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| <b>Message Date:</b> 05/05/2026<br><b>Lighthouse Meeting Date:</b> 03/05/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Message Title:</b> One Another: The DNA of a Spirit-Filled Church<br><b>Minister:</b> Pastor Chuka Nwafor |
| <b>Key Texts:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Sub Text:</b>                                                                                             |
| <p><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></p> <p><b>INTRODUCTION:</b></p> <p>God repeatedly uses people as His instruments of healing, restoration, and preservation. A simple phone call, a message, or a check-in has rescued lives from despair without the caller ever knowing the full impact. Many people carry deep struggles silently while appearing spiritually strong on the surface. This is why the Church cannot function as a gathering of strangers but must live as a family. The Christian faith was never designed to be private, isolated, or detached. It is relational by nature. When believers truly understand this, care for one another stops feeling intrusive and begins to feel like obedience to God's heart.</p> <p>Satan's primary strategy against the Church is not usually outright opposition but relational disruption. He introduces offence, jealousy, bitterness, and division, knowing that broken relationships weaken spiritual power. Conflict creates openings for spiritual attack, while unity closes them. A church may continue holding services, singing songs, and preaching sermons, but without love and unity, its spiritual effectiveness is compromised. Guarding relationships is therefore not optional—it is spiritual warfare.</p> <p>Based on Acts 2/4 and historical accounts, the early church was characterized by devotion to apostolic teaching, fervent prayer, deep fellowship, sharing possessions, regular breaking of bread, radical care for the poor, and evangelistic growth despite persecution.</p> <p>The message ultimately calls for personal reflection and action. Each believer must ask whether they are living as a devoted family member or a detached attendee. God often answers prayers through people, and a simple act of obedience could become someone's breakthrough. The call is clear: be the call, be the text, be the visit, be the encouragement. Living the "one another" life is not an optional extra—it is the evidence of a Spirit-filled Church and a transformed heart.</p> |                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>(1) KEY 1: DEVOTION TO APOSTOLIC TEACHING: THE BELIEVERS WERE DEDICATED TO STUDYING THE TEACHINGS OF THE APOSTLES, FORMING THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR FAITH AND DOCTRINE.</b></p> <p>One of the defining marks of the early Church was their steadfast devotion to the apostles' teaching. The Word of God became central, not optional. Just as oxygen is necessary for physical life, the Word is essential for spiritual survival. A believer cannot grow, mature, or remain healthy without continual exposure to God's truth. Where the Word is neglected, spiritual weakness follows. Hunger for the Word is evidence of new life, and disinterest in it signals spiritual danger. The Word renews the mind, sustains faith, and anchors believers in truth.</p> <p><b>Scripture:</b> Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16</p> <p><b>Digging Deep/Life Application:</b> <i>The Word of God is essential spiritual nourishment without which believers cannot remain healthy or discerning.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>(2) KEY 2: DEVOTION TO PRAYER: THE CHURCH WAS KNOWN FOR BEING A "HOUSE OF PRAYER," MARKED BY CONSTANT, COMMUNAL PRAYER AND DEPENDENCE ON GOD.</b></p> <p>Prayer, especially corporate prayer, was another essential devotion of the early Church. While personal prayer is vital, there are dimensions of God's power released only through agreement and unity. God designed prayer to function within community, ensuring that no believer becomes self-sufficient or isolated. Some challenges are intentionally beyond individual capacity so that dependence on others becomes necessary. Corporate prayer strengthens faith,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                              |

multiplies effectiveness, and reminds believers that victory is often collective, not individual.

**Scripture:**

**Digging Deep/Life Application:**

**(3) KEY 3: FELLOWSHIP AND UNITY: THEY MET TOGETHER REGULARLY, SHARING A CLOSE BOND (KOINONIA) AND A SENSE OF "ONE MIND" AS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY.**

The early believers devoted themselves to fellowship, demonstrating that Christianity was never meant to be lived in isolation. God designed human beings for relationship, and spiritual health is closely tied to meaningful connection with others. Isolation is not only emotionally damaging; it is often spiritually dangerous. Scripture shows that demonic influence often drives people to withdraw, accuse, and separate themselves from others. True fellowship, by contrast, produces unity, joy, safety, and strength. When the Holy Spirit is at work, believers long to be together, because shared faith creates deep spiritual bonds.

**Scripture:** Acts 2:42; Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** God uses genuine community as a means of protection, encouragement, and spiritual stability.

**(4) KEY 4: GENEROSITY AND SHARING: EARLY BELIEVERS SHARED THEIR POSSESSIONS AND WEALTH WITH ONE ANOTHER, ENSURING THAT NO ONE AMONG THEM WAS IN NEED.**

As the believers lived out these devotions, remarkable things followed. Unity deepened, generosity increased, and needs were met so thoroughly that Scripture records there were no needy persons among them. God's grace rested powerfully upon the community, producing signs, wonders, and daily growth. This was not accidental but the natural outcome of love, unity, and mutual care. God's power flows most freely in environments marked by genuine relationships and shared sacrifice. Where unity dwells, grace abounds.

**Scripture:**

**Digging Deep/Life Application:**

**(5) KEY 5: BREAKING OF BREAD: THEY FREQUENTLY CELEBRATED THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER, LIKELY IN THEIR HOMES, IN OBEDIENCE TO JESUS' COMMAND.**

Breaking bread, including the Lord's Supper, was a profound spiritual practice in the early Church. Communion was not treated casually but reverently, as a spiritual act that reminded believers of Christ's sacrifice and their unity in Him. The desire to partake in communion reflects a heart that values covenant, remembrance, and shared identity in Christ. To disregard or minimize communion is to misunderstand its spiritual power. Through the breaking of bread, believers reaffirm their belonging—to Christ and to one another.

