

“THEIR”
CONVERSATION
WITH ME ABOUT
A RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS



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we see the Light ”*

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“THEIR” CONVERSATION?

How much of the Word of God, under Holy Spirit guidance, is in the **conversation** between **Father God** and you, between **Jesus Christ** and you, and also in the conversation that you have **with yourself**? Let the Word as **Truth speak** to you.

Heart to heart conversations through the Word of God, establish eternal quality and depth in your **relationship** with God.

The **Word of God** is the foundation for **communication, interaction, declaration** and **interpretation** in our **relationship** with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Get **involved** in the conversation about **JESUS CHRIST!**

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May God minister to you in a very special way as you take **time** with His Word and **walk** with the Holy Spirit through this “**study**”

guide” about “**A Relationship with Jesus**” (as one of many themes available).

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“For **His** divine power has bestowed **upon us all things** that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] **knowledge** of **Him** Who **called** us **by and to His** own glory and **excellence** (virtue)... **employ** every **effort** in **exercising** your faith to develop virtue (**excellence**, resolution, Christian energy), and in [**exercising**] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), and in [**exercising**]... [develop] Christian **love**.” (2 Pet. 1:3,5,6,7b AMPC) Love: the **more excellent way** - (1 Cor. 12:31)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a (special) people for God’s own possession, **so that** you may **proclaim the excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of Him who **called you out** of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Pet. 2:9 AMP.)

OFE VISION

DISCIPLE people into the lifestyle of a true worshipper of God, set free to live an excellent life, practically, all as if unto the Lord.

BUILD character, knowledge and skills into the members of the Body of Christ, into the living stones of God’s house, to serve the church effectively.

TRAIN people through the Word of God, to accurately obey His Word with excellence and respect.

ACTIVATE and release people as Spirit-filled vessels equipped to be witnesses of the Truth under His guidance.

PLANT strategic people as church, ministry and community leaders, according to their specific calling, vision and destiny on earth.

REACH all generations with the message of the Kingdom, as ambassadors and co-workers of Christ.

ENJOY your life with God and His family, as you see how your Father's dream becomes a reality in the nations.

“ In Your Light, we see the Light ” (Ps.36:9)

8 ACADEMIES in OFE, (Our Father's Excellence) BIBLE SCHOOL:

- WORD
- PRAYER
- WORSHIP
- PROPHETIC
- SHEPHERDING
- TEACHING+TRAINING
- CHURCH FOUNDATIONS
- MISSIONS+EVANGELISM

WORD ACADEMY OF OFE : VISION

“Study and be **eager** and do your utmost to **present** yourself to God approved (**tested by trial**), a **workman** who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly** analyzing and **accurately** dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15 AMPC.)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every **good work**. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

It is our desire to see people **grow** in their **love** (Ps. 119:97,127), **understanding** (Eph. 1:17) and **application** (Ps. 119:11, John 8:31) of the **Word**.

“You have **commanded** us to keep Your precepts, that we should **observe** them diligently. Oh, that my ways were **directed** and **established** to

observe Your statutes (**hearing, receiving, loving and obeying** them)! Then shall I not be put to shame (by failing to inherit Your promises) when I **look (with respect)** to all Your commandments.” (Ps. 119:4-6 AMP.)

Allow the **Holy Spirit** to fulfill the first priority promise from God in the New Covenant.(Heb. 8:10) “... **and I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts...**”

“ Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ” (Ps.119:105)

Strategic, practical
DEVELOPMENT PLAN
for EXCELLENCE in your personal life,
unique calling, dreams, ministry and destiny.

If you are **already** involved, or if you **want to** be involved in different **ministries**, (worship, children, youth, prayer, dance, technical, marketplace, financial, pioneer, etc.) in your **church, community, and nation**, you need to **continually develop** in authority in your field of ministry, work and unique calling, and challenge yourself for **excellence** in your **life and ministry** in and through the church!

This authority includes **character, gifts, skill, Word foundation, passion** and **accurate alignment** in **relationships** where God has called you in a specific church for successful impact in a specific community. When you consider your unique calling in the body of Christ, **commit to serve effectively** where God has placed you. “... a planting of the Lord, for the **display** of His **splendor**.” (Isa. 61:3b)

Grow in a **lifestyle** where **God’s initiative** is evident and **God’s excellence** is seen through who you are and what you do. Identify through the Holy Spirit, **who** is taking the **initiative** in your work, ministry and personal life. Evaluate your lifestyle and be accountable to leadership in your local church about your **development**.

