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Good morning, peace to you, peace to your house and peace to all that you have in the Mighty name of Jesus.

A very blessed Women's Day to each and every woman that's connected in the cloud.

Prayer:

Father we thank You and we honour You that You've gathered us this morning to celebrate the day that the Lord has made. Lord on this day we pray that You will bless Your daughters in a very special way. We pray for strategic women to arise, we pray for giant slayers to arise, we pray for nation builders to arise, we pray for reformers to arise in the name of Jesus. Lord this morning we pray that our hearts will be touched and transformed. We pray for impartation and equalization. Father I pray that this year 2020 will be a defining year in each and every women's life. We pray for Your presence, Your power and Your Holy Spirit to be our portion in the name of Jesus. Father I pray that the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight in the name of Jesus.

My message is titled "Let your fear be frightened and let faith rise". I believe that God is raising up strategic women across the nations of the world. Women that will take a stand for righteousness, women that will take responsibility and authority through explicit obedience. Strategic men and women that will impact every domain. The bible tells us in **Romans 12:2** "*do not be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*".

How do we become conformed to the world?

We think like the world, we speak like the world, we act and react like the world. It simply means we become similar to the standards and the nature of the world. We cannot be strategic if we remain conformed to the world. We will not make any difference or any significant impact.

The Word says "*be transformed by the renewing of your mind*". Ladies, I believe it's time for transformation. God wants to transform us from the inside out. How will it happen? It can only happen by the renewing of your mind.

The bible says in **Proverbs 23:7** *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he*. If we think negative, we become negative, if we think worldly, we become worldly. If we think strategic, we become strategic. In this season we must be transformed by the renewing of our mind.

How do you renew your mind?

Think the impossible, believe what the Word says, believe for the supernatural.

So, once our mind gets renewed, we pursue the will of God. His good will, His acceptable will for our lives and His perfect will for our lives. I believe God wants to transform us this morning by the renewing of our mind so that we can prove the good, acceptable and perfect will of God for our lives. This is not a time to be silent, but it's a time to rise, a time to speak and a time to declare. It's a time for strategic women to arise, to be transformed so that Christ can be formed and shaped in us.

The title of the message is "Let your fear be frightened and let faith rise". We are living in challenging times. Covid-19 is affecting all of us in different ways. Do you know that even in this trying time we have to make a choice? Are you going to allow fear to grip your heart or are you going to activate your faith? It is so easy to allow fear to intimidate us. We see the news papers and all over on media, the number of people that tested positive, the number of deaths, business that's closing down.

This is what we are confronted with every day. You may be in a situation where you are intimidated by fear, fear for the children that must return to school, fear of being retrenched, fear of hurt, fear of lack, fear of sickness, fear of Covid-19 and fear of death etc. Unless you choose to renew your mind you become a slave to fear which will weigh you down and it will oppress you. The Bible teaches us in **2 Timothy 1:7** that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

This morning, I have news for you. There is a way of escape. You can be the strategic women that God created you to be, but our faith must rise. We must have faith for the impossible to become possible. We must desire to have faith for the supernatural to become natural. **Hebrews 11:6** says *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* The Bible is teaching us that without faith we cannot please God. I am sure that we want to please God in our walk, in our talk in our thinking.

I want you to turn your Bibles to **John 4** – This is a well-known portion of Scripture where Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well, where Jesus is asking the women for a drink of water. She replied and asked how is it that Jesus, being a Jew is asking a Samaritan, as Jews don't have dealings with Samaritans. Jesus said to her that if she knew the gift of God and who it is who is asking, she would ask, and He will give her living water and she will never thirst again. Jesus asked this lady to call her husband and her reply was that she has no husband. Jesus then told her that she has had five husbands and the one she now has is not her husband. She then said "I perceive you are a prophet."

John 4:21-30

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.” And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

John 4:39-41

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word.

This morning let your fear be frightened and let faith arise. This Samaritan woman was not the perfect example of a strategic women. She came from a different cultural background and we see that when she spoke to Jesus, she said Jews do not have any dealings with Samaritans. This woman had five husbands and number six was at home. In other words, she was living in sin.

This morning, strategic women must let their fear be frightened and allow their faith to rise. I want to share four points with you.

1. We must worship God in spirit and in truth
 - **John 4:24** says *“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”.*
 - The Word is teaching us that it is not by might and not by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord.
 - It is time for us to seek the presence of God and worship Him in Spirit and in truth.
 - Everything must become an act of worship.
 - In order for us to be strategic women, we must worship God in spirit and in truth.

2. We must seek Him
 - **John 4:27** *And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”*
 - I want to ask us this morning, what do we seek? Are you seeking status or stature, are we seeking God or mammon? The Bible teaches us that we cannot serve God and mammon.
 - I believe that Covid-19 lockdown is an opportune time to prepare, to seek Him while He may still be found.
 - We must become seekers of His word, seekers of His presence and seekers of His purpose.
 - In order for us to be strategic women we must seek Him.

3. We must leave behind the waterpot and impact the City

- **John 4:28** *The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city.*
- I believe its time we leave behind our distractions, our fears, our own plans and desires. We must leave behind our past, but create and desire a new future in Him.
- It's time to leave behind the old, old ways, old thinking patterns, but it's time for the new. Its time to leave behind the waterpot, leave your comfort zone, but take that step of faith to enter into the new.
- This woman went her way into the City and she impacted the City.
- We must become City takers, nation builders. We must be the key to transformation and reformation in the City.
- If we want to be strategic women, we must leave behind our waterpot and impact the City.

4. We must become a voice in the land

- **John 4: 39** *And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."*
- I believe it is not a time to be silent, but a time to persue, overtake and recover all.
- **Revelation 12:11** says they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.
- This Samaritan woman was living in sin and had a bad reputation in her City, but when she opened her mouth and testified of what Jesus did for her, she overcame by the word of her testimony and through her life many came to Christ
- For us to be strategic women we must become a voice in the land. I believe that all authority and all power has been given to us. We have the grace to govern and the power to prevail. Like this Samaritan woman, we can overcome.

We can frighten our fear and let our faith rise. Faith for the impossible to become possible and for the supernatural to become natural. Arise Strategic women of God and let your fear be frightened and your faith arise.

DECLARATION: STRATEGIC WOMEN WILL RISE. OUR FEARS WILL BE FRIGHENED AND OUR FAITH WILL RISE IN JESUS NAME