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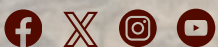
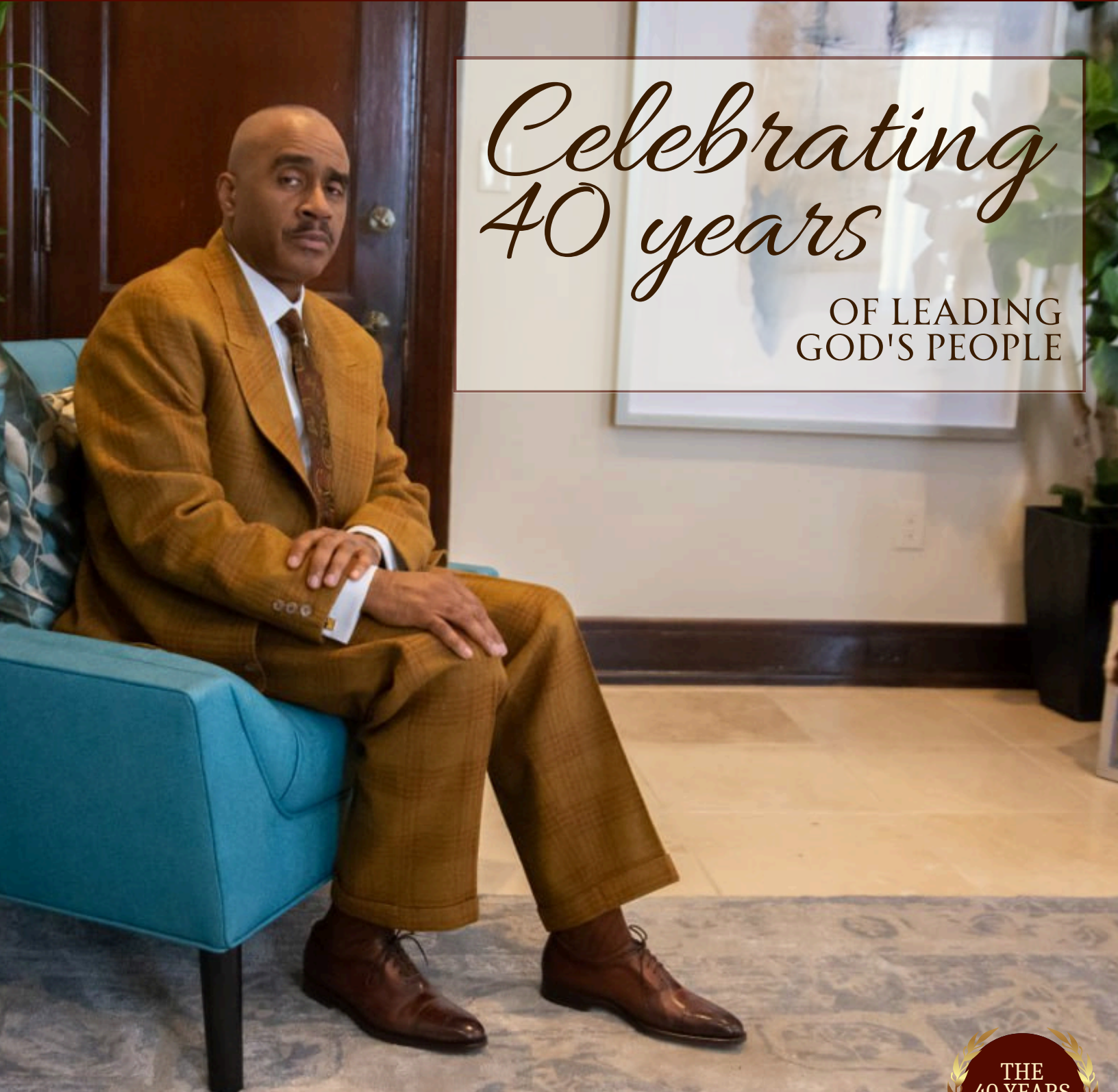
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# ‘THIS IS THE LORD’S DOING’: INTERNATIONAL CONVOCATION 2024 RECAP



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**First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ’s  
36th International Holy Convocation,  
held from July 25-28, 2024,**

brought together thousands of Truth of God followers for a time of celebration, reflection and fellowship.

