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What is in a name?

A warm welcome to you all. This is Expose 247 where we bring you the Word of grace and faith and power. So if you are joining us today we want you to stay tune with us and follow us through. It might not be entertaining but it will be edifying.

So I am leaving you with the admonition in the book of Hebrew Chapter 6 verse 12 that say you should do the hard work, do not be lazy. Do not lay back. Be followers of those who through faith and patience possess the promise. So he is telling us who we should follow. I don't know who you are following physically or on the social media or who you follow on instagram. The scriptures is telling us those we should follow, teachings we should follow, those who through faith and patience inherit the promise.

So today we will be exposing to us and showing to us those who through faith and patience inherit the promise. So we will like you to follow us and then we will like you to share it with your networks and contacts so that they can follow too. We want people to follow you where you are going. So this is where you can gather and you can have people to follow back.

So follow us as we go through this Exposition, and if you've been with us last week, we've been talking about the power of attorney, the power in a name. And then I just hope that your life summary, every of your wealth, everything you have, possess and what you don't possess can be executively summarize into one thing that the name of Christ and just like Peter said, what I have I give to you.

So it doesn't matter what you have or you don't have all together because we found out that Peter was somebody of great substance. We have scriptures that justify that. But yet all he could say was, the summary of everything just being reduced to one. So I hope you will come to the point of understanding which estimation and evaluation of all that you have will be reduced to one, that is Christ, which is the name of Christ, which is our sufficiency.

So follow us as we journey through this name. I think there is still more to share about that, the power of the name, the power of attorney. If you missed that episode, you know where to go. Go to our Expose 247 page to listen to the last episode and the one before that.

So would you like to carry on and summarize for people that might just be joining us today for the very first time?

Viewers thank you for tuning in to the Knock Out Series on prayer.

Now, let's us not forget our focus. We've been looking at the model of the Lord's prayer that Jesus gave to us. That is what we are looking at the moment. And at the moment, we've actually began to go through Hallowed by the name which is the next phrase that we are looking at after Jesus said our Father who is heaven. He said hallowed be the name. So we are looking at the significance of the name of Jesus. Jesus mentioned this issue of name in giving us the model or the manner of prayer we should prayed. And we've gone through, as she said, the first aspect of that. The power of attorney in the name of Jesus.

And let us say this before we go on to today's transmission that the reason why most Christians have not placed so much premium, significance and value on the name of Jesus is because we have other things that we think are assets for us in the place of prayer.

So Peter said to that man, he said silver and gold I do not have but I've got something. And I think there is always something that people do have to present to God in the place of prayer, that doesn't make people put significance on the name of Jesus.

So Peter said well, I think every other thing I do have, am going to belittle those things and actually place significance on the name of Jesus. That which I have, I give unto you. So we've been looking at that.

And today we are going to go a notch further on looking at this name of Jesus. Because Peter said one thing, that is where we stopped. The last sentence we read in Acts 3 verse 16 where Peter began to give a commentary on the reason why that lame man walked again. You see! Peter said in his name (Acts 3:16) that is where we stopped and faith in his name. It will mean the reason why we probably not seeing result in our times and in our generation, could it be that we are not putting that confidence in that name?

Now, let me just remind you and say this quickly. Peter warned the people that were listening to them in that day, when this man actually began to walk. Peter gave a stern warning, a very serious instruction and you might want to hear that. Peter said men and brethren why are you marveling at what we have done as if by our own power or holiness we have done this thing? You know today most of us think that the reason why some men, "Great men of God" are seeing great results in their lives, in their destiny, in their ministry, most of them end up thinking we can attach those results to something about them, there is something special about them, some of them had an encounter with God. Some will say I had a 25hrs with God. Some said I saw God in a

vision and He spoke to me in a dream. Some will tell you that God gave me a special mandate and this is the reason why you are seeing great results in my ministry. Some will even say they have 25yrs of dedication to the ministry, that they are so committed and God is looking at that commitment and that's why they have evidence to show in their ministry.

Well, Peter said to people, don't even think about it. Not by how our own holiness, by our own power that these things happened. So Peter is saying you can never attach this result to anything about us.

And I think we need to listen to that in our generation. We are a generation that love to attach results in destiny to things special about men. For Peter said, nothing we can make reference to in our lives can be the reason why this man walked. He said this is the reason. Faith in his name! It means if my generation, if you and I can actually retrace our steps back to Peter's statement, we will see the result that they saw in the days of Peter.

And that is the reason why we are here today on this Knock Out Series, talking about this name. Peter said, that is the only reason you can ever point to for why this man that was lame actually began to walk again. And if that's the reason that Peter gave and I think it's high time we begin to look at the significance of that name and that's what we are looking at today.

So we stopped in Acts 3:16, we are going to quick off from there. Come with us quickly as we go back through the scriptures. Acts Chapter 3, I will read from verse 16.

Again I have given you the backdrop of that. So this is Peter's commentary about the situation. See what he said.

Acts 3

16. And in his name, through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

I like that. You know today when people give testimony of miracles, atimes people and I could understand the reason why some people don't believe in God or people who are skeptics end up saying which miracle are you talk about? People want to believe the sense of miracles are forged or they are actually being designed or some people actually created some of those miracles, trying to manipulate people to believe that God did something great. Well I do not blame some people who say that because atimes we have to give evidence to people and show them and say well, can you see this was this man before and this is this man now? Evidence that can be verified. Peter said in this place, this man that you know. He said you people know him. You know this man. When he says the man that you know, he was talking about the fact that you knew his condition before, you can give evidence of how he was lame and he was by the gate of beautify. This man you know him.

And I think this is a responsibility on the part of those people that are trying to show the world that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever more. That we have to provide to people verifiable evidence.

