

## THE STUMBLING—STONE IN ZION

How do you regard such a man who has ceased from thinking or planning or making any proposals, whatsoever; since 1938 till today? But, His wonderful works are running smoothly all over the world. He is the King of destiny, Olumba Olumba Obu. (Mark 4:26—29). What do you think about such a person who has never been to church, and has never read the Holy Bible, yet very versed with scriptures. What do you think about such a person who is not educated, but He exhibits and imparts recondite wisdom? He is the Supernatural Teacher, Olumba Olumba Obu.

*“Thank you Father.”*

**SERMON DELIVERED BY THE SOLE  
SPIRITUAL HEAD LEADER  
OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU**

**FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 8 : 8**

*'The Centurion answer and said, Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed'.*

**2ND LESSON: ROMANS 10 : 10**

*'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation'.*

**GOLDEN TEXT: MATTHEW 12 : 37**

*'For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned'.*

**FAITH AS THE OPERATIONAL FORCE:**

Brethren, I have given these instructions that whosoever comes to the Pentecostal hall should always look on the red garment which I put on. Whatever colour of garment I am wearing, if you fix your gaze at me ('the tree of life'), all your problems are gone. Your sickness, poverty, inability to practise God's word etc. will all leave you. Even your court cases and lack of blood or any other type of problems will be solved immediately. There is wealth, money and employment opportunities here, but what is required are integrity and uprightness. We want those who believe fervently in

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God. You have read what the centurion said that he was not worthy that our Lord Jesus Christ should come to his house. From the bottom of his heart, he said, 'Lord speak only words and thy servant will be healed'. This also exemplify faith.

The general maxim which states that 'God helps those who help themselves' implies that, you must have faith in God. It is through faith that our hearts produce righteousness, which our mouths confirm by words. I am grateful to the Father that ninety nine percent (99%) of members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star have this faith. Only about one percent (1%) who are made up of new converts and those who refuse to believe do not possess such faith. The ability to have this faith is not from human beings but of God. It is written that they will have faith in Him. There are some new converts who have stronger faith in the Father, yet a lot of people also regard you as rebels.

In the beginning, God used the word in creating the world and the fullness thereof. Our Lord Jesus the Christ came and He, too, used only the word to accomplish all works. What then do you think the Holy Spirit in this era will apply? It has been written that the word is God and God is word. If, therefore, you believe even as the Centurion, you will witness the manifestation of faith.

### **MANIFESTATION OF FAITH:**

Faith is action packed. It can prove itself physically, though as word, it is invisible. God does not need your money, wealth, beauty or anything. He requires you to repent, believe and have faith. If you can do these

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things, His promise will be fulfilled in you. If you ask, it will be given, and if you seek and you will find. The Father is always with you, but this fact manifests according to your faith. The Father is Omnipresent, what you require is faith. When you want to communicate with him, bow down, knock your forehead on the ground. After these initial formalities, tell Him your problem and He will respond by providing the need solutions.

There are other forms of approach to God, all depends on faith. If you believe that after a six a.m. to six p.m. fasting (6 a.m. — 6 p.m.), that your troubles will be over, it shall be so. Also, if you believe that by remitting your tithe regularly, that you will overcome temptations and problems, so shall it be. There is a group that have their faith on mere stepping into 34 Ambo Street, Calabar. The moment this group of people step into this premises, all their problems are solved. Some people believe that once they look at the Father's face with all their faith, for just once, that, all their problems shall vanish. There are others who believe that once they get to the hall at 34 Ambo and knock their heads before the altar, that they are free from all bondage. Their faith enhances the achievement of all their goals. Another set of persons believe that once they get to Calabar and listen to the Holy Father's sermon at any time of the day, that all their problems will be over. To these people, it works exactly, according to their faith. Some people believe that whenever they are sick and drink holy oil, no matter how small the quantity, the illness will vanish. Whenever such people are sick, if you present even ordinary water to them and call it holy oil, they will get

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well, once they drink it. These are all the works of faith.

Many non-baptised members who have faith in the Father enjoy same relief also. For instance, faith is the operational force. If you decide to visit the Holy Father frequently, but continue to hate people, it profits you nothing.

