

Audio Transcript for Conversation with Kelechi Ogbaa

Bible reading of Acts 12-13, August 08, 2016

Victor Hafichuk: “Kelechi, how are you doing?”

Kelechi: “I’m doing great. I just got out of class and I said let me run home real quick so I can catch some of the Bible study, but I’m about to head back now because it’s finals week. So, I’m doing a whole lot of studying and preparing for that.”

Victor Hafichuk: “And how is it going with your mother?”

Kelechi: “She’s on vacation in Nigeria. So, I haven’t heard from her from the past two weeks. I’m waiting for her to get back to the states so we can talk. She hadn’t responded to my email, but my dad had responded to the email and said he’d contribute to paying for some of my classes. So, I’m trying to see if the rest of my family will assist and help and contribute and help to pay for these classes. Otherwise, I’m gonna have to drop out and get a job because I’m really at the end of my wits financially So I’m seeing how these next two weeks will play out whether they’ll lend me support or not.

Victor Hafichuk: “The next time will be tomorrow morning. Alright, 8:15.”

Kelechi: “What time?”

Paul Cohen: “8:15 MST. That would be 9:15 your time Kelechi.”

Kelechi: “Yeah, I’ll be in class.”

Paul Cohen: “You do know that we post these, right?”

Kelechi: “Yeah, I just like being a part of it more.”

Paul Cohen: “Well, you’re going to be out of school soon.”

Kelechi: “Hopefully right.”

Paul Cohen: “We’ll see what comes next though. Who knows what you’ll be doing.”

Kelechi: “Yeah.”

Victor Hafichuk: “What are you studying, Kelechi?”

Kelechi: “Computer science.”

Victor Hafichuk: “Okay.”

Paul Cohen: “I think you found, maybe I’m wrong, but you found that you can be gainfully employed without having a degree.”

Kelechi: “Uh, Yes, I have. I was extremely resistant to going back to school. I didn’t want to do it at all because at that time I felt- I mean it’s not so much as trying to test the Lord I guess but I felt that just trusting in Him to provide and to put me where he needs to put me. I didn’t want the degree to be what’s gonna cause me success. I just wanted to end up wherever He chose I ended up, but the whole degree thing was just really coming from my mother saying, “You have to get this degree.” She has a PHD. My father has a PHD. So, it’s kind of unacceptable for me to not have a Bachelor’s.”

Victor Hafichuk: “A lot of people are finding out that a lot of these degrees, credentials, aren’t doing them a whole lot of good.”

Kelechi: “Exactly. I’m starting to see that it’s more about the talent and what you know. And the whole degree process is a way to financially enslave people through the banks and the interest rates and everything because you get your degree, but you pay the banks \$800 a month for 30-40 years. That’s something I didn’t want to do. I was debt free before all of this. Now I’m 60K in the hole and who’s gonna pay? She’s not gonna pay. I am. So, I was much happier just working and earning what I was earning and being content with that than trying to strive for any more.

Victor Hafichuk: “She’s not a believer. Right?”

Kelechi: “I can’t say so. Definitely not. I can’t agree that she is in any way.”

Victor Hafichuk: “That’s the determining factor. Not education. It’s your relationship to the Lord.”

Kelechi: “Yeah, so. We’ll see. We’ll see what happens in these next two weeks. I’ve invested in so much. It’s like building a house and not finishing right when you’re almost done. So, if the Lord wants to make a way for me to finish somehow then I’ll finish. If not, I’m perfectly content. I just want to do what He wants me to do. I just don’t know it right now.

Victor Hafichuk: “The way things are - the educational system has become a big racket. That’s all it is. It’s another one of Satan’s traps. It’s no less so than the religious system, medical system, and others.

Kelechi: “They’re teaching a lot of lies. I remember we had certain classes where they started diving into religion trying to teach us what the Bible says. They’re teaching a whole class full of just misinformation that’s nothing less than these churches that people go to. So, I believe it. Definitely believe it.

Victor Hafichuk: “We’re being called individually and collectively to usher in the Kingdom of God to repent of the kingdoms of this world and to usher in the Kingdom of God. That’s what we’re being called to. It’s a new day. Old things are to be removed with new things to replace them. That’s where the Lord will bring our minds and hearts. And it takes the cross. Paul said, “I am crucified unto the world. Or that we are crucified unto the world and the world unto us. It doesn’t mean that you’re not in the world. Like it says we’re in it, not of it. Where do you draw the line between being in it and not of it? You need to know that for yourself. You know how unsuccessful someone is when they’re doing something but their heart isn’t in it as the saying goes. Well, where is our heart? It says in Proverbs, keep your heart with all diligence because from it come the issues of life. The Lord said where your heart is there will your treasure be also. Or is it the other way around? I think it works both ways. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Where your heart is there will your treasure be. So, we need to be examining ourselves. What’s more important? Who’s telling us to do what? Where are they coming from? Is that a direction coming from the Lord to whoever is influencing us? Or is it just the ways and thoughts of this world?