So Peter says you know this man by the gate beautify. You know him. It's not that we went to bring him or we try to in a way create the miracle or atmosphere that we can control. You know this man. And he says, what made this man's feet strong is faith in his name.

Now, this actually raises up a question.

Now, I will read the second phrase, he says

yes! the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

He says you saw how it happened. Can you see? There is nothing that was done in a corner. We didn't go to actually do some special video to show you what happened before and after. And he said it happened right in your very presence. That is what Peter said.

Now, look at this. This is where we are coming down to. Peter actually held one thing responsible. So Peter held one factor responsible for why this man began to walk. And that is what we are going to zero in on today. **He says faith in his name.**

Now, does that not mean to you that Peter didn't say in his name alone? Because Peter could have said, in his name this man walk. But he quickly went forward and said in his name, faith in his name.

And the reason why Peter quickly added faith in his name is that there are some people who are saying what are you talk about? We've been shouting the name of Jesus, we've been talking about the name of Jesus. The reason I laid my hand on somebody yesterday, I prayer for the person I said, in Jesus name, this happened to you, in Jesus name that should happen to you and I see no result. That is why Peter went forward and says I didn't just say in his name, I also said there has to be faith in his name. And I think you can't just run ahead with his name. You've got to understand what does it mean to put faith in that name? And that is what we are looking at today.

I think this passage seems like a good standard for those people who want to exact the power of miracles, everybody is encourage to do that as believers. He said this sign shall follow us as believer. So is not just for some set of people. But this is the good standard of which we should do it. Even though we might still have skeptic but this is the good standard. We can see how Peter... they already knew this man, is not like they just saw some people springing up. They knew his condition, he must have begged from some people or most of the congregants and everything was done in their presence.

That means there were two yardsticks. First they knew who the man was, they knew exactly what his condition was and then when the miracle happened, everything was done in their presence. Because they could know the man and they could have gone to use Medical science to deal with the man. There are some people that even go...We are not saying...even Medical science is the wisdom of God in the mind and in the heart of doctors who come up with technology of how to deal with sickness and disease. But is one thing that they knew the man, they could have gone to do some medical steps and say this was God's supernatural that heal the man.

So they knew the man, that was one thing. And the second thing was the miracle that happened to the man. Peter and John said it happen right in your presence, so there is nothing to hide about it. And that is why Apostle Paul was saying none of these things were done in the corner. So things that were going to show as evidence, irrefutable claims of this power and the miracle recall is to know that these things were not done in corner. So we should be encourage to that. We need to exercise and to show that Yes! The power of God is still alive. We need to follow this procedure and make sure that things that people know is verifiable and everything is done in their presence.

Now, thank you for that.

Now, viewers does it then mean that what actually makes things happened in the place of prayer, what causes changes in the place of prayer is not just using the name of Jesus as a magic wand or as an icy on top of your prayer. It will have to mean there has to be faith in that name.

Now, you might want to say, is it not enough that when I call the name of Jesus, I've put faith in that name? Well, if you think so, the scriptures beg to differ that just crying and calling the name of Jesus, doesn't automatically put faith in that name. I

will tell you the reason. Because we know the seven sons of Sceva who actually said to that demon, they said in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches. May I then challenge you that they did say in the name of Jesus. They mentioned the name of Jesus.

Now, the reason why the seven sons of Sceva said in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches, because they taught that once you chant the name of Jesus, things will happen. Then we understand that Peter said in Acts 3:16 that it wasn't just that we chanted the name of Jesus, we add faith in that name, and that is why this man's feet were made strong. So it means as a believer, you need to have faith in that name. And that is what we are exploring today. What is in that name? What is that name that Peter said we need to add faith in that name?

Probably one or two of the congregant would have used that name too, would have use the name of Jesus. Because is an hour of prayer. So it tell you that people that believe in prayer and they pray in the name of Jesus. So definitely... so they are people that believe in prayer, it's not just some people that are outside the bandwidth of prayer who doesn't even understand.

So for them to be in prayer, they might want to exercise this thing and put the name of Jesus like what Peter has done, maybe some of them had done that in the past. And we see congregants... Peter and John was meeting people like like-minded too. So they might have practice this and just use the name of Jesus.

But thank God for the apostolic revelation from Apostle Paul telling them that No! Faith in his name. So that we can get... let's tell you the straight secret. You know there is the surface level knowledge to the deeper level ... do you want to listen to what is this? It's not just the name because they were familiar with the name. Its faith in his name.

And that is what we are bringing you to this evening. That this Exposition will be able to come to the level of having faith in that name. Not just knowing the name or chanting the name. Not just understanding the name. Just coming to the level of having faith in his name. So you come deeper today to the coming to the knowledge of having faith in the name.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, let's say this and as you were saying that, some scriptures came to my spirit and I think I want to help some believers who are thinking about that scriptures. Some might want to tell us and say that the Bible says everyone that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Just call on that name and they shall be saved. Well, when you quote that scriptures, you've got to understand the context in which they are being

quoted. So we might want to look at that scriptures so we can lay the foundation and say it's not just chatting that name that was being made reference to as calling the name.

Now, just a simple reasoning will tell you that Peter said the reason why that man became strong is because there was faith in his name. Does that not mean then the reason why we are not seeing result in our generation as we should is because we are not putting faith in that name.

Look at Romans Chapter 10 verse 13, and see the context where he says everyone that shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. What was he talking about? Is it just saying in Jesus name that he was making reference to about calling on the name of the Lord?

Now until we explore that before we then go forward.

See what he says, look at the context of that in that calling of the name of the Lord that he was talking about.

You can read. What does it says there?

Romans 10

13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Well, does that mean that's what the sons of Sceva were doing? He said whosoever call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Look at the next verse in context.

