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As various Anti Christian countries push to end the gospel of Christ in their countries and among their people, we have seen a rise in the number of Christians in those hot zones. China for instance have decided to destroy churches or change their location to civic and recreation centers. The Chinese Government went further to edit the bible removing God and Jesus and ascribing the space to the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party Ji Jinping. Although this has been going on in China for a very long time, the Christians in there have refused to bulge to the pressure as they have consistently found ways to gather underground, in bunkers, at the water bank and brethren housed, damning the risk of getting caught and prosecuted. In several occasions, police has raided worship centers tip off by a whistle blower and arrested many believers who were conducting secret worship services to God.

All these are no longer news as most of us have become so used to it that when we come across the news we just consider it to be a regular thing. We no longer support those experiencing persecution in the world today. We do not see what is affecting them as affecting the body of Christ. We failed to realize that it could have been us on the fire and persecution is even yet to spread.

Despite the attacks on their gospel, it is good to tell you that the body of Christ is growing especially in countries like China, Syria, Pakistan and others.

We need to support the Christians across the globe, seeing the as the body of Christ where when something happens to one, it happens to all. Also let's hold unto our believe, persecution is bound to come. Jesus stated it in the book of Matthew 24, that perilous times shall come, not to Asia, middle east or India, but to believers for the sake of the gospel. Let's not give up our faith, while we support our brother and sisters who are suffering under the weight of persecution.

**Psalmdavid Ekpo  
Editor In Chief**

# Bible Translator Tortured, Shot Dead by The Army



**A** Christian pastor and Bible translator killed in Indonesia's easternmost region of Papua was likely tortured by a military officer who then shot him dead, a new report has revealed.

On Monday, Indonesia's human rights commission (Komnas HAM) said that a fact-finding team believed that in late September, the military tortured Yeremia Zanambani, the pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Church of Indonesia (GKII), hoping to extract information on stolen military weapons, CNN Indonesia reported.

The 67-year-old pastor, who was known for translating the Bible into Papua's Moni dialect, was later found by his wife lying face down in a pen for pigs, with gunshot wounds and his left arm nearly severed.

The report described the Sept. 19 killing as "extra-judicial" and revealed that wounds from a sharp weapon were also found on the deceased pastor.

"[The findings] are based on the dying man's account given to at least two witnesses before he died that he saw the soldier at the crime scene along with three or four other soldiers,"

Mohammad Choirul Anam, a Komnas HAM commissioner, said, according to UCA News.

"The death of Reverend Yeremia Zanambani was caused by a series of acts which led to an extrajudicial killing," Anam said, adding that the pastor died from blood loss.

The incident occurred amid escalating tension between military personnel and separatist groups in Papua, the poorest province in the country. The region has been plagued with unrest since the passing of a U.N.-backed 1969 referendum called the Act of Free Choice, which formalized Indonesia's control over the former Dutch colony.

At the time, the Indonesian military and Papuan separatists blamed each other for Zanambani's death, which took place shortly after the killing of a soldier and civilian in the area.

Pastor Zanambani's murder sparked outrage among local Christians, with the Indonesian Communion of Churches calling on Indonesia's President, Joko Widodo, to order a thorough investigation into the shooting.

In the report released Monday, Komnas HAM said it had recommended to Widodo and the security minister that along with finding those responsible for the pastor's death, witnesses should be protected. It also stressed that efforts be made to ensure a less security-driven approach to policing the area.

"Civilians become victims after being suspected of joining separatist groups by the TNI (Indonesian Army) or the police," Beka Ulung Hapsara, a commissioner at Komnas HAM, told Reuters.

Military spokesman Colonel Gusti Nyoman Suriastawa also said an investigation was ongoing and it would punish any officer if found guilty.

The Rev. Jacklevyn Frits Manuputty, general secretary of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia, told UCA News that Komnas HAM's conclusions supported the fact-finding team's line of inquiry.

"We must continue to push the government to resolve this case as it can pave the way for other investigations into unresolved cases in the region. It is a chance for the government to regain the Papuan people's trust," he said.

According to Asia News, Pastor Zanambani's killing prompted about 1,100 residents of Hitadipa to flee into the forests.

Haris Azhar, a member of the Papua Humanitarian Team, told the outlet that locals fear what might happen to them as well if "such a respected clergyman can be killed with impunity."

Usman Hamid, an expert at Amnesty International Indonesia, accused the military of deliberately creating conditions that force people to leave certain areas "to ensure smooth mining operations."

In October, the military killed two Catholics after accusing them of being separatist rebels, a version of events rejected by the local Catholic Church.

Over 80% of the population in Papua identifies as Christian, contrasting the predominantly Muslim Indonesia. Open Doors USA ranks Indonesia among the 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. In Indonesia Christians suffer persecution are often times killed for their beliefs which made countries like Indonesia places Christians are under serious threat living in.



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**iden's  
Chief Of Staff  
Pick Calls Himself A  
'Soldier' In The  
Abortion'Army'**



Former Vice President Joe Biden has chosen an outspoken pro-abortion activist to serve as his White House chief of staff should he end up assuming the presidency in 2021 as many media outlets have projected.

Last week, the 77-year-old Biden announced that he would tap Ron Klain, who had previously worked as chief of staff to Al Gore and Biden during their respective vice presidencies, to serve as his chief of staff.

