

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; Joel 2:1



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Special Welcome

You are welcome to today's Sunday Service in Jesus name. Our prayer is that the Lord will do something special in your life today. Open your heart and allow His Spirit to reach out to you in His love and power in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Hymn 172

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

- When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
And time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*When the roll, is called up yon-der,
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When the roll, is called up yon-der,
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.
On that bright and cloudless morning*

- When the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather
To their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.
- Let us labour for the Master from the dawn till setting sun
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care
Then, when all of life is over
And our work on earth is done
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there

The Christian Race

The Christian life is depicted as a race in the scriptures.

It is not necessarily every one that starts in a race that completes it. Some fall by the way side either because of personal exhaustion or hamstring injury or tripped by stone or pebble or banana skin or any other cause. It is a spiritual race run in the power of the Holy Spirit as against the physical race run in the energy of the flesh.

There is no competition in this race. Each runs the race set before him as against the carnal competition of human races.

(1) All can be winners in this race as opposed to only few that win in the human race.

Jesus has already run this race. All the heroes of faith have run this race and they are now in the gallery as a great cloud of witnesses beckoning to us and cheering us on to keep on keeping on

Some people have not started running the race for many reasons known to them. Others are not running well because of a lot of hindrances.

Satanic distractions and intimidations.

Rise up above all these and make a solid commitment to run the race set before you by the grace of God (Hebrews 12:1). Don't be busy about the race set before others, be focused on the race set before you

Announcements

Special Women's Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays & Fridays at 6.00 pm
Please remember to redeem your pledge for our new headquarters building.

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JESUS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

Hymn 100

Christ Our Mighty Captain

1. Christ, our mighty Captain, leads against the foe;
We will never falter when He bids us go;
Tho' His righteous purpose we may never know,
Yet we'll follow all the way.

Forward! forward! 'tis the Lord's command,
Forward! forward! to the promised land;
Forward! Forward! let the chorus ring:
We are sure to win with Christ our King!
2. Satan's fearful onslaught cannot make us yield,
While we trust in Christ, our Buckler and our Shield;
Pressing ever on - the Spirit's sword we wield,
And we follow all the way.
3. Let our glorious banner ever be unfurled -
From its mighty stronghold evil shall be furled;
Christ, our mighty Captain, overcomes the world,
And we follow all the way.
4. Fierce the battle rages, but 'twill not be long,
Then triumphant - shall we join the blessed throng,
Joyfully uniting in the victor's song-
If we follow all the way.

Summary of Last Sunday's Message

Topic:	STAYING ON COURSE OF DIVINE BLUEPRINT
Preacher:	Pastor Funso Fabivi

Philippians 3:1 – end.

Knowing God's will is one thing, but pulling through on the will of God is another thing. It is easier to step on course of God's will for our lives than to stay on course. The take-off of an aeroplane is very vital, but it is the continued flight and safe landing that gets passengers to their desired destination. Once we have known God's will for our life and begin to move with Him to accomplish it, we must be diligent to stay on course. To stay on course is a lifelong assignment. But then, there are forces and foes that would like to derail us like they did to Barnabas, one of the associates of Paul the Apostle. But for Paul, he determined not just to race for a short distance, but to get to the finish line (1 Corinthians 9:27; Philippians 3:14).

1. Powers Contesting Against Divine Blueprint

John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8;

- i. Satan – The devil is more than a myth, a figment of man's imagination or a scapegoat created to take human's blame, but he is a real force that wants to destroy everyone on course of divine destiny. His greatest battleground is in your thought realm where he throws darts of fear, doubts, discouragement and confusion (2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Proverbs 23:7). That is why we need to constantly renew our mind Romans 12:1, 2; Luke 10:19; Matthew 18:18; Philippians 2:10-11; Luke 10:19.
- ii. Short-sightedness- The realisation of divine destiny hardly ever comes in a moment, month or year; rather it is a lifetime course.
- iii. Sin - Sin is a cankerworm that destroys divine will. Bible says delight thyself in the Lord and... (Psalm 37:4). But when man's desire is focused on other things, "inordinate affection", (cigarette, pornography, watching soap opera, football or drinking), it distracts the believer and divides his energy. For instance, covetousness or love of money is the root of all evil. It perverts

good decision, actions and lifestyle. It leads to worldliness and compromise. Pride of little achievement also makes man to think he is more than he really is (1 Corinthians 4:7). "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall" Pro 16:8. Some cannot even get started on destiny course because they cannot humble themselves to learn, grow and change.