14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

He is talking about how the calling will be done. You see! The fact is, it's not good enough to just take one verse of the Bible and make a doctrine out of a verse of the Bible. You cannot do that, the Bible says every scriptures is given by the inspiration of God. So scriptures must interprete scriptures.

If you were on this episode, one of our episode when we talked about the again Word of God, that's when we were talking about Satan's temptation of Christ when the devil quoted the scriptures to Jesus. And Jesus said to the devil, it is written again. There is always an again Word.

Now, when you quote Romans 10:13 and says every time I shout in Jesus name in the place of prayer that means am calling upon the name of Jesus. Now see! You didn't finish there because verse 14 is also there. What does it say in verse 14?

How then shall they call on him?

It's telling you how the calling will be done to make it a real calling.

in whom they have not believed.

He says well, there is a how to the calling of the name. It must have been called in the fact that you believed in...he said how shall they call in whom they have not believed? He says your calling must be precipitated by your believe in him.

Now, can you see? every calling that is not precipitated or propel by the believe is just a pointless call. So he didn't tell you to cry the name of Jesus as a magic wand. He says how shall they call? Can you see? He says how will you do the calling? He's talking about how shall the calling be done? He said the call must be done in the fact that they believe on the bearer of the name. If not there is no point of calling. That is why the seven sons of Sceva call on the name. They declare the name and the demon picked them up.

So we are inviting you today to tell you that Peter said the reason why the lame man began to walk wasn't just the fact that we cry in his name. Peter said it was confidence in that name. It was faith in that name. There was a belief that went with the calling of the name. And that is what we are exploring today.

And then before we go on, I want to tell you this. Hebrews 11 says one thing, when we are talking about faith in his name He says without faith it is impossible to please God.

Now, watch this.

He says for whoever comes to God must believe that he is and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. This is how some Christians read it. Some Christians jump the gun. See what he says? When we are actually talking about faith. In most cases, we are talking about how do I use my faith to receive something from God? So we are jumping to the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. That means to reward us with our seeking his face.

But he says No! faith does not stand from there. He says he that come to God must believe that he is. It means there is something you know about him before we talk about you being rewarded in the place of prayer. There has to be something you know about him. He said must believe that he is, and he is the rewarder. That is your receiving. Can you see? The rewarder of them that seek him diligently. It means he is saying that your being able to receive from him will be hampered by what you know of him.

That is why Peter said it was faith in his name. Even though we receive healing for this man's feet. Even though we received deliverance for the lameness of this man. But there was first something about that was confidence in his name. He says he that come to God must believe that he is. What do you know of him? What do you know of his name? Before we talk about Him diligently rewarding you and you getting what you are asking God for.

It means we get stocked at the point of being rewarded in the place of prayer not because God is not answering but there is something we don't know about him. He that comes to God must believe that He is. Faith must have a first principle about him, the bearer of the name. And that is what we are looking at today.

So he says faith in his name. And that is what we are looking at today...

Now, come with us quickly as we begin to explore this. This confidence in the name of Jesus and that is what we are looking at today.

Come quickly with us as we begin to look at Philippians Chapter 2. We are exploring what is in that name? So what is in a name? What is in that name? What am I having confidence in? What am I putting my trust in? What did Peter know about the name that you and I need to know? And Peter said faith in his name will cause revolution, will cause things to happen.

Philippians 2, let's explore what is in a name?

You can please read from verse 5 so we can get this picture.

Philippians 2

5. Le this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it nor robbery to be equal with God

7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men

8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

Now watch that! He says God gave him a name. Now, there is something I want you to think about and I want you to engage your senses at this stage. Because Paul told Agrippa I speak the word of truth and reason. I want you to engage your thinking faculty at this stage and at this point of this teaching.

The Bible says and God gave him a name. I want to call your attention to that word **and**. The reason why that word **and** is so important because he says as a matter of consequences of these things that he went through.

Now, what are the things he went through? From verse 5, 6 and 7 he told us... verse 7 says he made himself of no reputation which means even though he was God, he became man, even though he was God and He was above every elemental powers of this world. He became subject to the things we are subject to. He made himself of no reputation and He was found in the likeness of men. He says he became obedient even to the point of death, the death of the cross. We all know that. We all know what Christ Jesus had to go through so that He can redeem mankind.

Now, what is a bit of a concern to me, he said and God then gave him a name. Is that not confusing to you? I thought that He had the name before all these process.

I thought that he was given the name...

Before we actually go further in Philippians 2:5-11, unless you know this about the name, you cannot have faith in that name. Because the Bible says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. If you don't know about the name, if you don't understand the making of that name, how can you have faith in what you have not heard about? It's just impossible. The reason why so many Christians don't have confidence in the name. The reason why we don't have faith in the name is because we know next to nothing about the making of that name. And that is what we have come to speak to you today about, so that you can build confidence in that name.

Look at Mathew Chapter 1. Now, don't close your Bible, that Philippians 2:5-11, we are coming back to that very soon.

Look at Matthew Chapter 1 you can read verse 21 and see what he says about that name. Because we are looking at the making of that name, so that we can build up faith and confidence in the name of Jesus in the place of prayer.

Matthew 1

21. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

This was before Jesus. This was a prophesy concerning the birth of Jesus.

and thou shalt call his name JESUS:

Now, the question is which is which? When was He given the name? Because this one says, in fact this was a prophetic statement before Jesus was born. He says when you give birth to him, you will call his name Jesus.

Have you noticed he did not say when he actually made himself of no reputation or when he actually goes to the cross and dies and become obedient even to the death of the cross, he shall, call his name Jesus. That is not what he said. That is not what he said. He said, you shall bring forth a Son and you shall call him Jesus at the point of giving birth to him. He has not gone through any process.

