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"Believe in your Heart" - Pastor MJ Lishivha

Heart refers not to the physical heart but your soul. Your body is made up of body, soul and spirit.

Whatever we hear is received by the heart so as to process and meditate upon them. It is not received by the body. We live in a contaminated world and sometimes the flesh wants to control the inner being. The inner being should be the one in control. God breathed His breath (spirit) in us and so it the spirit that must always take charge. Paul says he beats up his body so that it can conform to what the spirit wants. We must not allow our spirit to be passive by always feeding the flesh.

1 Thess 5:23 *"23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."* AMP.

We have to make the decision to surrender ourselves. God is a God of choice; He will not force us to do anything. In order to be saved, we need to believe in our hearts and then confess with our lips. With Christ everything is possible. In this text the bible tells us that Paul was talking to the Thessalonians telling them that it is not only about talking / confessing the word but the main aim is to preserve the soul.

The 5 wise girls knew that they had to take extra oil as they did not know when Jesus Christ would come back. One has to allow Jesus Christ to be in control and align ourselves with His word all the time. If I hear His word but still do not live according to His ways it is a waste of time as Jesus Christ will say He doesn't know me when He comes back. We must ask God for the grace to believe deep in our hearts and to live according to God's will. We have been called to live according to His will. This means allowing the spirit to always be active and being in control of our lives.

We must believe beyond what is seen. The bible says *the just must walk in faith not by sight*. Get to that stage when you can confidently say 'I know my God.'

We now have a new identity in Christ Jesus but Jesus in His infinite mercy called us, died for us and saved us giving us a new identity. It is not because we did anything special. He called us by name and said "I want to make a pillar of you" *It is not by might nor by power*.

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We must believe beyond expectation and be strong in our belief. We must declare that with our Jesus we will prevail, we will come through. When satan says something negative you refuse it and reject it and declare the opposite, the thing that you want to come to pass. Some people's school results are still in the office as satan declared that they are poor and not rich and that they cannot afford to pay the school fees. Stand on your faith and declare that My God is a Supplier who will supply the money to pay the fees and God will do His part.

Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* KJV.

Even though there was no hope Abraham believed. Sara had already reached the stage of menopause.

God made it possible for a woman who was bleeding for twelve years to be healed. She said in her heart *"Even if I don't talk to Him, If I can just touch Him, I will be healed."* Jesus Christ honoured her faith. Speak forth and say 'Jesus, you are a miraculous God and I believe that you will do miracles in my life.' Jesus Christ felt the power move out from Him and asked *"Who touched Me, somebody touched Me"* They were surprised as there were many people who were touching Him. If you can just believe, something special will happen. "God help us, God you are a record breaker." Just believe. Your faith is the substance of things hoped for.

Don't be conformed to this world. Don't change your life to suit the world views. Just believe that God will supply your needs.

Our bodies are the temple of the Lord. We must maintain this. We must respect our body and not allow the flesh to make us sin and we must live a clean, sin-free life.

Even though the world can persecute you, you don't have to give in to their views and standards. The devil can plot against your life and still you must refuse to bow down to the pressure. With our God whatever you need or don't have He will supply in His own time. He is never late.

Girls you don't have to become pregnant because every other girl in your area or your age has a child. Boys stop playing with fire. Many are destroying their lives through fornication.

Some people who are infected with HIV are deliberately spreading the disease on others so that they don't die alone. They want to die with many others.

If it happens that you have sinned and have fallen, go back to God and tell Him *"God, take control of my life."* You have to take responsibility of your life and make the decision to live it

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right. Make sure you don't go back to the past, the worldly life. Paul says, *I forget the past*. You have to forsake your past and your sins.

Some people when they are taught to correct their lives they go and investigate the life of the person who is teaching the message. The person may have had a bad past life because they were not yet born again. You can't judge a person by their past. Don't live in the things of the past.

Man is a spirit. **John 4:24** *"24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality)."* AMP.

