

Come Just As You Are

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Gbile Akanni teaches that Jesus invites everyone to come to Him just as they are, with all their struggles and sins, promising greater things and divine restoration.

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Description

In this powerful evangelistic sermon, Gbile Akanni invites listeners to come to Jesus just as they are, with all their struggles, doubts, and sins. Drawing from John chapter 1, he highlights how Jesus personally knows and sees each individual, offering grace, dignity, and the promise of greater things to come. Akanni encourages a sincere, humble approach to Christ, assuring that His provision and power can bring lasting breakthroughs and restoration.

Transcript

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Telephone numbers 0703 03636 59, 0703 76811 98. Email address lsmediaatlivingseed.org or visit our website at www.livingseed.org. Let us sit back and listen as the servant of God brings forth the Word of Life. John chapter 1 from verse 43 and I will get as far as verse 51.

The day following, Jesus will go forth into Galilee and he finds Philip and he says to him, follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip finds Nathanael and he says to him, we have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophet did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

And Nathanael said unto him, can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said unto him, come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and he says of him, behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile. Nathanael said to him, when knowest thou me, where did you know me? Jesus answered and said to him, before that when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.

Nathanael answered and said to him, Rabbi, thou art the son of God, thou art the king of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, because I said unto you, I saw you under the fig tree, believest thou, thou

shalt see greater things than this. And he said to him, verily, verily, I say unto you, year after, year after, you will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the son of man, in the name of Jesus Christ.

In order to set this meeting and this gathering on its course, I feel compelled to draw your attention onto a few issues that I want you to respond to, because you are coming, you are coming into the presence of him who not only knew you when you were under your fig trees, who not only saw you when you were under the shadow of an ordinary tree, who heard all the questions of your heart, all the issues that you are struggling with, even when you could not tell people, he has heard the sighs of your heart. He heard your frustration that makes you to appear as if you are doubting, is because what you have been looking for for years has eluded you and you are wondering. So when Philip, with the excitement, came to Nathanael and said, Nathanael, we have found him, that's the first issue that I wish to ask you to consider.

When Philip said, we have found him, he gave me an answer. They have been searching for solutions. They have been searching for fulfillment.

They have been searching for answers. They have been searching for their deliverance. They have been searching for the Messiah.

They have been searching. They have read their Bible. They knew what God has said.

When that man will come, your sorrows will finish. They knew that if he comes, barrenness will finish. They knew that when he comes, whatever he asks the Father, the Father will do it.

Moses spoke about it. When Moses was dying, Moses said, God is going to raise another prophet greater than myself. A shepherd, the shepherd of Israel, who will go in and out before you and who will lead you to green pastures and who will bring you to the place of rest.

Anybody who is sincere in history said, when he comes, I know my problem will be finished. But they have been searching. They have been making effort.

They have been going here and there. Some people say, he is there. They run there.

Nothing. Some say, go and try this. They try it.

Everything was a failure. They say, go and go there. It became empty until a man like Nathaniel told himself, I'm not going again.

Tired. And there are some people sitting in my presence. The expectation of God's visitation in your life, you have looked for it.

Some are falling into the hand of charlatans in the name of prophet. Some, because they are looking for a baby. The man with the prayer contractor violated your life.

And there is nothing. Because you are looking for breakthrough. Your home, your marriage has broken down.

Even when somebody said, let us go to Boko. I can imagine someone saying, Boko again. What are they doing there? I've gone there.

I've gone here. I went here. I met that man.

I met this one. That one gave me water to drink. That one gave me blood to drink.

That one gave me this. I bathed inside oil. But nothing has happened.

And so your genuine question is, can anything good come out of Nazareth? Is it not going to end the same way? I'm not going to go back disappointed. Is my life going to change at all? Nathaniel was a typical person who can no longer deceive himself. He can no longer say what has not happened.

He has decided not to be a hypocrite. He will not say hallelujah when nothing is happening to him. He will not put up a smile just to make the man of God happy.

Even if that man of God was Jesus, he was still going to ask a question. Can anything good come out of Nazareth? We have gone everywhere. We have tried every place.

We have listened to those who said they are very brilliant. Others have made profit. They told us nothing has happened.

I've been left on my own like this. Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Did you come into this meeting with questions in your heart? Did you come into this meeting and say, let me just go? Since the brother invited me, let me just go. I want to note with you tonight that you have not come to a man.