The Lord says, “My ways and thoughts are higher than yours. As the heavens are above the earth so are My thoughts and ways higher than your ways and thoughts.” Where is our focus? What is our ambition? What is our desire? These are things that we are faced with that other people are not faced with. Not that it’s good that they’re not. I’m just saying.

There are certain ones that are appointed to salvation like Lidia pointed out minutes ago. And when we’re appointed to salvation automatically we have decisions to make that others don’t have to make because they’re not appointed. So, are we appointed, or aren’t we? We may be, we may not be. I’m not saying that everyone that comes to The Path of Truth is appointed. That would be a silly thing to say. They may be appointed. They may be brought just to be convicted of sin, to be judged. Who knows what the reason is? But for those appointed we have things to

consider and decisions to make. And we can't be following those who are in the world as influential. If we are called to be the Lord's then He's calling us to deny ourselves and take up the cross.

Paul Cohen: "Like Peter and his brother Andrew."

Victor Hafichuk: "Peter and John you mean?"

Paul Cohen: "Both brothers John and James. The Lord called them and they left the net."

Victor Hafichuk: "Right, and then Peter and John. They were preaching and the authorities said we've told you not to preach in this Name. What are you doing? Peter answered and said "You decide for yourself whether you should obey man or God. We're doing what God is telling us to do."

Paul Cohen: "Amen."

Kelechi: "Can I ask a question? This is Kelechi by the way. So, in light of what you're saying, there's times when I think to myself I would just love to run away and just run away from family friends and everyone and start over and do my best to follow the Lord. I guess in light of what you're saying don't we have to wait until we're called?"

Victor Hafichuk: "What are you doing here if you're not called, Kelechi? What are you doing here if you're not called? If you're being here isn't being called, what is? Are you expecting a booming voice and lightning bolt? You're here. The Lord's brought you here. You're not here for nothing. You're not here because you decided to. You're not here because Dennison may have mentioned us or invited you. The Lord's brought you here and that's a calling.

Paul Cohen: "You're hearing the truth. You can't turn the clock back on hearing the truth. You act or you don't act on it."

Victor Hafichuk: "These kinds of situations I approach with some fear and trepidation. Maybe that's wrong of me. Maybe that's fainthearted of me. But I believe that I just received a witness, Kelechi, that you need to pack it in. You're there by your mother's wishes and desires. Your parents' wishes and desires. But the Lord has other ideas and other direction. There's the world's will. There's your will. There's their will. And there's the Lord's will. Now I want you to consider that carefully in case I err.

Kelechi: “So what should I do? I mean I don’t have a problem dropping out and doing what needs to be done. I just don’t know what to do. Do I stay here? Do I move out? Where do I go?”

Victor Hafichuk: “I don’t know. The details will be taken care of. The Lord will just open and close doors. He’ll show you what you need to do. But you need to know from Him. You can’t just take my word for it. Now if people here are receiving a witness that this is not Victor speaking or his notion but the Lord’s then they should speak up and say so.

If they don’t have a witness it doesn’t mean that they’re wrong. It doesn’t mean that they’re in disagreement. They just haven’t received a witness. And just because they haven’t received a witness doesn’t mean they don’t have a relationship with the Lord or that they’re somehow out of tune necessarily.

The reason I speak this kind of thing fearfully is because I know it’s impacting your life and can be very significant. And why are we here if we’re not significantly impacting lives? We have to tell people that they need to forsake wives, children, houses, lands, whatever. All those disciples. Paul just brought up an example of where they just dropped their nets and left their father with the fishing business and said, “Dad, we have to go. The Messiah of Israel is calling us.””

Kelechi: “If I could be honest and candid for just a quick moment. I don’t have anything at all. I don’t have any friends. I don’t have any relationship with my family so I am like so like not resistant at all. I don’t know how much I can express that. It’s just a matter of knowing what to do. You know like, I will leave. I don’t have any problem whatsoever. The Lord’s already brought me to this place of pure isolation and desolation. I don’t have any money. I don’t talk to anyone. I don’t go anywhere. I wake up, go to school, come home, read The Path of Truth, go to sleep. That’s my day in and day out. So, I would love, I would love to be told where to go and what to do at this point and to know it and to follow it because I don’t have anything anymore. There’s nothing left for me to forsake. It’s already gone.”

