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HOW THE Holy Spirit Empowers FOR Exploits!

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Jesus Christ once read the scriptures saying: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. ...And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about (Luke 4:18-19, 37).

From scriptures, we recognise that the anointing of the Holy Spirit, among others, empowers the redeemed to command exploits. For instance, Jesus Christ was a carpenter's son for 30 years, without an identity. However, when He returned in the power of the Holy Spirit, He was loaded with divinity and the Bible records that His fame went throughout all Judea and to all the regions roundabout. We also saw in scriptures how 120 fearful disciples, who hid in the Upper room after the death of Jesus, commanded exploits in Jerusalem and around the world after being empowered by the Holy Ghost (Luke 4:18-19, 37, 7:17; John 20:19-22; Acts 2:1-41).

Furthermore, it is important to know that at redemption, we possess greater potentials than all the Old Testaments saints such as Daniel, Abraham, Joseph, etc. Concerning the potentials of His disciples and every redeemed child of God, Jesus said: *Verily I*

say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he (Matthew 11:11; see also Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:29).

Jesus further said: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12).*

That means we are also ordained to manifest greater exploits than Jesus and we saw this in the scriptures when Peter's shadow healed the sick but Jesus' shadow didn't. That is what redemption guarantees. However, it is important to note that though we are candidates for exploits at redemption, we cannot manifest exploits without the empowerment of the Holy Ghost.

But, what is Exploits?

"Exploits" simply means an extraordinary, record-breaking and record-setting accomplishment. It is setting the pace, blazing the trail, achieving outstanding feats and bringing to bear unimaginable accomplishments on earth. In other words, exploits is accomplishing things that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard and what has not entered into the heart of any man (Matthew 5:13-14; 1 Corinthians 2:9).

How, then, does the Holy Spirit empower us for exploits?

First, it is important to know that the Holy Ghost is a multidimensional and multi-tasking Spirit because He manifests Himself through diverse operations. We saw His seven-dimensional ministry mentioned in Isaiah 11:2 and the Bible says: *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal (1 Corinthians 12:4-7; see also Ephesians 4:4-5).*

The above scripture refers to the gifts of the Holy Ghost. That means, the phrases "same Lord" and "same God," are referring to the Holy Ghost because He is the third Person of the God-head and these three are One. He is the same Holy Ghost operating in diverse dimensions (1 John 5:7-8).

We must also understand that without the Holy Spirit, our bodies are helpless and dead spiritually. This is because no matter what our flesh can handle; it is nothing compared with what the Holy Spirit can empower us to do. As it is written: *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing... (Isaiah 45:1-3; see also Isaiah 61:1-7; John 6:63; James 2:26).*

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Let's examine three dimensions that the Holy Spirit operates in to empower us for exploits.

The Holy Spirit operates as the Spirit of wisdom and understanding: It is important to recognise that the Spirit of wisdom is not the spirit of wise talks, but the Spirit of mighty deeds. This is because mighty words are accessible from the schools of psychology and philosophy but the Spirit of wisdom is the Spirit of mighty works. Speaking of Jesus, the Bible says: *And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?* (Matthew 13:54; see also Isaiah 11:1-2; Luke 4:18-19).

Wise talks are cheap; it is wise deeds that are scarce. In addition, it is common knowledge that the story of creation remains the greatest epitome of exploits as the order is unique and the sustainability is out-of-this-world; yet, it is a product of wisdom. The Bible says: *The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens* (Proverbs 3:19; see also Psalms 104:24; Jeremiah 10:12).

Thus, it is by the Spirit of wisdom that creation came to be and is sustained. In the same vein, when that Spirit comes upon a man, it makes him of quick understanding and he commands exploits cheaply. For instance, Joseph's life was without form and void just like the earth was at the beginning; but at the instance of the Spirit of wisdom, his destiny was recovered. The Bible records that when Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream, Pharaoh declared to his servants: *...Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou* (Genesis 41:38-40; see also 1 Kings 3:1-13, 4:29-34, 10:1-7; Job 32:8; Isaiah 11:2; Daniel 2:16-19, 46, 6:1-3; John 6:63).

What this Spirit does is to show us the way to do things and the way to go about a given task that nobody else knows. He also shows us how to go about our lives to make the most of it. That is why the Bible says: *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come* (John 16:13).

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding is simply a showing Spirit. What He showed Joseph took him from the prison to the palace overnight. I pray that as you fellowship with the Holy Spirit, He will show you what eyes have not seen, nor ears heard and what has not entered into the

heart of any man!

