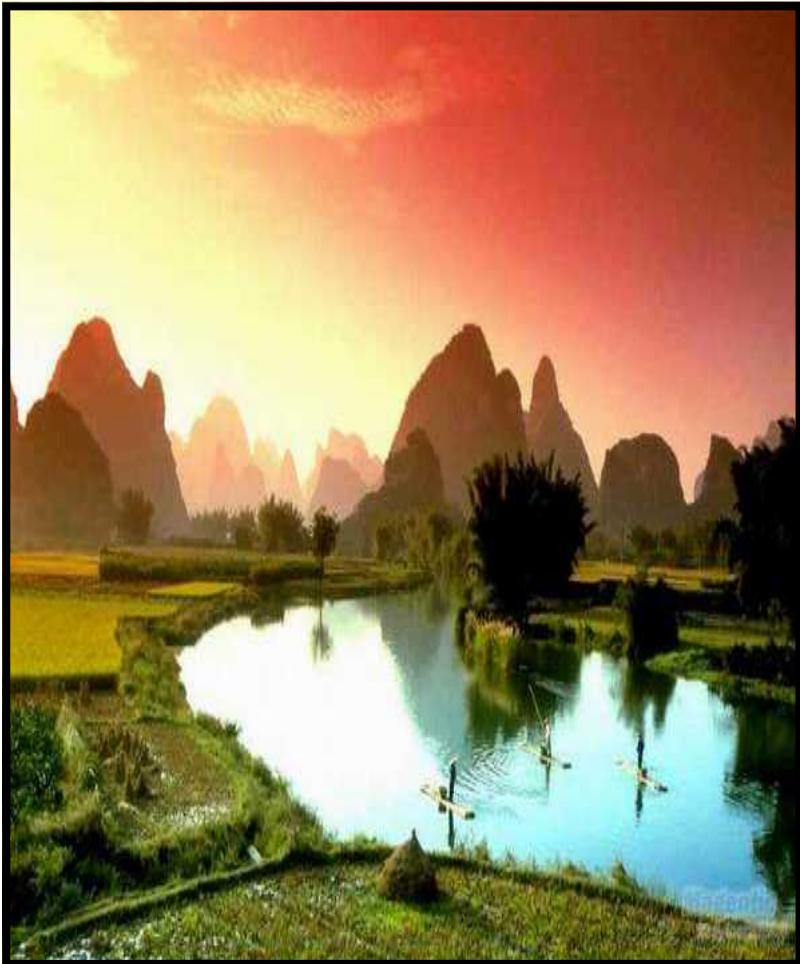




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I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

Vicar's seven-minute reflection **I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN**



There are many stories in the New Testament about people who are called to serve God and follow Jesus. Paul for example was persecuting the church, dragging Christians out of their houses and condemning them to death. One day, he saw the Light, and it knocked him off his horse. It's hard to relate to such a dramatic conversion, but there it is. Matthew was a tax collector, and one day when he was sitting at his tax collection table, minding his own business, Jesus looked at him, and said, "Get in step and follow me." Matthew didn't take time to think about it. He stood up and went. It is difficult to understand such an abrupt decision, but there it is. But the call of Simon Peter? That story is far more satisfying. The way Luke tells it, Simon wasn't sure that he fitted into the whole Jesus business. It took some time for him to figure it out, and even then he had some misgivings. Did you hear what he said? "Get away from me, Lord. I'm not a good enough person for you." That's the way Luke tells it.

By the time Jesus gets to the beach in chapter five, he has already been to Simon Peter's house (Luke 4:38-39). Simon's mother-in-law had a very high fever, and they asked Jesus about her. So Luke says he stood over her and rebuked the headache. The headache left her, so she got up and made some soup. Jesus went to that house long before he ever mentioned a job change to Simon Peter.

