

## **Exposé 247**

### **Bucket Ministry Series 11**

#### **Title: Gospel Renewal**

Last time we were on your face, we were talking about the gospel for every day life, that is the gospel that is applicable for every situation, in every geographical location, whichever profession you are, whether you are a palace chef or you are even the prince on the throne, this is the gospel for everyday life. And so we want to continue from that, but don't forget we are on the Bucket Ministry Series.

Thank you.

Listeners, like she has said, we've been on the Bucket Ministry Series and I think on the last count, we had ten episodes recently, so this is the eleventh episode of the Bucket Ministry Series.

Now, let's say this, in our last transmission there was a point where we stopped and we are going to pick up from there today.

We actually stopped at the point where we did say the gospel is not just something that is going to stay within the conferment or four walls of the church. The gospel is meant to be for everyday life. It's meant to be on the street, is meant to be in the palace, is meant to be on the dung hill, the gospel is for every day life, everywhere.

Every gospel that limits everything to spirituality and says Christ has forgiven you your sins and is all about your spiritual life, and that is it. Then you can just go out there and live like anyone else in the natural, that is not the true gospel. And we went through quite a number of scriptures. We invite you to look for that episode and listen to it very well.

And today we are going to continue from there, by going straight to the book of Philippians Chapter 4. So we invite you in this spiritual gospel exercise.

Philippians 4, you may want to read from verse 9,

#### **Philippians 4**

**9. The things which you have learnt and received and heard, and seen in me, passes these things in daily life.**

Can you see that?

**And the God who is the source of peace and well-being will be with you.**

Can you see that?

That couldn't be much more explicit.

He said whatever things you learn, things that you see and things you've learn, they are supposed to impact your daily life. They are supposed to have implications for how you live, what you say, whom you connect with, your mentality, your paradigm, your thinking faculty, your choices in life, your decisions. Can you see?

So the gospel is not where is just something in the spiritual realm, it's supposed to flesh itself out in our lives. And I think the reason why Christians today might have deadlock, when I say deadlock in the fact that there is a separation between that which is spiritual and that which is natural for us, could be this particular phrase in Philippians 4: 9. He says the things you have learnt.

I think the learning curve is the problem. So it's one thing that we have received of Christ, is a different thing that we have learnt of Christ. And that is the reason why there is a place in the epistles where the Apostle Paul did say you have not so learnt Christ. And I think this is the reason, people have things they have not learnt about, and that is why we are here on this Bucket Ministry Series, not just that you have believed in Jesus Christ or the gospel of Christ, but we need to learn what we have believed.

So Apostle Paul was saying the things that you have learnt. Can you see? So the learning is where there is short circuit for so many people. Can you see, we have to learn, that is why we are on this Series.

So when we learn the gospel, if we learn Christ and we process Christ. It actually affects our daily living according to Philippians 4:9.

Can you go on please?

Verse 10

**10. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that now at last you have renewed your concern for me, indeed you were concerned about me before but you had no opportunity to show it.**

**11. Not that I speak from any personal need**

Now watch verse 11, that is the key verse we are looking into. Now he says for those of you who probably don't understand the backlog or background of Philippians Chapter 4, this particular Chapter we are reading.

It's about the fact that the Apostle Paul was writing to the Philippians brethren in terms of ministering to him and other saints physically, financially speaking. So this is just a response to what the Philippians have done in terms of giving to the needs of the saints.

So this is the background of Philippians Chapter 4, but we don't have time to go through all that. We are really drawing out the implication of the gospel for that.

Now, go back to verse 11

### **11. Not that I speak from any personal need**

Now, Paul said I do not speak from any personal need.

Go on please

### **for I have learnt**

Now, before you go on, you know some ministers of the gospel or some people who preach and merchandise people and take money from them and try to exploit the weak and exploit those who are not thinking in the body of Christ today, this is one of the few verses that they tend to use to actually justify their greed.

They said is not because I need your money and all that. Well, people always say put your money where your mouth is. If you are going to say that is not because you have need that is why you are raising the offering or people to give, well, you have to prove it. The Apostle Paul proved it in Acts 20. He proved it when he said my own hands have labored for me and those who are with me. He proved it by the way he lived his life.

So it means if you have spoken to people who were following Paul about in ministry, they would have told you that Paul was a tentmaker and from the proceeds of his own hands, Paul was not just blessing himself financially, he was blessing those who are with him.

So Paul has earned the credibility to make this kind of statement in Philippians, to say is not because I want something from you, yes, he had the right to say that because he had proved it, by the way he had lived his life.

And we can see the ethos of his missionary work, some people are running without any ethos,

That is the point!

In fact there was a church, the Corinthians church that Apostle Paul refused to take any benefit from them financially because he did say the reason he wasn't going to do that is because the Corinthians brethren has not come to maturity to understand the implication of what they are doing. So he said, even though you gave to other Apostles, he said but I will rather glory in the Lord, I will not even take from you.

So Paul has grown to the point where he had earned the credibility to make this kind of statement in Philippians 4:9. So it means not everyone who says is not because I don't need... you don't need to tell us, we need to see it.

So is not enough to have the revelation of this, because some people are very... and people have some depths and insights and they have revelation they can preach about this, and talk so well about this, but they lack the credibility. So is not everybody that earns the rights... spiritual integrity to actually say things like this.

