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The Lamb that was slain opened the scrolls for us so we can behold wondrous things in your word. We just want to hear from you, not from man.

Give us a listening ear and a seeing eye that will behold amazing things in your word that will inform our destinies, that will transform and change the rest of our lives so that we can be just as your purpose has to be.

[1 : 23] Thank you. I pray that as your word is taught, heal the sick, deliver the captives, convict the sinning, save the lost, reveal yourself to us.

Let your kingdom come. Let your presence be felt. Let your power be manifested and let your glory be seen. We thank you in Jesus' name.

And every believer shout amen. This month is a month of great awakening. And this year is a year of greater awakening.

Last year was our year of great awakening. But this year is our year of greater awakening. Why awakening?

Because sleeping is dangerous. If you sleep too much, the enemy will get an upper hand over you.

[2 : 27] When men sleep, the enemy works.

Matthew 13, 24. The kingdom of God is like this. A man who sowed good seeds in his field, not somebody's field.

He sowed good seeds in his field. But while men slept, let's all say while men slept.

While men slept. Say it louder. While men slept. Say it for the last time. While men slept. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tears among their wits and went his way.

The enemy works well while men sleep. Therefore, it is necessary for an awakening.

[3 : 39] An awakening is necessary. Because while men sleep, the enemy works well. That is why the modern day technology for wealth warfare has, they have this night vision goggles.

It sees in the dark. When no one can actually see, it can help you to see in the dark. Soldiers at war don't have sleeping time.

Every time is fighting time. That's right. Some of them sleep sitting, sleep standing, sleep in gutters, trenches, just lying because the body will just need to catch some rest.

The rest, but I must sleep and yet awake. So, the United Kingdom has seen great revival before.

But while men slept, the enemy has sowed tears.

But the story is changing. In this time, someone who believes shouts, Amen. Amen. He said, Proverbs chapter 6, verse 4 and 5 and 9 to 11.

[5 : 08] Proverbs chapter 6, verse 4 and 5, He said, Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter and like a bear from the hand of the fowler.

A fowler is the one who catches fowls. You have to be a bear and you have to be a bear and you have to be a bear. And you have to be a bear. And you have to be caught. He said, to deliver yourself, you need to be awake.

The preceding text says that, verse 4, it says that, Give no slumber to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.

Because you have a responsibility to deliver yourself from like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter.

I am telling you, if a brother had lived a normal life, there was no way he would have been with his wife until the hunter. He said for three days, Roar!

[6 : 20] He was fasting and pushing. He was in the forest regularly, praying and worrying while men slept.

I like what he said. He said, I did not leave it for in the hands of anybody. I said, now, let the devil know, me myself, I'm going to tackle this situation.

He said, me myself, I'm going to tackle this situation. Because if I don't tackle it, I won't have my testimony. Today, it's a colorful testimony.

But somebody took the response to wake up from sleep. Wake up! You've been sleeping for too long. Wake up! Wake up!

Open your eyes. Life is moving very fast. Verse 9 of Proverbs chapter 6. He said, how long will you slumber?

[7 : 24] Oh slumber! When will you arise from this, your sleep? When? How long? Today, if you hear his voice, don't harden your heart.

How long? You are living with people, they don't know you are asleep. You work with people, they don't know you are asleep. They don't know you've gone to bed as long as your destiny past you. You are married, you are married, yet you are asleep concerning this marriage. How long will you stay asleep?

Brother, it is too crucial for you to be sleeping at this time of your life. How long? How long? verse 10. Verse 10 says, a little sleep, it doesn't take too much.

A little sleep and a little slumber and accident, people die. A little fold you on my arms to sleep. and most accidents on our motorways, most of them have to deal with someone slumber, a little, just a little, you don't have to sleep too much, just a little.

[8 : 42] Thank God for the grills. He's waking many people up and delivering them from accidents. A little sleep, not too much, a little sleep and you wake up on the other side of eternity.

Behind the wheels, a little sleep and it's a constant reminder about how little sleep can cost you so much in life.

It doesn't have to be a physical sleep, but many people are walking and yet asleep. Somnambulis. we have a lot in our modern day people chasing money, chasing work, chasing everything and they are asleep and the key things of their life is being destroyed.

Your children, some other strange people are raising your children. You are asleep. You are asleep. Other people, strangers, are programming the thoughts or patterns of your children behind the TV.

[9 : 54] You don't even know what they are watching. You think you bought them a Christmas present of an iPad. Oh, wake up. There are too many people who are asleep because of the enemy managed to change their focus.

Asleep. They are talking but asleep. They are walking but asleep. Somnambulis, sleeping and talking. Somnambulis, sleeping and walking. You are going closer to a date.

You don't know. Why? Because you are asleep. That's why we need a great awakening. That's why we need a great awakening.

