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CHAPTER ONE

THE SEASON OF REVIVAL IS NOW

Dryness is being free of moisture or any liquid substance. Dryness is the loss of all wetness or moisture over a period of time. A person may stay for a period of time or for years without spiritual rain, wetness or moisture.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. Joel 2:21-27

This is a season of revival, a time of refreshing from above. God is out to restore every dry thing in your life. It is obvious that some Christians or ministers of God have in one time or the other gone through spiritual dryness or may even be going through this spiritual dryness presently. It is not strange in life to have such a thing in the physical or spiritual as you see the Holy Spirit speaking in the above scripture through Prophet Joel; but the main problem is remaining there which is very bad and dangerous. When spiritual dryness occurs in your life, God wants you to come closer to him at that time for refreshment, and renewal of strength for the Christian race.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Psalms 63:1-6

David cried out for God’s refreshing. He wanted to see God in a new way and encounter him for new strength. David found himself in dry place with no water and he sought God more and more for refreshment. David sought to be closer to God; to have real communion with Him. Only hungry and thirsty men look for food and water. We are in the last days and the devil is trying to displace our focus from our blessed Lord and Master and turn us to the world and its lusts and desires which bring serious dryness.

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away”. 2 Tim.3:1-5.

Every Christian knows when he or she is in tune with God. When the communion begins to have problem, the Christian himself is the first person to know because God’s spirit bears witness with our spirit, Rom. 8:16. When we are in tune, there is joy, happiness, freedom of fellowship, communion with other Christians and we seek to stay in communion with him forever and know Him more.

The above scripture is a true picture of a dried Christian. One of the things written above brings the other. When one sin enters into the life of a Christian and he plays about it, it leads to another one. No Christian can wake up one morning to have all these things written in 2 Tim. 3:1-5, it is impossible. They come in one after another and finally the person’s conscience
gets seared or becomes dead because he allowed the devil bring in those things without refusal.

Every Christian that wants to maintain a normal Christian living watches over his life daily. The enemy creeps into your life as a thief in the night, when we neglect to watch as Christ says “WATCH AND PRAY”. In order to run away from Spiritual dryness one must be alert in the Spirit. Living a daily prayer life and having personal Bible studies. When you digest and assimilate the word, it saturates you; you become word conditioned like an air conditioned room. The Holy Spirit refreshes us as we come to Him and connect with the Father every minute of the day. Nevertheless when any symptom of spiritual dryness is found in one’s life, (like a lack of desire for the things of God and fellowship with brethren), then cry out to God like David the Psalmist.

“As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say to me, Where is your God?” Psalms 42:1-3

The psalmist cried out when he found his soul drying up spiritually, he needed God’s intervention. He needed to be watered from above by the spirit of God. The only antidote for spiritual dryness is to desire God as never before, to desire Him more and more. Step out of former glories and spiritual achievements and look forward to new challenges; which motivate you into actively seeking the face of God either through fasting and prayer or other spiritual exercises that leads to spiritual recovery.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”. Matt.5:6. Praise the Lord.
CHAPTER TWO

SYMPTOMS OF SPIRITUAL DRYNESS

There is always a sign before anything begins. Nothing just happens; there is always a sign at the start of everything. In the case of spiritual dryness in the life of a Christian or a minister of God, it is either the Christian stops it at the early stage or it swallows up his whole life and finally starts producing questionable characters. Signs are always there at the start, so when dryness begins every Christian should be aware. Here are some of the symptoms of spiritual dryness.

1. LACK OF DESIRE FOR FELLOWSHIP

*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:23-25*

When your desire for fellowship with the brethren starts dying, then there is something wrong. Not only in the church you belong, but also when Christian gathering begins to get boring to you, then the enemy is making an evil plan for your faith. This lack of desire makes Christians to begin to hide themselves from believers and other Christian denominations, and they know that their faith or love towards God has diminished. *At this time, when such a person even comes to church, he doesn’t get any spiritual food from the message. He rather starts judging the message, asking questions like ‘why this and why that.’ The enemy begins to blind his mind of godly reasoning and begin to show him many faults in the pastor, among brethren and many other things that can excuse him from coming. When such things are found out, it is important to minister to such fellow on a personal basis constantly until freedom is achieved. If possible the pastor himself should exercise his pastoral and spiritual expertise to bring such a person back to the love God. This can be mostly*
achieved in many private prayers. “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, less you also be tempted. Bear you one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself”. Gal. 6:1-3
Wisdom must be applied especially with opposite sex. In such cases; either send someone of the same gender or go with another person, though generally it is always good to minister to people in pairs to avoid mistakes or misunderstandings after all.

2. WHEN THE WORD OF GOD BECOMES NORMAL

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.1 Peter 2:2-3

Normally the desire for the word of God should increase in your life every day, but when someone starts reading the word without getting anything from it then there is something wrong. In cases like this, you may read verses, chapters or even a whole book of the bible and yet it you won’t feel like you have read the word of God. Watch out, spiritual dryness is coming in. When the provisions of God seem to be taken away from their place and nothing seems to bring hope with your mind being placed far on other things, then there is need for a fresh touch of God; for the scales on your eyes and mind to disappear.

3. COMING LATE TO SERVICES

Someone may come late for a service or Christian gathering due to unavoidable circumstances, though it is often not advisable no matter how justifiable the excuse is. When a Christian who is lively in the spirit comes late to church or other Christian activities he should actually feel bad but if this person doesn’t feel touched at his lateness, then there is a clear indication that spiritual dryness is fast coming in. First, anytime we have an appointment with God, we have to always keep it, but when one doesn’t consider lateness as a serious offence
then he is gradually drifting down to the flesh. God shouldn’t be waiting for us at a rendez-vous especially when it is time for service. We have come to serve and worship him; we have to always be early. In the worldly circle, people wait for Governors or Presidents if they have to visit a particular area. Ask yourself this question; between God and president of the world who is greater?