Before the advent of John the Baptist, it was written, that he will be great in the sight of God. He will come in the power and spirit of Elijah and he will turn the heart of the Fathers unto the children and that of the children unto the Fathers. All these came to fulfillment. You cannot attribute that Glory to John, but to God who does all things. It was prophesied that Christ will reign in His Father's house. That, He will reign in the house of Jacob forever. Accordingly, the kingship of Christ has neither beginning nor end. It was recorded in the scripture that the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and will remind you of all I have taught you. This fact is accurate and fine.

The scripture has it that, *'And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest'*. (Hebrews 8:11).

**This prophecy has manifested in our time. It is not through our works or design.**

It is written in Romans 10:13 that, *'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved'*. This is the era where you call on His name and you are freed from whatever encumbrances that clog the wheel of your existence. This is not the time for one to go about seeking for prayer, Holy oil, bark of trees or protection of any kind, rather, you have to call upon the

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new name of God and be free, Without faith, you cannot please God. A righteous man depends greatly on faith; singing, dancing and prayers are all secondary. He has never failed those who believe in Him, rather, he earmarked them for eternal life. In fact, with faith nothing is practically impossible. Remember what our Lord Jesus Christ, told Thomas in John 20:29: that, *because thou has seen me, thou hast believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*" If His promise is not manifested in you, it must be as a result of your lack of faith. This is grossly applicable to many Nigerians. I

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### AN APPROACH TO GOD:

Communication with the Father is excellent when done quietly in your inner room. The Father, being Omnipresent, will respond promptly. It is a mistaken notion for you to have stronger attachment and believe in physical contact with the Father. For instance, you want to see Him, feel Him, touch Him and discuss with Him. All these are secondary, what is paramount is faith. Innermost communication with subjection of a sinless state and nature which result in a contrite heart is the best approach to God. When you apply this

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**method** of supplication **with all reverence** and faith, **He** will grant your heart desires.

Faith connotes a strong belief and trust which is not based on reason or proof. I want to prove the effectiveness of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star: do not visit any of the bethel. Stay put in your home but believe in the deity of the Father and acknowledge His Omnipresent nature. At this juncture, things will work for you like magic. That is faith.

Christ witness, Ime Akpakpan and Pastor Umoh have tested this fact. They have realised that this is no theory but reality.

### **A TESTIMONY REPORTED BY CHRIST WITNESS, IME AKPAKPAN:**

Christ witness, Ime Akpakpan shuttles from nation to nations spreading the good news of the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu. The testimony below is one of the numerous packages he witnessed about the Holy Father. Hear him:

In Cameroon, resides a stunch Brotherhood of the Cross and Star member who is also a Choirmaster. One day, an Indian's car brokedown infront of his (choirmaster) house. He struggled fruitlessly to fix the car. When it got dark, he returned to his house. At dawn, he repeated the exercise, and suddenly, he noticed that the photograph of Leader Olumba Olumba Obu (0.0.0) was sticked out to the particular door. Out of curiosity and past spiritual relevations about this personality; he inquired to know the occupant and owner of the house. Shockingly, when the Choirmaster emerged, he (the Indian) was amazed,

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and in doubt, he demanded that the Choirmaster should tell him the name of any secret society he belongs to and the number of temples he has ascended to. The Choirmaster responded by telling him that he has never initiated into any secret society. Puzzled in doubt, the Indian gave the underlisted description of the Father:

- (a) That the Father appears faintly as a consuming fire.
- (b) That the distant between Him and the twenty-fifth temple where He can be seen can be compared to that between the sun and the earth.
- (c) That no spirit ventures to approach Him, talkless of keeping His pictures.

### THE TESTIMONY OF PASTOR UMOH:

Pastor Umoh testified of how he displayed the picture of the Holy Father in his office. A Moslem who called at his office to transact business with him gave these briefs about the Father.

- (a) That He is a supreme Being and the God of heaven and earth.
- (b) That even as a Moslem, He directs his affairs.
- (c) That He is a consuming fire.

These claims all go to confirm the experience of Dr. Agarwall Bazia. He departed from the 34 Ambo Hall of Worship immediately after his arrival. When he was questioned about this unseemingly act, he stated unequivocally that the Father is a consuming fire. That he finds it extremely difficult to withstand His presence.

What a rare faith? If any person exists who is not a

member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and has never paid any visit to 34 Ambo Street, hall, yet he has this faith; what are you members doing with Holy oil, anointment and physical contact with the Father? All these are immaterial. All you require is the Centurion's faith. He is a God that has enough for all His children. He is the Sole Spiritual Head and Omnipresent. He is present in you, your children, domestic animals, house and in everything of yours. Always use your telephone number to connect Him. The telephone number is O.O.O. Dial it and all shall be well.