You have come to him. You have come to him who sees you even when you are sitting alone. You have come to him who heard the cry of your heart.

The one that you could not tell people. You have come to him who has something greater than what you are thinking. Who has something greater than what you have been holding.

You are coming to him. And as we began to pray, and as we began to enter into his presence, I see God himself waiting to receive you. Waiting to focus on you.

Waiting to address you and address your matter. Hallelujah. Now, the Bible says, Nathanael simply told Philip.

I don't want to talk about Philip. I don't want to talk about how much he knew. Because his introduction of Jesus was very, very faint.

It wasn't very correct. And it offended the knowledgeable heart of Philip. Because in prophecy, the Messiah we are looking for, Are you hearing me? Was to come from Judah.

We do understand when he said, Of Nazareth. We are expecting the Son of God. Not the son of another Mr. Joseph.

He couldn't see the connection. And Philip was not in position to explain. But Philip did something.

Hallelujah. What did Philip do? What did he do? He said, I don't have answers for your question. And I don't want to attend to answer your question.

But, I only have one thing to say to you. What is that? Come and see. Can I tell you this night? Come and see.

You will see the glory of the Lord. You will see the man of God coming out to you. You will see beyond what a man can do.

You will see what a man can never have done for you. Come and do what? And see. So Mr. Philip just stood aside.

And he was listening to this discussion between Nathaniel and the Savior. Nathaniel was asking a question. Can any good thing? Can God do something different? Can something good come out of this? This thing that I have tried and struggled for.

Can anything good come out of this place? And Jesus saw Nathaniel coming. That's the first word I must say. He saw you coming.

He saw you coming. The Lord saw you coming. Whatever you brought here will end here in the name of Jesus.

I want you to know it. We are in the year of greater things. Whatever you brought here will end here in the name of Jesus Christ.

He saw you coming. He saw you coming. He saw you in your peculiarities.

He saw you in your particular situation. He saw you and he is ready for you. And I want to only say that as we begin tonight.

Just know that you have come to him who is able to do what no man can do. Hallelujah. Because he saw you coming.

It was not Nathaniel that first greeted Jesus. Are you following my Bible? It was not Nathaniel that first greeted Jesus. It was Jesus that spoke straight.

And see what Jesus said about him. He said, behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no God. See a man who is coming with all his heart.

See a man who is approaching me without hypocrisy. See a man who is ready to say anything that is his problem. That's the kind of man I like.

Brothers, you are coming to him who knows. Don't try to hide anything. Don't come with a guide.

Don't come with pretension. Don't do as if you are correct. I know you dress up to go anywhere else.

But here, get ready to undress. Because he knows you. Hallelujah.

When you are undressing, you are undressing before him who will not ridicule you. Who will cover you. Who will clothe you with his righteousness.

When he looked at him, he said, look at this man in whom there is no God. Let there be no God in your coming. Come just as you are.

Come just as it is happening to you. It doesn't matter how many years you have been struggling with sin. Up and down.

It is because you have not seen him yet. Come with your load of sin. He is able to do greater things than your sin.

There is a grace greater than your sins. Hallelujah. There is the blood of Jesus that washes whiter than snow.

It doesn't matter how you are coming. Don't come with a guide. Don't come as if you are fine.

When you are not. Others may be looking and say, this sister, this sister. But you know in your heart that you have been looking for him.

You have been struggling for deliverance. You have been saying, oh God, when will I be free? This secret sin that is dealing with me. When will I be free? When will I be free from this perforation? There is a leakage.

Whatever is poured into your life, it leaks away. Because something has perforated you. Don't tell anybody.

Come without a guide. Come without pretension. And I want to tell you.

Even if all of you came and say, God, I have just come. Just as I am without one plea. For the blood was shed for me.

And how has it become to you? Oh Lamb of God. I come. I come.

Come. Without a guide. We have left the room.

We have left the place of hypocrisy. We are facing the reality. With him who can help us.

I cannot see your problem greater than his provision. The provision that God has made for you is greater than your needs. The grace that is available is greater than your sins.

Is greater than your problems. Is greater than your challenges. Just come.

Without God. Without God. You are a big man.

Or you have big trouble. It's all you come. It's all you come.

He knew that where you are. Nobody was bold enough to solve that problem for you. Even when you go to pastor.

They rather spoke about your position. They didn't deal with your needs. You might have a matter that you want God to solve.

But once you got there they made you chairman of building committee. Because they think of your status. They did not think of your soul.