4. DIMINISHING IN PRAYER AND STUDY OF GOD’S WORD

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalms 55:17

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:9,11,105

It is a custom for a Christian to have constant prayer and fellowship time with God, a time chosen to commune with God and maintain a constant relationship with Him. When we don’t have the desire to read, study and meditate on the word of God, when the prayer and study life as a Christian begin to go down, it shows that dryness is setting in. Such moments in the life of a Christian are very dangerous and delicate. Prayer, communion and fellowship with God ignites our life in the supernatural and directs us towards the right path once we step out into our day.

5. SELFISH CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had showed them. Psalms 78:9-12

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the
storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. Mal. 8:8-11

Unfaithfulness towards God in finances is not new. Many have fallen into this trap of the enemy especially when riches begin to increase. God has always warned His children never to forget him in their plenty, but most of the time Christians forget this warning and still keep on worshipping the god of mammon.

6. SOME OTHER SYMPTOMS OF SPIRITUAL DRYNESS
(a) Much sleep or sleeping during prayer or service.
(b) Lust of the flesh, the eyes and pride of life.
(c) Engaging in unnecessary discussions
(d) Evil desires and thoughts, Jealousy, envy, hatred, gossip, lying, hypocrisy, Immorality, etc.
(e) Enjoying watching filthy films or pornographies
(f) Disobedience to leadership.
(g) Evil associations among church elders, deacons and workers to criticize and to rule over their leader or Pastor.

Prevention is better than cure. It is better to spot out the plans of the enemy and crush them like an egg, than to wait for it to grow a tap-root and develop strong holds. It is better to fight an offensive battle than a defensive one. Remember the best form of defense is attack. When someone is in constant communion with his Maker and the Holy Spirit controls his life he can easily dictate when sin is coming in. The devil is very subtle; he attacks people in their mind and makes them meditate on evil things. He does not come like a giant; he creeps in like a good and sympathetic friend but ends up destroying the person. When the devil tells you to do a thing, he does not show you the danger in it, he only shows you what you will gain thereby trapping you in his subtlety. You can’t gain anything from the devil.
“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor.5:17

When we become new creatures, we become God’s temple and his Spirit takes residence in us from that moment. The Holy Spirit convinces us that Christ is the Saviour of the world. He warns us of impending danger because He dwells in us. **Nothing can happen to a Christian who is Spirit filled unawares. The devil likes to remind people of the old things they did in order to intimidate and hold them captive, but the Spirit in us gives us the boldness to overcome.**

“For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and of a sound mind”. 2 Timothy 1:7

“Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are”. 1 Cor.3:16-17

If we are led by the Spirit then we are God’s children and the spirit bears constant witness of our sonship. The Holy Spirit does not want a part of our hearts, he needs our total being. He wants to have total and complete control of us and once that is done we notice it ourselves and now develop this confidence and boldness that we are children of God.

“For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God”. Romans 8:14,16

Our true nature as children of God is holiness. The assurance we have as sons keeps us from whiling away our life in sin and unholiness. **When God’s Spirit leads your life, you become free from spiritual accident and ship wreck. You need no person’s confirmation to know if you belong to Christ or not. A lot of God’s children have lost their blessing because they don’t know their right in Christ, or how to maintain the new life they receive in Him. When we leave the devil’s kingdom to that of Christ, he still fights to bring us back.**
The devil can use anything or any person to bring us back. His suggestions are always unholy. The devil has nothing helpful for you.

The only way someone can maintain this true relationship with God is to be sober; and know that the owner of our life dictates for us as we give him control and not people around. When our garment of righteousness is spotted we know it or people around us see it through our character, our way of talking, and movement etc; but the only medicine that can drive away this spot is taking heed to God’s word.

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to your word. Your word have I hid in my heart, that I may not sin against you”. Psalms 119:9,11

“One morning after I woke up; I wanted to pray but the desire was not there. I even tried reading my Bible, but couldn’t. I tried figuring out what was wrong because we all had a wonderful night sleep. I then called my family we started praying and praising God and after sometime the whole environment got saturated and we prayed like never before on that day. We used the word of God in our battle against the Kingdom of the devil and funny enough we later found out that there were some demons that came to invade our home. If we did not wage war against the enemy that morning, we would have started experiencing spiritual dryness. First I wanted to pray but the desire was not there and the word of God almost meant nothing to me, but I stood and called out my family and we fought with the help of the Holy Spirit at work in us and the
atmosphere changed. We had victory because we decided to pray with the word; if we didn't pray, the enemy would have had his way. *Many have gotten into trouble because of situations like this.* They don’t realize that the devil is at work, and they keep quiet till the enemy accomplishes his will. Matt.26:28-41. The devil lost the battle when Christ overcame the temptations he posed against him. **Christ’s crucifixion brought Satan’s destruction at the cross, but he uses lies and deceit to trap people.**

“And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He quicker together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Col. 2:13-15

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage”. Heb.2:14-15

We don’t have to sleep like the disciples did and fell into the hands of the impostor. *He has deceived a lot of people and has even withheld their blessings in ransom.* It all starts very small and then grows big later. The enemy has been destroyed; he has no power over you. Stand like a soldier of Christ; deny all his tricks. We are free in Christ, more than conquerors.
CHAPTER 3

SOME CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL DRYNESS

TRIALS AND TEMPTATION

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace where in we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us," Romans 5:1-5

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ bound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ”. 2 Cor. 1:3-5.

