

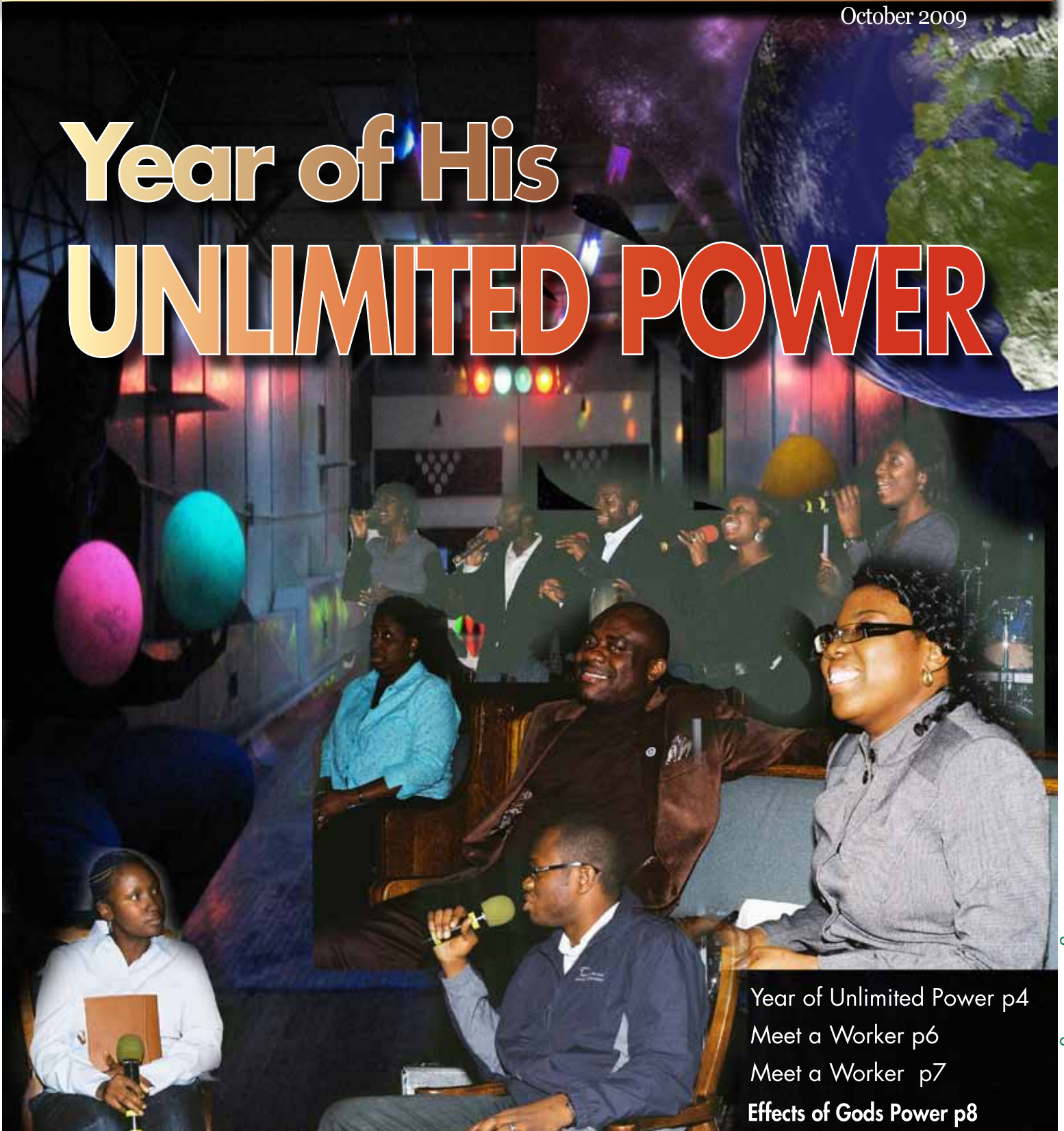
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Strong Tower Parish, Minneapolis Minnesota