Now, Philippians 2: 5-11 says No! The point that the Father gave him a name was after he became obedient to the point of death, the death of the cross and God gave him a name that is above every other name.

Now, the question you are asking is, which is which? When was he given the name? Was it at the point of birth or at the point of when he became obedient to the death of the cross?

Now, to answer that question I will use a modern day example. A contextual example. There is a name and there is a name. Now, for example if we use somebody, a very popular figure maybe a politician or somebody in the business world who is well known, when the person was born, the person had a name. He was given a name. But there is nothing to the name, because of course there is no value or significance to the name. The reason why people build up a name is because when they go through process in life, some of them attain a level of academics excellence, some of them attain a level of political relevance. Some of them attain a level of financial capacity. Some of them attain a level in society and they put value on their name.

So it means they had the name when they were born but they actually went through process to impute significance to that name, so that the name they had at birth doesn't change but what change is the premium that goes into the name. The value that goes into them changes. The title itself doesn't change. If they are call Mr John, they will still be call Mr John. That doesn't change.

So the name of Jesus at birth was still the name of Jesus but there was a switch, there was something that came into that name at the point of death on the cross. And that is what Philippians 2:5-11 was focusing on.

So what Philippians 2:5-11 was talking about is not the same thing that Matthew 1:21... they were talking about two different situations. It's the same name Jesus, but not the same level of significance and value that has come upon that name.

And to summarize it, I will just say after the obedience of the death of the cross, that is when value came on the name. That is where authority came on the name. Authority came on the name, in the same name, there is a switch.

Now, if you noticed, Jesus told them in John 16, He said up till now, you've not asked anything in my name, in that name. Now, the question is, why did Jesus said in that day? The reason why He said in that day, He knew what was going to come into that name. He knew what will come into that name of Jesus. Philippians 2:5 says from verse 5 to 11, he says God has highly exalted him as a consequence of what He went through. God highly exalted him and gave him a name. Can you see? Highly exalted him and gave him a name.

Jesus said to them you've not asked anything in my name up till now, he said in that day, you will asked in my name. He knew what will happened to that name. And that is what we are talking about today.

That means that Jesus was actually prepping the disciples to understand that there is going to be a change. Something will happen to that name and to prepare them for it. There is a going to be a big switch for them and it's going to bring a great transactional change because now, the name begin to deliver, the name begin to yield from the name what they have used before, they already know the name of Jesus before. They are already familiar with the name of Jesus. They go about with him and everything. That something is going to come upon that name and is going to change the value, you can now place premium and you can demand based on the name and things change.

And is going to be a shame for anybody and us in this generation today not to know that something has happened. There is a great shift on the name now. That there is value now in that name. There is a premium in the name.

Jesus paid for it. You know Jesus paid for it. You know some of you who are listening to this today. Some of you are trying to get a higher degree, some of you are going for a higher qualification, some of you want to read further, and while you are doing that, you are trying to put value on your name. That is what you are trying to do. It means

by the time you get the qualification higher than the one you have, it doesn't mean that you name will change as it were being spelt. But the name commands something higher than it was commanding before. The name can open doors. The same name, the same spelling, nothing has changed in the spelling of the name. But something had changed in the value of the name.

The Bible says Jesus going to the death of the cross, something change to the value of the name. He say you need to know what happened to that name. If not, you cannot have confidence in that name. You cannot place significance on that name. And there is something I want you to look at quickly.

I just want to tell our people to know that they should not cut themselves short on the value on that name now. So they should not be dealing with it as if the name of baby Jesus. This one, there is a transactional Value.... same Jesus, same spelling but different now.

So we are opening our eyes to those, to know that there is a value on that name. There is a transactional effect he paid for, on that name of Jesus. So you don't relate with the name like the baby Jesus anymore. It's a name that can deliver. And if you put your faith in his name, it's going to work out miracles just like Peter experience it.

Genesis 11, let's look at it. There was something about the making of the name. That is what the Bible say at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow. The reason why the scriptures can say that confidently, Jesus paid for it. You paid to increase the value on your name in the natural. There is a payment for it. It's not easy.

Even people trying to establish a brand name. It took Jesus making himself of no reputation, it took Jesus to become the likeness of man, it took Jesus to become obedient even to the death of the cross. It took him a lot, he paid dearly for that making. To add value on that name. He paid so much, it was too much price to pay. And then he just says all I want you to do is just know how much I've put in that name.

You know, for example before I gave more illustrations we want to read Genesis 11 verse 4.

See what he says?

Genesis 11

4. And they said, go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. Now, the background of this story were the people who travel to the land of Shinar, those people who were trying to build a tower to heaven.

Now, see what those people said?

4. And they said, go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Now, the question is why do they want to do all this? Why do they want to go through all this stress?

and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Can you see?

They didn't say they were nameless. They didn't say they had no name. They all had names but they said if we want to make a name, we need to keep building. And then we need to keep building, we need to keep paying prices and sacrifices. We need to gain more qualification. We need to do all these, so that we can make a name.

There was something about the making of the name of Jesus that you as a believer need to know, so that when you are speaking and you are giving instruction in the name of Jesus. You know what you are talking about. You know what has gotten into that name. You know the authority, you know the power that has gotten into that name. You know the sacrifice that Jesus went through to put the value on that name.

And that is what these people said in Genesis 11:4, they said we have to build so that we can make a name. Can you see that?

And in our contemporary world, we know that a lot goes into building a brand. Even you know if you mention the name Apple, you know a lots has gone into names like Apple. You understand that some premium, even If you want to get domain name, you know the value of some name. Some names are not even available, even some price... because some people have done a lot, just a simple household name and they have put a lot into it and that is what we say. So you can relate to this by using that example.

