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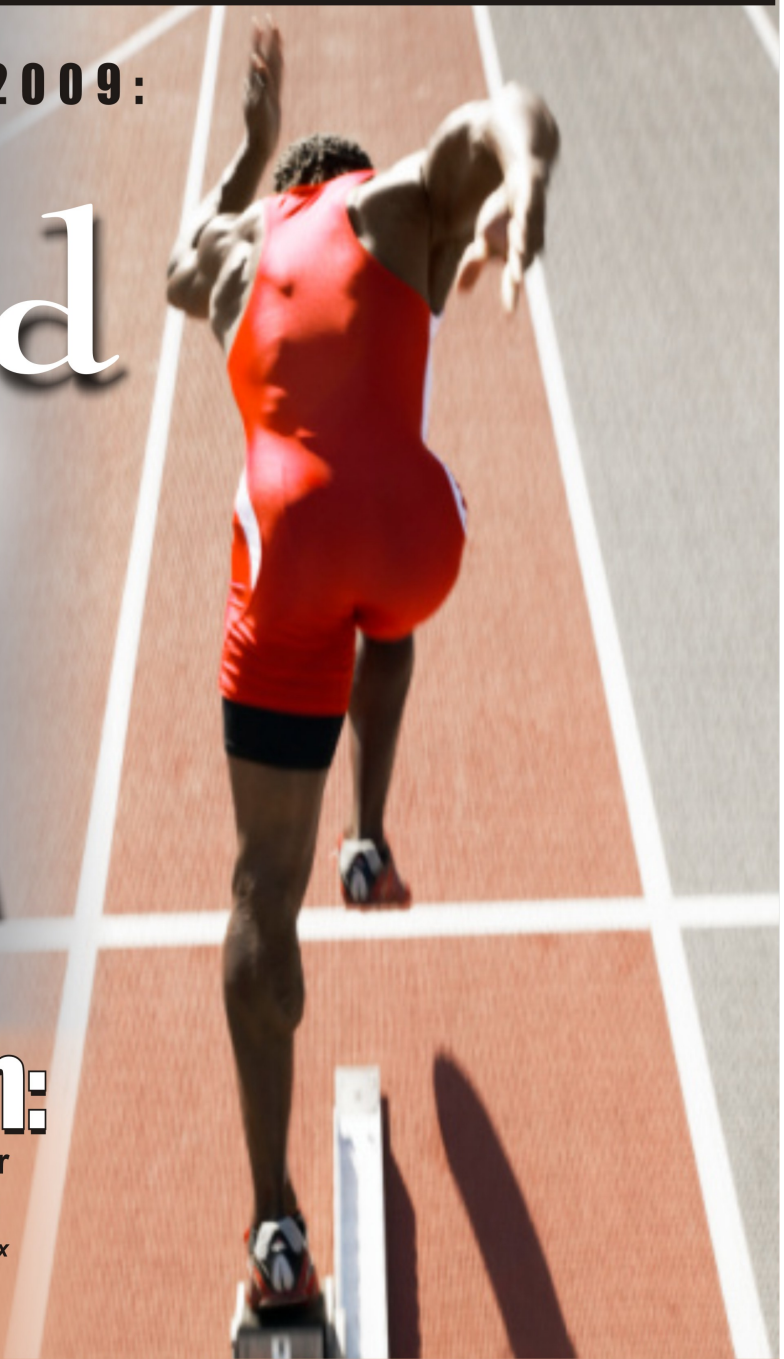
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From Pastor's Desk



Welcome to this edition of the yearly magazine titled: *Strong Tower 2009 - Divine Speed*. I know for sure that as you participate in this conference and thereafter the good Lord imparts you with riches of His grace for speed to outrun others in Jesus name. I hereby encourage you to hold firmly to His promises for this conference as God is ever faithful to bring His promises unto fulfilment.

Divine speed explains a spiritual enablement and empowerment which energises one to accomplish what takes for instance 100 days just in a day!

The special grace gives man strength to *outrun* others, *sweatlessly fulfilling* God's mandate for his life and reaping *bountifully* the seed which has been sown. The above words in italics portray someone who overtakes others that have gone ahead of him previously, and without exhausting all strength make good output in quality and quantity. No matter what might have been the experiences in the previous years of toiling and labouring, I declare to you that your season of little efforts with great accomplishments has come in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

In 1 King 18:41-46, Elijah the prophet of God experienced a divine speed. He encouraged King Ahab to eat and drink after a long time of drought, he called on God for rain and the Lord answered. Elijah quickly requested King Ahab to go down with his chariot before the rain stopped him. Now King Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel but the bible says "*the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah*" and girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. I pray that this hand of the Lord that was on Elijah the prophet rest on you to outrun others in Christ name.

