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# "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

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Many Christians today are living beneath their means. They are oppressed by the devil and live tormented lives. But as children of God, this should not be the norm. Joseph Scriven wrote these words from a well-known song: 'Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.'

God has called us to live victorious lives and to "... shew forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1 Peter 2:9) We serve a great, big, wonderful God. One who is always victorious and always watching over us. A great, big, wonderful God.

From the creation, we've seen and read about God's dealings with mankind. There have been many men that God was able to use supernaturally. These were ordinary men and women who made themselves available to God. They were willing to pay the price that those around them were not willing to pay. Men like Elijah. We don't read anything about his ancestry or his background, he just appeared; but the fact that God could use him extraordinarily would suggest that he completed his apprenticeship away from the eyes of the gazing public. The name "Elijah" means, "Yahweh is my God", which in itself was significant at a time when the worship of Baal and other gods was prevalent in Israel: "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." (1 Kings 17:1)

The Apostle James confirms that the period of the drought was three and a half years, in James 5:17. During that time, God told Elijah to go by the brook Cherith, where he would be sustained by ravens. After this, he was directed to a widow in Zarephath (1 Kings 17:2-9):

"And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth." (1 Kings 18:1). What a relationship Elijah had with God - that God could speak with him and direct him personally.

After meeting king Ahab, Elijah gave him following instructions: <sup>19</sup> "Now the therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. <sup>20</sup>So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.<sup>21</sup>And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. <sup>22</sup>Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. <sup>23</sup>Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: <sup>24</sup>And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken." (1 Kings 18:19-24)

The prophets of Baal choose their bullock, dressed it "... and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made." (1 Kings 18:26) There was no answer because they were serving a dead

god: <sup>27</sup> "And it came to pass at noon, that *Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud:* for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. <sup>28</sup>And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. <sup>29</sup>And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down." (1 Kings 18:27-30)

Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob and built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar. He then put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood. He filled four barrels with water, and poured them on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. He did it a second and then a third time until the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. <sup>36</sup> "And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. <sup>37</sup>Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. <sup>38</sup>Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup>And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and

they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. <sup>40</sup>And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there." (1 Kings 18:36-40)

The demonstration of the power of God was what convinced the people. We know that after this, Elijah became discouraged and God decided to take him home, but before then God chose Elisha to be his successor: <sup>1</sup> "And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace." (2 Kings 2:1-3)

Elisha knew that his master was going to be taken away but before then, he needed a blessing from God and he was not going to be denied. He was persistent: "And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho." (2 Kings 2:4)

At Jericho, the sons of the prophets said the same thing unto him as the previous prophets at Bethel. Many would have given up at this stage saying, "well I tried", but Elisha was not to be denied. <sup>6</sup> "And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. <sup>7</sup>And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan." (2 Kings 2:6-7)

Many Christians want the anointing from God but are not persistent or willing to pay the necessary price. There is a price to pay to experience God's glory, which not everyone is willing to pay. Elisha stayed close to Elijah the man of God but the fifty prophets followed afar off. They stood by Jordan, which was as far as they intended to go. Some people do not want to get too involved or too close to God, fearing what they may be asked to do or to give up. However, Elisha had a madeup mind: 8 "And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. <sup>10</sup>And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so." (2 Kings 2:8-10)

Elisha realised that Elijah - his mentor was going away and he would be left to face Ahab and Jezebel by himself. So he did not ask for silver, gold, fame or long life but for a double portion of the spirit that was upon Elijah: <sup>11</sup> "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; <sup>14</sup>And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, <u>Where is the LORD</u> <u>God of Elijah?</u> and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over."

(2 Kings 2:11-14) Because Elisha was persistent, he received the reward. There's a song that says: "God will only use the soldier He can trust." We tend to only trust someone after we have proved their reliability and trustworthiness.

We live in a world today where if we talk about signs, wonders and anything supernatural, people look at us as if we're not altogether right in the head. Today's Christianity is one that is basically devoid of any power. The Apostle Paul in writing about the last days wrote: *"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."* (2 Timothy 3:5)

We have come to not expect anything miraculous in our lives. A member recently testified of how God miraculously answered his prayers when he prayed for his daughter. She was sick, but yet he was amazed when God answered straight away. We need to get to the place where these things become the norm rather than the exception. We need to trust God for our divine healing as the early Church did. With divine healing, there are no side effects or resulting complications. Sometimes, I visit people who are sick and am amazed by the amount of tablets I see by their bedsides. When Christians were sick in times past, they prayed and used natural remedies. Now, many people take painkillers and paracetamols with the ever-increasing cases of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Worldwide, millions are hooked on prescription drugs which were first prescribed by the doctors. In places like the USA, this is one of the biggest problems and causes of death.

