

## **Sunday Best**

**Revelation 5:11-14, John 21.1-19**

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**Encounter @ 9.00**

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### **GIVING YOUR BEST FOR GOD**

Giving your best for God will enable you to identify His purpose and plans for us, this could imply denying oneself for the sake of Christ.

Jesus said in (Mark 8v 34) if anyone who wants to follow him must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. The cross meant suffering and death for Jesus. Does that mean you will have to suffer too? The cross is more than a place where Jesus died, it is a symbol of our salvation and a symbol of God's will. What Jesus is telling you and I, is to choose what God wants not what we want.

There is nothing God does without a purpose he created the land before the plants, He created the waters before the fishes, animals after all these that He created which was good, then God created human beings to inhabit the land and be in control. God knows the location and the names of every one even before we were formed. The book of **Esther** tells us that God allows Esther in the palace of King Xerxes for a purpose; she was made a stranger but made her relevant when it matters.

God has allowed each and every one of us, to be in a place where our lives are to fulfil his glory.

We should always identify God's purpose and plans for our life. Sometimes it's hard to know what to do? Talking with your friends can help you think things through, but then you definitely need to reason together with God and ask him to make his will perfect in your life with His strength to do what is best and right.

*Listen to a conversation letter about two friends*

Dear Sam,

I recently lost my job, I have prayed for another job but no vacancy why won't God listen.

Dear Fred,

What a difficult situation for you! I'm sure that it's been hard to adjust but are you sure that God didn't listen or did not answer your prayers?

When you were little and asked for a candy bar, did your mum ever say not now, she knew it wasn't best for you at that time. Maybe you thought she was mean, but just because you were too little to understand doesn't mean she didn't understand or listen or care. Perhaps God is telling you not yet or maybe even no, but that doesn't mean he didn't listen or that he doesn't care.

Even the apostle Paul didn't always get the answer he wanted to his prayers ([2 Corinthians 12v7-9](#)).

God's wisdom is perfect it is our understanding that is imperfect; He may just want you to find strength in him instead of in yourself. I believe that we may

never fully understand all the things that happen in our lives.

You can be sure that God will use even the worst situation, for his glory and your weakness as his strengths. It always hard to understand this question,

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM ME?

I want to say to you that, God do not only limits us to share out tracts in schools, homes, church or pray five hours in a day, or be a missionary.

I sometimes wonder who we are, why we are here, while society emphasizes wealth, success and the pursuits of pleasure, the truth is that we are created by God in his image and our fulfilment is found in pursuing his purpose for us, by surrendering ourselves whole heartedly to him in His services.

To make sure you have that kind of life he has given us the Holy Spirit. You can choose to follow those good impulses that the Holy Spirit gives us. In him we can find overflowing joy, love, peace, patient, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

**Romans 8v28-39** This is one of the most powerful assurances in all of the scripture, as Christians our perspective on life's trials and suffering is unique, because we know that God has a plan for everything, even pain and sorrow. God is not the author of sin and pain but He is capable of taking even the most awful situations and using them to point to something good

I finally conclude by saying God is calling us to go deeper with him, to go beyond where we are and where we have been.

The father has so much more for his daughters and sons, but it lies in the depths of our relationship with him and not in the shallows. I invite you to come and be part of this open invitation in order to build a greater foundation in our lives  
Amen

**POEM**  
**WHO ARE YOU**

You are who you are for a reason  
You're part of a special plan  
You are precious, perfect, uniquely design, called  
God's special man and woman created in his Image  
and likeness.

Your looks or form is for a reason  
Our God made no mistake  
He knit you together within the womb  
You're just what he wanted to make

The parents you had were the ones he choose  
And no matter how you may feel  
They were custom, designed with God's plan in mind  
And they bear master's seal

Know that the trauma you face was not easy  
And God wept that it hurt you so,  
But it was allowed to shape your heart  
So that into his likeness you will grow

You've been formed by the master rod  
You are who you are beloved, because there is a  
God  
And He loves you; God love for each and every one  
of us is amazing.