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Mark 3:13-15 **“And he goeth into a mountain and calleth unto Him whom he would, and they came unto Him.**

**And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils”.**

God choose whosoever he wills and He called twelve of them disciples and He said there are certain reasons reason why He has chosen these twelve and the reasons are:

1. So that they could be with Him. that is, He wanted to have fellowship.
2. So that he could send them forth to preach, so that they would be His Ambassadors. His forerunners.
3. So that they might have power to heal sicknesses and diseases an to cast out demons which are part of the work that Jesus Christ himself came to do.

## FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

One of the main reasons for the creation of man is God’s desire for fellowship. In Genesis 1:26 , The Bible says:



“And God said , [let us make man in our image](#), after our likeness...”

God said, let us make man in our own image in our likeness, the kind of people who will be like us, so that we can fellowship with them.

The Bible tells us , in the garden of Eden. God was always coming coming down in the cool of the day to fellowship with Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:8-9 says:

**“And they heard the voice of the LORD walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the tree of the garden .**

**And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto Him. Where art thou?”**

Before sin came, God has been coming down to fellowship with them in the cool

of the day. As soon as they heard the voice of the Lord in the garden, they would rush to go and meet Him so that their fellowship could begin.

On this occasion, they had already sinned, instead of rushing to go and meet God, they ran away from Him. "Adam, where are you? We want fellowship, why are you hiding from Me?".

God created us in his image so that He can have fellowship with us. Inside of every man is something that longs for fellowship. Nobody really wants to be alone if he is sick.

If he is not mentally deranged. Everybody wants fellowship . In fact, it is because of this that God said in Genesis 2:18:

"And he Lord God said , it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him". God knows the value of fellowship. Nobody is really comfortable alone.

## INGREDIENTS OF FELLOWSHIP

When two friends meet , they are sharing fellowship, certain things happen:

1. Conversation: There will be conversation, a kind of dialogue.
2. Physical Contact: There will be physical contact like shaking of hands or hugging or if they are that close, for example, husband and wife, there will be kissing.
3. Sharing of meals: There will be sharing of meals because when your friend come to visit you, you will want to present something to him. If he meets you while you are eating, if you are true friends , you will just tell him to take his seat. God wants to do the same thing with us. In Revelation 3:20, **He said: “Behold I stand at the door , and knock; if any man hear my voice , and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me.”**

When two friends meet to fellowship, they share meals.

#### **4. EXCHANGE OF GIFTS**

Now with real feeds, after fellowshiping, there is always an exchange of gifts. When you come to visit your friend, if you come from a very good home, you will not even come empty handed.

You will bring something for him no matter how little. It is not the size of the gift that matters: When you are going, your friend also will not let you go empty handed. There is an exchange of gifts.

#### **5. STRENGTHENING OF FELLOWSHIP**

There will be strengthening of the fellowship. In Isaiah 40:31 the Bible says, “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...”

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In the original, the Bible says, They that wait upon the LORD shall exchange their Strength....”

In other words. He will give their weakness to God unit God will give them His strength.

There will be conversation, physical contact sharing of meals and exchange of gifts All these goes on to strengthen the fellowship, or the strengthening of the friendship.

## EATING WITH GOD

We may ask the question will God eat out food? We are talking of fellowshipping with God now and we have mentioned sharing of food. Can we when we want to eat say. Father come and join us as we eat Acts 10:41 says,

-Not to all the people, but unto us who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead” Let us see this in Luke 24:36-43 which says.

“And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, peace be unto you. But they were terrified and afraid, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them, why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that is I myself: handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have. And when He had thus spoken, He shewed His hands and His feet.

And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

And He eat them. Thus that after Jesus rose up from the dead. He ate bread and fish with the disciples. And if He could eat bread and fish, Lam sure He can eat jollof rice also.

And the reason why children of God are not afraid of food, the reason why true disciples of Jesus Christ cannot be bothered by whatever you put in their food is because, they will invite Jesus to join them in the eating.

The moment Jesus touches the food any poison there of course will become water. Whenever you invite the Almighty God to share your food, you can be sure the food becomes safe.

I want you to know that spirit beings can eat human food. There was an occasion here before. There was one young man who could eat the food of eight people. He was brought here because he was demon possessed.

There is no amount of food you put before him he could not finish. The interesting thing is that there is no sign in his stomach that he has eaten this food. He was questioned and he said he was not the only one eating the food. poisoned.

In any case. I want God to share my food and I am sure you want Him to share your food also. So invite Him in so that. He can have fellowship with you even concerning your food.

#### INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

in Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden. and I will give you rest.

This is an invitation He says come and rest. in John 7:37. One

In the last day that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying. If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink.

Isaiah 1: 18 the Bible says. "Come now, and let us reason together..."

In other words, He says, come, let us chat. Come and rest. come and drink, come and chat, Invitation to fellowship.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER

Psalm 100:4

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

How do we fellowship with God the Father?

By Thanksgiving and Praises: The Bible tells us that when you are going into fellowship with

God, you are to enter His gates with thanksgiving and enter His courts with praise. When you want to fellowship with God the Father, begin with thanksgiving and move on to praise,

2. By Clapping and Shouting:

In Psalm 47: 1. the Bible says,

"O clap your hand, all ye people, shout unto God with the loud voice of triumph."

