

**GLORY TO GOD:  
HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?**

**"DIGGING DEEP"**

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# DIGGING DEEP

Different churches have made different declarations for to 2021: Year of Restoration, of Praise, of Preparation, etc.

No matter what the year is declared to be, one common fact is that th2021 must bring “Glory to God.” Question then is “**how will my testimony make the Glory List?**”

**This fact is affirmed by John 14: 13-14**, Jesus said “<sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be **glorified in the Son**. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

Jesus has opened up a glory list for 2021.

How will my testimony be on the list?

God says that the first step in ensuring that my testimony make the list is that I must be **DIGGING DEEP** from now.

# **DIGGING DEEP**

## **Genesis 1:2**

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

**So there was deep, Holy Spirit came in with power and God gave a command and it happened.**

**Once we are digging deep into the word and principles of God, the Holy Spirit will always hover around and power comes forth. Then we should command anything in Jesus Name and it will be done.**

**John 14:** <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." **Jesus says** "And I will do whatever you ask in my name", so that I will bring Glory to the Father"

**If you want your testimony on the glory list, dig deeper, ask Jesus for anything and He will do it.**

# **DIGGING DEEP**

**There is power in the deep**

**Genesis 2:21** “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.”

**Once we are digging deep, God will perform miracles we don't even ask for. Adam did not know there is anything like giving a man a wife though was alone. But God knows His plan for you. As you dig deep the plans unfold.**

**Jeremiah 29: 11** “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

**Brethren, those plans unfold when we dig deep.**

**Job 4:13** “In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men”  
In the deep, vision, thoughts and clarity come forth.

## DIGGING DEEP

**Luke 5:4** “Jesus said to Peter, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” **5**“Master,” Simon replied, “we have worked hard all night without catching anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets.” **6**When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear.

Big testimonies happen in the deep. Peter has been a professional fisherman but He has never caught anything close to what he caught in this one attempt.

He may have been a professional fisherman but now at the deep, he was transformed to fisherman of exploit – a testimonial fisherman and now we can read his testimony.

Brethren, we need to come out of the shallows and get our testimony on the glory list of 2021.



## **A song writer wrote:**

As I come into Your presence (Salvation), Past the gates of praise (re-enforcement)  
Into Your sanctuary, Till we're standing face to face (Deep).

I look upon Your countenance, I see the fullness of Your grace, And I can only bow  
down and say: You are awesome in this place, Mighty God

You are awesome in this place, Abba, Father

You are worthy of all praise, To You our lives we raise,

You are awesome in this place, Mighty God

**Daniel 11:32** “the people who do know their God (Salvation) shall be strong (re-enforcement), and do exploits (deep).

**Gen 7:11** “all the fountains of the great deep broke up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”

**Gen 49:25 says** “because of your father’s God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below.”

**At the deep is where the fountains and the windows of heaven meet to open up.**

**Brethren, Christians that are digging deep (not shallow) have 3-characters,**

**1. They have strong ties with the Holy Spirit, who gives a us spiritual power and understanding and provides us a lifeline to God.**

**John 16:12** “I still have much to tell you, ...**13**However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth, ...He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come.

**Romans 8:14** “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”

**Eph. 6:18** “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers/requests”

**2. They hear God (we short-change ourselves if we don't)**

**John 10:27** ”My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

All the miracles in the bible happened because the Champion heard God. Examples:

- Jericho walls came down because Joshua heard God
- Red sea parted because Moses heard
- Goliath died because David heard God, etc.

**Any problems can be solved if only we can ASK God and HEAR GOD**

**3. They obey God. Fear God and obey His command (Ecclesiastes 12:13).**

# **Bible presents interesting cases on possible response to God's instruction:**

## **Example: Mary Luke I: (the birth of Jesus)**

<sup>26</sup> .....God sent the angel Gabriel ... <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said,

**"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."**

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> **"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"**

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called<sup>[b]</sup> the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup> **"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." And it was done**



## **Bible presents two interesting cases of believers' response:**

### **Zachariah Luke I: 5-20 (the birth of John the Baptist)**

<sup>5</sup> .....a priest named Zechariah, ..., his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. <sup>7</sup> But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

<sup>8</sup> Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. <sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>14</sup> He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> **And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah,** to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

**<sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”**

**<sup>19</sup> The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”**

### **Lessons**

**1. In both Mary and Zachariah, the Holy Spirit does the work**

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**<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.**

**Zachariah: “and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.”**

**We cannot do anything without the presence and power of the Holy Ghost.**

4And while they were gathered together, Jesus commanded them: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

2. **Doubting God is dangerous** and punishable no matter how valuable work you have done for God – Zachariah presents a good lesson.

3. **No excuse to nurse bitterness for God** - Zachariah may have been nursing bitterness that he has given so much, why is God not reciprocating by answering his prayer for a child and so he could not control his response or hold his feelings.

4. **God may delay a response because of something bigger: “many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.”**

In Luke 22, God did not respond to Jesus' response

**42** "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done." **43** Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. **44** And in His anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Philippians 2: Jesus became the Name above all Names

**8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

## CONCLUSION

Jesus has opened the Glory List of 2021. To get our testimonies on it, let us start digging deep. As we dig, be in relationship with the Holy Ghost and keep asking Him questions and directions. Listen, hear Him and obey.

May the Lord grant us the grace to follow through. FOD BLESS YOU!