October 2009

Year of His **UNLIMITED POWER**



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OCTOBER 2009 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The prophecy for the month of October is "October, My Month of God's Unlimited Power" "with prophetic scripture from Psalms 110: 3, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauty of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."
- There'll be no Bible Study on Wednesday October 7, 2009 as all Church activities will be closed from Monday October 5 through Saturday October 10, 2009 in observance of the Church's annual vacation week.
- All Leaders (Church Volunteer Workers) are to note that registration for the 2009 Annual Leadership Retreat has begun. The Retreat themed "Vessels Unto Honor" starts Thursday, October 29 and ends Sunday, November 1 2009. Deaconess Ebi Awosika, Sister Leslie Green and Brother Ayo Adeniyi are contact persons for registration.
- The Special Holy Communion Service for the month of October 2009 will be coming up on Wednesday October 21, 2009.
- Our October Weekend of Encounter is on Sunday October 25 with the Special Anointing Service @ 9:45a.m. Please note that there will be no vigil this month.
- All "LIGHTS" (Unmarried brethren) are reminded of their Prayer and Fasting Day coming up on Saturday November 7, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m. May the Lord bless as you seek His face in Jesus mighty name!
- The married couples will equally be holding their prayer & fasting fellowship program on Saturday November 7, 2009 by the grace of God. Every couple is encouraged to be a part of this time of refreshing that can only come from the presence of the Almighty God. Your life and marriage will never remain the same again in Jesus mighty name.
- The "Fruitful Parents Testimony Fellowship" started by the Lord to make fruitful any one believing God for more children or for the fruit of the womb meets every third Sunday. The July meeting is on Sunday October 18, 2009 immediately after service. Go-to persons for the group are Pastor Olajumoke Olowokere & Deacon Kayode Awosika.
- Did you notice that a member wasn't in service today or hasn't been for a while? Please fill out a "Brothers Keepers' Slip" so that the Church can contact them to show them how much we care and love them. Thank you for sharing in this burden with the Church and may the good Lord remember you too in Jesus mighty name.
- Newly committed to Jesus Christ? Or do you desire a deeper understanding of your salvation? Our New Believers Class was designed with you in mind. Pastor Olajumoke Olowokere and Deacon Kayode Awosika will love to speak with you about registration for the class.
- Our House Fellowship is coming to an area near you soon. The Assistant Pastor, Deaconess Janet Cadmus and Brother Ebenezer Akinbamiyo will like to know if you intend to host one in your house.
- Do you have the heart and burden for the needy and the less privileged? Please we need all the support we can get to keep the Lord's Kitchen going. Feel free to drop your donation in the offering basket during service or hand them to an usher. Bro. Femi Adisa will love to speak with you for more information on volunteering and sponsorship.
- New to the Twin Cities area and in need of information and some assistance in settling down? Please see any member of the LORD'S Embassy for further information or go to the Voice of Freedom Stand for more details. Welcome to God's City in Jesus mighty name.
- Unsure how to get to church because you have no ride? Let GO-GETTERS get you here. Just fill out a GO-GETTERS Information Slip and arrangement will be made for pickup or contact Bro. James Olaniyan @ (651) 675 8173.
- Do you have a TESTIMONY? Call the church office @ (612) 874 7310 to register!
- Brethren have you made a pledge that you are yet to redeem (Especially the Monthly Burden Bearer Seed & Zion City Building Project)? Remember the Almighty God is counting on your faithfulness so that He can also show Himself faithful and strong on your behalf. This is a reminder for all outstanding pledges to be redeemed and the good Lord will bless you richly as you do in Jesus mighty name.

HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, October 1 – (Special City Prayer & Fasting Day till 6:00pm)

Special Monthly Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, October 4 @ 11:00a.m.

Special Holy Communion Service – Wednesday, October 21 @ 7:00p.m.

The will be no Divine Visitation Service this month

Special Monthly Anointing Service – Sunday, October 25 @ 9:45am

Please note that our monthly vigil will not hold.

October Birthdays

John Adelusi	Oct 06
Abiola Shobola	Oct 10
Kemisola Kotila	Oct 13
Adebowale Olagunju	Oct 13
Ayo Adeniyi	Oct 17
Idowu Kotila	Oct 17
Olajumoke Olowokere	Oct 30



9th Anniversary Celebration



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From The Pastor's Heart

THE YEAR OF HIS UNLIMITED POWER

Beloved this is the season of Jubilee; the season to celebrate God's faithfulness. Exactly nine years ago on the 13th of September, my family then comprising my wife and two children relocated to Minnesota from Baltimore. Little did we know Peace, our third child, was waiting for us in this state. Two days later, Strong Tower Parish was registered with the State of Minnesota and the first service was held same day. We had a congregation of four adults and four children! Those were the days of "small things"; and despise, we do not them (Zec. 4:10). We thank God who has taught us to number our days so that we might apply our hearts to wisdom (Ps 90:12).