Victor Hafichuk: “I hear you. But you’re not going to be at peace unless you know for yourself what you need to do. I can’t tell you what to do. I can only tell you what I’m given if I’m hearing correctly. I don’t know. Does anybody have a witness of this?”

Diana Laumbach: “Hi Victor, this is Diana, I believe I do.”

Victor Hafichuk: “Okay.”

Sabine Smit: “I don’t know if it was a witness, but I had a feeling that it wasn’t going to happen in the two weeks that Kelechi’s waiting to see where it goes. My feeling was that it wasn’t going to happen for him to continue.”

Paul Cohen: “I agree. He needs to sit it out and work it out there. He’s been in this process with his family and I don’t think running away right now is the answer. I’m not saying he shouldn’t leave. The feeling of running away is not where it’s at for him. He needs to face this whole thing and see it to completion. Not the school I’m talking about but this whole issue with his family.”

Victor Hafichuk: “Which is what?”

Paul Cohen: “They’re pressing him to go to school and he’s been engaged with them and the question of whether they’re financing him or not and what’s going to happen. He needs to face that and deal with that in faith and whatever the Lord has for him. Like you said he needs to know for himself what to do there. I know that when the Lord was calling me I was just finished with school. No one needed to tell me that. It wasn’t where it was at for me. I couldn’t stay there any longer. Like you said he needs to know for himself what to do and what decision to make. But I believe that it isn’t in school. I believe that’s from the Lord.

Victor Hafichuk: “The educational system today, not that the Lord can’t work through it or around it or manipulate anything, it’s corrupt and people are getting into huge traps, financial traps, getting deeply into debt to get their education. That’s not right. The Bible tells us not to owe man anything. Get out of debt. Pay what you owe. And you don’t go listening to people who are telling you to get into debt. If they want you to do something and it’s going to cost and we’re talking a ticket down the road, well it’s easy to talk but they ought to be paying for it, otherwise they shouldn’t say anything. I don’t care if it’s parents. I don’t care who it is.

Kelechi: “I’ve actually had bitterness about the situation for the past few weeks because I’ve literally been telling myself exactly what you’re saying. My mother has been pushing and fighting for me to go to school and it’s like I’m having conversations with myself like, “Then why don’t you pay it? I’m the one who’s going to have to pay this for the next 30-40 years and you’re screaming for me to go to school but now you don’t want to help pay for it. If you’re not going to lend a helping hand to your instruction or advice then you probably shouldn’t speak at all. And you probably

shouldn't be giving me that advice at all if you're not going to do anything to help with it. And that's literally been the same conversation I've been having with myself for the past 2-3 weeks and I'm frustrated because she promised, "Yeah, I'll help you, just get back into school. Pay out of your pocket. Do all these things. The whole reason why I'm listening is because I've been disobedient my whole entire life. I've had a troubled upbringing. I've struggled in everything I did. I finally caught my stride and found out that God was blessing me in the realm of computers because I failed at everything in life, everything. There's nothing I've ever succeeded at and computers were the only thing that actually allowed me to work a job and make money and it was the one thing I was successful at so she really wanted me to go to school and do all that. I've never obeyed her in anything she's ever told me. So, this is like the one time where I said, "Let me stop being a disobedient child. Let me honor my mother and try to listen to her and that's when I got back into school. Now that I'm in school thinking I'm doing the right thing all the help that she's promised has been insufficient. And I've had to do it all by myself. Out of three semesters I spent about \$20,000.00 and she only contributed about \$1,500.00 which is like a class and a half and I'm telling her that's not enough. I need more help than that. This isn't a joke. This isn't a game, so....

Victor Hafichuk: "If she's asking you to go into debt let her explain how you guys will handle it instead of just diving in not knowing or paying attention to how shallow the water is or what's in it... based on the world's faith, "Well somehow it'll work out." That's not based on the Lord's word. So, there you go. I'm saying what has come to me."

Kelechi: "Thank you so much. I really appreciate it. I definitely needed it. I'll talk to her as soon as she gets back and we'll see how these next two weeks go."

Victor Hafichuk: "Paul is right too. No running. You don't go running from trouble. You just do the right thing."

Kelechi: "Okay."

Victor Hafichuk: "You don't move with a negative motivation."

Paul Cohen: "The Lord will make it apparent. He will make the way where there is no way."

Victor Hafichuk: "This is not about escaping. This is about doing right."

