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Introduction

Every day has a lesson hidden in it. We can only draw it out if we are patient enough to look closely! Our pains can become a point of thanksgiving. Our smiles can become another's push for another mile.

What do you gain reading this devotional? There should at least be a practical thought that can make your day productive.

The story should lift your spirit. The letters should come to life. You can spot where you are in the middle of a simple story. But more, you can spot who you will be at the end of a thought.

I simply want to be a part of your story-
See you smile when you would normally frown;
See you grow instead of standing on a spot;

See you choose what is right without a fear of what might go wrong;
See you pursue life with a cause just like Christ who died on the Cross;

See you read up God's love letter to you as you beam with smiles each day;
See you love your dear ones and dare your limitations and obstacles;

See you run this race to end while taking each day with grace;
See you when time ceases to count and give you a high five that we finished the race with Joy!

I write because I love God and I love you.

Do not forget! The Compass Devotional is not a substitute to your Bible Study. It is only a complement of it.

The Lord bless you and multiply you all around.

Feedback

God bless the day(March 10th 2023) I stumbled on your tweet on - "THOSE YOU DROP THE STANDARD FOR". Thank You Sir for giving out value for FREE. I was so blessed that I quickly followed, screenshotted the tweets and clicked the link to join the WhatsApp group.

When I noticed you drop the daily devotional, I was so happy that I began sharing on my status, and to my siblings group.

People would read and enter my DM, thanking me for posting, sharing lessons gleaned and how blessed they are.

Even my class representative, when I was in school, had to add me to his group and asked that I share the daily devotional with them. God is using you Sir to bless lives. Keep up the good work.

How you begin each devotional with captivating stories with spiritual instructions, especially the ones about you and your Beloved "Irewamiri" - I love Godly marriages and homes. God Bless you, Sir. When I saw the link to download COMPASS, my joy knew no bounds. Every morning, I look forward to what God has to say to me through you. Keeps me wondering how Lawyers become great Ministers of God. Thank you for answering and honouring the CALL OF GOD on your life.

More Grace, fresh anointing and fresh fire upon you Sir! God bless you for me.

- CHISOMAGA, ABUJA

I look forward to the devotional every morning because each message has been refreshing and instructive. The first time I shared it on my WhatsApp status, someone pleaded that I keep sharing it. Just last week, someone else chatted me up and told me the devotional I share has been a great blessing to her. Well done, sir. The Lord bless you and the ministry. His grace abounds towards you. You will not run dry. I pray Kingdom financiers (including me) arise to support this.

- JUSTINA OYEDEJI, ILE-IFE, OSUN STATE

To the glory of God, the devotional is relatable and very practical. It has really kept me in check. Especially the one entitled " Why do you have to check it? It's a blessing.

TGod bless you, Pastor.

- MICHAEL, GHANA

Thank you so much sir for what God has blessed us with through you. It has been an amazing journey. I started reading from someone's status, got your link, and started posting on my status as well for others to see I posted late one day and someone noticed.

It's been a good journey for me, with so much wisdom and depth. God bless you, sir! They come with relatable stories and lessons from each day. I can't get enough of them. God bless and increase you, sir!

- TOLULOPE, IBADAN

I usually read the devotional on my friend's WhatsApp status, and then as I was reading one day, I saw a link to join the WhatsApp group on the flier. I have been so blessed by the devotional and nuggets too. One of your posts came timely last week, I was in a very bad place and didn't know what to do, your write-up was the answer I needed. Thank you Pastor for writing these devotionals in a way that I could relate with. Thanks for the graphic titles and stories too. God bless and strengthen you sir. Thank you for yielding to God sir.

- ESTHER AMOS, ENUGU

I got to know you from Twitter just a few months ago. The devotionals on marriage have made me get a different perspective on marriage and my roles therein. Not yet married, but believing to be soon, and I'm going to be the best wife to my husband.

- DESIRE, UGANDA

I've been following you for a while now and your content captivated me. My walk with God improved when I started reading them. I always look forward to reading them as it has become part of my bible study. God has really really helped me and I'm blessed. A close friend of mine also testify to knowing you from his days in Eruwa(poly) and he testified that you are a child of God and he also loves your content. I have been posting since day one and my contacts have been greatly blessed. God bless you, sir. More grace and unction to function in Jesus' mighty name. May you continue to be on fire for the Lord. May your marriage continue to be sweeter and sweeter in Jesus' name

- INIOLUWA, OGBOMOSHO, OYO STATE

Feedback

After my morning prayers, this devotional is my next activity and I always share the image version of it on my WhatsApp status and it has been blessing lives.

