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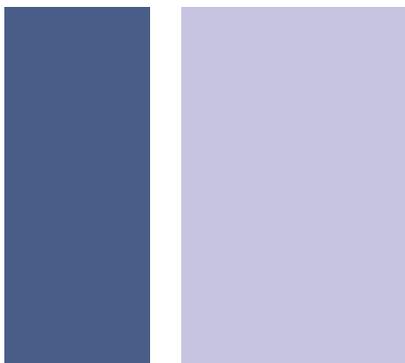
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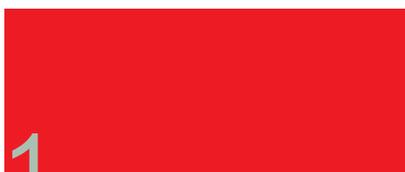
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His Presence! That's the theme for this year's annual convention of our church which marks Twenty eight (28) years since Pastor Alex Adegboye stepped out in faith to answer God's call, thereby birthing this great ministry, Word Alive Ministries International. (a.k.a. The Stone Church) that continues the preaching of the uncompromised Word of God all around the world. The convention this year 2021 promises to be a memorable and life changing encounter with the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the victory of the cross and God's faithfulness over the years in this ministry. To the glory of God, this publication is the second edition of our electronic magazine.

We have in this publication amazing contents that will bring you wisdom and insight for life. Also, we have provided the necessary information about the ministry, scriptures to meditate on for God's presence, articles encouraging you to dwell in God's presence, guidelines for the encounter room and an encouragement to participate in the early morning devotion anchored by the prayer ministry.

I acknowledge the efforts of my team in the Corporate Affairs Ministry for working tirelessly to make this publication a success. May God reward your labour in Jesus' name.

I believe that this publication will be a good read for many people everywhere during and after the convention.

Be blessed as you enjoy His presence!

Pastor Lekan Madandola



Oh! His presence

“God has not created a world in which He would be irrelevant.”

After God completed the work of creation, He rested on the seventh day. The first man (Adam) lived his first day in the seventh day of creation. This implies that Adam lived his first day in the presence of God, and subsequently, God would come down in the cool of the day to have intimacy with Adam.

Entering into God's presence is a practice instituted by God Himself since the beginning of time. Man was created first to have communion with God before He can exercise the dominion mandate. The presence of God confers on us the authority and anointing to exercise dominion on all the works of creation.

God's original idea is that man may enjoy communion with Him. The heart of God is crying out for fellowship with man, and the heart of man is also crying out for God. Some people try to fill their hearts with things such as marriage, possessions and education but nothing else apart from God can satisfy.

God called Moses and showed him how to build a tabernacle that is a pattern of the things available in heaven. Communion with the Holy Spirit is the interior journey of the soul into God's presence. It is a journey that the Tabernacle of Moses reveals to us as we come from the outer court into the Holy of Holies, passing through the inner court.

2 Corinthians 13:14, “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*”

Communion with God is through the spirit. Hearts that have communion with God are hearts that love Him. The communion of the Holy Spirit is what makes the grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God available to us.

Break your schedule to make God know that He means something to you. If you love your wife and children, you would make out time to be with them. If you love God, you would wait on Him and spend time being with Him. Do something for God to know that He is worthy of your time and life.

Your strength is renewed in the presence of God. It's like you renew the oil of your engine when you wait upon the Lord. If you do not wait upon the Lord, you will soon run empty. The presence of the Lord is the place that birth encounters. Jacob was left alone with God and he had mighty encounters.

Some people say experience is the best teacher. No! Experience is a good teacher but the Holy Spirit is the best teacher. The Holy Spirit teaches us all things about our inheritance and riches in Christ when we come into His presence. True transformation comes from the presence of God.

Finally, how do you get into God's presence? The way you get into God's presence is that you wait upon the Lord. Psalm 40:1-3, “*I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock.*”

Communion is Spirit to spirit and Soul to soul. God wants to come in the cool of the day to fellowship with us. We have had to wait for man during our business appointments and medical check-ups, and if we can wait to see man, we also have to learn to wait for God to enter into His presence. Entering into God's presence makes all the difference in the world!

Architect Alex Adegboye,

Senior Pastor, Word Alive Ministries International
(aka The Stone Church)



**PRAY THIS WAY TO ENTER INTO
GOD'S
PRESENCE...**

Lord, I desire to behold Your Face more fully.

