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Sound Out The Scriptures

...even if you, for you do not believe the one
he sent. ³⁹You diligently study^e the Scrip-
tures because you think that by them you
possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures
that testify about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to
come to me to have life.
⁴¹“I do not accept praise from men, ⁴²but I
know you. I know that you do not have the
love of God in your hearts. ⁴³I have come

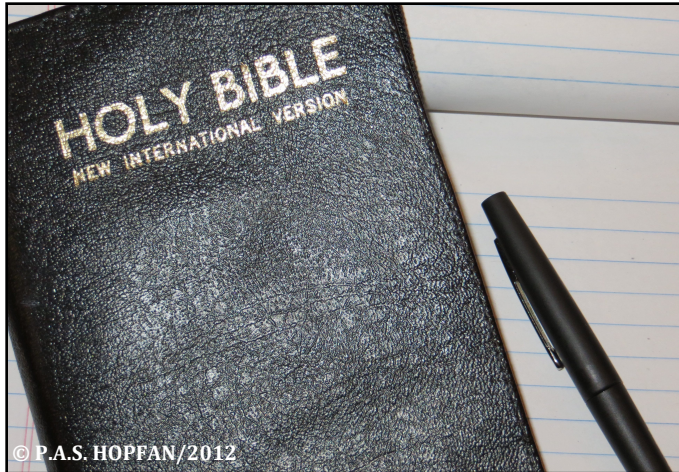
**You have to sound out the
Scriptures to fight darkness.**

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SOUND OUT THE SCRIPTURES

(While this message was given primarily to the Central African population, it is also useful to everyone because it is based on the Word of GOD.)



Brothers and Sisters,

the Word of GOD is alive! It gives life, it heals and it acts. It gives GOD's Wisdom. Without GOD's Wisdom, one cannot succeed. And one can find GOD's Wisdom in His Word, which is like light that is going to clear up all darkness in our life.

Before the Devil, Jesus kept answering: **"It is written...; it is written...; it is written..."** And the Devil left, because he did not understand the Word of GOD.

For this reason, it is important to sound out the Scriptures! For this reason, one must read the Bible and meditate on it in order to better use it before the enemy who prowls around like a roaring lion in the midst of GOD's children who have decided to give their lives to Christ and to follow Him.

May Central African women sound out the Scriptures!

Proverbs 19:14

("Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.")

Mothers and women in the Central African Republic (CAR) must understand that things are becoming tougher and tougher in this world, and that one needs more knowledge to get through.

Men must acknowledge women's value and thank GOD for having given them mothers, spouses, daughters and sisters. Delivering CAR from all its problems will come from the women of that nation!

However, for this to happen, those women have to sound out the Scriptures to fight darkness and all the enemies of their progress. Indeed, GOD wants His sheep to see the light and to walk in the light.

GOD did not create us to suffer but to progress. Whether you are a man or a woman, you need the Bible, to meditate on it and to put it into practice.

When you have problems and that you emphasize the Word of GOD, the Devil goes away!

Do not be scared of giants!

Numbers 13:30-33; 13:1-16

GOD promised to the children of Israel to give them the land of Canaan, and in Numbers 13:1-2, asks them to go to explore the land that He is giving to them. Twelve spies went to see the country and came back totally discouraged by what they found there. Giants! When listening to the testimonies of those spies, the people of Israel began to cry and to



miss the Egyptian land. But among those spies, two persons distinguished themselves: Joshua and Caleb, who declared that GOD would protect them and that thus they would be able to come into possession of that country. When they listened to those two men encouraging the people to enter Canaan, the Israelites wanted to stone them. But GOD showed Himself by bringing His Glory down on Joshua and Caleb...

Between us and our Canaan, there are always giants! But you do not need to be afraid. The same for CAR. That country will not always remain under-developed! No! The day when your son or grandson makes what Westerners make, we will no longer need to go to the West! May the current generation be a generation of Caleb and Joshua!

GOD killed those who refused to enter Canaan because they were losers. GOD does not need those who are fearful! If you want to enter your Canaan, you must fight! Jesus said one must carry his or her cross. So why don't we want to carry ours?

In 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, the Apostle Paul exhorts us to take courage, even if we are struck down ("**struck down, but not destroyed;**"). We have treasures in us! We have projects in our hearts! GOD is The One who placed them in us. One wants to open a restaurant, another wants to become a hairdresser, that one wants to write novels, etc; Go! And if you are a good cook, teach others how to cook so that the country can progress.

Satan knows that in each of us, there is intelligence and knowledge. That is why he does whatever he can to block that intelligence and that knowledge.

Seven obstacles from Satan to avoid!



