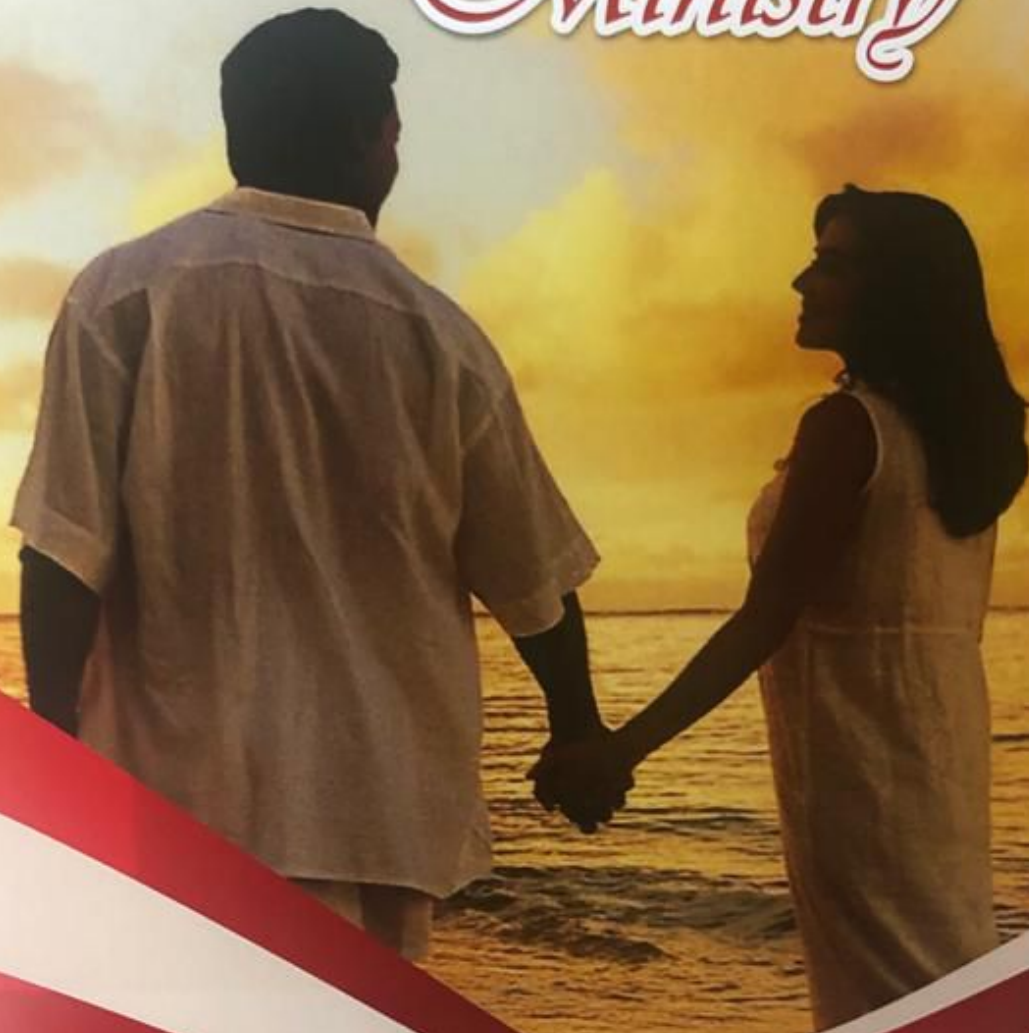


# *Marriage in Christ Ministry*



## *3<sup>rd</sup>* **Annual** *Couples' Event.*

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*A Marriage  
built on Christ is  
a marriage built to last.*



*Once again, we welcome everyone to the  
3rd year anniversary and annual Couples' event  
of the Marriage in Christ Ministry.*

**W**e thank the almighty God for his sustaining grace since the Ministry started in June 2018.

The ministry started in response to the call of God to raise the awareness of the battles going on in our marriages/homes that impact the community at large. The ministry started with the women's group which was the initial leading that God wanted to start this revolution with the women. As the bible says that "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down" – (Prov. 14:1). Later on, it was suggested that we also have a forum where we can meet together as couples. Hence, the quarterly meeting was started with a combined fellowship of the women, men and youths of marriage able ages. As we know our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world,

against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). Therefore, we emphasize the awareness that human beings including our spouses are not our enemies but unseen forces behind the scenes. In 2010, a survey among Americans showed that almost half of Americans aged between 18 and 29 thought that marriage was becoming obsolete; hence we try to encourage our youth in preparation for their own marriages, and make marriage attractive to them.

