Text: Matthew 16: 13-19

Bible study Title: Kingdom Life manifestation in Unity - series #3

From the inception of the Church Satan with his spiritual and human Cohorts are on the mission in an attempt to destroy the Church through Persecution, and all manner of afflictions on the saints to discourage our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, just as Jesus promised Peter of the authority and power to overcome the enemy, and no gates of hell will prevail against it! This is because as believers in the body of Christ – the Church;

We have the Keys – (Revelation 1:18; Col. 2:15; John 14:6)

Key is a symbol of control and authority. Thus, the believers through faith in Christ we have the authority to access to the Lord in Prayer through the Spirit of God. The Keys in reference to Matthew refers to;

1. We are standing on a sure foundation through our knowledge and revelation of Jesus Christ.
   - This means that we have power to rule with him over all principalities, demonic power's influence and all diseases.
   - By faith as believers in the Church, we can permit and not permits through the power of prayer (Acts 12: 1-19).
2. We have the assurance of Christ's presence to guide and help us throughout our Christian journey. Thus, "no gates of hell will prevail against us!" (Matthew 28: 18-20).
3. We continue to grow numerically and spiritually by the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the word of the Lord. (Acts 19:20).

Therefore, let us continue to encourage and build one another so that as the body we may continue to be unity and be built- up as one body and army of the living God (Ephesians 2: 11:-22; 4:11-16).

QUESTIONS

1. Do you understand that you are called to be part of the army of the Lord in advancing his Kingdom through your ministry?

2. What are some of the ways in which you have tested the use of the kingdom keys the Lord has given you?

3. How do you perceive the call of the Lord over your life to participate in advancing his kingdom (Church) through your talents, gifts, skills and profession?