Then Jesus went down to the lake to preach on the beach. It would have been a serene place to hear a sermon, but there was a crowd pressing up against him. So he climbed into Simon's boat, pushed out from shore, and began to speak some more. All of this happened before he said, "Come, follow me." After Jesus finished speaking, they pushed themselves into really deep water. Jesus proved himself to be the first in a long line of preachers who could offer some advice on fishing. It didn't sound like good advice, and Simon said as much. But Jesus insisted. (continued next page)



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They threw in their nets and the catch was unbelievable! Fish began to swim into the nets and jump into the boat. There were so many fish, the boat began to sink with Jesus still in it.

Peter was on his knees, absolutely enshrouded in amazement. Then he said the first truly intelligent thing he said all day: "Get away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" If you ask me, that is a story that I can understand. It's not particularly dramatic, abrupt, or instant. Instead it is time consuming, unfinished, and it smells like a fish story. At a moment when Simon Peter the fisherman gets the catch of the century, our Lord talks to him about fishing for men. Jesus called him at the high tide of occupational prosperity to become His follower. I can tell you a lot about that because it happened to me.

The church has manufactured its own mythology about the first disciples. We have spun tales about their grounded faith and their perfect understanding. We want to affirm them as competent and capable, always knowing the correct answer to a question or the perfect solution to a problem. But that was not the case. The twelve disciples were ordinary people, like you and me. I don't know about you, but that makes me feel a whole lot better. Following Christ is difficult enough. It is an awesome task to live as God's person in a world like this. It is even worse when you're a leader, under the scrutiny of other people, with demands put on you to lead God's rag-tag bunch. Who among us is qualified to lead, let alone follow? Who among us has enough holy traits, or few enough bad habits? Not one.

No wonder, all kinds of people have given excuses about their inadequacies : Abraham said, "I'm too old.", Jeremiah said, "I'm too young.", Moses said, "I don't talk so good." Mary said, "I am only a woman." Simon Peter pulled in a load of fish, and said, "Lord, get out of here. I can't handle this. It is too much for me to take in.

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PRAYERS THAT WILL CHANGE YOU

During the first couple of years I walked with the Lord, my prayers went something like this:

"God, help me to get that job"; "Jesus, please heal my throat;" "Lord, send enough money to pay these bills;" "Father, take away my fear."

It took me a while to realize that those spur-of-the-moment prayers were not accomplishing much. I guess I thought the idea was to do the best I could on my own, and then if I needed a lifeline from God, I grabbed it. The only problem was that I needed a lifeline every other minute.

I loved the Scripture that says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7). I took God at His Word and was asking, seeking, and knocking on a pray-as-you-go basis. I also took to heart the Scripture that says, "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Great! I can easily remedy that, I thought, and I proceeded to ask for everything. But I was still not happy, and I didn't see the kind of answered prayer I desired.

One day as I was again reading that same verse, my eyes were opened to the next verse, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:3). Could it be that the "God-give-me-this, do-that, wave-your-magic-wand-here, get-me-out-of-this-mess" kind of praying was not what God desired for my prayer life? In utter frustration I said, "Lord, teach me how I'm supposed to pray."

He did exactly that! I came to understand that prayer is not just asking for things—although that certainly is part of it. Far more importantly, prayer is talking with God. It's getting close to and spending time with the one you love. It's seeking Him first, touching Him, getting to know Him better, being with Him, and waiting in His presence. (continued on page 7)

Prayers that will change you

It's acknowledging Him as the source of power upon whom you can depend. It's taking the time to say, Speak to my heart, Lord, and tell me what I need to hear. It is partnering with Him. It is aligning our spirit with His to see that His perfect will is done. It is establishing ourselves and our lives as being connected to God.

We can't receive God's best for our lives, and we can't push back the things that were never God's will for us, except through prayer. We can't leave our life to chance. We have to pray about everything all the time, not just when things go wrong. We have to pray over anything that concerns us, no matter how big—"With God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37)—or how small—"The very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:30).