He is the Spirit of servanthood: Let's recognise that serving God's interest requires the Spirit of servanthood for continuity, sustenance, steadfastness and maintenance of the tempo. Concerning Jesus, The Bible says: *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name* (Philippians 2:5-9; see also Isaiah 42:1-4; Luke 22:25-27).

When the Spirit of servanthood comes upon us, we don't make noise to make news because that Spirit changes our status noiselessly. Furthermore, serving God's interest secretly qualifies us for open rewards. Therefore, maintaining the tempo of our stewardship continually enhances the rate of our impact on earth. For instance, Jesus said to those who had served with Him: *Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel* (Luke 22:28-30; see also Exodus 23:25-26; Job 36:11; Luke 22:26).

We also discover from scriptures that the Spirit of servanthood is the platform for the rise of giants and leaders. For instance, when Prophet Samuel went to anoint one of the sons of Jesse as king, the Bible records that all his sons were rejected by God except David, the servant (1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 89:20-24).

God only positions and elevates servants, not good talkers and supervisors. No one truly serving God's interest ever ends as a beggar or in regrets, but as a record breaker. Concerning Job, God said unto satan: *...Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?* (Job 1:8).

In the preceding verses, the Bible records that Job was the greatest entrepreneur in his days: *His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east* (Job 1:3 see also Job 1:1-2).

Serving God's interest wholeheartedly is one of the requirements for exploits. Therefore, let us not allow man's "well done" to confuse us because it is only

applause; it is God's "well done" that brings the rewards (Luke 19:12-26).

In addition, it is important to note that Job suffered because he was ignorant and afraid. However, because God has not given us the spirit of fear and we have access to the truth of scriptures, we are not permitted to suffer the setbacks that Job experienced. Also, the devil has no right to afflict our bodies because they are the temples of the Holy Spirit and we are ordained to glorify God with them (Job 1:10, 3:25; Proverbs 29:25; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Timothy 1:7).

- **He is also the Spirit of guidance:** We understand from scriptures that the Holy Spirit receives guidance from God concerning our lives and shows it to us. It is written: *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you* (John 16:13-14).

That means the Holy Ghost is the intermediary between God and us; when He receives from God, He reveals it to us. That is what makes Him the Spirit of guidance. Also, He is our covenant gateway to a world of unlimited greatness. For instance, when this Spirit guided Abraham, the Bible records that he became great (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:2).

Therefore, every guidance from the Holy Spirit takes us to the next level of greatness that God has in store for us. That is why we can never outgrow the need for divine guidance. Furthermore, we saw an army in the Book of Prophet Joel, who operated absolutely under the influence of the Spirit of guidance. The Bible says: *And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word...* (Joel 2:11; see also Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 9:1, 8, 13; 2 Samuel 5:18-20, 22-25; Joel 2:1-10; John 5:30).

The steps of this unique army are accurately guided for their greatness to manifest without struggles. In these last days, there shall be a rise of this kind of end-time army; one that the world has never seen but divine guidance will be very pivotal in their operation. It's not about ambition, but divine direction (Zechariah 4:1-6).

In conclusion, it is important to know that every redeemed child of God has a golden destiny that is loaded with treasures, but until we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can never manifest it. Therefore, we must partner with the Holy Spirit in order to manifest the exploits that God ordained for us. Our places will not be lost in Jesus' name! Remain ever blessed!

Jesus is Lord!

Amazing Testimonies!

Pneumonia Destroyed via Prophetic Word!

"In May, I took ill and everyone thought I had malaria. However, in the middle of June 2016, it took a new turn as I was diagnosed with pneumonia (an infection of the lungs) and was gradually losing my life. God's servant, Bishop Oyedepo was told and he prayed for me.

Later, the doctors could not cope and advised that I should be transferred to another hospital. Subsequently, I was flown to Lagos because I couldn't travel by road in my condition.

When I arrived in one of the hospitals in Lagos, I was placed on life support immediately and that went on for 11 days. This meant that my breathing was suspended and the machines were breathing for me. Meanwhile, I was on oxygen for seven days in the hospital I was admitted into before coming to Lagos.

Miraculously, the Bishop came to the hospital, prayed for me and made some dangerous declarations. That was it; I came out of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) completely healed and made whole. I give glory to the God of the Living Faith Church!" ---**Bunmi Izebere**

Academic Breakthrough via Kingdom Engagement!