One of the days, I just felt like not sharing it, after some hours that morning, some persons on my contact list messaged me asking for the devotional of the day. In their words, it has been blessing them too. I felt so fulfilled that day and I also shared the group link to some of them.

Most times the devotional speaks directly to what I am going through personally and as a family with my wife. Sometimes I and my wife always end up our morning conversations with the message of the day from ATOM devotional.

May God continue to bless and enrich you and your wife and also grant you all your heart desires for the family and your ministry in Jesus' Name, Amen.

- JEREMIAH UGWULEBO, PORTHARCOURT

Your messages have blessed me in no small way sir, I'm someone that has battled with unforgiveness/anger for a long time, although the Holy Spirit to a good extent, has curbed me and cut out the excesses over time. I read a particular devotional where you addressed unforgiveness, saying the devil always come around those who have his package. I made a resolution from that instant, and it has become my favorite daily quote - (offences will always come, but I choose not to be offended, I don't keep the package of the devil). Since then, I let go of hurt easily.

Not just the forgiveness aspect, I have gotten encouragement countless times from the devotional, that sometimes I just keep scrolling through to re-read them. I also post on my WhatsApp status some times, and I get amazing replies from my viewers.

Thank you so much sir. You're a blessing!

- REBECCA OSEYI, EDO STATE

I am Marie Laurel from cameroon. I love and appreciate the way God used you to speak especially to me everyday. It has been doing much good to me at all times and making my crooked really straight. More grace to you sir.

- MARIE LAUREL, CAMEROON

This devotional has really been a blessing. After my quiet time, the next thing I check out for on my phone, is the devotional. I have also been sharing and my sisters and a lot of my contact list are part of the devotional community.

Every devotional always comes with power and as though they are written to address every season in my walk with the Lord.

Thank you Pastor and Mummy for this impact. The Lord keep you and may His anointing over your life keep increasing. Amen!

- NANCY GABRIEL, NASARAWA

The content from the devotional goes beyond here, I share and post on my status as a way of spreading the gospel. I enjoy the relatable stories and it is very relevant to present days as well as historical and biblical, honestly holistic.

Thank you so much Sir

- OPE POPOOLA, UNITED KINGDOM

Thank you for the wonderful devotionals that you do send to us every morning. Sincerely speaking, each devotional relates to my life in one way, and I am happy because I get answers from the devotionals and also directions. I thank God for bringing you my way. And I pray that God will continue to anoint you and your oil shall never run dry. God bless you and the ministry tremendously, sir. Thank you very much.

- OLUWABUSOLAMI, LAGOS

Pastor Temiloluwa and everyone working with you, thank you for your consistency in delivering the word through this devotional. I came across your tweets and everytime I read, I would be encouraged. I am encouraged to also start sharing the image version of the devotionals with my contacts.

- DUDLEY CHIDZIVA, ZIMBABWE

This devotional has been a great blessing to me and those around me. It is like my daily manna. Thank you for yielding to God, thank you, sir; for sharing your life experiences and how you react to them by the help of the holy Spirit to instruct us. More of God's insight and grace.

- PATRICIA, ABUJA



WISDOM AND HONOUR; CANCELS DELAY

Text: Ephesians 6:2-3 NKJV

"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

He came to me right after a meeting with a seed to give to me. I had a prompt to ask, "When last did you send anything to your parents?" He was surprised. He said, "It has been a while". "Do you send them things regularly?" I queried. He said, "I only do when they ask". I told him, "Send this seed to them".

He thanked me. He obeyed the instruction. The next day, he came back smiling. There was an issue that he had been discussing with his parents without making any headway at all. Now, his parents raised the issue and began to make positive moves about it after almost a year. The delay was cancelled. The matter was resolved. Why? He began to show honour.

Dishonour can be the reason for the delay in life and destiny. When things are not well with you, you must check whether you have been walking in honour or dishonour.

"Honour your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Ephesians 6:2-3 NKJV

Look around you now: Are you at the level you desire? Is all well with you? If not, kindly check your heart and confirm if you honour your parents.