Over the years, Klain has repeatedly heaped praise on the pro-abortion movement and questioned the legitimacy of both the 2000 and 2016 presidential elections.

In a series of tweets he sent out in 2018 and 2019, Klain voiced his admiration for pro-abortion activists and organizations.

In June 2018, shortly after Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, Klain took to Twitter to ask people to follow "our great

leaders." One of the "great leaders" cited by Klain is Ilyse Hogue, the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, a prominent pro-choice advocacy organization.

Nearly a year later, Hogue made her respect for Klain clear in a tweet thanking the political operative for "always being such a vocal leader in these issues," referring to his support for the pro-choice movement.

Klain responded by declaring himself "a soldier in your army." Hogue's tweet of appreciation came in response to a Washington Post op-ed Klain wrote in August 2018 during the nomination process for Justice Brett Kavanaugh, proclaiming that "Reversing Roe v. Wade will be just the beginning."

Later in 2019, Klain tweeted out a picture of himself standing alongside Hogue and other pro-choice activists as they celebrated the 50th anniversary of NARAL, previously known as the National Abortion Rights Action League.



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# China

turns churches into factories,  
'cultural centers' to ensure  
Christians can't meet





To ensure Christians are unable to meet, China's Communist Party reportedly demolishes churches and repurposes places of worship, turning them into entertainment venues, factories, or "cultural centers" promoting President Xi Jinping's socialist values.

Bitter Winter, a publication that monitors religious liberty violations in China, reports that in April, the Guangxin district government in Shangrao city shut down an old local church venue for "organizing illegal gathering" and refusing to join the Three-Self Church.

The next month, it was converted into a "Civilization Practice Station for a New Era," a nationwide project launched by the CCP in July 2018 to encourage people of faith to



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abandon religions and follow the Party." Party propaganda posters were posted everywhere in the venue, and table-tennis tables were brought inside," a church member told Bitter Winter, adding that the church congregation is now forced to gather in homes of b e l i e v e r s .

The church was just one of many shuttered by the CCP in recent months.

According to Bitter Winter, last year, more than 70 Protestant venues — including state-approved Three-Self churches — were shut down in Jiangsu Province's prefecture-level cities of Lianyungang and S u q i a n .

In August, at a meeting of Three-Self Church directors in Bailu, a town in Lianyungang's Guannan county, town officials explained that empty churches must be rented or s o l d .

One of the churches, which had been unused since its closure in June last year, was rented out in August, while another was sold the same month. Another church, Chenzhuang Church was sold for a mere 20,000 RMB ( a b o u t \$ 3 , 0 0 0 . )

"The government is eradicating churches," the church director said

In Suqian city's Shuyang county, a shut-down church was converted into a memorial hall for China's revolutionary heroes. Government-hired workers removed a cross from the building, replacing it with a large pillar with a sign "God loves the world." A signboard, saying "Huaihai District's Military and Political Auditorium," was displayed above the church e n t r a n c e .

"The church will now be used to teach the young generation about China's revolutionary spirit," a village official explained.

In Suqian's Siyang county, at least three shut-down Three-Self churches were demolished, and a clinic and clothing factory were built in t h e i r p l a c e .

"People of faith outnumber Communist Party members, and the Party is not winning people's hearts," a village official explained. "The government fears that this will bring instability. Churches are eradicated to ensure that there are more CCP members than b e l i e v e r s . "

In recent years, numerous reports have emerged of Chinese authorities replacing crosses with the CCP flag, and images of Jesus Christ with President Xi in addition to converting churches into buildings for political activities.

The CCP has also increasingly pressured church leaders to infuse their sermons with political ideology. Additionally, censors have begun removing the words "Christ" and "Jesus" from some publications, including on Chinese social media n e t w o r k s .

These activities are part of a larger strategy on the part of the CCP to shut down any kind of organizing outside of the party, according to persecution watchdog Open Doors USA, which ranks China 23rd on its list of 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. According to estimates, there are more than 60 million Christians in China.

Mike Pompeo, U.S. secretary of state, recently stressed that it's increasingly clear that the "CCP is no friend to democracy, the rule of law, transparency nor to freedom o f n a v i g a t i o n . "



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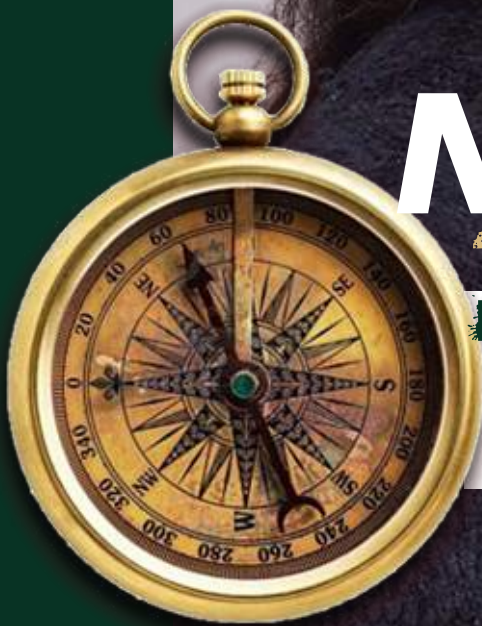