"In 2015, I wrote my West African Examination Council (WAEC) examination but my result was withheld. Later, I learnt that the result will no longer be released.

During one of the Winners' Satellite Fellowship (WSF) meetings on Saturday, my cell minister asked for our prayer requests. So, I told her about my result and we all prayed together. I also engaged in Kingdom advancement endeavours.

Miraculously, my result was released in November 2015 but I failed English Language. So, I wrote another WAEC examination in 2016 alongside the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examination while I engaged tirelessly in Kingdom advancement endeavours. Amazingly, when I received my JAMB result, I made the cutoff mark required by the university I applied to.

In August 6, 2016, my WAEC result was also released and I passed my English language. Furthermore, I got a call from that university to come for my pre-screening this year. I give God all the glory for the privilege given me to testify this year!" ---**Adigun Samuel**

Supernatural Deliverance!

"I am an orphan and was in bondage for 20 years. I went through all manner of troubles while growing up that made me

to live a sorrowful life. All efforts to attend school also proved abortive.

In search of a greener pasture, I traveled to France, Paris, but was deported. So, I made plans to travel to Cameroon but decided to come to Nigeria first. The day I got to Nigeria, I was robbed; so, my plans to travel were aborted as all I had with me was taken away.

I began to sleep on the streets as there was no place to go. After a while, I met a woman who accommodated me, but little did I know that she was possessed. She initiated me into witchcraft and I became a master wizard. One afternoon while sleeping outside the gate, I had a dream where I saw a woman who asked me to follow her to a land where I will seek refuge and I did. Thereafter, she entered the church and disappeared; I woke up frightened.

The following Sunday, the Holy Spirit moved me to come to Winners' and that day was our *Covenant Day of Escape* service. As I stepped into the Church, I woke up on the hospital bed. When I asked what had happened, I was told that I vomited a piece of meat which signified the powers I was given in the marine world. That same day when I got home, I found a calabash on my bag wiggling. Immediately, I poured the anointing oil on it and a big snake came out of it. I shouted, 'Jesus,' and the snake crawled away from me. So, I left the house and went to the zonal centre in Happy Land where I stay.

Thereafter, I keyed into *Operation 6678*, prayed Kingdom advancement prayers and I kept reading Luke 10:17 for God's intervention in my life. During the *Covenant Day of Vengeance* service, I strengthened my faith by reading Philippians 2:9-11 and asking Jesus to avenge me. Meanwhile, as we entered the Church that day, I was unconscious. The only thing I saw was white nurses and doctors taking care of me. When I woke up, I saw some Pastors around me and felt as though my legs were tied with chains. However, as I stood up I became free.

Two days after, I received three profound calls amidst several. The first caller said that he is my late father's lawyer and that he has settled the three houses that belong to me. I was shocked. Minutes after, I received another call and the caller said that he had been trying to reach me since Sunday. The third caller then said that my uncle died on Sunday but left a message before he died asking me to forgive him for all his deeds. He further stated that he was responsible for the death of my parents, my deportation and that everything he owned now belongs to

me. This is indeed the work of God. I give Him all the glory!" ---**Marshall Godson**

Asthma Destroyed via Prophetic Word!

"For three years, my daughter was afflicted with asthma and as a result, we visited the hospital constantly. During the *Communion Service* in July, Pastor David said, 'Bad blood can be replaced by the Blood of Jesus because the life of the flesh is in the blood.'

When I got home that day, I meditated on Leviticus 1:17 and God gave me a clearer picture of that revelation. So, I started serving her the Communion daily and whenever the devil tried to attack, I reminded him that her blood had been changed. Amazingly, since then, she has been living totally free from the plague. I give God all the glory!" ---**Adeyinka, M.T.**

Miracle Job via Divine Instruction!

"In July 2016, I attended the Word of Faith Bible Institute (WOFBI) with expectations in my heart. I also fasted and prayed for two days into the programme. One day, a friend told me about a job opportunity; so, I went to see the man in charge. Amazingly, without an interview, he asked me to go to the company's recruiting agency for my documentation, which I did. Thereafter, I waited for the organisation to send me the induction date but it was not forthcoming. Meanwhile, I had shared this testimony at my WOFBI centre in Ijoko. After a while, I forgot about the job and the organisation as I applied to other places.