The blessing of parents is a door opener in life. Jacob, on his death bed, called his sons together and said to them:

Then Jacob called for his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves [around me] that I may tell you what will happen to you and your descendants in the days to come."

Genesis 49:1 AMP

When Jacob was leaving home, Isaac blessed him:

May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you so that you may

become a [great] company of peoples. May He also give the blessing of Abraham to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the [promised] land of your sojournings, which He gave to Abraham."
Genesis 28:3-4 AMP

This was the testimony of Jacob years later: I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me, your servant. When I left home and crossed the Jordan River, I owned nothing except a walking stick. Now my household fills two large camps!
Genesis 32:10 NLT

When he left home, all he had was a waking stick. Now, his household has multiplied. It can fill two large camps. What a testimony.

Deal with your parents with wisdom and honour. Do not despise the blessing on their lips. Provoke it with your conduct as a son and a daughter. Send them gifts periodically.

When Jacob saw the cargo of gifts that Joseph sent from Egypt, the soul of Israel was revived. Good news and generosity lift the souls. Try it! You will hear some prayers that you did not know were there.

May the Lord bless you.
May honour colour you.
May you be fruitful.

CONFESSION

I am a vessel unto honour; I always honour my parents. I am blessed in the land of the living.

DAY 02

HOW ABOUT THE MAN IN GLASSES WHO VISITS YOU?

Text: Proverbs 4:23 AMP

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life."

I have a dear friend I adopted as a sister many years ago. I would visit her and the family. They had her Grandma living with them. I became a part of the family.

When she brought her man to the house to introduce him to her grandmother, grandma was confused and asked, "How about the man in glasses who comes here often." She smiled and said, "Temiloluwa is my brother". We are still a huge family today.

Definition saves you from much explanation. When things are defined, it brings in the ease of function also. Many people have gotten into an emotional mess because they did not define their actions.

A brother keeps posturing around a sister. He wakes her up with a text message and sends her to bed with another one aside from the random "Have you eaten" during the day?

He escorts her to the salon and drives her sometimes from work. You even use endearments in your communication. She is not only your "bestie" or a best female friend. You call her "Sweetheart".

Definition saves you from explanation. She hopes you will pop the question for the day, but you keep leading her on. My brother, that is manipulation. It is witchcraft.

Sister, if you have such a man hanging around you for months without express intention, do not act under any assumption. Assume he is only a friend before he puts you into an emotional mess.

A broken friendship is better than a presumed courtship. Be bold. Walk away.

All things must be done decently and in proper order. Do not let anyone's disorganization affect your own emotions.

Let all things be done decently and in order. I Corinthians 14:40 NKJV

Young men, do not cross the lines. Keep your friendship with the opposite sex pure and plain. Do not send out mixed signals.

The Lord bless you and your posterity.

CONFESSION

I deal with relationships with wisdom. I am not caught in the web of assumptions. I keep and guard my heart with all diligence.



TAKE LITTLE OPPORTUNITIES SERIOUSLY

Text: Luke 16:10 NLT

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

During my service year, I was a student at the Insight Christian Leadership School. It was a full month of training school. We had a daily roster for leading prayer and giving exhortation.

Coincidentally, the day I gave the exhortation of 10 minutes was the day of the General Pastors Meeting for the ministry. All pastors from various branches were around at the headquarters. I shared as I was led but did not know a greater assignment was coming.

The following Sunday, when I stepped into the second service, one of the tutors in school and the Resident Pastor of the church walked up to me to inform me that I would share the same exhortation in service that morning. I froze. I asked God for help. It changed my story in my service year.

It is still true that faithfulness and seriousness with little things qualify you for greater things. If you take little things for granted, no one will be confident to commit greater things to your hands.

Jesus showed us through clear teachings and parables that; faithfulness with little things is a major qualifier for greater things. No one will grant you authority at a higher level when you fail to serve at a lower level.

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much, and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?
Luke 16:10, 12 NKJV

What qualified David for greater opportunity? It was faithfulness in taking care of his father's sheep. The skill he showed and the heart with which he did something as simple as leading animals and caring for them attracted God to David. Of all things- how can managing and caring for animals be a criterion for kingship?

It was not about the animals really- it was the faithfulness of his heart, the integrity of his heart and the skillfulness of his hands. God saw the raw material of a kingly attitude and knew David would serve well.

