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GOFF - CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - AUGUST 12 2020

WHY THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME?

I join my voice with that of our amiable Secretary to welcome us all to this august presentation which is coming up on the 82nd birthday of our and my dearly beloved Papa who I will respectfully call Rev. Dr. Gabriel Olusoji Olorunmeto Atanda Farombi.

The choice of today's topic is neither a myth nor a coincidence. I believe the subject at hand is timely, contemplated and spiritual. It is a foundational reflection of Rev. Farombi's natural virtues, in other words, his Godly unique traits which formed the basis of his life style. Otherwise, how

can we describe a man who because of his impeccable and uncompromising love for God voluntarily withdrew from the leadership position at the age of 61 after 15 years of peace, growth and stability at a time when the constitution allowed him to remain in the position of a General Overseer until the attainment of 70 years of age? He willingly relinquished the rosy, absolutely powerful and faultless throne to **empower** others in the continued flawless and joint work of the kingdom. It is not surprising therefore that Baba remains the longest serving General Overseer in Foursquare Nigeria.

Amongst spiritual leaders of note outside Foursquare, Baba was described by Pastor E.A. Adeboye as "an outstanding and extraordinary man of God". Dr Mike Okonkwo referred to him as "a man who quietly but surely impacted lives that turned out to be instruments in the hands of God". To Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo, "he stands out prominently among the men on whose shoulders we had to stand in order to see further in ministry". All these attested to a man who is an embodiment of empowerment instincts.

No wonder successive GOs have built upon his legacy to bring about tremendous progress with astounding success stories over the four-fold core values which Foursquare Gospel Church in Nigeria stands for. The trail-blazing of sustaining this momentum of Holy-Spirit **empowerment** is in no doubt more evident in the current leadership of Rev. Sam Aboyeji, regardless of the devouring threat of covid-19.

I celebrate Daddy Rev. Farombi, an epitome of honesty and holiness, a committed legendary servant leader with rugged faith, a distinguished Bible teacher and great preacher, a man sold out to soul winning, a bridge builder with infectious humility, a man of fervent prayer, a professional choirmaster, a good role model, a man with the master's touch who possesses a large heart to dissect mixed feelings and relentlessly accommodate severe critics. I salute a man that is committed to raising and growing people by giving sacrificially.

These attributes informed the overridden preference of GOFF to continue the tentacles of Baba's tenacity to impact on lives by caring and alleviating the plight of the needy and the less-privileged, widows and orphans in our society. **Our primary objective is to provide tools that will give live a meaning.**

Because our God delights in the welfare of the souls that He created in His own image, GOFF believes in empowering the less privileged to live independently by cherishing, maintaining and sustaining whatsoever they can do with their God-given talents and gifts. At GOFF we will, by the grace of God, be charitable, benevolent, educational, religious, social and civic in purpose and approach.

To the glory of God, we started by distributing some palliatives to Kajola Village in Ogun State as well as to Makoko residents in Lagos State. By His grace, we shall embark on greater exploits in line with our vision and mission for GOFF in the years ahead.

Papa, in whose name this foundation was formed, I pray that, like Caleb neither age nor physical ailment will diminish your strength. May the good Lord grant you many more years of excellent health, greater anointing and fulfillment of your destiny in Jesus's name, Amen!