

THE FOUNTAINER

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The Life-Changing Encounters of Emmanuel Shodade

Dr. Emmanuel Segun Shodade, a man who once struggled with unemployment and despair, stood before the church to share a remarkable story of transformation. For 39 years, he had faced constant struggles and failures, working as a bricklayer, painter, and even dabbling into five other vocations. He dreamt of becoming a French radio and TV presenter, but the limitations of his circumstances seemed insurmountable.

One night, he had a dream where he saw rats scattered in his grandfather's sitting room, where he was thinking of starting his projects. A voice spoke to him, revealing that his ancestors had never reached the heights of owning a radio or TV station. Dejected, Emmanuel told the voice that's exactly what he aspired to do. But then Pastor Jimmy Odukoya entered the locked room in the dream and told him, "Follow me."

Emmanuel continued, "I followed him and both of us went out of the room. He took me to a place, and he said to me, 'Why are you fighting over a room when God has completed an estate for you?' He then showed me everything I had put in a flyer—French Praise Music International, French Radio/TV International, and Global Impact French Institute. He said to me, 'They have built it for you. This is the key.' He gave me the key."



This encounter was followed by another life-changing event. On 31st December, after facing financial hardship and even contemplating suicide, Emmanuel received a revelation. He was instructed to approach Pastor Jimmy and present his abandoned projects—six books he had written in French. He had no money for transportation, but his determination led him to trek all the way from Oworonshoki to the church in Ilupeju. This he did for weeks, and his dedication

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The Fountain of Life Church Mission Statement

The Fountain of Life Church is a culture-shaping mission established to raise, disciple and grow a movement of leaders and influencers living out God's Kingdom Culture (the Way of Christ) in Spirituality, Family, Relationships, Enterprise, Government, Media, Entertainment, and Education.

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and perseverance started to pay off. Hear him:

"Last year (2023) I gave a testimony here. how I had wanted to commit suicide, but God saved me. And since then, I've been coming for Thursday Showers. But because of the distance I couldn't come for Sunday service. But that 31st December, I came to church. I was given a book, "100 Nuggets of Wisdom", authored by Pastor Taiwo Odukoya.

A word of knowledge came through that crossover service that "Somebody is here, and you are afraid of 2024; wondering how you are going to cope. God is going to use a foolish thing to confound the wise." I said to myself, this is my message. Either crawling or trekking, I will not leave this church. Thursdays and Sundays, I'll be coming to church. And since then, I've been coming to church trekking from Oworonsoki to church. I was glad when the church launched the transport system, and I went to put my name down. After I put my name down, I got a call asking where I stayed. I said Oworo. They said the bus system does not cover that area. I sighed in disappointment. The caller asked what the problem was. I told him I used to trek to church. The caller asked me to send my account details and he sent me N2,000 for my fare.

While I was seated in church with this this book (100 Nuggets of Wisdom), I was led to translate the book into French language. The third day I started this translation, Across Global Institute of Foreign Languages gave me a professional doctorate award. But what surprised me even more was when on Sunday, 4th February, Senior Pastor asked that someone who is a bricklayer and painter should come out. I came out and he blessed me with N100,000. I was amazed. I



was able to repair my laptop, and I was able to come out with the translation of this book to the glory of God."

Unbeknownst to Dr. Emmanuel as he rounded off his testimony, God was just starting with him.

Pastor Jimmy, touched by Emmanuel's story and impressed by his language skills, offered him a job as a translator in his office. Then the floodgates of blessings opened. Donations from online and onsite worshippers amounting to over 6 million Naira poured in, and Emmanuel was offered a co-hosting role on a radio show at Metro 97.7 FM. He also received gifts of a new phone, shoes, clothes, and more.

Pastor Jimmy then went on to address the church, encouraging them to use the gift God has given them. In his words: "A lot of times we keep waiting on God to make the situation right. But He said, 'If you are faithful over a little, I will commit much into your hands.' You are waiting on God; God is waiting on you. What has He put in your hand? A little in your hand is a multitude in God's hand."