So is not enough to just have the revelation, you just have to earn the rights to even talk about that kind of revelation.

So when Paul says is not because I have need of your resources, we know is true, because we've seen him demonstrated this over and over again in the book of Acts, in the book of Corinthians, he demonstrated it literally. So we see that.

Yes, I may just want to bring it back when I was talking about is not everybody that's got the right to talk about a particular revelation even though the revelation is right, the theology is right, some people might want to say the question and say Paul too did not marry when he was giving advice to married people, what do you want to say about that?

Because some people might say why will you say people have not earned the right when they have the divine interpretation and revelation?

May I say is not about the fact that...I wouldn't like to use the word that he had the right because it could bring a sense of pride or self-accomplishment in the gospel. I don't think the use of the word earn the right is a right thing.

I think the better word to use will be to simply say that in the gospel of our Lord Jesus, if you believe in a revelation and you live a life contrary to the revelation that you are proclaiming, is hypocrisy. And that is why the Apostle Paul did say in Philippians where he was saying there are some people whose god is their belly, and he says whose end is destruction, avoid such people.

Now, the reason he mentions such people is those people actually say one thing, but what they said, they claim they serve the Lord, but they are serving their belly. Their choices, their decisions, you can see in everything they decide to do, in things that they decide to go with or follow in ministry or in their daily life, is all about their stomach and their belly. Though they say one thing, but they actually actively live in a contrary world.

So what you want to say is, some people who carried this kind of revelation, they only pay lip service to it, their actions run contrary to what... it doesn't correspond. That is a better word to put it, rather saying we have to experience everything in the gospel before we can teach it. That will not be because you see what Paul said to Timothy, he

says the things that you have heard of me, he said commit them to faithful men who will also be able to teach others.

Can you see? He says what you heard, teach others. He didn't say what you heard and you have lived through everything you heard, then you are now qualify to teach others.

But what the scriptures is against are people who are hypocritical, who actually believed a revelation and try to twist the gospel and yet how they live their lives and their life decisions run contrary to the very things they are saying. That is the very thing we have to stand against in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So when Paul is saying here in Philippians 4: 11 is not because am telling you this because I want something from you. When Paul said that, all we have to do is, look back and look at his track record, how far is true?

In fact the reason why Paul met Priscilla and Aquila, he met them not in the church, he didn't even met them... he met them on business. And the reason why Paul did that, he said is not even because of me. Maybe if Paul was thinking all about what he is going to put in his stomach or in his table, maybe he won't have gone to tent making. Paul said I did all that so that I can be a blessing to those who are with me in the ministry, so they won't go hungry. Can you see?

So what Paul did in Philippians 4:11, we have to trust it. Some people will say this not because I want your money, you have to be careful. So not everybody that quote this verse... some people quote this verse not because they have good intentions.

And you see if you notice, I will say apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, the second person in the scriptures that I think has been greatly misunderstood or his words has been hijacked is Paul. Even Peter said it, that some people wrest... they take his teachings out of context to their destruction, to their own detriment. That is what Peter said about the Apostle Paul.

So this is what we need to be careful. But you see for those of you who have good intentions, who actually want to follow the Lord in the gospel, in the epistles. Just because some people are merchandising some scriptures and taking advantage of those scriptures to manipulate the weak does not give you the right to shun from those scriptures.

We can't do that because if you do, if you don't stand for the truth then you give enough room for deceivers to take advantage of the very same scriptures.

So we have come today to say well, this scriptures is correct, this is a great scriptures but at the same time we have to watch it, that when people quote this scriptures they don't take it as a means to manipulate the weak and that is what we are talking about.

Now, that you are mentioning Aquila and Priscilla and I think another reason why people should think of going to tent making ministry like Apostle Paul did, is like we see the exceptional life of Aquila and Priscilla, we see the influence of this couple on Paul, in the churches in the book of Romans. We see the effect on Apollos, we see how they have their own school of ministry, because most people are thinking until when I go and establish and look for a place that is why I can do school of ministry, people actually think you can only do fellowship even in the house alone. You can actually have a school of discipleship. You can have school of ministry right in your own home, right in your tent making business.

But we found out that Paul did not meet this wonderful couple on the street, during evangelism raid, he met them in tent making business. That is why so many Aquila and Priscilla that are in the tent making that we are missing out by restricting ourselves, limiting our sphere of influence to one congregation, to one building that we need to be and we should be more outgoing. We should embrace this tent making business in whichever the skills that the Lord has given us because there are some Aquila and Priscilla whom will influence the great Apollos.

That is fine. Thank you for actually raising that issue.

Now, I think that actually draws parallel to some of our previous episode where we actually make reference to the fact that this concept of saying that you have a natural life, a secular life and a spiritual life that people are coming into is because we don't have the full understanding of the gospel. And we saw that work was before the fall, is that ok?

Is either you are making tent or whether you are preaching on the pulpit, you've got to understand the fact that you are doing the work of God. People always think you are only doing the work of God when you are not on the pulpit and if you are doing tent making, you've wasted so many hours in tent making. Can you see?

We understand whether we minister to the spirit of men, or to the soul of men or to the body of men, we are on God's assignment. And if people understand that, there will be no pressure to say until I get into the pulpit. In fact people who have such concept of seeing life and the things that come with their life as a ministry to the Lord, most such people are much more effective in their daily work to preach the gospel to people, even without opening the scriptures.