Without reducing prayer to a formula, I have outlined seven basic types of prayers that can bring lasting peace and positive change to your life: confession, salvation, release, submission, praise, promise, and blessing. But please don't be inhibited by these categories. They are just that, categories and suggestions. And don't be concerned about prayer talk or church talk. The Bible tells us the basic qualification for prayer: "He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

The more you pray, the more you will find things to pray about, and the more you'll be led to pray for others. Don't allow discouragement over seemingly unanswered prayer to cause you to doubt that God has heard you. In fact, every time you pray, you're advancing God's purposes for you. Without prayer, the full purpose God has for you can't happen.

Excerpted from *7 Prayers That Will Change Your Life Forever*, by Stormie Omartian (J Countryman), used with permission.

THE EMMAUS WALK - MINISTRY TO THE CONFUSED
BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE 24:13-35

It is easy to be fearful and troubled as these two disciples of Jesus were on the road to Emmaus that day. The theme of their discussion, as we shall see later tells us a great deal about their dilemma. On the road, they were trying to make sense of their situation, of their world and of their future.

We know that one of the two disciples in this story is unnamed while his companion is identified as Cleopas (24:17). I want to surmise that the other disciple is a spiritual stand-in for all of us who go through great moments of trial, betrayal and disappointment in our spiritual pilgrimage. They were talking to each other so much so they didn't even recognize the stranger-the Lord Jesus Christ - who had joined their group. The two disciples were most likely going home after all their hopes and dreams for the future had died with Jesus on the Cross. I believe Jerusalem held painful memories for them, for this is where their Messiah had been tried, condemned and crucified.

Jesus gets alongside them. They are heading off in the wrong direction away from Jerusalem (v.13), but the stranger (Jesus), who joined them is prepared to walk at their speed so that he can talk to them (v.15). Jesus is so gentle in the way he enters into the pains and the disappointments of His people. One of the greatest images of God in the Bible is that of a shepherd who goes out to look for the sheep that are lost and scattered. Jesus boldly declares, "I am the GOOD SHEPHERD." The 23rd Psalm begins with that great declaration, "The Lord is my shepherd." Perhaps the greatest miracle in this story is that God knows where to find the two disciples. So often we assume that we are the ones who are searching and hunting for God. But the good news of the Gospel is that God is the One looking and searching for us. He follows us into our own darkness and when we think that we have finally escaped from his presence we run straight into his arms. (cont. on p9)

The Emmaus Walk—Ministry to the confused
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Our hope in the Christian faith is not in our determination to find God but in God's determination to find us.

Notice that in spite of the fact that Jesus knows the story and the frustration that the disciples are wrestling with better than they know it, he simply listens to their painful conversation. Verse seventeen states, "He asked them, `What are you discussing together as you walk along? And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" Jesus asked. And they replied "About Jesus of Nazareth." who was a prophet powerful in word and deed... "

Jesus listens very intently, carefully and patiently to their story and heartfelt disappointments. **He then asks a question** (v. 17) and in spite of their ridiculous answer, he does not laugh at them but graciously asks another one. They had wrong and misplaced expectations of the Messiah (vv19-21). Their confused mind was leading them to unbelief (vv.22-24).

Finally, Jesus challenges them. When they are done, Jesus gives a history lesson of his own by enlightening them about who He is (vv.25-27). He helps them to understand the good news. He begins from Moses, the prophets and even about the necessity of the suffering of the Messiah.

And what is the outcome? The disciples are changed (v.33). They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem; their lives turned around, their confusion was clarified; their fears were overcome; their despair was dispersed and they proclaimed the truth about Jesus. What had begun as a gloomy confusing day ended as the greatest day in human history because of the disciple's recognition that God was with them. (concluded on page 15)

LAUGHTER LINES EXTRA

Bad Neighbours

A dog ran into a butcher's shop and grabbed a roast off the counter. Fortunately, the butcher recognized the dog as belonging to a neighbor of his. The neighbour happened to be a lawyer.

