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Tuesday, April, 15, 2014

It rained heavily this morning; showers of blessings announcing the day that the Lord had given, made even brighter by the entrance of Dr. Ndolo into the Apostolic Church Great Soppo auditorium. The time was 4:15 pm; time to know who was around and who was doing what in the team to see to the success of the meeting. It was a happy reunion for the usual participants who warmly embraced one another as they arrived. You could tell the joy they were feeling from their shouts and their smiling faces. The opening prayer began, followed by a wonderful time of praise led by three sisters from The Apostolic and the Full Gospel Mission Churches. Dr. Ndolo was introduced by Brother Sam Monono, HOIM's Country Director, at 5:42 pm.



Dr. Ursula Ndolo gave a brief introduction of herself and her salvation journey, which in itself was an encouragement to many. She commented on the theme and said we'd be looking at four women from the Bible who were desperate for one thing or the other: Eve, Lot's Daughters and Leah. These women would be the focus of the 2014 Conference.





She began with the story of Eve as the first desperate woman, reading from Genesis 3:1-13. Eve's desperation was for Knowledge. She defined the word "desperate" as "being reckless or dangerous because of an urgent need." Knowledge is not bad in itself, but the manner of acquiring it could be the problem. God indeed desires for us to have knowledge and wisdom, according to 2 Chronicles 1 and Psalms 1:19-36.

She warned against "talking animals" and encouraged fellowship with God through prayer (like drinking water) and Bible study (like food).

She encouraged the women to avoid illicit conversations like the one Eve engaged in with the snake, after which she ended up in serious trouble. Dr. Ndolo ended her presentation at 7:35 pm.

Mrs. Martha Kombe then led prayer for about 20 minutes. At the end of the day, a total of 78 persons were present.





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The meeting began at 4:50 pm with thirty women.

This second day was devoted to a study of Lot's daughters, who were desperate for children. Reading from Genesis 19, Dr. Ndolo took a systematic journey into the story of Lot, which enabled the women to better understand the cause of Lot's daughters' desperation. These daughters had no names, and appeared to have been considered by man as mere commodities.



Their circumstances could be understood as reason enough to do the evil they did to get what they desperately needed:

- 1. Their father had offered them to a raging mob of no age discrimination for gang rape, whereas they were virgins; enough reason to forever distrust and disrespect him.
- 2. They were affianced, yet their husbands were not distinguished from the mob of rapists, and they ended up dead.
- 3. Their home and city had been burned to the ground, destroying their background and possessions.
- 4. Their mother had just died under tragic circumstances.





As victims of terrible circumstances that were beyond their control within a very short period of time, they were traumatized. They did not think God would turn things around for them, even though He had saved them from destruction.

By Genesis 19:30, many years had passed and they had left Zoar for the mountains out of fear. If they had gone straight to the mountains without fear as the angels originally commanded, it is possible that the far distance to the mountains would have made it too hard for their mother to turn back. We should trust God and obey him. One single fearful/faithless decision caused great hurt and tragedy. Lot gave a heritage of fear to his daughters.

Being past the common age of marriage, Lot's daughters were desperate for children. Dr. Ndolo pointed out that every woman can be a mother, but not every woman must bear children. There are many children who need mothers. When we succumb to fear, it provokes desperation. Lot's daughters saw their father as their only solution. What do you see as your desperate answer? Don't have a limited vision. Lot's daughters were not driven by lust but by the desire to reproduce, which is not bad, but adopting a "by any means necessary" approach is beneath our privilege as daughters of the Most High God. The women were encouraged by a reading from Isaiah 54:1-3, with a final admonition that obedience to God is thicker than blood. A total of 86 women attended.

This meeting also saw the viewing of a PowerPoint presentation on HOIM after the lesson and before the final prayers, which were once more led by Mrs. Martha Kombe.



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Thursday, April, 17, 2014

Day 3 was focused on a woman who was desperate for the love of a man – Leah. We took a look at who Jacob was, where he came from, and how he came into Leah's life. Jacob's background was traced from Abraham's son – Isaac. Jacob was somewhat of a deceitful mummy's boy, whose heart, nevertheless, honoured God.