Some people say I hear you and I understand that we are born again but as a man I need to have a woman / concubine in my life. Your whole life / body must be born again.

Romans 2: 28-29 *"28 For he is not a [real] Jew who is only one outwardly and publicly, nor is [true] circumcision something external and physical. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and [true] circumcision is of the heart, a spiritual and not a literal [matter]. His praise is not from men but from God."* AMP. A Jew is not the outward body (the vessel) but the inner being, the spirit man. You must become the new Adam by allowing the Holy Spirit to indwell you and being in charge of your life.

At one time, Paul had to rebuke Peter as he was discriminating against the Gentiles; he wanted to please the other Jews. Paul rebuked him and told him that what He was doing was wrong.

My life, my body must praise the Lord. New birth is the birth of the spirit i.e. it is the spirit that is born again not the body.

1 Corinthians 14: 14-15 *"14 For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody]. 15 Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind and understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind and understanding also."*

AMP.

"27 But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others

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the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].” 1

Corinthians 9: 27 AMP.

You have a responsibility to renew you (your mind). Let the spirit help the mind to be renewed. May God grant us the grace to live to the fullest of what God has ordained for our lives.

Romans 12: 1-2 *“1 I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].” AMP.*

Prayer Points by Johana Mukhavhuli 'The Tongue'

'7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea animal, can be tamed and has been tamed by human genius (nature). 8 But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness! 10 Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so. 11 Does a fountain send forth [simultaneously] from the same opening fresh water and bitter?'

James 3:7-11 AMP.

The tongue needs to be tamed. Ask God for grace to be able to tame our tongue.

The tongue can kill

Proverbs 15:4 *"4 A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit."* AMP.

If the tongue is not tamed it can kill. With the very same tongue we can praise and worship God. If that same tongue is tamed it can build a home, children. It can shape their future. Churches have been destroyed because of the tongue. Some are in jail because of the tongue. God, give us the grace to do your will with our tongues.

Tongue full of gossip.

Numbers 12: 1, 3, 7, 10

"1 NOW MIRIAM and Aaron talked against Moses [their brother] because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And they said, Has the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Has He not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it. 3 Now the man Moses was very meek (gentle, kind, and humble) or above all the men on the face of the earth." Num 12:1-3 AMP.

"7 But not so with My servant Moses; he is entrusted and faithful in all My house. [Heb 3:2,5,6.]" Num 12:7 AMP.

"10 And when the cloud departed from over the Tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. And Aaron looked at Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous!" Num 12:10 AMP.

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The tongue can make you gossip against your own mother's child. People even gossip about God. Some gossip about their husbands and feel no shame about it.

God, give us the grace to uproot the spirit of Merriam of gossiping from our lives, from our church. Some even gossip against the servants of God.

Tongue can be deceitful

"1 WHEN ISAAC was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, My son! And he answered him, Here I am. 2 He said, See here now; I am old, I do not know when I may die. 3 So now, I pray you, take your weapons, your [arrows in a] quiver and your bow, and go out into the open country and hunt game for me, 4 And prepare me appetizing meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat of it, [preparatory] to giving you my blessing [as my firstborn] before I die. 5 But Rebekah heard what Isaac said to Esau his son; and when Esau had gone to the open country to hunt for game that he might bring it, 6 Rebekah said to Jacob her younger son, See here, I heard your father say to Esau your brother, 7 Bring me game and make me appetizing meat, so that I may eat and declare my blessing upon you before the Lord before my death. 8 So now, my son, do exactly as I command you. 9 Go now to the flock, and from it bring me two good and suitable kids; and I will make them into appetizing meat for your father, such as he loves." Genesis 27: 1-9 AMP.

