

## BODY AND SPIRIT

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

<sup>7</sup> We now have **this light** shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like **fragile clay jars** containing this **great treasure**.<sup>[a]</sup> This makes it clear that **our great power** is from God, not from ourselves.

<sup>8</sup> We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. <sup>9</sup> We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

This text perfectly describes our lives as intercessors. The supernatural experience when body meets Spirit. Or if you like, body hosts the Spirit.

Last Saturday bro John spoke about enforcing God's victory and will on earth. We enforce spiritual realities of victory and God's will here on earth. The victory has already happened in the spiritual dimension, and we are God's agents/representatives/ambassadors who manifest the victory here in the physical dimension.

There is a separation between the spiritual and the physical dimensions. Spiritual things belong to the spiritual dimension and physical things belong to the physical dimension. That is why when God (Spirit) wanted to redeem humanity (physical), Christ had to become human and take a bodily form, "a body you prepared for me". In another place, "Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death."

Although Christ's physical body died and He is now spiritually with the father, His ministry of redeeming humanity continues. But how can Christ (Spirit) continue with His ministry of redeeming humanity (physical)?

At least two things are clear from the Bible:

- **Partnership with Christ.** God has made us, the believers, an extension of Christ, the body of Christ (physical). As the scripture says: *The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence*
- **Partnership with the Holy Spirit.** Having believed, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance. We are now the temple of the Holy Spirit – meaning that the Spirit dwells in us.

So, by God's grace, we operate in both dimensions! We are both human and Spirit. We are physical bodies that contain the Spirit of God. The body does not know the how and what of intercession. But the Spirit waits for the body to realise its weakness and limitations, the process of yielding. It's then that the Spirit takes over/helps the body by interceding for and through it (the body),

Partnering with Christ and His Spirit in intercession is a great honour! The book of Hebrews tells us that this is not even for the angels. Angels can help us as messengers, but they cannot intercede for humankind. Intercession belongs to Christ and His Spirit through the descendants of Abraham.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

### **Encouragement:**

When we pray, the interaction between the body and the Spirit can be intense and at times overwhelming.

In the Spirit, we dive into the depths of God's mysteries, going through blueprints and declaring/establishing them into our physical world. In reverent, our bodies might take a submissive body language, we shake, shiver, vibrate, feel the electricity, get slain....

It can be physically draining, you all know this. Waking up at 5am and for some, 2pm. But we come back for more, like a woman who travails in childbirth and goes on to have more kids. The physical man taking less centre stage as the Spirit man increases.

### **Prayer:**

Let's pray that the church (body) will not hold the Spirit back. That we are going to fully yield to the Spirit in our intercession.

...Elijah was man just like us, yet,..... when he yielded, when he coiled down in reverence and travail, when the Spirit took over,.....