

LOOKING UNTO CHRIST

The supposed dwarf, that Tim wrote about in a latter article, once again metamorphosized into a giant slaying warrior, as she hammered down the scripture to the ladies gathered in the basement on the morning of the 14th of August. The young ladies of Michiru CCAP had gathered in the church basement to once again establish '*Asisi anga*' at the church. From what I gather, the ladies' organization had been there in the past but for some reasons had died down and '*Asisi anga*' meetings had ceased at the church. The meeting on the 14th of August was a very successful attempt to raise up the meeting of young ladies at the church.

One of the sisters, Happiness Nyenyezi, rose up among the ladies to teach on one of the things that make a young lady be truly risen. She themed her message 'A lady who fixes her eyes on Jesus'. From Hebrews 12:1-3, she spoke on the importance of running with perseverance the race marked out for each one of us. She emphasized on the fact that we each have our own races to run and that comparing ourselves with the way others run their race is like an Olympic runner running off his lane into another's, which might lead to disqualification. She urged everyone present to stay in their lane and not to look at the pace of others, that it's not a competition against anyone for we all have our own battles to fight, our own races to run. She went on to say that a risen lady (and a risen man, I might add) is one who stands the test of time and is not easily shaken by what happens around them. She cited the example of Peter who was able to stand and walk on the water and long as he kept his eyes on Jesus Christ. The very moment that Peter looked away to his surroundings, he began to sink and would most certainly have drowned. The wisest thing that Peter did in that moment, which we all can learn from, is that he called on Jesus and he was delivered from the raging waters.

Perhaps we have looked away from Jesus and sought to run the race by our own means. Perhaps we have tried to run the race through worldly methods and took our eyes off Jesus for a moment. From Peter we learn that we can call upon the Lord and He is mighty to save us from whatever situation we may find ourselves in. As sister Happie kept on saying, there is a need to run the race with perseverance and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, for He is the only hope we have to stand. She urged us to stay in our race, to live uncompromising lives and to persevere through whatever battles we have because while we stay in Him, God is building us up into what He wants us to be. That's what it takes to be a risen lady or man, to live with eyes fixed always on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

The guest speaker, Mrs Annie Mabvutula, stood up after the sermon to address the ladies in the room. She simply spoke on the purpose of the '*Asisi anga*' organisation, which is to encourage one another and to get new strength in the different battles that we may fight as young women. She went on to mention some activities that we, as risen ladies, can partake in which include charity works, outreach activities and conferences. The idea of '**A risen lady(Asisi anga)**' is

taken from Isaiah 60:1 which simply calls us all to rise and shine. The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs Chakhadza, an older lady, who had graced us with her presence.

The call to rise is not only for the young ladies at Michiru, but to everyone one who is a true believer and desires to remain in the Lord. Let us lay aside every weight and every sin that easily entangles us, and keep on looking unto Jesus. Needless to say, if we look within ourselves or at the world to be able to stand, we shall surely fall. If Christ is not our only hope to stand, then we have no hope at all. Stay risen, stay shining and stay in the race. God bless!

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