Remove the veil of unbelief from my heart.

Let Your light shine on my heart so I may know Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

I desire to know the One in whose image I was made.

Help me to cease attempting to find my identity in my performance.

Let me find my true self revealed in Your countenance.

Lord, give me wisdom and grace to recognize and resist distractions and deception that would stifle my desire for You and lead me to hide from You.

I want to love your presence like Adam did before the fall.

Keep my heart burning to come before You and remain open to You.

Encounter me, I pray.

Lord, I desire to experience and carry increasing measures of Your presence.

Let me grow in my awareness that You are present everywhere, especially within me.

Teach me what it means to be the temple of Your Spirit.

Lord, teach me what it means to be faithful.

Give me a heart of love and loyalty to serve You.

Help me to recognize Your presence in others who belong to You and to encounter You more deeply as I offer You praise, thanksgiving, and worship.

Help me to break every agreement with the fear of man, recognizing that Your favour and approval are the greatest prize and my heart's true desire.

I don't want to know only that You are present; I want to experience Your presence.

Lord, forgive me for every time that I have grieved or quenched Your Holy Spirit.

Jesus, give me Your heart to trust and follow Your Spirit at all times.

I desire to be one upon whom the Holy Spirit rests and remains, just as You are.

May I keep growing in the knowledge of You and loving You always as the main thing.

I know You will not withhold Yourself from me.

Lord, You created me for friendship and partnership with You.

Jesus, teach me to steward the unbroken access to the Father that You died to give me.

Reveal Your nature to me, and empower me to imitate You.

I want to be one who comes boldly before the throne of grace—not merely to receive forgiveness for sin, but more, to receive grace to live in every way as You did.

In Jesus Name.



MISSION STATEMENT

WAMI MISSION STATEMENT

We bring people into **membership**
in God's family;

We bring them to **maturity** in
Christ likeness;

We equip them for **ministry**;

We send them out for **missions**
to the world;

In order to **magnify** God's name.



WAMI OFFERING

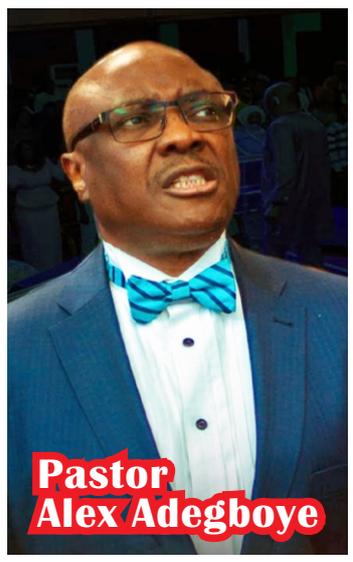
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As I give my tithe and offering

I believe with all others
For Heaven invading Earth
Storehouses unlocked
Miracles created and released
Dreams and visions
Angelic visitations
Declarations of faith
Impartations, divine favours
Diverse Divine Manifestations
Anointings, Giftings and Calls
Positions and Promotions
Provision and Resources to reach the Nations
Souls and more Souls
From every generation
Carrying Kingdom Revelation
Thank You Father
That as I act out my faith,
You will shower Favour,
Blessings and increase upon me
So I have more than enough to
Co-labour with Heaven
And see Jesus get His full and due Reward, Hallelujah

DUNAMIS 2021

MINISTERS' PROFILES



Pastor Alex Adegboye

A chartered architect by profession and a pastor by calling, Pastor Alex Adegboye founded The Word Alive Ministries International a.k.a. The Stone Church in April 1993. For many years, he was actively involved in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, where he anchored the widely popular TV programme, 'The Happiest People on Earth' (THP). He has pastored for more than 30 years and has authored several books such as Scars of Faith, The Battle for the Mind, Ontology, You are the Prophet of Your own Life, and most recently, God is Good and Demons: What you need to know.

Pastor Alex consistently teaches and preaches the Word of God with passion, simplicity and accuracy, while emphasizing God's eternal commitment to bringing it to pass. The Stone Church holds her Dunamis Convention every year in the month of April and tens of thousands of lives have been touched and transformed over the past 28 years. Pastor Alex Adegboye pastors the church headquarters at Mokola and he strongly believes 'the Word works if it is worked. He is married to his lovely and loving wife, Pastor Abiodun Adegboye, and they are blessed with children and grand-children!