Trials and temptations are not easy but they purify us after we have gone through them. The devil always makes Christians think evil when problems come their way. When challenges are not seen as a part of our training in life it causes spiritual dryness. We then tend to think that God hates us and doesn’t care about our case. The devil uses that opportunity to weaken our prayer and personal bible study which helps us to rely more on the provisions of God. When a life of constant prayer and bible study is neglected because of challenges; problems are multiplied and grow to mountain peak.

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Our fellowship with God and the brethren is cut off when challenges come our way. Sometimes these challenges make brethren decide to stay in their homes, and when asked why they did not come to fellowship, the devil quickly gives them an excuse to offer. *Spiritual dryness comes in when we look at challenges as the end of our life.* These challenges sometimes make a believer think that God is no more around, but that is not true. *God is even closer to you whenever you are in any trouble. The end of every problem brings promotion in the life of a believer.*

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholds him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread”.

Psalms 37:23-25

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones: not one of them is broken”.

Psalms 34:19-20

No matter how tough the challenges may be, God has promised deliverance. A man can fall in the midst of problems, but the Lord won’t allow him to be utterly cast down. God orders the steps of his children. He knows everything about their life. Even when our prayers are not yet answered, we must keep on trusting and believing God. For many, this is a time of abandoning God with spiritual dryness setting in. They even abandon and begin to work contrary to their faith and belief. May the Lord never allow you to get to this point of failure in life.

**EVIL COMMUNICATION**

“*Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners.* 1 Cor.15:33

Whenever you start moving with negative minded persons, be sure that your faith will grow weak or die. Proverbs 27:17 says, “As Iron sharpens Iron, so a
man sharpens the countenance of his brother”. A person who lives contrary to
the word of God cannot be a blessing to your life. Birds of the same feather flock
together. You need those that can help your faith to grow. Even in the
business world and other professions; like attracts like. Fire begets fire
and relates with fire. Fire and water can never friends. No goat can give
birth to a sheep. No dead woman can give birth to a living child, even so
no backslidden Christian can help your Christian life to grow. Evil
communication corrupts good life and takes you out of your faith.

SUBMITTING TO THE FLESH

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be
sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding
sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went
a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be
possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou
wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith
unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray,
that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh
is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my
Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be
done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were
heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time,
saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto
them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and
the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going:
behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. Matt. 26:37-46

When your flesh stops your spirit from doing the will of God, the Spirit of God is
grieved and your spiritual life decreases and if this continues; you end up
spiritually ship wrecked. The disciples could not watch with Jesus though Jesus
asked them to do that three times. They could not prepare for the dangerous
times ahead. Peter thought it was a physical warfare; he trusted his sword. Oh
how miserable we will be, if we continue to neglect the voice of God and trust in
Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited”. Jer.17:5-6. Flesh will only lead us to deny our Master both secretly and publicly. “If you refuse instruction, you will receive destruction”. If the disciples were separated from one another, some would have watched with Jesus but since their leader Apostle Peter was sleeping, they were all carried away by his life and character.

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 1 Sam.15:23-24

When Saul rejected the voice of God, he was reduced to nothing and the kingdom was taken from him. So many of us have entered into serious problems at one time or the other because we refused listening to the voice and direction of the Spirit but rather listened to our friends, wives, husbands, parents etc. Missing or disobeying God's direction can bring poverty, blockage and sometimes death in the life of a believer or even a minister of God. You can struggle all the days of your life without getting anything because you missed God's voice and direction at a certain stage of your life. We do not succeed by strength, power or might but by the spirit of God. The prevailing force of a child of God is the Holy-Ghost. By strength shall no man prevail. Saphira and Ananias died, but we do not know who deceived each other. They consented through evil communication and died at the end. Read Acts 5.

“He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness, for by strength shall no man prevail. 1 Sam 2:9

A man that neglects the voice of God can never be properly consecrated and devoted. He will only find time for friends and pleasures of life. Self is a problem when it comes to obeying the voice of God. Some people even disobey
**despite lots of warnings in their heart and feelings, that shows they are on the wrong path.** In fact some even harden their hearts like Balaam because of wrong profit or gain. Read Numbers Chapters 22, 23 and 24, 2 Peter 2:14-17 and Jude 1:11-13. Disobedience to God and his servants brings indifference in the things of God and even in the family thereby creating problems and quarrelling. **The Holy Spirit stays where He controls. When you reject Him, He gently leaves or stays dormant till you recognize your error(s).**

Sometimes the Holy Spirit may lead the church or choir to sing a new song for God’s glory to be made manifest through healing, miracles and blessings but when he is denied such right, the altar and church continues to be dry. **You can’t maintain a good and balanced spiritual atmosphere when you are in charge of your life or church and not God.** Sometimes, your life may be influenced by the opposite sex, shun that evil and stop that relationship immediately. **Spiritual dryness comes when we stay around people who don’t encourage our faith to grow.** You may be timid to say no sometimes, but it is better to stop any relationship that destroys your communion with God than to destroy your destiny.

**LUST OF THE EYES AND OF THE FLESH**

*My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not, Prov.1:10.*

*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. 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. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 John 2:15-17*

Any person that is serious with God won’t sell his faith for anything. When there is enticement, real Christians refuse and stop the relationship in question here. Learn to always say no to evil and yes to righteousness. **Joseph knew what it meant to say no to sin originating from evil relationships. He emphatically said no to Potipher’s wife. He preferred God than the devils promotion.** Joseph decided to keep God’s promise for him than what the sin bound woman
promised him. He preferred to suffer and achieve God's plan for him than to sell his birth right like Esua.