He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.
Psalms 78:70-72 NKJV

How do you treat physical tasks? Are you serious about how you take care of your room, kitchen or your clothes? How do you relate with others? God's spotlight can be on you.

Saul was serious about life. He was zealous but very detailed. When he became an Apostle, he did not lose his seriousness. He fired on with the same zeal.

Are you serious about life?
Do you take things with levity?
Are you careless with words?
Are you careless in conduct?
God and Men are watching!

Do not use your hands and conduct to shut yourself out of greater opportunities and divine rewards.

CONFESSION

I am not an opportunity waster. I am faithful in little tasks. I am faithful in greater tasks. I cultivate the habit of diligence.



WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THERE IS A DELAY? (1)

Text: Hebrews 10:36 NKJV

"For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise..."

I wonder what was going through the mind of Joseph as they walked him into the prison- "God, is this my dream? This is not what I saw". As the doors shut down the light from outside, Joseph must have had to draw light from within.

What do you do when there is a delay?

- Make sure you wait for God!
- I wish I could say that a thousand times. Alternatives lengthen the journey.
- Wait in worship.
- Watch your attitude.
- Follow divine initiatives.
- Submit to training.

The disciples made this mistake at a point. "That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum." John 6:16-17 NLT

Sometimes, when you are waiting for God, darkness will fall. Don't be in a hurry to take things into your hands. Without God, you will run into a storm.

"Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough." John 6:18 NLT

It never takes long before we realise the folly of our haste. Don't marry in a hurry. Don't scream, "I am 30. I will have to settle for anyone now". Stop that. Do not walk into a storm.

Whatever you start by effort will be sustained by effort. Your mind is too small

to navigate the path where the Spirit of God should take the lead.

The disciples kept moving for three miles. They struggled in the storms. Nothing changed until they saw Jesus.

No matter how stormy it is, Jesus will always come for you. He will never leave you even when you did not wait for Him. But you have a role to play also: Get him back into your boat.

"Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!" John 6:21 NLT

Did you see that? The moment Jesus was back in the boat, the storms were irrelevant, they did not toil at rowing again. Immediately, they arrived at their destination.

Stop struggling with the storms. Get Jesus back in the boat. Be humble enough to ask Him for help. You cannot do it by yourself.

CONFESSION

I wait patiently for the promise. I ride over the storm of life. I will be still and know that He is God.

DAY 05

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THERE IS A DELAY? (2)

Text: Habakkuk 2:3 NLT

"This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."

One of the things that a believer must handle wisely is delay. Delays can lead to discouragement and discouragement can lead to bad decisions. So, what should I do when there is a delay?

1.) Be sure you are not misinterpreting the season.

Moses was on the mount taking instructions for the Israelites. They were right there at the base of the mountain misinterpreting Moses's dealing with God as a delay that they could not bear.

2.) Do not let haste make you lay down your gold for idols.

God; while giving Moses the template for the building of the tabernacle told him that the first thing the people would give would be "gold".

"Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart, you shall take My offering. And this is the offering which you shall take from them: GOLD, silver, and bronze.

Exodus 25:2-3 NKJV

Unfortunately, the people were already laying down their gold as raw materials for idols.

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods

that shall go before us... And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me...And he received the gold from their hand...and made a moulded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" Exodus 32:1-4 NKJV

Every time the devil succeeds in making you interpret divine workings and dealings as a delay, be rest assured that he is already stealing something from you.

In the name of Jesus, whatever is in your hands that heaven will use to produce a lasting impact in your generation will not be hijacked by the devil for his own agenda.

Do not forget, if the devil succeeds in telling you divine working and dealing is a delay, he is already stealing your gold

CONFESS I O N

I do not lose my guard in trying times. I will not exchange my God-given treasures for idols. I wait patiently to receive and enjoy the promise.

DAY 06

THE DAY I SPILLED PEPPER

Text: Hebrews 12:17 NIV

"Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done."

Mum called me that afternoon and sent me to get her some pepper. I was to blend it also. It was some distance from the house. I went to my childhood friend to borrow his bicycle for the assignment.

I got the pepper and secured it to the carrier on the bicycle. It was a smooth journey home. I returned the bike and carried the pepper home.

As I got to the door of the house, the unexpected happened- the handle of the container pulled off. All I had worked hard to deliver spilt to the floor in the twinkling of an eye right at the door. I was in shock. I was confused. I was pained. It was a wasted effort. To date, I rarely carry things by the handle along. I exercise caution and would rather carry the whole container rather than pull by the handle.