Emmanuel's story serves as a powerful testament to the power of faith, perseverance, and using one's gifts. It reminds us that God works in mysterious ways, and even in our darkest moments, He is always watching over us, waiting for us to use the talents He has given us. As Pastor Jimmy said in line with Scripture, "Your gift will make room for you." ●

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What is love? Series

In February, Pastor Jimmy Odukoya preached a four-part series titled "What Is Love?" to mark this year's season of love. He described love as an enduring attribute of God's nature, asserting that genuine love emanates from God Himself. Dwelling on Genesis 1:1, 3:6; 1 John 4:16-19; and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, he underscored the indispensable role of God in love, emphasizing its capacity to illuminate and provide direction, particularly in marital relationships. Pastor Jimmy urged singles to discern their life purposes before entering marriage, urging alignment with God's will and prioritization of God's love in all relationships.

Continuing the series, Pastor Jimmy expounded the importance of recognizing God as the ultimate

source of strength and guidance in relationships, especially within marriages. Using biblical references, he cautioned against misplaced priorities and the undue pressure spouses might exert on each other. He advised women against forcing their husbands to choose between them and work, stressing the need for mutual support and understanding in relationships. The senior pastor cautioned singles against marrying potential instead of consistency in actively pursuing purpose in life, highlighting the necessity of God's guidance in decisions and relationships.

Concluding the series, Pastor Jimmy based his message on John 4:7-12, emphasizing the centrality of God's love in Christian interactions. He urged the church to embody God's unconditional love,



transcending fear and judgement in relationships. He reminded believers of the importance of loving others as God loves, noting that this embodies the essence of Christianity. He encouraged the church to emulate the compassionate and loving nature of Christ, emphasizing the profound impact their conduct could have on others. Pastor Jimmy then urged believers to reflect the character of God, stating that their lives serve as a testimony of God's love and grace to the world. •

THURSDAY SHOWERS SERMON IN SUMMARY

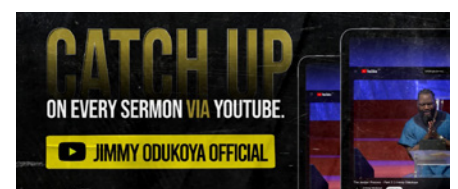
The Earth Is The Lord's - Psalm 24

Drawing from Psalm 24, Pastor Jimmy Odukoya, during the February 15 Thursday Showers, emphasized the significance of adopting a mindset aligned with their inheritance as believers—heirs of the earth, which is the Lord's. He stated that with this mindset, believers should anticipate favourable outcomes, even amidst challenges, as they have access to a Father who owns the earth and can thwart any troubles.

Dwelling on Psalm 24:2, he

pondered the mystery of God establishing the earth upon the waters and stated that it showcases divine wisdom beyond human understanding. He urged his listeners to trust in God's wisdom, highlighting how often humans make decisions based on limited understanding rather than relying on the infinite knowledge of God. Encouraging them with the truth that the Spirit of God resides within them, he affirmed that nothing is impossible for those

who trust in Him. "If God, who built the foundation of the world on the waters lives inside of you, impossibility is non-existent. The Spirit that makes all impossible possible dwells inside of you," he said. •



Pastors Jimmy and Tolu Odukoya Engage Singles at Valentine Special

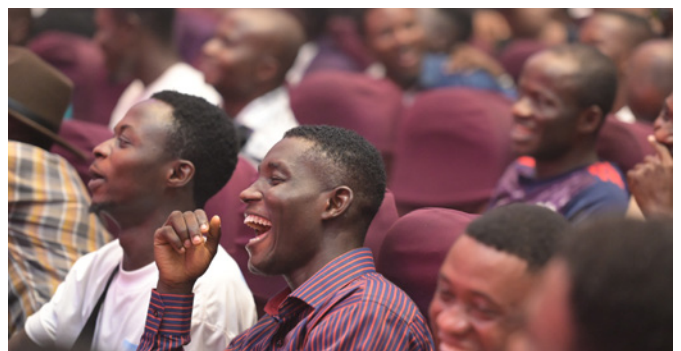
The Fountain of Life Church main auditorium hosted a lively gathering of single guys and ladies at a Valentine's Special event which held on Monday, February 12, hosted by Senior Pastor Jimmy Odukoya and his associate, Pastor Tolu Odukoya, in collaboration with the Singles Fellowship. Dubbed G4 (Guys, Girls, Games and God), the event offered an evening brimming with camaraderie, entertainment, and spiritual enrichment.

