

FEBRUARY MESSAGE: MONTH OF

DISCOVERY & JOY



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But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, , they shall walk and not faint. *Is 40.31*

And grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4.30.

We are delighted by all that the Lord did for us in this year of divine repositioning for enlargement. The Holy Spirit is blowing us a fresh wind of change and helped us to understand that this year must be different from previous years. He led us to develop visions and goals for the new year last month. As we enter into the second month in this leap year, we are assured that we shall have many causes to leap for joy from this month until the year's end (Lk. 6.22-23).

The key to our leaping for joy is through discovery of who we are in Christ especially as we partner with the Holy Spirit, our guarantor of everlasting joy according to the wishes of our Father in heaven. His desire is that we grow up from children to become sons who love and obey their Father in heaven. A child though saved is not different from a servant. (Gal. 4.1-2; Rom. 8.14). Three elements help in this discovery journey and joy.

First, we discover our own purpose or what some people call destiny. Our purpose is discerned by two main indicators--the dreams and/or visions the Lord has put in our hearts or

spirit -man that lead us to set our personal and institutional goals for the new year.

Second, our gifts provide insight into what the Lord would have us accomplish in His kingdom from this month on. These gifts are more than the conventional nine gifts but include all the range of supernatural gifts the Lord has deposited in each of us to profit the individual carrier, the body of Christ and other humans within our sphere of influence. We should pray that the Lord would bring along our way those who would help us to develop and deploy the gifts we already possess. Everyone has at least one gift and this can increase. (Eph.4.7, 1 Cor. 12. 31a).

Thirdly, it is a season to discover the fruit of the Holy Spirit already manifest in our lives and to increase them. We are enjoined to grow in grace or Christ character. Two indicators of fruit of the spirit are the amount of my love towards the Lord and others but also the self-control I exercise. These are the first and last elements of the fruit of the spirit and define our Christian character (Gal. 5. 22-23, 2 Pet. 3.18)

In summary, we are to do all that is in our power this month to get closer to the Holy Spirit who is our COMFORTER, COUNSELOR and COMPANION. This is the path to discovery and joy in the Holy Ghost, active on earth today and our insurance until the Master's return.

Welcome to an exciting month of Discovery through this triple ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives and to the joy He brings.

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