You need **Godly authority** in your life to stand in Christ with victory, set free to **live the dream** Father God has for you. Godly authority with excellence can only be established **through** the **Word of God** in every

ministry and it is very important in order to **fulfil** your **calling** and achieve the **goals** that God has for you.

Our **challenge** in many ministries and church networks is to establish a **strategic, practical development plan** for members, volunteers, leaders and serving teams to grow effectively in what they do **for** Christ and **with** Christ.

There are many great seminars, short-term courses and conferences having impact in ministries, and there are amazing theological seminaries and Bible-schools, for fulltime training, but the “**gap**”, **lack, need** and **prophetic priority** now, is the long-term strategic development plan for the family of God to become the mature, relevant, effective church to:

- **Proclaim** the **excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of God. (1 Pet. 2:9)
- **Declare** how **excellent** His Name is in all the earth. (Ps. 8:1)
- **Approve** (discern, show forth) the things that are **excellent**. (Phil. 1:10b)
- **Show** the more **excellent way** (love). (1 Cor. 12:31)
- **Develop excellent** speech. (Prov. 17:7)
- **Exercise** your faith to develop **excellence**. (2 Pet. 1:6)
- **Allow** the process for God to make you an eternal **excellence**. (Is. 60:15)
- **Meditate** on... what is **excellent**. (Phil. 4:8)
- **Sing** to the Lord for He has done **excellent** things. (Is. 12:5)
- **Believe** that you as saints are the “**excellent ones**”. (Ps. 16:3)

That is why we want to introduce to you strategic, “set out”, specific Authority Fields for your development in who you are **in** Christ and what you do **with** Christ and **for** Christ. **Authority fields** are groupings of 7 **specific** subjects designed to focus on development in a **specific** area of ministry or personal growth.

We want to **help** and **assist** you with this **suggested road map** of development, to grow in doing everything with **excellence** as if unto the Lord.

Prayerfully look at the “set out” combination of **strategic training fields** and commit to it personally or even set it as a development path for you, your family, church and ministry partners/ friends. You can find the detail at

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In this specific book/manual you will find 4 of more than 48 units for self-study (with 4 exam papers). These 4 units/themes from God's Word form part of the **training development program** for **excellence** in your walk with God.

My prayer for you and me in Psalm 19:14 (AMPC): "Let the **words** of my mouth and the **meditation** of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in **Your sight**, o Lord, my (firm, immovable) **rock** and my **Redeemer**."

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1. FATHER'S conversation with me about ...

JESUS

I am your God and I have called you to have an intimate relationship with Me as your Father, and with My Son for eternity. I will enable you to relate accurately, for **I have called you into fellowship with Jesus Christ, My Son, and your Lord, and I am faithful.** (from 1 Cor. 1:9)

You can have and experience this relationship with Me and My Son if you constantly respond to My Voice, the Voice which called you out of darkness into My eternal marvelous light. Walk in the light, for, **My Son is the light of the world. Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.** (from John 8:12)

In My light you will see the light, and you will see My strategy and know My will; where to be, where to go, and what to do. You will always have Godly breakthroughs into the heavenlies available to you, for **My Son is the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to Me except through Him.** (from John 14:6)

Be at peace in My presence, for I will always be there for you. My Son cried "Why have You forsaken Me?" on the Cross so that you will never be forsaken. **My Son is the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.** (from John 10:11)

Follow Him with an open heart, which will give you an open ear, for you have the capacity to hear His voice and follow His guidance. **My Son's sheep listen to His voice; He knows them and they follow Him.** (from John 10:27)

When you follow Him and His guidance, you will walk into opportunities that come from Me. Don't wait for a door to open, seek and find My Son in the situation, for **My Son is the gate; whoever enters through Him will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture.** (from John 10:9)

If you cannot see My Son in the opportunity, then the open door is not from Me. Hell can open many doors that may seem to be leading you into

success, into your vision, but stay dependent on My Son. In Him is all the provision you need for abundant life. **My Son is the bread of life. He who comes to Him will never go hungry and he who believes in Him will never be thirsty.** (from John 6:35)

Eating this bread will bring death to a fleshly, worldly, self-centered life, but it will bring substance and strength to a meaningful life with My Son. Count the cost and make your decision, for **If anyone would come after Jesus, My Son, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Him. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses it for My Son will find it.** (from Matt. 16:24-25)