God is still saying to us: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3)

Yes, the Lord God of Elijah is still alive and well in 2024.  $\square$ 

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## From the Overseer's Desk

Since our last edition of *The Chronicle*, the Lord has blessed us with His presence as we gathered to worship Him as His Church.

During the three nights of our National Revival, two were saved, one was sanctified and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. We also had a wonderful National Youth Convention with some rich preaching of the Word of God.

In April 2024, I was privileged to travel to the country of Burundi with Bishop Robert J. Hawkins Jr and Bishop Makoha Agati to assist with the teaching of our precious saints in that country. The welcome and the hospitality was overwhelming.

Also in the month of April, I was honoured to baptise and administer the right hand of fellowship to Sister Marilyn Kelly, who had been worshipping with us for many years.

At the end of May, Sister Victoria and myself travelled to the beautiful island of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. During the visit, I was able to encourage those in attendance about the exclusivity of The Church of God and the need for divine revelation. Please help me pray for the nation of Saint Vincent.

Let us also pray for our upcoming events and for those who will be involved in each. The great Apostle Paul encouraged us in the scripture below:

 <sup>18</sup> "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; <sup>19</sup>And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
<sup>20</sup>For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

(Ephesians 6:18-20)



# **ABM BOOST**

### Claudine Brown -National Assembly Band Movement Co-ordinator

The general Assembly Band Movement theme for the assembly year 2023-2024 is: 'Perfectly joined together'

Greetings Brethren,



(1 Corinthians 1:10)

I like a good fried dumpling. I am grateful to the person who first thought of taking flour, water, and a lickle salt to make a dough; then to divide it and roll sections up into a shape before frying them in oil. This was innovative thinking, and it is a recipe that has stood the test of time. That same humble dumpling dough can preach a message.... Several, in fact!

At one point, each of the elements that make up that dough are separate. The flour, the salt, the water - they all have their individual uses, and they impact the dough in various ways. As important as they all are as individual elements - there is no way we are eating a dumpling today, unless those

elements are joined together. The flour cannot tell the water it is not needed. The water cannot decide to sit in a different bowl to the flour, and to try and cultivate itself into a dough with wishful thinking. The water and flour cannot acknowledge their freshness but tell the salt 'We got this'. Those elements must be one, in the one dish, kneaded at the same time, by the same hand, with the same goal.

1 Corinthians 12:18, 20-22: **18** "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:"

Each one of us in the Body of Christ have been "set" here, and placed where it pleases God. Each one of us is *necessary*. God is an expert architect and a master builder. He alone is responsible for Creation, and we place abundant trust in His design. Many members - one single Body, making up a Bride which Christ will one day present to Himself. He prayed for Her to be one, and that is exactly what will transpire. Unity is not something we need to worry about; our individual walk in, and with Christ - led by the infallible Holy Ghost, will bring unity to pass, as a byproduct of our obedience.

It was laid on my heart recently that the Church may be much further along with unity than we are sometimes able to recognise with these flawed, literal eyes of ours. If Christ's return is *"at the doors"* (St. Mark 13:29), so is the perfection of the Bride. *"The Lord knoweth them that are his."* (2 Timothy 2:19).

Just as it is impossible to separate the flour from the water once the dough is made, as members we will be bound together with cords that cannot be broken. In the perfected Bride, we will not be able to see where one member finishes, and the next starts. A patchwork of individuals, perfectly joined together, making up the complete, spotless, wrinkleless Bride of Christ. Will you be among her?





## **CPMA/BTI BOOSTS**

#### Stuart Brown -National CPMA & BTI Co-ordinator

The general Church of Prophecy Marker Association theme for the assembly year 2023-2024 is:

## 'I will bring the third part through...'

(Joel 11:4, Psalm 50:2, Zechariah 13:9)

The general Bible Institute theme for the assembly year 2023-2024 is:

'Having done all to stand'

(Ephesians 6:13-14)

Greetings from the BTI and CPMA departments in the mighty name of Jesus. God has been so good to us and I am grateful for the activities this Convention year which have fed the brethren and friends of the Church. I want to thank the Lord for helping His people to be living markers to everyone around us, and I'm excited for the future ahead.

I would like to give a brief testimony of the activities that have happened:

- We had our term 2 of Bible Training Institute (BTI), which was a great success. I want to say a special thanks to our teachers who facilitated this course: Brother Philip Bennett, Sister Claudine Brown, Sister Karen Richards, Brother Rikki Prince and Brother Justin Clarke. THANK YOU and may God richly bless you! To the 23 students who took part, thank you also for your input, interactions and commitment. It was a great feeling to be a part of BTI.
- The national visits as Co-ordinator were fantastic experiences! Great love and fellowship was rich in the churches and it was an honour to share some encouragements with you. Thank you brethren for your support during these visits. It's a real boost to continue on with the work.
- Everyone has pulled together with our heritage and fundraising efforts for our international endeavours. We have been active in promotion of the tabernacle initiatives and people have been giving to this cause. Please continue to check in on our Church websites for

progress updates on the project, as great things are happening for the Church. Our involvement is contributing to historic moments in our history! The quest continues.