iv. Challenges (Stress) – God counselled Joshua to be strong and of a good courage. Nobody likes stress or challenge, but it is a necessary part of man's existence. Definitely, certain challenges will come on your way of fulfilling your destiny. Some may be general or global, like the current recession, while some are peculiar to individuals (relationship issues, career or job, weight or health). Challenges come with fear, worry and anxiety, but we should not shy away from it or let it depress us, but rather square up to it in Christ's strength.

v. Fear and unbelief – Paul in 2 Timothy 1:7 confirms that "God has not given us a spirit of fear" Fear drains and defeats the fearful. But God says to take courage. David has his own good share of challenges, but he never despaired. In 1 Samuel 30, when he was confronted by a massive challenge, he encouraged himself in the Lord, sought counsel from God, pursued his enemies, defeated them and recovered all his losses. Some dread change, even if what they are doing currently does not produce the desired result. Fear of failure may make you overly careful or cautious to avoid stepping out on the road of destiny.

2. Principles of Continuing on Divine Blueprint

i. Vision- Keep your vision fresh and clear always (Habakkuk 2:2; Pro 29:18) for instance, why are you in Britain? Vision comes with a sense of destiny and serves as the compass to navigate the vast ocean of life.

ii. Discipline- Discipline is the steering wheel for genuine purpose, goals and destiny. The primary school of discipline covers why you do not do some things, but the advanced level covers why you do certain things that you do. Discipline makes you to drive yourself harder and stretches you to go beyond your initial imagination.

iii. Self Esteem – Man is created to show forth God's glory. He is not an accident of evolution or a fateful product of the coming together of man and woman. Once he is connected to God, he receives the power to fulfil his divine destiny. At conversion, God deposits in him the seed for greatness. If he believes in the abilities and potentialities of God in himself, he then is able to leave the mundane and able to key in into God's programme. Many of our societal problems are products of breakdown of value system.

iv. Courage and Faith- In Acts 9:15-16, Paul had an encounter with the Lord who gave him the vision of his destiny. He has been destined to preach the gospel to the gentiles and to be a witness for Christ before kings and captains. Throughout each of his trial and challenge; his sense of mission kept him going and kept him encouraged. To grow your faith, you need to keep his word, watch your word and select your world.

v. Motivation- For you to stay on divine blueprint you constantly need to refuel your drive, excitement, passion and enthusiasm. Be constantly filled with the Holy Ghost and you will always be on the go.

vi. Relationship – You cannot fulfil your destiny alone. Firstly, you need God, then your brethren, family, true friends and authority.

vii. Patience- After you have done God's will, you need patience to obtain the promise. The journey to destiny is a long one. Dare to walk it with Jesus and not before Him (Hebrews 10:36).

3. People who Continued on Divine Blueprint

i. Abraham- Abraham stands out among the heroes of faith. He was the patron of our covenant relationship with God and the father of faith. He received the call unto divine destiny and heeded it. But then there were challenges along the way – the promise of a godly seed was delayed; Lot was raided and looted; he slipped and fell into illicit affairs with a housemaid; his wife was taken from him while he was trying to save himself etc; yet hand in hand with God he fought through and conquered.

ii. Joseph- Joseph had a clear vision of his life mission and blueprint. But then, the declaration of his vision sparked up inferiority complex, jealousy, hatred and anger from his brothers. They dropped him in a waterless pit, sold him as a slave and exposed him to further abuse, cruelty, imprisonment and deprivation in Egypt. However, his courage, steadfastness and trust in God stood him in good stead (Genesis 49:22-26).

iii. Paul – Paul stood against all odds in the pursuit of his life mission. He strictly disciplined himself and was always full of energy and drive for souls of men (Philippians 3: 7-14; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Romans 9:1; 10:1;).

iv. Jesus- Christ came into the world with a clear mission and purpose of saving the lost humanity. Satan attempted to derail him, men offered him kingship to distract him, he was hated and persecuted to the point of death on the cross, yet he was fully committed and he finished his course and received his Father's commendation. (Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 12: 1-3).

You too can stay on divine blueprint for your life and join the hero of faith as you renew your consecration and commitment unto the Lord today. May His grace be sufficient for you.