Incensed at the theft, the butcher called up his neighbour and said, "Hey, if your dog stole a roast from my butcher shop, would you be liable for the cost of the meat?" The lawyer replied, "Of course, how much was the roast?" "\$7.98." said the butcher.

A few days later the butcher received a cheque in the mail for \$7.98. Attached to it was an invoice that read: Legal Consultation Service: \$150



Painful Revenge

A mother ran into the bedroom when she heard her seven-year-old son scream. She found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to the boy, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that hurts." He nodded his acknowledgement, and she left the room.

As she started down the hall the little girl screamed. Rushing back in, she asked, "What happened?"

The little boy replied, "She knows now."

Joke a Day Ministries Group; submitted by Keith Todd, www.sermonfodder.com. Used with permission

LAUGHTER LINES EXTRA

Amusing signs

- In a Paris hotel elevator: *Please leave your values at the front desk.*
- On the walls of a Baltimore estate: *Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.* -- Sisters of Mercy
- In front of a church: *Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.*
- In a Bucharest hotel lobby: *The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.*
- In a hotel in Athens: *Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.*
- On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: *Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.*
- In a clothing store: *Wonderful bargains for men with 16 and 17 necks.*
- In a Copenhagen airline ticket office: *We take your bags and send them in all directions.*
- In the window of an Oregon general store: *Why go elsewhere to be cheated, when you can come here?*
- In a Budapest zoo: *Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.*
- In the grounds of a private school: *No trespassing without permission.*
- Outside a photographer's studio: *Out to lunch: if not back by five, out for dinner also.*
- Notice in health food shop window: *Closed due to illness.*

NEWS AND EVENTS

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO YOUTH WORK AT CHRIST CHURCH CROUCH END ?

Do you love the Lord Jesus and are interested in working with Young people; can spare Sundays and possibly one week-day? Let us meet and discuss the terms. Please contact the vicar on 02083401566 for a brief chat.

ONE-DAY COACH TRIP TO SOUTHEND

Christ Church is planning a coach trip to South End on 1st August 2009. The Coach will leave Crouch End Hill at about 9am and will leave South End at about 5pm. The cost of transportation only is £10:00. If you are interested, please contact Luke Anand or any of the church wardens at Christ Church. You are expected to bring a packed lunch or buy your lunch at South End. Its really great to get away from the busyness of London and cool down a bit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VICAR

Our Vicar and one of our editors recently bagged a Master of Theology Degree (MTh.) in Biblical Studies at Spurgeon's College (accredited by the University of Wales). His topic of dissertation is Mark 13: THE WORLD UNDER THE SHADOW OF DEATH (The significance of Mark 13: 14 in the interpretation of Markan Olivet Discourse). Among other things, he investigated the place and significance of the phrase "*to bdelugma tes eremoseos*" in relation to the rest of the chapter. The Church family at Christ Church Crouch End thank God on his behalf and rejoice with him.

SEPTEMBER 27

On the last Sunday of September, we shall have a special celebration to thank God for our journey together with the Rev. Canon Dele Agbelusi as our vicar, from 1999-2009. If you can, please join us at a special service of Thanksgiving on Sep. 27. Details will be announced later. Watch this space.

NEWS AND EVENTS

[NEWS ALERT: Pakistan Christian Families In Hiding After Violence](#)

July 4, 2009— Christian families in a volatile area of Pakistan's Punjab province were in hiding Saturday, July 4, after angry Muslim mobs burned and attacked hundreds of Christian homes and churches, injuring over a dozen people, including women and children, witnesses said. (www.wwrn.com)

[NEWS ALERT: Chinese Pastor And Wife Sentenced To One Year Labour Camp](#)

July 1, 2009—The pastor of a major Chinese evangelical church and his wife have been sentenced to one year "re-education through labour" for "engaging in illegal religious activities," trial observers confirmed Wednesday, July 1. (www.wwrn.com)

[Historic Bible pages put online"](#)

(BBC, July 6, 2009) - London, UK - About 800 pages of the earliest surviving Christian Bible have been recovered and put on the internet. Visitors to the website www.codexsinaiticus.org can now see images of more than half the 1,600-year-old Codex Sinaiticus manuscript. Fragments of the 4th Century document - written in Greek on parchment leaves - have been worked on by institutions in the UK, Germany, Egypt and Russia. Experts say it is "a window into the development of early Christianity".

