





# Offering by Amukelani Rakhavha

Mark 4:30-32 "30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? 31 It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; 32 but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."" NKJV.

# Worship by Mrs Grace Ndouvhada

Scripture reading: Matthew 9:1-5, 20-22.

Matt 9:1-5 "So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." 3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?" NKJV.

Matt 9:20-22 "20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." 22 But Jesus turned around, and





when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour." NKJV.

When Jesus Christ saw the faith in their heart He said "be happy because your sins have been forgiven." He saw their hearts and the faith that they had.

Tonight you may born-again having a problem that cannot be solved but you are before Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified for us and is now risen. Sometimes when you have a problem you may not even be able to pray.

We just bring our hearts before Christ.

When we read this text we find the woman who was had a flow of blood for 12 years. You know your problem. Just be touching the hem of His garment, the woman was saved.

The things that people cannot do, God can do. When we have problem we run to friends, instead of running to God. Open your heart and tell God by the stripes of your son's wounds I am healed.

The woman went through the crowd and said if I could just touch the hem of His garment, I will be healed. Maybe they have said you are not clever in school. By just touching the hem of His garment, your problem can be solved.





# "Are you in the wilderness?" by Pastor M.J. Lishivha, Wednesday Service, the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

A place with no path, nowhere to go and mixed up.

If we find ourselves in the wilderness, we must know who to call. The One who will pave a way when there is none. He can pave a way in the sea. One day the Israelites were stuck and faced the sea, they called upon the Lord, even though they were complaining, God had chosen Moses to lead them. The water made a way for them to pass.

Which place did the devil make a blockage in your life? This is the night you cry and shout out to the Lord and ask for help. He will make a way where there is none. He will open a way especially for you.

He knows our hearts. He knows us well.

Ps 78:52-53 "52 But He made His own people go forth like sheep, And guided them in the wilderness like a flock; 53 And He led them on safely, so that they did not fear; But the sea overwhelmed their enemies." NKJV.

If you find yourself in the wilderness but you know who to call, then





the enemies will be defeated.

Growth is very difficult in the wilderness. So, if you find yourself in the wilderness then your life will also be very difficult but even so, you must know where to go, and on who to call upon. Sometimes God allows us to go into a wilderness season so that He can see your hearts.

He can check your heart by bringing a wilderness season in your life; it can be sickness, joblessness, loveless marriage etc. He will then see your love, or lack of it, for Him. e.g. When your wife has no respect at all for you even in front of the children. Everybody's faith can be tested: a mother, a husband, wife or a child. That season in your life: when there is nowhere to go, when the pain is too much.

You need to shout to God and say "God I know you can make it right!". Maybe your situation is already too much. How do you cope through those tests and trials? Tell yourself "There is nothing impossible with my God. If nothing is impossible with God then even my situation is not impossible to God."

For some it may be so bad that they are even considering divorce as a solution. Our God hates divorce at all costs. You must kneel down and pray to the living God: "My God I invite you into this marriage and I know you are a God who is able".

Maybe you are the talk of the town because of your problem. By believing that whatever the situation, God will make it possible; By believing, like the man who brought the crippled man to Jesus Christ





for healing, you can receive your breakthrough. Refuse that breakthroughs in Jesus' name.

When faced with the worst of situations, believe in God, call upon God.

Many people are too lazy to go home after work because their children are so out of hand. They don't enjoy going home. Some even have accidents on the way home, because they are stressed about their children. Look unto God and confess your faith in Him.

This evening we must know that there is a place where we must look towards when it is tough, when there is no other way. Say "*That even though this situation is very bad, even though my child is totally out of line, I know that God is able.*" Speak the positive into that situation and believe in God.

When things are bad, call upon God and cast away any evil spirits.

In the wilderness you will find animals that survive on very little water. In the wilderness you need water.

When you are in trouble, it may not be for such a short time, normally 40 days or months or even 40 years. When Jesus Christ was praying for 40 days and 40 nights, He was preparing Himself. Sometimes it is necessary to pray and fast for your situation to be resolved. Seek the face of God.





When Jesus Christ was faced with satan, satan wanted to defeat Him, he wanted Jesus Christ to succumb to his power and authority. Refuse to succumb to that spoiled child, to that sicknesses and diseases etc.

We have to know the scriptures. We must quote the word of God. The bible says "Call upon Me and I will show great and mysterious things which you have not known."

When Noah built the boat, he was in the rain, the storm, for 40 days and nights. Moses was in the wilderness for 40 years. 40 is a number we must be aware of. Sometimes we need to fast for this period, so that things can become right.

Go and pray in the name of Jesus Christ for 40 days and 40 nights and believe that the problem has been resolved. The problem is that we are doubting Thomases.

You must go into prayer and fasting: if you don't do it, who do you want to do it? You must also make time to praise and worship of God.

Sometimes you find that when you are in the wilderness you are flooded with negative thoughts "It is because God doesn't care", "But I tithe and then this and that and that." Stop complaining.

When you are in the wilderness reject the negative and the bad thoughts. Get rid of them and learn to serve God and serve Him willingly and faithfully.





The wilderness weakens your resolve. If you succumb to the wilderness you will become weary and tired. Tell God "I can't do this alone, I can't go alone". The bible says "29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." Isa 40:29-31 NKJV.