“Less there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For you know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears”. Hebrews 12:16-17.

When your desires begin to dishonor God, you become profane. You can sell your birth right. You may sell it and never have the opportunity to get it back. No real Christian ever prepares to relate with people that don’t help their faith, but these people just come the way of Christians. Most times, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in diverse ways to stop certain relationships, and as we refuse and persist in them we become spiritually dry. Remember, we are not stronger than the Lord and if he says stay away then do so. You must know that any desire that is greater than the service to God is idolatry.

NEGLECTING GOD’S VOICE AND DIRECTION

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. John 21:3,6

When the voice of the Holy Spirit that directs a Christian is neglected, the person falls into a pit. You can never lead nor guide your life as a Christian. When God tells you to pray or fast at a given time He has a purpose or reason for that. Jesus told Peter to pray so as not to enter into temptation, but Peter preferred sleep than prayer at that time and after Jesus said it three times he left Peter to himself and we clearly see the results which were Peter denying him and even abandoning the work at a certain time.
FAMILY PROBLEMS

“Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Col.3:18-19

Lack of mutual understanding brings problems in marriage. The in-submission of a wife and lack of love from the husband breaks harmony in the home and that causes spiritual dryness. This may occur during early pregnancy or near to the time of delivery, when the woman becomes uncomfortable to pray much due to the challenging nature of these stages but in real sense these shouldn’t bring problems in the home. We have to dwell with women according to the knowledge of God. They need continuous love and care. They need to be exhorted, helped and prayed for. Our home is God’s gift from above; we must keep it safe to the glory of His name. We need peace. Men must have self control if their home must maintain spiritual freshness.

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any one obey not the word, they also may without the 1 Peter 3:1-2, 1 Peter 3:5-9

“He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalted folly. Proverbs 14:29.

A lot of people have lost their home because of spiritual carelessness. People divorce and cause emotional trauma to themselves and their loved ones allowing the devil to use them as play ground. Quarrelling is a very wrong thing, a Christian man or woman that lives in constant quarrel cannot grow spiritually; he or she will spend time speaking empty words. Anger, wrath, malice and many other things the devil brings to the home bring spiritual dryness. The devil is a home divider; he does it in your ignorance.

When a Christian family is no more what they use to be spiritually, they become spiritually dry. When prayer, fellowship, family bible study is now by struggle, there is something wrong. When we have no time to stay
together and pray the devil uses that time to plant evil seeds. **A family that doesn’t pray together has no proper plan for a good future. A family that prays together stays together.**

**DEMONIC ATTACKS**

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, I will return to my house where I came out. And when he comes, he finds it swept and garnished. Then goes he, and takes to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first”. Luke 11:24-26

Demons are agents of Satan sent to accomplish his purpose against God and all of mankind. They fight against man; his social, academic, family, material, and financial life so as to bring an end to his future. **When one becomes manipulated by demons, his Christian life becomes so weak. He becomes spiritually dry and won’t serve God effectively.** He does things and regrets badly, yet goes back to them because he is under control, nevertheless when he is completely set free, his life changes. It is well known that demons are disembodied spirits that seek where and who to inhabit. **When demons live in a house you feel bad in that house, and when they live in man you see his character as bad. Sometimes he doesn’t even care about what he does to his life or to people around him. Then deliverance and total freedom from the grips and captivity of Satan becomes necessary for him.** Remember we are saying that, demons can make one spiritually dry. When you find out you are manipulated or inhabited by a demon then go for deliverance. Meet a minister with a good testimony or a fellow matured Christian who knows about deliverance. If it continues to persist then there must be something you are holding unto and if not then meet other people who are more spiritually mature than the previous ones you met to pray for you. For sure you can and will be free.
CHAPTER 4

ARISE FROM YOUR SLUMBER

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph. 5:14-17

There cannot be spiritual dryness without a cause. When the devil offers you a gift and you accept it, then spiritual dryness begins immediately. Sometimes the devil may want to force something into your life, but if you refuse firmly he goes away with his baggage. Listen to this scripture “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” 1 Peter 5:8-10.

The only thing that can stop spiritual freshness or the flow of the spirit in the life of a believer is when he chooses to go his way. Though at the beginning of every fall, the Holy Spirit warns the Christian about it; if he refuses the warning and continues then dryness will come in.

Read this, “He, that being often reproved hardens his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy”. Prov. 29:1,

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”. Prov. 14:12.

When warning continues and the believer refuses to heed to the voice of God such will go from sin to sin as we can see in 2 Tim 3:1-5. God does not force people to serve Him, but on refusal of your Maker and his love for you, the devil comes in to manipulate your life till he finally takes you to his place of abode.
“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquity has separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornicators, murderers, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, and evil eyes, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Mark 7:21-23

I know some Christians who were once blessed all round, but were brought to nothing completely because they abused the grace of God. God is not mocked, what you sow, you reap. Sometimes we think we have so much established our life that we can now play with fire. Nothing can make you come out of Satan’s grip if you keep on doing things forbidden by God. Sometimes, when a young minister starts operating in certain gifts of the spirit or on a level of anointing, he starts looking down on senior ministers or even his general overseer. No level of anointing will make God overlook sin in your life; He treats sin as sin. It is true that God is merciful but he has a standard for living. When God’s way of life is defiled by reason of unrighteousness it brings disaster to your personal life. When your spiritual life continues getting dried up; the Holy Spirit gets grieved and leaves if you refuse to repent. The knowledge of the scripture can make man cover his sins before other men but the eyes of God sees beyond the clothes we wear and goes deep into our mind and spirit. He knows everything concerning us and since He made us; before anything happens He knows.