Deny your flesh, pride, fears, own opinions, failures and successes the right to have the final say in your life and “take up” your identity through the Cross. **You have been crucified with Jesus Christ, My Son, and you no longer live, but it is He who lives in you. The life you live in the body, you live by faith in My Son, who loved you and gave Himself for you.** (from Gal. 2:20)

You died with Him, you were buried with Him, you were raised with Him, and now you are seated with Him in heavenly places. There is a beautiful life hidden in Christ for you. Draw from the glory within and upon My Son and your life will become beautiful, for **My Son is the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Him, and He in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Him you can do nothing.** (from John 15:5)

Choose to be dependent on My Son, decide to do nothing without Him and He will work in you and through you, for the Holy Spirit was on Him, with My agenda. My Son explained My agenda when He said that **the Spirit is on My Son, Jesus, because I have anointed Him to preach good news to the poor. I have sent Him to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of My favour.** (from Luke 4:18,19)

Follow Him, work with Him and obey Him, and what you do will have eternal impact if My Son is at the centre of it all, because **Jesus Christ, My Son, is the same yesterday and today and forever.** (from Heb. 13:8)

Find me in your past, your present and your future, and a valuable, meaningful, productive life will be your inheritance tomorrow. This can become a reality, because **My Son will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.** (from Luke 3:16b)

You don't need to be baptized into circumstances, personalities, opinions, failures or success. When you are baptised with the Spirit, you will be drawn to who I really am, and the fire will purify, clarify and pull you out of a fleshly, destructive, self-centered life. You can work and build with My Son when you know Him. **Peter said to My Son: "You are the Christ, The Son of the living God."** (from Matt. 16:16)

The revelation about Jesus Christ, My Son, must be the foundation of everything you want to do for Him and with Him. He is the living Word who holds My agenda for the universe in His hands. As it was written: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Me, and the Word was God. He was with Me in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him is life and that life is the light of men.** (from John 1:1-4)

Let the light of the living Word challenge your perspective, so that your priorities will come into alignment with My perfect will. **But whatever is to your profit consider it loss for the sake of Christ, My Son. What is more, consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus, your Lord, for whose sake you must lose all things. Consider them rubbish, that you may gain Christ...** (from Phil. 3:7-8)

Jesus Christ is your life, even beyond death, and that is why you can declare that, "To live is Christ, and death is gain." Let the death of your flesh and your self-centered life be the key to show forth eternal life in Christ and with Christ. Remember, **My Son, Jesus, is the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Him will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Him will never die. Do you believe this?** (from John 11:25-26)

2. JESUS' conversation with me about ...

HIMSELF

Eternal life is knowing your Father, through Me as the Way, and knowing Me through the Father's invitation. **My Father, who has called you into fellowship with Me, His Son, Jesus Christ, your Lord, He is faithful.**

(from 1 Cor. 1:9)

I have called you out of darkness into My marvelous light, called you into who I am. Now is your time to see who I really am. **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."** (John 8:12b)

I will be your strategy, and in Me you will find and know where to go and where you need to be, for **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** (John 14:6)

I will always be there for you, for I gave everything just to have you with Me. Let's walk together as you choose to trust Me. **"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."** (John 10:11)

Follow Me and come with an open heart and open ear, for you can hear My voice and you can follow My guidance. **"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me."** (John 10:27)

You may hear voices of fear, circumstance, stress, intimidation and even the voice of vision, failure, or success, but choose to follow only My voice, and I will become the opportunity, the open door into what Father has for you tomorrow. **"I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture."** (John 10:9)

It doesn't matter what hindrances you face, I will be your breakthrough, the gate! In Me you will find all that you need. You will live, not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God for **"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty."** (John 6:35)

The key to this abundant life with Me is the Cross. As I laid down My life for you, so it will be for you. Only through laying down your whole life, will you have the privilege to walk with Me and follow Me wherever I go. **"If anyone**

would come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.” (Matt 16:24-25)

Don't follow your flesh, pride, fears, own opinions, failures and success, but deny these things the right to have the final say in your life. Take up your identity through the Cross. **You have been crucified with Me and you no longer live, but I live in you. The life you live in the body, you live by faith in Me, the Son of God; who loved you and gave Myself for you.** (from Gal. 2:20)