Lessons learned today included the following:

- The names of our children often reflect our state of mind when they were born. Leah = weary while Rachel = ewe (female sheep).
- Leah was beautiful on the inside, but Rachel was beautiful on the outside. All women are beautiful. It is who you are on the inside that can change your world, not who you are on the outside.
- If you have to *do* something in order to convince someone to love you, it is not worth it.
- Marriage reveals your true nature.
- It is dangerous to use your children to fight for your husband's love.





- The name "Levi" shows that Leah was expecting to satisfy her soul with her husband's love. Only God can do this. Only He can satisfy our innermost emptiness. See Psalm 63.
- Another child, Judah, is born to Leah. His name means "praised." She came to the end of herself. Judah is in Jesus' ancestral line, and this may have something to do with the fact that he was born out of Leah's complete submission to God. See the blessing of Jacob upon Judah in Genesis 49.
- Scheming will not help you in the end. Take your eyes off of man and fight on your knees.
- We should know what is within our power to do, and what is only within God's power.
- God may let you have your way through manipulation, but this does not mean that He has vindicated you.
- May your pain not blind you to the pain of others. The way to deal with emotional pain is to count it all
 joy.
- Emotional pain can drive people to desperation, but there is a God who has an endless supply of healing and joy.
- Respect precedes loves.

The Prayer time included special prophetic prayers for singles to be married, for the fruits of the womb per the married, and for those who want to serve God without their spouses becoming an impediment.

A total of 120 women and 8 men attended this last session, which ended with the distribution of some clothes to the attendees. Also, an offering was collected for the church. Closing time was 8:48 pm.



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Personal Remarks & Comments

- 1. The messages were all good for me because they have helped me to know more about marriage and about being not just a wife but also a mother.
- 2. Things I used to look at superficially now have depth for me. I now know that the state of desperation only pushes me to make wrong decisions. Unless I allow God to intervene, my efforts will fail.
- 3. The messages were good because they opened the eyes of so many ladies and also enabled them to know their position in the kingdom of God.
- 4. It has been a wonderful time with the Lord. I feel the publicity of the conference was very weak. For next time, it should be looked into. Thanks!
- 5. Thank God for using you at this appointed time when I am desperate for things of this world. I was blessed and I'm looking at a different dimension of this life. God bless you.
- 6. The meeting was awesome for my first time of coming and I enjoyed it very much.
- 7. It was a wonderful experience from you Dr. Ndolo. May God give you the grace to change more souls.
- 8. I'm overwhelmed with you, the way you're teaching and sharing God's word. It was actually feasting on God's word. Thanks for all the sacrifice. God bless you!
- 9. Wonderful! Have never enjoyed a passage about women in the Bible before. Great! Keep it up!
- 10. I must say I'm grateful to God concerning this program. It's really educative and so real. Mura, praise God for this magnificent ministry.
- 11. I'm grateful to God who makes it possible for our sis Ndolo to come here because I really enjoyed the meeting.
- 12. I must say I was not only blessed but I saw God in my life. This program came at the real time in my life. Dr. Ndolo, God bless you, come again.
- 13. It's been a good time enjoying a detailed teaching on some women in the Bible. Please keep it up. Time management should be taken into consideration.
- 14. I personally, as a single woman, must say I am indeed blessed by this seminar. I learned that it is good to depend solely on God for real and true satisfaction, for it does not come from Man. Thanks a lot for your encouragement. I pray God gives you more strength and the ability to organize such programs. Thanks!
- 15. I came in today and I really love the way the word has been detailed for a better understanding. We need more of this, i.e teaching of the pure word of God. God bless and strengthen Dr. Ndolo and all those concerned. (T. Jackline)