Do not sit down till things get out of hands before you realize you made a lot of mistakes. Save that marriage before it's too late.

save that marriage before it's too late, brother. Save that marriage, sister, before it's too late. You slept in different rooms for a long time and both of you are behaving like it's okay.

[10 : 59] It's not. You know things are getting out of hands. Wake up! Wake up! Let me say it like Papa said. Wake up! Wake up! Wake up! From your slumber.

Wake up! Wake up! Wake up! Shake someone. Tell that person wake up! If that person is actually properly sleeping because there are people who are properly.

Now I shake their head. Push their head. Bible says that they married they had parties they did everything normal until the day Noah entered the ark Luke chapter 17 I think 27 somewhere there until the day Noah entered the ark and they realized that this thing Noah was saying it was actually coming they ate they drank they married wives they were given in marriage until the day that Noah

entered the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all tsunami many animals survived the tsunami but human beings were still partying when the tectonic plates shifted in the oceans and the tsunami was coming the animals had it they knew so they ran to higher higher grounds they ran to whilst human beings were partying were messing up somewhere holidaying having fun thinking that's what life is about oh they were asleep suddenly suddenly the tsunami the oceans came upon them thousands perished because they were asleep a little sleep and a little slumber a little fall of harm to sleep verse 11 so shall your poverty come on you like a prowler and your need like an armed man it will jump on you yeah like an armed robber the way they come on you you have no way of escape most of the time that's why it says your poverty people are impoverished because of sleep not because God is no good wake up we actually need not just an awakening a great one a great awakening to shake someone out of this slumber you are slipping your potentials away you are slipping your destiny away and you are slipping your calling and God has called you for a season like this stop sleeping and wake up wake up

Proverbs chapter 24 verse 33 and 34 Proverbs 24 33 and 34 it said a little sleep a little folding a little slumber a little folding of their hands to rest just rest holiday rest you must know listen brothers and sisters you must you must be very particular about your definition of rest what you call rest some of it is you are wasting away what you call holiday holiday is making your life hollow it's hollow day not holiday what many people call holiday is just making their life hollow they are just exposing themselves to hollow days hallelujah

I think Papa's grace is working hallelujah wake up wake up the whole of last year I didn't travel anywhere for holiday or rest and I was working hard and it was the year of great awakening for the first time in the history of this church a healthy branch church was birth amen amen amen applause applause applause applause applause applause because it cannot be done through sleeping great awakening great awakening great awakening someone must wake up in the book of Romans chapter 13, verse 11 to 13.

[15:51] Are you ready for that one? It says that, and do this knowing the time, that now is high time to awake out of sleep.

For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. That carries some serious theological significance.

Now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. So wake up. Wake up.

You are closer to something than when the journey started. But you can't enter it sleeping. Watch this.

Verse 12. The night is fast, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.

[16:52] This is talking about spiritual awakening. Spiritual awakening. Let us cast off the work of darkness. The other time, I think it was last week.

I don't think it's, I think probably last week or the week before. I said, at least you've done enough. You remember? I made a statement. It was quite an interesting statement.

I found quite an interesting statement. Now that you are born again, enough of you, at least before, before you got born again, you fornicated a lot. So, enough.

It's enough to take you for the journey. Yes. At least you've had an adequate share of what this whole thing is about.

Feel free to laugh, because the more you laugh, the more I move up, but the stiffer you look, the more I move into that. Sex, sex, sex, sex, sex, sex, sex, sex.

[17:59] Oh, man, why are you talking about that? Sex, sex. Most of us are ruining our lives with your libido. Bring it down.

Bring it down. With this sex thing, this sex thing, it's eroding your, your dignity.

You know what I'm talking about? Yeah. I know it's not for everybody, there's somebody, God is telling me to tell you this. You're still lying on the bed. You're watching. No.

I'm glad you're watching. I'm glad you're watching. Okay. Because God had a warehouse. It's okay. After today, just get up.

Now move on. You've had enough. This time, after, I mean, after last night and then, no, no, don't mean wait, go for one more round. I mean, after, after, after, this moment, it's enough.

[19:13] Jesus said, I have nothing against you, but go and sin no more. Amen. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. How long will you stay asleep?

Yes. For great potentials and great glories ahead of you to sleep past. There's too much water going under the bridge. Too much.

Because you are asleep. Not because you are not wise. Not because you are not a good person. You are a very good person. You are a very good person. Well-meaning. But sleep is costing you so much.

So, wake up. Night is far spent. The day is at hand. Let us put off the dish of darkness and put down the armor of light.

Verse 13. Let us walk properly. As in the day. Not as, not in reverie and drunkenness. Not in lewdness.

[20 : 17] In lust. Not in strife. These are the things sometimes people don't want you to talk about. The Bible talks about this with a big mouth. Yeah.

It's very easy to remember. Romans 13.13. Romans 13.13. Wake up. Wake up. Go and break with that girlfriend and just take to your wife.

