

## Whatever is dead – God can redeem

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Sunday morning service

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### **“WHATEVER IS DEAD – GOD CAN REDEEM (MAKE IT ALIVE). THIS IS OUR TIME TO COME ALIVE.”**

I’ve been trusting God for a word and on Saturday morning, very early, God gave me a dream and literally woke me up with these words: “WHATEVER IS DEAD...GOD CAN REDEEM (MAKE IT ALIVE) ...THIS IS OUR TIME TO COME ALIVE”. I believe that this is our TIME... Our TIME is now. We must enter into what God has prepared for us. No more delays and no more barriers. It is the double decade of open heavens. Who are we representing this morning? What are we representing? Are we an ambassador of God or an ambassador of self?

It is TIME to take back what the enemy has stolen from us: our joy, our peace our righteousness, our health, our provision, our protection, our families etc. We cannot just accept what God did not intend for us. I believe that 2020 is our year. It is time to rise, time to be awoken, it is time to step into what God has for us. It is TIME to believe God for the impossible, it is TIME to be awoken... No longer normal church, but supernatural church – church unusual. It is TIME to adjust and align and it is TIME to take action. I believe that it is not a time to wait, it is not a time to hold back, but this is our TIME to come alive, NOW is our time.

If you’re trusting God for an answer, today, NOW is our time. If you are believing God for a miracle then today, here and NOW is our TIME. If you are trusting God for a breakthrough then NOW is our Time. There is no time such as NOW. This is our time to come alive. Whatever is dead... can be redeemed (it can come alive).

During this past week I’ve come to realise again that:

- When we don’t know the way, He is the way...
- When we don’t know the answer, He is the answer....
- When we don’t understand, He understands...
- When we do not know what to do, He will show us what to do....
- When we don’t know where to turn to, He knows....

We can only come to this realization when it is no longer I, but Christ, and the life I now live is to bring honour to Him.

So the word this morning is clear: Whatever is dead... God can redeem (make it alive). This is our time to come alive. You know your circumstances, your finances, your concerns... you know your situation.

I asked myself: “So, what is it that can be dead?”

Whatever does not have life or create life is dead.

- Our hopes can be dead... where we’ve lost hope and become hopeless.
- Our prayers can be dead... where we feel our prayers are not answered.
- Our faith can be dead... where we lack the belief for the impossible.
- Our works can be dead... where our works have no impact.
- Our dreams can be dead... where we’ve lost our dreams/plans/ purposes of God.
- Our trust can be dead... where we lack trust, but rather practice distrust (suspicious mind).
- Our understanding can be dead.... where we become dull of hearing.
- Our relationships can be dead.... where we have difficulty to relate with family, friends, colleagues etc.
- Our compassion can be dead... where we do not go the extra-mile or get out of our comfort zone for the sake of others... only if it suits us - it’s only about us... we become selfish.

I believe that whatever is dead in our lives can be redeemed. Whatever is dead can be restored. I've come to realise that we can so easily become content. We come to church, but we became accustomed to it. We become familiar with God, familiar with His house and familiar with His presence.

IT IS TIME..... TIME TO COME ALIVE IN HIM.

### **Jeremiah 7:1-7**

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim there this word and say, 'Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the Lord!'" Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.' For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbour, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.*

I want us to ask ourselves: "What is dead in my life?" Maybe its your prayer life, trust, hope, faith, belief, dreams, works... Whatever is dead ...God can make it alive. We can come to church every Sunday and proclaim the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, but remain UNCHANGED and dead in a specific area of our lives. Jeremiah 7:5 says "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds" – that is a call for change. Then verse 7: "then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever." – in other words, we will enter into the inheritance of Christ Jesus.

I believe that God wants to restore us. Whatever is dead, He wants to redeem. He wants to align and adjust us, and He wants to change us. Sometimes our past, our circumstances, our fears, our doubts and our unbelief can keep us bondage to this type of death. We feel like we cannot break free, we cannot breakthrough and we cannot break forth. We feel as if we are in a cycle of defeat.

**Prayer:** Father, in the name of Jesus we pray that You forgive us, we are returning to You. We pray that You redeem our dead faith, dead hope, dead works, dead prayers and our dead compassion...whatever is dead in our lives. We declare redemption and restoration is our portion. Restore us to the full life of Christ, the incorruptible life of Christ. We choose life, we choose You, we choose Your Holy Spirit and we pray for a fresh new God-encounter. It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me...Amen

Whatever is dead...God can redeem (make it alive) - This is our time to come alive. I believe our time is NOW, Our time is here for us to come alive in God.

It is our time to do a reality check with ourselves. Have we become content? Have we become lukewarm? Have we become religious? Have we become dead in certain areas of our spiritual walk with God?

### **Luke 10:1-12**

#### *The Seventy Sent Out*

*Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.*

### **Luke 10:17-20**

*The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."*

It is our TIME, time to rise and take back our authority, our hope, faith, prayers, belief, dreams our relationships.

I believe that we need to take this word and apply it in our lives:

- We have been appointed... Appointed and selected. You are called for a task – **(verse 1)**.
- We are being sent... We are not saved for ourselves but for others – **(verse 1)**.
- We have a mandate to impact the City – what difference are we making in the City? The City is at the door – **(verse 1)**.
- We must be ready for the harvest – the harvest is great. The harvest might not be properly packaged – **(verse 2)**.
- We must choose to be a labourer because the labourers are few – **(verse 2)**.
- We must be God's strategic men/women for miracles, signs and wonders to follow – **(verse 9)**.
- We must declare the Kingdom mandate, Kingdom assignment, Kingdom purpose – **(verse 9)**.
- We must operate in the authority that God has given us... His name, His Word, His nature – **(verse 19)**.

We must align and adjust ourselves and desire obedience so that our names would be written up in heaven.

We must know that our TIME is now. No more limitations, no more boundaries, no more excuses... there are giants to slay and cities to take.

We must come alive in Christ Jesus.

You are God's appointed men, ready for His assignment.

We need to redeem whatever is dead in our lives so that we can fulfill the Kingdom mandate and Kingdom purpose.

### **John 1: 1**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

### **John 1:14**

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...*

### **Hebrews 4:12**

*For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

**DECLARATION – 2020 IS OUR YEAR**