We appreciate God for our lives and for His goodness unto us. We also appreciate you for standing by us, His servants, in spite of all our imperfections so that the work could grow to where we are today. We moved here with no brother or sister, but God has given us a family in you. I pray that none of you will lose their reward in Jesus mighty name.

We can afford to celebrate because our new day is here. Care less about your yesterday, today is breaking forth for you in a new dimension of His favor in the name of Jesus Christ. And gone with yesterday is all the stress. The Egyptian you saw yesterday you will see them no more forever because of the new day. Let me add that today is not just a new day; it's the beginning of beginnings for you and I in the name of Jesus Christ.

We should neither be drowned nor carried away by the failure or success of yesterday. While you might lack the power to undo your past because it's gone, and perhaps the present since it's here, you have an input into your tomorrow. And you should celebrate that. Apostle Paul said in (Phi 3:13) "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Every serious minded believer should know there's a better tomorrow. Reason God's word encourages us to "give thanks in all things because this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18).

Our tomorrow in the city of Strong Tower Parish starts with the 9th year. I was privileged to speak at the 6th anniversary of a church last year and you needed to see how celebratory and appreciative they were. We have gone past that by His grace, so nothing but unfettered praise will do! Some have not learned or are hesitant to celebrate milestones. David the one after God's heart is not one of such. He said in (Ps 103:1-2) "Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits." This is the fitting refrain for what God has done with us since our humble beginnings nine years ago. He only has been our shield and buckler. Even when the enemy came like a flood, His spirit has raised a standard. He has made our head stronger than that of the wicked one and has caused our soul to escape as a bird out of the snare of the

fowlers. Blessed be the Lord who has not given us a prey to their teeth. C'mon bless the Lord all ye His people! Halleluyah!

Every year you witness, there's a purpose for it. You are preserved for a purpose. Just as God preserves an individual for a purpose so also He does the church (Ps 91:16) "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." The longer your life is the more he wants to show you. Reason His word says in (1 John 3:2a) "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be" There's yet something to become as a preserved child. You are not just existing, but alive and preserved for a reason. And this reason is wrapped in prophecy. Every church should be guided by a word from heaven called prophecy. (Ps 119:105) says "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Note these about prophecy: Every prophecy is an expression of the heart of God for that season for the concerned. Prophecy stands for what to expect from God and builds up expectation. For instance, Simeon was expectant of the Messiah in (Luke 2) because prophecy had revealed His coming. It also makes us know what must not happen. That is if God is going to do this, then this can't happen. You know what to accept and reject. Finally, prophecy shows you what you should look like at the end of the season the particular word covers

According to God's counsel for us, the 9th year is the "Year of the Unlimited Power of God." "Why is this significant?" you may ask. Everybody on the face of the earth is looking for power one way or another. That includes you. You go to work because you seek financial or economic power. When in power you are in control. Power puts you

in a position to be recognized and the level of your power determines who listens to you. If I called a meeting of Congress today with all this anointing, for example, nobody but my wife and children will show up!

It is impossible for the church to win without power. Even cars are power based; reason its engines are rated on "horsepowerage". How stable you are and even your value is dependent on your power. Everything runs on power; heaven and earth inclusive. (Heb. 1:3a) says "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power" Indeed without power nothing is in place. I see everything that concerns you coming "in place" because of His power.

(Ps 110:-3a) tells us that His "people shall be willing in the day of thy power" There is the day of His power. Not necessarily "a day" but it could be a season, many years, or even a time in your life. That day for us is this 9th year. His people are the first beneficiary of the day of His power. The day is designed to bring about a noticeable change in the lives of His people. All you have to do in the day of His power is take a look at His people. And you'll see the consequence of His power. I pray that the evidence of the presence of His power will be seen upon you as a covenant child of this ministry in this 9th year in the name of Jesus Christ. You will miss out on nothing.

