

## **NOTHING WITHOUT HIM**

*John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it... 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and the world did not know Him... 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Since our declaration for 2024 is Greater Exploits, it means that there is a lot that requires something greater than the sum of our efforts to see them becoming a reality. It will take more than human effort for the sick to be healed, it will take more than human wisdom to enter certain doors, it will take more than just a willing heart for reconciliation to take place.

In this regard, greater works for God cannot happen outside of the God of the works.

This morning I want to talk to you on the subject matter **NOTHING WITHOUT HIM**.

Yes, you have come up with your plans and goals for 2024, yes you have consulted friends, and everyone has given you a thumbs up regarding the blue print you have regarding the coming 12 months.

But this morning I want to bring to your attention that no matter how articulate and well thought out your plans can be, you need to realize that everything is nothing without Jesus Christ at the center – use the example of the value of a figure of money.

- Where we read, we have a clear picture of the basis of my thesis this morning, which says all is nothing without Him.

### **Understand why nothing is possible without Him.**

- John tells us that before the beginning was in existence, Jesus was already in existence.
- Jesus was with God in the beginning.
- Jesus was God - in other words, Jesus was and is the uncreated God.
- Jesus caused everything to come into being – He is the genesis of everything.

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- Here we have the most life changing declaration that will transform your view of life. The Bible tells us that not one thing came into being without Him.
- The implication of this verse is that nothing can exist without the working and the involvement of Jesus the creator.
- For a child of God, anything that is done in the absence of Jesus is futile and is not sustainable.
- The Bible tells us that, the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy but Jesus came that we might have life and life in abundance.
- Anything that is of God will attract the activities of the devil – you need Jesus for that project to work out, you need Jesus for your marriage to work, you need Jesus for your studies to go well.
- John further expands this thought line by declaring that Jesus is the source of life.

*John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.*

- Jesus came to a world that was lifeless and in Him was the very life that was needed to restore what was dead.
- He is the source of “life” to the soul dead in trespasses and sins.
- When the life of God enters your inner man, that life becomes your guide – it shows you what to avoid and what to engage yourself in.
- It is the presence of Jesus that disperses the darkness around His people – darkness must go when He comes into our spaces. No amount of education will remove darkness, no amount of money will take away darkness in our families – we need Jesus.
- When the life of Jesus enters dead places, the dead comes to life – when you walk with Jesus, dead situations come to life and whatever He brings to life, He will sustain it.

*Colossians 1:17 He existed before anything was made, and now everything finds completion in him.*

- Not only does Jesus creates and starts things, but Jesus gives life and sustains what He creates.

### **Ignoring Jesus makes the future impossible.**

- Is it possible for an unborn baby in the womb to see its birth without the involvement of the mother.

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- After conception, that fetus entirely depends on the mother for survival – even if the fetus wants to do its own thing, there is no way it can see the future without the mother.
- Many people are acting like fetuses that are telling the mothers to leave them alone because they know how to manage life. This happened when Jesus came to earth, and it will continue to happen.

*John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own received Him not.*

- Jesus was rejected by His own people; they could not believe that He was the Messiah.
- Today, we might not publicly reject Jesus with our words, but we reject Him none the less by our actions.
- We reject Him when we don't talk to Him about our plans, we reject Him when don't make room for Him in our daily routine.
- We reject Jesus when we ignore what He says in His word about our life situations. In fact, many believers are as good as non-believers because no matter how much advice Jesus gives them, they still do what they please.

*1 Corinthians 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom did not know God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe. 22 For the Jews ask for a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness.*

- The Greeks were too wise to receive the humble Christ Jesus – their wisdom became an enemy to their salvation.
- This is a phenomenon, you will find among the learned, the wise, the better looking individual, the financial stable person – they all reject the humility of Jesus, looking for something deeper and sophisticated.
- We start using terms like; this is too shallow for me, this is too simple for me, this is senseless to do, this is outdated. Prayer can be the oldest ordinance you will find but it is what you will need in the day of trouble.
- On the other hand, the Jews were too “spiritual” to receive the “carnal” Christ Jesus – their religious spirit became an enemy to their salvation.
- The religious leaders of the time called Jesus vain and unspiritual in His conduct. Jesus wanted prayer in the house of God whilst the Jews wanted the buying and selling of

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sacrifices. Jesus wanted the sick to be healed even on a sabbath, but they wanted the sabbath to be greater than the law of love.

- This is a phenomenon you will find among the super spiritual among us – we can't pray now because we grew up praying, we can't evangelize because it is for the new believers, we can't come to church every Sunday because coming does not make one a believer.
- Let this not be you in this coming season – be broken and humble before the Lord, allow the Lord to correct you, allow the church to disciple you into the fullness of Christ.

### **Jesus is accessible and near you.**

- If nothing can be without Jesus, it therefore implies that there should be an ease to access Him.
- Jesus is closer than you think, Jesus is available and accessible to those who want Him.

*John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth.*

- On Christmas day, we recently celebrated an event that reminds us of the birth of Jesus. As we were celebrating Christmas, we were celebrating the moment that Christ became flesh and started living among us.
- This Christ of ours is a king and savior and yet He came down in the form of a man to be close to His own.
- In verse 12, we are reminded that “...*But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name...*”
- When you get a revelation that nothing can be without Him, you will go on a journey to seek Him.
- Anyone that believes on His name can have access to the life giver.
- He is called a friend that sticks closer than a brother – when you decide to know Him, you will find that He is knowable and accessible.

*James 4:8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

- There is grace found in Jesus, a type of grace that will change you from the inside out.
- The devil has robbed many people to think that they can do life without Jesus. The devil has told many that their wisdom, experience, network, and skin color is good enough for tomorrow.

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- Don't be deceived by the wisdom of this age. The truth is that nothing can be without Jesus.
- This coming season will be for those who have a renewed attitude towards their walk with Jesus.

*Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to Him in His death,*

- This is a cry that Paul, the great apostle had – he must have discovered something about this Christ of ours.
- Let this be your heart's cry – seek to know who Christ is, what Christ did for you, why Christ did what He did, How Christ did what He did and for who He did what He did.