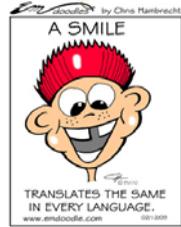
[Peer loses marriage licence.](#)

Premier.org.uk (July 2 2009)

A Christian peer who banned gay marriages at his stately home is picking up the costs of losing his licence. The Earl of Devon claimed same sex partnerships was against his religion and it ended up costing him two hundred thousand pound a year. He's now selling family heirloom's to raise funds to restore Powderham Castle near Exeter.

LAUGHTER LINES

Believing the Bible



A certain pastor observed a little girl standing outside the preschool Sunday school classroom between Sunday school and worship, waiting for her parents to come and pick her up for "big church." The pastor noticed that she clutched a big storybook under her arm with the title "Jonah and the Whale."

Feeling mischievous, he knelt beside the girl and asked, "What's that you have in your hand?"

"This is my storybook about Jonah and the whale," she answered.

"Tell me something," he continued, "do you believe that story about Jonah and the whale?"

The girl said, "Why, of course I believe it!"

The pastor inquired further, "You really believe a man can be swallowed up by a big whale, stay inside him all that time, and come out okay?"

She declared, "Yes! This story is in the Bible, and we talked about it in Sunday school today."

Then the pastor asked, "Can you prove to me this story is true?"

She thought for a moment and then said, "Well, when I get to heaven, I'll ask Jonah."

Finally the pastor asked, "What if Jonah's not in heaven?"

The girl put her hands on her hips and sternly declared, "Then YOU can ask him!"

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LAUGHTER LINES

Cross Examination

A defense attorney was cross-examining a police officer during a felony trial - it went like this:

Q. Officer, did you see my client fleeing the scene?

A. No sir, but I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender running several blocks away.

Q. Officer, who provided this description?

A. The officer who responded to the scene.

Q. A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?

A. Yes sir, with my life.

Q. With your life? Let me ask you this then officer - do you have a locker room in the police station - a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?

A. Yes sir, we do.

Q. And do you have a locker in that room?

A. Yes sir, I do.

Q. And do you have a lock on your locker?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, that you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with those same officers?

A. You see sir, we share the building with a court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room. With that, the courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

Our feelings may surface in the horizontal context of life—as a result of circumstances, events, situations—but they have a vertical context also: our concept of God. Fear says, 'Is God capable of taking care of me?' Anger says, 'Why does God allow my goals to be blocked?' Envy says, 'God seems to bless others more than me.' Disappointment says, 'Is God fair?'

- Selwyn Hughes EDWJ July 8 2009

GRANT, O LORD, that in your wounds I may find my safety, in your stripes my cure, in your pain my peace, in your Cross my victory, in your Resurrection my triumph, and a crown of righteousness in the glories of your eternal kingdom.

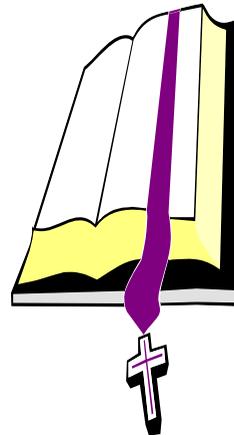
—*Jeremy Taylor*, *The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers*

HE WAS DESPISED and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with grief ... Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

—
- *Isaiah 53:3-5 (NRSV)*

Then Jesus came to them and said, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

Matthew 28: 18-20



The Emmaus Walk - (from page 7)

What a difference the presence and power of God made in the lives of Cleopas and the un-named disciple when they realized they needed to lean on the everlasting arms of God. What a difference Christ could make in our lives today if we too would surrender our hearts to him and lift up our eyes and hands to the heavens and lean on the everlasting arms.