**Scripture:** Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:25

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** Communion continually recentres believers on Christ's sacrifice and strengthens humility, unity, and gratitude.

**(6) KEY 6: ACTIVE FAITH AND MIRACLES: THE CHURCH WAS MARKED BY THE POWER OF GOD, WITH APOSTLES PERFORMING SIGNS AND WONDERS LIKE HEALING THE SICK AND DRIVING OUT DEMONS.**

One of the strongest emphases in the fellowship discussion was that love creates the atmosphere in which miracles flow. Where there is no love, favour dries up and spiritual movement stalls. Love is the oil that allows God's purposes to move smoothly. Unity cannot exist without love, and faith struggles where love is absent. The presence of the Holy Spirit is not measured by outward manifestations alone, but by Christlike love. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Where love reigns, God works freely. Where love is absent, demonic activity feels at home.

**Scripture:** John 13:34–35; Galatians 5:6; Psalm 133:1–3

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** Love as the Atmosphere for Miracles - God's power and favour operate most freely where love, peace, and unity are intentionally maintained.

**(7) KEY 7: EVANGELISTIC GROWTH: DESPITE FACING SEVERE PERSECUTION FROM THEIR SOCIETY, THEY WERE PASSIONATE ABOUT SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF JESUS, RESULTING IN CONSTANT GROWTH.**

The New Testament contains 59 “one another” commands, revealing how central relationships are to Christian life. These commands fall largely into two categories: love and unity, and service and humility. Chief among them is the command to love one another as Christ loved us—deeply, sacrificially, and consistently. Devotion to one another is not based on emotion but on covenant commitment. True devotion remains even when it costs, when feelings fade, or when circumstances are difficult. Love that endures hardship creates spiritual strength and stability.

A critical responsibility of the Church is to pass the faith on to the next generation. Children must not merely inherit church attendance, but a living, personal relationship with Christ. Faith that stops with one generation represents a failure in transmission. Just as parents desire their children to surpass them in life, believers must ensure that their children inherit a stronger, deeper faith. Spiritual legacy is built intentionally through teaching, modelling, and authentic faith lived daily.

**Scripture:** *John 13:34–35; 1 John 3:18*

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** *Living the One-Another Life - Christ is made visible when believers consistently live out love through practical, everyday relationships.*

**CONCLUDING REMARKS:** PROMISES OF GOD FROM THE MESSAGE

- 1) **Promise:** God promises that when His people walk in love, care, and mutual responsibility, He will use those relationships as instruments of healing, restoration, and preservation of life. *“Carry one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)*
- 2) **Promise:** God promises that where believers live in unity, love, and devotion, there will be no enduring lack—spiritually, emotionally, or materially. *“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity... for there the Lord commands the blessing.” (Psalm 133:1 - 3)*
- 3) **Promise:** God promises that His presence, miracles, favour, and spiritual growth flow freely where love, peace, and unity are cultivated. *“Faith works through love.” (Galatians 5:6)*

**PRAYERS:** PRAYER POINTS OF GOD FROM THE MESSAGE

- 1) **Prayer for a Heart That Notices and Responds** - Father, give me a heart that is sensitive to the people around me. Deliver me from indifference, distraction, and self-absorption. Help me to notice when You want to use me as a vessel of comfort, encouragement, and restoration, in Jesus’ name. *(Galatians 6:2)*
- 2) **Prayer to Walk as My Brother’s and Sister’s Keeper** - Lord, help me to embrace responsibility for others in love. Remove a self-centred mindset and replace it with genuine care for Your people. Teach me to support, encourage, and strengthen others without judgement, pressure, or control. *(Genesis 4:9; Philippians 2:4)*
- 3) **Prayer for Grace to Remove Every Hindrance to God’s Promises** - Father, uproot anything in my life that competes with Your will—unresolved sin, bitterness, compromise, or delayed obedience. I receive grace to fully obey You, so nothing becomes a thorn that limits my inheritance. *(Numbers 33:55; Jeremiah 1:10)*
- 4) **Prayer for the Life and Work of the Holy Spirit Within** - Holy Spirit, continue Your transforming work in me. Let my devotion flow from the life of Christ within me, not from pressure or effort. Change my desires, renew my mind, and cause me to walk naturally in Your ways. *(Philippians 2:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17)*
- 5) **Prayer for Fresh Hunger for the Word of God** - Lord, restore my appetite for Your Word. Let Your Word be my spiritual oxygen and daily nourishment. Deliver me from dryness and distraction, and establish me in truth, wisdom, and clarity. *(Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16)*
- 6) **Prayer for Unity, Love, and Healthy Fellowship** - Father, strengthen our relationships as Your people. Remove isolation, offence, division, and bitterness from among us. Teach us to love deeply, forgive freely, and walk in unity, so that Your presence will dwell powerfully in our midst. *(Acts 2:42; John 13:34 - 35)*
- 7) **Prayer for an Atmosphere Where God’s Power Flows Freely** - Lord, establish an atmosphere of love, peace, and unity in my life and in Your Church. Let faith, healing, favour, and breakthroughs flow freely where love reigns. May Your Spirit be at home among us, in Jesus’ name. *(Galatians 5:6; Psalm 133:1)*

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?

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 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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