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Welcome Message

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Hello everyone and welcome to our first University of Marriage Retreat for the Year 2023.

In this edition, we will be looking at a very important topic that is the cause of many issues and rancour in the family, especially at the demise of the head of the home. This topic is "Next of Kin".

Who is the Next of Kin?

The term 'next of kin' usually refers to a person's closest living relative(s). Individuals who can be counted as next of kin include those with blood relation such as children, or those with a legal standing, such as spouses or adopted children.

Jesus reiterated God's opinion about the bond between a man and his wife as written in Genesis 2:24. He said in Matthew 19:5, that, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'.

By this statement God established that the closest relative to a married person is their spouse.

In addition to this, the laws of many countries recognise a hierarchy which determines who is deemed closest as a next of kin. The spouse is regarded as the closest person and so comes first, the children come next, followed by parents and lastly siblings, in that order.

Despite this fact, it is unfortunate that those who are the closest next of kin, which are the wives and children, suffer most by being deprived of the inheritance left by their husbands and fathers. As a result, many widows and their children have had to endure untold hardships due to this horrible traditional practice.

As Christians, we must not participate or be involved in this sinful act of snatching the properties or inheritances of our deceased family members from their immediate next of kin. Let's stand against these wicked practices; furthermore, we too should safeguard our loved ones by ensuring we put measures in place to protect them from being cheated in the event of our demise.

When we do these, our homes will be full of joy and we will be at peace that our spouse and children will be provided for, when we answer the call of our Maker.

As usual, our newsletter is full of testimonies, prayers, memory verses and confessions for your reading and as an evangelism tool.

Kindly be reminded that we will be having a 3 Day Revival themed "A Time of Refreshing" from Monday, 17th April to Wednesday, 19th April 2023. Secondly, our next "Yes Lord, Prayer Retreat" comes up on Saturday, 13th May 2023. Let's endeavour to attend these programs and invite others as well.



Yours in His Service, Servant-Leader



HYMN: GOD GIVE US CHRSTIAN HOMES

1.God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the Bible is loved and taught.

Homes where the Master's will is sought, Homes crowned with beauty Your love has wrought;

God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes!

2. God, give us Christian homes! Homes where the father is true and strong,

Homes that are free from the blight of wrong,

Homes that are joyous with love and song:

God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes!

3. God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the mother, in caring quest,
Strives to show others Your way is best,
Homes where the Lord is an honored
guest;

God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes!

4. God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the children are led to know

Christ in His beauty who loves them so, Homes where the altar fires burn and glow;

God, give us Christian homes; God, give us Christian homes!

VISION

To restore the glory of the Lord's people, release those in bondage, heal the sick and the broken-hearted and uphold marriages towards effective nation building.

MISSION

Delivering and defending the afflicted in the body of Christ by applying the word of God, praising God for breakthroughs, evangelising counselling, and testimonies through the power of His might.

VALUES: HOLINESS

H-Humility
 L-Love
 N-Neighborliness
 S-Service
 O-Orderliness
 E-Integrity
 E-Empathy
 S-Sacrifice

Picture Gallery























PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- 1. I thank and praise You, God of increase. The whole earth is Yours and its fullness thereof, blessed be Your holy name in Jesus' name. Amen.
- 2. Merciful Father, forgive me as I repent from every personal sin that hinder my increase in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.
- 3. Oh Lord, let Your word, wisdom, knowledge, kingdom and government increase in my life, family, and Nigeria in Jesus' perfect name. Amen.
- 4. Every power forcing me to operate below my God's given potential, causing stagnation, retrogression, decrease; your time is up, loose your hold on me in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.
- 5. Abba Father, let RoSGMI and the body of Christ continue to record increase on every side and the gates of hell shall not withstand its growth and increase in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

Memory Verse (All scriptures quoted from the NKJV)

Week 1 Psalm 92:12-14 NKJV

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.

Week 2

Deuteronomy 28:4 NKJV

Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

Week 3 saiah 60:22 NKJV

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time.