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# NAVIGATING THE TIMES

*Bola Ajakaiye*

**W**e would be wrong to think that the occurrence in the past couple of decades is same as is today. Not only did trends and other things evolve, but quite a lot has changed with the stability of the world itself in question. Surely, you and I have not lived through the recent past century, and we may not have witnessed even half of it, but reports and history has the comparison laid out. The world as we know it today is faced with many uncertainties and twists more than ever before that it becomes necessary to understand why. These happenings are far from coincidental. A couple of decades is a great deal of time to have reflected changes, and even though we do not expect to be stagnated on a spot, It may have boggled your mind as much as it did mine following the sharp contrast that exists between these times. But wait, we are conscious of the word of God and not ignorant about the times and seasons. It is important to know that as the bible says it, there will be end-times; which refers to the closing era of the world. We do know that our stay here has expiration. The bible says that the world

and everything in it is passing away (1 John 2:17). We also know that there are usual signs that signify the end of things. Just like the end of a movie crystalizes earlier dramatic twists, suspense etc., this is exactly what we are experiencing now. The seeming chaos as we know happening in the world today is nothing but the signs of the end, and guess what? The bible talked about them happening even before time. Can you believe that?! This is why the occurrence of many years ago is different from what it is now. The end will always be different. The bible mentioned famine, earthquakes happening; It mentioned an outbreak of pandemic, the quest for world unification through central governance, the rise of anti -Christ, brothers hating on one another etc. (Matthew 24). We cannot afford to be ignorant of these things. To be fore-warned is to be fore-armed. In fact these things were foretold not for our reading pleasure, but for our own preparation so that we are not caught in the misfortune that would come with the end and even more importantly so we do not lose our souls eternally. Listen, we are God's special creation and when He was creating

the world, He had you in mind. He didn't intend for you to perish or languish in the intricacies of the world; this is why He gave you His word so as to preserve you and keep you in the light. One of the predicted signs is that the love of many for God during these times will grow cold; people will become less sensitive to the things of God. A number of Christians who started strong with much vigor would find their strengths waning with no desire to stay fired up. The things of God which they were passionate about would get uninteresting. Their conscience becomes deadened by the day. Call it backsliding but trust me it wouldn't come with a sharp deviation from the person they used to be, in fact, such people will find themselves growing into this other life that they may never quickly realize is different from the one they used to know. The scripture is real and it must be fulfilled. The things foretold must happen before the apocalypse is ushered in, but this is not to cast any fears in the minds of people. In fact, it is to keep ourselves as God's beloved sensitive, careful and grounded within the confines of His will. The bible says "He that thinks He stands should stand firm, lest he falls." (1 Corinthians

10:12). "Remember the race isn't to the swift or the battle to the strong..." You cannot assume that you are too strong to fall victim to the devices of the enemy, neither can you assume you are too well secured in faith and so begin to live care freely. No! oh, I tell you, even the mightiest have fallen and they are still falling. Whether we admit it or not and whether we like it or not, we are in the end times and we will have to preserve our faith in the midst of it all. With the continuous chaos and perilous times, we need to strategise and consciously learn how to live through it without becoming affected or compromised. First thing first is to continue to hold on to your belief as a Christian. Beliefs don't change with changing times, No, they remain the same regardless. Uphold the values etched in your faith, never compromise that for anything. The bible says "we are not of them that shrink back and are destroyed but of those who believe and are saved" (Heb 10:39). Secondly, you must check yourself; better put, check your life against the backdrop of the word of God and this must be a constant practice. As mentioned earlier, some slip off with the pressure of times without realizing it until too late.



Thankfully, as Christians, our consciences are stirred up by the Holy Spirit such that it becomes almost impossible not to know when one begins to fall out of line. In fact, the challenge is not that people do not know when they begin to slip, but they often deliberately ignore and suppress the pull of the Spirit and decide to go their own perceived way which the bible says only ends in disaster.

The action you currently are taking, does it align well with the word of God and what is the force the Holy Spirit is exerting upon you as it relates to the matter at hand? You must be truthful and sincere to yourself when answering this.

The last and obvious strategy would be to deliberately avoid pitfalls knowing what the word of God already predicted. The bible warned that the love of many for Him would wax cold in the last days, so why should you fall victim to this when you are fully aware of what the word says. In this case, it is important to be very vigilant and guard jealously your faith and walk with God.

While the world begins to fade out, we all as children of God must preserve ourselves and our faith. Although we were not promised a rosy walk but we are guaranteed the peace of God at all times. May the continuous grace and peace of the father never elude us at such critical times in Jesus name. It is my prayer that we remain ready for Him in Jesus name. Mathew 24:13- "For anyone who endures till the end, the same shall be saved."





**Christine Caine:  
Churches have  
replaced prayer  
with smoke  
machines,  
coolness**

**B**ible teacher Christine Caine condemned the modern Church for placing its focus on being "cool" instead of holiness and warned that unless the Body of Christ returns to a focus on "righteousness, joy, and peace," revival will never happen.

Caine, bestselling author and founder of The A21 Campaign, on Wednesday participated in a 2020 Q&A: A Virtual Townhall event focused on the topics of prayer and revival alongside Pastor Jon Tyson and author Corey Russell.

Opening the session, the Australian speaker and author lamented that because the Church has gotten "so scared of emotionalism," prayer has gone to the "basement with the grandmothers."

"That's where we've put it, and I'm on a campaign to pull prayer out of the basement and put it on the pulpit and put it front and center," she declared.

