



# Lifegate

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## Divine Increase by Divine Purpose

**D**early Beloved,

Over the past two months, we explored the series “Divine Increase by Divine Purpose”—a journey revealing how divine empowerment through the Holy Spirit positions us to fulfil destiny and experience God’s increase. In “Son of God Manifested”, we saw that Jesus’ birth was no accident of history but a divine assignment. Sent in the fullness of time, He brought grace, truth, and eternal life to humanity. His fulfilment of purpose became a blessing to the world, reminding us to embrace the Father’s love, be conformed to Christ’s image, and live in holiness. In “There is a Prophet in Israel (Elisha)”, we learnt from Elisha—whose name means God is Salvation—that divine purpose often demands courage and humility. Through acts of service and miracles of blessing, Elisha demonstrated faith and readiness, teaching us to face life’s challenges with obedience and grace.

“For Such a Time as This (Esther)” showed us how timely obedience can change history. Guided by Mordecai, Esther rose in courage to save her people. Her story reminds us that purpose is revealed when we trust the Holy Spirit’s leading in decisive moments. From David, who served his generation by the will of God, we learnt the value of diligence, humility, generosity, and devotion. His zeal for God’s glory and intentional service reveal that purpose flourishes through wholehearted commitment. In “See, I

Have Made You as God to Pharaoh (Moses)”, we encountered divine authority in action. Moses’ life teaches obedience, faith, and leadership through delegated power. As believers, we too carry authority to reconcile the world to God. Peter, in “Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church”, exemplified steadfast faith and apostolic focus. Through revelation and obedience, he became a foundation stone in

the early Church, teaching us to know Christ personally and fulfil our calling with perseverance.

Philip, in “He Joined Himself to the Chariot”, modelled Spirit-led ministry. His obedience to divine direction in reaching the Ethiopian eunuch shows that evangelism thrives through discernment, sensitivity, and reliance on the Holy Spirit. Finally, Lydia, the businesswoman who worshiped God, embodied purposeful devotion in her daily life.

Though successful in business, she remained prayerful, hospitable, and open to the Gospel—becoming the first Christian convert in Europe and a pillar of the early Church. Each of these lives reveals one eternal truth: divine increase follows divine purpose. When we yield to God’s Spirit, walk by faith, and serve with love, we become vessels of His glory to our generation.

I am trusting God that the contents of this news letter will enrich your soul and help you to continue to define and live in the reality of your God-given purpose in life. The Lord bless you.

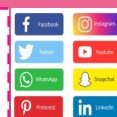
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# Roast that Game

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*"The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious". Pro 12:27 (KJv).*

**A**mong men, across ages, races, colours and diverse fields of human endeavour, the major challenge is not lack of effort, but that last push; that decisive action - when it matters most, many faint and down the drain goes all initial efforts. Many start but only a few usually finish, because they do not roast their kill.

Brethren, in this season of divine increase for divine purpose, "wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square". (Pro 1:20). Our lives, in hours, days, years will be full of those steps we took, those ones we could/should have taken, and painfully, the ones we took when opportunities presented itself and then abandoned.

The Bible aptly captures the situation of our struggles as it compares it to a hunter who went to the forest, killed an animal. The family is waiting for dinner but the hunter refused to roast, he leaves the kill to rot, and in some cases, another fellow comes and takes it away. What a wasted effort! Remember, it is only whoever endures to the end that shall be saved. The funny part of this subject is that you will see in

most cases, you are engaged, it maybe that time on the phone (social media), the movie, entertainment and sometimes, a little more sleep. It maybe that football match/highlights or you are really busy - only that you are busy hunting rabbits when antelopes are waiting.

Can we really do some appraisal? Wisdom is still screaming. Kindly check the messages from Lifegate Outreach Centre and step up to the plate. Maybe it is just for you to make that call, embark on that program, give attention to the marriage, do that application, start the work out/hit the gym, ask for help, read that book, read the Bible, make time for prayer, write those projects, do all you can to give expression to that latent purpose within, roast that kill please.

With hindsight, insights and foresight, look into your routines, give attention to must-do, set a specific time to do it and in it will the new man emerge. Remember, for us to shine, we must arise (Is. 60:1). The night comes when no man can work again. It is certain, night will come, earlier than we ever expect. Let us make our day count.

May God enable us to succeed daily in all our endeavours. Amen!

## How Can this Be?

**A**very big question indeed. As I walked to church this morning feeling the cold wind and rain on my coat, I thought to myself, this is me actually in the UK experiencing the cold weather, admiring the green grass and shed leaves scattered over it, like the colourful work of an artist. I thought to myself how awesome God is in creation itself. In those thoughts, I heard my father speak, that was how Mary said how shall this be? It must have been overwhelming indeed for Mary who was still a virgin to hear the angel tell her she would have a child.

Mary asked the angel, "How can this be? I'm a virgin, ( Luke1:26-38) how can a virgin have a child? It sounds ridiculous right? Impossible! It looked like someone was up to some mischief but yeah... it happened. God always does what He says. Mary, a young girl was told she would have a son. She had no knowledge of a man nor was she married. How could this be? I wonder how many times God has spoken to you about something that seemed impossible He would do in your

life and you asked the same question. Every life that has a purpose will get to that question in their life. That's when God shows Himself mighty. It happened with Joseph when he dreamt that his family will bow to him. His father wondered how this will be. It happened to Sarah when God said she would have a child for Abraham. Has God said it? Then He will do it, don't worry about the how. He will work it. He has a plan. You are in His plan. Your purpose in His plan will cause him to show up for you. He did it for Mary, He will do it for you.

