**FROM CAPTIVITY TO LIBERTY.**

**Text: Jer 33:7**

And I will cause the captivity of Judah **{Modakeke city}** and the captivity of Israel **{Ile-Ife city}** to return, and will build them, as at the first.

1. **OPENING MESSAGE**: In what ways can captivity be described? It can be described as follows:

* **It is a tactical way to enslave a person when he thinks he’s serving God.** **Mat 24:24** For… false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
* **It is when your captor however, wants you to serve your God but still remain under him**. An example is found in **Exo 8:10-11.** King Pharaoh wanted the children of Israel to serve their God, however, they should remain under him.
* **Captivity is living in the cage of deceit**. **Jer 5:27** As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit…
* **It is when you become a victim and your captor is using the advantage to suck your resources dry.** **Jer 2: 14** Is Israel a servant? Is he a home-born slave? Why is he spoiled? **Today, every captive shall be set free in Jesus name!**

1. **DO YOU KNOW HOW A WISEST BIRD CAN BE CAPTURED? ILLUSTRATION:**

* Do you know that almost all flying birds are wise, even wiser than men?
* As wiser as they are, yet, they can still be easily captured.
* So, as knowledgeable a man may be, he can still be captured into captivity.
* Before a man can be taken into captivity, his understanding will firstly be taken away.
* **Let’s see how a wisest bird can be easily captured:**
* The captor will struggle to get a cage. *In order to keep the bird in*.
* The captor will go further to get a prey. *To entice the bird.*
* The captor will attach a mirror with the cage. *In order to deceive the bird.*
* The captor will place the cage at a place where the birds can easily locate it. *In order to attract the attention of the birds into the cage.*
* Once, a bird enters the cage, that’s the beginning of its journey into captivity.

**Today, everyone that the devil has captured into captivity shall be freed.**

1. **THREE MAJOR REASONS WHY PEOPLE ENTER INTO THE CAGE OF CAPTIVITY.**

* **They are deceived to live in sin and to still claim of serving God**. **2Tim 3:13** *But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*
* **They are deceived by false brethren to neglect the true gospel. Galatians 2:*4*** *And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who… spies out our liberty…and bring us into bondage:*
* **They are deceived by Satan to deny Jesus.** An example is found in **Luke 22:31-32** And the Lord said, "*Simon, Simon! Indeed,* ***Satan has asked for you****, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 "But I have prayed for you...”*.
* Simon Peter did not know why the devil filled his heart to deny Jesus.
* Whenever Satan discovers the plan of God for your life, he will want to mislead you:
* When Satan saw the following in the life of Peter, he wanted to mislead him:

1. He saw that the first church would be born and expanded.
2. He saw that Peter would soon become a great man in the great church.
3. He saw that Peter *(who could not pray and heal his mother in-law from fever)* would soon be greatly anointed to raise the lame and the dead like Jesus.
4. He saw that Peter would soon become the first person in the record of the first church.
5. He saw that *(as at the time Peter decided to leave Jesus)* it remained **only fifty three days** for his God-given glory to start manifesting. **Explanations.**

* So, because of these wonderful glories, Satan wanted to mislead Peter.
* Who is here today that Satan is trying to mislead you?
* You are fed up and you are about to take a step. That’s the trick of Satan.

Remember you have suffered much for Christ sake, and it remains few days to start enjoying Him, but now Satan has come and he is trying to tactically put you into the cage of captivity.

* Today, the power of freedom is here! Jesus has seen that you are already lost and some are about to be lost, that’s why he’s ready to set you free.

**When the son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed. Therefore, I declare your freedom in Jesus name.**

1. **CAN THE CAPTIVES BE DELIVERED FROM CAPTIVITY? YES OF COURSE!**

The bible says; In **Isaiah 49:24-25** *Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty…be delivered”*

**On this ground, even tonight, the Lord is fully set to deliver the captives. You are getting out of captivity today**!

* Are you deceived to serve a person out of your consciousness?
* Are you tightened by somebody who refuses your freedom?
* Are you in the net of a strange woman who blindfolds you to abandon your family?
* Are you in bondage of someone because your secret is in his hand?
* Are you in bondage of sin and you desire freedom?
* Are you tired of cultism and wants to get out of it?
* Have you compromised your faith because of a challenge?
* Are you deciding to deny Jesus like Peter?
* Have you left the church to where you do not wish?
* Jesus is seeking the lost now.
* If you can take a simple step of faith unto Him, He will welcome you.
* Then, you will begin to see Him doing wonders in your life.
* Now that your understanding is open…***Come quickly unto Jesus now!***
* *If you can come to Jesus, something wonderful will happen…*
* ***The story of a lady who was delivered from the captivity of an herbalist.***
* *Is there anyone who is ready to surrender his life to Jesus?*
* **Altar call…**