Now, something I want to tell you is. If somebody, if any Tom and Dick and Harry on the road gives you a business card and says well, my name is Mr Johnson and give you a business card, you met him on the road and the person just say this is my business card. You might probably throw it away or you might even forget it and wash it with your cloth mistakenly. You know why? You think what is in that name? What is their name? And that is the reason why you just keep the business card carelessly because to you, you are wondering what is in that name?

And again, if a very successful business man, a man that is known worldwide, who is a billionaire gives you a business card, probably you will keep it as precious. In fact some people might even put that business card in a plaque and even cover in a glass and say you know what? This is precious. What makes the difference in how you treated the first business card and the second business card? You know what makes the difference? Because you understood the significance of the name of the second person.

The Bible says the reason why Christian don't place any premium on the name of Jesus. You know why? We don't understand the making of that name. That is why Peter said, this lame man you are seeing, it was faith in that name. It's time we have to arise and understand what was actually made up that name of Jesus. The reason why we don't place value on it is because we think yeah, what is in the name? We might not say that, nobody says with their mouth what is in the name of Jesus? But actions speak louder than voice.

Today, we have to come to tell you about what is in that name? What is in the name? The Bible tells us in Philippians 2:5-11 trying to explain to the believer what Jesus went through for the making of that name. He is saying to you and I, there is so much significance in that name.

And Philippians 2:5-11 now gives us a break down of what Jesus went through for the making of that name. And unless you understand that as a revelation in your spirit, you will not be able to build up faith in that name. Because you will not treat that name with significance. You will not place value on that name. And that is what we see there.

It seems the reason why people are not going to be able to place their faith in the name just like Peter has done and they are relating casually with the name is just because they don't understand behind the scene process. What really happened that brought the shift in the name.

So if we do understand that, we will not be treating the name just like somebody will treating a card carelessly or somebody on the road, just Tom, Dick and Harry. That is the engagement they have with the name of Jesus when they relate with the name of Jesus. It's just like let's use it, it's one of those things. They even have the methods and formula. If this does not work. Let's do it seven times. Let's chant it.

Some people even place some higher premium on the name of a supposedly man of God. They place some particular doctrine, some way of doing things, some places of worship and so they even put the name of Jesus on it but if you understand and that is what we are using this exposition today to understand the behind the scene, the making of that name. What went into that name? If you know what went into it...

So by the time you understand what went into the name, you might be able to understand the significance, then it might propel you to put the belief, you will be able to put your confidence in that name and you might be able to relate with the name differently because you understand the value that is on that name.

So we are inviting you today just like Peter said faith in his name. Confidence in that name. And you see, if we know what went into the name of Jesus. In fact, every other assets that we think we have, will pave away. That is why Peter said, all that I have, I give unto you. It doesn't necessarily mean that Peter was saying he had nothing.

You know, we atimes think when Peter said to the man in Acts Chapter 3, that silver and gold I do not have, but what I have, I give to you. It doesn't mean that Peter was living on the road side without a house upon his head, because we know Peter had a wife according to the scriptures. And we know Peter was caring for his family. We know that. He had a fishing business. And we also know that Peter was a man that was responsible, not just for himself but for other disciples as well.

And if I may add, when Jesus was talking about, the riches and how it will be difficult for rich men to enter...using the symbol of a needle...Peter panic and said what happened to us? He says what about us? When Jesus said it's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom. I thought Peter would have said, well, if is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom, well that is for the rich. Peter said who then can be saved? It will mean that Peter was categorizing himself as somebody that has something.

But when Peter thought about the name of Jesus. When Peter meditated on what went into the name of Jesus. All Peter could just say is, is as if I've got nothing. If we know the making of that name. If we know what is in that name, in fact every other thing that you think are asset for you in life, you will see that they pave out, they are just insignificant compare to what is in the name of Jesus. That is why Philippians 2: 5-11 then says at the name of Jesus, Can you see? That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.

He is trying to tell the believer that, I told you what went into the name. And then I will tell you the power and the significance of that name. Every knee will bow, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father in the Son.

It is good that we get to the point of explaining the Peter and explaining his physical worth to it because some people will think well, you can only be saying you have Jesus when you don't have any other thing, that the name of Jesus or the value of Jesus for those who don't even have any substance, who don't have anything. So people encourage themselves, if you don't have silver and gold then you have the name of Jesus. Is either silver or gold or the name of Jesus just like Peter said in that verse.

So people read their own circumstance into it. They read their own prejudice into it and feel like either you have silver or gold and if you don't have silver or gold, then the name of Jesus is for those who does not have the silver and gold. We found out that that is not. Until you understand the behind the scene, you will be able to understand that. You cannot make that distinction between it.

So people that have silver and gold might have everything summarize, if you understand the value of the name and know that every other thing, the silver and gold they do have, pale in the light of that name, in the value of that name, the glory in that name. And that's what we believe was happening to Peter. He was saying, that silver and gold is nothing. All I have because...weighing the name, the value of the name with the silver and gold...silver and gold is nothing. And so it makes it the only thing I have.

And if you understand that thing, you will be able to come and say like Paul, Christ is our sufficiency because you do have that. Not that because Paul does not have the intellectual capacity, he does not have the intellectual capital, he does have it. He has connection with people. He has Romans citizenship. He has things that makes somebody of value in his time, but yet he knows that Christ is the sufficiency.

So we need you to come to that knowledge today, to the foreknowledge of what happened. What makes the name valuable like this? If you do understand it and you come into the... engage yourself to understand what this thing is about, you will know that every other thing that you may have or you do not have is nothing compare to the value that is in the name.