"We got a bit embarrassed because in our coolness, in between our skinny jeans and tattoos, beautiful light section and camera, we thought, 'prayer is not cool, prayer is embarrassing. A smoke machine will do the job.'

And what we've discovered is smoke machines haven't saved anyone. Look at the mess that the world's in."

"Instead of being in the world, not of it, we became of it and we're no longer in it. And so the challenge is then you've got no power, and power comes through intercessory prayer," she said.

Caine urged churches to take "prayer out of the basement" and put it "front and center," adding: "Show a lost and dying world and a religious world, 'I don't care if you don't think I'm cool. I am utterly dependent on God.'"

The problem with the modern Church is that it isn't "desperate" enough to return to prayer, Caine said.

"Look at 2020," she stressed. "Politics hasn't saved us, the medical profession hasn't saved us, science hasn't saved us. ... I love all of those things, but we need some old school desperation."

"Desperation will get you traveling in a way that you never even existed. I think we need to get desperate again."

The Church is so busy "centering people" instead of the Holy Spirit that it can't focus on

prayer and repentance. Whenever the Lord moves, it's "prefaced by prayer and repentance," which only comes out of desperation, the evangelist explained.

"Cancel culture is trying to cancel the Church," she said. "You don't cancel the Church or guilt the Church or shame the Church into repentance. The Holy Spirit convicts us. What we need to do is recenter the Holy Ghost so He could do what only He can do, which is bring conviction."

"It's God's kindness that leads us to repentance," Caine emphasized. "Once we get to that place of repentance, we will see. I believe signs, wonders, miracles, and revival will break out, but it's got to happen that way."

Prayer is like a "muscle" that needs to be continually used to grow stronger, the evangelist contended. Yet, many Christians simply don't pray.

"We got a whole generation that knows how to market themselves, but they're not marked," she said. "If you are not marked by God in the prayer closet, you are never going to see God open doors. ... God opens doors that no man can shut, and you'll get that in the prayer room

with the Holy Ghost."

When asked what is "hindering" an outpouring of the Holy Spirit right now, Caine said many Christian leaders are "so obsessed" with "getting likes and getting clicks" that they no longer want to become Christ.

"We've forgotten things like sanctification, we suddenly de-value things that are central to the Christian faith like holiness, sanctification, being filled with the Holy Spirit," she said. "Christ-likeness is what I need to be pursuing more than how many are liking whatever I post."

"I need to be leading people to Jesus Christ. That is what I am here on this planet to do. I need to fall in love with Him. If you are not with Him, you cannot fall in love with Him."

Christian leaders "need to get over being slick career-builders" and remember they are called to "drop our nets, follow Him, die daily, take up our cross, and crucify our flesh," she declared.

If the Church wants to see revival, it's got to display "righteousness, joy and peace," Caine said.

"If we want to see revival, we've got to care about righteousness; we've got





*to care about joy; we've got to care about peace," she said. "Jesus actually cares about personal righteousness and holiness. ... If we want to see revival break forth, it's got to matter to us, like it matters to God."*



**Indian Court Orders  
Authorities To Allow  
Safe Return Of  
Christians Forced  
To Flee Their Homes**

**T**he high court of the eastern state of Chhattisgarh has ordered the local administration to ensure the safe return of more than a dozen Christian men who had to flee their villages after their houses were vandalized for refusing to convert to Hinduism.

The Bilaspur High Court passed the order earlier this month in a Public Interest Litigation filed by 12 Christians to seek security for the displaced Christians who came under attack in September, according to the U.S.-based persecution watchdog International Christian Concern.

"We ran for our lives," Vijay Sori, a survivor, said. "The death threat they hurled against us were very frightening. There was no other way than to flee from the village. Our lives are in danger as the villagers have vowed to kill us if we return. Our lives are being badly affected with the dangerous atmosphere created by the villagers."

The Christians, especially men, from three villages — Kakadabeda, Telliabeda and Singanpur — were displaced for nearly one and a half

months.

In three separate attacks in September, tribal (aboriginal) villagers had vandalized 16 houses belonging to Christians from the same tribe and attacked at least one tribal Christian woman, according to StoriesAsia, which said most of the Christian women in those villages had been living alone as male family members had fled into jungles for safety.

"A few men attacked me and tore my clothes," a Christian woman was quoted as saying.

"I kept pleading with them but they kept beating me. My only fault was that I follow Christianity," said another woman.

Police arrested six tribal villagers on Oct. 14. They also arrested two Christian men as the villagers filed a counter-complaint. The Christian men were released on bail two days later.

Tensions in the villages began after a local tribal priest, identified as Lakum Poyam, claimed that a goddess of the tribe had claimed ownership over those villages.

"Our deity has ordered that all the tribal people in the neighboring villages be united together. I participated in all the

meetings where the conversion of Christians to Hinduism was planned. I have been telling the villagers about our goddess' order for a while," Poyam told StoriesAsia.

"I have a worship room in my house with a wooden structure in it. During the annual festival in the village, the goddess possesses the most suitable young man, who then carries that piece of wood. The wood then leads the man to a village, and the goddess then becomes the owner of that village," he explained.

"This shows that the ancestors of all these villages were the same. So how can anyone in those villages even think of practicing other religions?"

