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“It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit” by
Pastor Progress Nengome, **Wednesday** Service, the **16th May 2012**.

Scripture reading: Zecharia 4:6, Luke 3:21 -23, Luke 4:1-4, 14, 18, 23

Zech 4:6 *“6 So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts.'”* **NKJV.**

Luke 3:21-23 *“21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, 'You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.' The Genealogy of Jesus Christ (Gen 5; 11:10-26; Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chron 1:1-4,24-27,34; 2:1-15; Matt 1:2-16) 23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,”* **NKJV.**

To preach the gospel to the poor

It was Jesus Christ said in order to do this you need the spirit of the Lord.

2 Cor 3:6 *“6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”* **2 Cor 3:6. NKJV.**



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The letter kills but the spirit gives life. People use the bible to cheat and deceive other people. There are people who know the bible from Genesis to Revelation but it does not anything for them because it is not mixed with the Holy Spirit.

John 6:63 ***“63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”*** **John 6:63, NKJV.**

It is the spirit that gives life, the letter profiteth nothing. The words that I give you are spirit and life. When Jesus came to the temple, He found the Pharisees and the scribes; they knew the word of God in and out but it was giving them trouble as it was not mixed with the spirit of the Lord.

When Jesus was preaching at the synagogue they asked each other questions *“Who is this who preaches with power and authority?”*

John 3:34 ***“34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.”*** **John 3:34, NKJV.**

God doesn't give the Holy Spirit by measure. The spirit of the Lord is without measure but there is a measure which is your faith. Your faith is the measure but the spirit of the Lord is without measure. That is why Jesus Christ said you shall do greater things than me, how? Through the Holy Spirit. Before He started to preach the word of God He waited for the spirit of the Lord and after He received the Holy Spirit wherever He went He made an impact.



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I once met a lady who knew the bible in and out. Along the way she said, “*I know these things but they do nothing to me*”, and I explained to her that the difference is that I read and study the word of God through the spirit of the Lord.

Eph 6:17 “*17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*” Ephe 6:17, NKJV.

These words that I say to you they are spirit and life. The word of God is the sword of the spirit. That is why the bible says the word of God is quick, sharp, cleanses, grows, multiplies and can prevail. It is only the spirit of the Lord that will do this.

The bible says faith comes by hearing and by hearing the word of God. But what is the word of God; it is the sword of the spirit.

When Jesus was talking about faith he compared faith with a mustard seed which is very small. How do we get this faith? Through the word of God because faith cometh by hearing the word of God.

We need the spirit of the Lord to read and study the word of God. Then the more of the word in you, the more of the spirit of the Lord will abound in you and the sword will be sharper. We need the spirit of the Lord. When you have the spirit of the Lord and speak the word of God it will do something but if you memorize the bible the letter kills but the spirit gives life.

When Jesus Christ was hungered He saw a fig tree. When he went to the tree



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He expected fruits and there were none. He cursed the tree and left. The following day they realised it was dried up. What made the tree to listen to Jesus? It was the spirit. He said these words that I speak to you are spirit and life.

Everything starts in the spirit. Even when God created man, He started in the spirit. He said *"Let's create man in our image."* The question is what is the image of God? In **John 4** the bible says the time will come when the true worshippers will worship God in spirit and in truth. God then created man from the dust. He breathed the spirit man; He had created, into a dust man. Everything starts in the spirit. When we read this word and it sinks into our spirit, and we have more of this word in us, it means when we speak we can speak to a stone and it will hear us because the stone can hear the spiritual language.

Moses said I call heaven and earth to witness against you. How did he manage to do this? You can only do this through in the spiritual realm.

Rom 8:9 *"9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."* **Romans 8: 9, NKJV**. If one does not have the spirit of God he is none of His.

The command given to Adam was not to eat the particular tree in the garden. When they had eaten the forbidden fruit their spirit man died. The bible says the wages of sin is death.



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Jesus Christ came to this world so that we can have life and have life in abundance. When the spirit comes, it gives you life. When you do not have the spirit of God in you, you are already dead.

The bible says we do not know how to worship. In order to go to the level of God, we need to worship God in spirit. God is spirit and we must worship him in spirit and in truth.

One Bishop told me that during their practice session the spirit of the Lord comes down heavily. If you can't bring down the spirit during your practice how can you do it during the service?

