



THE ROD IN YOUR HAND

*Scriptural Reading:
Exodus 14: 23-31*

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Every Fulani cattleman always carries a long stick in his hands. The stick is called a shepherd's staff. It is a symbol of authority over his animals. With it, he steers them to wherever he wants.

Moses longed sincerely to liberate his people, the Israelites, from their bondage in Egypt but failed because he hadn't a shepherd's staff. One wouldn't wonder then why just one of his kinsmen could make him scamper into Midian. God saw the sincerity of his heart anyway, and sought him there. He gave him a rod; a shepherd's staff. With that, he led Israel out of Egypt triumphing over Pharaoh and the Red Sea.

What are the sincere longings of your heart in the Lord's vineyard? Today God wants to use you as another Moses. His concern is not your experience but your willingness to go on mission. Are you willing?



MEDITATION:

Under whose authority are you carrying out the ministry you operate today?



STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for the grace of compassion for the suffering **as** Moses had
2. Pray for empowerment in the ministry God has entrusted to you
3. Pray against the forces of darkness working to pull down your ministry.
4. Pray for the church and her leaders, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria at prayer group, deanery, diocesan, provincial and national levels.
5. Present your private intentions to God
6. Say your daily Prophetic prayer (page 6)

DAILY PROPHETIC PRAYERS

Oh Lord God of power and might we praise and thank you for your goodness and mercy in my life. I acknowledge that you are the only one true God and the Almighty who can do all things, who knows all things and who is everywhere at the same time.

I beseech you Lord to show me your mercy and forgiveness, I have sinned against you through my thoughts, words and actions. Through your sacrificial death on the cross I receive mercy and boldness to approach your throne of grace.

Let the precious blood of Jesus wash me and make me whiter than snow. Heal me oh Lord by your wounds that I may be totally restored.

I receive your Grace to rise above every limitation.

I receive your Grace to move from Glory to Glory. I proclaim my total freedom in the mighty name of Jesus.

I shall testify the goodness of God in the land of the living in the most powerful name of Jesus.

I shall not die but live to declare the goodness of God I shall not be put to shame for the Lord is by my side. I shall glorify the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AGAINST THE FORCES BEHIND COVID - 19.

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

WE PRAY WITH ST JUDE THE PATRON OF DIFFICULT CASES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS

O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoceth thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of. Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly... (insert your prayer request here, especially the menace of COVID - 19 Pandemic) ...and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.