You can also fellowship with the Father by clapping, by shouting a real shout of



triumph. You have probably seen me from time to time, may be at the Holy Ghost Service or any other major service.

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After you have been singing and praising God, clapping and dancing, when I come, I add the other elements. I ask somebody to shout Halleluyah. That loud voice of triumph is a sign that we want to fellowship with Daddy.

### 3. By Making a Joyful Noise:

Psalm 100: 1 tells us another way that we can fellowship with Him: Verse 1 says

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.”

How many people are to make joyful noise unto the Lord? All the lands. This includes the land of Nigeria, that is you and me.

### 4 By Singing:

The Bible says in Psalm 100: 2.

“Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.”

So we shout, we make a joyful noise unto the Lord. God wants us to come to Him like little children. And any time we want to fellowship with our Father, we should do it with jumping. clapping and dancing like little kids.

#### 5. By Kneeling and Bowing Down Before Him:

In Psalm 95: 1-6. the Bible says.

“O come let us sing unto the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”

The Bible says we should come before the Lord, Yahweh, with a joyful noise, with thanksgiving, at times we kneel down or prostrate before Him in worship and adoration.

When we want to fellowship with the Father it could be a noisy affair clapping, singing, praising Him. jumping and shouting. He loves this and that is what every father loves.

When children come home on holidays, you know the noise, as we begin to see the children arrive one by one. We shout, we embrace, we jump.

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there is a lot of noise, joyful noise. This is how to fellowship with God the Father.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE SON

How do we fellowship with God the Son?

1. Be sure of Your Salvation:

In Psalm 116: 12-14, David said.

“What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.”

You want to fellowship with God the Son, take the cup of Salvation, and make sure you pay your vows.

In other words. he is saying, if you want to fellowship with God the Son, be sure of your salvation, because this is the most crucial thing as far as God the Son is

concerned.

Remember His name is Jesus, which means Saviour. Before you fellowship with Him at all, settle the question of your salvation.

## 2. Pay Your Vows:

If you want to fellowship with God the Son, make sure you pay your vows

## 3. Call Upon His Names:

Jesus loves names. And when you call His names, the various names that He has, you will find that He will enjoy fellowshiping with you.

You can call Him the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Resurrection and the Life, the Alpha and the Omega, the Word of God, the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Light of the world, the Door, etc.

You will remember each time Jesus introduced Himself. He will introduce Himself by a new name. Each time He is introduced. It will be at least either with one new name or several in one verse of the Bible only.

He was called Wonderful, Counsellor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 96:1)

If you want to introduce one fellow and you call Him six names ma row, you will

know that He love names. When you want to fellowship with Him, be sure of your salvation, call on His names and pay your vows.

#### 4. Meditating On The Word:

Another way by which you can fellowship with Jesus is by studying and memorising the Word of God.

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Remember John 1: 1 which says. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

That is Jesus is the Word So when you bury yourself in the

Word of God, studying the Word, memorising the Word, you are fellowshiping with Jesus Christ.

And remember Joshua 1: 8, God advised Joshua. He said. if you want to prosper. If you want to have good success, meditate on the Word of God day and night.

And if you read Psalm 1:1- 3. It tells you too how to be like a tree planted by the river side so that you will always be green. You will be prospering all the days of your life.

He said it is by meditating in the Word of God day and night. In other words by fellowshiping with Jesus Christ, you will prosper mightily.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

How do we fellowship with the Holy Spirit? By Communication:

All that the Holy Spirit wants is communication and conversation. When you want to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, you either sing in tongues or pray in tongues or speak in tongues. In 1 Corinthians 14: 18, Paul the apostle said.

“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.” In other words, Paul said he fellowships with the Holy Spirit more than anyone else.

And you know the results for Paul, he was able to perform special miracles that nobody else could do. But when you begin to sing in tongue, pray in tongues and as you grow, dance in the spirit and laugh and do things in the spirit, you will begin to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, and mighty things will begin to happen to your life and in your ministry.

## THE LINK BETWEEN FELLOWSHIPPING WITH GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

Is there any link between fellowshiping with God the Father, with God the Son and with the Holy Spirit? Yes there is.

In John 4: 23-24, Jesus Christ said to the woman that He found at the well.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth”.

According to John 16: 13-17 the Lüble says, if you want to fellowship with God the Father, you are going to involve the Holy Spirit because God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

If you want to fellowship with Jesus Christ. God the Son you have to involve the Holy Spirit because Jesus Christ said.

“the Holy Spirit shall glorify Me.”

As you begin to speak in tongues and you speak to the Father in the spirit, the Holy Spirit will be glorifying Jesus Christ.

through the spirit. As we hear from God the Father and God the Son, we will be hearing through the Holy Spirit.

In other words, those who know how to sing in tongues, pray in tongues, do everything in the spirit, can fellowship with the Father, glorifying the Son and fellowship with the Holy Spirit all at the same time.

So we clap, we sing, we dance, we call the name of Jesus, pray in tongues, we memorise the Word of God, that is fellowshiping with God.

It will be a good idea if you can take five minutes and fellowship a little with the Father with the Son and with the Holy Spirit. You will be exalting yourself and you will bless the name of the Lord.

Go ahead and do that.

Sing, dance, clap and shout. Call the name of Jesus, speak in tongues and sing in tongues. God bless you as you do so.

Action Point

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