

#INFLUENCE 2019 3rd March 2019

Title: Why am I here? 10:20 am

It's my joy to welcome you to **#INFLUENCE 2019**; we are embarking on a journey that would span a long while. This is God's Message to His people. Let's read the back of the handbill we had earlier distributed to refresh our minds and establish some things together.

We were admonished to use fresh notes for **#INFLUENCE** and not to be careless, a generation is upon your shoulder, take responsibility! Let's take note of these few thoughts as we commence:

1. At the beginning of the season (October 2018), God introduced Himself to us as **GOD OF LIGHT AND GLORY- Isaiah 60:19 (Easy English)**
2. Suggesting that **we must need to embrace Light before we experience Glory!**
3. **It's in Light that Glory lies**; without the Light, we can't see the Glory- Isaiah 60:1-3 (KJV)
4. What is Light (Wise Question)? From the scriptures, we saw **the Word of God is Light-** Psalm 119:130 (KJV); Psalm 119:105(KJV); Isaiah 9:8 (KJV).

The Lord sent the Word because the Word was Light, He would not have sent it if it didn't have the capacity for illumination- 2Peter 1:19(KJV); John 1:4-5.

5. The Glory of Light is what we call #INFLUENCE.

There are different kinds of Light and each differs in Glory. It's not just about the sun shining but also giving direction (1 Cor.15:41), it's about the Sun producing Light/energy for the earth. All these, we call the **#INFLUENCE** of the sun- People must see the effect of your Light, (Matthew 5:15). At the shining of the sun, many things happen. There is the glory of the Sun, and the Sun causes life for everything on the earth; that is what we call the **INFLUENCE** of the Sun.

6. **The intention of Heaven is that the believer is the Light of the World not of the Church;** stop trying to shine in Church, go, show your impact out there! Your **'niceness'** isn't relevant in the Church alone, go out there, make a difference. You are the Light of the World!

We can't live right in the Church and behave wrongly out there (Matthew 5:14). We are here to be Light.

When I check some of my old notes, I observe the marks from my tears, I find them in places where I wrote: **"I am here as Light, why am I not shining"**. Getting married or having lots of

kids don't determine success. You and I are to make tremendous effects here on earth- Matthew 5:14 (MSG). People should see you and love/desire God. They should see God in you, they should want to make heaven because of you. Mind you, God isn't a secret to be kept- Matt 5:15 (MSG).

7. (This point brings us to ***The Concept of the Sparring-Partner***; one main reason the sun is shining is to give light and to ***INFLUENCE*** other things. God never creates anything for fun/entertainment/or just to occupy space. The flower was not just created for beauty, it has a definite purpose- (it determines the survival of many other things). God has brought you here to be an ***INFLUENCER***. Matthew 5:16 (MSG).

You must have someone you are communicating these truths with (a ***Sparring Partner***). The idea of ***#INFLUENCE*** is beyond attending a Church, it has everything to do with God. ***INFLUENCE*** is ***to ensure your life is like the Yeast that must produce in greater measure***- Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-22(KJV). The ***Kingdom Concept is about Heaven influencing the earth***.

God wants to rule the earth through man so that the earth would be a replica of Heaven through men (you and me) - Matthew 6:9 (KJV; Easy English). You will get full details on this when you refer to the Teaching Series on the Yeast being a catalyst "***Kingdom Consciousness (April & May 2018)***",

When you consider 2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT), you will realize the concept of Sparring partner; this concept supports the thought that ***you can't be trained until you 'self-train' with someone***. Every Boxer desiring to get to the pinnacle of his career gets himself a Sparring-Partner...the better the Sparring-Partner the better the boxer!

As an individual, I grew with Sparring-Partners. Just about anything that dropped into my spirit, I groomed into their lives by sharing those thoughts. You must groom others! Do you understand? This is God's concept! 2 Timothy 2:2 (MSG). Pass it on! You would never get yourself to the depth of knowing /knowledge until you are able to communicate what you have learnt to others.

