

Unlocked for the Assignment- Pastor Shawndric McGreggor

Unlocked Men's Conference

Theme

The sermon emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is essential for unlocking spiritual vision, strength, and speech, enabling individuals to fulfill their God-given assignments with clarity, confidence, and boldness. By embracing the Holy Ghost, believers can overcome shame, fear, and hesitation, stepping into their new identity and purpose to lead and witness in all areas of life.

Takeaways

1. The Holy Spirit is essential, not optional, for fulfilling one's God-given assignment.
2. Saul's transformation in Acts 9 illustrates the process of spiritual unlocking: vision, strength, and speech.
3. Spiritual vision is foundational; the Holy Ghost removes 'scales' of pride, pain, and false purpose.
4. After vision comes the strength to stand in a new identity, free from shame and past labels.
5. True infilling with the Holy Ghost leads to immediate and bold declaration of the gospel.
6. Personal testimony and scars are powerful tools for ministry and can unlock others.
7. Many delay their calling due to fear, shame, or waiting for perfect circumstances.
8. The world, families, and communities are waiting for men to be 'unlocked' and to lead.
9. Immediate action is encouraged; the time to be 'unlocked' is now.
10. A call to the altar is made for renewal, revival, and being filled with the Holy Ghost.

Highlights

- "Saul didn't just recover his sight. He discovered his assignment."
- "The Holy Ghost is not an option when it comes to your God-given assignment, but he is essential for what it is God has put you on this

earth to do."

- "You can be busy and still be blind. You can be successful and still be stuck."
- "Religion says shame on you, but the resurrection says shame off you."
- "When the Holy Ghost truly unlocks you, you don't delay. You declare."
- "Your story has power. Your scars are a sermon. Your pain is perfect for a pulpit somewhere."

Chapters & Topics

Opening and Introduction

The speaker begins the session with an energetic call for audience participation, encouraging expressions of praise and engagement. The speaker indicates a preference for minimal preliminaries and signals that the main content will begin shortly and proceed rapidly.

Introduction and Acknowledgements

The speaker expresses pride in Pastor Antoine Ashley and acknowledges the presence of other pastors, elders, deacons, and his ministry trainer, Dr. Wendell Rolison. The speaker emphasizes the importance of doing justice to the scripture and sets the tone for an expressive and participatory sermon.

1. Scripture Focus: Acts Chapter 9

The sermon centers on Acts chapter 9, verses 17-20, focusing on Saul's transformation after his encounter with Ananias, his infilling with the Holy Ghost, and the immediate change in his life and purpose, under the theme "Unlocked for the Assignment."

- Scripture reading from Acts 9:17-20.
- Saul's background as a persecutor, religious extremist, and violent opponent of Jesus' followers, who was making murderous threats and intended to prevent Christ's message.
- Saul's divine encounter on the way to Damascus: a light from heaven flashed, throwing him to the ground, and a voice asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" This left him blind, shaken, silent, and stunned for three days.
- Ananias is instructed by God to go to Straight Street, find Saul, and lay hands on him to restore his sight and fill him with the Holy Ghost, as Saul is God's chosen instrument.
- Saul's immediate transformation: scales fell from his eyes, he received his sight, was baptized, gained strength after eating, and immediately began preaching Christ as the Son of God in the synagogues.

2. The Necessity of the Holy Ghost for Assignment

The Holy Ghost is essential, not optional, for fulfilling one's God-given assignment. Many attempt to fulfill spiritual roles without spiritual power, leading to failure. The infilling of the Holy Ghost is what truly unlocks potential and purpose.

- The Holy Ghost is essential for clarity, confidence, and boldness in one's assignment, as one cannot see, stand, or speak clearly without Him.
- Attempting to fulfill spiritual assignments, raise families, start businesses, or run ministries without spiritual power leads to failure and "messing everything up."
- Jesus sent Ananias to fill Saul with the Holy Ghost, not just to encourage him, emphasizing the necessity of being filled and led by the Spirit.
- Tonight is declared as a moment for men to be unlocked by the Holy Ghost for their assignments, providing the strength needed to finish strong.
- God fills believers not just to be quiet, but "to be sent" and "to go into all of the world declaring my gospel."
- Every individual has an assignment, and its importance is not diminished by its visibility; each role is crucial for the advancement of God's kingdom.

3. Unlocking Vision: Removing Spiritual Scales

The first work of the Holy Ghost is to unlock spiritual vision, removing the 'scales' that prevent clarity of purpose. Without clear vision, one cannot pursue or fulfill their calling. The Holy Ghost removes scales of pride, pain, and false purpose.

