

The heart cry of God, as revealed by Prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 58:12, is to witness His people rebuilding ancient ruins and raising up age-old foundations. This desire originates from God's vision for humanity since its creation. The first command God gave to humans was to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth with people reflecting His image. This foundational command lies ruined because of the neglect of passing on their faith to the next generation. Starting from the first family, Adam and Eve, deceived by the enemy, ushered in a sinful generation, marked by the first murder within the first family.

Subsequent generations multiplied, but they failed to reflect God and His purpose. The descendants of Adam and Eve turned wicked, leading the Lord to regret creating humankind, as mentioned in Genesis 6. The Lord chose to destroy the world, sparing only Noah's family due to his faithful walk with God and obedience to His commands. Unfortunately, humanity persisted in its sinful path. Once again God chose his servant Abraham to bless the world through his spiritual descendants aimed to fulfill His divine dream. In Genesis 18:18, God tasked Abraham with directing his children and household to follow the way of the Lord, doing what is right and just. The responsibility to fill the earth with godly people became now the primary role of all fathers and mothers. God desired for godly parents to make Him known to their children.

In Deuteronomy 6:5 and 6, the Lord instructed Moses to command the people of Israel to pass on their faith intentionally to their children from wake-up time to sleep time to see that they are strongly built on the foundation of God's word. This framework given to parents became God's plan to spread His Kingdom of Righteousness and Justice. This heart cry of God is again echoed in the Great Commission by Jesus in Matthew 28:18, to make disciples of all nations, effectively filling the earth with God's people. Regrettably, many have neglected this divine responsibility, outsourcing it to their church and to their Sunday school. Parents



must not neglect their role in leading their children to Christ, fostering a love for God above all else. From a child's time in the womb, parents should prayerfully nurture them toward fulfilling God's purpose and plan. All expecting mothers within the Church should view their pregnancy as an opportunity to fulfill God's desire through them.

The failure to pass on faith has ruined the age-old foundations of many homes causing much ruin. The rebuilding of this is the call of the Church today. It has to be done by churches equipping parents to pass on their faith, where every home becomes a mission and evangelism center. The light of Jesus will then shine forth in all nations through each home and every church. Let's pray that parents catch this vision, fulfilling their responsibility in discipling and nurturing their children, enabling them to lead godly and righteous lives, defeating the Kingdom of darkness.

## LET US PRAY

Lord our heavenly Father, we thank you for your master plan through Christian homes to fill the earth with people who will fulfill your plans. We ask you to impart this grand vision to every family in the Church. May every church and its leadership work to empower families to pass on their faith to the next generation. Use our homes to fulfill your plans, making the light of Jesus shine forth through them to bless our neighborhoods, societies, and nations. Revive our homes, Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