ARISE AND SHINE

“How is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to find gold, how are the esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter. Lam. 4:1-2
It is so clear that when a Christian sins and continues in it; the glory of God departs. Here the Lord refers to Christians as gold, and wants to know how the children of Zion became so dim. The same is applicable to Christians when they leave the way of the Lord to do their own will; no doubt the light quenches and darkness takes over. *Sin reduces a Christian to nothing. It begins first with the spiritual and later it touches the physical and material.* Until one recognizes and comes back again to a right standard in his relationship with God; he will end up in trouble. Sin is a reproach. Wherever sin is covered and dwells, prosperity cannot be present. *What men call prosperity is the material, but God sees more than that.* Our prosperity begins with our soul, then the body and finally the material things. 3 John 2

“*Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.* Proverbs 14:34

“*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.* Proverbs 28:13

A sinner cannot have the peace of God. It is Christ that gives peace. He is the prince of peace. He offers peace that the world cannot give. So no sinner can has real peace. *Whatever a sinner calls peace is fake; sin brings separation between us and God.*

When a Christian puts on the garment of sin and he begins to wander away from the presence of God, a man or woman of God can help such a person and restore him or her. A mature spirit filled Christian can even restore such a person when he gives his accord.

“*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness considering thyself, less you also be tempted.* Galatians 6:1

The devil doesn't allow us to realize that we are going the wrong way when we begin to sin, but there is always a warning from the Holy Spirit. Hear his voice and be free.
CHAPTER FIVE

MOMENT OF CLEASING FOR GOD’S MINISTER

And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. Zech. 3:1-4

Joshua the high priest was found with a filthy garment which was the garment of sin; when a minister of God or a Christian is now clothed with the garment of sin, he is open to other fleshly and demonic attacks. The high priest who was supposedly the church leader or pastor was standing before the angel of the Lord helpless, because of sin. He had the devil’s property of the devil and he couldn’t rebuke him because he has a possession of his. Satan took advantage of that to stand at his right hand to resist him. The right hand signifies the strength, authority and power of a man.

The devil seized the right hand of the high priest. He withstood his authority and power. He could absolutely do nothing because his source of power was now feeble and weak. No wonder, many ministers of God and Christians today become powerless when they become covered with sin and iniquity. He that covers his sin shall not prosper as the Bible says. The devil has weakened a lot of Christians and even ministers of God have been taken over by then sin of lying, adultery, love of money, hatred, jealousy, envy. Others even go as far as doing some of the sins that some of their members fear to commit. When sin is found in a Christian or a minister’s life, the devil has legal right to resist him. He struggles to flow in the anointing, and this is why many go astray looking for witch doctors and spirits from the water to support their ministry. In cases like this, the minister struggles practically for everything
in life, and even if he is comfortable materially; he cannot be free again to worship and commune with God as his minister until he changes.

“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquity have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

You either decide to abandon your sin and be free from the prison of frustration for God’s face to shine on you again or continue in suffering. Many even prefer to suffer in their sin than give their life totally to Christ because they have been deceived that they will die if they confess and come back. Many backsliding Christians and ministers often turn into proper agents of the devil.

His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant. Isa. 56:10-12

Many ministers of God are at this verge in life while some others are completely carried away by the things of the world. A lot of ministers today are divorcing their wives and some are living in adultery while still living with their wives. It is a shame that the dog has gone back to its vomit.

A minister told me a story of how his members told him that his wife was no longer fit for him. Mostly when money starts flowing, the woman who suffered for it gets sent away and other women who didn’t work for it come to enjoy it. Such men who do that are not free; they are wicked and accursed. Whether your wife fits you or not, when you are married, you are married and for the fact that she suffers with you; she has to also enjoy with you. A pastor once said to me ‘I married my wife when I was an unbeliever so I don’t’ need her again.’ Though his wife had become born again, he used
the passage of old things are passed away in 2 Cor. 5:17, saying that he no longer needed her. He did not know nor understood the Bible. His fleshly desires and lust were drawing him to another demonic and seductive woman. I see men of this caliber like ignorant and sin bound people.

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. James 1:14-16

Members and Christian workers need to pray constantly for their ministers and leaders. Sometimes the devil comes to scatter the church and pushes the minister into grievous mistakes or sin, then stands there to resist him by using people around to bring confusion. In times like this, the man of God may take wrong decisions and create greater problems by his actions and attitude leading to him and the church becoming spiritually dry. When the church prayed for Apostle Peter, the angel of the Lord took him out of the prison. A minister of God can be in a spiritual prison, but the prayer of the constant prayer of the church will deliver and keep on delivering him from the plans of Satan.

