**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 20 January 2019**

**Speaker : Elder Harry Chen**

**Theme : Arise & Shine – Growing to Full Maturity in CHRIST**

**Enter 2019 full of Purpose with Zeal and Passion > Walking acceptably by Living Passionately According to HIS Word and Purpose.**

**Aflame Mission Statement :**

**We are a Church Aflame with GOD’s Heart in Worship & Prayer, by Living Passionately according to HIS Word & Purpose, so as to Impact our Communities with Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy.**

**Part 2 of Prophetic Vision for Aflame by Sister Gloria Anwari over 20 years ago**

**Having a Zeal and Passion (enthusiastic) to keep Growing and Improving**

**1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)**

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the LORD, for you know that nothing you do for the LORD is ever useless.

**Live a Life Worthy of HIS Calling > HIS Purpose**

**Ephesians 4: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

So I, prisoner for the LORD, appeal to you to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called (that is, to live a life that exhibits Godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behaviour - a life that expresses gratitude to GOD for your salvation), with all humility (forsaking self-righteousness), and gentleness (maintaining self control) with patience, bearing one another in (unselfish) love.

**Aflame Core Value #3 Spiritual Growth**

We believe that as members of the CHURCH BODY, we are to be committed to grow spiritually to the full maturity of the likeness of JESUS CHRIST.

**Develop into Maturity so CHRIST can be Seen Within Us.**

**Growing to Full Maturity requires:**

1. **Discipline – Commitment to Keep Growing**

**According to Oxford Living Dictionary –**

**Discipline means: Discipline oneself to do something - Train oneself to do something in a controlled and habitual way.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)**

For GOD has not given us a SPIRIT of fear and timidity, but of Power, Love and Self-Discipline.

**Revelations 3:19 (NLT)**

I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

**2) Moral Courage > Willingness to make a difference > Live Wisely > Use every opportunity**

**Colossians 4:5-6 (AMP)**

Behave yourselves wisely [living prudently and with discretion] in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time *and* seizing (buying up) the opportunity.

Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].

**3) Personal Integrity > Upholding Righteousness > Standing in the Gap**

**Integrity = Sincerity of Heart and Intention**

E**zekiel 22:30 (NLT)**

I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn’t have to destroy the land, but I found no one.

**4) Continuous Commitment and Partnership with HOLY SPIRIT**

**Be in partnership with CHRIST through the HOLY SPIRIT, Likeminded Always Connected to CHRIST**

**Amos 3:3 (ESV)**

“Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?

**We are HIS Workmanship > Spiritually Transformed & Renewed Mind > Ready to be Used for Good Works**

**Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)**

For we are HIS workmanship [HIS own Master work, a work of art], created in CHRIST JESUS [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which GOD prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which HE set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which HE prearranged and made ready for us].

**Build Godly Character to Full Maturity So CHRIST Be Seen in us >**

**Consistent Effort & Preserving Faith > Never Give Up Attitude**

**Galatians 6:9 (NLT)**

So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.

**Maturity is Willingness to go through Sacrificial Living > How CHRIST gave HIMSELF for the Church > Fully Devout oneself onto the LORD**

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

Husbands, love your wives, just as CHRIST also loved the Church and gave HIMSELF for her, that HE might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that HE might present her to HIMSELF a Glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be Holy and without blemish.

**Maturity is Willingness to See GOD’s Work Until Completion**

**Luke 14:28**

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it

**Willingness despite Trials and Tribulation remain Faithful to Calling (Church/GOD)**

**Acts 20:23-24 (NIV)**

I only know that in every city the HOLY SPIRIT warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the LORD JESUS has given me—the task of testifying to the Good News of GOD’s Grace.

**Characteristic and Significance of War Horses to bring Deliverance**

**2 Corinthians 10:4**

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds

**1 Timothy 6:11-12**

But you, O man of GOD, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**Proverbs 21:31**

The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but Victory rests with the LORD.

**In Prophecy warns Beware of Compromise, beware of emulation (copy/imitation to Equal as GOD)**

# Jeremiah 23:16  (NLT)

# This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says to HIS people: “Do not listen to these prophets when they prophesy to you, filling you with *futile hopes.* They are making up everything they say. They do not speak for the Lord!

**2 Timothy 4:3-4**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

**Not here by accident, are you Willing to be Shaped and Used for GOD’s Master Plan like Esther, Gideon, Joshua and Caleb, Joseph**

**Prophecy Challenge Will you allow ME to pass through you?**

**In Order to GOD to Pass Through > Old Man Must Die first.**

**Willing Vessel used Mightily by the LORD > Having a New Nature, Not the Old**

**Colossians 3:3-7 (NLT)**

For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with CHRIST in GOD. And when CHRIST, Who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all HIS glory. So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of GOD is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world.

**Do Not Harden our Hearts & be influenced by the World > Learn and Recognise you are Different.**

**Be Set Apart > Put on New Nature of Righteousness and Holiness**

**Ephesians 4:18-24 (NLT)**

Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the Life GOD gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against HIM. They Live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. But that isn’t what you learned about CHRIST. Since you have heard about JESUS and have learned the truth that comes from HIM, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead let the SPIRIT renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your New Nature, created to be like GOD, truly Righteous and Holy.

**Our Behaviour and Actions needs to be CHRIST like > are we Representing CHRIST in Action and Thought?**

**Learn to Know YOUR CREATOR – HIS Likes and Dislikes, what is Acceptable to HIM.**

**Colossians 3:8-10 (NLT)**

But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behaviour, slander, and dirty language. Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know YOUR CREATOR and become like HIM.

**As Christian we are to seize every Opportunity to be Blessing and be Impactful > CHRIST-like in our Behaviour Action and Thought**

**Colossians 3:12 – 17**

Therefore, as the elect of GOD, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness longsuffering; bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another, even as CHRIST forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of GOD rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Let the Word of CHRIST dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD. And whatever you do in Word or deed, do all in the Name of the LORD JESUS, giving thanks to GOD the Father through HIM.

**Fully Mature Christian will Fully Pursue HIS WILL until Completion > Good & Faithful Servant**

**Matthew 25:23 (NLT)**

The Master said, ‘Well Done, MY good and Faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together.

**Now is the Time to Arise and Shine like never before seizing every opportunity**

**Never giving up > Keep Growing to Full Maturity in CHRIST**

**At the end we will all Face the JUDGEMENT SEAT of CHRIST**

**All our Works will be held to account – no Excuses**

**Challenge to Aflamers: What will we Hear?**