# INSPIRATION



# THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

There is no difference in pronouncing the small letter (g) in god and the big letter (G) in God. Both have the same pronunciation and also carry authority. The only difference lies in the one who is making that pronouncement, he or she knows which he is talking about. In essence we have to be careful the places and people we take counsel from, for they might not be operating in the same realm as we are.

One of the lessons I have come to learn in exercising authority as believers on this earth especially in dealing with issues, demons and what have you is that it is the name of Jesus Christ that brings them down and even in the Bible there are scriptures to confirm. For example,

### Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)

- Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
- 10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on the earth, and of those under the earth,
- and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father

There must be a knowing as a believer that the **POWER** lies in that name. The power to subdue the kingdom of darkness lies in that name. Jesus Christ led away into the wilderness by The Holyspirit was tempted by the devil and He overcame him not by the ammunitions or weapons as we know them but by confessing the written words of God. He knew He could subdue the devil in so many other ways but He came for the primary reason for the **WORD** to be fulfilled.

# Matthew 5:17 (NKJV)

17. "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

For the laws as an uphill task is DOABLE. He passed through all that to give meaning to what was written and people have been heard. He fought the battle of the world with written words from the scriptures and the Bible says "the devil fled from him for a season"; (Matthew 4:1-11).

Equipping ourselves with the word of God, the authority in the name of Jesus Christ and the blood He shed, is all the weapon we need.

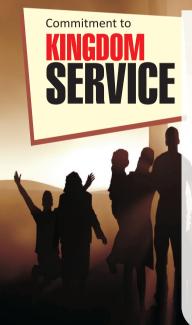
In going through this journey on earth, we as believers must x-ray the life of Jesus Christ, not just as another story told in the Bible but /TRUTH we must imbibe in our everyday life.

There are key things we have to learn or emulate in the life of Jesus especially in difficulties. They are Love which is key, Endurance, Patience, Perseverance, Kindness, and all even as seen in the Fruit of the Spirit.

### Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

- 22. But the Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness,
- 23. Gentleness, Self-control. Against such there is no Law.

These key things helped Jesus to achieve His purpose and finally having that "knowing" that God is on our side. "YES" even in the most difficult situation He is there. He never left Jesus for one second even at the point of death, which though difficult for some to understand but (YES) His purpose here on earth is to pay the ultimate sacrifice for us which could only be achieved by His death and resurrection.



ow many of us today are willing to die for the work of God? Do we still have the Stephens, the John the Baptist, the James, people that will stand and speak the truth even when faced with death? What about the Daniels who will pray through or even Paul that pressed through, giving his best at all cost etc. Do we still have such people today, are they rising up to take their stand. How did we get here? We need this kind of people who would speak up at any cost as long as it is the unadulterated word of God, undiluted Truth that has become unbearable even to believers. In the world today, the knowledge we have is not based on Truth as God requires but on the things we have heard and fed from people, doctrines, traditions and all. This is not supposed to be.



t is time to have a clear cut knowledge of God's word and this can only be achieved in our personal studies and meditations, even as we have the Holy Spirit as our Teacher.

It is only natural for everyone to look for the easy way out of situations, problems and so on. But how long will the PEACE you get last? As long as it is a quick fix, trust me it would be as short and brief as it came and it probably gets worse than it was.

"YES", Jesus being in flesh asked if this cup can pass over Him but God knew that if it did, then all that had been written would be a (lie). He does not operate like that. Once He says something, he does not go back on it and even the Bible has said it.

# Numbers 23:19 (NKJV)

"God is not a man that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?.

He wants us to understand that, not taking away that cup of trouble from someone doesn't mean that He is not there. It might be that person needs to go through that to appreciate where he/she is headed. Maybe you need that pain (as we would call it in the natural realm) for the enjoyment tomorrow. Apostle Paul will call them "our light affliction" (2 cor4:17-18).

Is Jesus Christ not seated at the right hand of God in Heaven? Is He not reigning here on earth? The life of The purpose of his life was achieved and today we are enjoying the "pain" Christ had to go through. If he didn't endure and obey, would our lives have meaning?

Living the Life of JESUS CHRIST Our Mentor

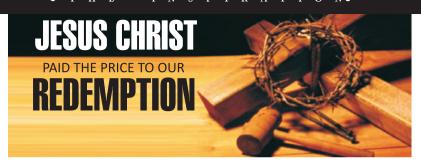


There is a call to study the life of Jesus Christ and ask for understanding as you do so.

