

RCCG INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE - LIGHTHOUSE LESSON OUTLINE

A Christ-Centred Church with a Heart of Compassion

Message Date: 26/7/2026 Lighthouse Meeting Date: 28/7/2026	Message Title: THOUGH I WALK Minister: Pastor Chuka Nwafor
Key Texts: • Matthew 17:24-27, 2 Timothy 1:12, 2 Timothy 1:11, Genesis 49:2-4, Jeremiah 12:1-6, Psalm 73, Psalm 37, Malachi 3, Habakkuk 3:16-19, Psalm 23, Isaiah 43:2-3, Psalm 91:12, 14-15, Acts 27:9-44, Isaiah 41:9-11, Psalm 121:1-2	Sub Text:

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.

INTRODUCTION

Every believer will one day face a defining question, not from a stranger, but from life's circumstances: "Is your God really who you say He is?" Peter faced that very question when the temple tax collectors asked whether his Master honoured the Law. Without hesitation or visible proof, Peter answered with confidence because he had already settled something in his heart about the character of Jesus.

This is the heart of this study: **not what you can prove, but what you have settled**. There will be seasons when your circumstances seem to contradict God's goodness, when the wicked prosper, storms refuse to cease, and long-awaited answers never seem to come. In those moments, the real question is not, "*Where is the evidence?*" but, "*Do I know the God in whom I have believed?*" This study is for everyone navigating a storm, or preparing for one, because **what you believe about God's character will determine whether you abandon your faith or stand firm until the storm passes**.

HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Paul wrote **2 Timothy** from a Roman prison, awaiting execution for preaching the Gospel. His declaration, "**I know whom I have believed**" (2 Timothy 1:12), was not wishful thinking but a conviction forged through suffering. His confidence echoes the experiences of **Jacob**, who warned of the cost of instability (Genesis 49); **Jeremiah**, who wrestled with the prosperity of the wicked (Jeremiah 12); and **Habakkuk**, who chose to rejoice in God before his circumstances changed (Habakkuk 3:16–19).

Likewise, **Acts 27** records Paul enduring a violent storm while being transported to Rome as a prisoner. As the crew threw their cargo overboard and abandoned hope, Paul remained anchored in God's promise. Together with God's assurances to Israel in **Isaiah 41** and **Isaiah 43**, these accounts reveal a timeless truth: **faith is not tested in calm waters but in the storm. The question is never whether circumstances will change, but whether our confidence in God's unchanging character will remain unshaken until they do**.

TEACHING POINT ONE: A Settled Heart Doesn't Need Proof to Believe

When the temple tax collectors questioned Peter about Jesus, he answered with confidence before knowing the facts (Matthew 17:24–27). His response was rooted not in evidence but in a settled conviction about the character of his Master. Paul expressed the same unwavering confidence when he declared, "I know Him whom I have believed" (2 Timothy 1:12), even while suffering in prison. In contrast, Reuben, described as "unstable as water" (Genesis 49:3–4), allowed his character to be shaped by circumstances and forfeited his inheritance. Faith stands

firm when God's character is settled in the heart, even when the facts are unclear.

Practical Application: Settle your heart in God's unchanging character before the next trial comes. When circumstances challenge your faith, let your confidence rest in **who God is**, not in what you can see (2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 13:8).

Digging Deep: Is your confidence anchored in God's unchanging character, or does it rise and fall with your circumstances?

Scripture Focus: *"For I know Him and am personally acquainted with Him whom I have believed... and I am positively persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me until that day."* **2 Timothy 1:12 (AMPC)**

TEACHING POINT TWO: Don't Let the Prosperity of the Wicked Shake Your Faith

Jeremiah 12:1–6 records Jeremiah's honest question: *Why do the wicked prosper while the righteous suffer?* Instead of explaining the injustice, God prepared His servant for greater challenges: "If you have raced with men on foot and they have wearied you, how can you compete with horses?" The issue was not the prosperity of the wicked, but the endurance of the righteous. Psalm 37 and Psalm 73 echo the same truth: comparing your journey with the ungodly quietly erodes faith, weakens devotion, and distracts you from God's eternal purpose. Faith looks beyond temporary success and remains anchored in God's unchanging promises.

Practical Application: When the success of the ungodly tempts you to question God's faithfulness, draw closer to Him instead of drifting away. Guard your heart through prayer, worship, and His Word, knowing that today's trials are preparing you for tomorrow's greater assignment (Jeremiah 12:5; James 1:2–4).

Digging Deep: Has comparison with the apparent success of others weakened your devotion, or strengthened your trust in God's perfect timing?