Rev. Dr. Tunde Bolanta is the Apostolic Overseer of Restoration Ministries Worldwide. In his early days as a student, he started a charismatic movement on the Word of Faith on the campus of the University of Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, and thereafter founded the Victory Christian Fellowship (now known as Restoration Bible Campus Fellowship). The church was inaugurated in 1987 and currently has many branches within and outside Nigeria. The ministry is also involved in several outreach programs, some of which include: The Mercy Home Orphanage, Clinic/Maternity Services, Free Skill Acquisition Centers, Primary and Secondary Schools, Global Weekly Radio and Television Programs. In obedience to a divine mandate, he has travelled extensively to other nations mainly ministering the Word with healings and miracles coupled with a prophetic cutting edge. He has also authored several books mainly: "THE POWER IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS." He is married to Tina Bolanta and their union is blessed with three children. They reside in Kaduna, and the church headquarters is located in Angwan Romi, Kaduna, North Central Nigeria, which constitute the base from where they reach out to the rest of the world.



Reverend Tunde Bolanta



Pastor Kolawole Falayajo

Kolawole Falayajo is a Resident Pastor at The Word Alive Ministries, a.k.a. The Stone Church, Wuye, Abuja. He has been in pastoral work for over 20 years.

Kolawole also works at senior management level in a public health organization. He has a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Mechanical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University (1992), and a Masters in Informatics from the University of Ibadan (1999).

Kolawole is married with children, and in his spare time, he loves to creatively engage in music and comedies.

Pastor Dr (Mrs) Oyadiran Funmi, has a PhD in Crop Science (Pathology Option). A Pathologist by profession but has also developed a penchant for the Real Estate craft which she leisurely practices.

She is the Resident Pastor at The Word Alive Ministries, a.k.a. The Stone Church Aluu, a branch of The Stone Churches in Port-Harcourt from 2009 till date.

She is married to Olalekan Oyadiran and blessed with two kids.



Pastor Dr. (Mrs) Funmi Oyadiran



THE ENCOUNTER room



1:30PM – 3:30PM **AT THE ARK**
WED. 21 - SAT. 24 APRIL

The encounter room provides an opportunity to meet God on a new and deeper level. Kenneth Copeland discusses rewards of drawing near to God: (a) God will draw near to you (James 4:8), (b) He will guide you into all truth (John 16:13), (c) He will show you things to come (John 16:13), (d) He will make you perfectly strong (Nehemiah 8:10), (e) He will give you everything you need (Matthew 6:33), and (f) He will anoint your natural abilities (Luke 4:18).

HAVING AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

The encounter room at Dunamis is intended to provide an environment/atmosphere for us to have an encounter with the Most High God, to go beyond the limited perspectives we have to grow to know Him deeper. However, the actual encounter will depend on YOU. He is always waiting for us to come, He wants to fellowship with us, to love on us and to commune with us.... And we have an opportunity to do. They say success is when preparation meets opportunity. To have an encounter with God we need to be prepared and enter into His

presence with reverence while being sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

HOW DO WE PREPARE TO HAVE AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD?

The Triune God has revealed Himself in His logos, the written Word. It will do us good to search out scriptures about being in God's presence and begin to meditate on them. Meditate on God's goodness, meditate on who He is, study the names of God in Bible and ask God to give you an encounter with Him. Above you must desire and hunger for an encounter with God. God has said we should draw near to Him and He will draw near to us (James 4:8).

When we do our part God will show up. He wants a genuinely contrite heart, beyond just going through the motions, having a hunger and desire deep inside your heart. When one is hungry for physical food, sometimes it is almost too much to bear and that hunger **MUST** be satisfied. When we have that kind of hunger and expectancy for a transformational encounter with God, He will surely meet us.