Break up with her now. Don't postpone it. Tomorrow may be too late. Don't postpone it. Yeah.

Leave that woman's husband alone.

He's such a nice man. He's like, shut up. Wake up. Leave that woman's husband alone. No, I know what I'm not saying.

It's not by accident. God is talking to somebody. God is talking to somebody. You're feeling uncomfortable. It's better. You can't be sleeping your destiny away and be comfortable.

[21 : 29] How can you be sleeping in a sinking boat and you don't want us to wake you up? You're about to drown. We got to help you. Wake up. Wake up. The Titanic is sinking.

Hallelujah. Amen. Your life will not be the same again. Amen. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hands.

Collect yourself. No more. Why? I'm tired of this. Collect yourself and move on. Collect yourself.

Some of the things you left behind, leave it. Just collect as much as you can.

Leave the other things. They tell you, please, you've left something here. Come for it. You left here.

The other time, in a haste, you left something. You know? You're not going back for your coat.

Don't worry. Believe God's by anyone. Because people went back for their shoes and they never recovered.

[22 : 40] You went back for your nightgown.

And you couldn't come back because your leg gets stuck. Got stuck. Tell somebody, wake up.

Wake up. Wake up. Great awakening.

People must wake up. When a revival comes, it affects your community. A great awakening comes to people who have once been revived but now have gone to bed.

Just to wake them up back. Come back to life. God said in these days, what he's going to do, he's going to raise people who will not just be sleeping.

Psalms 132. Psalm 132. We'll go to verse 4.

[23 : 49] I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids. Verse 5. Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the mighty one of Jacob.

The work of God requires sleeplessness. Very interesting. To work with God, you can't work with God sleeping. Don't give yourself premature rest.

You will become a monument. You will become a relic. You will become just good for the museum.

But the generations ahead need you alive. I'm prophesying.

Most charismatics are used to, yeah, receive, yeah, receive, yeah. You'll be screaming but you're asleep. This is a way. This is a way. Sleep.

[24 : 53] Screaming but asleep. Yeah, it is. Remember how your teachers used to applaud you.

Everyone was saying you are good.

You have a future. You've slept that future away. Wake up and recover it. Wake up and recover it.

You can't even have any decent job.

It's not that you are no good. You are sleeping. You are sleeping. Enough. Great awakening. So I'm talking about two things.

Waking up in your life and waking up to the things of God. That is what makes the difference. Isaiah chapter 5, verse 26.

Isaiah 5, 26 said, He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar and he will whistle to them from the ends of the earth. Surely they shall come with speed swiftly.

[25 : 52] God is doing something. People will come in swiftly. They are coming. The masses are coming. God himself said, I will lift up a banner to the nations from afar and will whistle.

Whistle. I will whistle to them from the ends of the earth. Surely they shall come with speed swiftly. Look at the next verse. Watch this. No one will be weary or stumble amongst them. No one will slumber or sleep. Nor will the belt of their loins be loose.

You know what that means? It means two things. It depends on where you are looking at it from. It means zip up. Tighten your belt.

You can't be running a race and your pants are loose. I'm in your trousers. Have you done this sack race before?

[26 : 58] Trying to hold it in the air. You need belt. Put the belt on. Some of us, our belts are getting looser and looser and looser and looser.

that means that your nakedness is not far away. It's awesome. It's awesome. It's awesome. It's that because I'm bringing, whistling and bringing them from afar.

These are the people who are going to be working with me. They will not be sleeping. They will not be put back. Verse 27. No one will be weary or stumble. I'm tired. Every little thing, I'm tired.

No way. No one will slumber nor sleep. Nor will the belt of their loins be loose. Nor the straps of their sandals be broken. You know how that is when your strap or your sandal is broken.

It's very, very uncomfortable. It's a problem. Especially some of the ladies who have those. Is it sandals? You know, you strap it and then you put it in. Once you wear like a slip-on and then you strap it at the back.

[28 : 00] If the strap loses, it's uncomfortable to work in. Fasten your seatbelt. Wake up.

Sit up. Stop being entertainment driven. That's one of the characteristics of black people.

This is generalization, okay? Okay? It's a stereotyped generalization.

But we all know it's true. Look at where the black people are making impact in global affair. Big, big, big. When the black man is big, it's become big.

It's either entertainment, singing or sports or, I mean, movie or just those areas. It's much more entertainment. So that's why Bahama is quite different. Go to the city and look at the number of black people there.

[29 : 02] Okay, bah, bah, bah. It's because there are more white people in this country. Okay, you go to Africa. Go to Zimbabwe. Go to Ghana. The posh, posh places. White people come and they're always at the posh places.

Because, and I don't, what I don't like is when Obama is going to Africa, the first thing they will show about Africa. Grr, grr.

Yes. No, no, listen. Recently, I don't know how many of you saw the world leaders, the world leaders, where later on they made this decision about the global warming and all that.

