

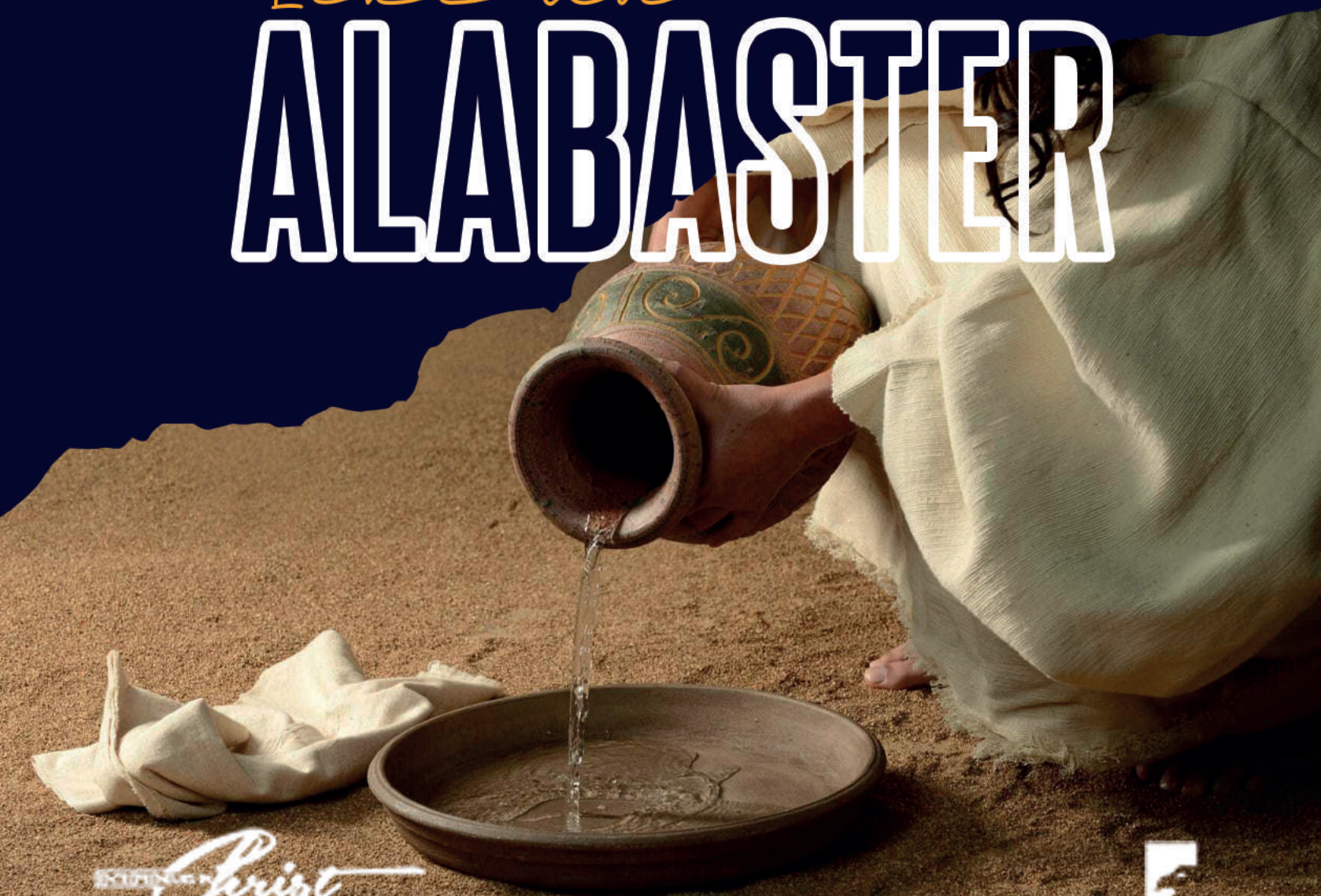
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The oil (Anointing) of Joy -Balancing Grief & Discipline-

Greetings my dear friends and blessings from the Most High. I hope the month of April has been fruitful for us all in one way or another. It happens to be my favorite month of the year for a few joyous reasons. We celebrate the day our salvation was sealed in God's Kingdom as well as our redemption perfected. It also happens to be my birthday month, so April is always a blessing! This special month we have chosen as a leadership team to look more closely into the Oil of Gladness which we also call the Anointing of Joy. What does it mean for a Kingdom Entrepreneur to walk in this anointing? How do we obtain it? And more importantly, how do we continue to service this impartation when we do receive it?