Whilst in the wilderness, you may be tempted to get things, through stealing or corruption. Stand on the word and declare "My God is able." You must confess "Poverty or no poverty I will not steal and I will not be corrupt in order to make ends meet. My God will see me through."

A troubled marriage can make you look the wrong way at somebody's husband or wife. "Look at how beautiful this woman is, she used to be my neighbour but I never considered her" etc

Refuse to focus on the negative. God you said "Cast all your burdens unto me." God will answer in the right time. The problem is that when we are in the wilderness we want quick solutions. It is God who knows the time. Put the name of God first.

Don't bring the name of God under disrepute. Some people live for their friends, when at work they have a different lifestyle and personality, when at church, they are angels.

The second Adam conquered all. Today's Christians are taught what to





do and how to live but once we live the church we keep crucifying our Jesus. We say "Because our God conquered all we are conquerors" but then why is it that Christians are being defeated most of the time? Because why are not holding onto the cross.

When we hold onto the cross we prove that the second Adam has conquered.

Don't allow fear to scare you from your blessings and from the right life. Refuse doubt. We must forsake small faith so that when we are faced with big challenges we will prevail.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Adam disobeyed God. He was told not to eat but He ate. His defense: "*The woman you gave me.*" In Christianity you can't blame somebody else for not doing your part. You can't shift the blame.

When the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam sinned, we all became sinners but thanks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam who agreed to be crucified, now we are conquerors. So let no storm come into your life and scare you or bring doubt into your life. We are more than conquerors. Just declare the name of Jesus Christ and stand on the word of God and you will pass through that situation.

There is no situation that we can face which we cannot pass through, through Jesus Christ.

Jesus overcame the devil by using the word. Three times He said it is written. You and me: we must know the word of God and when faced with situations we must say: "it is written." The Christian constitution is





the bible. But if we don't know the bible the devil will trip us and we may fall.





# Prayer Points by Mr Kenny Ramapela, Wednesday Service, the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

#### 1. The grace for strong faith

Give me the grace for strong faith in Jesus' name.

Rom 14:20 "20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense." NKJV.

#### 2. Perseverance

James 1:1-4 "1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. Profiting from Trials 2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." NKJV.

# 3. Forgiveness

Matt 6:12 "12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors." NKJV.

<u>Prov 28:13</u> "13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." <u>NKJV</u>. We must learn to forgive.







# 4. Knowing God more deeply

Col 1:10 "10 that you may walk worthyUds of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;" NKJV.

God, what must I do to know you deeply? Ask Him to help mould our hearts so we cannot pray without selfish hearts but a desire to strengthen our relationship with Him.

# 5. Office dedication's presence

<u>Luke 11:1</u> "11 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."" NKJV.

<u>Luke 5:16</u> "16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." NKJV.

God, show me new ways to acknowledge and experience You.

# 6. Consumed by faith

<u>Luke 17:5</u> "5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."" NKJV.

It is not a matter of your big faith but the consistency of that faith. Pray for a consuming faith to envelope us and the church without any failure.





# 7. <u>Understanding our position</u>

Luke 18:1-8 "18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me." 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" NKJV.

# 8. The lost will be found

Luke 15:3-8 "3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance." NKJV.





God make this church a place of harvesting, where the lost will find the way, the truth, in Jesus' name.

#### 9. Producing good fruit

John 15:1-8 "15" I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5" I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." NKJV.

The grace to produce good fruit always.

# 10. Personal transformation

Rom 12:1-2 "12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of





your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." NKJV.

Church should be a place where we come as we are but never leave as we came. God, make PHC a place where people will always change in Jesus' name.

#### 11. Putting our faith to work

James 2:17 "17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." NKJV.

To simply believe personally without making that faith public Is nothing. The church must have great faith accompanied by great works. Ask God to help us to put to work our faith by serving those He has sent to be helped.

# 12. Patience

Rom 2:6-7 "6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;" NKJV.

Nothing happens as fast as we want sspecially when it comes to God moving in our lives.

Ask God for patience in your life especially in that area where something is not happening as fast as you want it to. Make the Same prayer for the church.

# 13. Without season,





<u>1 Thess 5:17</u> "17 pray without ceasing," <u>NKJV</u>. Invite God in everything in your life, your days, your life, even in every aspect of the church.

## 14. Worship

Matt 6:9-10 "9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven." NKJV.

Before going into many prayers ask God to show Himself. Grace to focus less on ourselves and more on God. The more we focus on the Garden of Eden the more we will worship Him in Jesus' name.

# 15. Thankful heart

1 Chron 16:8 "'8 Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!" NKJV.

God open my eyes to the blessings you have given me. Open our eyes as a church to blessings you have given.

Lead our church to a greater feeling of the great things He has accomplished through us.

# 16. <u>Knowing God's will</u>

Cleanse your heart as you come before God. Set aside your personal ambitions and hurts and ask God for His will upon our life.





# 17. Praying for the servant of God

His wife, his children family. Protection, encouragement, for strength, for provision, strength to cope with His many travels.

#### 18. Praying for our leaders; our chiefs, headman,

1 Tim 2:2 "2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." NKJV.

# 19. Praying for our building project

# 20. Thanksgiving

Let's thank God, we were crying unto Him for help, asking Him to provide certain things to us etc

We know by faith that God has heard and that He is busy with our requests.

We must bow before Him and give Him worship because we know that He has heard us in Jesus' name.

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