I make bold to say, I was never smart, my goal was to write as much as possible during teaching sessions, thereafter, I would look for someone to share with. Now I hear the Spirit of God teach me, He gives me Scriptures. You must understand, this never began one day!

As we proceed with the 1st teaching, ensure you communicate these thoughts with someone. You should have 2/3 people; write their names and make that commitment to share. Get on our Social media platforms and share the links. Share it to help someone out there.

SESSION ONE: WHY AM I HERE?

This is one major question everyone must answer, even the fetus keeps kicking in the womb- troubling the mother wondering '*why am I here?*'

- **It's a question of cause:** Everyone has it in his sub-conscious, i.e. the reasoning on the way things should be done. John 18:37 (KJV/ Easy English). In 1 Samuel 17:37,39 reference was made to David; he was stirred up and was looking for the reason why he came on the scene- there was that stirring within him!
- **It's a question of purpose:** Everyone must find specific answers to this question; life and destiny depend on it. Your question should be, '*Lord, why am I here?*'

NOTE: *Only those that ask questions get answers; No one can accurately tell you anything about your existence apart from your source. Why am I Here? Of what purpose is my existence?*

I remember, several years ago, I called my Mum and asked why she gave birth to my siblings and me without telling us why we were born. Did I just come? To do what? Who sent for me? It troubled me for a very long time, I had sleepless nights severally? You'll need to understand, I was at the verge of returning to Medical School to complete my studies, but I kept asking these questions. I took three weeks off and went to look for answers.

In my quest, I met a member of the Choir and got consent to stay in his Apartment while he was away. To be true to you, I didn't get any specific answer to my question, but I got fellowship; to say, it was like a child asking for breast milk but getting a pacifier instead.

Friends, I don't want you to live a *purposeless life*. It has got nothing to do with making money or having a good-paying job. ***What is success?*** It has everything to do with the purpose of God for your life. You'll need to ask, am I here to tie my life to a woman or man?

In her quest to respond to my frequent troubles, my Mom went before the Lord in prayers. After a few disclosures from the Lord, she asked that I take steps based on what she had revealed to me. I told her, "what you told me is ***information***; what God tells me is ***revelation***". I must get clarity personally before taking any steps.

The answer to that question holds every other thing together.

What are you here for? It's very important that you realize that nothing was made by mistake. There are no illegitimate children, everything came to existence for a reason. **God needed something to be done, that why He made you necessary.**

In the heat of my experiences as the Chaplain of Landmark University, God said to me ***“no matter how great any man of God is, there are some people that would never be fulfilled in life until they don't hear your voice!”***

This leads to the following.

1. **We are all connected (because it would affect others, I must not fail):** God doesn't make mistakes. No human being wants to fail in life. ***Success isn't success until purpose is known.*** That someone is riding a good car and has so many children and is possibly looking happy doesn't connote success. Success anchors on purpose!
2. **Success is therefore predictable;** it's not a matter of luck or an experiment. So also, failure is predictable. If you don't know why you are here, you have failed already!
3. If success is predictable, **you can plan to succeed based on your decisions and daily actions.**
4. **God is more committed to your success than you would ever be,** why I am His product, He alone knows why I am here!

Success has been built in by the Manufacturer. The success of every product is the joy and glory of the Manufacturer. The fish is successful by swimming, so also the bird by flying up there. God has wired success into you, when you discover it, you will live your life to the fullness.

5. **God's reputation is at stake over you:** God would do everything to protect His reputation. ***(For His Namesake),*** God's Name is at stake! **Consider these Scriptures** (1 Sam 12:22(KJV) Ps 31:3) God would lead and guide you for the sake of His Name Ps 106:8 Jer. 14:21(KJV) John 14:14 (God's reputation is at stake) John 16:24, Mark 16:17 (KJV).

One of the most beautiful scriptures is Col 3:17 (KJV).

Friends, do all for His reputation!

Remain Blessed!

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