Believers in India—number 10 on the 2020 World Watch List—are often shunned, unjustly arrested, attacked—even killed—because they choose to follow Jesus and not Hinduism or the local religion. Our Indian family needs the prayers of the global church to stand strong in the midst of persecution—and to remain a light for Christ in the world's second-most populated country.





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**Biden Vows To  
Reverse Trump's  
Pro-life Policies  
By Executive Orders**

**F**ormer vice president Joe Biden has vowed to roll back a number of President Donald Trump's executive orders and dismantle the administration's pro-life policies should he take office next year.

While the official results of the 2020 presidential election remain uncertain, Biden has been declared the winner by several media outlets. His team has already unveiled a "Biden administration agenda," which includes a section on "early executive actions." The former vice president's agenda would reverse some of the Trump administration's pro-life initiatives.

According to the document, Biden would "reverse Trump actions on abortion and reproductive health care, including reversing the Mexico City Policy, restoring funding to Planned Parenthood and contraceptive coverage under the ACA." The Mexico City Policy, first signed into law by President Ronald Reagan, requires foreign nongovernmental organizations to promise not to "perform or actively promote abortion as a

method of family planning" using U.S. taxpayer dollars.

Biden's pledge to reverse the Mexico City Policy is consistent with the actions of the two previous Democratic presidents. Former President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, rescinded the Mexico City Policy upon taking in office in 1993. His successor, Republican President George W. Bush, reinstated the policy after assuming the presidency in 2001.

Former Democrat President Barack Obama rescinded the Mexico City Policy when his first term began in 2009. Trump reinstated the policy shortly after taking office nearly four years ago.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration proposed expanding the Mexico City Policy to apply to all contracts and subcontracts that provide global health funding. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, "40% of global health funding obligated to prime recipients in recent years was provided through contracts."

In 2019, the Trump administration implemented a "Protect Life" rule barring

health facilities that receive Title X family planning funds from performing, promoting or referring to abortion as a method of family planning. Rather than comply with the rule, Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business in the country, withdrew from the Title X program.

Biden's vow to restore funding to Planned Parenthood indicates that the Protect Life rule would go by the wayside in a Biden administration. Restoring the contraceptive mandate under the Affordable Care Act could result in religious employers having to pay for birth control coverage in their employees' health insurance plans in violation of their religious beliefs.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, previously warned that Biden and the Democrats' vice-presidential nominee Kamala Harris would "immediately begin rolling back President Trump's pro-life gains." According to Dannenfelser, "Biden and Harris constitute the most pro-abortion presidential ticket in American history.





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# ***FAITH CORNER***

*With Bola Ajakaiye*



**I**t was a cloudy Monday evening, I was glad to have beaten the usual main depressing traffic along my route and it seem I'd make it home in good time.

Well, soon it began to drizzle and in no time, it began to pour. Before long, the roads were flooded. I wasn't bothered; I was only about 15 minutes from home. Hmnnn, the traffic began to lock more and soon there was no way out of the traffic. It was jammed! I was disappointed but still not really bothered.

A few minutes later, visibility became poor as even the glass wipers couldn't withstand the heavy downpour. Water started seeping into the car. I was worried about the smell of dampness

glass wipers couldn't withstand the heavy downpour. Water started seeping into the car. I was worried about the smell of dampness that would linger for days but still kept my focus. In 5mins, the car started filling up. Some of my belongings began to float. The water kept rising

until it was about knee level. Ahhhhhh!!! I feared. It was like I was drowning. No way out of the car as outside was worse, neither could I maneuver out of the standing locked traffic. I was stuck with no visibility!

Long story short, out of panic, I bursted the door open with more water gushing

in as I waded through the murky water. Wasn't even sure what to do. Get help or look for a cover and abandon the car? All I knew was I was overtaken by fear and confusion.

I eventually got help but of course the mechanical damage to the car was massive. None

with God. Things begin to seep through causing complications in different areas of our lives. My car would be fine if there was a better sealing to the openings or if it was higher.

Listen, the world we live in is filled with so many troubles, and yes we live

there, it doesn't mean we are of it. Let the happenings

around keep pushing you towards your goal but don't let it get into you. Be awakened and motivated by these happenings but never let it get into your system.

Be like a ship that floats on water towards the dock that never permits the water get into it lest it sinks.

**"All I knew was I was overtaken by fear and confusion".**

of the cars around me experienced same problem, why? Because they were raised higher; they were Jeeps and trucks built with higher chassis for such situations.

Cracks and openings in our lives often usher in calamity and complications. Cracks gotten from several things





*I Have Decided  
To Follow Jesus;*

**T***he True Story Behind  
The Hymn I Have  
Decided To Follow  
Jesus*

**A**bout 150 years ago, there was a great revival in Wales. As a result of this, many missionaries came to north-east India to spread the Gospel. The region known as Assam was comprised of hundreds of tribes who were primitive and aggressive head-hunters

Into these hostile and aggressive communities, came a group of missionaries from the American Baptist Missions spreading the message of love, peace and hope in Jesus Christ. Naturally, they were not welcomed. One missionary succeeded in converting a man, his wife, and two children. This man's faith proved contagious and many villagers began to accept Christianity.

Angry, the village chief summoned all the villagers. He then called the family who had first converted to renounce their faith in public or face execution. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the man instantly composed a song which became famous down the years. He sang:

"I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back."