It's all you coming. The master has seen you coming. But I wish God would be able to say look at us.

In whom there is no God. He is asking can any good thing come out of Nazareth. He doesn't want to be deceived.

He does not want to accept makeshift. And I have told you and I also told God. That all those who will come to him.

It is not psychology. That we are going to minister to them. Are you hearing me? We are not going to ask him hey shake your head.

So that you will be doing something that is not real. And before you leave the hall. Your problem will have descended.

We are not looking for that. You are going to go home. With the kind of solution.

That will last. That your children will read about. Your children's children will hear about it.

You will see greater things than this. In the name of Jesus Christ. So the Bible said.

Behold. An Israelite indeed. In whom there is no God.

And for you to know that Nathaniel. I think he has become so desperate. And despondent.

That nobody can just cajole him. Even Jesus could not cajole him. Even though Jesus does not cajole anybody.

Just said an Israelite indeed. In whom there is no God. And instead of Nathaniel to say hey yes thank God.

So you know me like that. Nathaniel said where did you know me? You know why Nathaniel is doing like that? Can I tell you why? He has gone to soothsayers before. Do you know soothsayers? Who is a soothsayer? A soothsayer is someone who says what suits you.

Did you hear me? Who is a soothsayer? Someone who says what suits. So when you are coming in. As you are coming to the church.

Even though your family has been scattered. The man of God just said I can see all over you. The glory of the Lord.

You are welcome. Let us clap for this man. He is a great man.

He is a wonderful man. In fact. In fact.

He is a very highly beloved. In fact he is sitting in the heavenlies with God. Why did they do that? They are cajoling you.

They are telling a lie. Just to collect your money. So Nathaniel.

He was tired of such. So when Jesus. Even Jesus said oh.

An Israelite indeed. In whom there is no God. Nathaniel said.

Where did you know me? Who gave you information? Who told you? I am not interested in this kind of thing. So when he said. Where did you know me? Jesus said.

While you were still. Under what? Under the tree. Even before Philip called you.

I saw you. It was not when Philip called you that I saw you. Even before he called you.

I already saw you. I saw your heart. I saw your struggle.

I know you even when you did not. You have not heard about me. When you have not even known anything about me.

Even before Philip invited you. I saw you. When you were under the fig tree.

You remember the tree where you are sitting. I saw you there. When you are going through that struggle.

I saw you. In the last time. When you are struggling with the abortion.

Of that pregnancy. I saw you. I knew you were crying.

You wanted help. The young man that impregnated you. Disappeared.

And you were wondering. How will I face life with a fatherless baby? That is why you decided to abort. I saw you.

I knew that you were looking for an answer. You were looking for a solution. Nobody could help you.

I saw you. While you were under your fig tree. While you were under that fig tree of struggling.

Of confusion. I saw you. Even before Philip called you.

I saw you. Even before you ever heard anything about peace house. I saw you.

I have seen you. I have just been waiting for you. When Nathanael heard Jesus.

Telling the story of his life. Something happened to him. It was the same thing that happened.

To the woman of Samaria. You remember the same thing. When Jesus said.

That you don't have a husband. You have told the truth. Because you had five husbands before.

And where you are now is number six. And he is actually not your husband. I know you.

Are you a prophet? Our father told us. Our father told us that the Messiah is coming. Just say he who is speaking to you.

I am he. It's the same situation. Some of you are just sitting here.

I saw you. I saw you. Sincerely speaking.

You don't even need to tell him about yourself. He saw you. But to give you dignity.

That you are the one who volunteered your information. That's why the Lord has not embarrassed you. Otherwise the spirit.

The word of knowledge will have been operating here. Like I said there is one woman here. Who just exchanged her baby.

For 500,000. You are here. Come out.

But Jesus doesn't embarrass people like that. It's not that there is no word of knowledge. That will have embarrassed you.

But Jesus is not here to embarrass people. Sometimes when I watch some preachers. They just want to embarrass people.

By proving that they saw something. But when I look at Jesus. My master.

He still recognizes and respects the dignity. Of the individual. The reason why he said if you confess your sin.

It's because he respects your dignity. That you are the one who confessed. Otherwise.

He would just have opened the screen. And begin to show who you are. So that woman is like this.

So that woman is like this. No, no, no. I'm going to use her tomorrow.

Don't disgrace her. Grace does not disgrace people. Are you hearing me? I said grace.

The grace of God does not do what? Does not disgrace people. You are not coming for disgrace. You are coming for a divine cover.