Commencing with a charming cocktail at 5 p.m., attendees mingled in anticipation of the coming exciting activities, which officially commenced at 6 p.m.

The event featured engaging activities, including a spirited praise and worship competition, a speed toast contest, and a soul-stirring performance by gospel artist Angeloh, followed by an exhilarating "fastest finger" challenge offering recharge card prizes. A structured mingling session allowed participants to engage in animated discussions, fostering connections among attendees. The event culminated in a Question-and-Answer session led by Pastor Jimmy, Pastor Tolu, and Pastor Kunle Osunkunle, promoting wisdom and guidance among the vibrant community of singles, and promising continued growth and fellowship within and outside The Fountain of Life Church. •

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Four Pillars of Expectation to Becoming a Sign and a Wonder

Pastor Jimmy Odukoya, during the February 2024 anointing service, emphasized the importance for believers to anticipate becoming signs that inspire wonder in others. Drawing from Romans 8:18-19, he posited that signs and wonders occur when individuals align with God's Word and play their part, stressing that signs and wonders require believers' active participation, citing Isaiah 8:18.

He outlined four pillars of expectation: a posture of faith, confidence in God's character, alignment with God's will, and gratitude in anticipation. Regarding faith posture, he referenced Psalm 118:24, 2 Corinthians 9:8, and Matthew 7:7-11, emphasizing the importance of expecting God to act. Confidence in God's character, illustrated by verses from Jeremiah 1:12, Psalm 37:5, Ephesians 3:20, and Numbers 23:19, underscores the unwavering trust in God's faithfulness. Pastor Jimmy highlighted the importance of aligning with God's will, exemplified by Abraham's obedience, as it positions believers to receive God's promises. Lastly, he stressed the importance of gratitude while anticipating God's blessing, encouraging believers to acknowledge God's provision even before it materializes.

Pastor Jimmy concluded by leading a prayer session and making prophetic declarations, urging believers to walk in these pillars to witness the signs and wonders of God in their lives. •





Home Affairs February Hangout



Bishops' Court February Meeting



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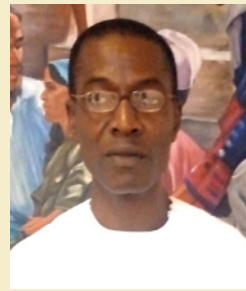
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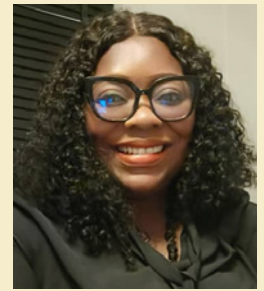
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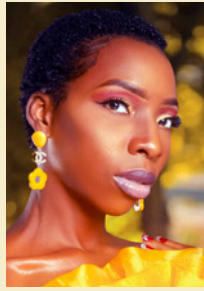
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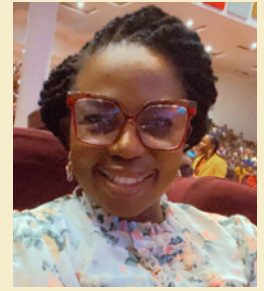
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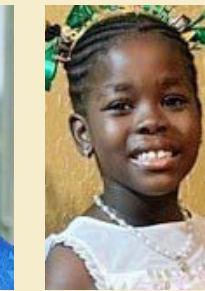
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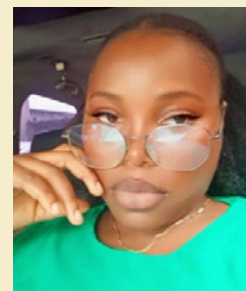
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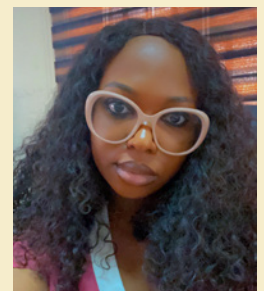
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