The first, you know, all the heads, mainly about 200 or so, almost, head of states were there. And I saw a clip, you know, they brought different people to, I saw some people, they brought people from Africa.

You know what they were doing, obviously? They all have to be dancing. But how do you learn to dance?

[30 : 05] I'm one of us. I'm telling you, your daughter can dance so well, so let her stop regular education, go to dancing school.

You need to be happy. Thinking that we win dancing award. The dancing award that I won in the West is strictly camp dancing and this, all kinds of, how many of them did you see?

Too much of entertainment, you sleep with movies. Why? There are books that, the people gave you books, you have not even opened one of them. Because, oh, me, I don't like reading at all.

I like movies. Yeah, we're reading and come and tell me the story. I think I'm the best I could. anytime I take a book, I sleep.

Am I communicating to anybody? These are things that you will hear before. If I was a white man, I can't say what I'm saying. But, I'm one of us, okay.

[31 : 25] I'm one of us. But, you know, you grew up in Africa and that's why. Oh, even that's, I mean, you open my eyes more. I came here and realized that it's not much difference.

Too many people who have finished universities and can't work in that profession. Because, we just went through a school system. Wake up. Wake up.

Wake up. Your mom didn't know the course you were doing. Your dad didn't know the course you were doing.

No one advised you. You just said, okay, I normally like this, so you just chose to go and do the easiest one. So, go and do acrobatics at university.

Gymnastics. Yeah, all my mates are doing, isn't it? Am I communicating to someone?

[32 : 37] Wake up. Wake up. At least, you've passed through a certain stage. Now, you're at the stage, you have to fight for your future. But, because you have had enough entertainment, you have to cut down on your entertainment.

I actually don't see why you should be thinking of entertainment when you have not achieved anything in life. You have failed all your exams.

And, you are dancing. There's no party you won't go. You should stop attending some parties because, in fact, some parties that you go, may God let you meet people who will be asking you about your qualification, what you are doing in life.

You will leave some places. You will go. You're wearing big, big, big coats and suits.

Listen, brother, that girl, the father will not allow you to marry her because you don't have a job.

Now, would you allow anybody that doesn't have a job?

[33 : 48] May? no, you know, what do you leave? Oh, my mom, my mom, I will lose that mom. So, where are you taking my daughter? Oh, my mom has one room in it. All right, let's leave that.

During the weekdays, I speak about a lot of these things. too much has been hidden from us. Too much.

Too much. And the package of things gives you and you take it like that. Running with it. Too much. And sometimes I sit back and look and I'm saying, what can many, so many people be that dumb? Can't you see through things? Don't let the media shape your thinking. Never do that. Don't let the media shape your decisions or your thinking.

Spend too much awful time on Facebook. You don't have a job. You should be hunting. Spend too much on Facebook than applying for jobs.

[35 : 00] And you sometimes should like the brother did. Shut yourself away from something because you have to fight some things. That's right. Fight some things. It's hard but requires discipline.

Yes. Requires discipline. Which many of us were denied of the early stage developing because no teacher can tell you of, no parent can correct you, nobody can correct you.

So you lack the ability to develop discipline and you reign in life via discipline. Anyone who rises up in life, check, there's a discipline, issue of discipline that is help they are working on.

If you don't have discipline, you don't think you are talented so you are okay. No, even your talent requires, go and ask the footballers, the level of discipline you have to go through to be a professional footballer, most of us cannot become footballers.

Most of us become footballers. Am I communicating at all? So, discipline is a key to success in life.

[36 : 01] That's what I mean. And most of the time, when the word discipline is mentioned, some people think it's a swear word. It's not. I'm not talking about sexual discipline in those areas.

Those matter. Your spiritual life matters. But even to have basic discipline, you can't sustain a job for six months because you are upset with your boss. You are every, what?

The thing you brought from home, it's following you. Your mom kept telling, you are, you are, oh, you are to lock eyes with your mom because she can't correct you. Now you are going with that thing.

And it's telling on you, you are using makeup to cover it. Great awakening. So you need to wake up. That is why we have great awakening. Last thing was great awakening. Why great awakening? Because the awakening must be great. watch this. Last year, great awakening, we saw the opening of a branch.

[37 : 01] We saw amazing outreaches that has never happened in this church. We saw revival. There was last year, the entirety of last year, there was not one evening there was no prayer going on here.

For the United Kingdom. So, somebody didn't know but things were going. Last year, we saw the birth of 6 a.m. prayers on a regular basis here.

Are you getting what I'm saying? Last year, it's great awakening. But this year, great awakening. Why? Because Proverbs 4, 18 says that the path of the righteous is like a shining star that shines

ever brighter onto a perfect.

so, this year must be better than last year. Listen, this year, you will shine better than last year. You will shine better than last year. It doesn't matter who you are.

