

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

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Text: **I Kings 18:41-46**

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### **Introduction**

We will examine how we can be turbo-charged by the Holy Spirit in this season where God is preparing us, as we get into a new year. God wants us to take the right positioning where we will maximize what is ahead of us.

God wants us all to prepare ahead by writing our 20 years goal; to do something about our medium and long term goals. God wants us to take territories and part of taking territories is both spiritual and physical. In 2018, prepare to buy real estate if you don't own one yet and if you own one, trust God for more. Part of taking new territories is having territories in industries, in areas of influence, extending your impact and doing what you thought would take a long period within a short time. God wants to lead and guide us to take over areas of influence. There are many areas of influence in education, entertainment, science and technology, social sector and in corporate Nigeria. What God does is to earmark solutions and ideas on how to take over. These are already in God's mind and He wants to release them to you and me. Therefore, when we talk about taking territories, we need to think broadly about what God wants to do and the positioning He expects us to have.

### **Message**

To be turbo-charged by the Holy Spirit, there is a type of mindset, a positioning, a posture and understanding we need to have. Using the 'Fast and Furious' movie as example, you will notice that sometimes it appears that the drivers are lagging, and suddenly one of the drivers will flip a device in the vehicle, the engine then revs with more power and shoots to the front of the pack. What happened is that the car has just received turbo-power, a new burst of energy. To be turbo-charged means to be filled with a new burst of speed and energy for what is ahead of you. God wants to turbo-charge us by the Holy Spirit, to get ahead so that we can take a different posture or positioning.

Our destinies are different and God has different plans for His children. However, it is our responsibility to realise that it is God who will turbo-charge us, to take us to where He has planned for us. God is a God of increase. He supplies the rain, capacitates us to be able to do the right thing but brings the final increase (**I Corinthians 3:6**).

For some, it has been an excellent year while for others, it has been very tough. Having said that, whatever we are going through, it should not take us away from God but closer to God. Whether you are in seedtime or harvest time, He remains the same. He wants to direct you to take the right decisions and the right steps. At the same time, he wants to be with you as you enjoy harvest, so that your harvest does not take you away from Him.

Last month, there was a prophecy that it is our 7<sup>th</sup> time as a people, according to **I Kings 18**. What characterises the 7<sup>th</sup> time is that you should be able to see. When it was time for a shift, for God to do something differently for the whole nation, God put a word in the heart of Elijah and he told Ahab to 'go'. But before doing that, Elijah took a position on Mount Carmel. After taking the position, he called his servant and told him to go and look. The servant returned, saying he saw nothing. The Bible said the servant went seven times. The seventh time, the servant returned with news that he had seen a cloud, the size of a man's hand. For a rain that would eventually turn into a flood, you ordinarily would need more than a cloud the size of a man's hand. Elijah had, however, walked with God to know that when you see a cloud that size, it is a seed. All you need in life is a seed because seeds have the capacity to grow bigger.

To understand what we have just spoken about, you need to read **James 5:16**. By being a man of like passion like us, Elijah had the same weakness of human nature as we do, but yet he prayed again and again until

results were produced. **IT IS TIME TO PRAY AGAIN.** When Elijah prayed again, the heavens gave rain and the earth produced its fruits. The fact that you are not seeing fruits does not mean the earth is void of fruits. There is more with God than you have already experienced, even if you are in the harvest season because harvest with God is progressive (**Proverbs 4:18**). The best of God is never in the past but in the future. So, if this is your best year so far, God's best is still ahead of you. So, as we celebrate what He has done, we celebrate in advance what He is going to do. What God has done is the current limit of what He can do. However, that is not the limit of His capacity.

## **How to Ensure That You Are Turbo-Charged**

### **1. Recognise the season you are in.**

**Habakkuk 2:1-3** speaks to the fact that we need to recognise seasons. **IT IS TIME TO WATCH!** It is time to stand upon your watch. To stand upon your watch is to gaze at things ahead of you – what's ahead in 2018, 2019 and beyond. Short-term looking is not good enough. The prophet in Habakkuk was not talking about short-term looking. "See what He will say..." Usually you hear what a person says but here we are dealing with the language of the Holy Spirit which is vision and dreams (**Joel 2:28**). Do not see short term but long term. Seeing just 2018 is too small and limiting. When you are turbo-charged by the Holy Spirit or God helps you to take position, God capacitates you to be able to move and overcome inertia, and take over territories. Elijah spoke to Ahab that there is something coming. There is something coming even before the end of this year! There is something coming in 2018 and beyond, and someone needs to start to see from now. Take position. Something is happening that will galvanise you to the next level. Don't wait for a future season when your time is now. This is the time to construct what is ahead in the place of prayer.

When Elijah was on Mount Carmel, he literally constructed what was ahead. He could see. That is why he could connect when he saw the cloud the size of a man's hand. We are going to see things that do not look like it. If you do not have a full picture in your heart, it will be difficult to connect. Staying in the place of prayer will put such pictures in your heart.

**Ephesians 5:18-20** talks of being filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of spending time with God. To be turbo-charged is not just about speed but relevant speed. You need to know where you are going. We need to start seeing things differently, to stop crying because it is just a bend and not an end.

The above verse talks against drunkenness with wine because drunkenness takes you to a realm of seeing. This time around one is expected to be drunk with the Holy Spirit, so that our seeing is different. By extension, what the Bible is saying is that we should be turbo-charged by the Holy Spirit to see something different. Just like Jesus said that Lazarus was not dead but sleeping even after four days in the tomb.

As we round up, we should know that (different) perspective is the greatest gift we can give a person, and the Holy Spirit is a master at giving different perspectives. This is a conviction by the Holy Spirit; sometimes He will do it in an unlikely manner.

We are hearing the sound of abundance of rain. Whatever 'abundance of rain' means to you, your family, your career or business, it is time to embrace it and we are starting on Mount Carmel, in the place of prayer like Elijah and when we stay with him, He capacitates us to see differently.