The incident of faith cannot be easily expressed. Its functions and operations cannot be defined. Simply speaking, faith works like magic. The benefits of faith confound the world. The whites, with all their technology, sophistication and civilization cannot explain the operational guidelines of faith. Faith is therefore, a supernatural concept. The Holy Spirit has been personified. His functions are not carnally related. Though in flesh, He is more effective in spirit. Consequently, it is a necessity that you develop a strong faith in him. The spiritual contact can be done even by studying the Father's sermon and looking at His photograph. That is to say, if you study the Father's sermon or stare at his picture in faith, your problems will vanish. The presence of the Holy Spirit on earth is further strengthened by actual endowment with the Holy Spirit to as many as are baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. You have to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and let it guide you. For instance, if you are sick of any stomach ailment, you may have listened to your spirit, and the

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spirit directs that you stay put in your home and pray, then you disobeyed and travel to Calabar to see the Father physically for help. What do you think you have achieved? You have lost out, so it is very important that you listen to your spirit.

### **EFFICACY OF THE FATHER'S PRONOUNCEMENTS:**

Since my pronouncement that nobody should offer lengthy prayers any longer, but should make strong utterances in faith and that the damaging situation shall be altered, Christ witness Ime Akpakpan had since put the instructions to test. According to him, it works like magic. He says he no longer offers prayer to the sick, the needy and the afflicted, but that in faith, he calls upon the name of the Father and makes constructive pronouncements. Consequently, such situations are always restored. This situation is applicable to all and sundry, who believe. For example, if you see a barren woman or an accused person, make constructive pronouncements and they will be free.

If you are unemployed and there is a pronouncement that you have been employed, believe same, for the employment will come. You must develop this faith in the spoken words of God. He is the leaves of that tree mentioned in the book of Revelation which can be used in healing many nations.

*“In the midst of the Street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruits every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:2).*

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### HEALING BY FAITH:

Healing has always been by faith. The Apostles of old used the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to wrought many miracles. This, they did through faith. It is **not** the way you call the name of the Holy Father incessantly that matters, but the belief you have in your heart. Those who fervently believe that the name is salvation unto them do not even shout, nor call it for several times. Mere calling it once, so much will be accomplished. All those who do not believe in God and do not have faith in His words have no testimony. Those who believe in God and have implicit faith in His words have lots of testimonies. At times, their testimonies sound as if they have a different God and Father from the rest of you. There is no need drinking holy oil, or bathing in Biakpan water, for your telephone number to the Father is always with you. Call Him, trust in Him and the deliverance will come. If you believe that you are free and that there is no juju, charms, witchcrafts, apparition or death, but only God the Almighty exists, it stands so for you. The moment you believe and pronounce that you have no problems, it shall be so.

If you have no physical money in your house, but you believe in your heart that you have money which is controlled by God. You proclaim and affirm the fact that money will surely come to you in a miraculous way. This shall be the case. I am assuring you that by this faith, you will never lack money. I have never told you that wealth, employment, beauty, money and any other good thing is lacking in this kingdom. I have always told you that life and all things that make life worth its

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existing is in abundance here in this kingdom; but we need truthful and faithful persons. Your pronouncements are your hinderances. You utter negative words and they affect you.

You will move with confidence and speak fearlessly, if you believe that there is no juju, mermaid, charms, witchcraft, apparition, or incubus. If you believe that only the Almighty God exists and you are His child, then you are a free man. Faith works like magnetism. If, for example, you wish to travel by air from, say, Calabar to Lagos and the plane was scheduled to leave Calabar by 9.00 a.m. If you believe in your heart that you will fly in that plane and that at any time you are ready, that is when the plane will move, it will work out like that. For the plane will be there at the airport, the crews and officers forgetting one thing or the others. Until you arrive, they will not move.

Accordingly, the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Leader's Representative for the Republic of Cameroon, Deaconess (Dr.) O. E. Mouelle encountered the same situation. The plane she was to travel with was delayed more than an hour for her sake. This occurred because she had the faith, and there was a hold up. If you believe that the traffic will clear to enhance your swift movement, it shall be so.

