



# Lifegate

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## Divine Increase by the Empowerment of

**W**e concluded our series on 'Divine increase by the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit' in the month of August. The series was aimed at helping us unravel the many dimensions of divine increase we can enjoy through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We studied the place of the Holy Spirit as our counsellor. Divine empowerment defines how God gives us ability to be able to perform. We started with a focus on the Spirit of Counsel - one of the seven-fold manifestations of the Spirit of God which also manifested in Jesus as the Son of Man. The Spirit of Counsel helped Jesus to hear from the Father constantly thereby knowing what to do in every situation (John 6:6); It also empowered Him to guide others on making the right choices (John 2:7-8; John 5:8; John 8:11, etc). To make the right choices always, we also must rely on the Spirit of Counsel to guide us. We see from the life of David that he thrived on this reliance. When sought by Saul to be killed, David demonstrated that the Spirit of Counsel instructs us, emboldens us and protects us from danger. God's orchestration of the unusual alliance with Jonathan the son of Saul shows that the Spirit of Counsel can work through unusual channels. However, it is important to ensure that we do not succumb to ungodly counsel, but rather to the Spirit of Counsel which guides us based the Word of God.

Furthermore, the Spirit of Knowledge, Spirit of Knowledge (and indeed) the Spirit of Understanding are the expressions of the Holy Spirit that help us with insights into situations and circumstances as they have happened, are happening or are about to happen. Both the Spirit of knowledge and the Spirit of wisdom require us to walk in the fear of the Lord, study His Word and take time to fellowship with the saints so as to develop an effective faith walk with the Holy Spirit from Whom they are given to us. The Spirit of understanding on the other hand helped Jesus understand His purpose, His timing and His enemies. Thus, the Spirit of understanding thus provides the ability to comprehend something. He also aids an individual's perception or judgment of a situation. The Spirit of understanding provides us with insight expressing along side the spirit of knowledge and wisdom through Whom we enjoy hindsight and foresight respectively. Hence, the Spirit of understanding is the expression of the Holy Spirit that helps us to contextualise the Scripture to our times and seasons.

In addition, we studied the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord who helped Jesus resist the devil's temptations in the wilderness and at Gethsemane - two critical moments that could have easily jeopardised His earthly mission. The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord therefore provides us with the ability to love God and to have due reverence for Him as this is the whole duty of man. Unlike the Satan-induced fear, the Spirit of the fear of the Lord does not drive us away from the pres-



## Of the Holy Spirit

ence of God but rather moves us towards it. By the spirit of the fear of the Lord, we serve God in spirit and truth, remember the goodness of God, walk away from evil and live as partakers of the new covenant. Hence, the Spirit of the fear of the Lord helps us to enjoy abundant life and divine protection.

To conclude the series, we established that Jesus came to establish His Government on earth in fulfilment of the prophetic declaration about His birth. After raising disciples who understood His true identity, He established His church upon the revelation of His Sonship of God the Father and declared that the empowerment of His church will be by the Holy Spirit. This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Subsequently, the first Church rejoiced continually in their salvation and were empowered in purity; became steadfast in doctrine and fellowship and empowered and purposeful; and they were united and empowered in prosperity. To remain the increasing church, therefore, we must continue to embrace some principles that the Apostles laid down as they built upon the foundation established by Christ (the Rock).

It was thus a most glorious celebration as we celebrated the 12th Anniversary of Lifegate Outreach Centre with the theme of The Increasing Church - our prophetic launch into our 13th year and future as a Ministry. I am very hopeful you will find the highlights we present in this Newsletter both edifying and impactful. The Lord bless you.



# Pictures from LOC's 12th Anniversary

## 'The Increasing Church'



## My Reflection on LOC

Our first direct contact with Lifegate Church was in November 2018, through Dr Ephraim. It was a time we were looking for a worship centre that resembled our background, which is known for raising role models in society through obedience to the Holy Spirit. Perhaps, the initial attractions were the purpose-driven teachings focused on growing a people of purity, power, purpose and prosperity. Over time, closer interactions gave us the confidence when we became familiar with the church's mission, impacting our society with the abundant life in our different spheres.

I also met some vibrant brothers who challenged and shaped my faith in humility, resili-

ence and consistency. We prayed to "be useful" in this church and gradually God used the senior pastor to assign us to our areas of strength, starting with leading the morning prayers and Bible study. We were also privileged to witness the diverse growth and creations of service departments we have today, and it became easy to align with our gifts. Today, I'm grateful for holding my wife's hand and children, in supporting diverse youths and young couples build and realise their marital potential in Christ.

