

YOUTHS WITHOUT BLEMISH

Ezekiel 22: 30 tells us what God is seeking. "...and I sought for a man among them, but I found none." - That is God. In relation to the continent of Africa, your country, your city, your town, (your campus), your immediate family, and your extended family. "...and I sought for a man among them, but I found none."

You know, let's place ourselves in God's shoes. When you are desperately in need of something and you look for it where you expect to find it, but you can't, you can imagine the great sorrows that accompany your inability to secure what you desperately need. Such is the situation of God as it relates to our assembly this morning. Why? Because He is looking for just one man, but He could not find one.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR YOUTHS WITHOUT BLEMISH.

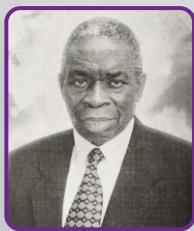
Youths have a very wonderful opportunity that the elderly do not have. They are still fresh in their physique, minds, and brains. God is looking for such people who are physically and spiritually fit for the work He has for them on the continent of Africa.

WHAT TYPE OF YOUTHS DOES GOD REQUIRE OR NEED?

Daniel 1:3-4 "...children in whom there was no blemish". See the qualifications of the youths that the king required at that time for service in Babylon's administration. They were to undergo a course of training in administration, and they wanted to give them every opportunity to be properly groomed so that the king's business would not suffer.

Youths, there is something I want to tell you this afternoon. Try to place the first thing in its rightful position. For you youths in this gospel, your life is hinged on three important things. First, and at the top of the list, is the salvation of your soul. Have these definite Christian experiences and live by them. That should be the very first thing forming the foundation of your life. Secondly, pursue your academics to the fullest potential with which God has endowed you. Thirdly, actively engage in something within the gospel. Why? Because doing so will yield great dividends for you in the future.

One of the temptations that lurks near you is ambition—the desire to pursue money. If you give your life to pleasure, pleasure will take its toll on you. If you follow the pleasures of this life, you will miss the road to heaven. Another thing that tarnishes our image and makes us unfit is lust between men and women. Study the word of God, become its friend, and let it be part and parcel of you. Keep that word in your heart, and I tell you, you will stay afloat. Even if sin and the devil take you into the dungeon, the power of that word will bring you out. The word will tell you what to do and what not to do. It will tell you what to touch and what not to touch. And if by any chance you are mistakenly accused, surrender yourself; God will bring you out, and the word will bring you out. Youths in this church, it is up to you now to make your own decision. We will read Deuteronomy 30:11, 15 and 19 —then I leave you to make your choice.“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”



SERMON BY

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The acquisition of your education is not just for bread and butter—that is just secondary. But I want you to note that the primary reason God has allowed you to pursue higher education is to make you useful in the gospel.



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FROM THE EDITORIAL

It is with gratitude to God and with joy in our hearts that we present to you another edition of the Apostolic Faith Campus Fellowship (AFCF) newsletter, themed "Youths Without Blemish".

As Christian students in our various campuses, we strive to live lives that honour God and are aware of the importance of purity and integrity in our daily walk. In 1 Timothy 4:12, the Apostle Paul encourages Timothy to "be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity". This verse serves as a powerful reminder to us as young people, that we have the power to influence others with our conduct and way of living, which must be without blemish.

In Psalms 119:9, the psalmist asks, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" In other words, he's asking, "How can I stay on the path of purity, or how can I be pure?" The answer to this lies in the same verse. "...by taking heed thereto according to thy word".

There might be challenges or temptations as we navigate through our campuses as young Christians, but we should not forget to always "hide God's word in our heart, so that we'll not sin against him" (Psalm 119:11). "Life without blemish" should be our motto.

As you read through, may you be inspired as an army of young people going to heaven and persuading others to come along, to be a shining light in your campuses, living a life of holiness and reflecting the light and love of Christ to those around you.

AFCF.....Be a shining light!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

The Editorial Team.

WHO ARE WE?

**AFCF is the
campus arm of
the Apostolic
Faith Church on
campus**



VISION

**To raise and retain an
army of outstanding
young people going to
Heaven and persuading
others to come along**

HIGHLIGHTING OUR HERITAGE



I am a product of the nature of campus fellowship. Saved in early January 1985. Got admission into Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt in 1986 when there was no presence of AVS activity on campus. But in 1987 fate brought me and Bro Mfon Udoh together who was a year ahead of me.

Challenged by this dearth of spiritual activity, and driven by hunger for evangelism and spiritual stability on campus, we started holding fellowship in our room, in the hostels of accommodation. What started as two-man prayer meeting in a closed-door scenario gave birth and growth into campus AVS (now AFCF) in RSU, PH. We reported our intention and activity on campus to the mother

AVS in church, which in turn started to send AVS members and Ministers to fellowship with us on campus weekly.

Our attendance grew in number as we launched out of our room. Souls were converted and saved. This gladdened our hearts and strengthened my faith. Besides, God made us leading students academically in our various departments and faculties. I was the best in my Department and Faculty. Campus AVS soon became popular by reason of our academic excellence and spiritual high standard.