There are diverse kinds of power in the kingdom but one is a prerequisite for the others. In America, for example, before you can be voted for, you first have to be able to vote. Similarly, there's a power you must possess to be qualified for other levels or kinds of power. (John 1:12) reveals: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" The first time you meet Jesus, the first thing you receive is the power to become the son of God. Reason a former thief, adulterer, murderer, or idolater, can become His son! You can't walk in the power of God until you have received the power to

become the son of God. Otherwise you are a prey to the enemy. Truly receive Him today and the power of "sonship" is yours.

Another kind of power is that which (Matt 10:1) tells us about. "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." This overwhelms the devil; and demons can't mess with it.

The next kind is the power that is most needed in difficult times such as the one we are currently in. There's no gain expressing the difficulty of prospering in difficult times. That however hardly precludes the possibility of prospering in such times. Walmart and Sounds of Music which morphed to BestBuy prove this. The question then is how do I prosper in difficult times? Simple! You need the power to get wealth. God is no magician. He doesn't give wealth; He gives power to get wealth. And this power is divinely given as (Deut 8:18) shows. And I submit to you that till today God's still giving that power; not limited to the Old Testament. The advantage of divine power is: it is all encompassing. (2 pet 1:3) teaches how to live life and live godly. "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"

The power to get wealth comes in manifold shades. One shade is Wisdom power. No matter how prayerful or anointed you are without wisdom of say the Oracle software, you couldn't operate it. You therefore need wisdom power in this regard to be successful. Daniel got into power in his days by wisdom. God's wisdom elevated him.

Creative power is another important shade. As a business owner you couldn't be too creative. It keeps you ahead of the pack. You couldn't run your business successfully for long on yesterday's ideas; if you don't run out of business, it will run out of you!

Initiative power is the third shade.

You couldn't go wrong by taking initiatives. You actually get noticed when you are always beating everybody to change.

Creation power is the fourth shade of the power to get wealth. Repackaging the gospel in a way that wins contemporary souls speaks to the ability to create. When you can create you can be elevated.


The last shade is the power to "lay down." There's wisdom in the ability to surrender all to God who can and does give all in return. Hoarding what you have received limits you but a liberal soul is made fat. My prayer is that in this 9th year, may my life and yours enjoy and produce the various manifestations of the power to get wealth in the name of Jesus Christ.

By now you should not be ignorant of what power you need to have but perhaps you're unsure how to access this. (Ps 110:3) gives a clue "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power" To be "willing" is the first step to reward from God. (Isa 1:19) says "If ye be willing and obedient; ye shall eat the good of the land." And we know that "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Acts 1:4-8) reveals another way to access power: The more of the spirit the more the power. And you receive the spirit by asking for Him. (Luke 11:13) tells that to us: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Once you connect with the spirit, power follows; and with power comes transformation.

May the power of God that is sufficient to bring all things your way be upon you in this 9th year in the name of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations on our 9th year.

Yours in this Divine Assignment


Pastor Emmanuel. S. Olowokere

Meet a worker

I'm the last of eight children. My parents were Baptist missionaries. I lost my dad when I was age 11. So my mom largely raised me. As the last child I had very older siblings. In fact when dad died, some of my older ones had kids who were older than I. So I had a lot of people to look up to who played fatherly role.

College Education

I studied political science at Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) in Zaria, Kaduna State Nigeria. While we were there, ABU was one of the three best universities in Nigeria. We had the best and most equipped library in Nigeria then.

Parental Influence

Mom was a tough cookie. She was a teacher. She imbued with much intellectual training. She trained us to respect people who contributed positively to society's growth and not filthy moneybags. She was also praying and grooming me to be someone who will follow in dad's footsteps since none of my older ones did. I always told her that I couldn't get into it just for her; I had to be sure I had God's approval. If she were alive, things might have taken a different turn. But she died when I was a freshman in college.

Mom's legacy lives on. She was a great part of the reason why I got done with school ahead of my peers. First I skipped a grade level from 5 to 7 and then wrote the college entrance examination from 11th grade. Miraculously I passed and that was how I got into college. She guided me to a pretty good level before she died. Mom was such a great influence! And it wasn't just on me. That was how she raised all of us. At the time she passed, my older ones were doing very well. They'd had their families. My immediate older sister, five years older, was already working with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

After her passing, the reality of life hit. I developed the habit of relying solely on God, even though I had people around me. And that has remained my lifestyle since. Another thing that I gained from my parents was that we were schooled on appropriate behavior. Mom always said a pastor's children must act, talk and behave in an acceptable way. She made us believe we were role models among peers. That was how she raised all of us. She always said there were places we couldn't go. Things we couldn't do. I have held on to that even till now. I hardly go visiting. Rather my friends come around. Otherwise we speak over the phone. Sometimes they take offense. I believe it's helped me stay out of trouble so I don't get myself entangled with things that don't glorify God.