A few weeks ago, I fell into a trance, in this vision I saw an angel suspended high in the Heavens – he picked up a golden arrow, nocked it onto his bowstring and shot it at a person who was wasting away in the place of prayer. Upon impact, I noticed the golden arrow began to melt. While I pondered what this meant, I heard a loud voice saying, “the Oil of Joy can be shot like an arrow into a person or place” – as is my custom, I quickly scribbled down this revelation when I regained full consciousness and turned it into a prayer adventure the next day. That's when the Holy Spirit began to expound more on this unique topic that has probably not been examined well enough in the body of Christ! The key scripture God has given us to guide our theme topic this month are Isaiah 61:3 and Hebrews 1:9. Isaiah 61:3 declares, “He'll provide for those who grieve in Zion – He bestows on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.”

Hebrews 1:9: “You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil Joy (or gladness) beyond your companions.

Let me start by saying in our walk with God, it so happens that we can only bask in victory when our knowledge of God has translated into a core belief because of what we have dug out in scriptures and by the help of the Holy Spirit. The word of God is like a mirror and the first job of a Kingdom Entrepreneur is to invest time to gaze into that mirror with curiosity so as to identify their unique problem and the direct provision that ties back to a solution within God's word. This first scripture shows us the divine provision God has made for those going through a grieving period, however many believers overlook this gem in the bible, and they allow their grieving or mourning season take over them. The very first phrase (God will provide for those who grieve in Zion) indicates a solemn promise. If your faith believes this scripture beyond the shadow of a doubt, then you can have the promise of the father. God's words are no respecter of persons. You align with it through faith, and they will become real to you.

There are a number of reasons why you as an entrepreneur may experience a mourning season. Perhaps, you lost a big

client or a big asset that makes for stability within your business. For someone else, it may be the loss of a parent or close relative. Either way the bible explains in Ephesians 6:13 (and I paraphrase) that we are to take on the whole armor of God so that we may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all, to stand! This evil day is what Isaiah 61:3 is tying back to with a provisional promise from the Father. The essence of this scripture is to equip every citizen of Zion (you and) with the knowledge of the way of escape (a coping mechanism) God has made.

How does this translate for me or my business?

The moment you realize a situation is out of your control, begin to praise God! It may be tough, but this is how you get clothed. As you attempt to praise mechanically, suddenly a grace to glide through the wings of the Spirit kicks in and you can begin to enjoy 3 unique provisions tied within this promise God has made. The first thing that will happen is that a crown of beauty will be placed upon your head. If you do not relent, the next thing that will happen is the anointing for joy & gladness will be poured on you and finally, if your faith is strong enough and you keep praising, God adorns you with a real garment; one made with the perfection of His praise and custom-fitted to your situation in life. All 3 of these will bring you to a completely new island! You would look back many months later and wonder how you survived – this is where the response, “it was by the Grace of God” truly comes in handy.