Scripture Focus: *"If you have raced with men on foot and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses?"* **Jeremiah 12:5 (AMPC)**

TEACHING POINT THREE: Rejoice Before the Fig Tree Blossoms

In **Habakkuk 3:16–19**, the prophet faced overwhelming fear as he anticipated national disaster. Yet, instead of allowing his circumstances to silence his faith, he declared, **"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord."** Habakkuk chose to worship before the breakthrough, proving that true faith is anchored in God's unchanging character, not in changing circumstances. His strength was not found in what he possessed, but in the Lord, who enabled him to stand firm and walk above every trial. **Faith praises God before the promise is visible.**

Practical Application: Choose to praise God for **who He is**, not merely for what He has done. Worship in the waiting, trusting that God's strength will sustain you until His promise is fulfilled (Habakkuk 3:17–19; Philippians 4:4).

Digging Deep: Can you still rejoice in God when your "fig tree" has not yet blossomed, or has your praise become dependent on your circumstances?

Scripture Focus: *"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the victorious God of my salvation!"* **Habakkuk 3:18 (AMPC)**

TEACHING POINT FOUR: Don't Jettison What Will Carry You Through the Storm

In **Acts 27**, a violent storm drove Paul's ship into crisis, prompting the crew to throw their cargo and tackle overboard in a desperate attempt to survive (Acts 27:18–20). In difficult seasons, believers often make the same mistake—abandoning prayer, worship, fellowship, giving, and God's Word, the very disciplines that sustain their faith. Yet Paul remained anchored in God's promise, declaring that no life would be lost and urging everyone to take nourishment for the journey (Acts 27:22–25, 33–36). **Isaiah 43:2** reminds us that God does not always remove the storm, but He faithfully walks with us through it. **Never discard what God has given to sustain you.**

Practical Application: When life becomes overwhelming, hold even more tightly to prayer, God's Word, worship, and fellowship. These are not burdens to cast aside but lifelines that keep you anchored in God's promises (Isaiah 43:2; Hebrews 10:24–25).

Digging Deep: What spiritual discipline have you quietly abandoned during your storm, and how can you restore it today?

Scripture Focus: *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... they shall not overwhelm you." Isaiah 43:2 (AMPC)*

TEACHING POINT FIVE: Fear Not, You Are Held by His Righteous Right Hand

Psalms 23 portrays the believer walking through the valley of the shadow of death, not around it, yet declaring, *"I will fear no evil, for You are with me."* God's presence, not the absence of trouble, is the source of our confidence. Psalm 91:14–15 assures us that those who love and call upon the Lord will find Him present in trouble, bringing deliverance and honour. Likewise, Isaiah 41:10 declares God's unchanging promise: *"Fear not... I will strengthen you, help you, and uphold you with My righteous right hand."* Our security is not found in a trouble-free life, but in the faithful grip of a faithful God.

Practical Application: When fear arises, declare **Isaiah 41:10** over your life. Fix your eyes on God's promises rather than your circumstances, knowing that His presence is greater than every trial (Psalm 23:4; Isaiah 41:10).

Digging Deep: In your present valley, are you focused on the danger around you, or on the God who is holding you?

Scripture Focus: *"Fear not, for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties; yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My victorious right hand of rightness and justice." Isaiah 41:10 (AMPC)*

CONCLUSION:

Though I walk through the valley, though the winds rage, though the fig tree does not blossom, and though the storm refuses to cease, **I will not fear, for I know whom I have believed.** Circumstances may change, but God's character never does. He is not the God who abandons us in the storm; He is the God who walks with us through it and safely brings us to the other side. Whatever you are facing today, settle this truth in your heart: **the God who began your journey is faithful, and He will bring His purpose for your life to completion.**

PRAYER POINTS

1. **Father, thank You** that Your character never changes. Strengthen my faith to trust You, even when I cannot understand my circumstances (2 Timothy 1:12).
2. **Lord, guard my heart** from comparison and discouragement. Let nothing weaken my devotion, but keep me

steadfast in prayer, worship, and obedience (Jeremiah 12:5; Psalm 37:7).

3. **Teach me to rejoice in You** before my breakthrough comes. Let my praise be rooted in who You are, not in what I see (Habakkuk 3:17–19).

4. **Father, help me hold firmly** to prayer, Your Word, fellowship, and every spiritual discipline during life's storms. May they remain my anchor until the victory comes (Acts 27:22–25; Hebrews 10:23–25).

5. **Lord, replace every fear with unwavering confidence.** Uphold me with Your righteous right hand and remind me daily that You are with me wherever I go (Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 23:4).

6. **I declare by faith** that I will not fear, I will not give up, and I will not lose heart. The Lord is my Shepherd, my Helper, and my Deliverer. He will keep me, strengthen me, and bring me safely to the place He has prepared for me. **In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.**

**POINTS
TO**

What did you hear?

What point in this message was most impactful for you?

What do you think?

How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?

What will you do?

How will you put into practice what you have learned today?

PONDER

Please note that the Bible is not a discussion book but a decision book.

God honours and empowers your decisions not your discussions.

This is the most important part of tonight's meeting The Holy Spirit awaits your decisions.

From this day forth:

(1) I will....

(2) I can.....

(3) I must.....

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 Disciples for 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 and restored, or any that needs to be terminated and separated from?

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