry, he came to tempt him. Satan said to him: ***"If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."*** When Jesus heard this, he used the Word of God to fight back. With the Word of God, Jesus rebuked him saying, ***"...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God..."*** Matt. 4:4. Satan could not withstand the power in the Word and he fled.

The more of God's Word you know, the more of God you know and knowing more of God gives you an edge over the devil. In Daniel 11:32b, it is written: ***"...the people that do know their God shall be strong,***

**and do exploits.”** This means that when you have the Word of God, you will prosper in business, marriage, academics, and in all areas of life.

As a Christian who wants to live in victory, you must strive daily to know more of the Word of God. It is surprising that some people go to church but don't have confidence in the Word and the Bishop of the whole world. To succeed in life, you must believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, and you do this by believing in the representative of Jesus Christ, who is the Bishop of the whole world. See what 2 Chronicles 20:20 says: “**...Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**” Do you desire to prosper in life? Then stop doubting the one God has called and made the Bishop of the whole world.

### **God's Word builds your faith**

According to the Scripture, faith comes by hearing of God's Word (Rom. 10:17). This is fully shown in the account of a lame man who got his healing after listening to Paul's message of the great wonders the Word of God did. ***In Lystra, there was a man who had been lame from birth and had never been able to walk. He sat there and listened to Paul's words.*** Acts 14:8-9, GNT.

In his message, I believe Paul narrated series of miracles Jesus performed. The lame man heard of the testimony of the woman who had the issues of blood for 12 months. She spent all that she had to find solution all to no avail. But after she touched the hem of the garment of Jesus Christ, she was immediately made whole (Mark 5:25-29). As the man heard this, his faith to be healed increased.

Apostle Paul went on to tell how Jesus Christ raised back to life, the only son of a widow who was dead and being taken to the grave for burial. Saint Luke recorded: ***Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a large crowd. Just as he arrived at the gate of the town, a funeral procession was coming out. The dead man was the only son of a woman who was a widow, and a large crowd from the town was with her. When the LORD saw her, his heart was filled with pity for her, and he said to her, "Don't cry." Then he walked over and touched the coffin, and the men carrying it stopped. Jesus said, "Young man! Get up, I tell you!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.*** Luke 7:11-15, GNT.

After the lame man heard this great testimony from Paul, his faith increased more. As you hear this word, let your faith in the Word of God to heal you increase also. I say to you that your lost hope is coming back. What is the cause of your tears? I don't care to know what it is, just as Jesus said to the woman, “Don't cry,” and he gave back to the widow her cause of weeping, I say to you, “Cry no more,” because I see God giving you that which is making you to weep; Jesus is giving you your job, health, wealth, children, life-partner or whatever that is making you to cry in Jesus name.

Jesus is so powerful that when the dead hears his voice, they must come back to life. Apostle Paul still preaching, he shared another miracle; the most astonishing of all. The testimony of dead Lazarus, the only brother of two sisters, who was brought back to life after being in the grave for 4 days as recorded in **John 11**. This was a shocker to the lame man. A shocker because in the previous testimony, the young man was dead and was about to be buried. But in this case, Lazarus was not only dead but had been buried for 4 days. Humanly speaking, nothing could be done to help the situation.

Lazarus was the only joy and hope of Martha and Mary but death snatched him from them. According to Verse 21&32, each of them, Martha and Mary said to Jesus, ***“LORD, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”*** By this statement, they meant that, had it been Jesus came when their brother,

Lazarus was still on sick bed, Jesus could have been able to help, but now as a dead and buried man, all hope was gone. They gave up all hope.

This was the case of my father, Jesus' Holiness, Saint Dikeji Daniel Miyerijesu, the Bishop of the whole world. As a young man with a promising future, his eyesight was snatched from him by the evil one. I mean, his two eyes were totally blind, and was being ridiculed and called 'Barbiyala' (blind poor begger) by close friends. And seeing that all medical interventions proved abortive, he gave up all hope to see again, and consequently, he planned to take his life by suddenly opening the door of the vehicle which was on a very high speed when on his way from UBTH. But on each of the 3 attempts, he heard an audible voice saying to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself, there is hope for you."

And because God's Word cannot fail, the Bishop of the whole world got back his lost sight even better than before. See what the Bishop of the whole world said concerning this: **"I can read the Bible with the moonlight"** Woa! His lost hope was fully restored as God promised. God gave him a virtuous wife, godly children, great wealth, and made him the Bishop of the whole world. What a miracle!