Our second annual Couple's event took place on August 8th 2020 despite the rage of the pandemic, we are very appreciative of those that were able to attend the event.

Let us please open our hearts to receive all God has in store for us tonight.

We look forward to a rich time of fellowship and pleasure in the presence of our Father God.

**Minister Olayinka Oshodi**

## OUR VISION



And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain - Habakkuk 2:2

1. Empowering Christian women with all the needed tools to fulfill our ministry as stated in Gen 2:18: God said it is not good for a man to be alone, I will make him a help-meet; to be equipped to fulfill this mandate successfully with an enjoyable experience, and not an enduring one. By so doing we can live happier and healthier lives in order to fulfill our glorious marital destinies, and influence our communities for good bringing glory to God.
2. Prevent marriages from being endangered; making marriages attractive to our younger generations that will increase their interest in getting married.

### Our Methods (Using the absolute Power of God)

1. Engaging in corporate prayers once a month on the prayer line.
2. Prayer line for individual prayers, biblical encouragement, counselling and referrals as appropriate.
3. Encouraging ourselves on the WhatsApp group forum in things that encourage us in our marital journey, promote womens' health and well-being as we believe Iron sharpens Iron.
4. Every quarter; inviting our men/husbands to be our guest ministers on the prayer line. The quarterly meeting is a combined fellowship with our husbands and youths of marriageable ages.
5. Yearly Couples' romantic night event to mark our ministry annual anniversaries, enrich our marriages, and also serve as an outreach to other marriages in the community.
6. Our newest method is by periodically launching books on marriage that will help in navigating our paths more successfully in our homes.

This ministry will not be the same without every one of you; Everyone that makes every effort and sacrifice to dial in monthly on the prayer line, inviting friends and family, ministering in one capacity or the other in the ministry. Thanks for honoring our invitation today to be part of what God is doing in this ministry. We pray that God continue to bless and keep you and perfect all that concerns you and your family.

Shalom,

**Minister Olayinka Oshodi**





**Hosts:**  
**Pastor & Dr (Mrs.) Oshodi**

## *Welcome Address*

**W**e warmly welcome everyone to the 3rd year anniversary and Annual Couples' event of the Marriage in Christ Ministry. All thanks and glory be to almighty God for bringing us this far. He indeed has been our Ebenezer and Way maker. We are ever indebted and grateful to Him for His great mercies over this ministry. As we celebrate, let us remember, this is indeed the Lord's doing and marvelous in our eyes.

Just as the Lord gave the word and great was the company of those that published it, (Psalm 68:11) So also has the Lord given this vision. It would not have been the same without the contributions and support of every one of you jointly upholding the vision. This anniversary is about giving thanks to God, also celebrating and appreciating every one of you for your support, commitment and loyalty all year round.

A big thanks to all the leadership and members that have labored tremendously in making this anniversary a reality. May God almighty abundantly bless and reward you.

I encourage our women to continue to strive in encouraging their husbands to dial-in for the quarterly meetings. They also need to partake of the delicious marital nuggets freshly served on this platform for couples.

Marriage is like a dream home that is uniquely

designed and built by the couple on a daily basis. Every kind word, every gesture and act of affection are like building blocks, being placed layer upon layer in building this beautiful home. I encourage you to take time in laying each brick cautiously and intentionally. It is a life time project, there would be obstacles on the way, let us not be discouraged. We need to be committed, focused and relying on the Lord for strength. Let us be creative in finding ways to stick to the game, knowing that greater is He that is in us (1 John 4:4) and able to help us finish our course joyfully.

I encourage you to keep up the fight. It is a worthy course. Fighting for your home, your spouses and children is a daily battle on your knees and during the prayer line meetings. Please keep coming to the meetings, participate on the platform, uniting with others for encouragement, also corporately waging war against the forces of darkness beclouding our homes.

Let us celebrate and dance to God's goodness on this 3rd anniversary. Let us give Him glory for how He brought us and our families through the wilderness experiences of 2020. He alone deserves all the praises. Congratulations! Happy 3rd anniversary! Many more to come by His grace.

**Pastor Femi Oshodi**