

“THEIR”
CONVERSATION
WITH ME ABOUT
A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
FATHER



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“THEIR” CONVERSATION?

How much of the Word of God, under Holy Spirit guidance, is in the **conversation** between **Father God** and you, between **Jesus Christ** and you, and also in the conversation that you have **with yourself**? **Let** the Word as **Truth speak** to you.

Heart to heart conversations through the Word of God, establish eternal quality and depth in your **relationship** with God.

The **Word of God** is the foundation for **communication**, **interaction**, **declaration** and **interpretation** in our **relationship** with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Get **involved** in the conversation about the **FATHER**!

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May God minister to you in a very special way as you take **time** with His Word and **walk** with the Holy Spirit through this “**study guide**” about “**A Relationship with the Father**” (as one of many themes available).

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“ OUR FATHER’S EXCELLENCE ” (OFE)

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“For **His** divine power has bestowed **upon us all things** that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] **knowledge** of **Him** Who **called** us **by and to His** own glory and **excellence** (virtue)... **employ** every **effort** in **exercising** your faith to develop virtue (**excellence**, resolution, Christian energy), and in [**exercising**] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), and in [**exercising**]... [develop] Christian **love**.” (2 Pet. 1:3,5,6,7b AMPC) Love: the **more excellent way** - (1 Cor. 12:31)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a (special) people for God’s own possession, **so that** you may **proclaim the excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of Him who **called you out** of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Pet. 2:9 AMP.)

OFE VISION

DISCIPLE people into the lifestyle of a true worshipper of God, set free to live an excellent life, practically, all as if unto the Lord.

BUILD character, knowledge and skills into the members of the Body of Christ, into the living stones of God’s house, to serve the church effectively.

TRAIN people through the Word of God, to accurately obey His Word with excellence and respect.

ACTIVATE and release people as Spirit-filled vessels equipped to be witnesses of the Truth under His guidance.

PLANT strategic people as church, ministry and community leaders, according to their specific calling, vision and destiny on earth.

REACH all generations with the message of the Kingdom, as ambassadors and co-workers of Christ.

ENJOY your life with God and His family, as you see how your Father's dream becomes a reality in the nations.

“ In Your Light, we see the Light ” (Ps.36:9)

8 ACADEMIES in OFE, (Our Father's Excellence) BIBLE SCHOOL:

- WORD
- PRAYER
- WORSHIP
- PROPHETIC
- SHEPHERDING
- TEACHING+TRAINING
- CHURCH FOUNDATIONS
- MISSIONS+EVANGELISM

WORD ACADEMY OF OFE : VISION

“Study and be **eager** and do your utmost to **present** yourself to God approved (**tested by trial**), a **workman** who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly** analyzing and **accurately** dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15 AMPC.)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every **good work**. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

It is our desire to see people **grow** in their **love** (Ps. 119:97,127), **understanding** (Eph. 1:17) and **application** (Ps. 119:11, John 8:31) of the **Word**.

“You have **commanded** us to keep Your precepts, that we should **observe** them diligently. Oh, that my ways were **directed** and **established** to observe Your statutes (**hearing, receiving, loving** and **obeying** them)! Then shall I not be put to shame (by failing to inherit Your promises) when I **look (with respect)** to all Your commandments.” (Ps. 119:4-6 AMP.)

Allow the **Holy Spirit** to fulfill the first priority promise from God in the New Covenant.(Heb. 8:10) “... **and I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts...**”

“ Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ” (Ps.119:105)

**Strategic, practical
DEVELOPMENT PLAN
for EXCELLENCE in your personal life,
unique calling, dreams, ministry and destiny.**

If you are **already** involved, or if you **want to** be involved in different **ministries**, (worship, children, youth, prayer, dance, technical, marketplace, financial, pioneer, etc.) in your **church, community, and nation**, you need to **continually develop** in authority in your field of ministry, work and unique calling, and challenge yourself for **excellence** in your **life** and **ministry** in and through the church!

