

Exo 9:1-16 & Deu 28:1-14

Thou Art Called The Waiting Time is Over

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1st June 2019
8:30 am till 5pm

Workshops:

- Workshop 1) **Rapture Season:**
Making sense of the time the church is operating within
- Workshop 2) **Thou art called:**
Ministerial preparation and etiquette
- Workshop 3) **Who am I and who do I really want to be:**
Understanding the call of God and the lure of gang culture

Conference Foreword

Greetings to you all in the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am wonderfully glad to be able to pen a few words concerning our forthcoming Sons of Issachar Conference.

This year marks the fifth Conference of such a kind and the Theme is “**Thou Art Called - the waiting time is over**”. Rightly so as we approach the coming of our Lord Jesus, the Call for souls to be saved still echoes in the atmosphere and the Church has the mandate to seek the lost. Jesus said in his word “**For many are called, but few are chosen**” (Matthew 22:14).

Let's pray that it is harvest time and the Lord God will reap for his Kingdom many souls. We pray towards this end also that they that are already in the Kingdom of God will respond to the greater and higher call of ministry.

Let's pray and anticipate that the Lord's Will be done.

Yours in Christ

Overseer Eric. D. Bailey

Central District Overseer & Sons of Issachar Patron

A note of appreciation from the conference co-ordinator

Let me first give honour to King Jesus who is the head of my life. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the planning team who continue to support this mens ministry through their individual contributions and commitment; I salute you in Jesus name. For the past six months we have been focused and very single minded to not only deliver this men's empowerment conference, but to hear from the Lord about the theme.

Once again, this is the time for our annual mens conference. I believe this is the season that will usher in spiritual blessings whilst moving many to experience the manifestation of God's calling over their lives. Yes, for many, the **'waiting time is over'**. For example, if we consider the case of Mary and Martha, whilst they were waiting for Jesus to come and heal their brother, Lazarus, they murmured because they considered the waiting time too long! In the waiting we mature, our character is developed and refined, and we can often draw closer to God.

Believe me, waiting is not easy, but when you know that you know that you are called of God, then, it's just a matter of time before **'the waiting time is over'**.

Let me share a brief example of being called then having to wait. At the recent Central District Brotherhood Rock Solid Mens Conference, I shared with the men of God how a Pastor called me to one side around 24 years ago and said, **'God has called you, but he never told me what for'**. I have had to learn occupy in the vineyard as I wait on the Lord and BE OF GOOD COURAGE and let my gifting make room for me.

Pastor Bancroft Campbell

Small Heath Assembly & Central District Brotherhood Co-ordinator

'A view from the bridge'

Bancroft was born June 1956 in the beautiful Island of Jamaica, Shrewsbury town in Portland. He was 6th of 8 children born to Mr & Mrs Daisy and Wilfred Campbell. He left Jamaica to join his parents in Birmingham, England in April 1967. Young Bancroft attended Bierton Road School in Yardley. Once leaving school he successfully completed his apprenticeship course and qualified as an electrician from Matthew Bolton College. **Like Jeremiah, it could be said that the was soon to become a conduit of a 'new touch of fire!'**

During his final academic year at school he was introduced to the Bethel Church whilst accompanying Deacon Wilson to sell sweets from the back of his car to church members. Bancroft recalls with some hesitation that he was only 13 years old when his father died suddenly at the tender age of 42 in 1970. On his mother's insistence, young Bunny was directed to continue working with Deacon Wilson. Whilst selling sweets outside Gibson and Rockery Road at Convocation time, Bancroft was convinced that the time was right for baptism in Jesus name. He acknowledges that he did not really know enough about the faith and indeed doctrine but felt a compelling urge to go forward. Over the ensuing years he acquainted himself in the doctrine. Please note, that, even in his infancy and development of the call, young Bancroft was getting himself ready.

The Bible says of John the Baptist, that he was in the wilderness until his day of showing; he was getting himself ready!

It was not very long after he became a member of the Small Heath Youth choir, and in those days, this also included a seat on the Gibson Road (Mother Church) and for both the local, national and convocation choirs.

With all these changes taking place in his young life, one can imagine that he needed additional help, which came in the form of his wife of almost 40 years, sister Sonia Adams. They married at the tender age of 22 and are going strong. Not long after they purchased their first family home whilst started a family and serving the Small Heath church and Districts of churches.

The process of change took a long and circuitous but distinguished route.

In his looking back, he has identified the following people that God used to shift his thinking and position to where he now finds himself.

Pastor Roy Bell and Pastor Walters were the main leaders of Small Heath during those early years; they eventually got posted to new field! Elder Bell went to Wellington and Elder Walters to Florida. Elder Leo Estridge was then in charge supported by me; Elder Estridge covered until he was moved to Erdington for a short while. In his early 30s he was appointed to the Office of a Deacon, then Evangelist and Minister.

As one can imagine, the responsibility of the ministry (both family & church) coupled with being in full time employment was a task in itself. The role of an electrical contractor took him all over the UK, which at times did put a strain on his wife and the four children, yet, Jesus brought them through all right.