I said this year, you will shine brighter than last year. If you believe in Shari, man. Wake up and forget about the mistakes of last year.

[38 : 06] Just learn from them and move on. You can't do anything about yesterday. You must know that already. There's nothing. You made some terrible mistakes. Listen, stop this guilt trip.

That's yourself. People will not accept you. Let them not accept you. It doesn't matter. If they say your credit history is poor, it doesn't matter. You are still alive. Later on, they will be chasing you to offer you credits.

Depending on how you treat yourself. So, stop crying. You see, everyone falls home. Everyone. I don't know anyone here who will say you have not fallen before.

Because when a child starts working, you fall. Everyone falls. So, falling doesn't make you a failure. Lying down after you fall is what makes you a failure. So, fall forward.

Learn from your mistakes and move on from that. We all make mistakes every now and then. But some mistakes are just unnecessary. And you don't have to learn every learning shouldn't be from your mistakes.

[39 : 08] Learn from other people's mistakes. That's wise. Hallelujah. So, it's going to be better.

Alright? I don't like that idea where there are people here who are still beating yourself down because of what you did the other time. Yesterday. Last year. So, Moses, my servant, is dead. I rise and cross over the Jordan with the people. Stop lamenting over spilled milk. Alright? You can't do anything about it. You should know that.

I didn't expect that I would have come with that abortion. And he said, sister, don't worry. Pick up yourself from the dust. Believe God and move on.

There is a way God can give you so much honor, double honor and success that your pain and the shame of the past doesn't matter. Remember that.

[40 : 08] If you have ever made a terrible mistake which made you a slurping stock, believe God runs so fast that God will honor you with such honor that the mistakes people know about, they saw your nakedness yesterday, you have been so much honored, they can't afford to even remember it.

but it can happen if you are still sleeping. It can happen if you are still sleeping in Lamenti. Only if my dad was around, but he's not around.

Oh, he wasn't around. He said, if you had been here, my brother Lazarus would do not have that. I was not here. Stop talking. If I am now here, what can I do for you now?

I am the resurrection and the life. So, time is not a problem. What happened in the past is not a problem. I have a way of blessing you so much that you can recover.

That's why you have to work with God. Someone broke my heart. You know what? People's hearts get broken. So, at least you know how it feels like for your heart to be broken.

[41 : 16] Get over it. Move on. Move on. He lost the job. You made a terrible mistake. He should have said what you said. I lost this relationship. I love him so much. I love him so much.

I shouldn't have gone to bed with him and now he doesn't want to see my face. I shouldn't have gone. I didn't want to hear. Now, everybody's like, don't worry. It does happen. Don't give yourself high blood pressure because of that.

It does happen. People make mistakes in life, but it's your future that will give you the reward. It's not your past. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Wake up.

Wake up. Wake up. You cannot take over asleep. You can't take over asleep.

When you are asleep, what can you take over? So, you have to wake up in order to take over. And we are here to take over, not to take cover.

[42 : 18] We are here to take over the United Kingdom with revival. Greater awakening. Greater awakening. Greater awakening.

Hallelujah. Am I communicating to somebody? Wake up. Wake up. The first rule for you to wake up, stop beating yourself about yesterday.

Enough of that, please. Enough of that. Stop beating yourself about your mistakes. Every now and then, emotionally, you will feel it. But you know, it's okay. Sometimes, if you don't have anyone to comfort you or pat you, give you a pat on the back and rub your back, don't worry.

If you don't have, do it yourself. Yes. Now there are stuff you can use to scratch your back. Now, you know the selfie stick?

Selfie stick, yeah. If you don't have any photographer, just get the selfie stick. So stop lamenting over what the mistakes of yesterday.

[43 : 29] Okay. We all do make mistakes. But I don't know, it has costed me everything. No, you are still here. You can save the pieces. Put them together.

you can get 12 baskets full. Wow. Wow. 10 baskets. It was five laws that you lost.

But you didn't know that with Jesus in the boat, you can end up recovering 12 baskets. One basket for every month. One basket for every hour of the day.

And one basket for every hour of the night. wake up. You are sitting by a pool of water.

Don't sleep and die out of dehydration first. You are sitting by a pool of water. The problem is not the water. The problem is you are slumbering.

[44 : 24] You are sleeping. A little sleep and a little slumber. And poverty will jump on you like a bandit and armed robber. So then what the Bible is trying to tell us is you are responsible for the outcome of your life.

As long as you have somebody to blame for your misfortunes, there's no way you can move on from there. As long as there's someone you can blame for something that happened to you, for negative things, for your misfortune, there's no way you can move on from there.

Take responsibility. Don't say, my dad was not around. That's why I couldn't finish my studies. So what are you doing now? We are trying to continue. If it's too late, find something else.

You can, Christ will help you. That's right. That's right. If I did not be for this guy who regulated me and he didn't marry me, now I have four children without anymore.