Perhaps knowing that God loves you and me unconditionally will open up our eyes to see him anew, and what a difference that would make. We could begin to live every day as RESURRECTION DAY. This would not only change us, it holds the potential to change this Church, this City, this Nation and ultimately all the citizens of the world. Jesus Christ is God's proof and gift that He loves each of us as a human soul and that He has listened to the deepest longing of the human spirit. When this happens it is an eye-opening experience.

Dele Agbelusi

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In order to improve our ministry to you through the print and voice media, we will appreciate your feedback and responses to our featured writings and writers.

We also welcome articles, testimonies, jokes, which are not more than 500 words in length.

Above all, we value your prayers as Crosslinks will turn 10 years in September 2009.

Parenting Teenagers

Concluding part from June issue



Clarify what has been said. You may want to ask questions such as:

"How did you feel when that happened?"

"What happened next?"

"What do you think her motives were when she did that?"

"This is what I hear you saying. Is that right?"

Impart tools of decision making. Don't overwhelm your teenager with business management techniques, even if they have revolutionized your life. Use the back-door approach. Find unguarded moments, and ask a question or two to help your teenager plan a little better. When he sees success, you can then open Door number 2 and say, "you've learned some techniques that help you be more effective". But don't push! Leave your teenager wanting more. Little by little, teach him to plan, prioritize, and schedule his time to accomplish his goals. Talk about consequences to encourage your teenager to internalize what he is learning. If he notices how good decision making makes him happier and more effective, he will be motivated to keep going in that direction.

Practise spiritual formation at home. Make it a part of your family's lifestyle to notice, name, and nurture the presence of God. You can do this as a regular part of dinner conversation or perhaps as a debriefing time on Sunday on the way to church. You can ask, "How have we seen God at work in our lives since last Sunday morning?" That will also prepare each of you to pay attention to God and His Word in the services that morning. The offhanded times may be the best to impart spiritual formation. As you talk about the important and the not-so-important things of your lives, make it a habit to look for the Lord's hand in all you do. You probably will be surprised to see His sovereignty, His love, and His gracious provision as you never have before! (concluded on page 17)

Parenting Teenagers

Correct sparingly; affirm lavishly. Okay, I've said this before haven't I? I want to say it again. Our teenagers are no different from us. We all need large helpings of love all day every day. We live for it. We long for more. The only difference is that some teenagers are "going through that phase" of developing their own, separate identity apart from their parents. Some of them do this gracefully; most do it painfully. They are exasperating, but they need to be hugged. They are incredibly obstinate, but they need our kindness. They are out of control, but they need our steady, gentle care. Most kids I know are well aware when they mess up. They usually don't need us to point that out. A better approach is to put your arm around him and ask, "How can I help you? I really care about you." That will do wonders for your teenager and for your relationship.

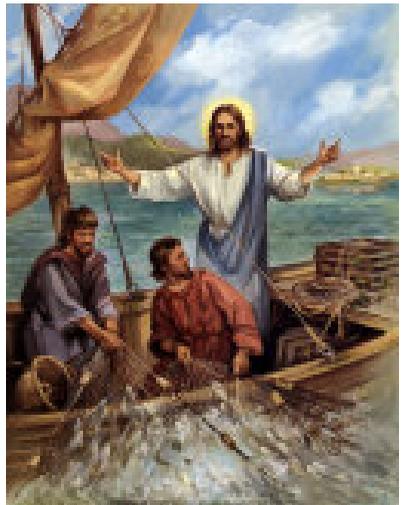
Do you ever put your foot down? Do you ever say, "No!" Do you ever practise tough love to change the direction of a teenager's life? Of course you do when it is needed. If we practice these other principles, we won't have to resort to confrontation too often. When it is needed, I encourage you to seek the help of a pastor or Christian counsellor to enable you to communicate with clarity and with realistic expectations. Quite often, the counsellor will observe that the problems with the child may be systemic, that is, they reflect difficulties in the entire family's network of relationships. This is an opportunity for all of you to learn and grow. It may be painful, but it can be one of the most positive and revolutionary experiences for a family.