Because people that think unless I get to the church meeting in the evening, unless we get to the camp meeting during the conference period that is when I know that I have gone to worship the Lord. People that have such notions are the ones that are mostly useless in their secular work to be a blessing to others.

And how could we even prove this scriptures right? how do we embody and live out this scriptures that say you are epistle that people are reading, maybe in your congregational meeting, you hold the Bible and everything and when you are in your tent making business, the only way they can read the scriptures is by your actions, the way you talk, in those meeting and interaction and that is where you give the people the opportunity to read the epistles.

And so you want to give people the opportunity to read the epistles, most of the people that will not come, is not everybody, you cannot house everybody. No matter how you dredging the auditorium and say we are going to spread it, we are doing expansion business, we are clearing out land, we cannot get all the nations to come in, even it doesn't make any sense geographically and so people will not all come. But yet people can meet you, they can read the epistles, even people that will not come through our daily lives. And so we need to take this aspect serious, the tent making business serious.

Do you know one thing you just talked about, as you were speaking I have this thing that came up in my spirit that the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs to go back to the basis.

Now, the reason is, if we are just only keen about the building and the physical edifice, what happens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century when the world is going internet prone, when everything is now... people go to school online, people get degrees online without even physically getting to the building, even people building relationship online, people making marital commitment, people date online and marry just by connecting to people online, people do courtship online, people do everything online without... things that used to be done face to face and in buildings are now being done without physical contact.

What happens to the church who believe the fact that unless we get people into the building before we can affect them? I am just trying to tell you that there is no such things in the gospel of the Lord Jesus. He said **go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you, for lo am with you to the ends of the world.** If it is about building in that scriptures, it means he says take that scriptures and go and affect your generation.

So it doesn't matter whether is inside or outside of building. We are the one that reduce it and say until I get to the building am serving the Lord.

And some says until when I get out.

Whichever way you've got to process that scriptures into your own experience.

That is why I like the place in Ephesians 4 where the Apostle Paul was talking about the new man in Christ Jesus. He said he put off the old man that is always corrupt with his deed and put on the new man who after God is created in true holiness and righteousness.

That is purely spiritual. And there are few verses after that, that Apostle Paul said tell the man that stole to steal no more, the same Chapter, the same place. And let him work with his hands...

And I say Paul what are you talking about? What is the relevance? You first talk about something spiritual, the new man, and you are talking about somebody working with his hand... Paul says it is one and the same thing.

If the man actually understand his new nature in Christ Jesus and understand the fact that all he needs for life and godliness is provided in Christ and his identity is in Christ Jesus, he is secure in Christ, then this man doesn't need people to feel he must satisfy him anymore. Let him go and bless others. It's all about others now, because for him he's already satisfy.

And Paul says is all one and the same gospel, whether you talk about new man. That is why I say people who spend all days , hours and weeks and months in ministry talking about you are new man in Christ Jesus, that is what matters, let us not talk about economies of life, let us not talk about politics of life, people who say that are being insincere.

Because even Apostle Paul in teaching about the new man also connect it with the man daily chores. Can you see? This is the gospel for every day life. This is the gospel that affect and impacts your daily living. Any gospel that doesn't affect you on Monday morning is not the true gospel, we didn't say that, is just the scriptures. That is what we see there.

So just telling us today reminding us to live naturally and supernaturally..

That is just the point.

The gospel has to be... we must draw the implications of it. And we cannot be religious about it. And I say is not about dos and don't. You know we can't have a table and say we have a table where we say the check list this is what you do, this is what you don't do.

For example, I think we make reference to this in Galatians 2: 14, you can read that up by yourself where Peter was eating with those gentiles and when he saw some Jews coming, he had to refrain from eating because when the Jews came in Peter felt within himself that we are Jews, we are better, we are of a pure breed. They have a philosophical morality.

Jews have a special blood than the gentile's blood. I don't want to be caught nerd, I don't other Jews to see in me eating with the underdogs and he decided to refrain from them.

And when Apostle Paul was going to comment on that, Paul didn't draw a check list and say oh! Peter you are breaking the racism rule. Paul didn't say well, Peter you know



what? As believers in Christ Jesus, we are supposed to actually recognize every race, every ethnic background, you are breaking the rules of racism. You know Paul could have said that, but Paul didn't do that. And it would have look morally right and socially sensible.

It is not about the racism rule. In Galatians 2: 14 Paul made an outstanding statement. Paul said Peter, you are not acting in line with the truth of the gospel. Can you see that?

Paul said the way you have responded in natural life is because you have not drawn out the implication of the gospel. It's not about the racism rule, is not about the economic rules, is not about the political rule, is not about the marital rule, is not about business rule, is about this gospel of the Lord Jesus. Peter you've not drawn out the implication and it's affected the way you reacted to other ethnic group.

Is good that you mention that...

Can you see?

Are you asking? What implication of the gospel was he supposed to drawn that on? It was simple. To simply say all have sinned, whether Jewish blood, whether gentile blood, whether blue blood or red blood, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, for God has concluded all under sin, no matter what race. So it could be the gentile race, the Jewish race, all concluded in God's book and under sin. All have since before God.

And if Peter could see that through the gospel, he would have reacted differently to the gentile brethren and say well, we are all in the same book but the fact is, he wasn't processing the gospel.

