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From Bishop Harry Westcott & Rev Jeffrey Evans

WHERE IS YOUR MOUNTAIN?

“...And When He had sent the multitude away, He went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there...” (Matthew 14:23 NKJV)

It's funny how we can give all the right answers to the questions asked of us, yet still not apply the truths we espouse so freely to all that will listen, and not apply these essential truths to our own lives. If I was to ask you the importance of time spent with God in prayer and His presence we would all give the right answer: *“It is vital. The life blood of our relationship with our heavenly Father. An absolute priority if we are going to fulfill His purposes through our lives, in the ministries we are called to”*. Yet despite our convictions the sad reality is for many these convictions don't equate to application. James says it this way in 1:22-25 *“...But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for observes himself, goes away and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one shall be blessed in what he does...”* Jesus had to withdraw to the mountain – how much more do we as His disciples need to prioritise this time in our lives if we are going to live out our lives as ambassadors of His amazing grace.

Our lives are so full and extremely busy, with pressure from a multitude of sources and finding the balance in juggling all these demands on our time can be and is extremely difficult. With family, work, friendship, social and church commitments all pressing us for more time the first thing that seems to go is our “mountain time with God”. We seem to exchange “who we know” for “what we know” and “time with God” for “what we are doing for God”. Both which will lead us from relationship to religion! The absolute priority of our lives if we effectively want to witness the Kingdom with the unction of the Spirit of God and with power is “mountain time with God”.

I love the way Matthew frames this narrative about Jesus. In Verse 22 Matthew states the Jesus *“sent the multitudes away”*. And in verse 23 he reinforces this important truth *“And when He had sent the multitudes away”*. The fact that Matthew goes to the lengths of saying this twice would seem to me to stress the importance of separating ourselves from all that presses upon us in order to see the presence of God for ourselves. Jesus does know what it is like to have a multitude drawing on Him, demanding his time and expecting a miracle. Yet He sought the solitude of prayer away from these pressures in order to effectively face tomorrow! The greater the demands on us the more important it is to keep this priority of “mountain time with God”, if we are going to successfully negotiate the journey of life.

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Jesus withdrew to the mountain to pray. Let's not forget that pray is not a monologue by us to be heard by God. Prayer is not just an opportunity to give our shopping list of needs and wants to God. Prayer is a dialogue between the father and us, his children. If you ask God for help make sure you take the time to listen for God's answer. *"If you can tell God what needs to be done, He can use you to do it!"* Prayer is about building relationship, about receiving strength and direction, about being connected to the source of power necessary to bring about change. Don't underestimate this vital bedrock of your relationship with the Father.

Dear friends you cannot afford to press on in life without pressing into God. Wherever your mountain may be, don't underestimate the joy, strength, sense of purpose and wholeness that are found there in the Presence of God.

Don't forget that Camp Meeting is only a few weeks away. Don't put off coming because you don't think you cannot afford the time or that you have so many things pressing on you. Make the decision to come and seek God afresh in your lives. We are confident that this week with Christian folk from across the Nation along with our international guests and God's ever present anointing will transform your life. So don't put it off – Register Now – and get ready for the blessings of the Lord upon your life.

Yours in Christ Jesus - Jeffrey

SPECIAL GUESTS FOR CAMP MEETING 2007

29 September - 4 October, 2007



Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa: We count it a great honour to have as our special guest at Camp Meeting this year, Her Grace, **Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa** from the "Church of God Mission International", Benin City, Nigeria. Bishop Margaret is the wife of **the late Archbishop Benson Idahosa** who went to heaven in March 1998. Bishop Margaret was consecrated following the Archbishop's funeral to lead the thousands of churches birthed under his amazing ministry of 39 years as their new Presiding Bishop. We are well within the mark to say, that there is no other woman on the Continent of Africa with such a responsibility of leadership in the

Body of Christ as **Bishop Margaret Idahosa**. As a young woman not long after marrying Benson, that apostle of evangelism, **Dr Daisy Osborn**, noticed Margaret sitting in the back of the church while her husband was preaching and leaving early before the service ended to go work in the kitchen, as that was African custom. **Daisy and TL Osborn** lifted Margaret from the back seat and the kitchen, and over the years established her in leadership beside her great husband. TL Osborn once said to Benson; *"Sir, don't ever preach without allowing your wonderful wife first to speak before you!"* The Lord who knows the end from the beginning knew this great lady, **Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa's destiny** as she is now leader of over three million Christians in Africa. TL Osborn always refers to her as "The Queen of Africa".

