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God Wants To Renew Our Minds

I am going to say a few things that might not sound 'religious'. They might offend you but I do not want to offend you. How many of you know that you can come to church and still not be right with God? But God wants to change that.

Hebrews 13:8, -*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."*

Many people believe that Jesus Christ lived. Some religions believe that that he was a prophet and some believe he was a good man. But the bible says that he lives forever. That Jesus that died on the cross rose again and he is alive until today. The same Jesus that walked on the shores of Jerusalem is alive and wants to live big in you.

God wants to use your hands, mouth to touch the whole of Tanzania and Africa. Africa will be changed by the power of God; but he is going to use. God is going to empower his church to perform signs, miracles and wonders.

Acts 10:38-*"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."*

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. He destroyed yesterday and he is still doing it today. We are not talking about some man; we are talking about Jesus, the Son of God. The same Jesus can touch you wherever you are by his Spirit. There is no distance with the Holy Spirit.

I believe that you have had some rain in this country in the natural, but God wants to pour the Holy Ghost rain. Like in the book of Joel, God says he is going to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh. That means upon black flesh, brown flesh, white flesh and any kind of flesh. God is raising up a generation and the devil is not going to win this generation. When God anoints you with the Holy Ghost and power, is in order for you to do good and not bad. That's what Tanzania need. People with power that will go around doing good.

We in America are not in a political battle. We are in the battle for the souls. So after you understand that and begin to pray with passion, wanting to see God change it. When Jesus was preaching on the shores of Galilee, some people did not receive his word. The bible says the word of God fell like seeds on the ground. But some received it down in their spirits and they grew.

You see, God is going to use you to change Africa. We are not going to leave the work for just Apostle Fernandes and his wife. So God is raising up the 'eleventh hour service; people that are nobodies. How many people know that Jesus had cast out 7 demons out of Mary Magdalene? But after Jesus was raised from the dead, Mary Magdalene was the first one that Jesus appeared to. I don't care what you are going through, whether it is the lust of the flesh, drugs, or perversions. **Jesus can change you; he can break the generational curses.**

2 Corinthians 5:17-*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

I was raised a Baptist, then I become a catholic but I didn't have Jesus in my life. If you don't repent of your sins and ask Jesus to come into your life, you won't be saved. Religion can't save you. This Jesus is alive; but some of you might say, well, I don't see Jesus. Well, I doubt if the other religions have seen their god whom they worship. **Isaiah 61** says *"the Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."*

That's what Jesus Christ came for; to set the captives free and to bring liberty to the prisoners. That's what Jesus did when he walked on the shores of Galilee, he did it yesterday, he is doing it now and he will do it again because he is the same yesterday, today and forever.

How we Are To Live Once we Accept Jesus

Romans 12:1, *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship."*

Many Christians are living lives that are defeated. They don't know how to live a victorious life. They go to church, sing in a choir but they are defeated. You see, as new and old born Christians we need to get our minds to be renewed. Once Jesus come to live in our spirit our mind is not changed yet, that's why there is a battle going on. We need to read the word of God so that our minds will be renewed by it.

Renewing our minds mean that we are not going to see the same TV program or listen to the same music. I come from America, and I know the Hollywood is not trying to get you living like Jesus, or the movies don't want us living like Jesus. We need to take part in fellowships, private worship and prayer. Our biggest battle is the battle of the mind. The devil wants to occupy our mind with things that are not good for us. As you read the word you begin to be transformed and begin to live a victorious life.

Jesus Christ came to the world to preach the gospel to the poor. If God can do for me it means that he can do for you. Salvation is not just going to heaven.

The word **salvation** means **that making you whole in every area**. God wants to bless you in your spirit, business and fields and when you come and when you go. But you know what, **we need to renew our minds**. People accept Jesus as **a fire escape**; they don't want to go to hell. But Jesus wants you to prosper in everything. How many of you know that Jesus is not going to prosper a robber or a thief?

God blesses me because I am a giver. I am not trying to brag or boast but I give a lot for God's work. **If you want God to bless you then you need to become a giver**. Give your **tithes and offerings**. If you work or you are a businessman or woman and you don't give to God's work, then you are a **thief and a robber**.