Enraged at the refusal of the man, the chief ordered his archers to arrow down the two children. As both boys lay twitching on the floor, the chief asked, "Will you deny your faith? You have lost both your children. You will lose your wife too."

But the man sang these words in reply:

"Though no one joins me, still I will follow. Though no one joins me, still I will follow. Though no one joins me, still I will follow. No turning back, no turning back."

The chief was beside himself with fury and ordered his wife to be arrowed down. In a moment she joined her two children in death. Now he asked for the last time, "I will give you one more opportunity to deny your faith and live." In the face of death the man sang the final memorable lines:

"The cross before me, the world behind me. The cross before me, the world behind me. The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back, no turning back."

He was shot dead like the rest of his family. But with their deaths, a miracle took place. The chief who had ordered the killings was moved by the faith of the man. He wondered, "Why should this man, his wife and two children die for a Man who lived in a far-away land on another continent some 2,000 years ago? There must be some remarkable power behind the family's faith, and I too want to taste that faith."

In a spontaneous confession of faith, he declared, "I too belong to Jesus Christ!" When the crowd heard this from the mouth of their chief, the whole village accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

The song is based on the last words of Nokseng, a man from Garo tribe of Assam (now Meghalaya and some in Assam), India. It is today the song of the Garo people.

## I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-  
 2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-  
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol-low, though none go  
 4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-

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cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low  
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 with me, I still will fol-low, though none go with me, I still will  
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Je - sus— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 fore me— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 fol - low— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 Je - sus?— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.





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# Rolling The Drum

For The End  
Of All Days Is  
Near

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*why we need to be ready*

**A** story was told by Jesus in the book of Matthew 25 vs 1 - 13 where he gave an illustration using the 10 Virgins to paint the picture of how his return will be like. In that story Jesus created a divide using 2 main character groups. One being the foolish virgins and others being the wise ones. Both groups were expecting the same thing, both groups had the same masters, both groups were virgins. Putting it in perspective, both groups had everything in common except the sense of urgency. Sense of urgency separates those you really need to get to where they desire to go in time from those who are also going in the same direction without looking at time as a major factor. Jesus actually said that 5 were foolish and 5 were wise. The one factor that separates the 5 virgins from the other 5 virgins, was not beauty or decency, it was not intelligence or glamour and clout. It was simply common sense. Knowing the time they were in and having a sense of urgency about it.

The story of the 10 Virgins has a lot of meaning but we are looking at it from the position of our expectation of Jesus.

. Whether we believe it or not we fall in one of these virgin groups either wise or foolish. Denying this fact is actually denying that choice exists. What makes the christian live unique and different in a good manner from other religions is the power to choose. That also is the reason most christians do not take the matter of urgency and preparation seriously, especially when it has to do with expecting the return of the master.

In the story the 10 virgins were preparing for marriage to a groom coming from afar off and would be with them any time soon with no specific time appointed. The 10 virgins were required to be prepared and wait for the master to come and take them into marriage and then them home. On the part of the virgins they need to be in the room waiting when the groom comes. In the room, not at work, classroom or club but in the room appointed. But because no specific time was given and day and night shall not cease, there is need for lamps and oil to keep the fire burning during the night.

The parable like every other parable was a pointer to something. A particular time in history when everything will come to an end, when the curtains will close

and time shall be no more. A lot of scriptures talked about the end of the world and the return of our Lord and savior. Reading through the book of Daniel and Revelation you will find a relationship in the way Daniel describes the happening in the world from the days of nebuchadnezzar and the establishment of the everlasting kingdom. The signs we now see in the world, the rise and fall of various world powers from the days of Babylon till these days of tussle between America and China is nothing but a pointer that the everlasting kingdom will be established soon because according to the analysis of Daniel. After all the rise and fall of various empires, They will arise a kingdom that will last forever. Some of the quotes in this article are taken from the books of Daniel, Revelation and the accounts of Jesus in the bible. What these books have in common are the events and prophecies that describe the future of the world. They also tell us the relationship of the heavenly kingdom with the earthly kingdom and how the Government of Heaven affects that of the earth. If one reads the story of creation through to the death and resurrection of Jesus, one will understand that there was a beginning,

and like everything here on earth whatever has a beginning will most definitely have an end. Today we face this harsh reality, our darling world is coming to an end.

Most of us have stopped believing because just as the bible has said, since our fathers slept, we have been hearing this story about the coming of the lord yet has he not returned. Not believing something doesn't make it true. When one puts the pieces of the series of events happening around the world together and links it with the prophecies in the bible you will see a pattern emerging.

After the destruction of the world by God in the book of Genesis, God began a unique journey with man starting with Noah then Abraham. In his relationship with Abraham he stated that through Abraham all people on earth will come to him. As the relationship proceeded which now included Isaac the only son of Abraham and Jacob his grandson who was later renamed as Israel God declared his intentions that a savior will be born through which his intention of bringing all the nations to himself will come to pass. At some point the people anticipated the fulfilment of that prophecy but as human beings will be



humans, the new generations began to question the old, where is the promise of a savior. Some of the reasons for the questioning was the suffering they underwent in the hands of captors who took them to captivity at different times in different places Babylon included. This made the Israelites then who were expecting a messiah doubt.