A significant aspect of Lifegate's impact on me is the development of leadership character. Through the church teaching, I practically realised that our life tribulations are actually a catalyst for pastoral character and authority (Romans 5:3-4) to serve God's people, prosperity for believers is being engrained with sufficiency towards good works (2 Corinthians 9:8). For me, this unique perspective on life is the dividing line between seeing God as a father and the freedom from pressure of crazy earthly acquisitions ravaging our world today of materialism and the attendant ungodly nuances.

As we gave ourselves to service, God has helped me connect and impact many Commonwealth professionals and hosts through the CSC outreaches. I am still in touch with our different alumni in Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, Zambia, Uganda, etc, in mentoring and shaping lives and projects because of yielding to serve God's people. I have been

blessed in this Church with formidable brethren and teams that understand purpose and fight with both hands in ensuring kingdom goals and purposes are actualised. Through this teamwork, jobs and businesses have been gained, homes have been fed with both physical and spiritual bread, and ailing homes have been strengthened, to name a few.

Personally, I have grown and am still growing in my understanding of Christ's relationship with humanity. I can testify that the knowledge of Christ is capable of expanding one's intellectual capacity and social skills, especially in my current job. It takes the mind of Christ to strive in a context homogeneously engineered to hate God and Christian values. And I have always been fascinated by how Christ is reaching unbelievers in unusual and unfamiliar frontiers that I have led. That is because we have learned at Lifegate how to win without religious covers or liturgy.

My children have also grown to love going to church, considering the contextual teachings and the exploration of their potential. Raising children in this part of the world and these times is next to rocket science in my opinion. So, hearing your children do bible exegesis during family devotions is nothing short of a miracle. This cannot be ascribed to schooling or parenting alone. The church has been significant in our children's development, and I believe Lifegate have not only a strategy but a message for the youths of this generation. We are very grateful for what God is doing and can only hope that God will give us greater mountains in this country. To God be all the glory for Lifegate Outreach Centre, a home that shapes destinies.





**H**ave you ever wished you had enough time to do something like an essay, the dishes, homework? Well, I'm sure most if you have. I have made a huge mistake, I really didn't mean for any of this to happen. I'm sure you might be wondering what I'm talking about, here's the thing, I might have meddled with time.

It's exactly 7:50 am on 7th July 2025 and I'm still not done with my project for school and I'm going to be so late.

"Tiwa, you're going to be so late," said mom

"Hurry up" she continued

"Ok!" I shouted back.

Time was ticking now, and it went on to 8:10 so I packed up my school bag and rushed outside and no joke, I literally ran all the way to the bus stop and thankfully I'm a fast runner, so I made it in time for the 8:15 bus. Finally, I'm at school chatting and giggling with my friends as we entered the school premises. Unsurprisingly, they couldn't finish their projects, my friends have VERY busy schedule:

Madison; Football practice for her, football practice for her brother etc.

Nyah and Tia; dance and drama class every day, Frankie; football for her brother.

So you see, I wasn't surprised when they all told me. I did have to explain to the teacher that I had a church programme. While walking home that day I wondered why there wasn't extra time for everyone's needs.

Fast forward to me at home on Saturday at 6:05 am. The day it happened. I was taking some fresh air when I spotted a little pocket watch I picked it up and checked if it had a name and it did, the name written on it was Braxton. So, I set out to return it to its owner and I found out something weird, the date

and time were concerningly wrong, it said: 12:00 am 3rd September 1999 but I thought-like everyone else would-that it was just malfunctioning. So I decided to change the date and time.

As soon as I changed it, everyone, everywhere and everything became silent, the silence sent a spine-chilling feeling run through my spine,

"What is going on?" I asked myself worry etching through my face

I ran all the way home only to find my brother and sister motionless, staring at the lifeless TV, while my motionless dad was on the soundless phone and my motionless mom was turning off the lifeless tap,

## The Day Time Stood Still



**Fiction by Tiwaloluwa Fashola**

"This has something to do with that pocket watch" I muttered fearfully.

"Oh God, what have I done." I cried.

It is now 6:30 and I am currently running back to the place I dropped the pocket watch, thankfully it was still there and as soon as I touched it, I saw nothing but endless darkness then finally land, but there was something worrying about it: I remember standing on the pavement not on grass and there were no tall palm trees and there weren't any long, huge necks staring down at me while eating some leaves of a large apple tree,

"OMG, is that...a dinosaur?" I asked to no one

in particular but myself

It was none other than the BRACHIOSAURUS but hold on a second didn't dino's go extinct like 66 MILLION YEARS AGO??!!! so what exactly am I doing 66 million years back in the past?!

