



Message Date: 10/05/2026 Lighthouse Meeting Date: 12/05/2026	Message Title: The Environment of Heaven on Earth Minister: Pastor Chuka Nwafor
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<i>Please read the entire document and bible texts before you begin to discuss and answer the related questions. This will help you grasp the overall context of the message, however, remember the bible is not a discussion book but a decision book. God honours and empowers your decisions not your discussions.</i> INTRODUCTION: The message begins by emphasising the importance of truly understanding God's Word. It highlights that hearing Scripture alone is not enough to bring change; transformation happens when understanding is gained and applied. Without understanding, the Word remains theoretical and does not produce results in everyday life. This was illustrated through the teaching approach in children's ministry, where the focus is not just memorisation or repetition, but helping individuals grasp the meaning behind what they believe. The introduction ultimately establishes that spiritual growth is measured not by attendance or activity, but by depth of understanding and resulting lifestyle transformation. Mark 6:3-6 AMP <i>Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are His sisters not here with us?" And they were [deeply] offended by Him [and their disapproval blinded them to the fact that He was anointed by God as the Messiah]. [4] Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor (respect) except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." [5] And He could not do a miracle there at all [because of their unbelief] except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. [6] He wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around in the villages teaching.</i> At the heart of the message is the powerful truth that miracles and the move of God are not random events but are dependent on the atmosphere that has been created. The teaching makes it clear that environment plays a crucial role in determining spiritual outcomes. Even Jesus, though full of divine power, was limited in what He could do in certain places because of unbelief, dishonour, and negative attitudes. This demonstrates that the condition of people's hearts, relationships, and attitudes can either attract or restrict God's activity. The message further explains that every environment is conducive to something. An atmosphere filled with love, unity, and faith invites God's presence and allows His power to flow freely. In contrast, environments marked by division, dishonour, and unbelief hinder what God desires to do. Through examples like the early church, it is shown that when believers live in unity, generosity, and fellowship, they naturally create conditions where grace, growth, and miracles occur. Deuteronomy 23:12-14 AMPC <i>You shall have a place also outside the camp to which you shall go [as a comfort station]; [13] And you shall have a paddle or shovel among your weapons, and when you sit down outside [to relieve yourself], you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up what has come from you. [14] For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore shall your camp be holy, that He may see nothing indecent among you and turn away from you.</i> At the centre of this environment is love. Love is presented not as a feeling but as a command and a deliberate choice. It is a sacrificial, Spirit-enabled way of living that fosters unity among believers. This unity becomes the channel through which God releases strength, power, ability, favour, and supernatural results. Ultimately, the	

message teaches that believers are responsible for creating the atmosphere around them, and that atmosphere determines the level of God's presence and activity they will experience in their lives, homes, and communities.

(1) KEY 1: UNDERSTANDING TRANSFORMS KNOWLEDGE INTO LIFE

Many people are exposed to God's Word regularly, yet their lives remain unchanged. The difference is understanding. Knowledge is simply information, but understanding brings clarity, revelation, and the ability to apply truth. Without understanding, the Word remains external; with understanding, it becomes internal and transformative. Even in Scripture, people heard the Word but required someone to explain it before it made impact in their lives.

Understanding is what bridges the gap between hearing and doing. When you understand God's Word, it changes how you think, how you respond, and ultimately how you live. It is not enough to be present where the Word is taught - you must pursue understanding intentionally.

Acts 8:30-31 AMP

Philip ran up and heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" [31] And he said, "Well, how could I [understand] unless someone guides me [correctly]?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Scripture: Luke 24:45 - *"Then He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures."*

Digging Deep/Life Application: Do you prioritise understanding or just listening? What is the difference between hearing the Word and truly understanding it? Am I living differently because of what I learn about God, or am I just hearing it and moving on?

(2) KEY 2: YOUR ENVIRONMENT DETERMINES YOUR GROWTH

The seed in the parable remains the same, but the outcomes differ because of the soil. This reveals a powerful truth: the issue is not the Word - it is the environment. Your heart, your relationships, your habits, and even your thought patterns create the "soil" where God's Word is planted.

A good environment nurtures growth; a poor one suffocates it. Just as a plant needs the right environment and atmospheric conditions to grow, your spiritual life, like your natural life requires intentional cultivation. If distractions, negativity, or inconsistency dominate your environment, they will choke what God is trying to build in you. Matthew 13:1-24

Scripture: Genesis 2:8 - *God prepared a garden before placing man*

Digging Deep/Life Application: What patterns or influences hindering my growth? In what ways does ones environment (home, work, friendships) affect one's spiritual life? Are my friends, habits, and daily choices helping me grow closer to God or pulling me away from Him?

(3) KEY 3: ATTITUDES CAN BLOCK DIVINE ACTIVITY

Scripture reveals that even Jesus, full of power, did not perform many miracles in certain places because of unbelief and dishonour. This shows us that God's power is not always limited by ability, but by atmosphere.

Unbelief closes the door to possibility. Dishonour blinds us to value. Familiarity causes us to overlook what God is doing right in front of us. Negative attitudes - like resentment, pride, or cynicism - can silently block what God wants to accomplish.

When we fail to recognize God's presence, we miss His work.

Scripture: Mark 6:5 - 6 - *Jesus could not do many miracles because of unbelief*

Digging Deep/Life Application: Why do you think unbelief and familiarity can limit what God does in our lives? Is there anything in my attitude or mindset that might be stopping God from working freely in my life?

(4) KEY 4: UNITY RELEASES SPIRITUAL FLOW

Unity is not just a good idea - it is a spiritual force. Where unity exists, God releases His blessing. The imagery of oil and dew represents two powerful things: flow and growth. Oil reduces friction and allows movement, while dew nourishes and sustains life.