You died with Me, you were buried with Me, you were raised with Me; and now you are seated with Me in heavenly places. There is a beautiful life, hidden in Me, for you. Draw from the glory within Me and your life will become beautiful, for **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”** (John 15:5)

Choose to be dependent on Me and I will work in you and through you, for the Holy Spirit was on Me with Father's agenda. The hand of the Father will be on you through the Spirit. I explained My Father's agenda when I said, **“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”** (Luke 4:18,19)

As you follow Me, work with Me and obey Me. The Holy Spirit will work in and through you if you keep Me at the centre of all you say and do, for **I am the same yesterday and today and forever.** (from Heb. 13:8)

Find Me in your past, your present and your future, and a valuable, meaningful, productive life will be your inheritance tomorrow. This can become your reality, because **I will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.** (from Luke 3:16b)

You do not need to be baptized in circumstances, personalities, opinions, failures or success. When you are baptized with the Spirit, you will be drawn to who I really am, and the fire will purify, clarify and pull you out of a fleshly, destructive, self-centred life. You can work and build with Me, only when you know me. Let your life show that **I am the Christ, the Son of the Living God.** (from Matt. 16:16)

The revelation of who I am must be the foundation of everything you want

to do for Me and with Me. I am the living Word, who holds the Father's agenda for the universe in My hand. **I am the Word, I was there in the beginning, and I was with God, and I am God. I was with God in the beginning. Through Me all things were made; without Me nothing was made that has been made. In Me is life and that life is the light of men.**
(from John 1:1-4)

Let the light in Me challenge your perspective so that your priorities will come in line with the Father's will. **But whatever is to your profit consider it loss for My sake. What is more, consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Me, your Lord, for whose sake you must lose all things. Consider them rubbish, that you may gain Me...** (from Phil. 3:7-8)

I am your life, even beyond death. As it is written, life is Christ and death is gain. Let the death of your flesh and self-centred life be the key to show forth eternal life in Me and with Me. Remember, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"**
(John 11:25-26)

3. MY conversation with myself about ...

JESUS

I have this invitation from the Father to have an intimate relationship with His Son. He will enable me to relate accurately to Him, for **God, who has called me into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ my Lord, is faithful.** (from 1 Cor. 1:9)

I have been called out of darkness into His marvellous light. This is my time to discover, through God's Word, who Jesus Christ really is!

I see that **Jesus is the Light of the world. If I follow Him, I will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.** (from John 8:12b)

He wants to show me the way, but also to be the center of the strategy, the Way. When I know where to go, where to be and what to do, He will always be there! I realize that **Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life. I cannot come to the Father except through Him.** (from John 14:6)

I have the plans and strategies of God in Me, for He is in me and with me. I can follow Him for He is committed to me even unto death. **Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for me, for I am one of His sheep.** (from John 10:11)

He protects me and guides me into what is absolutely the best for my life. When I go to Him with an open heart and open ear, I will be able to hear His voice and know how to follow Him. **I am His sheep, and I listen to His voice; He knows me, and I follow Him.** (from John 10:27)

I may be surrounded by voices of fear, circumstance, stress, intimidation, and even the voice of vision, failure or success, but I will choose to follow only His voice! He will show me God's opportunities for my life, and in Him I will find the opportunities of tomorrow, for **Jesus is the gate. If I enter through Him, I will be saved. I will come in and go out and find pasture.** (from John 10:9)

It doesn't matter what hindrances I face, Jesus will be my breakthrough, for He is the entrance point for all I need. He will not merely be the Provider, He, Himself, will also be the Provision, for **Jesus is the Bread of Life. If I**

come to Him I will never go hungry, and if I believe in Him I will never thirst. (from John 6:35)

The key to this abundant life with Him is the Cross of Christ. As He laid down His life for me, I need to lay down my life for Him at the cross. There is no cheap walk with Christ, but it is a priceless privilege. **If I would come after Him, I need to deny myself, take up my cross and follow Him. For if I want to save my life, I will lose it, but if I lose my life for Him, I will find it.** (from Matt. 16:24,25)

I will deny my flesh, pride, fears, own opinions and desires, failures and success to have the right to have the final say in my life. I will “take up” my identity through the Cross. **“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”** (Gal. 2:20)

I have died with Him, I was buried with Him, I was raised with Him and now I am seated with Him in heavenly places. There is a beautiful life hidden in Christ for me. Therefore, I will be dependent on Him alone. From Him I can bring forth a beautiful, quality life. **Jesus is the Vine, I am one of the branches; if I remain in Him and He in me, I will bear much fruit; apart from Him I can do nothing.** (from John 15:5)