For this year’s International Convocation, all roads led to the Charlotte Convention Center in North Carolina. The venue where the services were held could accommodate nearly 11,000 people – nearly double the capacity Greensboro’s Koury Convention Center, which was the site of the International Holy Convocation in 2022 and 2023.

This four-day occurrence also served as a continuation of Pastor Gino Jennings’ 40th pastoral anniversary.

Throughout the convention, Pastor Jennings often reflected on his journey characterized by resilience, obstacles and triumph, explaining the vision that God gave him nearly 50 years ago about this remarkable work that has impacted millions around the globe.

“Forty years is a long time but it went by fast. And truly, as the minister from Birmingham, England said, this is the Lord’s doing,” Pastor Jennings said on the opening night of the convocation.



“Many was told about this years ago, and to see it transform right in your eyes is a wonderful thing. If the Lord don’t give you the assignment to do his work, it is nothing to play with. But if the thing is of God, then God will stand behind it. And we can say of a truth, the Lord is truly standing behind the Truth of God.”

As always, worshiping God and hearing the word of the Lord takes precedence over whatever else is scheduled during convocation week.

Taking the aforesaid into consideration, the people of God still came together to enjoy themselves through activities, outings and events. As Pastor Jennings has pointed out on a few occasions, convocations are also opportunities to meet and greet extended spiritual family, build lasting relationships and encourage others.

Aside from the activities, outings and events, the primary purpose of the International Holy Convocation – as with any convocation or church gathering – is “celebrating God’s goodness,” Pastor Jennings highlighted before introducing Elder Baker of Jamaica to teach on the first night.

**Day 1: The convocation kickoff**  
To begin convocation weekend, the First Church ministers’ children attended a two-hour forum. Concurrently, some saints went on a short excursion to the Discovery Place Science Museum in Uptown Charlotte.

Teaching from 2 Timothy 4:1 and John 1:1 to begin, Elder Baker reminded the hearers of the gravity of walking uprightly before the Lord and the importance of the preached word.

The word of God, Elder Baker continued, is the connecting force that unites God’s people from all over the world.

Endurance was another point of emphasis during his message.

“Give God thanks for what we’re in, brothers and sisters,” Elder Baker said. “This is a blessing. It is a blessing for us to be in truth.”

**Day 2: “How free are you?”**  
Pastor Jennings began his message with a thought-provoking question. “I want to pose a question. How free are you?” he asked.

“How free are you in God? Are you more free in Him than you were serving Satan, or are you in more bondage in Him and more free when you was a sinner? Who are you obligated to more – God or Satan? Who do you feel more committed to – God or Satan?”

Using these questions as a foundation for his message, Pastor Jennings advised the thousands of congregants in attendance to prioritize God in all facets of life.

Teaching out of Galatians 5 and Matthew 6 to start out, Pastor Jennings defined what true freedom and deliverance is.

“If you want deliverance from something, ask God to take it out [of] your mind – the thought of it; take it out [of] your heart – the love of it; then your body will fall in place in obedience,” he exclaimed.

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Throughout the course of the convention, dozens of countries were represented as presentations and musical selections from choirs of various temples highlighted the cultural diversity and uniqueness of First Church’s membership.

Besides service, all-day prayer and musical rehearsals, activities scheduled for saints on Day 2 included the First Church history exhibit, “The Business Plan: Mastering business essentials to grow your business” forum and a mother’s brunch.

Day 3: A much-needed conversation  
Every service is special, but the service on Saturday, July 27, was particularly special for a number of reasons.

Pastor Jennings started the evening with a special announcement. Over the course of 2025, First Church will begin holding five regional conventions throughout the U.S., he said.

Next, Pastor Jennings took about 25 minutes to acknowledge several individuals for their service, support and contributions to the work of God down through the years, from humble beginnings on Jerome Street (“the basement”) to present-day Lindley Avenue.

As he presented different saints with award plaques, Pastor Jennings shared valuable memories and experiences over the past 40 years and beyond – recalling encounters prior to his days in ministry. Following the award presentations was a conversation about homosexuality. Pastor Jennings often refers to these thoughtful dialogues as “rap sessions.”

