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EDITORIAL

RAISING SONS *of* CONSOLATION IN THE CHURCH



The church is a religious edifice for public Christian worship. It is a citadel of worship and adoration to God Almighty by adherents and believers in Christ's doctrine and practice as ordained by Jesus himself. It is often referred to as the whole body of Christian believers. It is also a body of Christians worshipping in a particular building or location constituting one congregation.

The church as it were is supposed to be a congregation of repentant and regenerated believers, who adhered strictly to the doctrines of Christ. However, with evangelisation and spread of the gospel, mixed multitudes sneaked into the church hierarchy and her central administration was polluted with strange doctrine to the extent that in most denominations across the world the center can no longer hold.

Hence, there is urgent need to raise sons of consolation in the present day places of Christian worship to checkmate the excesses that are currently going on in most churches today. The church has seriously degenerated from her original purpose by harbouring vices, decadence and excesses that pervade the entire world at this end time.

The Lord God therefore needs to raise sons of consolation as a matter of urgency to stop the decadence currently going on in most churches of God worldwide. Who are these sons of Consolation?

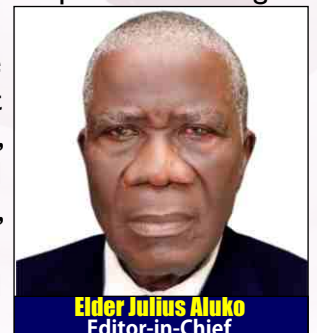
- They are those who are earnestly ready to propagate the gospel of Christ to souls that are perishing and unrepentant sinners at this end time;
- They are those who do not just give their substances and riches to God, but firstly give their heart(s) and conscience – **Prov 23:26** says **“My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.”**

- They are those who will say: I can feel the heartbeat of God over the perishing souls, therefore use me Lord to preach the gospel to the lost world, etc, etc;

The Almighty God is now set to raise sons of consolation to right the wrongs of present day leaders of the church who prefer notoriety, recognition, affluence and wealth more than spreading the gospel of Christ to the perishing and the lost. The THEME for the April 2021 Edition of **LAWNA IREDE PRAYER PROGRAMME** held at the National Temple Convention Ground, Olorunda, Ketu, Lagos was hosted by LAWNA Executive Committee, The Apostolic Church Nigeria. The text of this thought provoking MESSAGE was selected from **Acts, Chapter 4 verses 36-37** viz **“And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which being interpreted, The Son of Consolation) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, having land sold it and brought the money, and laid it at the Apostles feet”.**

All these and more were clearly expozited by the National Evangelist, Pastor M.A. Oke to show the need why the saints should re-examine themselves and consider their ways are in conformity with the ways of Sons of Consolation in the church. It is quite a thought-provoking Message for all and sundries. May we all have listening ears and courage to assimilate and put into practice the cogent points in the message. AMEN.

Other notable features include “Unexplainable Love” culled out from Our Daily Bread, April 19, 2021 and “Are You There?” culled out also from Our Daily Bread, April 13, 2021 Edition. Have a pleasant reading and God bless.



Elder Julius Aluko
Editor-in-Chief



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Act 4:36-37

“And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus. 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet”.

A. OPENING MESSAGE

- ◆ Until you are raised, you can't raise others. This is a statement of fact and a major reason why God determines to raise you.
 - ♦ In **Isa 60:1** the bible says *“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.”*
- ◆ Some people always asked; how would they arise? Because they are very low/small
 - ♦ Same question is asked in the bible: in **Amos 7:5** *“... by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small”*
- ◆ We see the answer in **Isaiah 60:22** *“A little one shall become a thousand...”*
- ◆ When God is ready to raise you, it doesn't matter the position you may be even if you are on a dunghill, God can bring you out of it and make you to sit among princes in case you had risen before, but you fall and you do not know how to rise again there is a good news for you:
 - ♦ **Micah 7:8** *“Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise.”*
- ◆ Therefore, those of you whose trees of glory have been cut down, I command in the name of Jesus, they shall arise again! Amen.

B. WHY DOES GOD DECIDE TO RAISE YOU?

- ◆ In **Acts 3:6** *“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”*
- ◆ If you are told to arise, it means currently:
 - ♦ Your glory has been brought down and your destiny is asleep.
 - ♦ Your fortune has been crippled, your progress is on the sick bed and badly damaged.
 - ♦ Your financial life has been brought low coupled with serious stagnation of your financial advancement.
 - ♦ Peter and John asked the man born lame at the beautiful gate to rise up and walk and immediately, the man arose and started leaping
 - ♦ meaning he jumped up with exceeding joy, meaning the man rose from crawling to flying, he did not follow protocol of growth anymore because he physically rose up from crawling to flying. His joy had no bound.
- ◆ Now, this is the time to command your DESTINY to arise and fly! Therefore, when I say; “our destiny” – you will answer; **ARISE AND FLY!**