My mom also made sure that all the children could cook. Mattered not if you're a guy or a girl. I like it that I can cook my own food. Mom also used to always say that human intelligence depended on how you develop the person from infancy. She likened it to taming animals. She'd say any animal could be tamed if you started at infancy. She got me interested in politics and world affairs early. She'd buy newspapers and magazines and ask me to read the editorials. Then ask me what I understood by what the writer meant. I'd say it in my own little way. She'd say that being able to read and analyze editorials could help one form opinion on important issues. That was how by 6th grade I'd developed interest in prevailing international affairs: America, Indira Ghandi, and Mikhail Gorbachev. These are things I'd never forget. She also instructed me on interpersonal relations; by God's grace no matter how difficult a person may be, I believe I could have fruitful relations with him/her. The way I see life is different from how most do. I'm not judgmental, rigid, or dogmatic. I believe no one is innately evil. We are all God's creation; a part of God is in us all. He created us in His image after His likeness. Even if that person might be wicked there's still part of God in that person. Which



John Adelusí

may be what the secular world call conscience. I don't condemn people because the worst sinner can become a saint tomorrow. That's the grace and redemptive power of God. The same God who rains over the righteous, also rains over the wicked. The bible says while we were yet sinners He sent His only begotten son to die for us. Even in sin He still loves us.

Best Gift from parents

When my parents died, they didn't leave any wealth. Don't forget they were missionaries. What they left is much more valuable than wealth. That is goodwill. The amount of goodwill that I enjoy even till now is unquantifiable. That goodwill will last forever. I will also transfer this to my children by God's grace.

Strong Tower Story

I came to the church first in February 2004. My friend Tunji who now lives in New York told me about the "new Redeemed Church" after he attended Michael's [Olowo] naming. He said this was different than the one in St. Paul. At this point I was at Spiritual Life Church in Brooklyn Center. Leye Oluwatula and I came together that Sunday. The first thing that struck me was that we sang hymns. Since I left Nigeria I hadn't been in a service where hymns were sung. So I was thrilled. I love hymns, you know I was raised a Baptist. The lyrics of hymns mean a lot to me. One thing about hymns is: the last stanza, typically talks about heaven. And there is a hymn for every situation. So I was thrilled that Sunday. I felt as though I was in heaven. Pastor wasn't in service. I believe he went to Baltimore to preach. Pastor (Mrs.) Jumoke did preach. The AP Cadmus's prayer equally touched me. Another thing I enjoyed was that prayer points were raised for all to pray. That was unlike my present experience then where an individual prayed and we chorused amen. In short, my spirit was lifted.

I believe I joined the ministry for a purpose. That'

why no matter what happens, I'd always remain a covenant child of Strong Tower Parish! I'm a covenant child of the ministry, there's nothing that can make me leave by His grace. If I decide to leave I will not be effective.

Favorite Songs and Hymns

My current favorites are "Above all" and "You are Alpha." My favorite hymn is "O Worship the King" or "E wole fun oba ologo julo" in the Yoruba language. I love hymns so much I sing them by myself. Another hymn I love is in Yoruba "Aigbagbo Bila Temi Loluwa." Any time I'm confused or at a crossroads that is the song I sing.

Praise Generation

As you may have noticed, I'm a lover of songs. In fact, we used to have a family choir and we rendered special numbers at functions. My late mom composed many songs. I've reserved one of such for my wedding day. I have always been in the choir. When our parents started a church, we were the ones who started out ministering in songs until others came to join. When I grew and became a man of my own, I lost interest. And for so many years after mom died, I wasn't engaged in any choir activity; even while I was in Lagos. Coming to Strong Tower Parish the fire in me was rekindled, I saw the way praises were being rendered. My spirit connected with that of the man of God. One of the things I love pastor for is his love of worship. It helped rekindle the choir fire in me. Once the fire was rekindled I had little choice but to join the Praise Generation.