Romans 8:26 we don't know how to pray as we ought to. We need the spirit of the Lord. It is not by might, nor by power but by the spirit of the Lord. **Rom 8:26** *"26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."* **Rom 8:26, NKJV.**

Acts 10:38 *"38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."* **Acts 10:38, NKJV.**

He said to Phillip if you have seen Me you have seen the Father, He realised it was too complicated for Phillip and said *"Phillip believe the works that I am doing because it is not me who is doing the works but the Father, doing the works through me."* We need the spirit of God to do the works of God.



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Mark 16:16 " *16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.* " " **Mark 16:16-18, NKJV.**

He sent Him to heal the brokenhearted

To proclaim liberty to the captives

Romans 8:1 " *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* " **Rom 8:1, NKJV.**

If you are in Christ there is no condemnation, no more fear.

Romans 8:15 " *15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* **Rom 8:15, NKJV.**

When the spirit of the Lord comes upon you the darkness will go. When Jesus Christ came out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon Him. He no longer had fear. When He was tempted He was able to defeat the devil. He fulfilled the scripture in **1 John 4:4** " *4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.* " **1 John 4:4, NKJV.** People quote this scripture but still they are afraid of the witches and wizards. Jesus Christ wanted the Holy Spirit in Him as He wanted



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to defeat the evil spirits.

Luke 4:1 *"Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness," NKJV.*

He did not go for fasting before being led. He waited for the spirit to come upon Him and when He was full of the spirit He was led by the spirit. It's not by might nor by power but by His spirit.

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Holy Spirit to Galilee. We need to allow the spirit of the Lord to lead us. Without the spirit of the Lord we are blind.

Romans 8:14 *"14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." Rom 8:14, NKJV.*

The book of **Galatians** says that if you are led by the spirit you are not under the law. If you walk under the spirit you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh because the spirit lusts against the flesh and vice versa. If we live in the spirit we must also walk in the spirit.

Without the spirit we are blind, in fact we are dead as we do not have life in us.

Acts 10:38 *"38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:38, NKJV.* Healing all those oppressed by the devil.



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Luke 11: 20 “20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.” Luke 11:20, NKJV. If I can cast the devil with the finger of God it means that the kingdom of heaven is within me.

When the spirit of the Lord is upon you, then the kingdom of heaven is within you. In the Lord’s Prayer it is written “*Your will be done on earth as it is heaven.*”

The kingdom of God is within us. When we walk we must know that the kingdom of God is within us. When you pray for people who are sick, speak the word of God. It is not by might nor by power but by His Spirit.

When Jesus Christ was praying on the mountain the bible says He was transfigured. When Moses was coming from the mountain, the children of Israel told him to put a veil on his face as the light on him was too much for them.

In the word of God preached on Sunday, we were told to wake up Jesus in you. Tell Him to come and still the storm. When Jesus calmed the storm, they asked, what manner of man is this? It is not by might nor by power but by His Spirit.

Everything that exists has been created by the word of God because God is a spirit. He was just saying “*Let there be*”. He was saying it in the spirit and so it was bound to happen. Even the mountain before you, you can calm it by speaking the word of God. Your mountain before you can hear the word of God.



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Faith cometh by hearing the word of God. If you can look at faith, it is one of the fruits of the spirit. You cannot separate faith from the spirit. When you pray, just pray and then go, because you have faith.

When witches casts spells against you they don't need you to be there with them, they just pronounce it in the spirit and it shall come to pass. So when you get somebody who has been cursed like this, you must just pray for that person cancelling what has already been decreed in the spiritual realm and go.

Elijah stopped the rain. He was a man like us but the elements listened to him.

Miracles are for unbelievers. With the spirit of the Lord you can change your situation. The problem of Christians is not the devil, it is lack of patience. We are too much in a hurry!

There are other situations where God is just waiting upon you. Once you change then He will bring forth those situations. If God was to give you a lot of money, you could end up worshiping money.

One man of God once said something interesting *"If you are not delivered; you are very poor even if they can give you a billion rands"*. We need to change, the quicker we change the faster we can get to our Promised Land.

We need the fruits of the spirit. A friend of mine once told me he had a problem of being short tempered. I told him that he needs the fruit of the Spirit. God is love and if you have God, love will be seen on you.



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You can't forge these things (love, patience, love etc). Jesus Christ said when they beat you on the left cheek, give them the other cheek. Without the spirit of the Lord you can't do this. We are able through the spirit of the Lord.