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I must mention that this anointing for joy poured on a believer (during his or her mourning season) signifies an exchange of your weakness for God's strength. 2 Corinthians 12:9 explains "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness" – If you do not get to the place or state of brokenness, true joy (anointing for gladness) does not erupt out of your soul; for it has been designed that only out of death can new life spring forth. Many times, as business owners we keep a strong front and hide our vulnerability – and I agree, there is a time and place for that. However, the oil of joy that comes in the morning was designed to only come when you reach the state of brokenness and contriteness of heart (study to Psalm 51:17 for scriptural proof)

On a totally different note, there is yet another dimension of the oil of joy that a Kingdom-Entrepreneur can enjoy by embracing a godly lifestyle and forsaking the world. This dimension is the reward God gives His people to promote them for their faithfulness toward His promises and their attempt at upholding His standards against what the world has to offer. That the oil of joy can be derived from contentment in righteous living according to Hebrews 1:9

is heartwarming news to a believer. As you know, we have been made the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ (meditate on 2 Corinthians 5:21). However, in the world of business, it may be tough to uphold godly standards amidst the corruption we face daily in developing countries. We have to work extra hard not to bribe people, cut costs, cheat customers or sell our soul to the devil all while making an honest living, this is the part where works is needed to balance the faith we have when we make bold declarations of being the righteousness of God through Christ. One will not work without the other. However, when a man or woman is aligned with both principles then God releases an anointing (the oil of joy) to promote that man or woman beyond their peers who have wiggled their way through compromise and corruption. What's more notable here, are the words "beyond your companions" – meaning this dimension of the oil of joy has the ability to set you apart and place you in a class of your own! People will have no choice but to ask, how did he or she do it? Scriptural examples are graphically mirrored in detail, through the lives of Joseph and Daniel in the bible. Dear Friends, this is how we win by righteousness! Thanks for reading and God bless you all.

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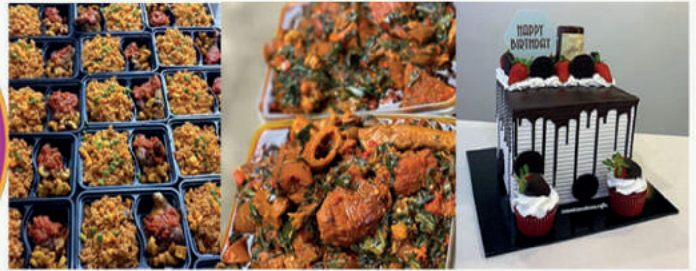


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THEME OF THE MONTH & THEME OF THE YEAR EXPLAINED

The Secret to Joy

Psalms 45:7 "You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Have you ever sat down to understand what the secret to joy is? And not just regular Joy.... but true joy of the Lord, the perfect peace of Jesus Christ. The lasting joy and gladness that the world's circumstances cannot rob from us.

This joy has everything to do with righteousness and we can see this in Psalm 45:7. Righteousness, the oil of gladness, the perfect peace, contentment, thankfulness, and gratitude all work in sync with each. They are all a part of the gifts of God to us within His Kingdom.

To be righteous or to be in right standing you must be a lover of justice and hate evil and it's by this that God anoints you with the oil of joy. When we read about the parable of the virgins in Matthew 25: 1-13, we notice that the five wise ones had the extra oil in their lamps. The five virgins loved righteousness, they had the extra oil of gladness, which is The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit does not dwell in temples of idols and wickedness or evil, instead He is given to the born-again children of God who have turned from their wicked deed and pursue Jesus Christ with their spirit, soul, and body.

When we as entrepreneurs in Christ have the Holy Spirit, it means that within the marketplace we have forsaken evil and are pursuing right standing in all facets of our business. With The Holy Spirit in us, we have God almighty with us, we have everlasting joy and peace that surpasses all understanding and the oil of gladness where we can rise above our circumstances and sing praises to our redeemer. There is no other way to be happy in God because when we walk in righteousness, we walk in unity with God almighty.

Col 3:15-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A happy heart is a thankful heart, and a thankful heart will always have songs of praise, deliverance, joy, and gratitude to the Lord.

Do not approach the Lord with a whiny, complaining attitude. As entrepreneurs in Christ, we can always choose power or pity. Power in the Holy Spirit will set us above our companions, we will then have power to praise, power to be free from the enemy, oppression, and negativity, to live in Joy.