This authority includes **character, gifts, skill, Word foundation, passion** and **accurate alignment** in **relationships** where God has called you in a specific church for successful impact in a specific community. When you consider your unique calling in the body of Christ, **commit to serve effectively** where God has placed you. “... a planting of the Lord, for the **display** of His **splendor**.” (Isa. 61:3b)

Grow in a **lifestyle** where **God’s initiative** is evident and **God’s excellence** is seen through who you are and what you do. Identify through the Holy Spirit, **who** is taking the **initiative** in your work, ministry and personal life. Evaluate your lifestyle and be accountable to leadership in your local church about your **development**.

You need **Godly authority** in your life to stand in Christ with victory, set free to **live the dream** Father God has for you. Godly authority with

excellence can only be established **through** the **Word of God** in every ministry and it is very important in order to **fulfil** your **calling** and achieve the **goals** that God has for you.

Our **challenge** in many ministries and church networks is to establish a **strategic, practical development plan** for members, volunteers, leaders and serving teams to grow effectively in what they do **for** Christ and **with** Christ.

There are many great seminars, short-term courses and conferences having impact in ministries, and there are amazing theological seminaries and Bible-schools, for fulltime training, but the “**gap**”, **lack**, **need** and **prophetic priority** now, is the long-term strategic development plan for the family of God to become the mature, relevant, effective church to:

- **Proclaim** the **excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of God. (1 Pet. 2:9)
- **Declare** how **excellent** His Name is in all the earth. (Ps. 8:1)
- **Approve** (discern, show forth) the things that are **excellent**. (Phil. 1:10b)
- **Show** the more **excellent way** (love). (1 Cor. 12:31)
- **Develop excellent** speech. (Prov. 17:7)
- **Exercise** your faith to develop **excellence**. (2 Pet. 1:6)
- **Allow** the process for God to make you an eternal **excellence**. (Is. 60:15)
- **Meditate** on... what is **excellent**. (Phil. 4:8)
- **Sing** to the Lord for He has done **excellent** things. (Is. 12:5)
- **Believe** that you as saints are the “**excellent ones**”. (Ps. 16:3)

That is why we want to introduce to you strategic, “set out”, specific Authority Fields for your development in who you are **in** Christ and what you do **with** Christ and **for** Christ. **Authority fields** are groupings of 7 **specific** subjects designed to focus on development in a **specific** area of ministry or personal growth.

We want to **help** and **assist** you with this **suggested road map** of development, to grow in doing everything with **excellence** as if unto the Lord.

Prayerfully look at the “set out” combination of **strategic training fields** and commit to it personally or even set it as a development path for you, your family, church and ministry partners/ friends. You can find the detail at

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In this specific book/manual you will find 4 of more than 48 units for self-study (with 4 exam papers). These 4 units/themes from God's Word form part of the **training development program** for **excellence** in your walk with God.

My prayer for you and me in Psalm 19:14 (AMPC): "Let the **words** of my mouth and the **meditation** of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in **Your sight**, o Lord, my (firm, immovable) **rock** and my **Redeemer**."

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1. FATHER'S conversation with me about ... HIMSELF

If only you could understand the kind of love I have for you, as your Father! I have called you by name. **See what kind of love I have given you, that you are called children of God! And so you are!** (from 1 John 3:1a)

I am your Father, and I long for you, My child, to spend time with Me and to do life with Me. The prodigal son focused on his own needs and desires until he came to his senses, and; **"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."** (Luke 15:20)

Know, My child, that My forgiveness is there for you, but you need to make the decision to come home. Repentance is your road to the restoration of our relationship, in love. **I have appeared to you in the past saying: I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.** (from Jer. 31:3)

Even though you fear rejection, failure and disappointment, you can be safe and secure in My perfect love, which I have shown you through My Son, and poured out in your heart through My Spirit, because; **"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."**
(1 John 4:18)

The only fear in your life will be the respect and honour that you have for Me, imparted to you by My Spirit, the fear of the Lord. **As a father has compassion on his children, so I have compassion on those who fear Me...** (from Ps. 103:13a)

Many times you first want to understand the why, how, when and where, before you obey, but I challenge you to trust Me like a little child in the arms of the perfect Father. **My Son tells you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.** (from Matt. 18:3)