The tongue can be deceitful and full of lies. This woman, normal in every sense is plotting against her own husband to deceive and lie to her husband. She is involving her own child. Those two children were twins. The mother is gossiping against her own seed. She is not even worried about what she is doing. She was a discriminatory mom, segregating between her own children. We have to learn to treat our children the same way. This woman is starting a war between her own seed. **God give us the grace to shut up, to rest from gossiping, the grace not to gossip and not to be deceitful and full of lies.**

A gossiping tongue will make you not to listen to God

When God is speaking the gossiper is too busy talking, gossiping.

"7 Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8 And he took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, though he utterly destroyed all the rest of the people with the sword. 9 Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, oxen, fatlings, lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but all that was undesirable or worthless they destroyed utterly. 10 Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying, 11 I regret making Saul

king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not performed My commands. And Samuel was grieved and angry [with Saul], and he cried to the Lord all night.” 1 Samuel 15:7 AMP.

“3 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of the Lord. I have performed what the Lord ordered. 14 And Samuel said, What then means this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but the rest we have utterly destroyed.” 1 Sam 15:13-15, AMP.

1 Sam 15:22-23 *“22 Samuel said, Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim (household good luck images). Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”AMP.*

Saul was chosen by God and told not to take captive anything of the Amelekites but to destroy all. He did not obey God. God said destroy all but in that “all”, Saul saw riches. He failed to obey God and wanted to hide from Saul the prophet. Disobedience is rebellion *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry*. He lost his kingship because of disobedience. **God, give us the grace to reject disobedience. We don't want the spirit of disobedience in our church.**

Let us not check who is preaching the word of God but let us take the word as the word of God to you, to your life and not the word of a person.

Gossip can make you commit sin or go deep in sin

2 Timothy 2:16 *“16 But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.”AMP.*

2 Tim 2:16 *“ 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” KJV.*

With my talk let me exhort families and other people with my good and positive words, let my words refresh and replenish them instead of gossiping against them. If you meet a stressed out person and you give him or her, the word instead of gossip then you are building that person. With gossip you are killing people with your mouth. Some are church elders but are slaves to gossip. Some are dead and buried in the graves because of gossip.

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Some people are even scared of coming where you are because you are a gossip. **God help our hearts, to come out of this gossip spirit. To reject it, to forsake it. Let our hearts be afraid of you and let our tongue praise and worship you always.**

Sin

‘3 For I am conscious of my transgressions and I acknowledge them; my sin is ever before me.’ Psalm 51:3 AMP.

If we allow sin to take root in our lives, we will struggle. We will suffer. When you want to do well, the bad, the sin in you will come and confront you and interfere with your life, your walk with Christ. Learn to feed your life with the word of God instead of the worldly things.

Some people are addicted to TV and have no time to spend with God. Some meditate more on movies and films than on the word of God. David says I know my sin. **God, even if we know our sins, let them go away from me, these sins are in front of me interfering with my relationship with you God.**

Sin can ensnare

Romans 7: 14-24 ***“14 We know that the Law is spiritual; but I am a creature of the flesh [carnal, unspiritual], having been sold into slavery under [the control of] sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled, bewildered]. I do not practice or accomplish what I wish, but I do the very thing that I loathe [which my moral instinct condemns]. 16 Now if I do [habitually] what is contrary to my desire, [that means that] I acknowledge and agree that the Law is good (morally excellent) and that I take sides with it. 17 However, it is no longer I who do the deed, but the sin [principle] which is at home in me and has possession of me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out.] 19 For I fail to practice the good deeds I desire to do, but the evil deeds that I do not desire to do are what I am [ever] doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not desire to do, it is no longer I doing it [it is not myself that acts], but the sin [principle] which dwells within me [fixed and operating in my soul]. 21 So I find it to be a law (rule of action of my being) that when I want to do what is right and good, evil is ever present with me and I am subject to its insistent demands. 22 For I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature]. [Ps 1:2.] 23 But I discern in my bodily members [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to the law of sin that dwells in my***

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bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]. 24 O unhappy and pitiable and wretched man that I am! Who will release and deliver me from [the shackles of] this body of death?" AMP.