• I am happy that we have continued to observe the annual Arise Shine remembrance day of June 13th and I want to thank the local CPMA leaders for taking time to hold services for the brethren.

Our General themes have been powerful this year. I hope each one of us as members of The Church of God takes time out to meditate on these themes and what our individual response is to them. We are IN trying times, dig deep times, refining times, truthful times and only those who can stand, will stand. The Church remains committed to the message in Ephesians 4:12-15: *"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: "* 

We must take our stand in relation to this Scripture seriously, as the Church will reach her goal. Will you be among the Bride or will you not?





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# SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOST

Jennifer Thompson - National Sunday School Co-ordinator

The continuing general Sunday School theme for the assembly year 2023-2024 is:

'Paths of Light' (Psalm 119:105)

Greetings to my dear brethren, in the wonderful name of Jesus.

3 John 1:4:

## "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

This is a letter from the Apostle John to Gaius of the joy he felt when he heard of the lives the children of God lived.

When God's children are walking in the way and in truth, there is no greater joy. Jesus tells us that He is the Way the Truth and the Life. When we are walking in the way and in the Truth (Jesus), there is no greater joy. Jesus rejoiced to see His children walk in the "paths of light." Seeing His children thrive in their relationship with the Lord is great joy.



Amen. Praise God.



## **WMB BOOST**

### Beverley Anderson - National Women's Missionary Band Co-ordinator

The general Women's Missionary Band theme for the assembly year 2023-2024 is: 'Unstoppable!'

(St. Mark 16:15)



In exploring the General WMB theme for this year, it became clear that **'Unstoppable'** means a continuous endeavour to keep working for our Lord and Saviour.

We must be **Unstoppable** in our: witnessing, praying, giving, teaching, preaching, our mission endeavours, as well as our service, loyalty and commitment in The Church of God and the kingdom of our Saviour and soon coming King. St. Luke 6:38: *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."* 

If we continue to give of ourselves for the work of the Lord, then the work becomes unstoppable. We are promised that whatever we give to the Lord, He will return in good measure.

Let us keep working for the Lord.



# VICTORY LEADERS BAND BOOST

James Mwila - National Victory Leaders Band Co-ordinator

The general Victory Leaders Band theme for the assembly year 2023-2024 is: **'Relationship status: #inlovewithjesus'** 



What a wonderful theme we have had this Convention year.

As we draw to the end of the Convention year, let us take some time to reflect on this theme. Are we closer to God than ever before?

# What is your relationship status with the Lord?

The scripture says in James 4:4: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

## Are we still in love with Jesus?

The scripture says in 1 John 2:15-17: "<sup>15</sup> Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

God loves us so much, and He wants us all to draw closer to Him and have a **personal** relationship with Him.

I encourage us all to continue, to keep, to protect and preserve this relationship. Let us do our part by being faithful to God in all things.

VLB's, let's go forward for God!!

# THE CHURCH OF GOD (ENGLAND) NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION 2024

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024, The Church of God in England held their annual National Youth Convention. The theme was taken from Hebrews 12:14: "*…holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.*" Sister Rebekah Wilson led the devotion. After a welcome by Brother James Mwila, the National Victory Leader's Band (VLB) Coordinator, we waited in anticipation to hear from the Lord.

The day was interspersed with congregational praise and worship, presentations by the Gleaners, beautiful singing by the Wilson Sisters and Sister Bria Anderson, and a special 'Perilous Times News' report by Brother Delano and Sister Thea Prince. It was a blessing to see so many youth march and minister using their talents for the service of the Lord.

Brother Justin Clarke preached the first message. His topic was '**The Beauty of Holiness**' (1 Peter 1:16). He said that holiness is God's standard: '**Be ye holy for I am holy**', (1 Peter 1:16). God would not ask us to do something that He would not do. '**But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...**' (1 Peter 2:9) Being peculiar in God's eyes is beautiful, and it is impossible to be beautiful to the world and God. The world thinks that peculiarity is strange or something that should be discarded, but in God's eyes, it is something that His people should desire. To be holy, we must read the Word of God to show us how to be holy: Joel 2:13: '...rend your heart, and not your garment, and turn unto the Lord your God...'. We must be holy and acceptable in the Lord's sight, without blemish. God is waiting to beautify us, but we must be willing to accept change unto holiness.