David's household and his city had been taken captive by the Amalekites, infact; people spoke of stoning him because the souls of people were grieved to him. From 1 Sam 30:8-9; "So David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all." From 1 Sam 30:18-19 "So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; *David recovered all.*" As many reading this message now, congratulations for you shall recover all in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

In Gen 26:12, Isaac had witnessed many years of tearful and strenuous plantings in the land without results, but God granted him speed and thereby reaped in hundreds-fold of blessing just in a year that he prospered and continued prospering until he became very prosperous. He outran all

men in the land in resources that amazingly, Abimelech the King and the people of the land envied him to the point that they asked if he could leave them as his prosperity could invariably overtake the whole land in the very short time.

I hereby implore you to be prepared for the impartations as the Lord unfolds his treasures during this programme via song, drama, prayers and the word ministrations. The Lord has sent his ministers (prophets) to prosper you, believe the Lord believe also His prophets (2 Chron. 20:20). Watch out for great accomplishments after this conference.

Congratulations in anticipation of His great blessings thereafter.

'Dara Shofoluwe
Parish Pastor

"the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah"

Our Service & Location

- **Sunday**
Sunday School: 10.00am – 10.45am
Worship Service: 10.45am – 12.30pm
Thanksgiving Service (First Sunday of the month) - 10:45am-1:00pm
- **Thursday**
Digging Deep (Bible Study): 6.30pm – 7.30pm
(Except the Thursday preceding the 1st Friday of the month)
- **First Friday of the month**
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Health:

Prescription for H1N1 Swine flu

by 'Bosun Olukanni

Every country keeps setting up necessary measure to counter the spread of H1N1 Swine Flu (SF) infections, but the virus seems like what cannot be easily eradicated. Swine Flu is a respiratory disease caused by a strain of the influenza type A virus known as H1N1 (same strain which causes seasonal outbreaks of flu in humans on a regular basis).

Nick Trigg (BBC News Health reporter) on Thursday, 29th October, 2009 wrote; "There has been a further rise in swine flu infections, latest figure shows. The number of new cases in England has increased from 53,000 last week to 78,000. In Scotland, it went up by more than 5,000 to nearly 20,000".

Prof Sir Liam Donaldson (Chief Medical Officer for England) said "Swine Flu is a very serious illness for many younger people". There is speculation that the figure may increase as the winter season approaches. Thanks to the government who introduced the advisory lines and has started the implementation of vaccination against swine flu.

Amazingly, I have a message for you from Dr. Jesus Christ (the doctor of doctors). He inspired me through His Spirit to write on these three tips to combat this deadly infection. The bible says in **John 3:31** "He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all." The earthly (physical) events are controlled from the spiritual level and we are of the above and therefore we live in the consciousness of this truth.

Below are stated the three fundamental tips that can effectively resist the swine flu:

Confess the Word, meditate on it and pray the Word:

- Psalm 91:10 says; "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwellings". I believe the Word of God and therefore confess that no evil befall me, neither does any swine flu come near my body (the dwelling of the Spirit).
- Swine flu is not my portion and it does not affect me even if I come into contact with people infected by it because Roman 8:2 says "...the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".
- Jesus Christ in Matt 18:18 says, "...whatever you prohibit on earth is prohibited in heaven, and whatever you allow on earth is allowed in heaven." (NLTV). Therefore, I disallow the spreading of swine flu to my household and declare to H1N1 virus to be prohibited globally in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.
- Mark 16:18 says; "They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." I declare I shall not be hurt by swine flu and pray for all affected to be recovered in Christ

name.

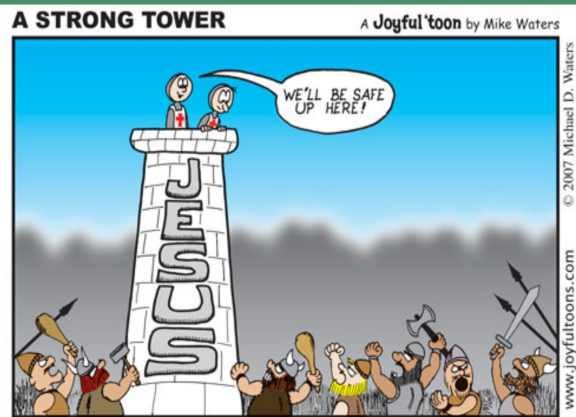
- "And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest upon thee; but will lay upon all them that hate thee" – Deut. 7:15. I declare that I am free from any swine flu (evil Egyptian disease) in Jesus name.
- I am completely immunized via the ever-living blood of Jesus Christ against H1N1 virus as the bible declares in Rev 12:11, that, "And they overcame him (devil and all his works including swine flu) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Live in consciousness of swine flu free life:

Many people are victim of what they fear because they have accepted it in their mind and devil thereby lays hold on this fear to torment them. Psychologically they imagine they may be the next on the list of this infection when they come in contact with anyone with cough, headache or aching muscles. The bible says in Phil. 4:9; "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things." Prepare your mind at all times of a life free from infections, live in consciousness of what the blood of Jesus Christ has paid the price for. Think of good things – of good health and good living. I pray God will honour your belief in Christ name. It was credited unto Abraham for righteousness because He believed God for His promises.