It is very wrong to state that the Holy Father is resident at 34 Ambo Street, Calabar. You stick to this claim because of lack of faith. The Father is in your heart, house, farm office, main road, water, air, forest, sky and indeed, all over the universe. You are equally wrong when you state that the Father is on earth. The Holy Father is in the highest heaven and from there, He makes these pronouncements. These teachings pass to

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all planes, both spiritual and physical. All creation of God receive these words in equal emphasis and authenticity. The angels and all beings inhabiting the astral, subterranean, abyss and all planes of manifest receive these teachings without distortions. The Father is here and had taken away all your problems, sufferings and tribulations, but you do not believe. That is why you are still weighed down with problems and constraints of life.

Through faith, you shall be bestowed with all spiritual and physical things. Some of these include, peace, love, humility and wealth. See second Lesson below:—

### **2ND LESSON: ROMANS 10 : 10**

*'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.'*

When the disciples could not heal the sick, they asked our Lord Jesus Christ what might be the cause of this incapability. *'Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you'.* (Matthew 17:19—20).

Does the world love itself? Does it love the Almighty God? I love the world and do everything to salvage the universe and the fulness therein. Members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are good witnesses to this fact. Whenever any evil is planned against the world, the Father intervenes and all plans are aborted. I

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cannot leave you desolate because I have come to save you. Other people have been testifying that Brotherhood members do not move alone. They say that the one in red garment is always moving in their midst. Unfortunately, you have no faith so, you resort to visiting Calabar, so that you may have physical contact with the Father or that He may pray for you. I am proclaiming authoritatively and without mincing words that those who have faith in my name are saved.

All those who have problems are those who do not believe in the name of God. The believers abide in complete liberty without qualms. Due to lack of faith; some members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star complain that something called witch-craft or incubus is attacking them. How can this be, whereas those purported to possess such supposed powers testify that the Holy Father does not allow any evil to mingle with His children (members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star), talkless of harming them.

Whatever is your problem in life, if you read this sermon and exhibit faith, all your problems are solved. The Holy Spirit does not need your money, wisdom, much praises, pride or feast, but believe in your heart with faith and confess His presence, power and glory. The Holy Spirit wants you to believe and accept in your heart that witch-craft, mermaid, juju, incubus, apparition and charms do not exist; but only the Almighty God and His Christ exist. Proclaim such to the entire world and you will be pleasing the Father. Do not say that you are poor and needy, instead, believe that you are rich and lacking in nothing and it works as such.

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Wherever a Brotherhood dwells, he is the king. Whatever meeting or gathering a child of Brotherhood finds himself, he is the Chairman or president. You are not saved through your fasting, lengthy prayers or much talking but through mercy and grace. Our old members will recall that, when I performed miracles, they were all puzzled. To allay their fears, I made a pronouncement that the miracles I wrought, they will be able to perform even more. Not even a single soul believed. However, today, you can testify that you have accomplished exactly what I did in the past. It is the Holy Spirit manifesting in you. Furthermore, this is important to prove the fact that, I have come to transform the sinful and mortal flesh to sinless and an immortal body.

When you believe in Him, you will be linked directly by the Almighty God. He is love, peace, mercy, charity, purity, humility, meekness, holiness and righteousness. If you are one with Him, you will possess His qualities. The Holy Father proclaims that, all is well with His children all over the world, but you go out to say that all is not well. If things turn sour with you and your condition turns bad, who is to be blamed? By your words, you have caused that bad omen for yourself.

God wants you to express your problems to Him despite His knowledge of them. When you demand through communication with God, it shows faith. That was why our Lord Jesus Christ inquired from the leper: "what is it that you want me to do for you?" He answered, "make me clean if it be thy wish." This ordeal between our Lord Jesus Christ and the leper proved faith. Of course, our Lord Jesus Christ, seeing his faith, said unto him: "be cleansed."

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Your problem is that of unbelief and faithlessness. Since you have no faith, the words do not work on you and your problems continue. Recall the incident at Jericho when the blind man, Bartimeaus sat by the way side and cried out: 'Jesus thou son of David, have mercy on me.' When he stood before our Lord Jesus Christ, He asked him what he wanted Him to do for him: The blind man pleaded that his sight should be restored. Our Lord Jesus Christ said to him, '*Go thy way. Thy faith hath made thee whole*'. Immediately, he received his sight and followed our Lord Jesus Christ. (Mark 10:46—52). If he had doubted the words our Lord Jesus Christ spoke to him, it would have no effect on him. That is the essence of faith. Faith works like what the world calls magic. It is a very great force.