"A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. It helps fortify the believers trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest time. No matter how stormy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord" – John MacArthur

As an entrepreneur we will always be facing difficult times, times of wilderness, times where the end of the wilderness is not in sight. How we respond to such situations determines how we are set apart in Christ. Through our posture towards Christ and our constant praise and gratefulness to our maker we will be able to endure and traverse the wilderness with God's anointing of joy in our business and lives.

James1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

As an entrepreneur we shall find ourselves in situations where one may feel the need to do whatever it takes to get what is wanted or what one thinks the business needs, no matter who gets hurt or whose lives are ruined. This will be viewed as wickedness in the eyes of the Lord.

We must resist to seek success in our business over our right standing with God almighty. Our path is to walk in the light as He is in the light so that the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Flee immorality, flee evil, flee unrighteousness, and walk in the light, not the night.

The highway of holiness to heaven is to walk in holiness and righteousness so that we are filled with the oil of gladness, which is the Holy Spirit. We cannot get into heaven without the Holy Spirit which is the extra oil that the bride of Christ has when waiting on Him to come.

Righteousness = The oil of gladness = The Holy Spirit = Perfect peace with God.

I hope this helps us as entrepreneurs in Christ pursue righteousness in our businesses because the oil of gladness is given to us by our Father to those who love what is good and forsake what is evil.

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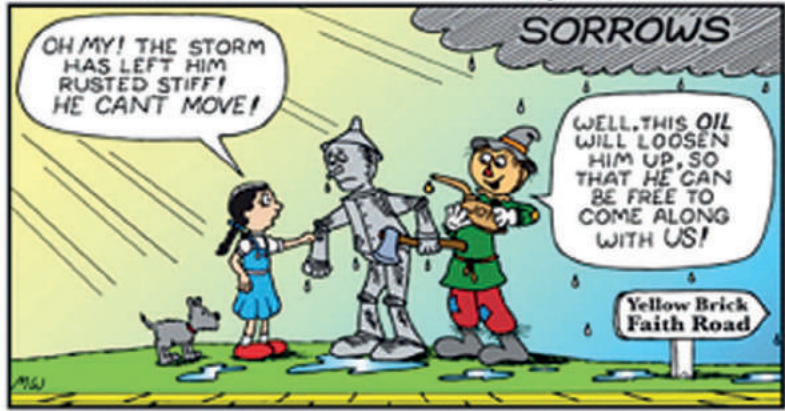


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OIL OF JOY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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— ISAIAH 61:3 NIV

WEeping MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING (PSALM 30:5B)

As Entrepreneurs in Christ and marketplace ministers, one of the benefits of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our lives is the Oil of Joy/ Gladness (Isaiah 61:3) which is also the fruit of the spirit in Galatian 5:22.

Joy is a feeling of completeness, happiness, gladness, and delight. It is a gift from God through the unction of the Holy Spirit to all mankind (entrepreneurs) who believe in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, irrespective of our circumstances, as an assurance of His steadfast love when we abide and depend on His word.

On a daily basis entrepreneurs and marketplace ministers are constantly faced with diverse challenges, there are days when our businesses do not add up. This could be due to internal or external factors like financial issues, inflation, delays in meeting up with customers' demands caused by faulty machines, incompetent employees, bad weather, unfavorable government policies and regulations etc.

In times as these, we are expected to apply ourselves to the truth in the word of God to overcome our challenging situations.

Philippines 4:4 TPT says "Be cheerful with a joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow." Why should we be joyful in a challenging situation? Because Joy is the natural habitat of God, it is the facilitator of divine presence. In his presence is the fulness of joy Psalm 16:11, Psalm 95:2. Psalm 30 vs 5b says, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." It means that there is always a price to pay and a sacrifice to be made before any major breakthrough.

As entrepreneurs in Christ, you may be in your weeping period today, but as you endure with faith in God, your cry shall turn to joy soon because after every night comes the morning. In Genesis 39:5, for Joseph's sake, the Egyptian house was blessed. The joy that Joseph carried affected the whole house, he didn't allow himself to be caged by sadness, bitterness, depression nor sorrow because of the wrongful atrocities against him, even in the prison he maintained his joy. Joy and rejoicing are vital to accessing God's blessing. No matter the situation, we have to resolve to rejoice in the Lord.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (Message)

Though the cherry trees don't blossom
and the strawberries don't ripen,
Though the apples are worm-eaten
and the wheat fields stunted,
Though the sheep pens are sheepless
and the cattle barns empty,
I'm singing joyful praise to God.