GUIDELINES FOR

THE ENCOUNTER ROOM



1. Come prepared for an encounter with God
2. Expect an encounter with God
3. Have a sincerity of heart and purpose
4. Focus on entering into God's presence
5. Practice being still and listening to God
6. Enter into God's presence in worship
7. Visualize the Trinity on the throne waiting for you to come boldly
8. Leave your problems/burdens/request at the door and just seek His face.
9. Come in and go out quietly, it is holy ground.
10. Do not disturb anyone else going through their process. It is not the time to greet anyone or talk to anyone about anything, except for the ministers ready to pray with you as needed
11. Assume a comfortable posture for you.
12. When other thoughts come to your mind, as they surely will before you get consumed with God, notice them and mentally put them in a box to deal with later. Don't let them distract you from your primary purpose of an encounter with God
13. If you must enter with your phone, please make sure it is either on silent (not vibrate) or turn it off. The world can wait for you.
14. You may find it useful to bring a journal to note any Word from God, any songs, any scriptures etc. that come to mind. If you want, you may also write your prayers to maintain a stillness in God's presence.
15. Do not be in a hurry to leave. Nothing else is more important in that moment. Be prepared to stay for as long as it takes.
16. Use the bathroom before you enter. You do not want to risk having to go answer the call of nature in the middle of having an encounter.
17. Be sure to observe the Covid-19 protocols and wear your mask over your nose and mouth.
18. Try to respect others' processes and do not wail, scream, yell, or pray loudly. Cry if you must, but remember that you are not alone. There is a time for being vocally expressive, however, an encounter with God is a matter of the heart first.
19. For those joining online, create the space in your room. Turn everything off, eliminate all distractions and focus solely on God. It is not the time to be on social media or responding to calls.

An encounter with God will positively transform your life. However, it is not a one-time event. After you leave the encounter room, plan to practice God's presence daily and continue to seek His face by meditating on His Word, fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit and fellow believers, spend time in worship and in being still. The encounter during this Dunamis convention should be a watershed moment in our lives, one that brings us into a deeper walk with God, deepens our love for Him and others and propels us into deeper fulfilment of destiny

CULTIVATING HIS PRESENCE

Pastor AYOKUNLE FATOKUN

James 4:8a NKJV

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you....”

It's another Dunamis Convention in the Word Alive Ministries International, the 28th anniversary convention with the theme “His Presence”.

As we spend time together at the feet of the Master like Mary of Bethany, focusing on God's presence, I would like to share a few thoughts with us on what we can do to cultivate more of His presence. Sadly, many believers have a stilted relationship with God, where it is usually about our needs and wants, and hardly about His person and fellowship with Him. Our understanding of God, His person and His presence, is also skewed along those lines, with many relating with Him just for things, not for relationship. We see Him in terms of what He does for us and what we can get from Him, but rarely for who He is. Many have reduced God to Saviour, Provider, Protector, Deliverer, and Healer, yet forget that He is Father, Friend, Confidant, and that He wants much more for us and with us.

In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve heard the sound of God in the garden, and ran to hide amongst the trees of the garden. This is where the problem of mankind began - the first man and woman decided to hide from God's presence! They no longer wanted to fellowship or spend time with Him ...This then

persisted down the line such that by Genesis 5 when Enoch chose to do something about his relationship with God, it required special mention! After his first son Methuselah was born, Enoch discovered it was possible to have a deeper relationship with God, and he made a choice to walk with God like none before him. By verse 24, God could not imagine leaving Enoch on earth anymore, and He just took him away Genesis 5:22-24 Voice, “[22] After Methuselah was born, Enoch lived in a close relationship with God for 300 more years; he also had other sons and daughters. [23] He lived to be 365 years old, [24] but Enoch had such a close and intimate relationship with God that one day he just vanished-God took him.”

The NLT renders James 4:8a as “Come close to God, and God will come close to you...” The Passion Translation (TPT) puts it this way, “Move your heart closer and closer to God, and he will come even closer to you...”

Let's describe what we mean by His presence.

Firstly, there is what I would call the Omnipresence of God: No matter where you are on the face of the earth, God is everywhere, incomprehensibly so. He is in heaven at the same time that He is on earth; He is in Malaysia, at the same time that He is in Australia, in Africa and in America; He is in Iran at the same time He is in Russia, even if they ban the gatherings of

believers! David understood this so well and said in Psalm 139:7-9 TPT, “[7] Where could I go from your Spirit? Where could I run and hide from your face? [8] If I go up to heaven, you're there! If I go down to the realm of the dead, you're there too! [9] If I fly with wings into the shining dawn, you're there! If I fly into the radiant sunset, you're there waiting!” God's presence is everywhere, and His eyes are on both the good and the bad. When you lock the door and commit wickedness, He is seeing you; when you are tempted to do evil and you choose to walk away, He is seeing you!

Secondly, there is the evident or palpable presence of God: this describes those times when we see the undeniable presence or move of God in our midst - when miracles happen, when healings take place because of His coming amongst us, etc. Acts 2:1-3 NLT, “[1] On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. [2] Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. [3] Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.”

