



Testimonies

*I will speak of the
glorious honour of
thy majesty, and of
thy wondrous works.*

Psalm 145:5



“I pray you get the opportunity, and take it when you do,
to surrender your life to Jesus.”



Hello, my name is Elizabeth Akinpelu, and I am the wife of Pastor Olu Akinpelu at Vessels of Treasure Fellowship. I've been in Christ some nearly 20 years now, and 14 of those have been in ministry.

I can truly say it has been a privilege and a blessing to be a part of this church. God has taken me through so many different experiences - and before I first came into church, I was quite independent and I thought that I could achieve all things without the help of anybody else, but God soon taught me that life is about family, it's about relationships, and ultimately, it's about my relationship with Him. I just want to share with you the greatness and the awesome things that Christ can do in one's life.

I pray you get the opportunity, and take it when you do, to surrender your life to Jesus.

I have had five children since I've been married to Pastor Olu, and to be honest, before I got married I didn't think that was possible - but being in the Lord, all things are possible, and being in Christ is so enlightening and so excellent - I cannot think of words to describe it aptly, but I'm sure when you give your life to the Lord you will understand exactly what I mean.

There have been many challenges. It hasn't always been what some may consider a victory, but I believe that it is a victory - even our challenges teach us so much about ourselves and our trials and our tribulations are all to the glory of God. This has taught me over time not to rely on myself, but to increase in my faith and to grow in grace as well.

I have also had the opportunity at this time to lead the Women's Ministry Department, and it is such a wonderful thing to lead - seeing women coming from different backgrounds, different nationalities, different ages, and it's just wonderful to see how everybody, with such diversity, is able to unite and become as one in the body of Christ. I pray that you get the opportunity to come into the Lord and experience all of that for yourself as well.

There is so much in the word of God about women and how truly we are meant to be as women, which shows us that all the so-called culturalism pertaining to women and strong women is really all a lie. If you don't have Christ, you can't possibly be strong.

I just give God thanks for this opportunity to share this testimony with you, and I know you are going to read many others, and I pray that these testimonies will cause you to ponder, to come to the realisation that we all need Christ - and I believe that by serving him, by living your life for him - you will optimise, you will maximise, you will live the life more abundantly that you were supposed to live.

God bless you.

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There are a lot of things that people say about how women are supposed to be in terms of how they dress, how they should wear their hair and do their make-up, how many children, boyfriends they should have etc. There are so many things that people say a woman is supposed to have, be and do.

But since coming to Vessels of Treasure Fellowship and being part of the Women's Ministry here, I have been shown that none of those things are really relevant, and it's really shown me and taught me what it is to actually be a woman in terms of how you should approach life and the issues that face women. None of that can really be dealt with without God. So being in this church and being touched by the SHE Women's Ministry has helped me to develop as a female in a world that is so full of many crazy things.

It's helped me to really value and develop my relationship with God above all other things, and I would say that it doesn't matter what your background is, it doesn't matter what you may have been through - it might be to do with family, husband, children, friends, your own personal issues - low self-esteem, depression - whatever it may be - I can honestly say that being part of this ministry will help you to deal with those matters and help you to be a woman of purpose and a woman of strength, honour and excellence. "

Sister Deborah

“I've made up my mind to go ALL the way through until the Lord takes me home.”



I am glad to find a church like this. This is the church I was looking for. I have been to two churches in England already but have never found one so loving as this one, and I've made up my mind to go ALL the way through until the Lord takes me home.

I cannot be more thankful for this church and for everyone here that has shown me love and respect . I am really proud of this church and I would invite my children and grandchildren to come and join me in this church so that we may all be together when the Lord comes for us. May He find us in the right place doing our part well, in Jesus name.

Grandma Naomi

“The only person who can save us from sin is Jesus.”



Beloved, I greet you in the name of Jesus,

The Bible says in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This simply means that one day, each and every one of us must give an account to God for the life we have lived.

The Bible says in Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 tells us "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Therefore, the only person who can save us from our sin is Jesus.

Beloved, if you have not given your life to Christ, I strongly encourage you to do so. God bless you.