Surrender in faith to My authority and you will come to know My heart for your life! I believe in what I am doing in your life and I am excited about your future with Me as your God, for:

I, the Lord your God, am with you, I am mighty to save. I will take great delight in you, I will quiet you with My love, I will rejoice over you with singing. (from Zeph.3:17)

There is a song in My heart about you! Embrace the journey I have for you with joy and gladness and you will see Me in your midst, more and more. Therefore; **Shout and be glad, Oh daughter of Zion. For I am coming and I will live among you. I, the Lord, declare this.** (from Zech. 2:10)

I am with you and I know exactly what is happening in and with you. Be at peace, **For whoever touches you touches the apple of My eye.** (from Zech. 2:8b)

Let your love be sincere and love Me in obedience, as an expression of the love that I have for you and gave you. **If you love My Son, you will obey His teaching. I will love you, and We will come to you and make Our home with you.** (from John 14:23)

We, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will come and make Our home with you. Therefore, allow Me to form, mold, change and make you into who I want you to be, for **I am your Father. You are the clay, I am the potter; you are the work of My hand.** (from Isa 64:8)

Respect My hand on your life and you will see how I will work in you and through you as I walk with you! That is the greatest blessing you can receive from Me. **I will bless you and keep you; I will make My face shine upon you and be gracious to you; I will turn My face toward you**

and give you peace. (from Num 6:24-26)

Understand the depth and value of My blessing in your life. Know Me and My heart through My Son and you will know the purpose of My blessing. **No one has ever seen Me, but My Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only, who is at My side, has made Me known.** (from John 1:18)

In My Son, and from My Son, blessing will flow as you come close to Him and allow His embrace. Remember His demonstration: **And My Son took them (the children up one by one) in His arms and (fervently invoked a) blessing, placing His hands upon them.** (from Mark 10:16 AMP)

I have created you for My pleasure, and as you walk in My will, you will be a blessing to many, and you will become the blessing I have desired you to be. Not only to others but also to Me. **Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship Me in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers I seek.** (from John 4:23)

True worship through your lifestyle will bring you into an intimate relationship with Me and My Son. That is what life is all about. **Now this is eternal life: that you may know Me, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom I have sent.** (from John 17:3)

Choose a life with eternal value!

2. JESUS' conversation with me about ...

THE FATHER

If only you could understand the kind of love My Father has for you. **See what kind of love My Father has given you, that you are called children of God! And so you are!** (from 1 John 3:1a)

Your Father is calling you to walk with Him, be with Him and “do” life with Him. The prodigal son focused on his own needs and desires until he came to his senses, but only through circumstances that took him from a “give me” attitude to a “make me” attitude towards his father. **“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”** (Luke 15:20)

Forgiveness from your Father through what I’ve done for you through My blood will always be there, but you need to decide to come home! Repentance is your road to the restoration of our relationship, where love is the motivation, a love that is pure and honorable. **My Father appeared to you in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness.”** (from Jer. 31:3)

You may be bound by fear, rejection, failure and disappointment, but let My perfect love deal with all of that. Your Father’s love, shown through Me, Jesus Christ, and poured out in your heart through the Holy Spirit will always keep you safe and secure, for; **“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”** (1 John 4:18)

The only fear in your life must be the respect and honour you have for your God. Honour that leads to destiny will be established through the fear of God in your life. **As a father has compassion on his children, so My Father has compassion on those who fear Him.** (from Ps. 103:13)

Many times you first want to understand the why, how, when and where, before you obey, but I challenge you to trust Me like a little child in the arms of the Perfect Father. Many years ago I said to the disciples: **“I tell you the**

truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 18:3)

Surrender in faith to My authority, and you will come to know My heart for your life. I believe in what I am doing in your life, and I am excited about your future with Me, as it is written: **“The Lord your God, is with you, He is mighty to save, He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”** (Zeph. 3:17)

There is a song in heaven about you. Embrace the journey I have for you with joy and gladness, and you will see Me in your midst, more and more. Therefore, **Shout and be glad, Oh daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you. I, the Lord, declare this.** (from Zech. 2:10)

I am with you and know exactly what is happening in you and with you! **For whoever touches you, touches the apple of My eye.** (from Zech. 2:8b)

Let your love be sincere and love Me in obedience as an expression of the love that you have for Me. **If you love Me, you will obey My teaching. My Father will love you, and We will come to you and make Our home with you.** (from John 14:23)

We, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will come and make Our home with you; therefore allow Me to form, mould, change and make you into who I want you to be for; **My Father is your Father. You are the clay, He is the potter; you are all the work of His hand.** (from Isa. 64:8)

Respect the hand of God on your life and you will see how We will work in you, through you, and walk with you. That is the greatest blessing you can receive from your God.

