

Thursday Chapel Service- 02/4/2015

Pastor Ntia Ubong

Series: Understanding the Secrets of Success

Topic: The Secret of Sacrifice

Introduction

From the scriptural perspective, success is not a promise; it is a covenant. Before God plays His part, we have to play ours.

There are things that must be done daily to bring out the success in a man.

A great coach does not make a star; it is what the trainee decides to do with himself that determines his stardom. Jesus Christ, the greatest coach, chose twelve disciples to himself but very few had impact written in the bible.

No one wins a prize without pressing and that is what sacrifice is all about. Sacrifice requires a press toward a goal to win the prize which God has for us in Christ Jesus. A press is a price for a prize, Philippians 3:14, Luke 16:16.

The harder you follow Jesus Christ and do the necessary requirements, the higher you fly.

What Sacrifice Entails

Sacrifice is a universal demand in the making of stars. Sacrifice is the act of giving up one thing for something worth much more.

There is no star without a scar. The scar of a star is sacrifice, Psalms 126.

Until a man has an understanding of what sacrifice is, he may never go far, Luke 12:49-50.

Abraham was a man of sacrifice, Genesis 11:24.

Moses and Paul also, were men given to sacrifice, Hebrews 11:24, 2Corinthians 6:8-11.

Characteristics of Sacrifice

1. Sacrifice is a choice. A choice you alone can make. No one can make the decision for you, John 10:7-18.
2. Sacrifice commands benefit. There are untold benefits in living the life of sacrifice- benefits such as success (outstanding success), supernatural turnaround among others.

What makes sacrifice acceptable?

1. It must be love motivated, John 3:16. Every sacrifice that is done in love produces result.
2. It must be done in faith, Psalms 50: 5-6. You must believe in what you want before you can see the result.

Areas of sacrifice:

1. Your life, Romans 2:1-2. You must be willing to give your life as a seed.
2. Your time, Ephesians 5:17-19.
3. Your resources- money and any other thing God has given you.

Conclusion

For an outstanding life, you need to hook up with God through a deliberate decision, because the race is not to the swift, Ecclesiastes 9:11. Everything about you is rooted in God, Psalms 127:5, John 15:5.