Brother Stuart Brown's sermonette was entitled: 'Who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright' (Hebrews 12:16). It was based on Esau, who sold his birthright to his brother Jacob. Esau did not value what he had. He did not wait for his inheritance and gave in to his feelings, to satisfying the flesh. St. Matthew 6:19: 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.' Brother Stuart admonished us not to rely on our emotions, because they are momentary and will deceive us. We should not let our emotions distract us, for there is nothing in this world that is lasting: 'Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.' (Revelation 3:11) Amen.

Brother Joshua Anderson's message was based on Isaiah 35:8-9: 'And an highway shall be there, and a way, and *it shall be called The way of holiness;'*. He said that there are mediocre Christians in this world who live in 'grey areas', and who accept the world's standards of living (Revelation 2:14-15). We must hold onto God's standard of holiness, according to His Word. We cannot afford to be lukewarm Christians who live in 'grey areas', 'So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth', (Revelation 3:16).

Brother James Mwila, preached on the theme scripture, Hebrew 12:14: *...holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord'.* Brother James encouraged the youth to be mindful of what they spend their time doing or who they spend their time with. Ephesians 4:22 encourages us to *...put off the former conversation of the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts'.* If we are to progress in Christ, there is a state in which we need to be to meet God. We must be holy.

Brother Chadwyn Brodie closed the service with the message 'You are the light of the world' from St. John 12:35-36. He encouraged the youth to be the light of the world and to be outstanding in all that they do. 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' (St. Matthew 5:16)

We thank God for another blessed National Youth Convention, and may God help us all to continue to strive for holiness.

#### Sister Beverley Wilson - National Reporter

# What's happening at Long Lane Church?

Praise the Lord that He saved a soul. Sister Kimberley Anderson has been attending Long Lane Church regularly since January 2024 and was saved on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Handsworth Revival. Thank you, Lord.

Here are some poems written by our brethren during our May 2024 Dorcas service. They are based on the General WMB theme for this Assembly year *"Unstoppable!"* 



Unbelievable No-one is greater than God Spiritual Truthful Oh how Jesus loves me Praise, praise, praise Pray Alleluia Blessed are those who trust in the Lord Love your neighbour as you love yourself Everyone should love Christ. By Abigail Mwila

Unlike any other No one can defeat God Substantial love God gave The Bible is truthful On higher ground I stand with God Pray to God always Praise the Lord everyday Alleluia Blessed are Christians in Christ Love like no other Everyone should love Christ. By Renae Brown

God is good.

By Benaiah Brown

Unbelievable God	U - Unchanging God - Hebrews 13:8
Non-stoppable God	N - Never failing God - Deuteronomy 31:8
<b>S</b> ubstantial God	S - Silently listening for His children's call - Psalm 34:15
Triumphant God	T - Truth - St. John 14:6
<b>O</b> mnipotent God	O - Opens doors - Revelation 3:8
Pray	P - Present help - Psalm 46:51
Praise the Lord	A - Alpha and Omega - Revelation 1:8
Amazing God	B - Bible - God's compass - Psalm 119:105
Bright and brilliant God	L - Love unconditionally - St. John 3:16
Lightning love	E - Everlasting Father - Isaiah 9:6.
Everyone should love Christ.	By Sister Maxine Whitter, Sister Violet Hamilton and
By Tobias Mwila	Sister Sapphire Thomas-Green

Child of Zion, who shall ascend? The eagles which soar in the wind Child of Zion, who shall declare? The lion who roars in the face of adversity Child of Zion, who shall be blessed? The hind whose feet are swift and slight Declare your victory today in our unstoppable God. (Isaiah 5:26-30)

By Brother Jerome Solomon

I sleep, but my heart waketh My dreams are deeper than the abyss My thoughts be a millstone to me The sword of Damocles rests upon me Ohhh to forgo the weight of responsibility Shepherd herd me into the pen of grace Lead me to the fountain of love Massage my soul and let me lift You up Who can know the ways of the unstoppable God? Those of a broken and contrite heart. **By Brother Jerome Solomon** 

<b>U</b> – United – Esther 4:16		
N – Name – Isaiah 9:6		
<b>S</b> – Saviour – 1 John 4:14		
<b>T</b> – Truth – St. John 14:6		
<b>O</b> – Open – Acts 26:18		
P – Praise – Psalm 150:6		
<b>P</b> – Peace – St. John 14:27		
A – Adam – Genesis 2:7		
<b>B</b> – Bible – Psalm 119:105		
<b>L</b> – Love – St. John 15:12		
E – Earth – Genesis 1:1		
By Sister Novlet Nugent		

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