It is said that, **The Lord bless you and keep you; He will make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; He will turn His face toward you and give you peace.** (from Num. 6:24-26)

Then you must know that there is purpose in blessing. Understand the depth and value of My blessing in your life. You can know the Father and His heart only through Me as His Son for: **No one has ever seen God, but I, the One and Only, Jesus Christ, who is at the Father’s side, have made Him known.** (from John 1:18)

In Me, from Me and through Me blessing will be released as you come close to Me and allow My embrace. Remember what I demonstrated with the children! ... **I took them (the children up one by one) in My arms and (fervently invoked a) blessing, placing My hands upon them.** (from Mark 10:16 AMP)

I have created you for My pleasure, and as you walk in My will, you will be a blessing to many, and you will become the blessing I have desired you would also be to Me.

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship My Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers My Father seeks. (from John 4:23)

True worship through your lifestyle will bring you into an intimate relationship with your Father and with Me, your Lord and Saviour, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That is what life is all about. **Now this is eternal life: that you may know My Father, the only true God, and Me, Jesus Christ, whom He has sent.** (from John 17:3)

Choose a life with eternal value!

3. MY conversation with myself about ...

THE FATHER

How can it be that I can call the Creator of Heaven and earth my Father? I stand amazed at the beauty of God's love for me, and the honour I have that He calls me child!

It is written: **"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And so we are!"** (1 John 3:1a)

Through the blood of Christ, I have the boldness to believe that my Father has forgiven me. I can identify with the story of the prodigal son. He came to his senses, repented and went home, a place that he could call home, because of a father who forgave and embraced him.

The prodigal son said: **So I got up and went to my father. But while I was still a long way off, my father saw me and was filled with compassion for me. He ran to me, his son, threw his arms around me, and kissed me.** (from Luke 15:20)

God, You revealed Your love to me, and encouraged me to come close to You, with the beauty of Your character, that says, "welcome home!" **You have appeared to me in the past, saying that You have loved me with an everlasting love; you have drawn me with loving kindness.** (from Jer. 31:3)

In spite of hurt, fear of rejection, and condemnation, I am so grateful to be safe in God's perfect love for me. I stand by faith on the truth that, **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. If I fear I have not been made perfect in love.** (from 1 John 4:18)

There is a fear that I have for God, but that is all about respect and honour. **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on me who fears Him.** (from Ps. 103:13a)

Many times I first want to understand "what is happening" before I will surrender and obey God's strategy and agenda, but I choose today to have the faith and attitude of a little child. **Jesus tells me the truth, that unless I**

change and become like a little child, I will never enter the kingdom of Heaven. (from Matt. 18:3)

I have seen that when I submit to His authority, I enter a place where the King has the final say in my life. He is always there for me, believes in me, and He is excited about me! I will never forget this verse: **The Lord my God is with me; He is mighty to save. He takes great delight in me. He quiets me with His love. He rejoices over me with singing.**

(from Zeph 3:17)

If God is so excited about us, singing over us, how much more should we be excited about Him. He wants to live among us! Can you believe that?! **I will shout and be glad like the daughter of Zion. For You are coming and You are going to live among us. You, Lord, You declare this.**

(from Zech. 2:10)

My Father is in control and knows exactly what is happening to me. **For whoever touches me, touches the apple of His eye.** (from Zech. 2:8b)