I'm turning cartwheels of joy to my Savior God.

Counting on God's Rule to prevail,

I take heart and gain strength.

I run like a deer.

I feel like I'm king of the mountain!

The devil knows that a merry heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones, therefore he will always try to make sure that we live a life of sorrow, complaining and depression. In Joel 1:12, the word says that where there is no joy all the trees in the field will be destroyed. But when we praise and rejoice in the Lord, even the earth will yield its increase. In order to be effective marketplace ministers, we also need a joyful heart to win souls to the kingdom of God. Isaiah 12:3 says that with joy, shall we draw water out of the wells of salvation.

As we grow in joy, we grow in strength. Nehemiah 8:10 says that the joy of the Lord is my strength. In 1 Samuel 30:6, David encouraged himself in the Lord. We have this assurance from the Lord in John 16:22, CSB: So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy from you.

Pay close attention now:

I'm creating new heavens and a new earth.

All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain are things of the past, to be forgotten. Look ahead with joy.

Anticipate what I'm creating:

I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy,
create my people as pure delight.

I'll take joy in Jerusalem,



take delight in my people:
 No more sounds of weeping in the city,
 no cries of anguish
 No more babies dying in the cradle,
 or old people who don't enjoy a full lifetime;
 One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—
 anything less will seem like a cheat.
 They'll build houses
 and move in.
 They'll plant fields
 and eat what they grow.
 No more building a house
 that some outsider takes over,
 No more planting fields
 that some enemy confiscates,
 For my people will be as long-lived as trees,
 my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their work.
 They won't work and have nothing come of it.
Isaiah 65:18-22 (message)



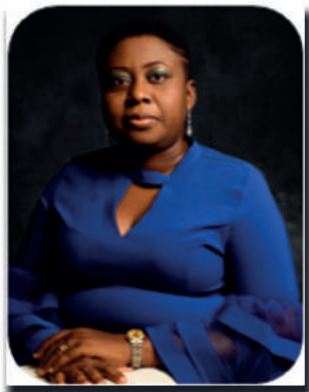
In conclusion as Entrepreneurs in Christ and marketplace ministers we are to hold on tightly to Jesus, abiding daily in our close relationship with Him, so that we will experience the fullness of joy He promised in John 15:4-11 (TPT)

You must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine. "I am the sprouting vine and you're my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless. If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned. But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire, and it will be done. When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father! "I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts. If you keep my commands, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love. My purpose for telling you these things is so that the joy that I experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness!

"May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13

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INTRODUCING OUR EIC REGIONAL LEADERS (NIGERIA, GHANA & KENYA)



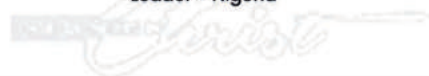
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MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 61 verse 3 (NIV):

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Announcements/Events

- EIC Kenya Launch – May, 2022
- EIC Convention – August, 2022
- You can Volunteer with us in any capacity.
- We desire to have members to join our Prayer Force (prayer ministry arm of EIC) is mandatory for all members: To take up the responsibility of praying for EIC members three days a week and 30minutes before every BNF Meetings
- Are you an EIC members? Have you been paired with an Accountability partner? That is someone who will hold you to a high standard to ensure you achieve your set goals for your personal and business life
- In EIC, we pair members to Prayer. Two people who will always agree with each other in the place of prayer as touching anything. That is a prayer partnership.
- Do you know what prayer is? Why you should pray? When? And for how long? EIC School of Prayer, our weekly teaching on how to have an effective and efficient prayer life teaches you all these and many more.
- EIC Mentorship Program for Mentors and Mentees starts April, 2022