When they stoned Stephen, the heavens opened and he saw the Lord. The situation was not good for his flesh but he saw Jesus. He said "Forgive them". You can only do it if you have the spirit of the Lord.

When they took Jesus to the cross, He was quite and said nothing. You can only do it if you have the spirit of the Lord. Where did Jesus get this **Luke 4:23** ***"23 He said to them, 'You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" Luke 4:23, NKJV.***

The spirit of the Lord came upon Jesus Christ immediately He came out of the water. John had told the people "The one coming after me is mightier than me, He will baptise you with spirit and fire." The letter kills but the spirit gives life.

God wants a relationship with us. Upon Matthew Zion there shall be deliverance. You need to be holy, you can't sustain deliverance if you are not holy and the one who can make you holy is the Holy Spirit. The more time we have with God, the more we grow in the spirit because the Spirit of the Lord will guide us, teach us.



“Prayer Points” by Mrs Patricia Mavhandu.

01. Repenting of our Sins

Jesus Christ is the mediator for our sins. Let's us go before the Lord and repent of our sins.

02. Humility before God

God doesn't like the proud and the haughty. We need to humble ourselves before God and to forsake our wickedness. He says once we obey His word on humility He will hear us.

2 Chron 7:14-15 “14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.” 2 Chron 7:14-15,NKJV.

Proverbs 3:34 “34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.” Prov 3:34, NKJV.

03. Praying for our children

Lack of respect by children for their parents, teachers and elders in the community.

Let's come against this evil spirit that is causing our children not to respect



their elders.

04. Praying for our children who will be writing exams

When we pray send the fire of God to the schools, along the way, at homes, to consume everything of the enemy in Jesus' name.

05. Praying for our children who will be writing exams

We must love one another. 1 John 3:11-12 "**11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.**" 1 John 3:11-13, NKJV.

Cain killed his brother because of jealousy. Let's come against the spirit of jealousy and ask God to give us a spirit of love. Renounce and reject the spirit of jealousy.

06. Praying for the function at the chief's kraal on Saturday

Surrender it unto God for His divine intervention.

07. Praying for reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19 "**19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**" 2 Cor 5:19, NKJV.

God, forgive us for claiming to love one another and pretending to love one



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another. Pray for reconciliation between us and anybody with whom we were not in peace.

08. Praying for grace to bear fruits

Psalm 1:1-3 *"1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."* Ps 1:1-3, NKJV.

I want to be a tree that will bear fruits, a tree whose leaves shall not wither, a tree that bears fruits in all seasons.

09. Praying for wisdom

Ask God for wisdom. Wisdom comes with blessings. The spirit of the Lord will guide you as you walk in the Lord.

2 Chron 1:10-12 *"10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?" 11 Then God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life — but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king — 12 wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.""* 2 Chronicles 1: 10-12, NKJV. King



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Solomon asked for wisdom.

10. Spirit of Healing

Spirit to destroy all kinds of sicknesses and diseases like Peter who was able to heal Ananias who had been sick for a very long through faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in this regard.

11. Come against Spirit of Fear

Conquering the spirit of fear and discouragement. We come against the spirit of fear and we rebuke it in Jesus' name.

12. Come against Spirit of Fear

When faced with challenges, study the word of God, stand on the word don't refuse the report of the devil. When you go to the word God will give you a solution to your problem. Whatever challenges we face, let's rely on the word of God.

God give us the grace to stand on the word no matter what in Jesus' name.

13. Praying for our gifts

We have been given different gifts. Ask God to show your gift and anointing so that we can serve in the kingdom of God.

14. Our mouths

The bible says shall not depart out of your mouths. The book of Proverbs warns us about the tongue. God, bind my tongue, especially if it is going to talk things that don't bring glory to your kingdom.



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15. Crusade at Basani and Function at Chief's Kraal on Saturday

Let the people see that we serve a living God at these functions. Show yourself God and manifest yourself in these functions in Jesus' name. We pray for your divine intervention in Jesus' name.

16. Protection for the inner man

If we build on sand, we labour in vain, as our house will fall when the first storms come. We must build on the rock so that our houses will stand the test of time.

We pray that God will help us with the building of the church.

17. Praying for the man of God and his family

Let's make sure we always pray for our spiritual father, and his family.

18. Thanksgiving

Let's thank God for hearing our prayers in Jesus' name.

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