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## HOW TO COMPEL YOUR GROUNDS TO BRING FORTH FRUITS

...acting on God's word in the face of persecution, rejection, and false accusations

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### Breaking Your Fallow Ground

There are so many people in this world looking for one miracle or another. I have seen countless prayer quests that are like mountains in people's lives in which the people want something urgently done about them. However, some of these prayer requests are fruitless grounds. Believe me, God does not want you to run helter-skelter.

Before you can compel your grounds to bring forth fruits, the first thing to do is to break your fallow ground because nothing will grow on it until it is broken ((**Jeremiah 3:21-25; 4:1-5**). Jesus said that except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone (**John 12:24-26**). The fallow ground represents the opinion of man,

iniquities, double-mindedness, wickedness, rebellion, and deceitful temporary pleasure of sin (**Hosea 10:12-13**). But when you break your fallow ground, God will rain righteousness on you. That is, He will manifest Himself to you and give you directions.

### Do Not Go Down!

In **Genesis 26:1-6, 12-16**, the Bible tells us how Isaac compelled his ground to bring forth fruits. The first thing God told Isaac was that he should not go down, despite the circumstance (famine) that surrounded him.

Circumstances and people might be telling you to "go down" but God says you should not go down. You shall be above always, not beneath, regardless of circumstances and situations

### (Deuteronomy 28:13).

Many people who "go down" do so because God does not appear to them. They lose their bearing and lack direction. They grope at noon like a blind man gropes in darkness. They do not have the manifestation of the presence of God. If you have the manifestation of the presence of God today in your marriage, it will not go haywire. If you have the presence of God in your business, it will not go down. If you have it in your home, your children cannot be delinquents (**Psalms 1:1-3**). When the supernatural comes into play in any person's life, the physical is suspended. This is the reason you do not hear the Holy Spirit with your physical ears; rather, you hear Him when He speaks to your spirit. When God comes on this scene, the story changes. "Come up here," He says (**Revelation 4:1**).

### Do Not Go Down to "Egypt"

Furthermore, God did not just tell Isaac not to go down; He also instructed him specifically not to go down to Egypt. This is the problem of many Christians and the waterloo of many

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## WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for

### THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- \* By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with
- ➔ Other Believers

### OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



“professors” of faith. This means you should not go where you will be outside of God's protection. No matter the pressure, do not give in because Egypt represents the darkness of this world, the system of this world, the do-it-yourself system, and the forget-God-and-quick-result system of this world (**Isaiah 30:1-3**). God does not come too late. He will come right on time (**Psalms 46:1-3**). So, do not go down to “Egypt.”

### Sowing Your Seed

Isaac relied on the word of God. It was the word of God that made him stay in Gerar. While all the other farmers were looking for better conditions that would suit their minds and the opinions of their experts, only Isaac sowed the remaining seed in his hand (**Genesis 26:12, Ecclesiastes 11:4**). So, if God says you should do something, but you do not do it, you will find yourself to blame (**Proverbs 28: 9**).

When you compel your grounds to bring forth fruit by sowing (based on the word of God you have received) in the worst of circumstances and adverse financial climate, five things are likely to happen. Beyond any doubt, you will receive a hundredfold. What we have not patiently examined in the church today is that we think everybody who sows will receive a hundredfold; that is unscriptural (**Mark 4:1-9, 13-20**). It is those who have forsaken everything for the sake of God's kingdom that will receive a hundredfold.

### Five Key Indications of Obedience

**(1) Persecution:** When you sow your seed based on the word of God in the worst of circumstances, persecution will come, just as Isaac experienced (**Genesis 26:12-14**).

**(2) Rejection:** It is all in the master plan of God that He will show you a picture of where He is taking you to, but He will never show you a picture of what He will take you through. So, apart from facing persecution as a result of your obedience to God's word, you will also face rejection. Remember Joseph (**Genesis 26:15-16; 37:4, John 1:11, Isaiah 53:3**). If what you have is original, you will suffer rejection. If everybody likes your Christianity, it means what you have is counterfeit.

You can do anything to the dream and vision of any person, but you cannot hinder its fulfilment if it is from God. When Joseph faced rejection, he turned it into continuation. Every man who will compel his grounds to bring forth fruit must know how to protect it when persecution and rejection arise. That was what Isaac did. He continued to dig wells, even as the Philistines continued to block it—persecution, rejection, continuation.

**(3) False accusation:** This will also arise as a result of your obedience to God's instruction (**Genesis 26:17-20**). If you are not experiencing this, you are not growing yet (**Matthew 5:11-13**). But if you face false accusations, it is an indication that you are heaven-bound. When you sow in the time of famine and you receive a hundredfold, move forward and become exceedingly great, persecution will come, rejection will follow, and as you continue, false accusation will arise.

**(4) Rehoboth:** When God saw that the continuity of Isaac's industry and sowing and digging had resulted in (Rehoboth) fruitfulness, and had made room in the land, God multiplied him. The moment multiplication attempts your breakthrough, reconciliation will follow.

### OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in- the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

### OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

**(5) Reconciliation:** Those who rejected, persecuted, falsely accused you, will seek you when they see the hand of God upon your life (**Genesis 26:26-30**). The intention of God is to put you in a position where they will come back to seek your favour and reconciliation.

### Compelling Your Grounds

You compel your grounds to produce by acting on the word of God and relying absolutely on His word. Take it that God can never fail. There is integrity in His word. There will be a reaping after sowing but persecution will come. While you are still trying to settle prosecution, rejection will follow. But your answer to persecution and rejection is a continuation. Do not stop sowing; do not stop digging. Keep on doing what you are doing for God. Keep on trusting Him. Keep on running the race that is set before you with patience. Keep on keeping on.

Faithfulness is an international currency; it pays everywhere. When you continue, false accusations will come. Then God will appear on the scene and bring multiplication. And when they see the multiplication, they will seek your reconciliation and favour. God does not expect his children to go down, let alone to go down to Egypt.