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KINGDOM DYNAMICS – THE PARABLES OF THE LEAVEN (2) By Pastor Modupe Babatunde

2026: OUR YEAR OF FRUITFUL LABOUR | 2 Chronicles 15: 7

- Regardless of you, the Kingdom of God is relentless and unstoppable until every part of your life is completely transformed. For this, you should be grateful (**Matthew 13:33**).
- There must be a receiving and a hiding in Christ. Christ must be deeply rooted in us for true transformation to begin from within, unlike the Pharisees' outward transformation driven by rules and regulations. This is **Christ in us**, transforming us from the inside out.
- Naturally, leaven is a small amount of yeast mixed into flour. Though unseen, it works through the entire batch, transforming it. Likewise, an encounter with Christ should produce visible transformation in our appearance, attitude, speech, conduct, and character.
- The kingdom of heaven is like leaven: it may begin small and work quietly, but it is powerful and unstoppable. It spreads from within, transforming individuals, families and cultures from the inside out.
- Beyond personal transformation, the leaven can impact your family, community and nation. Our salvation may be personal, but it is never meant to be private.
- Leaven can influence us positively or negatively: the leaven of the Kingdom transforms, while the leaven of darkness corrupts. Therefore, choose your leaven carefully and choose what influences you.
- Cornelius is an example of a life whose influence led to household salvation (**Acts 10:24–44**). Expose your children, neighbours, friends and colleagues to the leaven of the Kingdom, and trust God to do the rest.
- Beyond the family, an entire city can be transformed through one Spirit-enabled

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conversation, as seen in the story of the Samaritan woman (**John 4:29, 39, 41**).

- Paul's life is a powerful example of a life transformed by the Kingdom and used to influence others (**Galatians 1:11-24**).
- The revelation of Christ in a person brings glory to God and creates a clear distinction between who they were and who they are. It transformed Paul from a fierce persecutor into a passionate kingdom servant whose influence reached generations, nations, kings, and palaces (**Acts 9:1-4**).
- As believers, what is our role in this leaven process? There must be a taking, a receiving, and a hiding of Christ in us.
- As yeast is most active at warm temperatures and will not rise in cold temperatures, Scripture admonishes us not to lag in diligence but to be fervent in spirit (**Romans 12:11, Psalm 69:9, TPT, John 2:14-17**).
- Jesus had zeal. Paul had zeal, and we, too, must be zealous for God's kingdom (**John 2:17, Romans 10:1-12**). Yeast cannot rise in coldness; it requires warmth and fervency. Likewise, a genuine encounter with Christ should produce a fervent spirit.
- A genuine encounter with God births fervency in the spirit, which is essential for effective living. Our salvation and encounters with God must produce a deep zeal for Him and the things of His kingdom. We must be fervent and “boiling over” with zeal for God (**Philippians 3:8, AMP**).
- The things you are running after will run after you when you put the right thing first – zeal for His kingdom!
- Abraham's fervency cost him his willingness to obey God and offer Isaac (**Genesis 22:1-13**). Joseph's fervency led him to choose God, even at the cost of imprisonment (**Genesis 39:9-20**). Moses' fervency

enabled him to choose God over the fleeting pleasures of sin (**Hebrews 11:24–26**).

- Being fervent in spirit means being on fire in our communication, worship, obedience, repentance, and service. We must be quick to respond to the Spirit of God and fervent in worship, fellowship, abiding in His presence, and studying His Word.
- To stay fervent, keep the fire on your altar burning daily (**Leviticus 6:12–13**). Stay around others who are on fire, cultivate praying friendships (**Proverbs 27:17**), and serve with fervency (**Romans 12:11**). Deal with anything that quenches your fire; nothing should be allowed to put it out (**Ephesians 4:26–27**).
- Just as dough needs water, we need the washing of the Word. Scripture speaks of “the washing of water by the Word” (**Ephesians 5:25–26**), for the Word equips and transforms us (**2 Timothy 3:16–17**).

- You cannot afford to take the word of God lightly. Just as flour cannot be leavened without moisture, our lives cannot be transformed without the Word. The word of God is the moisture that prepares and transforms us (**Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:11, Joshua 1:8**).

- When you hunger and thirst for righteousness, you will be filled and come to know it more deeply (**Matthew 5:6**). When God sees your genuine hunger, He begins to unveil the mysteries of His Word to you.



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- We must be doers of the Word. If you want God to continually speak to you through His Word, you must respond in obedience. Every revelation requires a corresponding action.
- The water also symbolises the Holy Spirit (**John 7:38-39; 14:16-17**). So, we must be conscious of Him. For many of us, He is bubbling within us, yet we often put Him on the back burner. We must remain aware of His presence and sensitive to His leading (**Galatians 5:25, NLT**).
- Build yourself up in the most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit (**Jude 1:20**) and be intentional about your relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit is a Person, and He desires to lead and fellowship with you (**Acts 20:22-24, NLT**).
- Just as dry flour cannot be leavened, a Word-starved and Spirit-quenched life cannot be transformed. We need daily soaking in the Word and the Spirit, rather than running on dry activity devoid of both.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord God, give me a fresh encounter with You. Renew my hunger for Your presence, transform my heart, and draw me closer to You, in Jesus' name.
2. Father, set my heart on fire for You. Rekindle my passion, remove every form of spiritual coldness and complacency, and make me fervent in spirit, in Jesus' name.
3. Lord, transform my desires, thoughts and affections. Let my heart long for what pleases You and keep my priorities centred on You and Your kingdom, in Jesus' name.
4. Father, renew my commitment to You. Deepen my service, sacrifice and obedience, and help me value knowing You and walking in Your purpose above all else, in Jesus' name.
5. Lord God, let this fresh encounter ignite an enduring fire in my heart, soul and spirit. Keep me fervent, spiritually awake and steadfast in pursuing You, serving You and living for Your glory, in Jesus' most precious name. Amen.