"If a brachiosaurus is here then a-"

"Aarrggghhhh!!!" I screamed as an ear-splitting screech echoed through the trees,

"Uh oh, other dino's might be here too, including a t-rex" I said feeling scared.

I stood up and started to pace back and forth and then an idea sprung up in my mind. Usually, I would say

"Time is running out"

but this time, time was on hold, so I said

"There's still time"

I checked my watch; time is still frozen.

I pick up the pocket watch and put it back the date and time I saw it then I drop it on the floor and look around and then I see a raptor coming towards me and then I scream and quickly grab the pocket watch and then once again endless darkness then land.

Finally, I'm home but time is still frozen, so I dropped the pocket watch where I found it and then everyone and everything goes back to normal and time carry's on as it should. Time is meaningful and valuable, and it should not be toyed with, and time management is REALLY important.

# David Oloke Takes on New Challenge

**A**nglia Ruskin University (ARU) recently appointed Professor David Oloke as the new Head of Engineering and the Built Environment.

According to the News Bulletin, *Building Design & Construction*, ARU delivers the largest range of engineering and built environment courses in the East of England. Professor Oloke has played leadership roles both academically and professionally many universities and businesses.

With a PhD in Construction Engineering and Management, combined with

professional qualifications as a chartered civil engineer (CEng) and chartered construction manager, he is positioned to take ARU to greater heights. Professor Oloke's professional titles include Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers (FICE), Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building (FCIOB) and Principal Fellow of Advance HE (PFHEA). Additionally, he possesses vast experience in research, PhD supervision, engineering and project management consultancy.

Professor Oloke expressed delight at joining Anglia Ruskin University 'at this pivotal time as the University builds on its impressive recent achievements, including being named Times Higher Education

University of the Year and receiving a TEF Gold award for teaching excellence'.

Further, he made his vision for the Anglia Ruskin University School of Engineering and the Built Environment known. According to him, his vision 'is to further strengthen ARU's close links with employers and position the School as a leader – not only regionally, but nationally and internationally – in training the next generation of engineers and built environment professionals, as well as creating impactful research and knowledge exchange with our external partners'. Professor Oloke is the Centre Director of Lifegate Communities, and Lifegate congratulates him on this great achievement.

# Lifegate Communities at Walsall Works Job Expo

**T**his month, Lifegate Communities through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund sponsored LaunchPad Project joined a host of prospective employers at the Walsall Works Job Expo.

The event was an inspiring time of connection and opportunity. Young people already enrolled on the LaunchPad programme will benefit further, linking up with employers to sharpen their employability skills and gain valuable hands-on work experience.

**Good news:** a few spaces are still available! Scan the QR code to enrol and take your next step toward brighter opportunities.

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**LAUNCHPAD PROJECT**

**What's in it for you?**

- VOLUNTEERING PLACEMENTS TAILORED TO YOUR PASSION
- FLEXIBLE OPPORTUNITIES - IN-PERSON, HYBRID FULLY REMOTE
- BUILD SKILLS & GAIN REAL WORK EXPERIENCE
- SAFE, SUPPORTIVE & INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

**How it works**

- 1. **TAKE THE MIW SURVEY - SCAN THE QR CODE**  
Share your interests & goals
- 2. **GET MATCHED**  
We'll connect you with the organisations
- 3. **START VOLUNTEERING**  
Make an impact while growing your skills

**Limited to 25 participants - Apply now!**



 **West Midlands Combined Authority**  **Walsall Council**  **Lifegate Communities**

This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



# Lifegate Communities Supports Walsall Residents through WEAP

**W**EAP is an acronym for Walsall Energy Action Project, a cross-sector partnership offering residents and communities education and advice on ways to make energy efficiency improvements in their homes and buildings. The Walsall Energy Action Project is a three year, borough wide initiative, operated in collaboration with Community Hub partners to offer direct support to Walsall residents to not only assess and reduce household energy spending during the cost of living crisis, but also to educate and share knowledge on how we can all play a part in improving our communities and the wider environ-

ment through positive climate action.

The Walsall Energy Action Project is delivered by a partnership between Community Hubs across the borough and Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council. Lifegate Communities is one of the community organisations offering support to Walsall residents. This project was made possible through the National Lottery Fund awarded to the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council.

Join us to improve energy efficiency in Walsall community. Feel free to share your experiences by scanning the QR code on the right and contribute to the growth of Walsall Community.

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walsall energy action project

**We want you to share your experiences and thoughts of WEAP!**

 **Scan me to complete the Feedback Survey**

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**Your responses will help us to learn & improve, to make sure we are providing the best service for you!**

       



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