A lot of people are great starters but many are strong finishers. There is no season of life that you must become slack with assignments that God has given to you.

You have an assignment to manage your life by guarding your heart and making divinely aligned decisions. Do not be slack about it. When David became slack, he exposed his home to strange things- rape, murder and rebellion became the order of the day.

When Gehazi became slack, greed overtook him and he passed on leprosy to his generation down the line.

Listen! Take your life, your home and your calling seriously. Do not carry any of it with levity. Always remember that it takes time to build, but one moment of carelessness can ruin all you have laboured for.

Listen! Take heed to what God has committed into your hands. Carelessness can lead to huge losses. Carry it with all sense of caution and care. Do not slack until you deliver on destiny. Do not reduce your sense of diligence until you get "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Men who make careless decisions always lose the

trophies of destiny. Do not joke with relationships in your life that will not allow you to drop the ball. Appreciate teachers and pastors who would not allow you to slack in destiny.

Take no pride in living life on your terms. David never corrected Adonijah. When he desired the throne, he went for it on his own terms. He lost the throne and also lost his life. Do not be careless with life.

God can never commit great kingdom matters to careless men. One of the reasons why God chose Mary to carry Jesus must have been the heart of Joseph.

Joseph was not careless sexually. He was not found inappropriately handling Mary. God could trust him. He was serious.

Joseph was not careless with information. Even when Mary said she was pregnant, he had not started calling family and friends. He could hold his tongue.

Joseph was not careless with divine instructions. He will never hesitate to obey. When Herod sought to kill Jesus, God needed a serious Joseph to be there to obey all instructions promptly. God still has Jesus' Agenda to run in our generation, but can he commit it into your hands? Would you carry it with levity and not waste all that heaven committed into your hands?

Be serious till you deliver.

Be serious till you get "Well done. Good and faithful servant".

Be serious.

CONFESSION

I will not spill God's investments upon my life. I walk circumspectly. I am not careless. I will deliver to my generation.

DAY 07

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO CHECK IT?

Text: Psalm 1:1 NKJV

*"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful."*

I saw a post referring to a situation that involved some indecent exposure and nudity. Instantly, I became inquisitive to know what the matter was and who was involved. As I proceeded to the search option to begin my investigative journey, the Holy Spirit stepped in and asked, "Why do you have to check it?"

I realized I was just being inquisitive. At the same time, I realized that checking it added no value to my soul in any way. As a matter of fact, I would surely come out of my "research" worse off than I got in. I dumped the idea and ran away.

It is an age-long strategy of the devil to use man's craving for "news" and the news to trap man in sin. If you do not kill that craving that wants to get to the root of suggestive headlines, you will soon become the prey of the strange woman.

Let's break it down: There are times that there are headlines of sexual misconduct and there are video shreds of evidence all over the internet or there is a reality show where some sexually explicit act happened and it begins to trend and as a believer you just want to see so you can then speak against it, you have only weaponized sin and turned the gun on yourself. All that Dinah said was, "I want to confirm what is trending. Let me go see the babes of the land". Restlessness met restlessness and gave birth to abominable conduct. (Gen. 34:1-3).

You do not have to taste poison to give an accurate analysis of poison and its components but you are too smart to trust scriptural findings and submission about sin because you have a scientific mind. Be careful.

Scientist David already told you by his findings that if you follow that inquisitive track and you want to see more to Bathsheba rather than pick race after the headlines, you will weaponize

grief and sorrow in your own home. But you do not trust the findings of Prof. David Jesse!

Prof. Samson already had given forensic evidence that your inquisitive mind that finds rest in Delilah's bosom and returns to say "But I did not do anything" will soon be captured by the enemy and all virtue will be drained. You think his research is outdated so you must watch the explicit content to be able to analyse the sinfulness of it. You will soon be crying for restoration of a lost virtue.

Your teacher is the Holy Spirit. When your mind can slide into the pit of deceit. He reaches out to you and raises a standard with the red flag (of "?") but you would rather get into the pit to confirm the depth.

God is not impressed with how much you dance around sin but with how far you run from it. Stop justifying nonsense. Stop weaponizing sin. Stop explaining away the pitfalls.