Then, there is the cultured or cultivated presence of God. How many of us climbed the odd mango or orange tree after school or in your neighbourhood to pluck its fruit as a teenager? Or the local

almond tree we call fruit? You remember the effort you had to put in to get those fruits? But how many had fruit trees, cultivated over the years, in their compounds growing up? You could just walk up to the trees, pluck as many as you wanted, and no one would disturb you at all. The evident presence of God manifests periodically, when He chooses to change the natural or normal order of things; but the cultivated presence is always with us **if** we choose to pay the price for it.

SOME BENEFITS OF HIS PRESENCE

Job said in Job 23:3,8-9 NLT, “[3] If only I knew where to find God, I would go to his court. [8] I go east, but he is not there. I go west, but I cannot find him. [9] I do not see him in the north, for he is hidden. I look to the south, but he is concealed.” Why do we need to cultivate the presence of God? In other words, why do we need to go beyond the evident presence and seek more?

1. There is joy in His presence: Psalm 16:11b NKJV, “In Your presence is fullness of joy.” Are you looking for joy and happiness in life? Do you sometimes feel empty and weary? Most of us have learnt that life is not always great, and things do not always go the way we want. Maybe we have tried all that we know, and yet we find little joy in life or in the things around us. The truth is, things cannot bring us joy but when we actively cultivate the presence of God, we will find joy in His presence regardless of our situation or

circumstances!

2. There are pleasures in His presence: Psalm 16:11c, “At your right hand are pleasures forever more.” Everything we want, need, and desire, is already available in His presence, at His right hand. Jesus himself affirmed this in Matthew 6:31-33 NLT, “[31] So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' [32] These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. [33] Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.”

3. There is safety in His presence. Psalm 16:1 NLT “Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.” Keep me safe means, “place a hedge or protective barrier around me.” Many of us have ornamental plants outside our houses that we put protective barriers around especially if you live in a neighbourhood where goats and sheep roam freely. We live in a time and season when we absolutely would benefit from the safety and protection that is in God's presence, like Job - Job 1:8-10 NKJV [10] Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.”

4. There is confidence in His presence: Psalm 16:8 NKJV, “I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.” TPT puts it this way, “Because you are close to me and always available, my confidence will never be

shaken, for I experience your wrap-around presence every moment.” When a little child gets in trouble, what do they do? They run towards their parents, because they are confident that the parents will not allow them come to harm. When we cultivate God's presence actively, we are confident and strengthened in His presence.

HOW DO WE THEN CULTIVATE HIS PRESENCE?

Psalm 63:1-8 TPT, “[1] O God of my life, I'm lovesick for you in this weary wilderness. I thirst with the deepest longings to love you more, with cravings in my heart that can't be described. Such yearning grips my soul for you, my God! [2] I'm energized every time I enter your heavenly sanctuary to seek more of your power and drink in more of your glory. [3] For your tender mercies mean more to me than life itself. How I love and praise you, God! [4] Daily I will worship you passionately and with all my heart. My arms will wave to you like banners of praise. [5] I overflow with praise when I come before you, for the anointing of your presence satisfies me like nothing else. You are such a rich banquet of pleasure to my soul. [6-7] I lie awake each night thinking of you and reflecting on how you help me like a father. I sing through the night under your splendor-shadow, offering up to you my songs of delight and joy! [8] With passion I pursue and cling to you. Because I feel your grip on my life, I keep my soul close to your heart.”

To cultivate God's presence, you must S.W.E.A.T!

S - Sacrifice: Be willing to make copious, extensive, and sometimes seemingly impossible sacrifices; 1 Kings 8:62-63 NKJV “[62] Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD. [63] And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.” Your sacrifice might be some relationships, some activities, some income/revenue, etc, that do not glorify God; 2 Samuel 24:24 NLT, “But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing.” So David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen.” Sacrifice also involves obedience - Micah 6:8 NKJV, “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” When we obey Him, we are saying we trust Him and are willing to do as He says.

W - Worship: Make worship a lifestyle; Romans 12:1 TPT, “Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be His sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights His heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.” God is seeking those who will worship Him sincerely in spirit and truth. That’s His heart cry; that’s

His desire. He wants personal worship, that is just between you and Him - straight from your heart to His. Make up your mind today to worship Him with your whole being and have a fresh encounter dwelling daily in His presence.