- Saul's scales fell from his eyes, symbolizing the removal of spiritual blindness and the Holy Spirit's desire to unlock one's ability to see.
- Vision is foundational for calling; one cannot pursue what they cannot perceive, and clarity is the foundation of a calling.
- Many are spiritually blind, chasing platforms without purpose, building networks without assignment, and moving fast without clear direction, indicating that motion doesn't always mean progress.
- The Holy Ghost removes scales of pride (blinding to correction), pain (blinding to trust), and false purpose (blinding to true calling).
- God desires to deal with and clarify each person's vision, preventing wasted energy on wrong assignments or prioritizing worldly success over divine roles like fatherhood or husbandhood.
- The speaker prays for the eyes of the heart to be enlightened, citing Ephesians 1:18, so individuals can know their calling and chase their destiny.

4. Unlocking Strength: Standing in New Identity

After vision comes the ability to stand. Saul, once blinded and humbled, stands up, is baptized, and regains strength. The Holy Ghost restores not just sight but the strength to stand in a new identity, free from shame and past labels.

- After spiritual sight comes spiritual standing, as demonstrated by Saul getting up, being baptized, and regaining strength.
- Saul, who had been knocked down, blinded, humbled, and silent for three days wrestling with regret, did not stay in despair once he gained clarity, but rose in faith and moved in power.
- Standing involves embracing a new identity and letting go of shame and past labels, recognizing that one has been forgiven and filled.
- The speaker declares, “Religion says shame on you, but the resurrection says shame off you,” encouraging men to get up from past failures in lust, pride, or marriage.
- God relabels individuals as His own, regardless of their past, stating, “You belong to me,” and strengthening them to stay.
- The enemy is terrified not of men who believe in God, but of men who know their identity in God, as the Holy Ghost provides stamina and makes one immovable.
- Citing Micah 7:8, “Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light,” the speaker emphasizes standing in a new mindset and understanding.

5. Unlocking Speech: Declaring the Gospel

The final unlocking is the ability to speak and declare the gospel. Saul immediately begins to preach after being filled, without hesitation or waiting for approval. True infilling leads to immediate and bold declaration.

- After being filled, Saul immediately preaches in the synagogues, demonstrating that when the Holy Ghost truly unlocks you, you don't delay, you declare.
- The speaker emphasizes “at once” meaning immediately, without hesitation, applause, permission, or waiting for a title, microphone, or for people to forget one's past.
- True infilling with the Holy Ghost leads to bold, immediate declaration, making silence not an option because the fire of purpose burns within.
- One should not wait for permission or approval to declare God's goodness, as the Holy Ghost empowers one to be a witness and a mouthpiece for God.

6. The Transformative Power of the Holy Ghost

The lecture emphasizes that the Holy Ghost transforms individuals, particularly men, by unlocking their voices, empowering them to speak, and enabling them to fulfill their divine assignments. The speaker draws parallels with biblical figures such as Jeremiah and Saul (Paul), highlighting how their encounters with the Holy Ghost led to personal revival, restored vision, and boldness to witness. The message is a call for men to break free from silence, shame, and insecurity, and to embrace their roles as leaders and witnesses in their families, workplaces, and communities.

- The Holy Ghost fills, cleanses, and ignites individuals, making silence impossible; one cannot be quiet when God has changed their life.
- Personal testimony and scars are powerful tools for ministry and can unlock others, as one's pain can be perfect for a pulpit.
- Many people delay their calling due to fear, shame, or waiting for perfect circumstances, but God fills believers to be witnesses, not timid.
- The Holy Ghost empowers believers to speak up in all areas of life—family, marriage, children, workplace—not just in church, as people outside the church also need to hear about Jesus.
- The world, families, and communities are waiting for men to be 'unlocked' and to lead, emphasizing that children, wives, mothers, and jobs need men to be unlocked.
- The transformation of Saul (Paul) is used as an example: from being bound by pride, blinded by tradition, and fueled by rage, he was interrupted by grace, transformed by power, and unlocked by the Holy Ghost to see, stand, and speak.
- Immediate action is encouraged; the time to be 'unlocked' is now, not in the future, as the Spirit of God is present.
- The anointing of Ananias is invoked as a metaphor for helping others receive the Holy Ghost and be restored, with the speaker offering himself as an Ananias to lay hands on the audience.
- A call to the altar is made for those who feel called to be renewed, revived, and filled with the Holy Ghost, emphasizing that there is "more" for them.

Suggestions

- Be expressive and participatory during the sermon to fully engage with the message.
- Ensure you are spiritually prepared and open to transformation, as Saul was.
- Seek to be filled and led by the Holy Ghost to fulfill your assignment.
- Allow the Holy Ghost to address and clarify your vision before pursuing your assignment.
- Embrace your new identity in Christ and stand in strength, leaving shame behind.
- Do not delay in declaring your testimony and the gospel once you are filled.
- Do not wait for perfect conditions or for the past to be forgotten; act now to fulfill your calling.
- Allow the Holy Ghost to unlock your voice and empower you to witness and lead in every sphere of life.