What do you gain eventually? Nothing. You have only consumed junk that poisons your heart and contaminates your journey.

Do you know the recommendation of Prof. Paul to his student Timothy? He said when you see sexual sin and suggestions of it, simply flee! Will you follow their findings or do you want to taste poison?

CONFESSION

I am not lured into bondage by inquisitions. I guard my heart and spirit jealously. My vessel will not be contaminated by sin.

DAY 08

DO NOT MANAGE A DEAD BATTERY

Text: Jude 1:20 KJV

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost."

For some weeks, my car battery kept giving tell-tale signs of weakness. There were times I used the battery of another car to get it going. It then worked perfectly all day. But once it was left overnight, it would not start in the morning. I would need another car battery to get it going again.

At a point, I needed to start and run the engine every hour so it does not disappoint when I needed it. Well! It still disappointed me. I left the car and bought a new battery. All that problem was over in a moment.

Beloved, there is the place of corporate prayer, corporate study, corporate waiting on the Lord and corporate service. They have their advantage but if you do not have a personal prayer altar, you will keep depending on others to run your faith and sustain your Christian walk.

If the finest you can pray is when you pray with a group of people, it is fine for a start but not sufficient for the long haul. Thank God for the several one-hour prayer time with men of God but if that is all you do in prayer, it is not enough. It should help you ignite a personal walk with God. Thank God for the several devotionals but if that is all you read, it is not enough. It is only needed to push you into a personal study of God's Word.

There is the corporate flow of our Christian walk that we must never take for granted but the corporate flow was never designed to replace the personal and private flow. If it does, your faith journey will be weakened.

When a teacher gives you examples, it is to help you with the homework and examinations of life. During the examination of life, you will be left to answer the questions. Excuses will

not suffice then.

Your tests will be personal. The same wind and storm that came for the house built on the rock came for the house built on sand. You cannot start making adjustments when the tests begin.

Your tests will not consider your preparation. It will cover all of God's expectations for you. If you do not measure up, it would not be God's fault, it will be your non-preparedness. Listen! When you fall into the temptation of the devil, and you fail the test of God and get caught in the provocation of men, you need to check your walk and growth in the things of God.

Are you managing a dead battery?

Do you need others to jumpstart your spiritual walk?

Why don't you invest in growth today?

That way, in a corporate flow, you will not just be a consumer of miracles but a contributor of divine things.
Be blessed.

CONFESS I O N

I invest in building a personal altar. My altar of prayer comes alive. I am strengthened to tarry in the place of prayer.

DAY 09

"DADDY, IS THIS YOUR SPONGE?"

Text: Matthew 6:24 NKJV

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Olive walked up to me in the living room and said, "Daddy, your sponge is in your bathroom". She held on to a sponge that looked just like mine. I told her it was not mine. "Daddy, who is the owner?" was the next question. I responded that I was not sure.

I told her to return it to their bathroom since we did not know who owned it. By the time I got to my bathroom, the sponge was right there beside mine. She had taken it to my bathroom instead. Now there was a challenge- I did not know which one was mine. Irewamiri even tried to help but we were confused.

Since we were confused and unsure of which sponge was mine and we did not know we owned the other one, we decided to discard the two while I got a new sponge to use.

I told Irewamiri that "This is what God meant when he said, 'Because you were neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth'. We took a deep sigh.

In destiny, beware of mixtures that dilute, corrupt and make your identity as a Christian doubtful. If we have to be asking whether indeed you are a believer, there is already a problem.

Surprisingly, believers are struggling hard to appear worldly, talk worldly and act worldly. When the instrument that should set the standard is faulty, there is already a problem.

Dear sisters, your cleavage is meant for the man you have cleaved to and not a cinema for the ones who have no marital covenant with you in any way. Stop trying to explain away the mixture, go to the altar and get sanctified.

Beware of mixtures that destroy. When the Israelites were attacked by Balak and Balaam, the divination did not stand because there was no mixture. But the moment, the daughters of land began to creep into the camp of the Israelites, the nation imploded. Sin weakens you. Mixtures weaken your defence. Hear what God said again:

'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold (invigorating, refreshing) nor hot (healing, therapeutic); I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm (spiritually useless) and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth [rejecting you with disgust]. Revelation 3:15 – 16 AMP

Did you see what lukewarmness is? Spiritual uselessness.

May we remain useful.