His greatest challenge at this juncture was the sudden death of Elder Estridge whom the Lord called home at just 47 years old in 1991. Suddenly he was the main leader; he wasn't ready for what was to come. At Elder Estridge home going service our late Presiding Bishop Dunn asked him to help conduct the service. His next 'suddenly' moment was uttered by Bishop Dunn, when he said, **"You are now in charge"**.

Up until this point his focus was on bringing up the young family serving the church and working with the pastor. The view was a simple one; work with this young pastor who, in his mind, had his best years ahead of him! However, God had a divine plan that involved young Campbell. He was 'suddenly' move from the passenger to the driver's seat! He was 36 years of age and unprepared. He then enrolled at Bethel Institute of Biblical Studies, which he acknowledges proved to be the catalyst to his new found confidence.

Now that he has matured somewhat, he looks back fondly when acknowledging that the older generation, understandably so, found it difficult to adjust to my new position as their spiritual leader. He became very desperate and tried to reach out for help from those who he recognised as his spiritual mother's and father's in the gospel, but sadly found no help. It was case of sink or swim.

Another significant challenge that he faced was dealing with the imminent threat of finding a new place of worship. In 1996 the saints purchased the current building; Saint Gregory church, now known today as Bethel United Small Heath. For a long time he struggled with the responsibility of looking after the spiritual needs of so many people the task was great; many sleepless night, many tears; but he learnt to lean on the Lord and trusted and consulted him in all that he did with the help of his beloved and faithful wife. As the years went by Bishop Dunn eventually ordained him as an Elder which came with it the overall pastoral control and oversight of the Bethel Small Heath church. He argues that he has continued to **'defend the church that was handed to down by using the principles set by the former leaders'**.

Finally, with the help of God and support of the church and family members he has moved to the next level and remains a striving beacon of light for the Lord and the Bethel organisation. There is, however, much more work to be done and a new generation to empower who will take this great work forward.

Pastor Bunny Campbell – Central District Co-ordinator

'Thou art called – the waiting time is over'

Scripture reading: Exodus 9: 1-16 & Deut. 28: 1-14

We are now entering our 5th year of this ministry, which the church recognises as our 'grace period' it is not surprising that in this time and specifically year 2019, the Lord has brought forth the theme of **'thou art called – the waiting time is over'**. We have pondered about the timing of this theme. One assumption is that, just like the great patriarchs and matriarchs of old, leadership timing is all about God's timing and not mans. David wrote in the psalms that we should be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water. When you are planted by God, there is an expected time for coming into maturity, which is also about manifestation, that's in this context the plant emerges out of the soil / ground only when the time is right.

The Sons of Issachar understand the times we are living in and as such our attention is not focused on what men may be saying or doing, but instead our attention is to wait on God and once we have heard then we will speak and act.

There was a period in the life of our late Presiding Bishop S. A. Dunn, that he too was unknown to the world stage, yet, I am assured that he too would have known that something was taking place that would catapult him into greatness. This time is known as, **'the waiting time'**. It is this very factor that will be explored and exposed in these writings.

The subject of study is Moses. His humble yet prophetic and God-shaping beginning will set the backdrop for the journey ahead. Here we note, a child that was regarded as a 'godly / proper child'.

The write of the Hebrews recorded that;

"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment".

Just like Moses, there are many who can relate to the protective hand of God and a nurturing parent (s) hand over our lives. God's hand of providence is seen throughout the story of Moses; just when it seemed that there was no one on hand to deliver Israel, God already had a man in training. That man or boy or child could be You. Yes, struggling you could right now be in process to take a leading and influential role in shaping the lives of God's people. Remember, many of you were 'hidden' by faith (Heb. 11:23).

I pray that you can take a moment to reflect of your own personal story and relate it to the emergence of Moses and Abram's as the backdrop for where we are going.

The Bible records in Genesis 15: 12 – 14 that;

'as the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years. And also, that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge, and afterward shall they come out with great substance'.

As we walk through the next few passages that will attempt to uncover the similarities of the two principal characters, I ask that you reflect on your own hitherto (up till now) life experiences which should allow your own learning to take place whilst pinpointing some key milestones that has happened in your own lives.

Finally, never despise your humble beginning as herein lies your destiny.

Workshops Themes:

Workshop 1: Rapture Season – the waiting time is over

The song writer concludes that, ***'signs of the times are everywhere, there's a brand-new season in the air, keep your eyes upon the eastern sky. Lift up your head redemption draweth nigh.***

Brexit fulfils End Time Bible prophecy. Brexit is the exit of Britain from the European Union (EU). Every physical thing takes place spiritually before being manifested physically. Brexit was prophesied by many God servants before it even took place. Amos 3:7: Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets.

The question is; how does Brexit fulfil End Time Bible prophecy and how are the called prepared whilst waiting to be caught-up in the air?