Paul was tired of the sin that had taken root in him, e.g. the sin of gossip, deceit. Once sin takes root in your life, it will destroy you. The sin of e.g. gossip had taken root and he couldn't do what he wanted to do, which is being good. It is our lusts that ensnare us. **God, give us the grace to escape from the snare of sin, on our own we cannot do it. We need Your help.**

Keep your tongue

Psalm 34:13 *"13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit."* AMP.

We must ask God to tie our tongues so that we can be like others who always talk about God and not gossip about others.

Help us God to forsake gossip, lie, deceit, sin

"12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am Your passing guest, a temporary resident, as all my fathers were. 13 O look away from me and spare me, that I may recover cheerfulness and encouraging strength and know gladness before I go and am no more!" Psalm 39:12 -13 AMP.

We are tired of a gossiping tongue, help us, we cry before you God, help us to forsake this sin.

Pray for the Youth

Youth are deceived and attracted by many things in life. If the youth is not dedicated to God it is easy for that youth to be deceived and to be destroyed.

"9 Rejoice, O young man, in your adolescence, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your [full-grown] youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. 10 Therefore remove [the lusts that end in] sorrow and vexation from your heart and mind and put away evil from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity [transitory, idle, empty, and devoid of truth]. [2 Cor 7:1; 2 Tim 2:22.]" Eccl 11:9-10 AMP.

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Some youths leave home for tertiary education and end up sharing accommodation with devil worshippers in an effort to try and pay a lesser rental for accommodation. Some youths change their lifestyles and live a worldly life out there and forget they are born again Christians. We seriously need to pray for the youths and the youths must also be prayerful in their lives.

Praying for mothers

“1 EVERY WISE woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.” Proverbs 14:1 AMP.

Some women are so blessed but they cannot see the grace of God upon their lives. A woman can choose to be a builder or a destroyer. Women are powerful but it depends on the individual woman whether she wants to build or to destroy. When women are united, they are very powerful. **God, help us to have a spirit of building the church and doing your will. Give us a wise spirit.**

Genesis 1:26

“26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. [Ps 104:30; Heb 1:2; 11:3.]” Genesis 1:26 AMP.

Let us live in a spirit world. We are gods. God is a spirit and we must worship him in truth and spirit. God we are your heirs in your kingdom, help us to live like the spirit that we are and to live in your image.

Genesis 2:7

Gen 2:7 ***“7 Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being. [1 Cor 15:45-49.]” AMP.***

When God’s spirit is within in me, I am able to connect with God and He is a spirit and we are spirit also. **God help us to listen to the spirit of God, who can help us to run away from sin.**

Praying for other churches

Matthew 22:39 “39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself. [Lev 19:18.]” AMP.

You pray for other churches when you love them. Let’s carry each other in prayer. God, give us a spirit of love so that we can love the fellow brethren in the other churches and to pray for them always.

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Worship Team

A worship team can heal and refresh souls when they sing and worship God. **God, we pray that you will strengthen them and impart your spirit upon them so that they can minister unto your people in Jesus' name.**

Worship God in Spirit and Truth

John 4:23 *"23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers."* AMP.

God, give us the grace to worship God in spirit and in truth and to be a church that worships God in spirit and in truth. God has not called us to flesh but to spirit.

Praying for our Leaders

1 Timothy 2:1-2 *"1 FIRST OF all, then, I admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men, 2 For kings and all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet and undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness and reverence and seriousness in every way."* AMP.

Let those chiefs who are not born again see what God is doing in the lives of the chiefs who are born again and wish it upon their lives. Let the others want God in their lives.

Obey your leaders

"17 Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either]." Heb 13:17, AMP.

We must listen to our pastor and obey him. Pray for grace of God upon his life in the name of Jesus. We must not anger our pastor as it disturbs the work of God.

Thanksgiving

Thank God for what he is doing in our lives.