It is not strange for human beings to doubt prophecies as that has always been the nature of man. The first coming of Jesus Christ was fulfilled right before the eyes of those who do not believe the same way the flood in the days of Noah happened in the very eyes of those who mocked Noah thinking God who made the earth will not just destroy it. Most jews today still don't believe that the first coming of the saviour has already happened and we await the second coming which is why most jews do not believe in Jesus as the son of God. The drum of the end time is rolling drawing to a close this age.

All over the world today you still see people even christians doubting the end of the world will even happen. They refuse to look at the pattern and the scriptures. To them the happenings around

the world are natural and are bound to happen. The earthquakes that happen repeatedly across the globe is not a pointer, neither are the hurricanes, wars and rumors of war, the terrorism, the initiation of a one world Government that is currently in progress, the locust and the terrible diseases. All these to most people is not a pointer to the signs that Jesus spoke about in the book of Matthew chapter 24 where he described the terror that will be unleashed upon the earth before his return. We even ignore the most common sign, "false Jesus will arise claiming they are the Christ and deceive many". This is obviously one of the most commonly seen signs these days yet to most people they are all normal and not pointers to the end. No wonder the bible says in the end, many shall be deceived and if the time is not shortened, even the very elect shall be deceived. Amazing even believers today who once preached the end is near now no longer do so because of doubt that it will eventually happen. Christians around the world are focus on mundane things than the warnings of Jesus about the time we are in. No wonder people are falling off the faith. Lots

of people are not even informed about the events that are happening around the world in connection with the bible so they draw their conclusions from scientific thesis.

Jesus in the story of the 10 virgins was trying to warn us of the lackadaisical Attitude we now show towards the prophecies written in the bible that are supposed to prepare us and get us equipped for his return. Without proper preparation, one will be caught unaware like in the days of Noah when men were given to marriages and parties not knowing a flood was on the way. God being merciful always makes a way of escape. In the days of Noah he prepared an ark which was later inhabited by only Noah and his family with lots of animals. Today he has prepared Jesus as the Way the Truth and the Life. For the sake of his love he has sent him to die for us and has given us enough time to come to the knowledge of Jesus.

There are still lots of people out there who have not accepted Jesus as lord, however there are also lots of people who have, but are not prepared with all the signs around the globe. Some of them have heard the story of the 10

virgins repeatedly but have not drawn the lesson from it. They may have also heard about the coming of Jesus over and over again but have not come to terms with the fact that this event will actually come to pass.

Five of the 10 virgins had their lamps full with oil to carry them for a while expecting that no matter what happens, before the oil is exhausted, the groom would have arrived. The other 5 virgins understood that unexpected events can occur and may cause a delay in appearance of the groom, also the oil will be required during the celebration, so they took extra oil for when their light runs out.

Like most of us, the foolish virgins took just enough oil to carry them to the point they are willing to wait. We take in enough faith to carry us to the point we think that what we expect will happen. just enough patience to when we are willing to wait. A second longer and our faith is dead, our light is off, because we just have enough to carry us to that point not further. Like the foolish virgins who when they noticed that their light is going off and the groom is near went out to get more oil we run around looking for the scriptures to hold unto to

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either renew our faith or sustain it. Because we are not prepared, the coming of Christ and the end of the world will hit us unexpectedly just when that little faith you gathered to take us for a while has run out. The worst thing that can happen to a christian is to run out of faith at the moment when faith is required for his libration. One of the reasons why it is important to be prepared for the end is, no one really knows when the end will come. The bible tells us the event will be like a thief in the night taking us unaware. So one cannot afford to be distracted building faith to carry us through the time we are into when the lord shall r e t u r n .

The wise virgins on the other hand had enough oil and carried extra for when the coming of the groom was delayed. Faith to carry them through and even when the trials persist the light will keep on till the day expected. Jesus said, in the night, they heard a cry that the groom is around. The 5 foolish virgins suddenly realized that the oil they carried is exhausted and oil is still needed to go forward. They went out to refill while the wise ones stayed back to enjoy the dividence of their extra f a i t h .

When the foolish virgins returned, it was terribly late and they couldn't partake in the ceremony. Are you surprised that there was no provision for excuses at that point? are you shocked that the groom did not say, let's wait for them since they made some effort and had some oil that eventually ran out? Do you wonder why it is important they had that extra oil that kept the other wise 5 virgins? Well it is important to really understand that they is a timeline in play begining and end. We know this scripture by heart; For God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son, that who so ever believes in him will not perish but have an everlasting life but we don't see the timeline e m b e d d e d i n t h i s verse. They will be a time fo believing, accepting and holding onto Jesus but they will also be a time for judgement for not believing and that not holding unto the believe even if you do.

We are at the end of things. The signs we see can only point to the fact that the world will come to an end and Jesus will return as he promised his disciples in the bible. The most important question is how ready are raedy we as the drums of the end time roll?