Thank you for that insight,

It will mean that when you speak to circumstances, you will tell them that listen have only come in the name of Jesus. Then you can tell them, do you know what went into that name? Well, Demon sorry! You are going to listen to this. You are not going to listen to me. Not my holiness, not my power, not my experience in ministry. Not my level of commitment or dedication to the things of God. Not how many souls I have evangelize for the kingdom. Not how many conferences I have organized for the kingdom. Not how many conventions I have organized for the kingdom. Not how many years I have put into this. Not how many souls I have actually blessed. You are saying, well, you need to listen to me circumstances because I have come in the name of Jesus. And let me tell you I know what went into that name. And that is why Peter said faith in his name. Can you see that? Confidence in that name of Jesus. And that is what we see in this place.

It will mean that this generation of Christians that we have in our days, the reason we can then say, am not saying things is that so simple, but we can bring it down to one basic fact. The reason why we are not seeing the result that Apostle Peter saw in his days, we then have to be that, we are not putting confidence in that name. We have other things that we depend or put confidence on.

Now, not things like sinful things, we are not talking things that are unrighteous. Am talking about seemly good things in the kingdom that we will say well, as long as I have done that for the kingdom then God needs to listen to me. Sorry! God doesn't have a respect unto you, if you think that you are that nice, or you are that good. It means you don't know God's stand. Let me tell you this. Peter said, in his name and faith in his name. And let me quickly add this, we made a hint of this in the last episode.

Now, the question I want to ask you is, was Peter not holy? Of course he was holy. He wrote this in 1Peter 1 when he says be ye holy as your heavenly Father is holy? I was just about saying that because it's very alarming for the person of Peter to be saying that, giving a punch to holiness and the person power of holiness. You know you don't expect that. Because some people might feel like somebody berating holiness is somebody who does not take holiness so serious.

So we have Apostle Peter all through the scriptures saying be ye holy as your heavenly Father is holy. Be a holy nations. The same Peter said, we are insisting that the reason why this lame man walk is not because of our holiness. There is always a because in our life that we always make reference to, and that is why we have a problem in receiving answers to prayer.

We always say because and we said before for those that are thinking about Hezekiah's prayer and when Hezekiah went to God and said Oh God, because of the things I have done for your household, that is why you need to listen to me. It means you are praying the Old Covenant prayer. And the Bible says if you are a minister of the Old Covenant, it will minister death into your life. 2Corinthians 3. You can go and read it. It's a ministration of death and condemnation. That is why we are able minister of the New Covenant.

And that is what we have come to talk to you about today. That it's high time we place premium and significance on that name of Jesus. And we've come to show you what was in that name. What was in the making of the name of Jesus?

If we know what went into the making of the name. Every other thing that you think you have, you will just throw it away that you have as an assets to think that is the reason why demons must flee. That is why you think the reason why your circumstance must change in the place of prayer, every other reason that you have, you just drop it if you know what went into the name of Jesus.

Just like the holiness and personal power receive a fertile boost, some other things like fasting because some people place much premium on their fasting. Because they have the grace to go into one marathon. So they really put premium, and they've attach result to their fasting. So you could attach anything, result to anything. Some people they are style. Because they felt like they are very simple, they are living like a minimalist lifestyle. They are living away from other people, they are living in the bush. And because of that, they have attachment.

So whatsoever it is, whatsoever that is convenient for you. Whatsoever that is even of noble things, good things just like holiness is good. Walking in the power is good. Prayer and fasting is good. We are not discrediting that, even Apostle Peter was not discrediting that, in all of the other passages. But to know that, we just want you to put the name of Jesus where it belongs. Understand the value that is on that name, that these supersedes and is above every of this simily good things that people aspire to or we encourage other people to walk in, to walk in holiness because we are holiness nation, to walk in fasting, do all those things but the name of Jesus tells about this. There is a value on that name. And that's what we call you to understand.

We want you to come to the experience and begin to relate to this thing, not casually like you used to do before, not that you used to do a minute ago. That you understand this in the new light of the New Covenant, that something happen to this name and that was what Jesus was saying in that day...

So we are trying to bring you back to ... it has happened before, so you don't need to look forward to maybe it's going to happen. It has happened before. So to take you back to it. Something happened to that name and you need to be aware of it. And then you don't just need to be aware, you need to be mentally engage with it. And you need to be stimulated and you need to change everything, you need to change the way you go about negotiating. You need to go about, walk in that confidence with the bounces in your step, knowing that you know the value of that name.

And that is what Peter was able to do with the crippled man because he knew that, he had confidence, faith in the name because he actually understand. And that is what the book of Romans that we shared before was saying how will they call unless they believe in that name? It's just chanting unless they know what is in that name, unless they believe in that name, how will they call?

So whatever your relationship you have with the name before that is not sitting, premise on the belief and confidence in the name, that is not sitting on the faith in the name. It's a chant. Like saying in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches and they began to say, I mean is just a chant.

Now, let say this quickly. I want to give you an illustration and I want you to think about it. If the richest man in the world at the moment, let's imagine that Bill Gates gives you a business card. Somebody posted the card to you and say, Bill gates said he want you to come and have a meeting with him just for 30mins. And then will you think that you will say in your mind and say well, I have got some business to attend to and I've got to my normal things to attend to, I don't think I will have the time, you can tell him that when I'm done with my own engagement, I will try to see him.

Well, not many people will say that. All you will do is drop... in fact you will cancel your appointment, you just ask yourself a question, all these things I have been doing, of what point is it? That is how we are supposed to view the name of Jesus.

And does it matter every other thing I think we can use as a tool? They are irrelevant. You need to drop all those things. And say well, this is irrelevant. That is why Peter dropped good things. Peter said not by our own power. Peter said not by own holiness. Peter said I don't have silver... Peter picked everything that people could use. Peter said I will rather drop all these things, of what point are they to make a lame work? That is the same relationship we need to have with the name. That is how I gave you an illustration of a very important personality giving you a business card. You will not say you have some engagement. You will cancel your appointment.