I proclaimed sometimes ago that all the weapons and ammunitions that France, Britain, America, and Russia are pilling will never be used for war. That, all the deadly weapons they are manufacturing will be a waste to them because no opportunity will be given for their use. Today, you have heard the disarmament story and peace missions here and there. That is just the start.

I have also proclaimed from the highest heaven that there is no witch-craft, mermaid, juju, ghost, charms, incubus or even man, but God the Almighty alone exists. Have you heard or seen any challenges against this proclamation? The only power existing is the Holy Spirit. Your parents, children, friends, husband, wife cannot do anything to you, and cannot help you in any way. What can help you and be of profit to you is your faith. Remember, our Lord Jesus Christ said "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

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*That these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues: They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.'* (Mark 16:16-18).

All the above signs have been following the children of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

Someone came from Italy to testify that there was a prominent man who was so sick that no hospital could cure him. He was flown to France and other advanced countries yet, there was no cure. He was finally brought back to Nigeria where a good samaritan advised him to get the baptism of Christ in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. With faith, he went for baptism having confessed his sins. Immediately after the baptism, his sickness vanished. That is the operational faith controlled by the Holy Spirit. A lot of you are still given to drugs, tablets and other types of medication. You are still taking all sorts of purgatives, some are still using enema on themselves and their children. Some of you are still going to the juju or native doctors, necromancers, oracles, witch-doctors and mermaid priests and priestesses. Where then lies your faith? How do you glorify God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit? I gave the instruction from the highest heaven in 1960 that nobody should ever go to the hospital, native doctors, elementary or evil spirit medium for health, social or any type of problem.

I made it clear to you that the greatest doctor has arrived from heaven. Whatever is the sickness or problems, cast all your worries and problems on Him;

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for there is no sickness He cannot cure and there is no problem that He cannot solve. All those who believed ceased being sick, whereas those who do not believe continued in their sickness.

The entire humanity is saved except the child of perdition, just as our Lord Jesus Christ prayed in John 17:12. Any person who perishes should know that he or she is the cause, because he did not believe. You cannot give out faith, because faith is a personal matter. It is what you believe in your heart, that you trust and have faith on. This faith enhances righteousness which is a source of salvation.

See the golden text below:

### **GOLDEN TEXT: MATTHEW 12 : 37**

*'For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shall be condemned'.*

### **PRONOUNCEMENT AND ITS EFFECT:**

Your pronouncement has great effect on you. The Centurion is an epitome of this faith. Also, the pronouncements of the leper and blind Bartimaeus did materialise. If you believe in your heart that all is well and proclaim same with your mouth, it works exactly for you. Whenever you say that things are not very well with you, it equally affects you in the same way. Some people feel that God loves some people more and hates others. It seems so, since things work out for people according to the magnitude of their faith. Those who believe and have faith in Him, receive tremendous blessings. The doubting Thomases are also paying for their faithlessness.

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The stream at Biakpan is a pool where the indigenes enjoy their shower. The miraculous nature of that stream has no effect whatsoever on them. This is due to lack of faith. However, members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star have endless testimonies about the stream. In fact, nothing is practically impossible when you apply that water.

A sister was taking her sick child to Biakpan. On getting to one village called Asaga in Imo State, the sick child died. People asked her to go back and bury the child, that there was no need taking a dead child to Biakpan. The woman told them, in faith that, she will continue her journey. However, when she got to the boundary between Biakpan and Asaga, the child was revived. The lesson you will derive from this is that your utterances governs your life.

Some people are of the opinion that witch craft and incubus exist, but that, they do not attack them. Others feel that juju, witch craft, incubus, mermaid etc. exist and are fighting and disturbing them. There is the other group of people who believe, as the Father have siad, that these things do not exist at all. This group moves freely all over the world you should know that by your utterances, you shall be judged. There is no salvation without faith. Faith is the way to the kingdom of God. We should therefore, have faith and believe that the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit (the triune God) is doing His work on earth, and that this is the reign of the Holy Spirit. All what you require is faith, so why worry yourself? If you have had faith in the Father and the word of God, you will live freely.

Believe that God had blessed the entire world and

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that the blessings had been spread evenly to all His children. This shows that all is well with you; it works exactly that way for you.

**A word is sufficient unto the wise**

*May God bless His Holy words, A—men.*