Now five children. Look, the children are... No, no, no, no. Invest into them. Yes. Invest into them. You can make champions out of those children. Yeah. Out of those children.

[45 : 33] Are you getting what I'm saying? There is always... Oh, I like this. There is always a way forward. Yes. Hallelujah. Someone said, I'm not afraid of the future. Why? Because I know he who holds the future.

Jesus. I may not know what the future holds, but I know the one who holds the future. Right.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Great awakening. Someone needs to wake up. Wake up and start doing something that you know in your destiny because time and time waits for no man.

You may be saying tomorrow, procrastination is one of the biggest enemies of progress. Go and ask the people in Africa. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. They say procrastination is the thief of time. Yes. Let not your age be the issue.

[46 : 36] Your mind is still active. You can remember things and work with it. Yes. I'm too old now. How can I? Is that not what Naomi said to Ruth?

Yes. I'm too old. I can't give you a child. But Ruth was looking beyond and said still, I will follow you.

Your God will be my God and your people shall be my people. Little did she know that she was about to marry one of the wealthiest men in that city, in that nation and through that become one of the great, great, great, great, great grandparents of Jesus Christ.

Because she was tenacious. Don't give up. The sister, I love what the sister said. She said, but I had a word from the pastor that I will win this battle.

My husband is coming. So when the lawyer gave up, I said, me, I'm on, based on this word I've heard, I'm still going to pursue it. Can you imagine if she had gone to sleep and started another battle?

You don't know that battle. There's no guarantee that it will because the thing is not just the court. There are other elements. It's like puppets, the strings are holding things. But a prophetic word is what can guarantee.

[47 : 45] God has gotten involved. So you have to hold on to God's word and fight with God's word. I'm going to communicate to somebody. She persevered. The other lady, can you imagine, sir, you go, you apply for a job or a good and they say, sorry, we don't have vacancy.

She goes back, comes to the police, they say, I'm going, call the police. I think I still have vacancy. The manager said, sorry, we don't have a, call the top one. He said, I know I should have a vacancy here.

He said, okay, talk to the manager, manager, give her, when he says, no, we don't have anything here. She said, I must be there. Persistence, her perseverance, has secured her, her position in that, in that company.

They said, don't run with what they always say. Because people will always say, institutions will always say, something will always be said because life is a life that things are always said. God created by saying, so since that time, things have been stopped saying. Am I communicating to somebody at all? They said, they said, I shouldn't attempt again.

[48 : 52] It won't work. They said, people who say it won't work always get shocked or distracted when you get it done. How do you do it?

And you can tell me, God, the God of charis is helping you. God of charis. God will help you this year. God will help you this year. And watch this, in spite of your thoughts last year, God will help you this year.

God will help you this year. I said, my God will help you this year. My God will help you this year. In the name of Jesus. Hallelujah.

Don't give up on marriage and say, I don't marry again because I've tried and it's not working. I've tried. Every man I attempt for him to propose to me doesn't do it. so I give up.

They always break my heart. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Maybe you lack certain understanding in the past, in your choices. Now that illumination is coming, now that you are awake, make choices, inform choices and see if it will work.

[50 : 02] Things, what I'm trying to tell you is things will work for you. So wake up. So wake up. Wake up. Wake up. Wake up.

Wake up. Ephesians chapter 5 verse 14. Look, I like that one. Ephesians chapter 5 verse 14. He said, therefore he says, awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead and Christ will give you life. So you have to awake and then the light will come. Awake. So you can tell my brothers and sisters that there is an element of human responsibility here.

There's an element of human responsibility and we must learn how to take personal responsibilities towards our future by the help of God. That's what I'm talking about.

Wake up. Wake up. Everybody has been eating your food and biting their fingers and stuff like that and you are just there. You do have people and it's like everyone, they get the attention of the day and you are just there.

[51 : 04] You are complaining. I don't have a job. I don't have a job. For a whole year, you don't have a job. Yet you can do wonderful hairstyle and makeup. What are you sitting there? Stop doing some business cards.

Look for people. Talk to them and then pray and work with God. Yeah. It's a crime against your destiny not to do anything with your potential.

Awake. From the sleep. From the dead. And Christ will give you light. Wake up. Wake up. Tell somebody, wake up.

Tell somebody, wake up. In 1 Corinthians 15, verse 33, quickly, 1 Corinthians 15, 33, he said, 1 Corinthians 15, 33, he said that, do not be deceived.

Evil communication corrupts. The people you have, King James said, corrupt good manners. But in this one, corrupt good habits. So sometimes, your behavior, you catch the behavior of people you hang around with.

[52 : 09] Evil communication. Evil communication. Evil interaction. Evil company, evil company, corrupt good habits. Your company.

All right? Now watch the next. See, look at the next verse. Look at, awake to righteousness. Okay? And do not sin. For some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak to you.