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- 16. I was here for the first day and today, and I have been blessed through the teaching and prayers. I wish that next time the teaching should be photocopied because some of us are with babies who give us a lot of distractions that we can't really have everything that it said. God bless everyone who has been part of this great vision. (Elizabeth Mokali)
- 17. I am so grateful to God for me to be part and parcel for this program; for this teaching has really brought a new way of seeing God, knowing how to respond when negative or positive matters arise. As a child of God, I have to study the word of God always and pray. Thank God for Ma Ndolo. (Clara Joso Nuama)
- 18. It was so great and I was really blessed. I learned so many things I knew not before and I pray the conference will be held again.
- 19. It is powerful and challenging as it urges me to go deeper into God's word book by book, chapter by chapter. Looking forward to another such conference...
- 20. It so interesting to have her and wish to have her with us again. God bless and bless again more abundantly.
- 21. I was so blessed because I discovered things I never knew (Rhema).
- 22. I thank God for being here and hope God will grant us the grace to put all we have learnt here into practice. I love it.
- 23. It was wonderful and I was really blessed. I learned so many things I did not know. Dr. Ndolo, God bless you and come again.
- 24. I will start by thanking God almighty for this wonderful vision He has conceived in your mind. In fact the program was so great. I love the speech so much. God bless you all.
- 25. This session is wonderful. In fact, I am blessed. I hope that this wonderful and great teaching should take place again next time. God bless you all.
- 26. I glorified God for a program and teaching like this. I am so blessed. I have learnt so much and I pray for more sessions like this. God bless Hope Outreach International Ministries.
- 27. It has been an awesome conference. I extend my thanks to the organizers and pray for God's abundant blessing on Dr. Ndolo as she goes forth doing her work here on earth and trying to change the women's conception about knowing and living with God our saviour.
- 28. The program is very good but I think the English is too high for most of the older women who cannot understand English but French.
- 29. Enriching program. The speaker is detailed and clear with sound doctrinal backing. It would be important to give equal weight to post-teaching prayer as to the teaching.
- 30. I have been impacted with the teaching in this program. I wish such a program could be organized all the time generally. I love it. I believe before the next I will boast of my uplift in Christ.



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- 31. I am very grateful for the program because I am blessed. Let God bless you all in Jesus name.
- 32. The program is good but next time we should photocopy the manuscript and share for the women. God bless you!
- 33. The program is good. It has opened our understanding to relate with one another. It has empowered our knowledge of the three stories which we have heard. May the Lord be praised because He is all we have. Amen!
- 34. I just wish I had a cassette of this particular message to be renewed every day. God bless you in Jesus name. Amen!
- 35. The program was so enriching. I wish many more women attended. Is it possible to have the recorded message?
- 36. This program has blessed me greatly. I think we should have more programs of this sort, especially for young girls.
- 37. The conference was very good and very instructive, encouraging and deep. Keep on.
- 38. Great initiative. Topic so spot on. Please endeavour to make time for questions and answers in subsequent editions.
- 39. It was really enjoyable but we may surely need many days for the conference in subsequent times.
- 40. Glory be to God, it was excellent, but we need many days for the conference.
- 41. The conference revealed a lot and the chapters were well explained. I am so happy to be part of it. Next time fliers should be distributed and much time should be given for questions and answers.
- 42. Keep on sister, it was very good.
- 43. It has been a blessing to me. I pray to be like you. It's wonderful. Keep on mummy and pray God to use me too.
- 44. It has been so nice to me, and I am blessed through her teaching. May God bless her.
- 45. I begin by thanking the Almighty God for making me part of this program. I've learned more and this has helped me spiritually. I wish for another program again.
- 46. The program is indeed a blessing to me and touched the most difficult problems I face. Now I have answers to my questions. May God enrich you more and more.
- 47. Je rends grâce a Dieu pour cette rencontre et je bénis son nom pour sa servante qu'il a utilisé merveilleusement pendant ces trois jours de rencontre spirituelle. J'ai la ferme assurance que le but de cette rencontre a été atteint et peu importe le nombre; car il nous dit dans sa parole que la ou deux ou trois sont réunis, il est au milieu d'eux; et beaucoup seront appelés mais peu élus. Sur cette parole, moi particulièrement je suis vraiment satisfaite pour cette rencontre.



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Que le Seigneur nous donne encore l'opportunité de nous rencontre l'année prochaine. NB : surtout avec plusieurs oratrices.

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