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# **Welcome Message**

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I welcome you all to our second quarterly University of Marriage Retreat, for year 2023.

Our theme for this retreat is "Who or What Influences Your Marriage – Negatively or Positively". Our theme scripture is Proverbs 24:3 which says, "through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established".

The Bible emphasises that one of the greatest qualities we can possess is **WISDOM**. In fact, the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are full of wisdom verses and the need for one to acquire them.

King Solomon who is considered the wisest man that ever lived declared in Proverbs 10:1 that, "a wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother".

### So, why is wisdom important?

- 1. Wisdom helps us to discern between good and evil **Proverbs 1:1-3**Wisdom gives good health and long life **Proverbs 3:16**
- 2. We have peace and contentment **Proverbs 3:17**
- 3. Acquiring wisdom will lead to happiness **Proverbs 3:18**
- 4. We access God's divine protection **Proverbs 4:6**

### Who or What is Influencing You?

From the moment we are born till we leave this world; we will always have two opposing forces trying to influence our lives. God wants to influence us to give us a beautiful life, while the devil also wants to influence us to destroy us. The one that we yield to will determine the outcome of our lives.

Therefore, as married people, we must carefully screen the kind of people and things we allow to influence us.

The Bible says in Proverbs 13:20 that, "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed".

Let's take a look at two examples of people in the Bible and how the type of influence they allowed impacted their lives.

A. In Judges 16-17, Samson married Delilah, a Philistine woman against his parents warning. He was influenced by his desire for beautiful women, and this ultimately resulted in his premature death.

B. On the other hand, Ruth, a Moabite woman, in Ruth Chapters 3 and 4, heeded the godly advice of her mother-in-law, Naomi, to marry Boaz and she became one of the ancestors of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, if you want your marriage to be sweet, allow God's word to be your primary influence. It is full of life-impacting instructions and words of divine wisdom that will establish your home.

As usual, our Newsletter is full of testimonies, prayers, memory verses and confessions. I enjoin you to share it with those in your sphere of influence as a tool of encouragement and evangelism.

Our "Yes Lord! Prayer Retreat" comes up on Saturday, 8th July 2023. Also, our "Special Healing Program" is scheduled for Saturday, 29th July 2023. Let's endeavour to attend and invite others as well.

Yours in His Service, Servant Leader



# HYMN: I'M PRESSING ON THE UPWARD WAY

I'm pressing on the upward way,
 New heights I'm gaining every day;
 Still praying as I onward bound,
 "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith on Canaan's tableland;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

- My heart has no desire to stay
   Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
   Though some may dwell where these abound,
   My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.
- 3. I want to live above the world, Though Satan's darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground.
- 4. I want to scale the utmost height And catch a gleam of glory bright; But still I'll pray till rest I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

### **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**

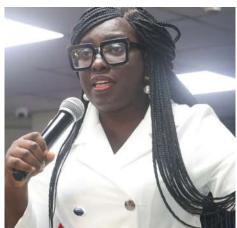
H-Humility
 L-Love
 N-Neighborliness
 S-Service
 O-Orderliness
 E-Integrity
 E-Empathy

# Picture Gallery























### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

- 1. Almighty Father, thank You for my life and that of my family. For moving us forward and upwards into our next level in destiny, receive all the praise in Jesus' name.
- 2. GOD, arise and show me great mercy. Where sin has hitherto hindered me from entering my next level, let Your mercy appear and move me forward in Jesus' name.
- 3. The power to move from stagnation to my next level of greatness rests upon me henceforth in Jesus' name.
- 4. I decree over me and my loved ones, we move to the next level spiritually, physically, financially, and materially in Jesus' name.
- 5. My life, hear the word of the Lord, from now on, poverty, rising and falling, affliction, and sorrow, disappear in my life, as I move to the next level in Jesus' name.
- 6. Father, let Your presence go ahead of me, my family, Church and nation and make the crooked path straight, level mountains and hills and raise every valley in Jesus' name.

### Memory Verse (All scriptures quoted from the NKJV)

### Week 1 Isaiah 40:4 NKJV

+ Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth.

### Week 2

### **Psalm 75:6-7 NKJV**

For exaltation comes neither from the east, nor from the west nor from the south, but God is the Judge. He puts down one and exalts another.

### Week 3 1 Peter 5:6 NKJV

Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

### Week 4

### Philippians 3:12-14 NKJV

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



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

Philippians 4:4

### **TESTIMONIES**

### Safe Delivery of Baby

I have come to return all the glory to God who made it possible for my wife to give birth safely within the month. The prophetic symbol shared at the last Conceiver was our Ministry Angel during childbirth. Mother is strengthened! Baby is full of God's grace! Praise God.

### **Brother Gabriel Johnson**

### **Divine Healing Over Sickness**

Awesome! God touched me, healed me, and saved me from sickness. I'm super blessed to celebrate my new age in His glory and my two children also graduated from school this month. Hallelujah!

### **Dcns Catherine Esom**

### **Deliverance From Insanity**

Glory to God! I thank God for delivering my beloved neighbour who went into deep insanity. She became totally healed some days after I ministered our Communion – wafer and wine to her. May His name be forever praised!

### Sis. Nkem Okocha-Igalla

### DECLARATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

- 1. I decree, by the mercy of God, no bitter tears in my life in June; rather, it shall be full of jubilations in Jesus' name.
- 2. By the power that raised Jesus from the dead, Nigeria is liberated from every negative pattern and cycle. We decree henceforth, the manifestation of God's goodness in Jesus' name.
- 3. I am at a new level; therefore, I am increased in strength, knowledge, wisdom understanding, counsel, revelation, and relevance in Jesus' name.
- 4. I declare destruction upon everything that has been working against the manifestation of my miracles and testimony in Jesus' name.
- 5. I declare my next-level season is here! No more limitations and setbacks in all that concern me in Jesus' name.

### 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.
- **Jesus On The Street Evangelism** holds every 4th Friday of the month @ 8:00a.m.
- God's Battle Axe: holds 4th Saturday of every month. The next one will hold on Saturday, 24th June 2023 at 12:00p.m.
- The Glory of the Youth Conference: will hold on Saturday, 1st July 2023 at 1:00p.m.
- Special Healing Service will hold on Saturday, 29th July 2023.

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!