Make yourself available for the vaccination by the Heath government:

The bible refers to an earthly exercise which profits little; I kindly implore you to explore this little which it profits. I encourage brethren to take vaccination as the Heath government through the NHS makes the vaccination available, especially when you work in health sector and take care of patient with infections. Let us walk in wisdom (a year of joy to the wise) and the good Lord will help us in Christ name.



The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. –PROVERBS 18:10 NIV

Divine Selection

by Pastor Dele Jayeoba



What is Divine Selection? It is when God decides to select someone for His purpose; either to bestow favour or some other blessings upon the individual or He wants them to carry out an assignment. Quite often the people that God selects are not the people that men would have chosen. This is because God looks at the heart of a man; He doesn't see what we see. He sees the bigger picture of what individuals are capable of, He knows what gifts and talents He has placed inside all of us. When God selects a man, though he may not have all the requirements, the grace of God will override all inadequacies, limitations and short comings. It does not matter about his background, the circumstances of his birth, or the limitations in his life. It doesn't matter that some have gone ahead of him; men will have no choice but to make room for him. A man that is divinely selected will be preferred above his peers and superiors.

There are many examples in the bible of those who were divinely selected despite there being other seemingly better choices available. Some of these are listed below.

- God was looking within the house of Jacob to favour and to fulfil His purpose in the land of Egypt. He skipped Reuben the number one man in the family. He skipped the second man, He skipped the third and so on, until He got to Joseph who was the number eleven, and chose him to be a star (Gen: 37:1-8).
- Jacob, in blessing the sons of Joseph placed his left hand on Manasseh's head and his right hand on Ephraim his younger brother. This action displeased Joseph because he expected his father to know that the first born was to be blessed with the right hand. The response of his father showed it was beyond him. The younger one was simply divinely selected and preferred above his brother (Gen 48:13-19).
- Moses gave God many reasons why he was not qualified to procure the release of Israel from Egypt with such excuses like "who am I, That I should go to Pharaoh?" Ex 3:12, "...they (Israel) will not believe me" Ex 4:1 and "I am slow in speech" Ex4:10 but in spite of his inadequacies and limitations, grace qualified and enabled him.
- David had seven brothers, many of whom were much stronger than him such as Abinadab, Shammar and Eliab who were strong enough to have been drafted into the military. One would have expected that the choice of a replacement for King Saul would be among these guys. Jesse paraded his first seven sons before Prophet Samuel when a king was to be anointed. He did not even think to present David to Samuel as he was the least in the family and just a shepherd boy. However, David was God's choice to be King of Israel (1 Sam 16:7-13) and was therefore anointed as King.
- When it was time to appoint a replacement for David, the obvious choice would have been those who were considered strong such as Amnon, Adonijah, Absalom, Shephatiah or Ithream (2 Sam 3:2-5; 1 Chronicles 3:1-9). Adonijah was so good looking that everyone thought he was going to lead Israel after David his father. Joab one of the mighty men of David and Abiatha the priest at the time thought so too and they tried to help him ascend his father's throne (1 Kings 1:5-7) However, Solomon was God's choice and he was appointed King (1Kings 1: 45-46).
- Gideon was the least in his father's house which was the poorest in Manasseh, yet because he was divinely selected, enablement and equipment came along with the selection. God called him a mighty man of valour and he became the saviour of the people of Israel (Judges 6).
- Jabez was selected by God to be great despite the circumstances of his birth (1 Chronicles 4:9-10). His mother gave birth to him in great pain and so gave her son a name that meant 'Grief' or 'Sorrow'. Due to this, he may have likely experienced some uncommon challenges in his life. His life may have been plagued with pain. However, he called out to God and discovered that his name did not decide his destiny; rather he was divinely selected to receive favour and blessing.
- Peter apart from being unlearned, fell and faltered many times while Jesus was with the disciples (Matt 4:18 Acts 4:13, Matt 26:69-75). He seemed to be the most unqualified candidate to take over the leadership of the Church, but grace qualified and equipped him. On one occasion, he preached and 3000 were added to the church. Grace so equipped him that even his shadow healed the sick (Act 2:41; 5:15)
- It is difficult to tell how many infirmed people Jesus passed by on his way to the man at the pool of Bethsaida. They were described as a great multitude. However, on that day, God singled out a particular man who seemed a hopeless case and healed him (John 5: 1-9).