I speak this to your shame. Wake up. To righteousness. Enough of, you know what I said earlier? Enough of the gossip. Enough of the masturbation.

You've done enough. It's okay. Stop it. Enough of the porn. I will say it. Say it. Enough. Enough of the porn, bro. Enough. You are not a porn, bro.

Can? Or porn cracker. Every time you go to the house, what do you want?

[53 : 04] Can you bring me some porn crackers first? Enough. Tell someone enough. Enough. Don't you agree with me? Yes.

Because sometimes, you know, at the back, the recesses of your mind, you just want to enjoy a little bit. But now you are growing. Enough. Enough. You've had enough. Don't wait till future meets

you suddenly.

Say, hey. Hey, I'm 40. How? Hey. I'm 40. Then you start panicking. But didn't you see when you were 35? You celebrated your 32nd birthday very well.

Eight years later, you're supposed to be 32 still. No. You're not 40. Normally, when people get to 40, they get very distraught because they realize they haven't done much with their life.

And then, the evening is setting in life. As you are under 30, it's a big opportunity to keep awake. Some of us are 50, but you can still wake up and recover some things quickly. amen.

[54 : 05] Amen. Amen. Amen. Yes. Yes. Hallelujah. I'm not happy because I don't have a husband.

When I go to bed, I feel lonely. Pack a lot of those coats you have. Pack the coats and then put your hand around the coat. Put your hand around the coat if you buy a lot of them coats.

Gather them. Put one coat inside the other. Put another coat. You have arms and then put your hand under the armpit of the coat. A credit you are still borrowing from people you are still borrowing from people you are celebrating a store card you are sharing a testimony they give me overdraft the bank has given me overdraft don't come and share that testimony it's not a testimony it's not it's only sleeping people who see that as a miracle the bank has given you a thousand pounds overdraft so you are now happy you can spend it oh my god it's your manual actually they will get a chance to charge you so do you understand that you have to cut those credit cards cut them stop using them so you can if you find yourself in the ditch the first rule of relief stop digging stop digging before you can think of coming out but you are still digging you are still digging you say oh when will I come out of this you are still digging wake up this year must be different this year must be different this year because it's wasting your time it's just wasting your chances and you know you throw up and throw up and throw up you have long problems your intestines are hurting you can't think properly the whole week you're hurt and it's continuing you are not happy actually so why do you go oh my friends they are so chilling they're friends then anything that brings any trace of that whatever will bring you back into that trace all those enemies like when they catch a terrorist they will trace all everyone connected and then they collect them and quickly check who else that's how you have to do because the problem has brothers and sisters and cousins so you have to disconnect yourself from all their cousins and brothers and sisters and their nephews and nieces I'm saying something thank you Jesus all right this year because a great awakening that means a lot of work greater awakening great awakening just calls for work if you don't like working I'm sorry there's no future for you there's no future for the lazy man it's true there's no future for the lazy man I'm just wondering my job is sleeping I never say that anyway never say that I know people say oh so I love my sleep I don't joke with my hey my sleep I love my sleep every day I must make sure I secure 8 to 10 hours of sleep I will never compromise no wonder no wonder things are not changing Bishop

Abiyo Abiyo said everyone who sleeps throughout the night if you sleep all night you probably feel all day all right now let me tell you a few things in a few minutes about this year things that we'll be focusing on as we embark on greater awakening this church this year because it's greater awakening our focus is going to be heavily on more of word awakening the word of God word awakening you know this church we have always been word based but this time we have to take it to another level I'm not talking about preaching I'm talking about weaving stronger word of God into the whole fabric of the church because of that we are going to we are about to this year it's our vision and target to start KBI KBI Caris Bible Institute we will give you details on that to make sure in Acts chapter 19 verse 8 9 and 10 he redrew the disciples he redrew the disciples

[59 : 34] Acts chapter 19 verse 8 he went to the synagogue for three days three months the next verse says that but when some were hardened and did not believe he spoke but spoke evil of the way before the multitude he departed from them and redrew the disciples reasoning daily in the school he was reasoning reasoning daily every day reasoning meeting them reasoning in the school of your disciples they are not political reasoning it's biblical disciples discipleship daily in the school of Tyranus and what happened Bible said and this continues for how long two years so that all Asia all who dwell in Asia heard what the word of the Lord so you see the schooling was the word school right word word word word word word that time is coming this year is starting that the children in this church will be quoting scriptures like that every member of this this church must have scriptures that you are working with and building with you know what scripture you are standing on this man you know what this week you know what scripture you are standing on you

know the scripture you know where it can be formed you don't say he says somewhere somewhere enough of those somewhere somewhere you must at least also remember some scriptures remember you think when I go to bed an angel comes and inject the scriptures into my head no it doesn't happen like that it's because