A minister of God once said that his wife was not educated enough to carry out the ministry God has given him after many years of marriage. That was the devil coming to distract his life and future. Everyone has to take away the filthy garment in order to render perfect service unto God. God said, take away the filthy garment from him. When it was taken away, he said unto the high priest I have caused your iniquity to pass from you and I will clothe you with a new garment. Can God renew his anointing on a minister that is straying away without repentance? No is the answer. He needs repentance first. The only God can do is to continue ministering to him telling him to repent and come out of his evil way and start living righteously. Righteousness attracts the attention of God in every area of life. Imagine a man of God divorcing the wife and picking another woman because of education. That ministry won’t be Spirit-run anymore but flesh-run and all the works of the flesh will start being made evident in that church. Take note education has no age limit; you can still send your wife to school, if she’s willing to learn no matter her age.
“And I said, let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by and the angel of the Lord protested to Joshua, saying, thus says the Lord of hosts; if you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give you places to walk among these that stand by”.
Zech.3:5-8

When the garment of sin is taken away from a minister, **righteousness FLOWS LIKE A RIVER**. God gives him a new crown of authority with a fresh move in ministry. He reinforces His power and authority in his servant’s life. He makes the supporters of his servant strong and firm. He prepares him for greater tasks ahead. He gives him a new vision and commission. He strengthens and continues to encourage and holiness becomes his servant’s lifestyle. The love of God becomes greater and his grace overflowing. Many have missed on God’s plan for them and went their way, working with the garment of the devil on and going from reproach to reproach. You can’t do anything as a minister if sin has taken the upper hand in your life. You need to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit. You need a new encounter with God. This is the time; this is the season and God will do it if you dare to believe and trust him by getting closer to him.
CHAPTER 6

WAYS TO OVERCOME SPIRITUAL DRYNESS

There is always a way out of anything the devil does or plans to use to destroy the people of God. God is merciful and his loving kindness endures forever. He is ever mindful of his people. He recognizes the weakness of man and makes his faithfulness abide forever upon his children. When we call on Him in humility and repentance, he answers without hesitation. It is time to awake from your spiritual sleep and slumber. God requires an urgent change. It is either now or destruction comes in to take over.

“There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it”.
1 Cor.10:13

Nothing can defy the power of our God. Our Lord passed through all possible problems before ascending to heaven. He experienced all sorts of temptations and trials even death in order to set man free from bondage and He came out victorious. There is no temptation that is not common to man says the word of God. God has ways of escaping any kind of temptation or trial that comes the way of a child of God. There is no self justification where the spirit of God exists. He knows the number of the hairs on your head. He wants you to come back and inherit your blessings. He loves you. To overcome spiritual dryness; there are basically seven steps which are repentance, fellowship, brokenness, personal bible study, commitment, faith, confession and prayer and fasting. We are going to treat them one after another in order to help anyone who may in one time or the other have such problem.

The greatest thing I have seen in the life of a man looking for change is desire. When you have the desire for revival and cry out like David, he will answer. God accords our desires if they are according to His will. If our children desire good things from us and get them, then whatsoever we desire according to His will be
accorded. The greatest desire should be that of being in constant communion with God at all times.

*Wilt thou be angry with us forever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.* Psalms 85:5-8

God is ready to receive us anytime we return to him. When one is spiritually dry and refuses to cry out for help from God his life is finished. He will go from worse to worst spiritually. *When there is a desire in the heart of a man, God comes in for a change. Many know that they are not spiritually sound but don’t get worried over it. They go from spiritual bruises to serious wounds yet they continue on their way.* We could as well say that such a person hates his soul or is blind. *When sick, do you overlook your health? No!* This ignorance brings total spiritual wreckage. When we desire spiritual awakening, we must go to the right place where we can be reawakened and that is in God. *When one is dried spiritually and in need of revival, he must first begin to hate those things that have taken him out of the way. He must take the decision to stop doing such things: the devil is happy when you stray from God’s original intention for you.* He makes sure you keep standing on your sinful and destructive right. You can’t find solution to spiritual dryness until you take the first step which is desiring God which is made evident by repentance.

“As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say to me, Where is your God? Psalms 42:1-3

If one is already closed up in sin, it takes another person who is stronger to restore him.
BRETREN, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restores such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Gal.6:1-2

The shame of falling away can make someone not come back again. Such a person needs some compassion for him or her to be fully restored. Some people don’t dare helping their brethren when they fall. Instead they mock them and say ‘I know he will fall.’ But my response to these people remains this, ‘if you knew he will fall, why did you not stop him from falling but waited for him to fall?’ Spiritual dryness has closed a lot of hearts today; and made them to have no more feelings or brotherly love. The devil has taught us another gospel, which is “Everyone to his own tent”. How can we survive with such character as the body of Christ? For sure we can’t. Beloved, this is the last days and the devil is doing all he can to populate his kingdom and bring us face down, but God forbid. Let’s regain a hold of our minds and spirit and reason with God or we will end up totally destroying all that Jesus died for. The number one solution to spiritual dryness is repentance and a turnaround in humility, halleluya.

STEP 1

REPENTANCE

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Joel 2:12-41

Generally, when a Christian is over taken in a fault, he is expected to call on the Lord immediately for repentance and continue his Christian race. This is not the case we are talking about here; in this case we are referring particularly to those who now live in their past glories; those that no longer have new testimonies
anymore. I can even say those that have left their first love and have gone completely into the world and have denied the faith. *It is a custom for an Israelite to tear his clothes when he is found guilty in a thing. He does so to show remorse and a sign of repentance. But this time around God asked them to turn to Him completely with all their heart.* This could be called true repentance or holiness. It is true that a man can pretend while living in his normal life of sin but Paul asked the Corinthians to show real remorse.

**WHAT IS TRUE REPENTANCE?**

*Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.* 2 Cor. 7:9-10

When God’s anger comes upon his children because they miss His way they must look for a way to come back immediately. God’s blessings are withheld when real repentance is not present. *Worldly sorrow works death because the sinner repeats the same thing at will and this makes the church dry; but who is the church? The worshippers. But in all this God is calling for humility and repentance.* He calls for our heart to be broken for a change in character. Read James 4:4-10. *When we drift far from God, we draw close to Satan and the world and any believer that makes the world his friend is an enemy of God.* God is ready to come close and bless His Church if we truly repent and stay close to Him. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.