Are you planning a suicide and trying to give up on God because of dead situations of life? Believe the unfailing Word of God. As God restored the hope of the Bishop of the whole world, that dead situation in your life is coming back to life in Jesus' name.

In verse 40-44, Jesus said to Martha and Mary, **"Didn't I tell you that you would see the glory of God if you believe?"** And after they had taken away the stone from the grave, Jesus said, **"I thank you Father, that you listen to me. I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me."** After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, **'Lazarus, come out!'** Notice that Jesus did not repeat the words, "Lazarus, come out!" because he is the Word of life. No power can resist the Word of God. No wonder it is written in Psalms 24:7-10, (KJV): **Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

As Jesus pronounced, Lazarus came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave clothes, and with a cloth round his face, and he ordered: **"Untie him and let him go."** The hope of Martha and Mary was restored back to life.

Like I have mentioned before, when you continue to hear the Word of God, your faith increases. When the lame man had heard all these testimonies from Apostle Paul as he preached, his faith was fully grown. And Paul, through the help of the Holy Spirit, saw that the man was ready to be healed. What did he do then? In Acts 14:9-11, it is written: **"...so he looked straight at him and said in a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" The man jumped up and started walking around."**

Indeed the Word of God is powerful. As the lame man jumped up and began to walk around after hearing and receiving the Word of God, I declare that you jump up from every cripple situation you are in and begin to walk around in victory in Jesus' name.

### **Steps to stand firm in the Word**

To conclude, what must you do to stand firm in the Word of God? The following are some steps that will help you.

1. **Read the Bible daily:** The more you study the Bible, the more of God's Word you know and the more you know the Word, the stronger you become to stand against the devil and overcome him.
2. **Refrain from telling lies:** This is the commonest sin. Telling of lies makes you unstable in the Word of God. Always say the truth especially when using the phone (Handset).
3. **Stop fornication/adultery:** The sin of fornication or adultery is one of the deadly sins. It leads to poverty. It brings shame and reduces a man to the dust. It makes one lose focus in life. It takes away a man's vision. And you know, where there is no vision, the people perish (Prov. 29:18, KJV). Without vision, there is no future, and when a man has no future, he has no hope. In James 4:7, KJV, the Bible says: ***"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. But when it comes to fornication/adultery, the Bible did not ask us to resist but flee. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*** 1 Cor. 6:18, KJV.

Like I said, fornication destroys a man's vision and future. ***But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.*** Prov. 6:32, KJV. The devil is after the vision of those who engage themselves in sexual immorality, especially the youths (young people). Joel 2:28, (KJV): ***And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*** Satan knows that young people are those who carry vision, hence he is after them, to destroy their vision. Or, have you ever heard someone saying he dreamt that a mad man was killed? He wants to take away your future. But don't give him the chance to succeed.

I'm writing this from experience. There is one thing I discovered about the sin of sexual immorality. When one has not fallen into it, it seems like the best of enjoyment you must not miss. But the moment it is done, you suddenly feel empty and regret why you ever took the decision to do it. As a matter of fact, the devil was about to destroy my future but the God of my father saved me. When I was held by the devil, and thought all hope was gone, God sent His help from above and he rescued me. This I say boldly because I'm now free. You can be free too. You only need to take the bold step; a decision to flee and God will help you.

4. **Refuse to murmur:** It is a sin to murmur against a man of God. If you want to stand firm in the Word of God and prosper in life, you must beware of the sin of complaining, murmuring or speaking against the Bishop of the whole world and other true servants of God. In Number 12, Miriam and Aaron spoke and murmured against Moses, the servant of the Lord. To tell you how terrible the sin of murmuring against God's servant is, see what happened to Miriam in Verse 9, (GNT): ***"The LORD was angry with them; and so as he departed and the cloud left the Tent, Miriam's skin was suddenly covered with a dreaded disease and turned as white as snow."*** As one who wants to stand firm in the Word of God, we must not complain, as some of them did – and they were destroyed by the Angel of Death (1 Cor. 10:10).

I pray for you; may the God of my father, the Bishop of the whole world plant this message, The Word of God, in your heart. By this word, may your faith in God increase and be strengthened to walk by them in Jesus' name. Amen!