Hallelujah. So Nathaniel shouted. My Lord and my God.

Thou art the son of God. You are the king of Israel. Immediately.

Something broke in his heart. He has seen the Lord. And Jesus now answered.

And that's where I'm ending. Because I'm expecting that you will come. I'm expecting that as he has called you.

You will come. Because I said to you. I saw you under the fig tree.

Believe us now. You will see. What? Greater things than this.

I tell you. What God will do for you tonight. Is great.

But it will be the beginning of greater things that you will see. And every blessed day will be greater. And hereafter.

Hereafter. You will see heavens open. You will see heavens flooded.

Pouring upon your life. You will see angels. Ascending.

Descending. Ascending. Descending upon the Son of Man.

You will see the glory of God. As we begin to pray tonight. I will want you to come.

Come to him. And come just as you are. I know.

There are many, many preachers here. You've never had opportunity. Of walking to him.

Just as you are. Because every time. Even though you have problem.

How can you yourself being the man of God. Go on the altar. Who will officiate you there.

So that's how you normally do. I say yes. The way I see you shaking your head.

I know you are shaking the problem inside. I say well. God understand.

For one time. Jesus is saying come. Let's say to that father.

I'm here for you. When I see my fathers. Traditional fathers.

God brought them. And Jesus is saying yes. I saw you coming.

And I'm waiting. To give you my personal hand. As we stand up to pray.

The Holy Spirit may be telling you. Why don't you just go. Just as I am.

No guile. No hypocrisy. No decoration.

Just as I am. Without one plea. For that your blood.

Was shed for me. And that thou. Beats me come to you.

Oh Lamb of God. I come. Oh Lamb of God.

I come. As we are taking us up. The Holy Spirit is saying yes.

I saw you coming. Are you in the gallery? I saw you coming. Come down.

Are you at the back of the tent? I saw you coming. Come just as you are. All the Nathaniels.

Let them come down. I saw you under the fig tree. I saw you where you were struggling.

I saw you where Satan was pounding on your neck. I saw you where sin scattered you. I saw you.

I saw you. But I know you are looking for answer. I know you are looking for God.

You are looking for him who can forgive. Who can set free. Who can loose you from your problems.

I saw you coming. Just as I am. For that your blood.

Beats me come to you. Oh Lamb of God. I come.

I come. I come Lord. I come.

Just as I am without one plea. Just as I am. God bless you.

As you are coming down from gallery. Just wave your hands and say Lord I am coming. Lord I am coming.

God bless you I am coming. Just keep coming down. Just keep coming.

Just keep coming. From the other side. You need to come.

Just keep coming and say Lord. Oh Lamb of God. I have come.

I am coming. I am coming. I am coming.

Just as I am. And how. Beats me.

Come to you. Oh Lamb of God. I come.

Just as I am. I am waiting all. I am not going to wait again.

Thank you my brothers. As you are coming. Just keep coming.

From the gallery. Just keep coming. God bless you tonight.

God bless you. God bless you. God.

God. He is going to solve that problem. He is finishing today.

Now come to Him. Who can finish it. He is finishing tonight.

God is finishing it tonight. Just keep coming. Please make a way.

Make a way. Oh Lamb of God. God bless you my friends.

God bless you my brothers. God bless you dear sister. Just make sure you are coming.

Just as I am. God bless you friends. Thank you dear sister.

Just calm down. Young lady. You need to run now.

You need to run quickly. Oh thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus.

Thank you Jesus. Please keep coming. Make space for them to come.

Thank you Jesus. Don't block the road. Just move out of the way.

Let them come down. God bless you my friend. God bless you.

God bless you my friend. Yes. Joseph.

Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus. Your love anew.

Has broken every barrier down. Every barrier. Every barrier.

Now to me. Yes. Thank you young sister.

Just make sure you come. That brother, please run. The lord is he wanting to welcome you by himself.

Just come down quickly. We cannot close the door because the Lord said I saw him coming. I saw her coming.

All those questions. All those struggles. God is going to resolve it tonight.

The hand of God is coming on your life tonight. Just come down. Come.

Oh yes Lord Jesus. Are you coming? Just find a place to kneel down. That young man please do so.

Thank you Jesus. Lift up your hands. Lift up those two hands to heaven.

Lift those two hands to heaven. Today is a new day. It's a day that God has ordained.

It's a whole Easter light indeed. In whom there is no God. My brother.

God is already. He saw it. He saw your predicament.