One must be very watchful in his/her life and discern the traps of the enemy, the obstacles of the enemy. We can cite roughly seven obstacles to avoid, seven things that prevent us from progressing:

1. Disobedience

It is a source of opposition. That was the case of Lot's wife, for instance, who disobeyed GOD's order and looked back when she was leaving Sodoma with her family. As a result, she was transformed into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:17; 19:26). This is where disobedience leads to: death.

Therefore, repent because when you disobey GOD, you commit a sin. (1 Samuel 15:23) Instead, conform to GOD's Voice, to His Word that is Life. (Romans 6:16-18)

2. Sin

When you sin, you become rebellious against GOD (Isaiah 59:1-2). When you sin, there is no longer a connection between GOD and you, no more network. Instead, there is a wall between you and GOD, like with David who lost his son after sinning by having the husband of Bathsheba killed because of an adulterous act. (Psalm 51:1-14)

Confess and repent of all your sins. Move away from sin because the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23; Romans 6:1-23).

3. Fear

We have the example of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. The people of Israel were scared by Goliath who used to terrorize them, but David had faith in his GOD. 1 John 4:4 does say so: **"(...) the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."** Or 2 Timothy 1:7: **"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."**

Fear is what kills mankind. Fear is what kills for instance those young men who play *Kissoro* (Central African game) and live in their elder sister or brother's house for years without seeking to shape their lives...

If you are struck down by fear, focus on Jesus Christ who is greater and stronger than the subject of your fear. Your faith in GOD will make you move mountains. (Matthew 17:19-20)

4. Discouragement

Discouragement is one of the biggest sicknesses of Black people! And yet, where it is tough, that is where you find success. Every day, GOD encourages His children, just like He did for Moses in Deuteronomy 31:7, or for Joshua in Joshua 1:7 (“**Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; (...)**”) Why wouldn’t He do it for you today?

If you are discouraged, take courage because Jesus Christ has overcome death. (John 16:33) Lean on His Strength that surpasses all imagination. His Name was lifted up above all names. (Philippians 2:9-11)



5. Procrastination

It is the fact of postponing everything until tomorrow! And yet, your tomorrow depends on you! It is not up to GOD to do it. It is not GOD who is going to sow for us! Many projects are killed this way because people would rather wait for no one knows what: “I am waiting for the country to be better; I am waiting for this, I am waiting for that.”

The country is good. There are more and more foreigners who come to settle here. So stop saying “*Ka é wara pata ni na ndo wa?*” (“Where are we going to find money?”) (*Editor’s Note: It should be recalled that this preaching was made in 2007, i.e. several years before the coup d’état of 24 March 2013 in CAR.*)

As stated in Ecclesiastes 11:4, “**Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.**”

Know how to recognize the plans that GOD has put in your hearts and the opportunities that He is giving you, and move forward with His Blessing. (Jeremiah 29:11)

6. Failure of the past

Nowadays, there is little intelligence. When one fails, he/she gets angry and stops what he/she has been doing! And yet, it took one many tests for us to get electricity! If inventors of past technologies had given up during their experiments because of only one failure, where would have we been today?



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Paul understood it very well and spent his life to set his goal and to try to reach it. In Philippians 3:12-14, he says: **“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.”**

Do not look at your past failure anymore. Instead, look at your future, walking with GOD in perseverance like Abraham. (Jeremiah 6:13-15)

7. The opinion of others

There are people whose life is only based on what the others say to them. For instance, women refuse to accept jobs on the grounds that they are not female jobs! Jesus, in John 2:23-25, sets an example: **“(…) But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man’s testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.”**

What is important is what GOD says about you! Your life must change! What matters is not what people say! *Kondé yanga ti zo pèpè!* (“Don’t mind what the others say”) (Deuteronomy 28:13-14)

Therefore, my brother, my sister, remember that it is not up to GOD to act for you. He gave you everything in His Word to succeed. If you spend your time crying about your future, it will not change anything. You are the one who has to take action. GOD will help you only after that. Remember, before one goes to Heaven, he or she has to live on Earth. And the best way to succeed on Earth, is to sound out the Scriptures and to move forward with GOD, resisting the Devil and trying to press on towards the goal like Paul.

Be blessed in Christ! ●

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In the meantime, remain in GOD’s Word, the daily Bread that we all need to live a life in abundance, as planned by GOD, and to go through the trials and obstacles that we face at the same time as we move forward.

In the Bible (the New International Version), GOD tells us the following about His Word, among others:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Matthew 24:35)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)

“The Word became flesh.” (John 1:14)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Colossians 3:16)

“How sweet are your words to my taste.” (Psalm 119:103)

“The word of our God stands for ever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

“The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)

“The word of God, which is at work in you who believe.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

“The word of God lives in you.” (1 John 2:14)

“He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.” (Revelation 19:13)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)



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