When God makes you his choice, He supplies all that you need to be a success. You have been divinely selected by God. You are now His child and he has an assignment for you. He also has manifold blessings available for you in this season if you will just believe and walk in that assurance. Get ready to begin to succeed where you had failed previously. Get ready to fly.

TRIP TO *Lightwater Valley*

On 29th August 2009, 60 members of Strongtower Parish travelled to Lightwater Valley for a fun-filled family day outing that was organised by the Men's Fellowship. The journey took off at around 9am which lasted for almost an hour.

Lightwater Valley is one of the largest theme parks in the United Kingdom. It is located about an hour away from Bradford in the beautiful English countryside town Ripon, North Yorkshire

The theme park features more than 40 rides and attractions ranging from the mild to the wild, falling into three different categories;

1. **Jaw Droppers**, for those that enjoy extreme rides such as the, Wild River Rapids, Hornet's Nest, The Ultimate, The Eagles Claw and many more.
2. **Whipper Snappers**, for those who are over 1 metre tall but too young for the Jaw Dropper Rides. These rides include The Lightwater Wheel, Dodgems, Grand Prix Go Karts, Skate Karts and The Caterpillar Coaster.



3. **Nippers**, for those who are under 1 metre tall. These rides include Noah's Ark, Swan Lake Pedal Boats, Spinning Teacups, Mini Ferris Wheel and Vintage Cars

Attendees were free to go on any ride, including the children as long as they were strictly supervised. There was something for everyone to enjoy and great fun was had by all who attended. Listed below are some of the comments from those who attended the event:

"I'm looking forward to the next available visit to Lightwater Valley" - **Funke Adeyemi**

"It was exciting, fun and enjoyable. The different rides even made it merrier" - **Eunice Oki**

"I had a fulfilled time at Lightwater Valley and entered almost every of the rides, some of which were quite simple while some were scary. The Ultimate and Eagles Claw rides scared me most!" **KennyAnn Esho**

"I had a pleasurable trip sightseeing around the park on the train." - **Yemi Egbeleke**

"My experience at LWV was that of total refreshment. I also loved the thrills that came with it." - **Joyce**



Hurray!

Olumide Adeyemi IS **2** Happy Birthday

Courtesy: Dad & Mum

Greetings

The entire church celebrates with our pastor and His family on his Birthday Marked on the 10th November 2009 and on their 11th year Wedding Anniversary

As your days are so shall your strength be

PASTOR 'DARA & 'BIOLA SHOFOLUWE

24 HOUR PRAYER CHAIN/PRAYER WALK

by Bola Ogunoye



“And he spake a parable to them to this end; that men ought always to pray and not to faint. luke.18:1 Pray without ceasing.” 1The.5:17

A song writer wrote '*Christian seek not yet repose; hear thy guardian angel say, thou art in the midst of foes: watch and pray.*' At a point in time in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, He prayed to a point that the sweat was like blood. This legacy of intensive prayer left by Jesus Christ for the Christians in particular and the church in general has made the RCCG Strong tower parish to intensify effort in prayer programme such as the 24 hour prayer chain, prayer walk and the Saturday's prayer band hour.

The prayer chain took off early last year and to the glory of God it has been waxing stronger and stronger. The idea of the prayer chain is for the brethren to come together and spend a whole day in the presence of God and without any doubt God has been answering our prayer. Prayer is a potent force that empowers believers to withstand and prevail over their challenges in life. Therefore, a prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian and a meal for the devil and its cohort.

Prayer chain takes place quarterly. It runs for 24 hours (12 midnight Friday -12 midnight Saturday) fragmented into 12 slots out of which brethren were encouraged to book a minimum of 2 hour slot each, although many of the brethren have been booking more than a slot. During this event there have been intercessions for individuals, Bradford city, United Kingdom, the church, the missions, thanksgiving, praises and singing of hymns among many others. The participation has

been encouraging and also testimonies have been coming forth.

In addition to the prayer chain, the church also hold prayer walk every last Saturday of the month. This involves praying around the city very early in the morning (5am-6am).The church pray for restoration, revival and the deliverance of the city from the powers of darkness among many others.

The prayer band also comes together every Saturdays 4pm-5pm to pray for the church and the congregation. Jer.33:3 says '*call unto me, and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not*'. You are encouraged to join the unit to continue to call upon God for God is looking for a man/woman who is willing to say 'Here I am God, use me'.

By the special grace of God we are looking forward to the last one for the year which comes up on the 12th of December.

Let God Arise



We invite you to join Europe's largest gathering of Christians at a night of fellowship, praise and prayer hosted by the General Overseer of The Redeemed Christian Church of God - Pastor E A Adeboye. The programme starts at 8.00pm (doors open at 7pm) and ends at 5.30am. The theme is "Let God Arise".

Testimonies from past programmes show that lives have really been changed. We urge you to experience this yourself as words cannot justify its true impact.

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Time: 8.00pm
(Doors open at 7pm)

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