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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SONG

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,

but purer and higher and greater will be

our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

**TO ALL OUR WORKERS,  
VOLUNTEERS,  
TITHERS AND GIVERS,  
WE SAY A BIG**

*Thank You*



Sam Adeosun's



An appropriate hymn for this time of year is "O Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This beautiful song reminds us that God is the source of all good blessings. This certainly is a scriptural principle, according to James 1:17: More specifically; however, this song encourages us to praise God and remain faithful to Him because He gives us all good things.

The second verse of this song is quite interesting in that it says, "Here I raise my Ebenezer." To determine the meaning of this statement, we need to turn to the Scriptures. There are three passages that mention "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 4:1; 5:1; 7:12).

We learn from two passages that Ebenezer was the name of a city. In 1 Samuel 4:1 we read: "And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek." This chapter informs us that the Israelites suffered tremendously in this location. The Philistines defeated them, the ark of the covenant was taken, and Eli and his sons died. This brings us to 1 Samuel 5:1: "And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod." This chapter and the following chapter teach us that the Philistines suffered so greatly after taking the ark of the covenant that they decided to return it to the Israelites.

The ark remained in Kirjathjearim for twenty years (1 Samuel 7:1-2). Eventually, Samuel called upon the Israelites to repent. After they did so, they defeated the Philistines. This brings us to the third reference to Ebenezer in 1 Samuel 7:12: "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Ebenezer means "stone of the help." Samuel set up this stone because God helped the Israelites by giving them this victory over the Philistines. Perhaps this will help us better understand the second verse of O Thou Fount of Every Blessing: "Here I raise my Ebenezer: Hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home; Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood."





# At Jesus' Feet

## SUNDAY CLASS STUDY

### THREE ACTS OF A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH

**Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

**Introduction:** What makes a church successful? A big turnout on Sunday morning? A multimillion-naira monthly budget? A state-of-the-art building and equipment? We know these things are not the criteria that define a successful church. Whether the church has stadium-size crowds or just a few in attendance, numbers are not the measure God uses for success; instead, He looks at the heart of the church if He can find these three acts.

**1. Love for one another ("abound in love to one another")** - Love is always contagious in a community, be it family, church, or society. Love attracts love, and hatred breeds hatred. Where love is abundant, answers to prayers are quickly received. Still, when the such community (church, family, or society) allows a fraction of hatred to thrive, God's presence will be non-existent. To be a successful church, all hands must be on deck to ensure everyone promotes love and allows it to thrive among us. If we can, the presence of God will remain permanently among us.

**2. Love to all ("and to all, just as we do to you")** - If a man loves his family, he will come home straight after work. Likewise, if a woman loves her family, she will not have

time for neighbourhood gossip and meaningless bickering at the expense of caring for her family. In the same light, if members love their church, they will never neglect attendance, be offensive, or be easily offended, and they will have one goal, which is to be part of the success story of the church. This is how powerful love for all can be.

**3. Holiness ("that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God")**

- What is the point of having a church where holiness is not entrenched? This is also true about family or society. It's like having a vehicle without tyres. Practicing holiness is not only important to God, but it is also mandatory. (1 Pet 1:16). It is what He wants from us, and when the church practice holiness, they are seen by God as a successful church that will have the capacity to carry the divine mandate to fulfilling God's purpose on earth. Anything outside this leads to chaos, violence, bloodshed, and all forms of evil.



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*servant of God each day. Imagine wanting to attend to hundreds of people daily. Only God can minister to billions of people even at the same time. However, to have better communication with Pastor Sam, kindly do the following ways:*

**1. Call Pastor Sam's office number +234 816 874 5915, OR**

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# Devotion TODAY With Pastor Christie



Monday's Path: Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

Pathway: As a boy, Frumentius was taken by his uncle for a sea voyage. Their ship stopped at a harbor on the Red Sea. The ship was attacked there; Frumentius and his brother were the only survivors. The two boys were taken as slaves to the King of Aksum (in modern Ethiopia). When he was taken into slavery, it would have been easy for Frumentius to become discouraged and give up hope. But instead, he continued to serve God and live for Christ and rose to the position of the first bishop of Aksum

\*O Lord, open my eyes to ways I can impact lives for Christ in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Tuesday's Path: Acts 16:30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Pathway: A faithful Christian must want everyone to know they can be saved! But there is only one way to salvation: through Jesus (John 14:6). All of us will face God and give an account of our lives. We must remind the world that to experience real change, we must repent for our mistakes. Then, following the example set by the Philippian jailer, we must confess our sins and trust in Jesus. Millions around the world need to hear this message of salvation.

\*O Lord, open the eyes of my neighbors, friends, and relatives so they can see you in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Wednesday's Path: Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Pathway: To the early church, Saul was feared, the man who previously tormented followers of Jesus. People in Damascus were concerned after learning he planned to visit, armed with authority from the chief priests to bind all who called on Jesus' name. They didn't know that Jesus Himself had appeared to Saul. At that moment, Saul became Paul—a committed disciple of Jesus. When God looks at us, He sees people specially chosen and prepared for tasks. Each of us has been given special gifts and prepared in special ways, ready for the unique work for which we were chosen.

\*O Lord, thank You that You have chosen me, and Help me to fulfill Your calling for me in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Thursday's Path: Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Pathway: Consider Peter. Following traditions, he had assumptions about the Gospel. Then, in a moment, his perspective changed as

God gave him a dramatic vision. Although "greatly perplexed" about the meaning of the vision, he was open when the Spirit spoke to him (v. 17). He was willing to go with the Gentiles who arrived at his door. Like Peter, develop a vital relationship with God. Stay available for His leading, ready to respond as He leads.

\*O Lord, speak to me. Help me be ready to hear from You in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Friday's Path: Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Pathway: In a vision, God revealed to Peter that he would be visited by Gentiles, which turned out to be colleagues of a devout centurion named Cornelius. They wanted Peter to accompany them. Based on traditional views, Peter might have rejected the invitation, but God directed him to go. That same Jesus is still on the throne. He has made available to believers today that same Holy Spirit. And that same power is available to heal, deliver, and do good.

\*O Lord, I believe You will give me victory in every situation in spreading this whole message in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Saturday's Path: Acts 11:12 Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

Pathway: When God poured out the Holy Spirit, He changed the nature of His relationship with His people. The Spirit was God Himself. He was available not just to a few priests or prophets but to everyone, including Gentiles. That same Holy Spirit is available to you right now. You cannot anticipate His work in your life, but He is with you and wants to guide you. You need to be sensitive to His leading and aware of how He guides you day by day.

\*O Lord, help me be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Guide me. Help me make the right choices in Jesus' name.

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