Week 4 Psalm 71:21 NKJV

You shall increase my greatness and comfort me on every side

Week 5

1 Corinthians 3:7 NKJV

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

DECLARATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- 1. I decree and declare that the Lord shall increase my greatness, finance, breakthrough, success, promotion, victory, and testimony in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.
- 2. I declare that God is bringing about new seasons of growth. I will not be stagnant and hold on to the old. I walk into new doors of opportunities, I enjoy new relationships, and experience new levels of favour. Yes, I increase on every side in Jesus' name.
- 3. I declare God's incredible blessings over my life, family, career and ministry. I will see an explosion of God's goodness, power, a sudden widespread increase. I will experience the surpassing greatness of God's favour. It will elevate me to a level higher than I ever dreamed of. Explosive blessings are coming my way in Jesus' name. Amen.



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

TESTIMONIES

Provoking Divine Intervention

Praise God! I give God all the glory for His divine intervention over my cheque that was dishonoured by the bank due to account name mismatch. I was called to pick up the cheque the following day, which I did, and I committed all the process to God. God came through for me, the cheque was honoured and my account was credited at the earliest.

Sister Sarah Inyang

Spiritual Growth and Renewal

First, I want to start off by giving a huge thanks to our God of mercy for reaching out to me. I now receive insights from God about Bible passages while reading and studying His Word. He daily builds me on spiritual matters, and I have spiritually developed over the past couple months.

Bro. Chukwuebuka Ohams

Divine Protection From Evil

Glory to God! I thank God for His divine protection over my daughter who miraculously escaped being hit by a fallen ceiling fan by a whisker shortly after we concluded our night prayer session. May His name be forever praised. Halleluyah!

Sis. Ngozi

- 4. I decree that my relationships shall be more satisfying, more loving, more caring, and more dependable than ever before. I command increase and multiplication to my godly loyal relationships, and I command holy discernment by the Holy Spirit to determine the difference between holy relationships and unholy ones.
- 5. I speak over my relationship with the Lord, there is increased hunger and thirst for righteousness in revelation knowledge. I am increasing in supernatural encounters with the Trinity. My ability to sense and cherish the presence of the Lord is increasing and abounding right now in Jesus' name. Amen.

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear God, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins, and the life that I have lived; I need Your forgiveness.

I believe that Your only begotten son, Jesus Christ shed his precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn away from them.

You said in Your Holy Word, in Romans 10:9 that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

Right now, I confess Jesus as the Lord of my Life. With my heart, I believe that God raised Him from the dead and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Saviour, so according to Your word, I am saved.

Thank you, Jesus for your unlimited grace which has saved me from my sins. I thank You that Your grace never leads to licence, but to repentance. Therefore, Lord Jesus, transform my life so that I may bring glory and honour to You alone and not to myself. Thank you for dying for me and giving me eternal life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Weekly Tuesday Fellowship** holds from 12:00p.m. to 1:30p.m. (Post-Covid Restriction) **Evening Service**: Tuesday at 6:00p.m.
- Youth Fellowship: every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 6:00p.m.
- **Monthly Vigil:** holds every 3rd Friday of the month. Time: 11:00p.m.
- Monthly Yes Lord! Prayer Retreat holds on 2nd Saturday of every month
- **Monthly 3-Day Fasting and Prayer:** 1st Monday to Wednesday of the month. Prayer Meeting holds daily at 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.
- **Monthly Evening of Praise** holds 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30p.m. 8:00p.m.
- University of Marriage Retreat holds quarterly on 2nd Saturday. The next one holds on Saturday, 8th April 2023 at 1:00p.m.
- Our 3 Days Revival: holds on Monday, 17th April to Wednesday, 19th April 2023 at 6:00p.m
- **Jesus On The Street Evangelism** holds every 4th Friday of the month @ 8:00a.m.
- Conceiver Part II: The next one will hold on Saturday, 29th April 2023.
- Yes! Lord Prayer Retreat: holds 2nd Saturday of every month. The next one will hold on Saturday, 13th May 2023 at 1:00p.m.

The "Alone With God" (Devotional) 2023 is available for free download on our website www.rosgmi.org. Also subscribe to our monthly newsletter online.

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Theme Song

Yes Lord

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the Joy of the lord...
Chorus:

Yes Lord! Yes Lord! Yes, Yes Lord! 3x Amen!