A word to the church

I'd say that we should continue to be focused solely on God. We should not allow any negativity against the church to stand. In the days of the Apostles, the Bible said they were all with one accord. I believe if we are with one accord, there's nothing; no river we can't cross or mountain we can't subdue. The church is a collection of people; it's where men are being made perfect. We are not perfect people coming to church; and He's the One who can make us perfect. When some, accusingly, say such a one comes to church and he's doing this. I say that is the more reason he should come. Because it is in church that he'd be saved and made perfect. This is where those negativities would be shredded.

We should serve God with sincerity of heart. I mean we should be honest with ourselves. We should recognize our inadequacies; that we are looking unto Jesus who's the Author and Finisher of our faith. The only One who can make us perfect. We should know who we are in Him and see ourselves as nothing. That's where humility comes in.

By the grace of God our church is destined for greatness. It's not about any man, but about God who found the ministry. And before the ministry was started, God had already ordained it for what it should be. It matters less who leaves or stays. It's about God and He's not a respecter of persons. What He says He always does.

Meet a worker

I am the sixth of seventh children: six girls and one boy. Unfortunately, my eldest sister passed away nine years ago. I am currently employed with U.S. Bank as an accountant in the Trust Division, and I have been with the company for four and a half years.

Parents and Growing up

My dad is a doctor and my mom, now retired was a high school principal. My childhood was interesting because of how the children grew up. There were two clusters. The first four kids grew up together, and so did the last three: Tolu, Bimbo and I. We are however all really good friends. Growing up, we were allowed to play with the kids in the neighborhood, and we participated in various activities such as, bike riding, fishing and playing family. We had so much fun. My dad was very busy, more like the typical doctor lifestyle we see around here, but my mom got home from work around the same time we got home from school, and that created some kind of balance. Going back to my siblings, there was such a huge gap between us. My eldest sister was eleven years older, and she was more like a mother figure; my other sister was eight years older, my brother six years older, another sister four years older, while Tolu and I are three years older than Bimbo.

Takeaway from parents

Growing up, my dad was very patient, but we also knew he could be strict. If we were unsure what the PTA meeting feedback would be, we would run and hide when he got home. [Laughs]. Apart from that, he was a great dad. I believe I took the quality of patience from him. I can be very patient, but not to the point that I'd let somebody walk over me though. Mom was a disciplinarian. She flogged me under my feet but dad really never spanked me. He once gave me a knock on my head for using the phone after the cut-off time. [Laughs]. With dad, yelling at you for not listening was more than adequate. I must say that having discipline on the one side in form of mom and patience on the other was a great combination.

First Impression of STP

It was actually weird because I grew up Catholic. I knew about RCCG in Nigeria but never thought I would ever even visit one. I was not used to the clapping, dancing and people doing whatever they wanted. I thought that was really interesting. It sure took a little bit of getting used to. I attended a Pentecostal church in Wisconsin, but it was different than what I experienced here on my first day. I

remember the first



Temitope Ogunkelu

time

I went to a Pentecostal church in Wisconsin I thought, "this is way different." Guess what, the difference between that and coming to Strong Tower Parish was way different. It was totally out of my expectation. I gradually loosened up and started saying "hello" to people and slowly but surely people started saying "hello" back and approaching me.

I had always known I was approachable so I felt taken aback a little bit when people seemed to not approach me. I thought maybe that was how things worked around here. I in turn did not say much for a while. I however loved the worship; I thought it was great and touching and of course the preaching was interesting. I had never actually been to a church where I had so much fun. Pastor Sola was extremely funny, but I was blessed because it was very different, and it was great to know I was free to worship God however I wanted. Eventually I felt like a family and I started coming to Workers' meeting and I finally got stuck.

Pastor's daughter

That's always interesting to hear. I inherited the title of "pastor's daughter" due to my position of welcoming the first-timers/visitors of STP. Pastor, introducing me to our guests, would usually say, "this is my daughter, she's going to take you to the family room and entertain you and give you some things from me..." and eventually everyone started calling me "pastor's daughter." People sometimes make comment like, "you're pastor's daughter

right? I thought he had other younger girls as well." My response is usually, "well yeah, he does." [Laughs]

First Timers' Gig

When I started attending workers' meeting, I was not with any particular group so Bro. Tola [Ogunleye] then assigned me to media; but I disliked sitting upstairs. Because I didn't want to disobey him, I went along with the plan. I just find it easy to lose focus upstairs and would rather sit downstairs. Besides, I did not want to work in the media department. I wasn't cut out for it. Bro. Tola then suggested the Treasury because of my accounting background but I did not want to stay very late after service. Bukky Adeyemi asked if I wanted to try out the First Timers which I agreed to. My reaction was, "I could do this!" In undergrad I loved public speaking, so I saw the First Timers' opportunity as a way to do some more public speaking. So I ended up in the First Timers' and I love it.