I will decide to do nothing without Him, His wisdom and His guidance. I can walk in the agenda of the Father demonstrated by Jesus under the Holy Spirit’s anointing. **The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus, because the Father has anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Him (and me as His co-worker) to heal the brokenhearted. He has sent Him to proclaim freedom to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind; to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.** (from Luke 4:18,19)

By God’s grace I will follow Him, work with Him and obey Him. I know that when Christ is the center of all that I say and do, it will have eternal impact. When I seek and find Jesus in my past, my present, and my future, I will inherit a valuable, meaningful, productive life tomorrow. Because **Jesus Christ in my life is the same yesterday and today and forever.** (from Heb. 13:8)

I don’t need to be baptised in circumstances, personalities, opinions, failures or success. When I am baptised with the Spirit, I will be drawn to who God really is and His fire will purify, clarify, and pull me out of a fleshly,

destructive, self-centered life! **Jesus baptises me with the Holy Spirit and with fire** (from Luke 3:16b)

I can build and work with Jesus only when I know Him. This revelation about Jesus Christ must become the foundation of everything I want to do for Him, and with Him. Peter said, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”** (Matt. 16:16)

He is the living Word who holds the Father’s agenda for the universe in His hands. Scripture assures me that; **In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things (including me) were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life is the light of my life.** (from John 1:1-4)

I will allow the light of the living Word to challenge my perspective so that my priorities can come in line with God’s perfect will for my life. Therefore, I declare according to the Word: **“But whatever was profitable to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”** (Phil. 3:7,8)

Jesus Christ is my life, even beyond death, and that is why I can say that, “My life is Christ, and death is gain!” The death of my flesh and self-centered life will be the key that enables me to show forth the eternal life I have in Christ and with Christ. This can become a reality because **Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. If I believe in Him, I will live, even though I die; and if I live and believe in Him, I will never die. I believe this.** (from John 11:25,26)

4. TRUTH'S conversation with me about ...

JESUS

As you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Redeemer, God the Father calls you now to have an intimate, living relationship with Jesus, His Son. 1 Cor. 1:9 says, **“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”**

In this intimate relationship with Jesus, you get to know Him for who He is. He brings perspective into your life. He says: **“... I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”** (John 8:12b)

More and more you will see the way you should walk, what life is all about and understand when Jesus says: **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** (John 14:6)

As you trust Him to guide and protect you, you will discover that John 10:11 is a reality where Jesus says: **“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”** You will learn how to follow Him according to John 10:27: **“My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me.”**

Through Him, you will find the entrance point to where the Father is, and also the entrance point for every heavenly opportunity that God has for you. Jesus says: **“I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.”** (John 10:9)

If you acknowledge Him as the One who is your “nourishment,” you will never return from Him disappointed. He explicitly says: **“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.”** (John 6:35)

What Jesus expects from you and me, however, is to give Him absolutely everything, just as He did for us. Jesus says: **“If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.”** (Matt.16:24,25)

The long term result of following Jesus starts with total self-denial; and once again this starts at the cross. Paul says: **“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself**

or me.” (Gal. 2:20)

We need to be totally dependent on Jesus as it is written in John 15:5. Jesus says: **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”**

Jesus wants to reach other people through our lives. In order to fulfill this desire of Jesus, we need to do what He wants us to do, in complete dependence on Him. We see the “Ministry Vision” of Jesus in Luke 4:18,19. He says: **“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”**

Our eternal calling is found in, through and with Him. Heb. 13:8 says **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”**

To live in dependence on God means to grow in the revelation of who Jesus is. You are able to get rid of the rubbish in your life and will be enabled to follow the example of Christ because: **“He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”** (Luke 3:16b) You can work for and with Him if you know who He is. Peter said: **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** (Matt. 16:16)

Whereupon Jesus replied that on that revelation, He will build His church. The Holy Spirit will establish this foundation in us through the Living Word in our lives. John 1:1-4 explains, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life and that life was the light of men.”**

Give your everything to know Him and the revelation of who He is. Hear the commitment of Paul in Phil. 3:7,8: **“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”**

As you realise that you have been crucified with Christ, you died with Christ, and that you have been buried with Christ, you can surely believe John 11:25,26, where Jesus said: **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who Believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”**