Sister Daddy

“God is good in my life, and my joy is fulfilled in Him.”



Praise the Lord Women,

My name is Leyla. I have been baptized 13 years.

I just wanted to say that God is good in my life, and my joy is fulfilled in Him.

God heals, comforts, helps in many ways - I just want to say that coming to Christ is the best decision you could ever make.

Sister Leyla

**“The word of God is pure and whatever God has promised,
He shall surely fulfil.”**



In 2009 I was brought into this church by a friend of mine. I was going through a lot - I lost 2 brothers within five months, I was going through a family situation as well. I remember coming here and one Saturday I wanted to come to church but I couldn't get to come. I went to work and asked my manager if I could get the Sunday off. It was a bit challenging, so I decided I was going to say something - even a lie, to see if I could get the day off work - so I decided to tell him I had a wedding to go to. But then when I walked away I was like, “Oh Lord forgive me because I have sinned, I have told a lie.” But then I heard a voice say to me, “Patricia you have not lied, because you're getting married to me the Bridegroom.”

I came to church on the Sunday and got baptized. Ever since I've been in this house - and there have been challenges, but you just have to keep on pushing through and the more you come and you allow yourself to be washed by the word of God, God will do mighty work in your life. There have been times when I have felt like I was going to quit, but I always hear a voice saying "I didn't quit on you on the cross, so why should you quit on me when I've been taking you through all these years."

God has kept me, and I pray you are blessed by this and I hope that when you give your life to the Lord, you will not harden your heart but let God do a work in you. When you hear the word don't kick against the pricks, just allow God's word to manifest in you. It doesn't happen in one minute, one day, one year, but the word of God is pure and whatever God has promised, He shall surely fulfil."

Sister Patricia

“Give your life unto the Lord, and he will give you perfect peace.”



It's a blessing to be here at Vessels of Treasure Fellowship. I've been baptized now for over five years, and I can say and must say, God has been good to myself - not only for myself but for my family.

I would encourage everyone to come to church, listen to the word of God, be baptised in Jesus name, be filled with the holy spirit because the spirit will lead us into all truth.

I can remember from where I was coming from. God is still doing a work within me and I just want to give God the praise, the honour - seek Him first at all times. The Bible tells us that all things work together for all good once we love God.

I can remember what I used to do, people I used to hang out with, what I used to carry to protect myself, and now I'm carrying the word of God and only the word of God because it's the whole armour that He has given to us, and I've learnt this only since I've been coming to Vessels of Treasure Fellowship.

Also, our Women's Ministry Team here at Vessels of Treasure Fellowship has helped me so much to grow spiritually. I've been encouraged by our Leaders, our Pastor, and I just bless the Lord at all times and I can say to anyone that being in Christ will be the best investment ever, you will lack nothing, you will get peace and contentment within, the Holy Spirit will lead you into what you must say, where you must go. God has been so good to us.

I want to thank the Lord for finding me, for taking me out of that miry clay into His marvellous light. I want to encourage anyone that hasn't been baptised to give your life unto the Lord, and he will give you perfect peace. Keep your mind stayed on Christ - give everything and leave everything in the hands of the Lord. God bless you.

Sister Tamika

“Coming to Christ has taught me about the true plan and purpose God has in mind for us as women.”



For me, being in church as a woman has brought a whole new meaning and perspective to my life.

Whereas out there in the world you feel under so much pressure to conform to the world's standards of how a woman should be - coming to Christ has taught me about the true plan and purpose God has in mind for us as women.

So, whether you're a young woman, an older woman, single, married, a single mum - whatever your situation may be - being in church will guide you and empower you to be able to live your life in a way that brings you that true peace of mind that every single one of us yearns after.

Coming to Christ is the best thing that I ever did, and I'm sure it will be for you too.

Sister Maureen

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It's a blessing and a privilege to be part of a church that cares about the spiritual and physical wellbeing of an individual. The Women's Ministry has impacted my life greatly by teaching me how to be a woman through the word of God.

