



# 'More than Conqueror' focus

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE OVERCOMERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INT'L JUL 2016 – VOLUME 8 ISSUE 6

## Pastor's Desk

### **ARISE FOR YOUR DIVINE DESTINY RESTORATION!**

**MATTHEW 26:24** "THE SON OF MAN GOETH AS IT IS WRITTEN OF HIM....."  
**JOHN 18:37** "...TO THIS END WAS I BORN, AND FOR THIS CAUSE CAME I INTO THE WORLD....."

Do you know what has been written in the record of heaven concerning your life? Do you know the purpose of God for your life?. Do you know the expectation of heaven for your life? These probing questions are to discover about your destiny in life. It is a tragedy if you do not have answers to these questions!. Jesus made it abundantly clear that there is a purpose for individual on earth. Prophet Jeremiah was ordained from the womb and he fulfilled his destiny; while Samson's destiny was derailed on the platter of prostitution. There are many servants riding upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth (Eccles.10:7). This is an example of destiny manipulation and spiritual exchange of virtues. The good news is that we have a living God through our Lord Jesus Christ who can restore that seemingly derailed destiny not only into its original form but superior final condition in your life. Do you know that you are special in the sight of the Almighty God no matter what

you are presently undergoing? Give your life totally to Him and call upon Him now and He will answer you . Your hope and faith in the Lord will give you courage to face the giant harassing your destiny because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the whole world.

In this new month of July 2016 which God has declared as the month of "Divine Restoration"; I will like to make this special announcement to you on this note, that it is your turn to arise and go for your total and double restoration in this new month of July 2016, as God did for Job (Job.1:3 & Job 42:12) and David at Ziklag (1 Sam.30:20&26), in Jesus name. The Lord will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten in your life ; and I decree and prophesy that this new month of July will be an end to every embarrassing situation in your life, in Jesus name!.

Jesus is a destiny-restoration God!.

**JESUS IS LORD.**

**PASTOR MIKE ILELADEWA**

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday Service: 10:30am—1pm;

Monday Bible Study: 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday Prayer Warrior : 11pm— 2am;

## Monthly Activities

### Vigil Prayer Meeting

2nd Friday of Every month:11pm-2am

[Next meeting: 8th Jul, 2016]

### General Evangelism:

Third Saturday of Every Month, 3pm-4pm

[Next meeting: 16th Jul, 2016]

### Women's Fellowship Meeting:

Third Sunday of Every month, 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 17th Jul, 2016]

### Men's Fellowship Meeting:

Third Sunday of Every month, 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 17th Jul, 2016]

### Breakthrough Prayer Meeting:

Last Friday of Every Month: 7pm-9pm

[Next meeting: 29th Jul, 2016]

*"I am an Overcomer because Jesus Christ who lives in me is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)"*

## JOY CHANGES EVERYTHING (Contd.)

By Donald Macleod

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### The Overflow of Joy:

But does joy really matter? It certainly mattered to the apostle John, who tells us that what drove him to write was his concern that his readers' joy should be complete (1 John 1:4). We have already seen the link between joy and obedience in the life of our Lord. The same link holds in our own Christian lives. "Holy joy," wrote Matthew Henry, "is the oil to the wheels of our obedience." It was this same principle that Jonathan Edwards highlighted when he wrote that God had made our affections the spring of our actions, adding, "The Scriptures speak of holy joy as a great part of true religion."

This was clearly exemplified in the life of the apostle Paul, the supreme example of "labors more abundant" (2 Corinthians 11:23). Not only does he constantly urge us to rejoice; he exemplifies it himself. He was "always rejoicing" (2 Corinthians 6:10). But he also presents us with another remarkable example of joy in action. When he urges the Corinthians to contribute liberally to the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem, he invokes the example of the Macedonian churches, whose "overflowing joy" welled up in rich generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2). This is what joy does. It overflows.

William Wordsworth once defined poetry as "the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings." However inadequate these words may be as a definition of poetry (Milton's *Paradise Lost* was certainly not spontaneous), we have every right to introduce Wordsworth's language into the vocabulary of the Christian life. Our service is the spontaneous overflow of powerful Christian joy, deeply rooted in union with Christ and sharply focused on the beauty of his gospel. Where there is such joy, there can be no lukewarmness. It overflows in spontaneous obedience.

### The Strength of Joy:

We see the same principle at work in the life of Nehemiah, one of the great action-men of the Old Testament. When the work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem had been completed, all the people assembled to hear Ezra read the Book of the Law, but as Ezra read, Nehemiah noticed that the people were weeping (Nehemiah 8:9), and he immediately sensed danger. On a day that was sacred to God, it was utterly inappropriate to

be mourning and weeping (Nehemiah 8:9). He then gave a remarkable instruction: "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared" — and to that instruction he appended a memorable statement of principle, "Do not grieve, *for the joy of the Lord is your strength*" (Nehemiah 8:10).

The terrifying corollary to this is that without joy we are impotent, like Samson shorn of his strength, and this has huge implications for every pastoral and preaching ministry. How can we equip the saints for works of service? We are in grave danger of falling into the patterns of the secular world and its obsession with special courses, training-programs, consultants and even boot-camps; and when all else fails, simply off-loading huge burdens of guilt onto demoralized congregations, whose commitment never seems to match our expectations. But if Paul is to be believed, the task of motivating and equipping Christians for service is neither more nor less than the ordinary, stated work of pastor-teachers; and if Nehemiah is to be believed, the primary way to achieve that object is by filling their hearts with joy; which in turn means filling their minds with constant reminders of the breadth and depth and length and height of the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18–19). Sorrow, especially for our own sin, has its place. But it is not our strength. That lies in the joy of forgiveness.

*Shalom!!!*

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## Upcoming Events

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CHILDREN TO BE HELD 22nd JULY 2016; TIME : 7PM—9PM

ALPHA COURSES REGISTRATION STILL ON...

BAPTISMAL LESSONS TO COMMENCE VERY SOON...