CONFESSION

I will not suffer the tragedy of mixtures. I stand for purity. My destiny is not contaminated. I am fervent in spirit.

DAY 10

THE WEIGHT OF MISTAKES

Text: 1 Chronicles 5:1 KJV

"Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright"

A dear father who is active in missions and church planting in unreached terrains shared a story that has not left my mind. It happened in one of the villages where he went to plant a church.

While he was preaching one evening with the help of an interpreter, a lady in the audience who could not control herself any longer screamed out and was talking to him right in the middle of a teaching. When he requested to know what she said, it was such a heavy statement. She said:

"Our lives have been destroyed before you came. Where have you been?"
What a weight!

Let me start by praying for you: May you not make mistakes that can no longer be corrected. May you have an early baptism of the awareness of destiny. May it not be too late before you wake up.

The generation that came out from Egypt needed just 11 days to move from Mount Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea. Just at the entrance to a new season, they misbehaved. A journey of 11 days took 40 years and the death of a whole generation (Deut. 1). May you not make mistakes that you cannot correct.

This one is tough. Do you know Moses recorded how he went to plead with God over the error of striking the rock rather than speaking to it? Do you know how that time out with God ended:

"Please let me cross the Jordan to see the wonderful land on the other side, the beautiful hill country and the Lebanon mountains."
"But the Lord was angry with me because of you, and he would not listen to me. 'That's

enough!' he declared. 'Speak of it no more.'" Deuteronomy 3:25-26 NLT

God told Moses to take a look at the Promised Land and then asked him to commission Joshua to take over the work from him.

The young Prophet made the error of resting at the wrong time and a greater error of following the old Prophet contrary to God's instruction. His life and ministry ended the same day he came into national limelight (1 Kings 13)

May you not make mistakes that you cannot correct. May the Lord spare you from errors that limit a man in life.

Do not allow the devil to load your life with troubles and then give you a bad attitude. He will keep you imprisoned for life. A bad attitude is the devil's prison guard for men in the cell of sin.

Finally, if you are a believer, there is something in your hands and your life that you must not deny your world. There are people who are waiting for you to shine the light. Stop playing games. Destiny is calling.

CONFESSION

My place will not be missing in destiny. I will not suffer the tragedy of uncorrectable mistakes. I awake to the demands of my destiny.

DAY 11

MASTER THIS IF YOU WILL AMOUNT TO ANYTHING IN LIFE...

Text: Daniel 1:8 NIV

"But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way."

One of the things I wouldn't say I liked while growing up was the annual twenty-one days fast. As a pastor's child, it was our annual convention month. We were encouraged to fast. Well! It is not as though there would be cooked food anyway. It was always tough, so I came up with a "strategic fasting plan." As a teenager, the food was more important than anything else.

My first option was our neighbour's house. They always had some loaves of bread to snack on in their kitchen. While playing there, I would have eaten at least a full meal of bread with butter.

My second option was the ever-available and reliable ally- "Garri". I would pour some in my pocket and then stroll from the house. I made sure I pulled the last grain from my pocket.

When we get to church in the evening, you must find a way to appear like you also fasted, but you knew you did not.

First, anyone who would amount to anything in life must be able to master his appetite. Daniel mastered his appetite in Babylon. He would not just consume the king's delicacies- it was real food at the start, promotions and gifts were shared with others while he stayed content, and he turned down a great part of the Kingdom. If you will go far, dethrone 'King Stomach'. Let the weight of your destiny mean more to you than the pangs of that temporal hunger.

It was food that became the trap for the

young prophet. The day he attained national prominence was also the day he was buried. Why? He went back to eat. Discipline your appetite. Brother, Sister, do not lose guard because you see food!

Second, God will always train a man for his future. I did not know then that I would end up in ministry. Now, I must take time to fast and pray. Do not let your emotions deny you your training. Fight that limitation.

Third, do not deceive yourself. If you stay in self-deception, the future will unravel your folly. The day of reckoning will always come, and your readiness will be revealed.

The day the disciples had to cast out a demon from a boy, they struggled with it and ended up asking Jesus the Lord why they struggled. His response was simple- "This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Build your spiritual muscles before the day you will need them. Why? If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

May you pass your tests! May I pass mine also!

CONFESSION

I am not ruled by my appetite. The Spirit of God rules me. I stay committed to training. I will not end up in a compromise.