Strong Tower Story

It all starts with the vision of the church, which is, "to build spiritual people," and this is something that I always talk to First Timers' about. I often say, "if you are blessed when you come here, it's probably the best place for you." For me, sharing the vision with others is a way of pretty much facilitating the church's vision. I believe our church has great capacity to draw people unto God. I also use myself as an example. When I first got here, I was not a Bible reading person. I knew I was supposed to, but did I? This was after years of attending other Pentecostal services. But once I got here, Strong Tower opened me up to wanting to yearn for God more, wanting to read the Bible more and trying to understand, and wanting to attend bible study. I had actually never attended bible study all my life prior to STP. I also began to understand the Believers' life even more. For example, why should I tithe? I'd always believed in giving but I thought I could give whatever I wanted. "Why not give a dollar if that's what I wanted?" I did not understand that when you work a tenth of my earnings or increase was for God, but now I know better. Thank God for this wonderful ministry.

EFFECT OF GOD'S POWER

YEMISI ADENIYI

God's power is like Himself: infinite, eternal, incomprehensible and can neither be checked, restrained, nor frustrated by the man... Charnock

Many of us do not know the gravity of the power of God and how it manifests in our lives daily. The ability to wake up in the morning, breathe and smell is a manifestation of God's power. It is easy, when little or no visible fruit is seen, to doubt whether the power of God is enough, but the gospel maintains that the "power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16) regardless of how much or little the immediate, visible effects are, just keep believing. God's power can manifest in many ways and in the story below it manifested when God raising Emmanuel from the dead.

Emmanuel's testimony is a unique story about the incredible manifestation of the power of God in his life. In his testimony, Emmanuel gives a true account of his face to face encounter with God and the manifestation of His power. Emmanuel Tuwagiraimana is from Rwanda, central Africa. During the Rwandan genocide of 1994, Emmanuel and his friends were trapped in Kabwai School, Gitarama town, about 45km from Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. Emmanuel suffered severe wounds all over his caused bomb shells. One morning, while still trapped at the school, Emmanuel was found dead due to lack of medical attention. His friends wrapped his swollen and smelling body in a bed cover and pushed it in a far corner in the room. By now, smelling fluids were oozing out of Emmanuel's dead body.

Emmanuel says he did not know how he left his body, but the next he knew was that he was at a big gate. Two men stood at the gate and introduced themselves and said: "You are standing at the gate of the Heaven." When Emmanuel looked at himself, he noticed he had a new beautiful body better than the earthly one. The two men took him through sweet smelling garden of flowers and introduced himself as Jesus Christ. Jesus and Emmanuel

Then Jesus brought something that looked like a chocolate bar and gave it to Emmanuel to eat it. He ate it and it tasted like chocolates. Initially, Emmanuel was reluctant to return to earth, but Jesus just calmed his fears. Back in his body, Emmanuel found himself in a dead rotten body. His friends in the room could not believe their eyes when they saw Emmanuel's moving body and rushed for the hospital screaming they saw a ghost.



One of Emmanuel's arms had gotten so rotten that it was almost falling off. The doctors in Rwanda advised Emmanuel to amputate it but God told him otherwise. In God's supernatural ways, God appeared to a white doctor in Australia and told him to go to Rwanda to do surgery on Emmanuel's arm to avoid amputation. The doctor obeyed and set off to Rwanda to save Emmanuel's arm. Since his healing, Emmanuel has been testifying to God's power in his life.

returned to earth where his body laid in the school. When Jesus showed Emmanuel his dead body, Emmanuel was shocked at how terrible his body looked.

Jesus told Emmanuel that one day he would go back into his body.

Then Jesus took Emmanuel back to heaven and showed him a city of very beautiful houses. Emmanuel said he had never seen such houses. Afterwards he was shown a lake; however, Jesus told him that his time to cross the lake had not come yet because he had to go back.

Thus, whenever you doubt God's power in your life "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).