Propelled by love for lost souls, we launched out to other sister tertiary institutions in the State; Uniport and Kenpoly (then Boripoly). Campus AVS became my first evangelism springboard, faith enhancer and bonding factor among the brethren (youths). After my compulsory National Service in 1991, I reunited with the brethren on campus while I pursued my higher degree. Today, I still fellowship with the AFCF often as I work in one of the Universities as an academic staff. I give God all the glory that the activities of campus AVS (now AFCF) are carried out strongly in five campuses of four tertiary institutions in the state, and its impact effectively felt among school communities.



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EXTRAS FROM CAMPUSES

Alumni And Student Connecting

University of Port Harcourt



Revival Train

Kwara Area



WELCOME PROGRAMME - LIMITLESS



University of Ilorin

The news of admission is a great news and one that brings gladness to every student; however, it is a freedom to endless decision making that perhaps would be unrestricted by parents/guardians. Entry into a higher institution serves as a playground for various imaginations and thoughts, a start of something glorious for some and another step towards the opposite direction for others.

The theme "Limitless" is a profound concept that transcends various facets of human experience. It invites us to explore beyond our perceived limitations, to connect with a greater reality, and to realize our infinite potential as children of God. In Christ, our potential is limitless. No matter the background, course of study, strengths or weaknesses, God has a unique plan and purpose for each student. In our campuses, there are certain events or themes that tend to limit students such as the fear of failure, background and meeting up to social expectations.

As new students on campus, the change of environment, high level of distractions, also coupled with the academic requirements by the institution, creates a need for the realization that God can give the grace to have a limitless journey amidst the hustle and bustle on campus.

AFCF EVENTS OUTSIDE NIGERIA

University of Mines and Technology, Ghana



(Members of AFCF on an expansion activity to University of mines and technology, Ghana)



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University of Abomey-Calavi



(Fellowship activities in University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin republic)



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TESTIMONIES



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UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION,
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IFODE RUTH

CRAWFORD
UNIVERSITY, OGUN STATE



EMMANUEL AHIANGBE

UNIVERSITY OF BENIN

I want to express my gratitude to God for His unwavering love and mercy in my life. I thank Him for saving me, sanctifying me, and baptizing me with the Holy Spirit. I'm also thankful for God's protection and provision in my life. He miraculously delivered me from a terrifying kidnap attempt. While on my way to my teaching practice school, I unknowingly boarded a tricycle operated by a kidnapper. He did everything possible to make me fall asleep, but by God's grace, the tricycle suddenly stopped, allowing me to escape safely. In addition, God has consistently provided for my needs, even when I thought all hope was lost. He used someone I hadn't spoken to in a long time to pay my tuition fee and house rent. It was an unexpected blessing that reminded me of His faithfulness. I praise the name of the Lord for His goodness, provision, and protection in my life. I'm grateful to be a living testimony to His love and mercy. Children of God, please continue to pray for me that God will help me remain steadfast until the end."

I'm IFODE RUTH from AFCF CRU chapter, and I have an inexhaustible list of things to thank God for, but I specifically thank God for His unconditional and unending love towards me in the aspect of my mental health as well as my spiritual health. I'd battled greatly with paranoia, anxiety and unforgiveness for a long time. This really affected my ability to connect well with God and His people. The LORD had to take me through a long process of healing, which I wasn't aware I needed at the time and eventually confirmed it with a fresh encounter with HIS perfect peace and LOVE!!! And I'm deeply grateful to God for that. I really appreciate Him for setting me free. I learnt from this experience that no matter how long I've been in this journey with my God, no matter how much I know, there's still so much to be uncovered and I can never, ever need God less. In fact, the more I walk with Him, the more I realize my helplessness and constant need of Him. God be Praised forever more!

I thank God for the gift of life, the gift of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I also thank God for His sustaining power and mercy over the years. May His name be praised! I want to thank God for His love in my life. I vividly remember the time when I was seeking God's face for admission into the university. I waited patiently for God to do what only He knows how to do. Four months passed, then eleven months approached, yet nothing happened. I became worried and deeply troubled in my heart, especially due to the pressure of seeing my mates move ahead while I was left behind. But when I tell you that God's timing is the best and He makes no mistakes—yes! His timing is perfect. I went back to the altar and called upon the God of our fathers one by one. At that moment, I was convinced and assured that God had answered my prayers. I completely surrendered my admission process to Him, and He took control. Truly, our God works in marvelous ways! When my admission finally came, God provided for me financially and in There is power in the blood of Jesus to save, keep, redeem, and heal. He has never failed me, and His love for me is beyond words. Please pray for me that, as I have started this race with God, He will give me the grace to finish it with Him.



Our Programmes

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

- Revival Programme
- Freshers' Welcome Programme

GENERAL CAMPUS PROGRAMMES

- Weekly Bible Studies
- Weekly Variety Programmes
- Prayer Meetings
- And Many More



Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
(1 Tim 4:12)

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