I give myself to the scriptures and we have to pass this legacy on this year is a word awakening the greater awakening is actually word awakening that's why the theme is in that same text interestingly that same text Acts chapter 19 verse 9 and 10 and so this happened and all who dwell in Asia heard the word verse 10 all who dwell in Asia heard the word for 2 years verse 11 quickly quickly now where's the all who go back all who dwell in Asia yeah verse 10 and this continue for 2 years and all who dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus described both Jesus and Greeks and then because of that when you go down down to verse 20 look at verse 20 that's our key scripture for this year verse 20 says so the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed in Acts chapter 8 verse 14 Bible says when their disciples heard that Samaria had received the word so a whole city can receive the word that's what we are embarking when they heard that

Samaria Samaria was a city Samaria had received the word so the word must come like a ton of bricks on this city to us so that also means that we are going to step out radical evangelism we're going to step it up radical evangelism every method and means we find we'll use it so last year we did some evangelism but this year is going to be much more radical that's why we need to just get this structure settled and then we begin to move and because we are trying to weave more way into the fabric of the church we are going to strengthen the cell system so everyone is taken care of and is fed with the word of God everyone is taken care of it doesn't matter your level there is a place here for you it doesn't matter maybe you just got born again yesterday there is a place here you just got born again you have done this anything as long as you are a human being there is a place here for you as long as you are a human being

God is working on human beings developing and raising them God will raise you are you getting it so cell system we are going to intensify the cell system and work it out very well so everybody can be this is what must happen this church must double church growth numerical growth we have to double the double wonder because the people we are connected to they double so we also double praise the Lord these are all things that because of greater awakening we are targeting that we will see happening we at least four four branches we must see four branches at least open this year why because we are awake and we are going to work we can't these things can't happen sleeping so greater awakening means work time someone shout amen and also we will be also embarking on community projects some community projects there are a few slides I was supposed to have shown you before

I started preaching the atmosphere was so good just had to just start teaching but there's a few slides that I will show you about a project that went on last Friday to the glory of God community project and so this Saturday event is also part of all those things things are happening this year what more is individual members breakthrough people must begin to see raw breakthroughs in their personal life I'm talking about family breakthroughs your health your career your finances this year things must change the world must see that God has visited his people hallelujah so if you are a member of this congregation expect that if you are not getting a financial breakthrough you must get a marital breakthrough or a family breakthrough a career breakthrough or business breakthrough something must happen in your personal life which is going to be predicated on your personal spiritual growth as you are developing growing spiritually other things are also seek ye first the kingdom of

[65 : 21] God and all these things shall be added to you that is the target this year that you look at yourself in the next five months by May you realize that spiritually you have made serious progress and so your relationships will work marriages are going to work are you listening to what I'm saying also the word of God grew mightily and prevail that's the agenda the word must grow and prevail the word must grow and prevail so personally we must see great movement progress in people's life that's what we are believing God for and because of that one or two things will be done and then one of the major things that I want we are believing God to see in this year is radical development of our children's service we possibly have to have our children's choir help the children train train more children to do things in God's house the school system is good it's helping them the church system must train more children so by the end of this year we must even have some children who have been trained in the word drama instrumentation quiz the children we want to because we can't go

and live that we have to just raise the children create a much more effective system for the children to develop faster and stronger in the

Lord because it's a greater here of greater awakening greater awakening greater awakening greater awakening it's greater awakening because the path of the just shines bright like a shining star a shining sun perfect brighter and brighter onto a perfect day so you will not have a better yesterday it says that we all with an unveiled faces second corinthians chapter 3 verse 18 we all with an unveiled faces beholding us in a glass or us in a mirror the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory somebody say from glory to glory say from glory to glory so what does that mean we are moving up you are moving forward everybody we are all moving forward together shout amen if you believe he shout amen that will be your testimony today I came to preach on greater awakening wake up and let's move from glory to glory to glory did you receive the word come and put your hands together for the Lord and shout hallelujah if you are not saved you are not safe because life is dangerous life is not under your command I don't see why I should end this service without giving you an opportunity to say yes Lord pastor pray with me because I want to have this bread means I want to put all my confidence in him all my hope in him I want to give my life to Jesus if that is your genuine desire just lift up your hand and say this after me say it genuinely from your heart say Lord Jesus I know I'm a sinner I've sinned against you I ask you to forgive my sins wash me with your blood thank you Lord for dying on the cross to save me from today I'll serve you I believe in you I put all my hope in you I put my faith in you as my Lord and personal savior I receive you into my life I make a vow with you that I'll serve you all the days of my life Satan get behind me I don't belong to you I belong to Jesus thank you Lord for saving me in Jesus name father father I thank you your word says that you know your sheep and your sheep know your voice no one can come to you except your father brings him I pray that let your grace be upon them help them to be strong I pray that the grace of God will come upon you the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you and help you to be a strong Christian in Jesus mighty name amen thank you for listening for more resources please visit caries.org or call us on 0207 740 9960 god bless you