He called three sisters and a brother up to speak on a panel. Sister Sarah Rivera struggled with lesbianism and so did Sister Autumn. The other two panelists, married couple Michael Douglas and Cherie Douglas, have a daughter who is a practicing lesbian.

Sister Autumn shared her testimony and experience of being delivered from the homosexual lifestyle. Sister Rivera did likewise.

Brother and Sister Douglas shared their experience of how they navigate the challenging journey of being in holiness while having a child who is of a contrary lifestyle. The sensitive-but-needful discussion facilitated by Pastor Jennings.

“We’re praying for your daughter, that God will bless her to see herself... and then have a desire to change,” Pastor Jennings told Brother Douglas and his wife.

“I thank God for my two sisters (Autumn and Sarah) because their testimony can help thousands of people.”

The man of God concluded the night with brief teaching out of the first chapter of Romans.

Day 4: The culmination  
Befittingly, the FCOOLJC International Mass Choir sang “Striving up the King’s Highway” before Pastor Jennings preached the word of the Lord. He began a profound message with a warning – not to put culture above scripture.

From there, Pastor Jennings and Minister Steve Williams, his reader, covered a lot of ground with the help of the Lord.

In the little bit of time he had, the man of God taught on a range of topics – from the Godhead, to what puts one in the church, feet washing, leaving falsehood, the purity of the Word, and so on. The conference blessed the souls of many as God was rendered all the glory, honor and the praise for His continual blessings unto the church.

“God’s word never, at no time, fell to the ground,” Pastor Jennings once said.

“I’m thankful. God knows I don’t have enough words to express my gratitude to heaven to stand in the vision that I was given years ago and stand in the manifestation of it.”

A total of 304 souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ during the International Holy Convocation. Pastor Jennings announced that next year’s International Convocation will likely be held in South Carolina or back in Greensboro, N.C.



# First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc. C A N A D A



*First Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.  
Canada's 2nd year Convocation.*

*June 14-16, 2024*

*This year Convocation was held in Ontario, Canada  
where 113 souls were baptized in The Name of Jesus  
Christ.*

*It was a wonderful time in the Lord as each year  
the Truth of God train grows larger and larger.*



# TRUTH OF GOD INFILTRATES BERLIN FOR 2ND COMBINED EUROPEAN CONFERENCE



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## Berlin, the largest city in Germany, was invaded by the Truth of God on August 17-18, 2024.

It was a capital city notorious for the rise of a dictator who envisioned and sought to establish a dominant, superior race for the infamous stormtroopers during the Second World War that attempted to conquer the surrounding territories until the Allied forces successfully defeated them.

Their solution for peace ultimately divided the city. During the 'Cold War' era, a literal wall was created to divide the East from the West which was only torn down in November 1989.

It was with this history in mind that at the end of the first combined European conference in Netherlands in 2023, First Church members gasped as Pastor Gino Jennings announced that Berlin, Germany, would be the destination of the second combined conference during the 40-year anniversary of his ministry.

The historical second European conference has been a massive success, drawing more than 600 delegates from not only the nine existing temples throughout the UK and Europe; it also attracted delegates from across the world, including Macedonia, Moldavia, Sweden, Latvia, Grenada, Jamaica, Canada and from several states through the USA -- all descended into Berlin.

Thank you for the many teachings, encouragement The anointed Word preached by Pastor Gino Jennings throughout the conference was piercing and relevant. A recurring theme of the messages was to take heed to the warnings and examine ourselves— evaluate our own attitude and behavior to ensure that this isn't the blockage that prevents us from receiving from God. and reproofs down through the years, starting at Holy Temple, and currently keeping us on this Holy Highway with many beneficial bumps and bruises along the way.



Both the Canadian, the combined European children's and the mass choirs rendered songs that moved the audience to concur that God "has done marvelous things." During the conference, 47 souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

When asked what the highlight of the conference was, Sister Taneeyha Calloway from Philadelphia shared the same feedback as many other congregants: that the Word delivered by Pastor Jennings to actively engage with brothers and sisters was "a personal challenge to her."

She added the fellowship was genuine and tangible and that she would by God's mercy make every effort to return to the next combined European conference. Sister Rufaro Chimedu from the Republic of Ireland also concurred and stated that Pastor Jennings' message on "schisms" forced true self-examination.