There are a lot of things in the world that tell women how they should be, but never give them the direct instruction from God. But it's a blessing to be here where the Women's Ministry has that sound word that encourages, that stirs you, and gives you the lift and boost that you need to go through every situation that you face.

I thank God for the sisters that are here, because to know that you have someone that you can go and talk to is a further blessing. Come and see what we have to offer you and know that you will experience the same thing, because Christ is in the midst of us. God bless you.

Sister Taniska

“Since coming to Christ, I've learnt to love and embrace people from a variety of backgrounds.”



Since coming to Christ, I've learnt to love and embrace people from a variety of backgrounds. I never knew we could all be so different, yet be able to unite, all speak in the same language under the same banner. That language is the word of God, that banner is Christ Jesus, God Himself.

Through God's love we've all been able to overcome fears, prejudice, reluctance and disability - so that we can engage in what we call fellowship - relationships one with another that inspire, ignite, strengthen and uphold one another. This is a further one of God's many glories and I'm simply glad to be a part of it. It's beautiful.

Sister Sanchia

“I'm content, I'm satisfied, I'm very, very joyous in church...”



The song "I will do a new thing in you" is what encouraged me when I first came to church.

One weekend 17 years ago, somebody invited me to church. I think I had been out that whole weekend raving, but when they invited me I thought - "I'm going to go." And that night, when I was at church, I thought - I don't want to go to that wine bar. But I thought, as it was in the days when there were no mobile phones - how am I going to tell my friend I am not going to come. And because it was late at night I thought I'd better go - she might be worried if I don't turn up. So I went, but all the time I was there I was just thinking I can't wait to get home and get back to church.

Basically, I was baptised that same week - that was 17 years ago and I never looked back - it was the best thing I ever did. I got to a stage in my life where I knew I wanted changes. I wanted to settle down, I wanted to have children, and it wasn't happening. I thought, you know, why not, what's stopping me from becoming a Christian? and so I made up my mind, that's it, I'm going to give my life to God... and I've never looked back.

I'm content, I'm satisfied, I'm very, very joyous in church and people see it in my life. If there is one thing I could encourage you to do, it is to just make that decision and come to church. Just think about the new thing God is going to do in your life.

Sister Abe

“There is no better decision to make than the decision to give your life to Christ...”



I give God thanks and praise for my life. It's been six years now since I've been in Christ, and I thank God for bringing me to a true church.

I thank God for the Women's Ministry here at Vessels of Treasure Fellowship. Over the years, it has definitely been an encouragement and a blessing to my life. There have been times when I have felt low, but I can truly say I've been lifted up, I've been stirred, I've been encouraged - and I just give God thanks.

I am here to encourage you that whatever you are going through, just know that God is able and He is calling you. There is no better decision to make than the decision to give your life to Christ, and just remember that God loves you. God bless you.

Sister Chante

“...God is there, He has fulfilled it all, He has helped every single one of us...”



Being in Christ at a young age, having grown up in the world and done many things that were not profitable, many of us had to learn the hard way, and had to come into Christ broken and sad and upset, but Christ is more than able and He gave Himself for us. I pray that everyone who reads this just realises that Christ is their saviour, their redeemer, their King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Being part of the Women's Ministry at Vessels of Treasure Fellowship is truly a blessing - women are truly nurtured in this church, brought up and taught about the power of submission to Christ. That is the power that a woman has in Christ, and I encourage all women who are actually seeking the Lord that He is able to deliver you from every issue you have - whether it be emotion, sorrow, death, sadness, God is there, He has fulfilled it all, He has helped every single one of us, He has delivered us all from our old lives and being in Christ we have been transformed by the renewing of our minds, we are free in the Lord, we have liberty, and that's what the world doesn't give us - it gives us bondage . I pray that whoever reads this will enquire of the Lord and seek his face, and he truly shall show up."

Sister Gbemi

“In this Church, you will find women that truly care for you...”



The Women's Ministry has been a great help to me over the years I've been in church.

The unwavering love, support and dedication of the women here has helped me to develop and mature into a young woman of Christ.