Look at it, every flaw in your life, every challenge you are having in everyday life, every challenge in your job, every challenge you're having in your financial life, in your relationship, in your connection, could it be that these are things challenging you because you are not drawing down on the implication of the gospel.

I hope our viewers and audience are able to lean on this wisdom of Paul, the approach that Paul is using to resolve doctrinal conflicts and he is not trying to use jet age you mentioned.

And we can see the same similarity when he was addressing the Corinthians church, when those that were having the immorality, the one that was sleeping, there was sexual immorality. He didn't leave them off with doctrinal dos and don't, why you should not do this, checklist! this is how you know... he made that same reference and said know you not?

But today we see people don't use this approach, and just feel like oh! this has happen, we are disappointed, this shouldn't be, this is the rules, this is the rules for this

congregation, this is how to go about it. And so people will now start following rules and see forgetting who they are. But Paul will never use that approach. He went to their basis to say know you not?

And people might look at that today and feel like that was a very lax way, that was not stark, maybe Paul was not serious enough, so you see people they even tag themselves, that we are very disciplinary church, we are holiness... you can't be more concern about holiness than Paul, you can't be more concern about purity than Paul.

So we see Paul's approach to that and say bringing it to the people, know ye not that your body is? And we must do that. We can not put our passion into it with our zeal. Because even if you are zealous about all these things, just like this Apostles that were zealous, you have to come to be disciple. You cannot put your zeal for purity or morality above...

Do you know you've just actually talk on the scriptures in the book of Galatians where he says we know that zeal is good but it must be with knowledge.

Zeal is good but it has to be with knowledge. So the zeal without knowledge is disaster. Because we cannot be different than a moralist.

That is it. And that is what we see there.

That is why I said all these things come down to learning Christ. If you notice in verse 9, he says the things that you have learnt of me. Can you see? That is what Paul said.

Now, I think this is where we need to focus on.... the church needs to come to a point where people learn Christ.

And that is why he's drawing them to the learning, is still a learning process to say know ye not that your body is this rather than using the short cut of rules.

So people that are not ready to do the handwork of learning, teaching or making or reinforcing this understanding of the people will look for the short cut of rules and break down the rules.

The rules are probably quicker but in the long run, they don't have what it takes to transform a heart. They create an hypocrite because is not deep down, inward transformation. Is just something superficial, like the Lord Jesus called the Pharisees whitewashed sepulcher. When you just white wash something, is not really well decorated. It's not renovated from within, is just poor paint and people think is fine but he said inside they are full of dead men bones. See that?

So that is what happened with rules... it just kind of create a vacuum, you think everything is fine but deep down is just rubbish inside. And that is what the Apostle Paul is saying here.

If you notice for some of you asking, we did something about giving and receiving from the Lord, you wonder how do you receive from God?

Look at that verse 9, see what he says?

Read the first phrase

**Those things which you have learn and received,**

Can you see that?

You can't receive what you have not learned. That is why is one thing that the Lord has given us all that we need, we still need to receive it, to draw down... is just like making a withdrawal in the bank. Is one thing that I put money in your bank account, you need to withdraw that money for it to benefit you.

And Bible says here you've got to learn and receive, you cannot received of the benefit of Christ if you don't learn. You can't jump to receiving. He says those things that you have learnt and received. Can you see?

When you learn you received, you draw down on what you heard when you actually learn.

That is why this kind of transmission is not something you can take with levity. This is a learning curve. This Bucket ministry is a learning curve for believers in Christ Jesus.

So I think we have to go back to verse 11 where we are.

Now, the b part of verse 11.

**11. Not that I speak from any personal need, for I have learnt to be content and self-sufficient through Christ, satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or uneasy regardless of my circumstances.**

Now thank you for that.

Now this is the crux now because from what he just said, this version says **I have learnt in whatever state I am to be content.**

Now I like the one in your translation it says sufficient...

You know 2Corinthians Chapter 9 where he says **and God is able to make all grace abound towards you.**

Now, **you having sufficiency**, you can replace that word you having **satisfaction in all things**

Now what does that means? This is very powerful when he says in all things...

I want you to look at your life and look at all things. Every section, every department that you can break anybody's life into, you can have categories and sub categories of life classification. Be it financial, relationship, marital, family, job, whatever classification you can bring life into, he says there can be sufficiency in every department.

Now, I know when you think about that kind of scriptures, you are wondering how practicable is this? How pragmatic can this be because even the very Apostle Paul who did say in all things, who actually did that in 2Corinthians 9, you are wondering did he really have all things met in his own life when he was preaching the gospel? Did he really have all things in place? Did he really have everything settle for him or sorted out for him?

Well, today might not be a time to do this kind of extensive analysis but let me just quickly mention this...

Well, practically speaking I wouldn't think so because if you look at the fact that even in terms of the finances, why would the Apostle raising offering for the brethren in Chapter 8 of 2Corinthians, for those in Macedonia, asking them to give for the need of the saints? If Paul had all that sufficiency in money physically speaking, he could have just have given everything to them or why would he have to work with his own hands if everything was there in his bank account?

How do we then understand the sufficiency in all things that the Apostle was talking about? It has to mean that there is a sufficiency or there is a satisfaction that comes with all things. I repeat, there is going to be a satisfaction...