E - Expression: Openly and lavishly express your love for Him. Your relationship with God is not something to hide, but something to openly express. Psalm 18:1 NLT, “I love you, LORD; you are my strength.” Psalm 68:4 NLT, “Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the LORD- rejoice in his presence!” Psalm 89:1 NLT, “I will sing of the LORD’s unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.” The more you express your love for God, the more He draws closer to you. Mark 8:38 NKJV, “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

A - Altar: Set up an altar, personal to you and God; 2 Samuel 24:25 NLT, “David built an altar there to the LORD and sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the LORD answered his prayer for the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.” Genesis 28:16,18 NLT, “[16] Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn’t even aware of it!” [18] The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head

against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it.” Jacob set up a memorial that was known only to him and God, and God reminded him of this in Genesis 31:13 NLT, “I am the God who appeared to you at Bethel, the place where you anointed the pillar of stone and made your vow to me. Now get ready and leave this country and return to the land of your birth.” Judges 6:22-24 NLT, “ [23]”It is all right,” the Lord replied. “Do not be afraid. You will not die.” 24 and Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means “the Lord is peace”)...” We will find many individuals in scriptures who made a practice of building altars to God, to mark an encounter they had with Him OR a particular occasion/memorial they wanted to remember. Get a notebook or journal, and keep records of your personal journey and fellowship with God - what He says to you; how you feel about Him; the things He does for you; your promises and pledges to Him; etc.

T - Time: Make time daily for fellowship with God. I don’t mean the time you spend asking for all you want and need, but quality time that you spend just loving God - not asking for anything, but just talking to Him as you would a lover. Gist with God - about your day, your plans, your desires, your experiences, your challenges, etc. Talk to Him in the morning, in the afternoon, and in the evening. Talk to Him at work, and at home. Psalm 62:8, “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.” Even

when you don't feel like it, or when it seems like you are not flowing, make time for Him!

Friends, the greatest disservice you can do yourself is to be part of such a gathering where we are taught about His Presence, we experience His Presence, and then go back to doing things the way they used to be. I

challenge you to make cultivating His presence a lifestyle. Make up your mind to go after God - seeking a deeper and closer walk with Him. And He will respond in greater measure. I can assure you - your life will never be the same again! I look forward to your testimonies of the definite encounters you have with God

as you make cultivating His Presence a lifestyle. Remember to S.W.E.A.T!

God bless you!

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EARLY MORNING DEVOTION with the **PRAYER MINISTRY:**

MEETING WITH **GOD** FIRST THING

Pastor Yinka Adeyemi

Throughout the month of November 2021 and the first three days of every month, the Prayer Ministry will be airing an early morning devotion online, to which all church members and our families have been invited. With this exercise, we hope to help to inspire and encourage our prayer lives and devotion to God through seeking the face of God daily and consecrating our lives to him in the early hours of the day. At the end of this exercise, it is our hope that our prayer altars will be fired up again and we would be drawn closer into the presence of God. Let 'the people draw near to me with their hearts and not just their lips' is Gods desire for every one of His children and we want to help as many people as possible to kick start the process of drawing near to God.

Devotions are about inviting Gods presence into your day. It gives you the chance to turn the whole day over to the Lord. To give God unhurried time and tarry in His presence shows the importance you attach to God. (Ps 63:1: "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee")

WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF MORNING DEVOTIONS BEFORE YOUR DAY BEGINS?

Morning devotions seem to be something that is very difficult for many believers because we seem to always be overwhelmed with the things we need to accomplish in the day. We never seem to have enough time to devote to the Lord especially early in the morning. The best most of us give to the Lord is a hurried 5 to 10 minutes just to salve our conscience that we have prayed today! Yet, the idea of seeking God very early in the day is very important and has a lot of benefits for our Christian journey and faith. You might lose sleep but the reward is unquantifiable. Let us consider the following scriptures:

- Ps 5:3: "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."
- Mark 1:35: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

There must be something important about early morning devotion which I would like us to take a look at briefly.

In the early hours of the morning, I wake up still groggy with sleep, run straight to the kitchen to boil water for tea for my hubby, prepare lunch packs for everyone to take out for the day, I check out my to do list for the day, get myself and the kids ready for school as they must not be late, and the list is endless... and boom, the day has already started. I've already read through my messages on WhatsApp and email for the day, responded to some, made decisions and thought about daily plans all without going to God first and asking for His help, direction and protection over the day.

