

CHRIST APOSTOLIC CHURCH OKE IFE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

14TH April, 2019

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Praise / Worship**
3. **Congregational hymn: Hymn 708**

1. He leadeth, me O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubl'd sea, -
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me!

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me!

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cost wave I will not flee
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
Amen.

4. **Announcement**
5. **Choir Ministration.**
6. **Prayer & Fasting:**

TOPIC: ANTIDOTE TO FEAR*

TEXTS: 2Tim 1:6-7, 2Corinthians 4:13

INTRODUCTION

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, of love and of a sound mind.

We having the same spirit of Faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; KJV

In the year 2002, I was to travel to Bida, in Niger State. The night before the trip, I started hearing a voice, telling me that Niger Bridge at Jebba was going to collapse as soon as our bus is on it. I have never been that scared in my life; I became apprehensive every inch of the journey, prayed, sang, all out of fear. I made the trip, the bridge didn't fall, and it has never fallen since 17 years ago.

Most times, our fears are needless, baseless and worthless. Fear is one of the emotions known and natural to man. It could either be positive or negative. Fear is a feeling (strong emotion) that is induced by the awareness or nearness of danger. Sometimes it could be real and other times it could be virtual or imagined.

KINDS OF FEAR

- (1) **Natural fear:** e.g the kind you experience during a near accident scenario.
- (2) **Reverential fear:** fear of God, awe and reverence for divinity. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom
- (3) **Irrational or slavish fear:** this is a demonic fear that puts man in bondage. This is the focus of this teaching; fear of usknown, fear of failure, death etc.

ORIGIN OF FEAR

The fall of man occasioned by sin brought the presence of fear to man. Gen 3:10

So the mind or soul of man which is the seat of emotion, will and intellect became the magnetic field for spirit of fear.

SOURCE OF FEAR

Fear is a demonic spirit that capitalizes on unrenewed mind. This demon of fear brings its subject into bondage Romans 8:15. It torments its victim 1 John 4:18: “....Fear has torment...”

It also operates through

THE 5 SENSES

- (1) What we see: real time or real life and in dreams.
- (2) What we hear
- (3) What we touch
- (4) What we taste
- (5) What we feel

The cure for fear is faith. Faith is a Spirit while fear is also a Spirit as we see in our two ANCHOR TEXTS above. Faith comes by hearing, Romans 10:17, so also fear. Adam said I heard your voice and I am afraid. Gen 3:10. Faith focuses on the promise while fear focuses on the problem. They counterbalance each other. One neutralizes the other. When Jesus said "fear not, only believe" Luke 8 v 50, it means the two (fear and Faith) were present in the heart of the man, but Jesus was asking the man to give fear quit notice and keep faith in. The two are equal but opposite forces. They both grow by feeding. The One you feed determine the one that grows stronger. They both grow in the atmosphere of confession or **DECLARATION**. Faith is the response of the human spirit to the word of God or promise while fear is the response of unrenewed mind to the problem. Faith is in your recreated human spirit, while fear is in your mind. So the battlefield is your mind. You need to get it renewed on daily basis. Rom 12:2

"...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Rom 12:2

STEPS TO DEALING WITH FEAR.

- (1) Deal with your paralyzing or fearful thought by speaking out. We use words to fight thoughts.
- (2) Don't repeat the voice of fear you hear within and without
- (3) Focus on the promise of God concerning what you are afraid of
- (4) Take authority over the spirit of fear
- (5) Break the stronghold of fear
- (6) Making Faith-filled DECLARATION
- (7) Watch or screen your media diet; as in what you are watching, listening to, reading.
- (8) Speaking, praying and singing in tongues.

In conclusion, getting your mind renewed by meditation and declaration is vital to tackling fear. Also know that there is enough Faith in you to tackle your fear, what you feed grows. So, feed your faith and starve your fear.

7. Offering

8. Family Song (Youth Anthem).

We are part of this great family,
A family of the body of Christ,
We are one body of Christ,
CAC Oke-Ife Youth Association,

We are part of God's great family
We are one body of Christ
Youth aflame for our generation,

Right in our schools and in our homes
We are God's

(Do you really love this family?)

I love this family of God
So closely knitted into one
They have taken me into their arms
And am glad to be
A part of this great family

Call: we are God's

Resp: we are God's

Call: even in time of trouble..... E.t.c

9. Benediction.

APRIL CELEBRANTS

Agboola Oluwaseyi 4th
Farayola Gideon 9th
Otekunrin Oluwatosin 10th
Alade Tolulope 11th
Tasanmi Oluwapemisire 14th
Abisoye John 18th
Owoeye Tobi M. 19th
Akanbi Tolulope 23rd
Odunayo Dadeoluwa 27th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unit rehearsals/meetings are as follows:

- Choir – 12:00pm to 3:00pm every Saturday
- Ushering Unit – 5pm every Saturday.
- Drama – 3.00pm to 5.00pm every 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month
- Prayer Band – 6.45am to 7.00am every Sunday and 3.00pm to 4.00pm every 2nd Saturday of the month.
- Bible Study Preview is every Last Saturday of the month by 4pm.
- Interested in joining any of the above unit? Please, see the unit coordinators or the Secretary
- If you have article(s) for publication in our quarterly bulletin, please, submit to the Editor-in-Chief or the Secretary or send to us via e-mail through okeifyouth@gmail.com.

- **Please Note that Unit rehearsals/meetings are subject to change, therefore meet the unit Coordinators or Secretary for confirmation and also to know more about the various units you can serve in the Association.**
- Next week we will be having 'Melodram' to be handled by the Choir and Drama Units. Please don't miss it.
- **Workers Retreat for all the Workers in the Association and also for any member interested in joining any unit comes up on May 1, 2019 with the Theme "A Workman approved by God. 2Tim 2:15."**
- **The First Edition of Praise From Within for the Year 2019 will also come up on the 19th day of May 2019 by 2pm. You cannot afford to miss it.**