So we need to understand what that all things means?

It's not about all things, is about what is satisfaction in all things?

Oh! the difference is not even the things, what satisfaction means in all those things.

It means in everything, in every department of life a man can be satisfied.

Now what Paul didn't say... you know this is where people read... that is why Jesus said about the lawyer, what did the scriptures says? How do you read it?

The scriptures say one thing, we can read it in a way based on our paradigm or our mentality or the background of where we came from. That is why Thessalonians says that the Word of God will have free course among you.

God's Word need to have free course. What people think he says is that you will have sufficiency from all things.

Am trying to think about that. There is difference between what that means from all things and in all things. What do you think the difference is?

Of course is pretty obvious, because we say from all things, it means every single department of your life will give you sufficiency. It means those things themselves are the one that will supply the sufficiency, which is the limitation of humanity in our generation.

To get satisfaction from all things, I look to all things. I look to my career so that it can give me the sufficiency. It means I will need 10 billion of whatever currency in my account so that I can know yes! I am satisfied or I need to look at the fact that my family is exactly in a way I need it to be, now am satisfied. Or I need to look at the fact that my job is in an exact position or situation or status I want them to be, now am satisfied. That is me getting my sufficiency **from all things** because all things are there to provide sufficiency for me. That is the meaning of the word **from all things**.

And that is why that didn't make sense when the Apostle Paul said that, we would have query him and said, you can't just say you have sufficiency from all things, because we know the fact that you were shipwreck?

Some even says when he was arrested, he was in a rented house or...

The fact is, it doesn't matter what you say, we can prove from the scriptures that he didn't have everything going great for him. That is the fact. Psychologically, he was manipulated even by false brethren, people were against him.

And for some of us, for us to have satisfaction from relationship, everything need to be at peace. We need to have to get to the point where is not that somebody is against you, somebody is not plotting to kill you, and say well, everybody is fine with me, nobody is trying to seek my downfall. We saw that these are not true for Apostle Paul in his life.

He said he was beaten, these were not true, in fact he was somebody under tension. In fact if we have the time, we could have read 2 Corinthians 4 where he proved that he was perplexed on every side not in despair. He said he was cast down, often in hunger that does not show somebody that has it all together... He said cast down but not destroyed.

He was cast down. So looking at Paul's natural circumstance... let's be careful now. We cannot just speak only about the negatives of Paul. Paul had positives as well, I mean great positives because he was from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Pharisee of Pharisees, it means he had a great social status as well. Is that ok? And concerning the law, he was blameless (Philippians 3)

So he had high moral standing! He had a reputation. He had great things for him and scholarly whom he leant under, Gamaliel and see how the social class and he knew people.

In fact, when he was persecuting the church before he became born again, we knew he was taking letters from authority. He was well connected.

He was a Jew but yet he had dual citizenship. Somebody today, he has two passports!

Even you know passports are not on the same level, he had a prestigious passport, everybody will want to be a Roman citizen at that time, you see the privilege...Exactly! Because they were the one ruling the world,

He used it that he should not be beaten.

So we are not just highlight Paul negatives, we are highlighting Paul positives as well. Paul had both, can you see that?

But the reason why we are talking about his negative first, is because we are looking at the fact that, there is no way Paul could have gotten sufficiency from all things. Can you see?

So we cannot read 2Corinthians Chapter 9 where he says you having sufficiency, you only having sufficiency in all things, he didn't say from all things. Because people that teach **sufficiency from all things**, and they didn't not know they are interpret it as from all things, they say in all things.

What they are trying to do is they will say you need to have this level of substance, so that you can get the sufficient.

When they pray for you, they say I pray for you that you will be sufficiency in all things, though they are saying that, but the mental picture they have is, I pray that everyone is not fighting you anymore. I pray that everything works well for you tomorrow in the natural, or I pray that you get the best of tomorrow.

Now, are we saying God doesn't work these things out? God does! God answer prayers, does supernatural things. God make ways where there is no way. God makes the impossible possible and we have to believe God for that like Apostle Paul did. He believed the Lord for the impossible, for great deliverance, they happened. We are not downplaying that, please don't misquote us.

The sufficiency is not from those things, that is what we are saying.

That means it's not a problem for you to believe the Lord for bountiful harvest. The Lord have bountiful harvest, and he does. And he takes delight in the prosperity of his servants. It's not just blessing people, he takes delight. Just like you take drug, medication, he gives him great joy doing it. But the problem is taking your satisfaction and sufficiency from those bountiful harvest or you are waiting until there is bountifulness before you can derive sufficiency. It's anti-Christ.

That is why he says sufficiency in all things, not from all things. I hope that clarifies that preposition there.

Now, so what he says and God is able to make... now you wonder how does somebody then has **sufficiency in all things**?

Back track on that verse.

It means he says **and God**, watch that!

**He is able to make all grace abound towards you.**

So the problem we do have is, understanding the gospel of grace. This is it! Grace is the problem. Understanding the gospel of grace.

Why I say the gospel of grace? It will sound like there are different kinds of gospel and if you think about it, in Galatians Chapter 1 when the Apostle Paul was scolding or reprimanding the Galatian church, for giving up on the reality of Christ and succumbing to nonsense and all that around them.