I have heard of people who spent 6, 10hrs, even some people spend so many hours sitting down trying to talk to a man, trying to seek audience with a man. Some will go and sit with the secretary of a man 3, 4, 5 hrs. People that do such things, they are not jobless, they've got job to do. They got other engagement. But the reason why they sat down there for 6hrs, waiting to see this man in question is because to them, that is

more important than every other engagement or appointment they simily had before that time.

That is how the Lord wants you to view the name of Jesus. And that is how you relate with the name of Jesus. That is what it means to have faith in the name of Jesus. Can you see why Peter said, it was faith in his name? Not just that we chanted his name. It was confidence in that name.

And how do I know you have confidence in that name? You will drop every other thing. Every other thing you could have used as a reason to boast and say this is why God must answer my prayer or every other reason you can say this is the reason why demon must listen to me or this is the reason why my sickness has go or every other thing you think you can lay hold on. You just drop them because you can see the making of that name. And that is what we have come to present to you today.

And that is what Peter did, the spiritual evaluation in which he dropped silver and gold, physical things, and he dropped spiritual things. So people just not going to drop physical things will drop spiritual things in the light of that name. So we today we cancel every causal engagement to the name of Jesus, every mindless play and chanting around. People are dealing with that name as if they are dealing with the prophet of Baal, you know the prophet of Baal when they are calling... people are used to calling... they call idol... how shall they call unless they believe? So it's telling you how the calling should be done. Not just the call. He said, how shall they call unless they have the faith in what they are calling?

So there is nothing special in calling of name. History is replete with idols that are being summon, people call names and people even call the name of their mother, their father when they need help. People call for help. So calling out is not something special but calling out the name of Jesus too can just be like the prophet of Baal when they are trying to summon so some people are dealing like that with Jesus, calling Jesus just like those people, just chanting and calling it... Just like Jesus being replaced like another idol.

But today we are putting faith to that. He said how shall they call unless they believe? We are putting faith to the name for you to understand... the knowledge of the name, and the relationship you have with the name should rest on the premise of the belief, the faith, that there must be a faith in the name before you call the name. You must really have the faith.

Thank you for that.

Do you know what amazes me before we go to the next verse? What amazes me about this name was, even the disciples of Jesus in Luke Chapter 10 verse 17.

Now, Jesus had not even gone to the cross. Jesus had not even gone through the procedure that Philippians 2:5-11 gave to us as the reason why the Father then highly exalted him and gave him a name.

Now, listen to this. He says the Father exalted him and gave him a name. You can't disengage that. It means it was his exaltation that gave value to his name. That is why I told you that people's name are pointless. It is the person that gives value to their name. There are some people today, for example if I mentioned Barack Obama, Barack Obama 20years ago or 25years ago, if you say Barack Obama, people will say who is that? What are you talking about, 25years ago? But if you say Barack Obama now, it wasn't that the name was still Barack Obama. The name didn't change. It was still the same name. But what happened to the name is because the person that bears the name actually, his level of significance increase and that then put something on his name.

And that is why Philippians 2 says that the Father highly exalted him and then gave him a name. He was exalted and the name too went up. It's the person that gives value on the name.

And the Bible is telling you and I, that unless you understand the making of the name, how can you build up faith for what you don't understand. And that is what we are looking at today.

Quickly follow us to Acts Chapter 4 as we look at something.

What we are doing today, we believe the Lord to actually in a way precipitate or in a way accelerate in our heart, in our minds the premium that we put on the name of Jesus that will make you drop every other thing that you think is your asset in the place of prayer.

Now look at Acts Chapter 4 verse 10,

Now, watch this... This is still Peter giving a commentary about the lame man.

Is not even trying to get over this circumstance, over this situation. After this miracle Peter was still talking about it.

Now watch what Peter said...

Acts 4

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Now, I want you to just listen to this slowly so that we can get it. Peter is making two different claims at the same time in the same sentences and is a bit confusing. Now see what Peter said.

He is making two different claims or it looks like there are two different claims. Let see what he says. Who was responsible for this lame man to walk again? Now, it's the same story, initially it was in Acts 3:16 but it has spill over to Acts 4:10. Peter is giving a commentary on the same miracle.

Now see what Acts 4:10 says. What does it says again?

Acts 4

10. Be it known unto you all,

Now, it involves you. Be it known to you as well.

and to all the people of Israel,

Everyone that is listening to this

Now, what does he says?

that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

Peter is saying it was by the name of Jesus. Yes we know that already. Thank you Peter for saying that. You said what you said in Acts 3:16. Peter you are repeating the same thing. So I understand that. That makes sense. Acts 3:16 is also in Acts 4:10 that it was by the name of Jesus. It was faith in the name of Jesus. That is understandable.

Now, let's look at, is there something else he is claiming?

whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead,

Ok!

even by him

What happened by him?

doth this man stand here before you whole.

Now, clearly speaking if you have your Bible there, it means Peter is making two different claims. Peter says it was by the name of Jesus, then Peter says it was by him

then which one is it? Was it by the name or by him? Because I thought if Peter says it was faith in his name, it would have be Peter pointing to the lame man and says I say in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk. But Peter said yes! It was in his name, but Peter said it was actually by him. What does that tell you and I?

What are we talking about today about what is in a name? We are simply trying to say that when you say in the name of Jesus, you are not just declaring the name of Jesus into the circumstance. What you are simply doing is, bringing Christ himself into it. It is now Christ into the circumstance.

When we talked about a name, people often think we are saying about the fact that just chant the name of Jesus and release the name of Jesus. No! Peter said it was in his name. But Peter said No! It was actually by him. He was the one responsible. It means, faith in the name of Jesus is making Jesus responsible and that is the reason why demons cannot just but leave.