Your particular teenager might be quite different from the typical teenager. Every generation contains an enormous range of motives, lifestyles, hopes, and dreams. But the environment your teenager is experiencing in school and in our nation is decidedly different from the one you and I enjoyed or endured. You need to know that so you can be alert and aware of the dangers and the opportunities.

I will make you fishers of men. (from page 3)

I am not the kind of person who can handle such generosity. I am not good enough to have you in my boat." None of us is good enough, but God wants us anyway. That is not to say the work is easy. Jesus said, "I want to invite you to give up fish to go fishing." it was a metaphor for doing God's work. When Jesus said, "Go fish," he meant to gather in as many fish as we could, so that God alone can sort out the good and the bad, and ultimately God alone can decide what to keep and what to throw back.

For our part, we are called upon to throw out the net as far as we can, and then see what happens. So the first word he speaks is: "Don't be afraid!" We can be daunted, painfully aware of all the problems we face and the limitations we know. Yet he says to us, "Don't be afraid!" It is Christ's call, Christ's work, and Christ's miracle. The invitation doesn't begin or end with us. The One who calls us is the One who knows that He only has imperfect people to call. For our part, we simply have to decide if we are going to get out of the boat once we land on shore.



The invitation to serve and follow Christ is greater than any one of us can fulfill. When the invitation comes, we are called beyond our feelings of inadequacy to grow into the role, to claim the purpose, and to invest ourselves in Christ's future. It is a future where we will be presented, not in our own power, but in Christ's power, fully mature, fully humble, and full of love.

Dele Agbelusi

HEAVENLY CORRESPONDENCE

E-MAIL FROM GOD (8)

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From: **GOD, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

To: **YOU, MY BELOVED CHILD,**

Subject: **Matthew 16:24-25 THE MESSAGE**

My beloved child,

I'm about to give you a hard assignment. Take your hands off the handlebars. This bicycle (your life) only needs one driver, and I want you to leave it to Me. If you can do that, I promise you the ride of your life!

We will pedal together through surprising and difficult places. You'll sometimes say to Me, "No, Father, this is too scary! But I'll just answer, "Hold on, and trust Me. This is the way." What you're signing up for is not a self-help programme. There won't be any New year resolutions, or turning over a new leaf, or patching up your old self. The real you and I are going on a great adventure, and I'm the only One Who's got the map. So hang on!

Your Guide,

God.

Adapted from 'e-mail from God for Teens'-Clonigers

MOTTO/TEXT FOR THE YEAR

**“I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES
ME STRENGTH” PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

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We are a family of men and women, boys and girls who are trying to live for God in a world that has largely chosen to ignore Him.

We believe that it is God's world and that He has given the answer to all human problems in Jesus Christ.

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We will be pleased to welcome you to any of our activities. You will find a warm welcome at Christ Church.

Times of worship and fellowship are shown below:

Sunday - **8.00am.** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- **10.30am.** Main service with Crèche facilities

There is family/parade service once every month– usually the third Sunday of the month unless otherwise indicated.

- **6.00pm.** Evening worship

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday - Choir practice in church (**9.30 am**)

Monday - Baby n' Toddler Group (**10.00 am to 12 noon**)-Term time only

- Brownies meeting in church (**5.30 pm**)- Term time only

- Next Prayer meetings in church - 20th July, 7th September (**8 pm**)

Wednesday - Bible Fellowship in church - West Chapel (**7:45 pm for 8.00pm start**)

Friday - Bible Fellowship in church - West Chapel (**2.00 pm**)

- Scouts meeting in church and hall (**6.00 pm**)- Term time only

- Music Team practice in choir vestry (**6.00 pm**)

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