**STEP 2**

**FELLOWSHIP**

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all”*. 2 Cor. 13:14
Fellowship is a word that many neglect so easily because they don’t understand what it means. Fellowship means communion, relating together or agreeing on something in harmony and oneness. Many know about repentance, but have no personal relationship or fellowship with the Holy Spirit. They know the Father and the Son through salvation but have no communion with the Holy Spirit. You can’t know someone very well until you have a personal relationship or constant fellowship with that person. Many Christians are spiritually dry because they have not known the Holy Spirit. Christians must learn to relate, inviting one another for meal at home; or taking a family to a restaurant to share the love of Christ together, sharing business ideas and helping those that have no mobility to reach their destination without murmuring. Fellowship with one another is more than many people coming together just to sing and pray or to hear the word of God; it entails relating and sharing things in common. People are happy to relate when the Holy Spirit leads the church. The church is turned to a family where people see themselves as brothers and sisters from the same womb when the Holy Ghost is in charge.

One thing I have experienced as a Christian and even as a minister is that when the true fellowship with the brethren is broken, the devil wants to take over. No one can stand alone; according to God’s mandate we are supposed to relate with one another. The right spirit of true fellowship has no time for tribalism and nationality; it is wrong and that is not Christianity. Christians must learn to accommodate one another through fellowship. This helps those that are spiritually dry to be refreshed. The only way to maintain freshness is constant communion with brethren under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

STEP 3

BROKENNESS

“And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of that evil. Joel 2:13
BUILDING A NEW IMAGE

When a person’s heart is hardened, he can’t understand what God wants him to do and will experience spiritual dryness. **Show me a Christian who does not have brokenness, and I will show you a spiritually dry Christian.** A spiritually dry Christian can easily compromise. **A broken heart can be simply understood as a soft heart.** The closer we go to God the more we see our weakness and the need to do God’s will in our life. **Our spiritual dryness can only quit and disappear as darkness runs away when light comes, if we understand the need to stand firm against our flesh when it speaks.** When God sees our heart soft and open, He pours His spiritual blessings in our lives which comes with material and financial blessings also. It is only when we have a broken heart that we can have proper fellowship with our Father; at this point, the Holy Spirit comes down to work in our life, family and whatsoever we are doing in life.

The blessings of brokenness are much. It brings true love in our family and the church. When we refuse the peace of God, we reject His blessings. **The Spirit of God can’t operate freely where God’s peace is rejected.** Until a man is completely broken in the spirit, he cannot obey the Lord in reality. Love is not a mechanical act; it comes from our inner man. Carnal men can’t know agape love until they are broken. May the Lord help you to desire and get this brokenness in Jesus name.

STEP 4

THE WORD

“**But He knows the way that I take: when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held His steps, His way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food**”. Job 23:10-12
We were made by the word of God, ‘...He said let us make man in our image. It is by this same word of God that we can make our life better in every area. When you esteem the word, you are esteeming Christ. He is the word of God made flesh. **Natural food will perish with the body but spiritual food keeps the spirit which will meet God some day.** Man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. When spiritual dryness begins in the life of a believer, he needs to get closer to the word of God, that is one of the remedies for revival.

**PURITY COMES BY THE WORD**

“**Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to your word. Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you**”. Psalms 119:9,11.

“**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col.3:16**

“**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because they have rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you hast forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children. Hos. 4:6.**

The word of God transforms the entire life of man. It brings purity and prevents man from living in sin. It delivers from all kinds of demonic plans and attacks. The only man that ignores fear of the future is the person that loves the knowledge of God. **God’s word is one of the most important things that can change our spiritually dry lives to a watered garden.** When the word of God reigns in our heart, we blossom like flowers. Our spiritual fragrance becomes appealing to our Master and Saviour. The knowledge we acquire daily of Him rejoices the heart and brings us closer to Him. **The lack of the knowledge of who we serve destroys the plans of God for us.** As we grow in His knowledge, His life is transferred more and more into our spirit.
“This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success”. Joshua 1:8

STEP 5

COMMITMENT

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. For you have need of patience, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draws back my soul shall have no pleasure in him, but we are not of them that draw back, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Hebrews 10:35-39.

When we get connected to Christ, nothing can shake our life. If we follow Christ without wavering then all we have in mind can be achieved. His will contains the best things in life for us. **When Christ becomes an integral part of our life, every plan we make must entail Him.** To overcome spiritual dryness we must completely rely on His grace and ability. Going back after tasting Christ’s divine glory simply means going to the enemy by choice. Nothing can do us better than addicting our life to His will and work. Praise the Lord.

STEP 6

FAITH

“For I know that my redeemer lives and He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this baby, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another: though my reins be consumed within me. Job 19:25-27
Confessions of faith are some of the greatest things a believer needs in life. The things our eyes see are temporal. What we see today cannot take us as far as our faith can carry us. Our ears hear a lot of things which make us dry up spiritually, but the future of a succeeding Christian depends on his belief and confession. You must keep saying what you believe to the hearing of others; they may mock you or laugh at you but it does not stop the power of God moving as you continue confessing these words of faith.