By the time I start thinking about God, I'm already overwhelmed with all I need to accomplish for the day and I come to God already burdened down with everything. My mind is already full of things to do and I forget to be still and know that He is God over all. It We will do well to remember Psalm 46:10: "*Be still, and know that I am God...*"

BENEFITS OF EARLY MORNING DEVOTION

1. Before the day has begun, I have spent time in His presence. This helps me to keep the Lord in view, setting the Lord before me all throughout the day. This act keeps me conscious of His presence more than the consciousness of the challenges of the day. My soul is at rest because I'm conscious of His abiding presence with me; I am not moved by the circumstances of the day.

Ps 16:8 (Good News Bible): "*I am always aware of the Lord's presence; He is near, and nothing can shake me.*"

2. Taking time for morning devotions means I have already expressed my dependence on Him. It shows the Lord and me who I truly depend upon. I am aware of my emptiness without Him. Running off without Him makes me think I can handle my life without Him. You will receive His direction for the day as you remember Him first in the day.

Prov 3:6 (GNB): "*Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way.*"

3. Morning devotions help me to centre my day on who He is and not what I have to do and accomplish. My thoughts will be centred on who I begin the day with and I can truly look to Him for help. It presents me an opportunity to

spend quiet moments with God, to hear His voice without the usual distractions that the day brings with it. The day has just begun and my soul can be quiet in His presence, to be guided by the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit.

4. Getting up to pray each morning shows dedication and devotion to God. It allows me to be awake to His presence in my life. As I go about my day, I am more likely to think about God, pray to Him, ask for His help and guidance as I make decisions during the day. The word devotion means loyalty and love to a cause or to someone. What better way to show devotion to the Lord by making Him our first contact of the day before we even speak to a man.
5. Jude 20 says "... *but ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.*" What better way to go into the day than for you to come out ready to face the day with inner strength built in by praying in the Holy Ghost.

Let us all start the day with God in the early hours of the morning.

The prayer ministry will like to help you with this exercise by committing the first 45 minutes of the day to the Lord. This early morning devotion will involve a short exhortation, prayers to be made in the understanding and in other tongues and a verse of scripture to think upon for the rest of the day. The outline of the morning devotion will be available daily on the church website for everyone to be able to participate online or offline.

The next early morning devotion holds in May from Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd May, 2021 with the theme, Transfiguration. We invite the Stone Church family to join us on line using either of the links below:

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Your prayer life will be encouraged and inspired!
We look forward to praying together with the entire Stone Church family.

Pastor Yinka Adeyemi (HOM)
HOM, Prayer Ministry,
TSC Mokola



HYMNS

MY JESUS I LOVE YOU

[1] My Jesus I love you, I know you are mine
For you all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious redeemer, my saviour you are,
If ever I loved you, my Jesus 'tis now

[2] I love you because you had rst loved me
And purchased my pardon on calvary's tree
I love you for wearing the thorns on your brow
If ever I loved you, my Jesus 'tis now

[3] I'll love you in life and I'll love you in death
And praise you as long as you lend me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved you my Jesus 'tis now

[4] In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore you in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved you my Jesus 'tis now

WORTHY OF IT ALL

Verse

All the saints and angels,
ey bow before your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the lamb of God and sing

CHORUS

You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from you are all things,
And to you are all things,
You deserve the glory

CODA

Day and night, night and day, let incense arise

OH LORD, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL

Verse 1:

Oh lord, you're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

CHORUS 1:

I want to take your word and shine it all around,
First help me just to live it lord.
And when I'm doing well help-me
To never seek a crown;
For my reward is giving glory to you!

Verse 2:

Oh lord, please light the re,
at once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my rst love,
at burns with holy fear.

CHORUS 2:

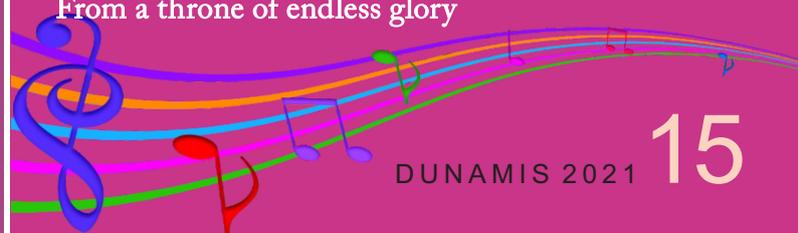
I want to take your love and shine it all around,
But rst help me just to love it, lord.
And when I'm doing well help me
To never make a sound;
For my reward is giving glory to you!