The Apostle Paul said one thing, he said you are so removed from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ unto another gospel. I repeat that, he said why have you so removed from the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ unto another gospel? It means any gospel that does not elevate the grace of Christ is another gospel. You don't have ...if you are preaching the gospel, if you are not going to talk about the grace of God, you have no business talking about the gospel, that is what Apostle Paul was saying.

If you are not preaching this, you are preaching another gospel.

So please on this transmission Bucket Ministry Series, we have the right in the Holy Ghost to either use the word the gospel or the grace of our Lord Jesus, we are saying the same thing. It is not that there are two different things as we can see from that Galatians Chapter 1...

Back to 2Corinthians 9, he says **God is able to make all grace...**

The understanding of the grace of God, understanding of the gospel...

He says God is able to make that understanding come to you, and that will give you something, sufficiency... So the sufficiency come from the grace, not from those things. So that when you have the sufficient from the grace, then you can have sufficiency in the midst of everything.

So you get the supply from something else and use it. It's like supply and demand. It means you get the supply from a different source and you go and use it in the midst of something else.

Can you see?

So you get supply by grace, sufficiency come from the understanding, learning the gospel of the grace, you keep learning the gospel, the more you learn, the more sufficiency well up in your spirit man, so when go into the midst of all things, you are just walking with sufficiency.

Have you thought about it that there are some people are reversing this order, that they get those things and they want it to supply the grace...they use the things and from that they feel like they will get the sufficiency of grace from the abundance of those things. They reverse the order.

And that is the very thing we are talking about, you see what the gospel does to you is that it tells you, for example the gospel tells you, you are much loved. Think about it, see what Christ has to do, see what he gave up. See the approval that Christ received from the Father, this is my beloved Son in whom am well pleased.

Can you see?

Satisfied the demands of heaven. Everything about Christ satisfied the Father, you can see that. You can see the favour of the Father and the reason why the favour came upon him is because if you keep the whole law of God without breaking a single one, you deserved the favour of God according to the book of the law.

So he deserves it. And the Bible says even though he deserved all these things, what did he get in the long run? He got the curses. The reason he got the curse is because he had to transfer the blessing of everything he went through. Scriptures says he learnt obedience by the things he suffered, he suffered because of me, and he granted the benefit of it.

So now, you know that the only person whose opinions matters in the whole universe is satisfied with you. No point to prove. And the Bible says if you keep reliving the grace of God, it build up a sufficiency in you that you are not looking at anything or anyone else to feed you with that sufficiency. So you are sufficiency in all things.

So you moved into your job, you are sufficient. And people are wondering, your colleagues are wondering why you are not crazy as they are? You are not agitated, even when they see things around changing, life is not do or die for you and they are wondering what is wrong with you?

The reason am working is, I want to be a blessing to others. For me, I am satisfied because the only person whose opinion matters is satisfied with me. And I have my sufficiency – the validation that you seek, am validated already. The validation that you are seeking from everything else you do, am validated already, am already satisfied.



The Father spoke in his voice over my life and say that is my son in whom am well pleased. The voice that came to Christ is the same voice that came to me because there is an exchange at Calvary.

And people wonder why you are so contented. It doesn't matter the status, the situation, is because you are reliving the grace of God every time. And that is the reason why the gospel is not just something for unbelievers to listen to when they want to get born again, and that is what we need to emphasize on this Bucket ministry.

People think every time we say gospel, gospel campaign, evangelistic campaign, we always think about ah! ahh!! those people who are not born again, they need to hear the gospel. But if that is the case, then Paul's statement to the Galatians doesn't make sense, because they were the Galatian church, not the Galatians unbelievers.

And Apostle Paul did say don't let anything remove you from the grace of our Lord Jesus to other gospel. So who need to hear the gospel? So the gospel now is for everyone. Believers, unbelievers need to hear the gospel.

Even if you have been in ministry, church for years,

You need to hear the gospel again and again.

In fact, Apostle Peter in Galatian 2: 14 had to hear the gospel. What did Paul say? You are not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, and he was an Apostle at that time. Think about that?

So Apostles need to hear the gospel. General Overseers need to hear the gospel. If Apostle Peter need to hear the gospel in Galatians 2:14, every person need to hear the gospel.

The saints need the gospel as well as the sinners.

So that is what we see!

That is why in this Philippians Chapter 4 verse 11, he began to talk about the implication of the gospel there...

Can you see that?

So if you then go back to the Philippians 4 that we were reading... we are talking about sufficiency, we've talk about that already...

The point where I am not disturbed or uneasy, I like the Amplified version.

**Regardless of my circumstances...**

Can you see that?

I like how he emphasize it that is not only about just getting the sufficiency, he said to the point, to that equilibrium point where I am not disturbed or uneasy regardless of my circumstance.

Because you see today all these circumstances, even people that come for congregational meeting and fellowship, they use the changing in circumstances to put pressure on them, to begin to see that, you just have to have this thing change even in the place of prayer, so that you can have the satisfaction. You can't get to that satisfaction to it.

So they use the changing circumstance to or they do everything to pray to make something stable. Let the circumstances be stable so that you can get your satisfaction from there.

So they do everything to just let... so that nothing rocks the boat. So let's do everything, they use the Word of God to bring stability into those things, so that we can get the satisfaction from the stability of those things.

So everything, let's use it to make the circumstance to be the same, to be this, regardless of the circumstance. It doesn't matter...