JESUS is not only our FOCUS but our STANDARD.

t is of utmost importance to embrace this Truth. To live like Jesus is to adopt both his **virtues and values** which is only achievable by the help of The Holy Spirit. Let's delve into His life a bit, how many of us can love our enemies, those who hate us and despitefully use us without judging them? Jesus knew that the enemy was not the human form but the demons that are made manifest by them. For example in His reaction to PETER for cutting off the ear of one of the soldiers as seen in (Matthew 26:52), He gently placed it back even though He knew that they had come to arrest him. Another example can be seen in his announcing that He'll be betrayed by one of them and still ate that last supper with all of them inclusive of Peter whom He knew would deny Him three times (Mark 14:18). Thank God that the power to know tomorrow is not in our hands (What would we have done if we knew the thoughts of every man towards us). It is really not to quote from Psalm 23:5, "He'll prepare a table before us even in the presence of our enemies"; How many of us can actually sit down to eat in the presence of our enemies? It is a question we should genuinely answer, for that shows the level of our FAITH. Jesus admonishes us in Matthew 5:43-45 NKJV;

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy;' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust;"



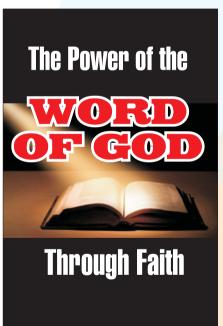
h! The humiliation He had to suffer for our sake; the weight of the cross He had to carry; the burden He had to bear on His way to Calvary (Golgotha) to be crucified. A righteous man, a man without sin, an innocent man and only one man in all that crowd who followed him was made to carry the cross with Him (Simon of Cyrene), the burden of the whole world (our sins, curses, infirmities, diseases) and even at this He did not complain. He turned to the women who were mourning and lamenting, shedding their tears, weeping for Him that they should weep not for Him but for their children giving them insight to what is to come. He was still ministering to them even in His pain. As if He didn't bear enough, even with the nails on his feet and hands and the crown of thorns on His head, not to leave out the floggings He had received (all this meted on a man who had no stain of sin). A condemned criminal blasphemed Him but that did not stop Him from saving a soul for the kingdom as seen in the conversations between Him and the second criminal. In human terms I call it COURAGE, DETERMINATION, LIVING A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE, an ACHIEVER. Nothing could stop him nor break Him with all He had to bear, one thought was on His mind to redeem mankind. GLORY!! Fear man's enemy was conquered. He triumphed above His immediate impediment with His eyes on the price, (...for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, He despising the shame..Heb 12:2)

Even to those soldiers and all that mocked Him, He asked The Father for forgiveness for them (HUMILITY) when He could have boasted of whom His Father was and also ask God to strike them but that was not part of his mission.

He was fulfilling the part that said he did not come to add to the laws but to fulfill them.

Even when it was time to leave the earth physically (death) the Bible said, in a loud voice He shouted "Father into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46), and he exited. He knew the work was done, our redemption, oh yes! He knew that the prophecies had been fulfilled, the wrath of The Father pacified. He knew God's purpose for Him had been achieved. "Yes" He knew He had fought the good fight and in Joy, in happiness that He had achieved even by The Father's grace, knowing God was there all that time, He committed H is spirit to Him!

At that point, even the devil knew he was in trouble. Even in death he was NOBLE.



hat kind of disciples are we today? What kind of cross bearers, intercessors and what have you today? Everything we need to run this race is seen in the life of Jesus, from our conduct in our everyday activities even to the point we are faced with problems in our relationship with God and man. Jesus did not question God even in His pain or blaspheme even unto death instead He WILLINGLY committed to Him and His Will. Some of us even when help has come we use our mouth confessions to drive it away. What is our confession?

Just like I mentioned earlier we always look for the short road or quick fix to our problems but today God is assuring us that in His time He makes all things perfect. "HIS time not our time" and be sure to get a long lasting result. Let us not run ahead by speaking for Him or hastening His hands. If at all He gives you result at this point, it will be His permissive will and not HIS PERFECT WILL. There is always a higher realm, Go for it.

I urge us this day to borrow a leaf from the life of Christ. Go back to your Bible and study not just what you have heard or what you have been fed as mentioned earlier, but what the Holy Spirit teaches us or drops in our heart even as we study and go along our way. You'll indeed have a deeper and greater understanding of the FAITH you are called into. The picture becomes clearer and you begin to practice what you have deduced and before you know it, you are fully convinced as to how and what to do in times of adversity and to become a Kingdom citizen.

Even as Jesus committed to The Father in death, a "Centurion" there was able to get the conviction that Jesus is "certainly a righteous man". He didn't leave it in his heart but he declared it. I am very sure others heard it, aligned with it and the good news kept spreading. That is to say that there are people who will come to Christ by just observing our lives not just by what we preach to them but by our conduct as well. Should we then preach what we can't practice ourselves, or should we be hearers alone and not doers or even be writer of discipleship books and not be a disciple ourselves.

May the Lord give us strength even as he releases His grace upon us to study His word. It is indeed of utmost importance in this last days.