# ON THE MUSIC SCENE



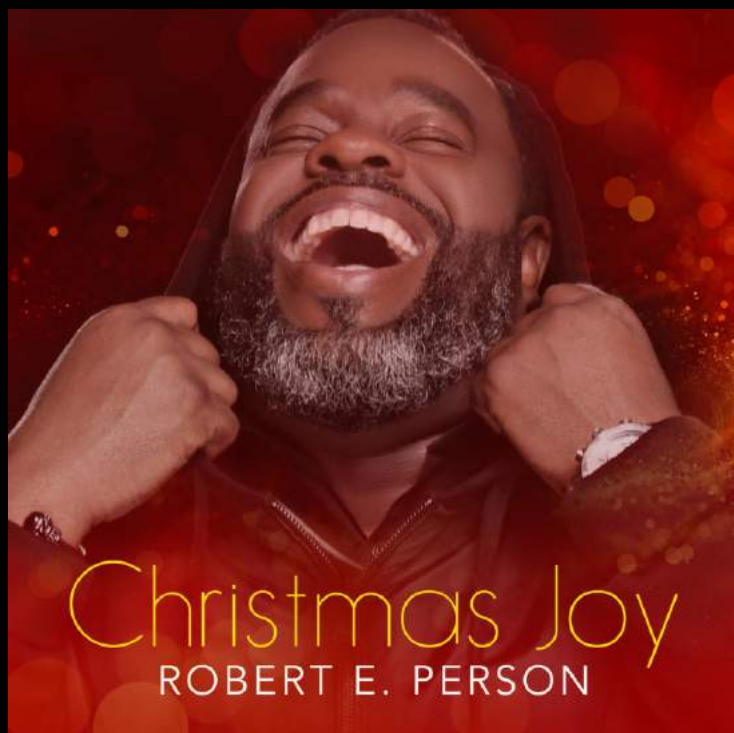
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**GOSPEL MUSIC SENSATION, OLUCHI RELEASES NEW SINGLE "YOU DO WELL FOR ME"**

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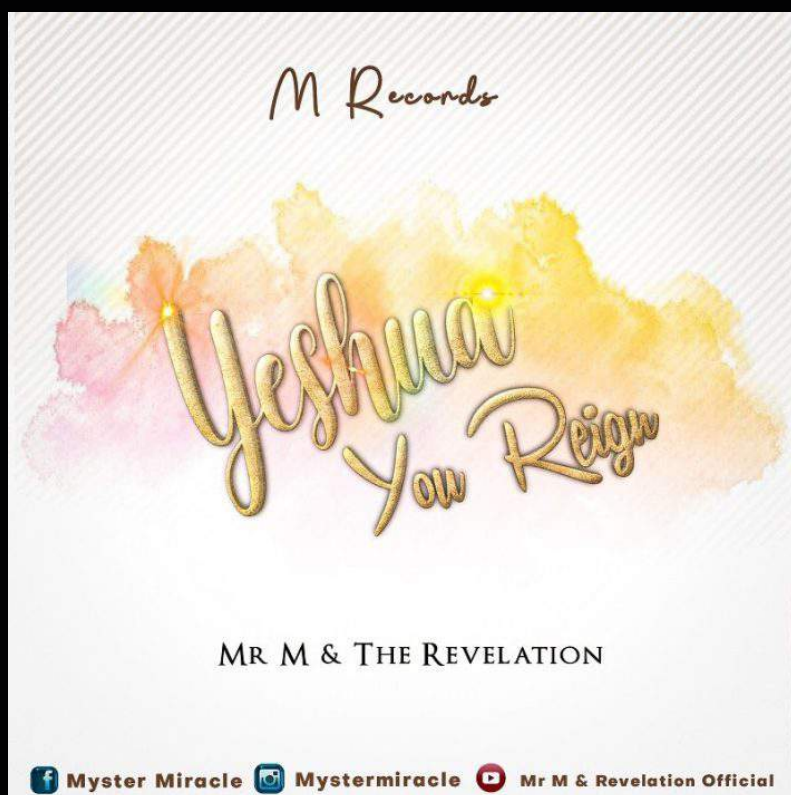
**VOCALIST ROBERT E. PERSON  
DELIVERS NEW HOLIDAY EP  
CHRISTMAS JOY**

Washington, DC — Robert E, Person picked the right moment to drop a song for the season. The year 2020 has been hustle and bustles so he is saying chill this Christmas.



**GOSPEL SINGER AND VOCALIST  
GLORIA O – “NOBODY LIKE YOU”**

Nobody like you is one of the songs that can be considered soul lifting. Abuja based music minister and Evangelist, Gloria Onyinyechi has blessed our souls with this lovely song.



Nigeria based music group, Mr. M and Revelation drops “Yeshua You Reign,” an amazing cool single accompanied by its live video. The worship song comes on the heels of the group’s new album ‘Spiritual Songs’.

Mr. M and Revelation are well-known for stirring up revival with divine sounds. “Yeshua You Reign” is a sound of worship that exalts the name of God and His reign over the affairs of men.



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**The 2020 edition of the annual Winners Chapel Shiloh is set to commence this year from December 8, 2020, with the theme – Turnaround Encounters.**

**The founder and General Overseer of the Living Faith Church Worldwide (A.K.A) Winners Chapel, Bishop David Oyedepo, on Sunday, Declared the theme for Shiloh 2020.**

**The Presiding Bishop of Living Faith Church Worldwide, Dr. David Oyedepo, in his formal declaration of the annual highly anointed event, prophesied that "Shiloh 2020 shall be a mountain of diverse encounters, resulting in supernatural 'turnaround' in all areas of life for every participant."**

**Shiloh 2020 Theme, Date, Time and Venue**

**Shiloh 2020 Theme: "Breaking Limits"**

**Shiloh 2020 Date: Tuesday, December 8 – Sunday, December 13, 2020**

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