Repeat verse 1:

Oh lord, you're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.
Your grace abounds to me.

KING OF KINGS

[1] In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
ere was mercy in your eyes
To full the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory



To a cradle in the dirt

[CHORUS]

Praise the father, praise the son
Praise the spirit three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the king of kings

[2] To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

[CHORUS]

[3] And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the father are restored

[4] And the church of Christ was born
en the spirit lit the ame

Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

[CHORUS]

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

[1] O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
ere's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free.

CHORUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.

[2] rough death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow him there;
O'er us sin no more has dominion
For more than conquerors we are!

[3] His word shall not fail you, he promised;
Believe him and all will be well;
en go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

SCRIPTURES ON GOD'S PRESENCE

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
GENESIS 1:17; 3:8; 4:16; 27:7	LUKE 13:28
JUDGES 18:6	ACTS 2:28; 3:19
JOB 1:12; 2:7; 23:15	ROMANS 4:17; 12:1; 14
JONAH 1:31	CORINTHIANS 1 :29
PSALMS 16:11; 19:1; 27:6; 31:20; 43:4; 68:2,8; 73:17; 84:10; 95:2; 97:5; 100:2; 114:7; 116:18	1THESSALONIANS 2:19
JEREMIAH 4:26	1 JOHN 2:5
NAHUM 1:5	JUDE 1:24
ISA 63:9; 19:1	
ZEPHANIAH 1:7	
2 CHRONICLES 26:5	

Senior Pastor's BOOK LIST

1. **CLASSIC SERMONS**
2. **YOU ARE THE PROPHET OF YOUR LIFE**
3. **WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING**
4. **WITH GOD YOU HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE**
5. **BREAKING STRONGHOLDS**
6. **THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND**
7. **SCARS OF FAITH**
8. **ONTOLOGY**
9. **SEX TRAP (REBRANDED)**
10. **DIG AGAIN**
11. **THE ROPE HOLDERS**
12. **WORRY**
13. **LIFE IS NOT FAIR**
14. **HELL**
15. **HEALING WINGS**
16. **THE SECRET PLACE**



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH	DATES	EVENT
May	1-3	Early Morning Devotion
June	4-5	Singles of Purpose Conference
	25-26	National Worker's Congress
July	2-16	Fasting and Prayer
	30-31	Couples Retreat
August	4-8	DYNAFEST
	20-21	Camp Elijah
	27-28	Camp Elijah
	27	Professional Outreach
October	14-16	ABLAZE
	23	Lively Stones & Media Conference
	30	Drama Night
November	6-7	Singles Weekend
December	5, 12, 19, 26	Sundays in December to Remember
	11	Judah 2021
	22	Opera 2021
	25	Christmas Day Service
	31	Watch Night Service

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DUNAMIS 2021 PROGRAM

	MORNING / AFTERNOON SESSION	ENCOUNTER ROOM**	EVENING SESSION
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	None Dunamis Convention Chief Host: Arc. Alex Adegboye	1:30pm – 3:30pm (The Ark)	5:00pm – 8:15pm {Variety Night} Minister: Pastor (Dr.) Oyadiran
Thursday, April 22, 2021	10:00am – 12:40pm {Grace Partners AGM} Minister: Arc. Alex Adegboye	1:30pm – 3:30pm (The Ark)	5:00pm – 8:00pm {Opening Rally} Minister: Rev. (Dr). Bolanta
Friday, April 23, 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm Minister: Rev. (Dr). Bolanta	1:30pm – 3:30pm (The Ark)	5:00pm – 8:00pm Minister: Rev. (Dr). Bolanta
Saturday, April 24, 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm Minister: Arc. Alex Adegboye 1:30pm – 4:30pm {Youth Convention} Minister: Pastor Kola Falayajo Host: Pastor Fred Elegbe	1:30pm – 3:30pm (The Ark)	
Sunday, April 25, 2021	8:00am – 11:10am {Celebration Service} Minister: Arc. Alex Adegboye	None	None

*All Morning/Afternoon and Evening sessions are held in the ICC and online

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