Along with Bishop Margaret we are also delighted to have **Lawson & Lesley Spiller** with us once again. Lawson brought a real gift of joy to the Camp last year and we are looking forward to having them both with us at Camp 2007. Lawson & Lesley reside in the UK with their 3 children. Lawson has just completed a new CD of anointed songs called "Masterpiece".



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Send Your Registration Now!

HARRY'S WORD

In just three weeks time Vision Ministries is blessed to host the **19th “Old Fashioned Revival Camp Meeting”** (29th Sept. – 4th Oct.) here at “Mamre Farm”. And this year is turning out to be most exciting, and I believe also a unique experience for all of you who are able to attend. How privileged we are to have as our guests three world leaders of the **“International Communion of Charismatic Churches”** who are traveling from Nigeria, USA, and Canada to be with us. They are, the Presiding Bishop, **David Huskins** (USA), the Vice President, Bishop **Margaret Benson Idahosa** (Nigeria, our main speaker), and Bishop **Joel Thomas** (Canada). This International Fellowship from across the globe has a membership of more than 4.2 million Christians and I'm blessed to be its Australian Bishop.

The Idahosa family has been our special friends since we first met way back in 1978 at Singapore. Margaret's husband, (the great Archbishop Benson Idahosa, whose ministry birthed over 6000 churches in Africa before he passed away in 1998) was very much my spiritual father. So Bishop Margaret has always been “Mama” to me. It is such an honour to have her come and minister here at Mamre. Following the sudden and untimely death of Benson, Margaret was anointed and subsequently consecrated Bishop to lead the enormous work that Benson had birthed, **“The Church of God Mission International”**. That Apostle of evangelism, Dr TL Osborn always refers to Bp Margaret as “the Queen of Africa”. All I know about this great lady is that her ministry will challenge, lift, (and if you are willing) wonderfully bless and equip you for victorious living!

The importance of Bishop Margaret to the Body of Christ across the world is clearly seen by the fact that Bishops Huskins and Thomas are coming to Mamre with her. I've invited all those ministries associated with myself and the ICCC in Australia to be at Camp this year so they can also spend quality time with these anointed world leaders.

Camp is always joyous and again this year worship will be just that as **Lawson Spiller** from England encourages us all to “Run the Race”!

I'm so blessed that our Ministry's young leaders **Rev Jeff and Rebecca Evans**, know, and have spent time with the Idahosa's and like Doreen and myself are on tip toe with excitement at what God will do in our midst during this special Camp! In the midst of so much negativity in a world reeling from fear, I urge you if at all possible, **in Jesus Name Come to Camp!!**

In His Grip

+ *Harry*

JACQUI DAVIS AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS IN AUSTRALIA:



Jacqui Davis from Chicago USA answered the "Call of God" on her life, and is serving Him with all her heart. Jacqui testifies in songs, words and deeds of God's great love and amazing grace. She proclaims the saving power of Jesus with such fire, passion and humour that is contagious. With her sincere belief in the everlasting presence of God's Holy Spirit, she leaves a little part of herself with all who hear her sing. **Jacqui is available in Australia from the 5th - 16th of October. Contact Vision Ministries.**

FINANCIAL:

“Therefore by their fruits you shall know them” (Matthew 7:20)

Jesus gave us this wonderful yardstick by which to determine who is a false prophet dressed in sheep’s clothing. Yet this analogy can be transferred to so many other facets of our lives. Jesus is saying the way to verify the heart of an individual is not by how they look, what they say or who they are seen with. The only way to measure a person’s life is by their fruit, what have they left behind, is it sweet or sour, does it refresh you or leave a bad taste in your mouth? Good fruit is vital if we are to be recognised as the people of God.

When it comes to supporting ministry God expects us to be good stewards of what we sow. God wants us to sow our seed in good ground that will bring in a harvest, not on rocky ground or weed choked ground. Here at Vision Ministries we thank you for sowing your seed into this good ground, a ministry that has produced good fruit over 3 decades and one that continues to draw on other ministries that continue to do the same. That’s why we are so delighted to Have Bishop Margaret with us at Camp Meeting this year – Because here is a ministry with good fruit that will leave a deposit of life in each one of our lives.

Thankyou for your gift this month into Vision Ministries, we are grateful that you sow you seed in faith into the Good ground of this ministry. We have so many extra expenses this month as we prepare for Camp Meeting, so thankyou for praying for us and thankyou for supporting us financially. We know that although Camp Meeting costs us to put on – the deposit it leaves across this nation is priceless. Won’t you agree with us that every expense of Camp Meeting will be met before Camp even begins, In Jesus name. - Jeffrey



Some of the folk who gather at Camp Meeting

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