Photos by: Brother Ricky Johnson

The conference concluded with Pastor Jennings announcing the destination of the third combined European conference in 2025. God willing, it will be held in Rome, Italy.

Make your plans to be there as the Truth of God goes into the Apostles' territory and the region dominated by Catholicism... All roads lead to Rome!



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# THE BUILDING OF THE LINSTAD TEMPLE - JAMAICA



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## THE LINSTAD TEMPLE LOCATED AT BOTTOM BANBURY, LINSTAD

In the Parish of St. Catherine is Jamaica's first Temple built by the Jamaican saints.

The two-story building sits on an almost three-quarter acre plot of land and can seat approximately 600 saints on the ground and first floor combined.



This land was donated to the church by Mother Scott in the year 2012; the Lord made provisions for us in Jamaica, and the work began three years later.

The church was designed by a group of brothers on the Technical Team and drafted by Brother Eaton Wright.

The project's oversight responsibility was with overseer Elder Gary Robinson and the Technical Team.



The brothers were responsible for various aspects of the project based on their profession and skillset, and the sisters manned the kitchen.

The saints volunteered their services every Saturday and public holiday for the building of the temple. You could hear them teasing each other about working for their one penny.

The temple was open for prayer on the fourth quarter of the week of prayer and fasting 2023: the eighth anniversary on December 25, 2023.



Saints travelled from near and far to witness the historical moment and finally see the temple open after laboring for many years.

The work continued and with the help of the Lord, the temple officially opened on June 2, 2024, for service every Sunday.

We thank the Lord greatly for His provisions and faithfulness toward us over the years and allowing us to overcome many challenges.

Jamaica continues to trust the Lord and the process, anticipating the completion of the temple and the announcement of its dedication.



All photos by Sister Carol Brown

# Congratulations Pastor on your 40th Anniversary!

THESE 40 YEARS ARE AN AMAZING BLESSING FROM GOD ALMIGHTY ALONE. YOU ARE A RARE APOSTLE AND HOLY MAN OF GOD WHO ONLY WANTS THE BEST FOR GOD'S PEOPLE AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL. YOU'RE AN EXAMPLE TO JEREMIAH AND MYSELF ON HOW TO SERVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THROUGH THESE YEARS, I REMIND JEREMIAH OF HOW YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT SPIRITUAL FATHER AND EXAMPLE TO HIM.

THANK YOU FOR THE MANY TEACHINGS, ENCOURAGEMENT AND REPROOFS DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, STARTING AT HOLY TEMPLE, AND CURRENTLY KEEPING US ON THIS HOLY HIGHWAY WITH MANY BENEFICIAL BUMPS AND BRUISES ALONG THE WAY.

GOD HAS TRULY BEEN WITH YOU, AND HE IS SO FAITHFUL. I AM SO VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE A TRUE LEADER, WHO IS OBEDIENT TO GOD, HAS A FIERCE LOVE FOR GOD AND FEARLESS IN SERVING AND HONORING HIM.

SIR, KNOWING YOU ALL THESE YEARS, I KNOW YOU ARE ALSO A PERFECTIONIST AND YOUR TOLERANCE FOR HALF-HANDEDNESS IN ANY MANNER IS NOT TOLERATED, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SERVICE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM ALL THESE YEARS, CONSTANTLY BEING A LIVING, TRUE EXAMPLE TO ME. YOU AND SISTER DARLENE HAVE NEVER CHANGED IN ALL THESE YEARS, AND YOU BOTH HAVE BEEN SUCH A HUGE BLESSING IN MY LIFE, AS WELL AS JEREMIAH. THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE AND KINDNESS YOU BOTH HAVE SHOWN US OVER THE YEARS. THROUGH THE MANY TEACHINGS, YOU, BY GOD'S GRACE, HAVE TAUGHT ME, "GOD IS ALL THAT MATTERS." SO MUCH LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR YOU SIR, SISTER DARLENE, YOUR BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS AND SONS, ALWAYS!