- ⤴ Our glory and our fortunes – ARISE AND FLY
- ⤴ Our business and our progress – ARISE AND FLY
- ⤴ Our breakthrough and our elevation – ARISE AND FLY
- ⤴ Our finances, fulfilment and success – ARISE AND FLY
- ⤴ Our churches and all members of the congregation – ARISE AND FLY
- ⤴ Our fathers, mothers and children – ARISE AND FLY
- ⤴ Our lives and engagements – ARISE AND FLY
- ◆ The man was asked to rise and walk, but he didn't just walk on his own nor run but he started flying.
 - ♦ Those of you who are seriously troubled thinking that your mates or contemporaries have gone far ahead of you. I want to tell you, those people, they may either be walking or running, but because God is raising sons of consolation today, you will not walk neither will you run but you will fly higher and higher. **AMEN.**
- ◆ Tell seven people: my destiny shall fly higher and higher in the name of Jesus.

C. NOW WHO ARE ACTUALLY THE SONS OF CONSOLATION?

- ◆ Before I tell you; do you know that if a person is not sorrowful or weeping, he does not need consolation?
- ◆ But I want to tell you, God is weeping, He is sorrowful, over the situation of the church on earth today that is why He is seeking for those who will bring consolation to Him.
- ◆ **SOWHO ARE THE SONS OF CONSOLATION?**
 - 1) Those who are ready to spread the gospel to sinners at this end time.
 - They are those who will say; I can feel the heartbeat of God over the perishing souls, therefore use me **LORD** to preach the gospel to the lost world.
 - God is weeping because souls are perishing every day and He needs consolers especially the youths, the younger ones who will be interested in evangelism and not in celebrity and self-centeredness.
 - 2) Those who do NOT just give their substance to God, but firstly give their heart to God.
 - If you can check the heartbeat of God, you will see how it rises high every day over those who give their time, energy and substance to God but fail to give

their heart to God. The bible says, **Proverbs 23:26** "My son, give me thine heart..."

- ♦ So God will be consoled if He is able to see those who will decide to surrender their heart to God before their substance and wealth;
- 3) **The preachers who will never compromise to preach another gospel – the gospel of deceit, greed and avarice.**
- ♦ I know if anyone can see Jesus now, you will find him in grief. This is because the pastors that are called and commissioned to liberate people are the ones putting people in bondage and problems.
 - ♦ They imitate deceitful preachers and they too become deceitful and greedy of earthly reward.
 - ♦ They are not mindful of the salvation of people; but only mindful of their money and earthly possession.
 - ♦ They fail to **preach what people need**; but only **preach what people want**.
 - ♦ Their watch word is it doesn't matter. All these make God regretful and sad, but he will be consoled if true preachers are raised in the church, hence they shall be called sons of consolation in the church.
- 4) **Those who will be ready and sincerely use their lifestyle to bring back the ancient lost glory of the church.**



Pastor M.A. Oke
National Evangelist

- ♦ What is the ancient glory of the church? This is the practical life of holiness, godliness, faithfulness and righteousness.
 - ♦ Those who will not tolerate nonsensical things and greed in the church.
 - ♦ Those who will determine to live exemplary life in order to protect the image and sanctity of the church and the godhead.
 - ♦ Those who will stand on the truth even in the face of disgrace and death.
- 5) **Those who will determine to live a total life of holiness in order to reform and transform the corrupt world/church.**
- Jesus is lamenting because holiness has flown away from the church like a bird as lots of women wear trousers including pastor's wives and children as well as sexual impurity fills the nooks and crannies of the church but Jesus will be comforted if he sees someone who will say "no matter what the world has become I will be different – **I will be holy**"!
 - Those who will make up their minds to live a sanctified and regenerated life and determined no longer use make ups, attachments and dressing in an indecent way.
 - Those who will not call lies and deceit as God's wisdom and knowledge or call financial temptation as financial gain and opportunity.
 - They are those who will be raised as sons of consolation in the church of God.

D. NOW THE ALMIGHTY GOD IS SET TO RAISE SONS OF CONSOLATION – HOW I WISH YOU ARE AMONG THEM. Therefore:

- ♦ Is there anyone here who will say; "Lord I am ready to use my lifestyle, character and behaviour to preach the gospel to the lost world"?
- ♦ Is there anyone here who will say: pastor, pray for me,

I want to start living a holy life in order to tell the world that genuine Christians are still in the world?

- ♦ Is there anyone who will say; pastor pray for me I want to decide to start living a life of faithfulness and righteousness?
- ♦ Is there anyone who will say; I have been making God sad because of my sinful ways of life, but now, I want to surrender my life to God so that He can be consoled and forgiven.
- ♦ Is there anyone who will say; now I have understood the meaning of sons of consolation but I need to **REDEDICATE** my life to God to become a child of consolation to God indeed?
- ♦ Oh! In all my ways; I want to console and comfort God without any stain.
- ♦ Now, the floor is open as Jesus is standing to receive you.