In relationships - whether in families, friendships, or church - unity creates peace, ease, and progress. Division, however, creates tension, stagnation, and spiritual dryness. Unity is not accidental; it is cultivated through humility, forgiveness, and intentional love.

Scripture: Acts 4:32 - 33 - *Great power and great grace in unity*

Digging Deep/Life Application: *How can we handle conflict in a way that preserves unity rather than destroys it? Do I try to keep peace and unity with others, or do my actions sometimes create conflict?*

(5) KEY 5: LOVE IS A DECISION EMPOWERED BY GOD

The love God calls us to is not emotional - it is intentional. Feelings change, but God's command remains. True love is sacrificial, patient, and enduring. It chooses to act rightly even when it feels difficult.

The love of Christ is demonstrated through the cross - a decision, not a feeling. In the same way, believers are called to love beyond convenience. This kind of love builds relationships, restores brokenness, and creates an atmosphere that attracts God's presence.

Scripture: Romans 13:8 - *Owe no one anything except love*

Digging Deep/Life Application: *How do you distinguish between loving by feelings and loving by decision? Am I choosing to love people even when they are difficult, or only when it feels easy?*

(6) KEY 6: THE SPIRIT ENABLES WHAT YOU CANNOT DO NATURALLY

God never commands us to do something without giving us the ability to do it. The Holy Spirit is the source of that ability. Loving difficult people, maintaining unity, and living a Christ-like life is not possible through human strength alone.

The Spirit transforms your heart, changes your desires, and empowers your actions. What once felt impossible becomes possible through His power. When you depend on Him, you begin to live beyond your natural limitations.

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:26 - 27 - *God gives a new heart and spirit*

Digging Deep/Life Application: *How can you become more conscious of the Holy Spirit in your daily interactions? Do I try to handle life on my own, or do I actually involve God in my daily decisions?*

(7) KEY 7: LOVE AND UNITY INVITE GOD'S PRESENCE

The early church didn't just pray for miracles - they created an environment where miracles naturally occurred. Their lives were marked by unity, generosity, fellowship, and love. As a result, God's presence was strong among them, and supernatural things happened regularly.

This reveals a deep truth: miracles are not random - they are often the result of a prepared atmosphere. When love, peace, honour, and unity are present, God finds a place to move freely. Your home, relationships, and life can become that atmosphere.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:14 - *God walks in the midst of His people*

Digging Deep/Life Application: *What specific actions can you take this week to create an environment of love, unity, and faith? If my life set the atmosphere around me, would it make room for God to move or push Him away?*

CONCLUDING REMARKS: PROMISES OF GOD FROM THE MESSAGE

- 1) **Promise:** God will open your understanding so that His Word produces real transformation in your life.
- 2) **Promise:** When your environment is right, your life will grow, flourish, and bear fruit.
- 3) **Promise:** As you walk in faith, barriers to God's power in your life will be removed
- 4) **Promise:** Unity will bring peace, favour, strength, and spiritual increase into your life and relationships.

- 5) **Promise:** As you walk in love, your life will reflect Christ and attract God's presence and favour.
- 6) **Promise:** The Holy Spirit will empower you to live beyond your natural ability and walk in God's ways.
- 7) **Promise:** When you cultivate the right spiritual atmosphere, God's presence, power, and miracles will manifest.

PRAYERS: PRAYER POINTS OF GOD FROM THE MESSAGE

- 1) **Pray:** Lord, open my understanding so I can grasp Your Word and live it out daily.
- 2) **Pray:** Lord, help me create an environment in my life where Your Word can grow and thrive.
- 3) **Pray:** Lord, uproot every form of unbelief and wrong attitude that hinders Your work in my life.
- 4) **Pray:** Lord, help me walk in unity and remove every form of division from my life and relationships.
- 5) **Pray:** Lord, help me to love others intentionally, deeply, and unconditionally.
- 6) **Pray:** Holy Spirit, fill me and empower me to live according to God's will every day.
- 7) **Pray:** Lord, make my life, home, and relationships an atmosphere where Your presence dwells and miracles happen.

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From this day forth:

General Prayer points:

- Prayer regarding Lessons learnt today
- Pray for special needs of LightHouse Care Group Members
- Pray for your Pastors, Leaders and Workers in God's vineyard
- Pray for increase and the ability to reach your neighbours and winning of new converts to Christ through the Lighthouse Fellowship

Seven things we must seek whenever we come to the presence of God - Lighthouse Meeting:

- (1) The knowledge of God, Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit through the Word.
- (2) Is there any sin, transgression or iniquity (habit/attitude/ mind-set or behaviour) that needs to be repented of, confessed and forsaken?
- (3) Is there any promise to be claimed, any inheritance to be possessed?
- (4) Is there any instruction to be obeyed, direction to be received, and guidance to be followed?
- (5) Is there any example to be followed/emulated or any example to be weary of and discontinued?
- (6) Is there any battle against the enemy to be fought and won?
- (7) Is there any relationship that needs to be healed & restored, or any that needs to be terminated and separated from?

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Day	Time	Event	Location
Monday to Friday	5.00am - 6.00am	Eagles Wings Intercessory Prayers (Online)	Online (Virtual)
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Lighthouse Fellowship (Joint online)	Online (Virtual)
Friday	7.00pm - 9.30pm	Communion Service	Church Premises (Physical)
Sunday	7.00am - 8.30am	School of Leadership (ICC Leadership Training Academy)	Online (Virtual)

Sunday	9.00am - 10:15am	Sunday School & Workers (Sons & Daughters) Discipleship Class	Church Premises (Physical)
Sunday	10:30am - 12:45pm	Corporate Family Worship	Church Premises (Physical)

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