So, I will love my Father with the love that He gave me. Not a cheap kind of love but love in action, love that involves obedience. I know that: **If I love Jesus, I will obey His teaching. The Father will love me and they will come to me and make their home with me.** (from John 14:23)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit will make their eternal home with us, how amazing! But yet, let us allow our Father to form, change and make us into who He wants us to be. We acknowledge: **“Yet, Oh Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the Potter. We are all the work of Your hand.”** (Isa. 64:8)

Knowing the Father, walking with the Father, working with the Father and allowing the Father to work in and through me, that is the ultimate blessing. I gratefully see and receive the essence of the blessing of God! **The Lord blesses me and keeps me; the Lord makes His face shine upon me and He is gracious to me; the Lord turns His face towards me and gives me His peace.** (from Num. 6:24-26)

The Father's blessing can be seen and understood through His Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that, in and through Jesus Christ, I will come to see and know my Father. **I have never seen God; but God, the Son, the One and Only; who is at the Father's side, has made Him known to me.**

(from John 1:18)

I receive the Father's blessing through His Son but even so, from my Master, King and Saviour, I receive! As He did with the children then, so He does with me today! **And He took me up, as a child, in His arms, and fervently invoked a blessing, placing His hands upon me.**

(from Mark 10:16 AMP)

As I receive from Him, I have the privilege and honour not just to be blessed, but also to bless Him with all that He desires from me. My time has come! **A time is coming and has now come when I, a true worshiper, will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for I am the kind of worshiper the Father seeks.** (from John 4:23)

The Word of Truth, together with my spirit under the Holy Spirit's control, will bring me into a worship lifestyle with eternal value. That is actually the definition of eternal life that I can have today, right now! As the Word says: **Now this is eternal life, that I may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.** (from John 17:3)

Help me, Holy Spirit, to make this eternal life a reality in my lifestyle today!

4. TRUTH'S conversation with me about...

THE FATHER

Let us always be amazed at God's love for us. **"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"** (1 John 3:1a)

Our Father believes in us, forgives us and accepts us when we surrender all to Him. When Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son, He showed us the heart of the Father in the prodigal son's father. When the prodigal son was willing to repent of his ways, his father forgave him the moment he returned to him. In Luke 15:20, it says: **"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."**

You need to understand how His heart is drawing us to Him. In Jer. 31:3, the Lord says: **"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness.'"**

You may have been hurt by love that you thought was "true love." But, with Father God's love for you, you are safe. Let God's perfect love heal you.

1 John 4:18 says: **"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."**

There is a certain type of fear that you must have for God, but it is all about honour and respect for God. Ps. 103:13 says: **"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."**

Arrogant reasoning about God, instead of sincere, childlike faith, will block the wisdom and guidance from the King in your life. Matt. 18:3 says; **"And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'"**

God is excited about you and the destiny He has planned for you. Zeph. 3:17 says, **"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He**

will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Father wants to be with us as His children and He wants us to be glad and excited about that. Zech. 2:10 says: **“Shout and be glad, oh daughter of Zion. For I am coming and I will live among you,” declares the Lord.**”

As the Perfect Father, He is also absolutely aware of what happens to you ... **“... for whoever touches you, touches the apple of His eye.”**
(Zech. 2:8b)

Appreciate God’s agenda for you and let your gratitude and love be shown through your lifestyle. Jesus said: **“If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him and We will come to him and make our home with him.”** (John 14:23)

Let your Father mold and make you according to the dream in His heart for you. Acknowledge and agree with Isa. 64:8: **“Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.”**

As clay in the hands of the Father, receive the blessing of your God. Take it from Num. 6:24-26. **“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”**

Jesus reveals the heart of our Father, in all His Words, deeds and blessings. John 1:18 says: **“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made Him known.”**

Jesus comes and demonstrates the blessings of the Father on His children. We observe in Mark 10:16 (AMPC) that: **“... And He took them (the children up one by one) in His arms and (fervently invoked) a blessing, placing His hands upon them.”**

Let us then go to our Father and bless Him with what He seeks from us. **“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”** (John 4:23)

We can only pray that the Holy Spirit will show us through the Word of God, how to have an excellent relationship with our Father and Jesus Christ, our Lord, forever. Jesus says: **“Now this is eternal life: that they may know**

You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.” (John 17:3)