DOUBT AND UNBELIEF KILLS FAITH

But without faith is impossible to please Him; for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him”. Heb. 11:6

There is nothing you can do that will make heaven incline to your requests if you are a stranger to faith. When your life is filled with fear, you confess doubt and unbelief, and your future immediately becomes uncertain and full of darkness. No one can maintain a good Christian life without a good confession of faith. You can’t grow spiritually as you desire when your mouth destroys what your heart believes. Of course what you have in your heart is what your mouth declares. Therefore if the mouth must confess faith, the heart must be channeled to its proper position to avoid spiritual dryness.

STEP 7

PRAYER AND FASTING

“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him”. 1 John 5:14-15.

“So He said to them, This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting”. Mark 9:29
A lot of people have experienced spiritual dryness during hard times of their life. The affliction that comes your way is nothing compared to the glory that comes after every temptation. Prayer deepens your connection to God, and when we come together to fast and pray great and mighty things happen. Prayer is like the rain and the word is like the seed, while fasting is like the soil that binds all of them together; they all work together. Prayer and fasting brings you closer to God on daily basis, but His word increase His knowledge and wisdom in you.
MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL FRESHNESS

Maintaining Spiritual freshness depends on how a Christian esteems his Lord and Saviour. We are engaged in a daily battle with the unseen forces of darkness. Our victory depends on how we understand what Christ has done for us at the cross and how we make use of the word of God. *We can lose the battle if we walk in the flesh and neglect Christ who has given His life to save us.* Time wasted in discussing unfruitful things and in vain talks does not come back. Since the days are evil we must redeem the time to make sure we achieve God’s purpose and goal in our life.

“The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God”. Isaiah 35:1-2

When a dry ground experiences rain fall, all the seeds that were dried begin to germinate and grow. The same is the case with a Christian that has been going through dryness. If he recognizes where the failure started and decides to make amends, a new communion with God begins and a stronger fellowship starts immediately. *Spiritual freshness can only be maintained as we live beyond an ordinary normal Christian life.*

“But you, beloved, building up yourselves, on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost Jude 1:20

As we pray in the Holy Spirit, our life gets refreshed and we become watered by Him. When we charge ourselves in the Holy Ghost, our inner man gets empowered and the fire of God begins to burn in our hearts. *Hours of speaking in tongues ignites our lives into higher dimensions in the spirit.* We are like
As we flow through dynamic prayers in the spirit we influence other people around us with spiritual freshness. Our prayer life gives us a stand against the wiles of the devil and helps us stand firm in the Lord. **What we really need to do is watch our life daily to see whether we are still in line with what God says in His word. It is God’s desire that we love one another if we must be fresh on daily basis.** Life without the real love of Christ is nothing but a waste of time. We must practice what we say. The devil’s desire for us is to be spiritually dry. He knows that when revived and refreshed we bring damage and destruction to his kingdom.

**THE TRUE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER**

It is dangerous to begin in the spirit and end up in the flesh. The only thing the devil desires for us is total shame in the sight of God in the last day. **Many talk of signs and wonders in which I believe and have seen in my ministrations as I travel to many nations, but a lot of people see these wonders and their lives still don’t agree with what they say.** Where is the fruit of the spirit which deals with the character of man? Can we say that miracles are better than holiness today? Without holiness no eye shall see the Lord. We can’t say we are maintaining our life when purity is far from our dwelling. The message of these last days denies holiness that leads to the kingdom. **Many Preachers mark spiritual standard by the car you ride and the house you live in or the cathedral you have built.** These things are good if gotten in a proper and holy way. A lot of people despise other men because their day of elevation has not yet come, but God is still God. One thing is sure, when the appointed time for any man comes, the devil cannot stop it. **The material and financial are secondary to maintaining spiritual freshness. The greatest thing is our relationship with God is our spiritual freshness which is dependent on how long we spend time with God and remain in obedience and love.**

I was so touched by a young minister one day as I heard his master speak to him in such a way that I considered discouraging and very annoying. The young man approached his master and said to him ‘Sir, I don’t have transport to go back after this conference’, and the man answered him and said ‘you can trek back home, that is your problem and not mine.’ The master in question actually
had the money which I was aware of but didn’t want to give the young man money. I felt bad for this young man who I believe questioned himself as to when his sufferings will be over. Such a young man can die spiritually, but there is still a way of escape. This young pastor may think the world has ended for him but he can still be assured and refreshed by God’s love. The Lord comforts us as we come close to Him, no matter the degree of the heat or trouble around us.

“Let your conversation be with covetousness; and be content with such things as you have: for He has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you. so that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me”. Heb. 13:5-6

God always has a way of putting laughter into your mouth. Your closeness to other serious Christians can help you escape the plans of the enemy. God says he will never leave you nor forsake you. He has many avenues He uses to sharpen us as we get closer to Him. Praying with faithful Christians can uplift one’s spiritual life. It is good to know what we need at a particular time, whether to listen to worship or praise songs or to listen to messages from other men of God. We can also create time for our personal prayer and meditation on the word. You can also watch Christian video messages of which I am sure at the end you will be challenged and motivated again. Our discussions with serious Christians can make our fears and lack of faith disappear. You can maintain a life of freshness if you really stand for the Lord.

LISTEN TO THESE GREAT WORDS OF WISDOM (ANONYMOUS)

Life may look tough; but God provides.
Life may seem unpredictable, but God guides.
Life may look unfair, but God cares.
Life always throws challenges at us, but God sustains.

Believe that God know your worth, He sees your potential and wants to lift you to a place of dignity and honour. No matter what is happening right now; the Lord understands and he will surely put laughter in your mouth. You may not
know the way out; but the Lord will make a way for you. Everywhere may look dark and bleak but God will bring to you a bright morning sun that will brighten your day. Praise the Lord.