

Series: **TURBO CHARGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Topic: **The Anointing Upon**

Texts: **Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:21-25, 1 Samuel 10:1-11**

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As we approach the New Year, you should know that you cannot afford to enter 2018 casually or ordinarily; God wants to capacitate us to do exploits. And it starts with the salvation experience, your encounter with the message of Christ which does not make sense to certain people:

“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:21-25

This passage tells us that to intellectuals and those who seek signs, the message of Christ will not make sense, for instance, the situation where Jesus put mud on a blind man’s eyes and told him to go wash them, would not make sense to intellectuals. The world is still divided into these two types and God wants to cut through to them by His Spirit and wisdom. Jesus displayed the wisdom of God in a way that mesmerized the people, for instance, in the test about whether or not to pay taxes He did respond typically but said they should give to Caesar what is his and to God what is God's (John 9:7). Similarly, in the situation of the woman caught in adultery, He did not say do or do not stone her but said the person without sin should cast the first stone (John 8:7).

God wants to turbo-charge you by His Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom.

“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”

– Isaiah 11:2

Today we discuss the anointing upon; in Acts 2:2 we see the first time corporate anointing was in manifestation and effect. Many people do not understand that corporate anointing is an experience of God's tangible presence that cannot be generated by one individual.

God wants to capacitate us by His Spirit and one thing to bear in mind is that your faith should not be based on the physical demonstration of this outpouring of God' power; things like laying on of hands on the sick so that they recover, and such other power expressions should not be what you boast about because it does not make you special from other Christians – they are things other Christians can do too. We should not boast about things that are dependent on God's power for every Christian, rather we should focus more on producing strong and sustained fruit of the Spirit.

Do not get tired of knowing that God wants to capacitate you so that you do not go into 2018 ordinarily!

1 Samuel 9:1 introduces the intended first King of Israel, Saul the son of Kish, a Benjamite. Before his encounter with Samuel the Prophet that changed his life direction, Saul and one of his father's servants were wandering around looking for his father's lost donkeys (1 Samuel 9:3 – 1 Samuel 10:9), then he decided to consult God for direction, after which some things happened:

- He found what they were looking for (1 Samuel 9:20). As you encounter the anointing of God, whatever good things were missing in your life will be located and fall into place
- After anointing Saul for kingship, Samuel told him of all that he would encounter after leaving him (1 Samuel 10:1-7). When the anointing of God comes on you, it restores your state of mind to peace, healing every area of life that needs healing and going into the situation to settle it
- God provided what Saul needed for the fulfilment of his destiny (1 Samuel 10:3). As you go into 2018, whatever you need to fulfil destiny will locate you and will serve that purpose
- The anointing on Saul brought out a side of him that had never been seen (1 Samuel 10:5). The anointing triggers latent capacity, a waking of positive craving to do what you have not done before
- Saul was meant to follow through on what had been revealed to him about his life and direction and he did (1 Samuel 10:7, 9). In 2018 when you receive direction from God ensure you completely follow through with what you are to do; a different aspect of you will show forth because the anointing changes your identity.

One of our main issues today is lack or insufficient desire for the presence and infilling of the Holy Spirit. You cannot be influenced by two different spirits at the same time, so if you get a kick from any substance outside of God, you have to choose between that thing and the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). Many of us turn to substances to relieve the frustrations we experience in the course of living but the Holy Spirit can intoxicate you better while solving the problem. You get incredibly high unlike no other by the time you spend some minutes worshipping God or speaking in tongues. Make a choice to allow the Holy Spirit control you, not the bottle or any form of *grass*.

God wants you to come under the influence of His Spirit because He wants to use you. A question always on God's mind is, "Who shall we send?" God wants to send you to that industry to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God and you need to really be careful as these are dangerous times where you could experience things that can push you back to those bad habits you have been able to put behind you.

The anointing upon you:

1. expresses and validates your authority (2 Kings 2)
2. equips you to fulfil your ministry, for the profit of all (1 Corinthians 12: 4-11)
3. is distributed by God as He wills – He is the giver and He capacitates us. A gift is an act of benevolence which you receive without doing anything to merit it; the anointing is a gift of grace and a real man of God depends on the Holy Spirit to move on His people, not on his own perceived ability or talent.

Also bear in mind that you should take responsibility for the anointing upon you (Romans 11:29). You should use that enabling to be a blessing to people in 2018 – earnestly desire it, ask for it, walk

in faith and walk in love (Matthew 14:14) as you manifest it for you cannot positively impact people with that anointing if you do not have compassion toward them. Jesus had compassion on, therefore He was able to heal all the diseases of those who came to him. Similarly, Joseph, even in unpleasant circumstances, had compassion toward the baker and steward that moved them to tell him their dreams, which led to the interpretations. Learn also to spend time in the place of worship.

We should remember that the grace and anointing of God can be imparted by someone (1 Timothy 1:6) and that it is your responsibility to fan the anointing on you to flame. Set that grace of God on you on fire (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Prayer

Lord please fill me afresh with your Spirit, I'm ready to be turbo-charged for the New Year. I want to run over troops and scale heights. Use me in 2018, pour out an anointing on my life and use me, I want to walk in your path. Lord I receive grace to overcome whatever stands against the fulfilment of my destiny; please give me wisdom and grace to see things before they happen so I can plan and respond appropriately to Your glory. Amen.