Outcomes being sought:

- Making sense of the times the church is operating within
- How do I wait, when there is so much change and uncertainty?
- Understanding Daniel's prophecy and the Jewish timeline
- What is the importance, relevance and significance about what Jeremiah said about, 'seeking the old paths'?

Workshop 2: Thou art called: the waiting time is over

The Bible suggests that the word 'call' is often used to refer to God's plan to bring people back to himself through Christ for us to take an active part in his redemptive plan for the world. This sense of calling finds prominence in the writings (letters) of Paul, wherever the word 'call' is used. Some key scriptural references are: Romans 1:6 '..who are called to belong to Jesus Christ'; Romans 8:28 '.. all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose'. The challenge is to fully appreciate and understand the 'rules of engagement' for those who are called to Office.

Outcomes:

- The world-wide stage: are you ready and equipped and what are the pre-requisite tools that we should possess?
- Ministry preparation & pulpit etiquette; is this important
- What does it mean, 'if anyone would come after me, must deny himself...?'
- Why is it important to 'wait' on God and how will I know the time is right?

Workshop 3 – Who am I and Who do I really want to be?

In a world of unprecedented changes and indeed challenges, it is the young person's attention that everyone is vying for. The various social media platforms are seeking your viewing power which enables them to develop their brands whilst building multi-billion-pound industries. Moreover, market companies are eager to engage with them to gauge their views about the next big trend. Governments are eager to make themselves more appeal to young people because their voting power will one day decide who has the political clout. And, we hear all too often how the lure and potential 'power gain' whether they be personal or financial are 'nudging' many towards affiliation with the gang culture. What this workshop will get across is the power in Jesus name to equip you to reach your full potential whilst promising life and life more abundantly.

This workshop is designed for those who need Godly guidance to know the 'right calling' and is ideal for younger persons

The outcomes sought are:

- Understand when God is doing the calling for us to come up higher
- To discuss why currently there is a call from the Government for us to fully accept what they and their policy makers believe to be the right way to live, act, think and behave. And, when you don't accept their views on things you are branded as being 'outdated', 'ill-informed', old fashioned etc and finally,
- To discuss the gang culture 'appeal' and to ask why it has taken a firm grip on many young persons ***'rites of passage'***. To look at the influence and control they now over many of our young children's lives and the impact it is having on their life chances, career choices/aspirations and to a lesser degree, where one should live and frequent. The workshop will also consider why gang culture mirrors the family structure / hierarchy. For example, the leadership reflects God's view on what constitutes a family; head (***patriarchy***) and mother (***matriarchy***). This type of structure is replicated in gang culture because it has a ***'subculture with its own set of rules and values'***. One previous gang member said he got involved as a small child. He recalls growing up as one of 11 children and, with no father figure (patriarchy) to look up to, cut an angry and frustrated figure.

Well done!!

It is only fitting to make mention of the three **'wise men'** who have made a valuable and noteworthy contribution to the District Brotherhood Team over the past four (4) or so years. I don't have the time to extol their individual or collective virtues, however, suffice to say, that, the evidence speaks for itself.

The Bible declares, that, and I quote; **"a man's gift maketh room for him and bringeth him before great men"**.

Just before, their details are shared, their ability to function and indeed thrive is also a testament of the skilful 'handling' by the District Co-ordinator, namely Pastor Bunny Campbell who allowed their obvious gifting and talents to emerge within a **'controlled environment'**. When I speak of 'control' it is not about **'command and control'** regime, but more about being an enabler. Enablers are not mindful or fearful of 'talent', they harness and nurture so that the whole benefits.

Who are they?

Minister Andre Codner: the man with the plan / vision: **Habakkuk 2:2**

Deacon Lloyd Spence: the cultivator: **Genesis 26: 12** and

Brother Makawa Tsuli: the word smith: **2 Timothy 2:15**

A note of thanks to sister Vivean whom the Lord woke on morning and depositing this year's image that we now see on the front cover.

Itinerary

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| 08.30 | Registration |
| 09.30 | Opening Prayer |
| 10.00 | Address: District Overseer Eric Bailey Pastor B. Campbell District Brotherhood Co-ordinator Brother Mumtaz Conference Team Member |
| 10.30 | Consecration |
| 10.45 | Workshops |
| 13.00 | Breaking Bread |
| 14.30 | Workshop feedback – Facilitators |
| 15.00 | Testimonies |
| 15.30 | The Word |

House Keeping

Mobile Phones

All mobiles to be switched off during the seminar (excluding break times)

Time Keeping

Please be on time for the start of each session and after lunch etc

Food

Only to be consumed in the designated areas

Water

Bottled water is permitted in all rooms

Recording

No unauthorised recording in any workshop / sessions

Confidentiality

What is shared / discussed must not be repeated outside of the sessions

Health & Safety

Please see the designated person: Deacon Gogan

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DIARY DATES:

Minister Pomell and Sister Pomell, cordially invites you to their first South East District Meeting, on the 8th June 2019.

Theme: “Looking inward to look out”

Key Scripture: Ps. 51:10 & 2 John 1:6,9

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