So when you say in Jesus name. Your revelation needs to go beyond the fact that you releasing the name, you are not releasing the name of Jesus. You are bringing Jesus into it. This is... Jesus is taking responsibility for what you are doing. Peter said it was in his name, and it was by him that it happened at the same time, simultaneously. You are bringing him into it.

And that is the reason when we have people in embassies, you know when an ambassador of a particular country actually goes into another nation to represent that nation. It's often said and this is the fact and reality, that the man, the ambassador, whatever he does, whatever he says, it is his country that said it. They will never say Oh, the ambassador of that country said this, what they end up saying is this particular country has said this. It means, the ambassador of any country is not just representing the name of the country, he is representing the country.

And then Peter then said with confidence it was not just in the name of Jesus. It was actually by Jesus. This is the revelation that we need to bring into the place of prayer. So anytime you says in Jesus name, what do you think about? Anytime you say in Jesus name, what revelation actually is birthed in your spirit?

Do you understand how Peter... now I understand why that lame man walk now. I understand why the lame man walk because Peter is saying it was Jesus that was literally responsible for what happened. It wasn't just his name. His name makes him responsible in the circumstance. That is the level of faith that we need to have in the name of Jesus. That when you say in Jesus name, in your spirit man, you **are literally seeing Christ responsible for whatever you are saying.** And that is what the scriptures tells us here in Acts Chapter 4 verse 10.

Bringing Jesus into the situation to be responsible for it. So not just his name, you are bringing him literally... So it means everything in that circumstance is not responding to you. It's responding to Christ Jesus. Because you have brought his name into it. So Peter is telling us now, anytime you bring the name of Jesus. You need to see beyond that you said the name of Jesus. You need to see the reality that Christ is literally standing in the face of whatever you are talking about. And that is why demons actually fled from them in the Acts of the Apostle. And that is the reason why lameness actually came back to strength of legs in this book of Acts.

So it means unless the church of Christ, if you are listening to this and you believe in the power of prayer, you believe in the strength of prayer. This could be the missing link in your prayer life. That you put so much confidence, so much faith in the name of Jesus up to the point that in your spirit man, you are literally seeing Christ right there in what you are praying about. And that is what we have come to show you today on this Knock Out series on prayer.

I hope this apostolic insight will revolutionize our relationship with that name, so that we are going to live this page having a different level of relationship with the name of Jesus. We know the name Jesus before, we already know what it is, you call it but today we understand what we just shared and then I am going to close with this verse 10 saying be it know to you. It seems that Peter could not get over it.

And so today, you should not get over it. You should not get over it. Faith in the name! He couldn't get over it. He was talking about it. He was saying be it known. They saw it. He had explained it before in Acts Chapter 3, saying be it known unto you... and to all the people of Israel, people that were not even present there, when the thing happened.

So it's applicable to you today. You might say you are not there at the beautiful Gate, you were not there. But he was talking to them, be it known to you people that were there and to all the people of Israel. So is up to you today, be it known to you.

So we are saying what happened, the value that came on the name of Jesus. The faith! All the transactional relationship that came, that make it to transit from not just being an ordinary name to the name that opens doors. The name that come into situations and get things done. The name that get responsible for things, to change things. Be it known to you. And that is what this Expose today is anchor on, that it should be known to you that faith in this name. That bringing the name and bringing him into the situation. The name brings him. He says do you know that? His name is literally responsible. It means, you can make him responsible. It's beyond you now. The case has gone beyond you now. So it means you can't be accused again. No condemnation again. Nothing can disqualify you from receiving answers anymore. Because the case has gone out of your hand. It is now Christ now, literally responsible. That is what it means there.

So if you really understand, you can make Christ responsible for situation. You can make him responsible and instead of putting the strain on yourself. Putting the strain on your silver and gold, on your purity, on your holiness, on your power, putting the burden on that. You can't do that!

Just be smart like Peter. Peter had all those things, he dropped them. He dropped the silver and gold, he dropped the holiness, he dropped the power, fasting and make Christ responsible. Just calling Jesus into it. That Jesus be responsible for it. Not just by calling, just as we have shared. Just by you understanding, having the belief system that rests on the knowledge of what happen, in the making of the name.

I hope you do understand this. I hope it's not too deep for you. I hope that you will just sit down and think about all these and then you will be able to work out this. With the new level of light, understanding that there is something in that name of Jesus. And that is what we have come to share with you.

So if this blesses your heart, we really want you to hit us back with comments, with any questions, anything that need clarification and I want you to share it with your networks and contacts about this. What is in a name?

I believe if we understand this teaching today, if men, women, boys and girls, young and old understand what we have taught today, we will see many more dead rise. We will see many more lame walk. We will see many more circumstances change supernaturally because literally we now see what Peter understood when he said the name of Jesus. Acts Chapter 4 verse 10 exposes the mentality of Peter when he said the name of Jesus.

So lame situations, people's position begin to get strengthen because they received strength in their ankles today by just understanding. So we can come to situation and get situations changed as we move about, as he was going about in going to prayer, he got things changed. He knew something about the name. He knew something about the name and that is what we've seen.

And if I just want to say we are going to be in Bradford city next week on Tuesday, you might want to join us. We are having a ministration. On Tuesday 7pm we will be having a live ministration in Bradford.

You can check on page, you will get the flyers on the page.

So tomorrow 9am UK time, we really want you to continue with us as we continue on this exploring more of God's Word.

So till we see you we want you to share this with your contacts. So till we see you 9am UK time tomorrow.

There is something in the name of Jesus, Go work it out!

We want to say, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him

God bless you.

Bye!!!