During the *Covenant Day of Escape* service of Sunday, July 17, 2016, I saw an usher with some tithe booklets and was led to collect one. While Bishop Oyedepo prayed over the congregation, I raised my tithe booklet and a bottle of anointing oil as I told God to give me a job, so that I will be faithful in paying my tithe.

On Sunday, August 7, 2016, I was meant to see someone in Church concerning my job, but I heard in my spirit: 'Don't go and see anyone; I will do that which only I can do.' I obeyed. In that same service, the Bishop said, 'You will receive good news this week!' I said, 'Amen' with my phone raised up.

Lo and behold, I received a call from someone I worked with. After confirming some information, he handed the phone to the woman who owns the organisation. She asked me to see her on Thursday, August 11, 2016. When I did, I was employed that same day. I give God all the glory for He has turned my heart's desire to a testimony! Praise the Lord!" ---**Oladapo Oluyemi**

Amazing Testimonies!

Tuberculosis Destroyed!

"For about nine months, I was afflicted by a mysterious cough. One day, a lady from this Church invited me to one of the services saying she noticed that I coughed every night. I said, 'Yes' and that I had taken several cough tablets and syrup to no avail. She then directed me to her clinic for a test, which showed that I had tuberculosis. However, since I started attending service in Canaanland, things have been different and the tuberculosis disappeared miraculously. I give God all the glory!" ---**Temple, A.O**

Supernatural Turnaround via Soul-Winning!

"I joined this Commission in 2014, during one of the services. That day, Bishop Oyedepo said, 'If you stay in this Church for three months and nothing changes in your life, you can leave,' and I believe him.

Meanwhile, I work in a multinational company as a contract staff and was called a chief destroyer instead of an engineer. However, I kept working there until a position was vacant in 2015 and I applied. I



did the medical test and all necessary documentation but the appointment letter was not forthcoming and my colleagues still called me a chief destroyer.

Later, I enrolled for the Word of Faith Bible

Institute (WOFBI) and became a Cell Minister at one of the Winners' Satellite Fellowship (WSF) centres in this Church. When I told my wife, we both went out on evangelism and brought 14 souls to the fellowship on the first day. By the second fellowship meeting, 33 people joined the cell. Immediately, I said in my heart: 'If I were a staff of the company where I work, I would have given packs of food to all the cell members.'

Miraculously, on July 20, 2016 which was four days after, I received a call that my appointment letter had been issued with full payment of salary and 10% increment. I give God all the glory!" ---**Akpofure Onoriode**

Supernatural Deliverance!

"In 2016, I was afflicted with a worm-like moving object in my head and flies followed me everywhere. So, I was afraid. When I told a friend, she took me to see a man in Ondo state, Nigeria, who gave me a bathing soap to use once a month. He also gave me a substance to add to my body cream and apply daily. I did as instructed but the affliction only became worse.

During one of the Sunday services, I heard the Bishop say that since the inception of this great Commission, he has never added anything to the Bible and it works. He further said that there is nothing under his pillow or in his pocket; it is our alternatives that are limiting God's intervention in our lives. When I got home that day, I flushed away all the substances I had. Coincidentally, that was when the prayer warfare for *Operation 6678* began; so, I keyed into it. I also went to the zonal centre to sweep, clean and arrange the chairs while telling God that I trust in Him alone.

Miraculously, before the end of the prayer warfare project, God showed up as the moving object and the flies following me suddenly ceased. Indeed, God is too faithful to fail. I give all the glory to the God of this Commission for rescuing me from death!"

---**Sunday Bose**

Prophetic Blessings

By the ministry of the Holy Ghost, I decree an end to that crawling, dying or dead business in the name of Jesus!

From today, unimaginable results will begin to answer to you!

In this season where everything is breaking down globally, you will be breaking forth supernaturally!

That siege on your business is lifted today!

You will no longer spend your resources to serve sickness and disease!

Your miracle job is landing this week!

Your long-awaited promotion is delivered this week!

The remaining part of this month shall be seasons of breakthrough testimonies for you!

Jesus said You Must be Born Again!

Have you ever asked Jesus to come into your heart?

That is, are you BORN AGAIN? If your answer is "NO", or you are not sure, please pray this prayer with all sincerity and confidence! Lord Jesus, I come to You today! I am a sinner, I cannot help myself. Forgive me my sins. Cleanse me with your precious blood. Deliver me from sin and Satan, to serve the Living God. Today, Lord Jesus, I accept You as my Lord, and my Saviour. Thank You Jesus, for saving me! Now I know, I am born again!

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