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Uniting in faith for a new day

At the second FGB-BMF **Global Leadership Prayer Summit**, held in London in January 2013, God spoke to the men in many different ways through times of fellowship and sharing testimonies together, through heartfelt prayer and fasting, prophecy, thanksgiving and worship. There was a tremendous sense of joy and unity among brothers from the nations.

In essence, we heard that this really is a new day to move forward in the freedom of God . . . not living in the past, ‘remembering not the former things,’ though we nevertheless praise God for all He has done.

A God-given Vision

“It’s time for us to get our eyes off the past, prayerfully seeking God about what He wants us to do now,” said Blake Morris, National Director for FGBMF Canada. The honesty, depth and quality of the corporate prayer times were unforgettable, said another leader.

Men from many nations were

reminded that God had given us the **Full Gospel Global Forum (FGGF)** in trust, following last year’s Global Leadership Prayer Summit. This Forum is a network of like-minded national groups, helping to restore and rebuild relationships to more fully achieve God’s global Vision as given to Demos Shakarian.



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In the Forum, we are “closely knit together, and loosely associated.” We were reminded that the leaders present represented 100,000 members across the nations – it was “not just about *us*, gathered here in London,” but that the Holy Spirit would use those present to help transport the message of unity in the God-given Vision, in all its variety of expressions, to countless other men, as accurately as possible.

God has given us the Full Gospel Global Forum which aims to provide a platform for networking, mutual support, encouragement and co-operation on common projects both nationally and globally. As one African leader declared: “Remember one thing, simply

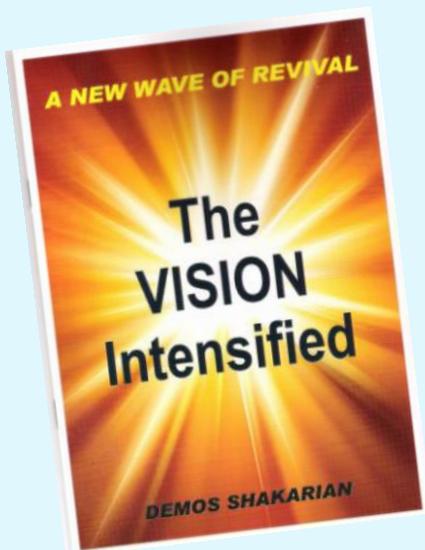
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this – that the Vision we share in this global fellowship is God’s own project and nothing can stop it . . . no matter what your situation, or what you face, God sees it all . . . He knows, and He is faithful who has called you. Nothing is impossible for Him.”

We were also reminded that “God did not *give* Demos the Fellowship,” because it belongs to the Lord. Demos, a true servant-leader, knew there was so much that the Holy Spirit wanted to do to accomplish His end-time purposes.

Back in 1952, Demos was given the initial Vision as he desperately sought God’s will while praying in his living room in the early hours of a Saturday night. At that point, he had come to the end of his own exhaustive efforts . . . and then God showed him the glorious Vision of what lay ahead.



As the years went by, God gave that same revelation – to see ordinary laymen reach out with the life-giving Gospel to multitudes of others across the nations. And as Demos long ago said to **Bob Bignold** (who is today President of the FGBMF America): “Bob, encourage the men in the Vision.”



Ifeanyi Odedo from Nigeria gave a strong call for servant leadership

Aware that God had so much more to show us, Demos — towards the end of his life — wrote in *The Vision Intensified*, his last most prophetic booklet: “We haven’t seen anything yet! God’s Vision will intensify in an increasingly powerful wave of His glory!”

The Vision Intensified had been largely unread for years, but has now gained timely significance for those who cherish the original God-given Vision. Demos felt that “the Spirit seemed to say, I DO NOT WANT A BIG CENTRALISED ORGANISATION . . . I want you *small, local and sensitive to Me* . . . give me outlets for my infinite variety.”

In recent years, the Lord has again reminded us of His prophetic words to Demos because there will come a great wave of revival across the world, a vast outpouring until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.

At the London Summit, the leaders were reminded that Demos, in his final prayer in *The Vision Intensified*, wrote: “Lord, help us to FOCUS ONLY ON YOU.”

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Glimpses of the second Global Prayer Summit in London



Above: the Holiday Inn at Heathrow, venue of the London Prayer Summit.

Left: united in the Vision — just some of the FGB and BMF leaders who attended the inspiring event.
Pictures by David Riley.



Welcome to London . . . leaders share fellowship and testimonies at the Prayer Summit

THE FULL GOSPEL GLOBAL FORUM

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In London this year, FGB Nigerian national leader **Ifeanyi Odedo**, reminded us that there is no alternative to servant leadership, if the work is to be directed by the Holy Spirit; leaders must lay aside their pride, ambition and self-will if they have sought to raise themselves up, rather than exalting Jesus, thinking that they ‘own’ the fellowships of which they are members.

Hunger for God

There was a strong call to forgive those who have hurt us, and to repent of prayerlessness.

Hunger for God and spending time in His presence is vital if we are to see greater spiritual victories and the glory of God manifest in our meetings and in the market place. One African leader reminded us: “As men became prayerless, the enemy has sought to hijack the fellowship of the nations . . . the problem is never with God, but with us. In some cases, we have trusted our bank accounts, our organisations, or our eloquence. Prayerlessness is idolatry, because it is trusting in self.”

Under the Holy Spirit’s sovereignty there is freedom, said **Rodney Radcliffe**. “We will be motivated and led to more fully recognise and understand our national preferences and cultures. We will no longer be put off by being too quiet or too loud. The Holy Spirit will enable us to

fellowship in greater unity and a more excellent way.”

In moving forward together, today’s challenge is greater than ever and we have to admit we are cast on the Lord as never before. The battle is the Lord’s.

Peter Spreckley, chairman of FGB in the UK and Ireland, reminded us of the victory of courageous King Jehoshaphat as revealed in 2 Chronicles 20. The king looked at his own limitations and then looked to the Lord as the only Source for help: “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon *the Lord*.”

Something happened after Jehoshaphat’s plea to the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord came on someone in the crowd — Jahaziel — who declared: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow, march down against them . . . you will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you . . . do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.’” (2 *Chronicles*. 20:15-18).

Peter also reminded us that we need to stand firm, trusting God and thanking Him for answered prayer. And we, too, will see the deliverance of the Lord.

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