Altar call...

PRAYER ITEMS

1. O Lord, arise and let your glory shine upon me and my aspirations in the name of Jesus – **Isaiah 60:1** "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee."
2. O Lord, I am small and insignificant but thou hath mighty and great increase my faith Lord and enlarge my coast in the name of Jesus – **Amos 7:5** "Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small."
3. O Lord God do not give room for my enemies to rejoice over me for surely when I fall I shall arise, when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me – **Micah 7:8** "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me."
4. Father God Almighty enlarge my coast so that a little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation Lord hasten it without delay in the name of Jesus – **Isaiah 60:22** "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time."
5. Call the name of Jesus (3ce) and Holy Ghost (once) and pray earnestly that the Lord shall elevate you unto honour and dignity that will shame all those who want to bring you down from your lofty height – **Acts 3:6** "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."
6. O Lord enlarge and increase my coast so that I become renown and well respected in all my endeavours in the name of Jesus – **Joel 3:18** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim."
7. O Lord reveal unto me the source of my greatness and glory which the enemy has hidden from me since ages in the name of Jesus;
8. O Lord, those at the top like Haman that do not want me to excel like Modechai and catch up with them in their

high places, dismantle their power and put them to shame like you did to Haman in the name of Jesus – Esther 6:6-10 “So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour. Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at

the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.”

9. Lord, you made me a fruitful vine, but all forces and power that want to make my vine to be fruitless such powers are consumed by fire by force in the name of Jesus – I Sam. 22:1-3 “David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.”
10. O Lord God that goodness that will enable me to carry out my responsibilities in good health and abundant wealth hand them over to me in the name of Jesus.

UNEXPLAINABLE LOVE

John 13: 31-35



Our small congregation decided to surprise my son on his sixth birthday. The church members decorated his Sunday school classroom with balloons and set up a small table with a cake on it. When my son opened the door, everyone shouted, “Happy birthday!” Later on, as I was cutting the cake, my son came over and whispered in my ear, “Mom, why does everyone here love me?” I had the same question! These people had known us for only six months but were treating us as longtime friends. Their love for my son reflected God's love for us. We can't understand why He loves us, but He does—and His love is freely given. We've done nothing to deserve His love, and yet He lavishly loves us. Scripture tells us: “God is love” (I John 4:8). It's part of who He is.

God has poured out His love on us so we can show this same

love to others. Jesus told His disciples, “As I have loved you,, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35)

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The people in our small church community love us because God's love is in them. It shines through and identifies them as followers of Jesus. We can't comprehend God's love fully, but we can pour it out on others—being examples of His unexplainable love.

Reflect & Pray

How have you recently experienced God's love through others? What can you do to reveal His compassionate ways to others today?
Because God loves us, we can by extension love others.

Are You There?

Exodus 3:11–14



When his wife contracted a terminal illness, Michael longed for her to experience the peace he had through his relationship with God. He had shared his faith with her, but she wasn't interested. One day, as he walked through a local bookstore, a title caught his eye: *God, Are You?* Unsure how his wife would respond to the book, he walked in and out of the store several times before finally buying it. To his surprise, she accepted it.

The book touched her, and she began to read the Bible too. Two weeks later, Michael's wife passed away—at peace with God and resting in the assurance that He would never leave or forsake her.

When God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, He didn't promise him power. Instead, He promised His presence: *"I will be with you"* (Exodus 3:12). In Jesus's last words to His disciples before His crucifixion, He also promised God's eternal presence, which they would receive through the Holy Spirit (John 15:26).

There are many things God could give us to help us through life's challenges, such as material comfort, healing, or immediate solutions to our problems. Sometimes He does. But the best gift He gives is Himself. This is the greatest comfort we have: whatever happens in life, He will be with us; He will never leave nor forsake us.

Reflect & Pray

**How can you draw on the power of God's Presence?
How can you live differently, knowing He's
there with you every step of the way?**

***Lord, thank You for the wonderful promise that You'll be with me always.
In the midst of life's crises and routines, may I learn to rely
on Your Presence, knowing You are walking with me.***

ANNOUNCEMENT



OUR HOTLINES:

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PROGRAM	DATE	TIME
IREDE	Every 1 st Friday of the month	10:00PM
TEMI NKO	Every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	9:00AM
Counselling Hour	Every Friday, except on IREDE day	7:00AM
Pregnant Sisters meeting	Every Wednesday, except on TEMI NKO day	10:00AM

IREDE CALENDER, 2021

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY	1st of January, 2021
FEBRUARY	5th of February, 2021
MARCH	5th of March, 2021
APRIL	2nd of April, 2021
MAY	7th of May, 2021
JUNE	4th of June, 2021
JULY	2nd of July, 2021
August	6th of August, 2021
SEPTEMBER	3rd of September, 2021
OCTOBER	1st of October, 2021
NOVEMBER	5th of November, 2021
DECEMBER	3rd of December, 2021

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