He saw when you entered into addiction. He saw when the devil trapped you. He saw when you made a mistake.

It was luck. You were needing money. That's why you sold yourself out.

He said I saw you then. But I'm ready to forgive you. I'm ready to change your story.

I'm ready to correct it. Just come. Thank you dear sister.

Come down. Those hands lifted just say to God. Just as I am.

Just as I am. Without any explanation. I just come to you to help me.

Just come to change my story. I have heard you say you know me. You saw me.

You saw my struggle. You saw where I was. You saw what was happening to me.

I've come to you Lord. Oh thou Lamb of God. I have come.

Just say God I have come. I have come to this place. If you cannot help me where will I go? If you can't deliver me where will I go? If you don't forgive me where will I go? Where will I go but to the Lord.

Friends have disappointed me. My wisdom has disappointed me. Parents cannot help me.

Friends have cheated me. Sin has wrecked me. Satan has tortured me.

But I've heard you say come to me. Oh you that live on a heavy laden. I will give you rest.

I want you to know tonight that this is going to be the end of that matter. You will see greater things than this. You are beginning to enter the great and greater things that the devil has been keeping away from you for years.

Satan wanted you to be a wreck but God has come to deliver you tonight. Every power that stood against you will be removed. Every sin will be blotted out.

Every ordinance against you will be cancelled. In the name of Jesus Christ. God is going to release you onto the greater things.

Satan tied you down to useless things but tonight he said I have come. I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly. From this night, whosoever you are, we release you in the name of Jesus Christ.

This night is only the beginning of the great things. You will not go back on this anymore. In the name of Jesus.

Every yoke around you broken in the name of Jesus. Every shackle on your legs, I cut it by the anointing in the name of Jesus. Tonight is a beginning.

Shackles are broken. Chains are broken. Oppressions are broken.

Every activity of Satan in your life cancelled in the name of Jesus Christ. Every sinful habit that has perforated your life, that has wrecked you by the reason of the anointing, by the blood that Jesus shed at Calvary, blotted out in the name of Jesus. Thank you Heavenly Father that burdens are lifted at Calvary.

Thank you Heavenly Father that every yoke is broken by the anointing. Thank you Heavenly Father that you cleanse every sin by your blood in the name of Jesus. Therefore, this night, on behalf of each and everyone that is coming as a Nathaniel, coming without guile, coming without pretension, coming without hypocrisy, coming without hiding the true nature and the true history of his or her life.

You said if we confess our sin, you are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. As we have come, we are going to take just one minute to confess our sin. That is the perforation that the enemy arranged in your life that has caused you to leak out every opportunity that God was pouring into your life.

Has caused you never to retain, to collect, and therefore, you experience God, but you never continue to grow in it. There is always a scattering, that reckless living, that disorderly life that has brought confusion in your own experience. That has even scattered your hope, that has brought terrible misunderstanding between you and your partner.

Can you just tell God where you missed it? Where did the grace of God in your life become completely betrayed? Where, at which point, in what way did you begin to take the instruction of the word of God for granted? And you have entered darkness, you entered confusion, you entered all manner of difficulties. Can you tell God and ask Him for forgiveness? He said, he that hides his sin, he will not prosper. But whosoever confesses and forsakes it, that he will be pardoned, he will be delivered, he will have mercy.

He will have mercy from on high. Lord, as we are confessing, thank you for mercy. Thank you for mercy, O God.

Thank you for abundant mercy, mercy that is guaranteeing us your forgiveness, mercy that is guaranteeing us your cleansing. We will return back, not only pardoned, relieved from every guilt, but you will cleanse us from the bondage of that habit, the bondage of that addiction, the bondage of that sin. The sin that could so easily beset us before, it shall no longer have dominion over our life.

Thank you, Father, because you are doing it now, in the name of Jesus. Lord, therefore we want to tell you that we believe. We believe that this is the day of greater things.

You have just opened up to us a new chapter, a new chapter in our lives. You are beginning a new year in our lives, and it's the year of greater things. Today is the beginning, from great to greater, from greater to greater than greater.

And so we will go from greater to greater than greater, from great to greater, in the name of Jesus. As we have confessed and forsaken, never again will our lives know this level to which we fell. Will we ever rise with you? Will we ever experience the visions of heaven in our life? Will we ever see the angels descending and ascending upon the Son of Man, in the name of Jesus? To you be glory and honor forever and ever, in the name of Jesus.

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