A life lived doing God's purpose is a life full of God's miracles and testimonies. It was like that with Sarah and Joseph, it is a question of time, but He will bring it to pass. I was reassured again to surrender to Him who has the plan and assigns the roles in this blueprint plan of his to fulfil his purpose. That's who He is, He enjoys breaking record with impossible situations. So, sit back and watch God bring to pass every promise He has made to you Amazing! Isn't He.





**T**oday, I am writing about Esther. Esther was a girl (an orphan) who became the queen of Persia and saved her people from destruction. In ancient times, Persia was a vast powerful empire. They enjoyed great riches and prosperity. Leading the empire was a great king called Ahasuerus (Xerxes). Xerxes lived a happy lifestyle fitting the king of a mighty empire. He would throw great banquets where he and his guests would eat the finest food and drink the finest wine.

One night at one of these banquets, Xerxes and his guests became rather drunk. The festivities continued, King Xerxes decided he wanted to show off his wife, Queen Vashti, to his guests but refused to join the party. She hated these banquets with loud music and drunken guests. This enraged King



Xerxes. The next day, to punish Vashti for her disobedience, the king banished his

queen out of his kingdom of Persia... never to return. Over time, Xerxes felt alone. This made the advisers feel worried. Quickly, they gathered the beautiful women in Persia, Esther being one of them.

Esther was raised in kindness and had an open soul. King Xerxes was surprised at the first sight seeing Esther and chose her as wife. Not long after the wedding, Esther and her uncle, Mordecai, were blessed as they discovered a plot that almost killed the king. Five years later, the king appointed a new adviser, Haman. Haman was an evil man whose heart was filled with hatred. Haman came up with the vicious plan to kill Mordecai and Esther (the Jews).

When Esther heard of this she was wary at first if she confronted the king she could go to jail. The king agreed to this law because he did not think it would harm anyone. Esther spoke privately with the king and told him the evil plans that Haman had, and for a long time the country had peace.

The lesson from this is that God answers prayers.



wandered far, my heart was dry,  
Roads were long, the well ran high.  
But through the wind, I heard Him call,  
The Shepherd who still seeks us all.

He found me there in dust and stone,  
And whispered, "Child, you're not alone."  
He washed my wounds, He helped me stand,  
And led me home with gentle hand  
He picked me up and led me out  
He believed in me had no doubt  
When all went wrong, I had no hope  
Christ refused to see me fall down a slippery slope

In the darkness through the pain  
There's Jesus's Christ with nothing to gain  
He has my back front and rear  
Jesus Christ draws me near  
I hold to Christ my solid ground  
Where peace and strength are always found.

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## Ankara Workshop

On Saturday 18 October 2025, Lifegate Communities hosted its first Making Our Mark workshop titled, Walsall African Textile Heritage Project. Making Our Mark presents opportunity for Walsall communities to celebrate their heritage. It is a community-led heritage project supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund with the aim to putting the power of storytelling into the hands of local people. The workshop featured production of Ankara dresses, jewelries, throw pillows, bags, and other fashion accessories.

Speaking at the workshop, Pastor Toyin Oshaniwa extolled the richness of Walsall stories, cultures, and traditions passed from generation of communities shaped by migration, resilience, and creativity. Further, he traced the history of An-

kara textiles from Dutch or Holland Wax through its production by British textile factories in the 1890s.

Dating back to 1916, the Walsall clothing industry employed more than 3000 people, according to him, some of the garments made at that time might have had connections to African fashion. He explained that 'Ankara' as a word originated from Accra, a city in Ghana and revealed the powerful association of Ankara fashion to African identity, national pride, and cultural heritage, citing the produc-

tion of fabrics by the UK firm, A. G. Leventis for Ghanaian independence in 1957 as an example. The fabrics, having been designed with the Ghanaian coat of arms marked its advent as symbol of identity and national pride across Africa.



## Young Volunteer Speaks about LaunchPad Project's Impact

One of our youth volunteers, Timilehin Fajimi, who currently volunteers with Old Hall People's Partnership (OHPP), one of Lifegate Communities' partner organisations for the LaunchPad Project gives an account of his experience as a volunteer.

Here is what he has to say, 'volunteering with the furniture restoration program has been an incredibly rewarding and ongoing experience. Most of my work involves cleaning and mending a variety of furniture — from tables and cupboards to sofas and smaller wooden pieces. Through this, I've learned how much care and precision goes into bringing old furniture back to life.

The team has been very supportive and patient, always taking the time to teach me the right techniques and safety practices. Every session gives me the chance to improve my practical skills, attention to detail, and understanding of how restoration contributes to sustainability. It's satisfying to see something worn or damaged transformed into something useful again, knowing

that our work helps reduce waste and supports the community. I'm really grateful to be part of this program and to keep learning from such experienced and dedicated people. This experience continues to build my confidence and inspires me to approach engineering and craftsmanship with the same level of care and pride'.

Lifegate Communities is proud to celebrate Timilehin as one of the LaunchPad project star volunteers! His supervisor at OHPP describes him as "a young man who presents himself exceptionally well." The LaunchPad Project is excited about his growth, dedication, and the promise he brings to every task. His story is a shining example of the impact young people can make when given the right opportunities.

The LaunchPad Project is sponsored by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) which aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK, investing in communities and places, supporting local businesses, people and skills.