*Sis. Bre*

FROM THE TIMES YOU PLAYED WITH ME AS A TODDLER AND TOSSED ME FROM THE LANDING TO THE SOFA IN MOTHER JENNINGS' HOME, I FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN AROUND. YOU ARE AN ACCOMPLISHED HOLY APOSTLE IN THESE LAST DAYS. I AM SO THANKFUL THAT MY PARENTS WERE BLESSED TO MEET YOU! I AM SO THANKFUL TO HAVE SUCH A THOROUGH AND INTELLIGENT, SPIRITUAL FATHER—ALWAYS TAKING TIME TO SPEAK WITH ME, TEACH ME, AND ENCOURAGE ME, TIME AFTER TIME. QUIETLY, I WATCH AND LEARN FROM YOU HOW TO BECOME A STRONG MAN. YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE IN GOD HELP ME STRIVE TO BE A GOOD SON TO YOU AND GOD.

PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. YOU ARE TRULY A BLESSING TO MY FAMILY.

*Bro. Jeremiah*

PASTOR JENNINGS,

OVER THE PAST 38 YEARS, YOU HAVE BEEN MY LEADER, TEACHER, SPIRITUAL GUIDE, COUNSELOR, MENTOR AND PASTOR. YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME BY EXAMPLE TO TRUST AND BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND HAVE INSPIRED ME TO ALWAYS PUT GOD FIRST. I THANK GOD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO 40 PLUS MORE YEARS TO COME.

*Sis.*

*Vernita Johnson*



# TRUTH OF GOD TIMES LAUNCHES SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



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The countdown is finally over as the Truth of God Newsletter & Holy Times Magazine officially launched Truth of God Times on social media platforms on July 27, 2024.

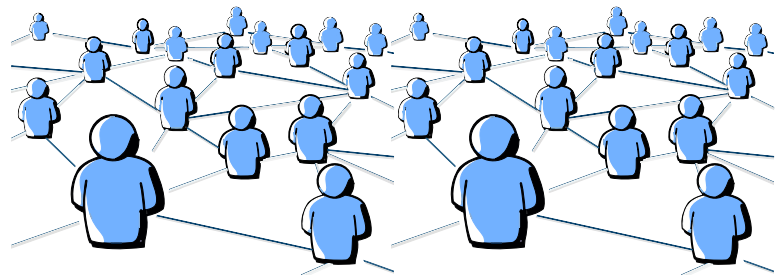
On an international scale, *Truth of God Times* presents diverse and engaging content for youthful and adept audiences, including live interviews, exclusive behind-the-scenes insights, detailed recipes, DIY projects and heartfelt testimonials of how the Lord Jesus has healed, delivered and transformed lives.

TOG Times offers a platform for members to inspire others through poetry and showcase their entrepreneurial skills and accomplishments.

This outlet also encourages viewers to seize opportunities to travel and engage in fellowship with other cultures around the world.

The TOG Newsletter & Magazine team is committed to continuously working diligently to keep its viewers engaged, encouraged and informed.

For more updates, follow *Truth of God Times* on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and X.



## Poem: Grite

En Español

Grite'

¡En mis dolores te clamé!

¡No sabía si me

escucharías, pero te

grité de todos modos!

Cuando la vida que tenía ya no existía,

¡grité!

Cuando las lágrimas corrían por mi rostro,

¡grité!

Cuando mi corazón sintió un dolor como

nunca, ¡grité!

no sabía si me contestarías

No sabía si siquiera me conocías

¡Pero grité de todos modos!

¡Anhelando con tristeza que alguien me

atrape!

¡Grité!

Anhelando desde lo más profundo de mi alma, ¡grité!

Me preguntaba: ¿quién es este que en mi más profundo dolor vino?

En mi más profunda rendición, grité - ¡y viniste!

¡Quería saber quién era, quién respondió a mis gritos!

¡Entonces grité!

¡Viniste a mi rescate!

Recogiste cada pieza destrozada de mi vida rota.

los llevaste tan gentilmente en tus manos  
Limpiaste cada fuente de lágrimas que se negaban a detenerse.

los mantuviste cerca de tu corazón

¡Llegaste a mi completa entrega cuando grité!

Ahora quiero más de ti, necesito más de ti,  
¡así que, grito!

Escrito por:

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*Raquel Fuentes*  
**Houston, TX**

