

Before we get into the 2024 word, let us revisit an excerpt from the 2023 word the Lord gave me.

EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES! Each of us is a supplying joint in the piping system (called the Church). We ensure the Church can extend, grow, and mature. Remember the Church is not the building; it's the people. Without each other working together and performing our individual [and team] functions, the body does not operate at its full capability.

This year the Lord shared with me words that closely echo the insights from 2023, but He wants to delve deeper, getting to the root cause.

In November of 2023 in Children's Church, we were studying the books of the Bible and why the Bible is important. The children were given a scripture to find in the books of Genesis and Revelation. In the book of Revelation, they were asked to find chapter 2, verse 4. That scripture so captured my attention, and the Lord began to build on that scripture and provide revelation to me and through others (specifically Apostle Robinson).

Revelation 2:3-4 AMP

³ and [I know that] you [who believe] are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and that you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth]

⁴ But I have *this* [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me].

Indeed, the interpretation of Revelation 2:3-4 varies, with some believing it addresses Christians who have walked away from God. However, I submit to you that God's message applies not only to those who have strayed but also to believers still active in the church.

Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand! Matthew 11:15
NLT

The Matthew Henry Commentary says that “God walks in the midst of his churches on earth, observing what is amiss [the things that need to be corrected] and what it is that they want.” The Lord is ever present in His Church, so this word is not just for CWCC.

First, let’s hear what the Lord has to say to those of us attending Church and serving. God says, I have observed a decline or deterioration of your enthusiasm and love, not that you have left and forsaken me. Instead, you’re in a state of dormancy or stagnation. Oh yes, you still come to church, worship, and even serve in ministry but you’ve lost the fire you once had.

Some in the body of Christ have said to themselves, I’m just going through the motions, serving dutifully. I know I’ve lost **my depth of love** for You God. I don’t know what to do. What must I do to revive and recover my love for You?

CRY OUT TO GOD!!! CRY OUT TO GOD!!! If we’ve learned anything this past year through the teachings on mental health, it's knowing when we need help and how to ask for help. Apostle Robinson said, and I quote, “God wants us to understand that He is true to us.” The lyrics in the song *Echo* say “When faith is lost, and my hope exhausted you will be my strength. Your love is holding on and it won’t let go.” God wants to hear those same words from us... God my love is holding on and it won’t let go.

Saints of God, it is going to take more than singing three worship songs and an opening prayer. We already know, that by itself hasn’t worked. Matthew Henry's commentary says, “Our depth of love for God can grow cold, if great care is not taken, and diligence used, to preserve it in constant exercise.” We need to invest in our relationship with God daily

(yes, that includes spending time WITH God in worship, prayer, and His word, not out of some legal obligation. It's simply and intimately between you and Jesus, EVERY DAY. "This is the air I breathe, and I... I'm desperate for You, this is my daily bread." **CRY OUT TO GOD in heartfelt repentance, Resolve, and Commit to return to your first love.**

Now let's hear what the Lord would say to those who have walked away. The Lord said through Apostle Robinson, "It's not just about getting you to come to Church and do works. It's about you believing in and trusting God. Your faith in and your love for God is what moves you to do."

Come back to God and build back your faith muscles. God has blessed you with houses, cars, and jobs but as Apostle Robinson said, "We don't want to leave our house to come to His house." We'll drive everywhere in the car He blessed us with, except to Church. We're too tired from working, so we don't come to Church. "God does not want a one-sided relationship with us."

God says, I Remember how you used to worship Me, how you used to love coming to My house and fellowshiping with the saints, how you ministered to Me in song and dance and blessed My people. I remember how you served and genuinely cared for each other. I remember how you loved Me.

Like Janet Jackson's song, God is asking, What have you done for Me lately!!! God is asking, "Can I count on you? Can I get you and your gifts back into My house?" What must you do? **CRY OUT TO GOD in heartfelt repentance, Resolve, and Commit to Return to Your First Love.**