I think what that does is, it creates desperate Christians. Christians under pressure, desperate in the sense of that, if they don't have, they become desperate and for those who do have, they become haughty and proud and become self-conceited.

Because we cannot just put it in one angle, because that is the reason why some people who are even unbelievers who probably are people of substance, as soon as they give their life to Jesus, let's hope they have a genuine conversation.

If they do, and they understand that the body of Christ they join hold in high esteem the fact that if you have this kind of things, you are somebody of value and significance. And the value is not coming from the identity that Christ gives us through the gospel, such people become proud and conceited, and feel like yes! the very thing that this people are trying to run after, are the very things I actually attain. And they feel they are more important, and that is...

That is we are fueling the pride and naughtiness in them subconsciously,

That is what it does.

Because from the body language and from the languages of our messages, of our teaching, from our emphasis...

So those who don't have become desperate and those who do have become proud and self-conceited. That is what we see as the problem.

That is why this is not something new, this is generational.

And that is why it is still the gospel that everybody need to hear.

Oh! that is it. We are going to come...

So that what Wall Street bankers need to hear, the street sweeper need to hear this.

We are going to come there very soon.

At the moment, we are just taking from the background. If we can't do that today, by the grace of God, we will continue from the next transmission.

I thought we are going to back to the John 4 we began from.

But the fact remains that the Apostle Paul said this thing that he learnt, he said it doesn't matter which state you are in, regardless of the circumstances and he said this sufficiency can exist in all things.

Now, the question you want to ask is, look at what he says,

What does your version says?

The end of verse 11

### **learn to be content and self-sufficient through Christ**

Because people might quote this thing and not even mention Christ. The sufficiency is through Christ.

Well, does that then corroborate the 2Corinthians 9 that says God is able to make all grace abounds towards you having sufficiency. The sense of sufficiency will not come from Philosophy... it will not come from medication. Some is not even things.

You know people have lots of mysticism now, Middle Eastern religion, new age teaching, that even tell you how to develop your spirituality so that things, material things don't actually impose on your identity.

I have seen, I have heard, I have read about lots of teaching today, new Age teachings, Philosophical exposition that says this is how you can become self-contented and not depend on things, that you don't lose your peace.

So people go and train themselves in minimalism that people find using another gospel.

If you remember there was a time we are actually watching a movie, where this particular founders of a high tech company has a spiritual guru, 'Silicon Valley.' It was amazing and I presume the reason they put that in the movie must have been something that happen in the reality.

Because they were trying to depict in that Silicon Valley... there was this great tech founder in Silicon Valley who actually was worth probably millions of millions and he had this spiritual guru in his office, is like on pay roll. I wonder why? Well it make sense because this sense of contentment they are trying to... because what they want is contentment so that he doesn't get disturbed.

Your version says Paul I have learnt not to be disturbed and agitated. This is the very thing they are seeking after as well. No tech founder wanted to be agitated or disturbed. Because they feel like they have lots of money and they don't want to be agitated, and they have to go and get a spiritual guru, because they know it can go crazy, so he needs his sense of... some go to meditation, they go to all kind of things,

Paul said listen! my contentment is because I learnt Christ.

And he said sufficiency through Christ.

Now, **God is able to make all grace abound towards you having sufficiency**

In fact let me say this, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, if you go to an average book store, the IM book store, there is a cheat happening now in culture, and the church need to catch up with this. The reason why the church need to catch up with this is because the devil and the world system, they are presenting a pseudo solution to the problem, because now the world is currently accepting the fact that materialism cannot give you contentment.

And you think is similar to the gospel, it is not! It looks like it on the surface. They are already in the phase, it might not be pretty obvious to you, but there is a switching going on where they are believing that materialism doesn't give you peace. That is why you can hear people say that on radio talk show. They don't have to be Christians. It is already ongoing.

That is why you see another gospel coming now, people are thinking when they hear gospel, they feel like they have to see another testaments of Jesus Christ, all those religious book. And feel like oh, if it is not Bible... most of these sacred books. We are talking, are we not reading one book yesterday, we see those books like this is another gospel, in a way of attacking the same thing instead of going to the crux, to attack this sense of guilt and condemnation, the sense of not feeling enough, sufficiency or not fully sufficient, instead of coming to the cross and say through Christ.

That is the difference. This is how Paul achieved it. My sufficiency is through Christ, but sufficiency through self-help books, the new age teachers...

In fact, like I was trying to say... thank you for that. You mention self-help books and all that.

In fact today in our days, if you look at some of these bookstore or IM bookstore in the world, you see things like soul food. And you are wondering soul? And you think when did the world starting talking about...? and is this not a Christian book. I have seen books online 'Meat for the souls' and is not even a Christian book... Because they are coming to accept the fact that materialism doesn't bring contentment but they are trying to learn it, not through Christ but through another gospel. (If you want to put the word there)

So some of the things that we say in the body of Christ, some of our spiritual jargons the world is already using it, and the reason why they are using those spiritual jargon is because they want to tell us, you don't need Christ to achieve that very thing anyway.

So we are making a distinction. The Apostle Paul clearly said I learnt it through Christ.

That is why the gospel must come back, the saints must listen to the gospel as well.

If we don't present the gospel, the world will tell you, if it is contentment, don't worry we also don't get contentment from materialism,

We have minimalist, people that adopted that minimalist and yet they can do away with things to the highest minimum.