In this Church, you will find women that truly care for you and offer support through all stages of life.

So if you're looking for somewhere that you can be yourself, in the company of people that love and fear God, then there's no better place than this."

Sister Tsahai

“If it wasn't for the grace of God, we would not be here today.”



I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you - whoever you are, whatever background you may have come from, there may be problems you are experiencing that you feel you have no answers to, you may feel there is no way out, but I just want to emphasise to you that you are a special individual and there is a purpose to your life.

It has been such a blessing to see many women grow in this ministry. If it wasn't for the grace of God, we would not be here today. With so much we hear and see today on the news and all around us - many people are suffering and dying without the knowledge of God. You know, we may not be here tomorrow and we certainly don't know what will happen next.

Christ has so much for us, so I encourage you - please come and find out more.

Sister Leah

“God has worked in my life, He has done good for me...”



I have been in this church now for almost two years, and a lot has happened, although I've been through heavy problems, my prayer to God has sorted it out for me, and every day I get up I give Him thanks for it.

Sometimes I find it difficult because of the illness I've got, to get out of bed, get ready and come to church - but I never let it stop me, because coming to church is my commitment to God and that commitment will always be there.

One thing I have struggled with is forgiveness, but I'm more forgiving now. By coming to church and reading my bible I find I am more able to forgive. God has worked in my life, He has done good for me, and I hope and pray He will continue to do good for me."

Grandma Norma

“I just give God the glory for everything that He has done in my life, in Jesus name.”



I've been in Vessels of Treasure Fellowship for at least the past five years. It has helped me to know more about Jesus and what he can do for me in my life. You know I didn't really come to church to stay in Vessels of Treasure Fellowship, I just came for a visit and it touched me, and I got baptised, and from thereon I started my journey with the Lord Jesus.

With the Women's Ministry - Sister Liz has taught us day in day out to love the Lord Jesus and to be prepared for His coming as He will be coming back one day for us.

I have received prayer for my sickness - I got healing. I have received prayer for stress, I've received prayer for healing and all my family have been prayed for.

There are a lot of things going on in Vessels of Treasure Fellowship, and I really thank the Lord to be here. All I have to say is I give God the glory for everything that He has done in my life, in Jesus name. "

Mum Yvonne

“The peace of Jesus is a peace that brings joy that you can feel in your heart.”



Are you a woman who is hurting? Are you a woman who is feeling pain right now? Is there something on your mind that is bothering you, something that has been there for a very long time?

Well women, I just want to share these few words with you because that was the pattern of my life for many years. I was a woman who worried, very very much, and that started from when I was a child. My biggest fear was death. I was so worried about anyone in my family dying, I was worried about how I looked, I was worried about all sorts of things, but I can truly say it's something that we don't have to live with because we have someone who we can give this all to and His name is Jesus.

The truth is women, that if we try and keep all these things to ourselves, if we try and look for different ways out, we're never going to find that way out because it really and truly is only through Jesus. So when I gave my life to the Lord around seven years ago I can truly say that I felt that peace in my heart that I was looking for all these years.

And it's a peace that comes in a very different way to what we imagine, because often we feel that peace is something we can get from things we see around us, tangible things, but the peace of Jesus is a peace that brings joy that you can feel in your heart.

So I just want to encourage you, because I'm sure very many women suffer in silence. We go through all sorts of things, but I would just encourage you if you have not thought about it, to think about it very seriously, to make that decision that you need to make in your life, to give your life to Jesus. It's the best thing that you can ever do. It's the only thing that you can ever do - to have that peace with the Lord, and I can testify women that it is a decision I have made that I am never going to look back on. I would not swap this for the world because I truly feel now that I have found that peace and I am at one with the Lord.

I pray that you are encouraged, I pray that it will cause you to ponder, and to make that very, very important decision in your life."

Sister Eslene



I truly hope you have been blessed by these messages from the women here at Vessels of Treasure Fellowship, and that they have inspired you to go deeper in your relationship with the Lord, or to find Him.

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God bless you, Sister Liz

Remember his
marvellous works that
he hath done...

Psalm 105:5