Some will say even though I have billions, but I have learnt inward contentment through my soul. And we see people who are talking in ways that there are millionaire and billionaires who had already giving in out to charity and see all the greater percentage has gone there. They say all kind...

You look outwardly and you feel like, do they need the gospel learning about sufficiency... you see article where people exalt those principles and say oh! somebody can still be living in his house, this is billions, he is still living in his house, 40 years, 50 years and say that is good. The way they address him, dressing down. And so these people have a grip on sufficiency, but we found that it is another gospel.

Because again you might be wondering what is the practical difference in this approaches and all that?

Well, we want you to stick with us, because we still have a long way to go on this.

I think of time, we just have to round up today.

I just want to read verse 12.

You want to wet their appetite for the next transmission.

Let us try and say this, we will be looking at some other dimensions of this in our next transmission where the Apostle was saying I have learnt to...

But it seems that you went more to that Philippians than...

Yes, exactly you know he learnt to be abased in all state and in all circumstances.

How do you apply the gospel to every circumstances even opposing circumstances? How do you apply the gospel?

And finding peace in whichever situation and you will not be sucked there because unconsciously people are being sucked daily into another different gospel, and they feel is very helpful. People think is a way to means to an end. The end is about sufficiency, the end is about not being agitated, and so people are adopting...

And is even so shameful that on the pulpit they actually invite this kind of people to be our minister. Some of them call themselves Apostle in the market places, things that are of no basis in the cross. Their methods and methodology from the world business school that does not have anything from the cross, that I got this from the revelation of God's Word, we bring them on unto the pulpit because we want to achieve that end.

We want to make our people to be peaceful. We want them to have a flourishing home, career, so we bring them on stylish, they might even quotes some scriptures even almost all books used the scriptures as quotable quotes but not with the true adherence to it as a source of life, as basis for their own theology. So they bring them up in a bit to achieve their own end, and people do not really know what the difference is.

And that is why we need to come into the understanding that is an essential curriculum to everyone in all stages of our Christian life, we will need to hear the gospel again and again.

If you are in the position of Apostle, you have the apostolic ministry, you are an Apostle, just like Apostle Peter Galatians 2: 14, you need to hear the gospel. All the days of your life, all our Christians walk we need to hear the gospel. Because is so easily removed, that is why Paul used the word that you are so easily removed from the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ unto another gospel.

That is, is so very easy, subtle ways. And that is why we need this gospel reinforce even for this is an attempt, we are giving you the gospel today. And that is what we are disseminating, if you listen to the intro, I was saying disseminating the gospel, Exposé 247 we want to disseminate the gospel today, and you need to avail yourself of opportunities like this, to hear the gospel again and again.

And when Jesus was talking about the resurrection of Jesus that he woke up to read the gospel to the saints, people where he went to preach the gospel. We cannot do without hearing the gospel. Because if we don't hear it continuously, living a life of hearing the gospel again and again, we will be subtly... we need to keep learning the gospel so that we will not be removed easily. We can be tricked into it.

You might feel you are hearing the gospel because you have some verses but those verses are just like quotable quotes.

Now, you want to stick with us because... am quite excited about some things that the Lord will be teaching us and leading us into regarding this verse 12.

I think we have to just that verse 12, you know am a bit concern about starting because...

You want to stick with us because we are going to go from there to other epistles and see how can you practically applied the gospel in difference state of life. If the gospel that you believed in, that you have received, wherever you are being taught the Word of God or when you became born again. If that gospel does not practically take you into every state of life, in which it explains the victory of Christ, you might want to check the content of that gospel.

You might want to stick with us as we actually delve more into that in our next transmission.

And again we have not even gone deeper in this state that Paul was talking about and how he was able to use the tool of the gospel in every state of life that he is in.

We are happy that you join us today and we are so glad that the Lord gave us the opportunity to be sharing the same gospel with you. This gospel renewal service, something like that. For those who have heard the gospel, they still need to hear the gospel.

In marriage, they do marriage renewal, it is that important to keep the flame going. So we need gospel renewal and that is not just once in a life or during anniversary. We need to do it just as any anniversary is every day, when you came to Christ so we are doing gospel renewal.

And so we are glad that you are blessed with it. We will like you to share this and live it and flesh it out in your life, flesh it out in your tent making, whatever capacity the Lord has put you. And we do expect you to join us in the next transmission where we will go to verse 12.

You want to know what verse 12 is? You know the intro, verse 9.

So should you have any questions, any comments anything that need clarification, please you know what to do. You can come to our YouTube page, you can come to our Facebook page, you can drop the questions, you can just shout it out, feel free the way you want to say it. There is no way to be politically correct and conscious about it. We are so happy to receive from you. We are so happy this is blessing your life.

So till next time that we will see, we want you to be at peace and know that your sufficiency...you has to change the realignment of your thought now in case you are using the things to give you that sufficiency and satisfaction. (Sufficiency from the grace of our Lord Jesus in the midst of all things).

So we want you not to shun away from things, because some people will want to do the check list and say No, run away from things. That is not the method. We are not using the check list. We are using the same method that Apostle Paul used for you to understand that learn. And that is the learning process which is the learning curve for us to know that sufficiency must be through Christ. And to call you to that. And we want you to live it out.

Till we see you next time, we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.