DAY 12

HOW TO RECOVER LOST YEARS

Text: Hebrews 12:15 NLT

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many."

I was standing with an elderly person one day, and I learnt a priceless lesson from the words he said and what he left unsaid. He mentioned how he seemed to have lost grounds with his peers and how hard it was to connect with another generation. He said, "I just feel alone."

Those four words hit really deeply that day. He shared how his uncle went to an old classmate to seek a job for his son. He had to sit for hours and yet did not see the person. Again, the weight of the pain the uncle felt hit me.

If your mates travel faster than you in life, the first thing that you must fight is resentment. Resentment is a feeling of displeasure at something that is regarded as wrong. It comes out with strange tones like, "God only helped or glorified that lazy person" (It is deeper when written in the Yoruba language) or "Be careful of rich people. Who knows what they are doing. The root of wealth is very messy".

If you realize that you are becoming resentful because your peers are making progress, you need to deal with your heart. Refuse the poison of resentment. It will disconnect you from your generation. You will become a lone ranger, but worse still, you will end up falling behind.

When Jesus told Peter about his assignment for him, Peter began to ask about John the beloved also. The answer of Jesus is very instructive.

When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to

you? You must follow me." John 21:21-22 NIV

What is that to you?

How does the progress of your friends affect you? Are you joyful or jealous? Even when you celebrate with your friends, are you doing it genuinely, or are you doing it as an incentive or suggestion to them to treat you the same way?

How do you recover lost years? First, be humble enough to learn from those who have gone ahead of you, even if they used to be your contemporaries. Rather than talk down on what they do, bend down in meekness so you can stand up with lessons that will usher you into greatness.

Meekness is a game changer. Do not say things like, "Where will I start from?" Or "Death is sweeter than shame." Do not allow the devil to interpret the process that will help your life as a shameful decision. If it will help your destiny, never be ashamed of it.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
Psalm 147:6 KJV

Are you trusting God for a turnaround? Embrace meekness! Be teachable. Stay humble.

CONFESSION

I do not wallow in the pit of resentment and bitterness. My heart rejoices at good things. I embrace meekness. I enter my season of turnaround.

DAY 13

GOD'S STANDARD IS HIGHER!

Text: 2 Timothy 2:19 NKJV

"Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'"

I was taking a walk with a brother one evening, and I had to confront him about why he was asking a lady that he had not even asked out whether she was still a virgin or not. He answered, "I cannot invest these years in keeping myself and then marry someone who did not do the same." I took a deep breath and wondered whether he understood the power of God's love and redemption.

First, virginity is not about the female gender alone. The male must also be accountable. Listen! God's standard is way higher than virginity. His standard is purity. There are "boasting saints" who have tried to keep their bodies pure but whose minds are so messed up.

A person committing the sins of the heart is pointing an accusing finger at the one committing the sins of the act. Do not be a hypocrite. Listen to our Lord, Jesus Christ:

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28 NIV

God's standard is way higher. Do not take pride in your standards. Lean in on God's grace. Every sinner has a future. Every saint had a past. We all met at the junction of God's Grace.

Second, if you keep pointing accusing fingers, you are not different from those Pharisees who dragged the woman who committed adultery to Jesus. When a sinner gets to the feet of Jesus Christ, the story changes. At the feet of Jesus, there is no condemnation but redemption. At the feet of Jesus Christ, there is no death but life. At the feet of Jesus, the

weight of the past is rolled away, and the joy of the future is credited to your account.

If you have indeed met Jesus Christ, you will not judge another believer by their past. You do not know them more than their saviour. Be like Ananias, like your arguments about Saul turn to obedience to the Lord. He has the latest on them.

If you have met Jesus Christ when the devil tries to use your past against you, have a good laugh! He is running out of new materials to fight with. He has to start digging. Remind the devil of his future.

If anyone has ever looked at you and shamed you because you have an unpalatable history, keep calm. Broken crayons can still be used to produce masterpieces. The lineage of Jesus Christ had:

Tamar slept with her two brothers and then got impregnated by her father-in-law.

Rahab, the nationally known prostitute.

Ruth, a stranger from the covenant.

Bathsheba (Can you imagine what her story will look like in the days of Twitter?)

Broken crayons can still colour!

There is no one who has been touched by the love of Christ who should ever point a finger of condemnation to another. Listen, beloved, God's standard is higher, and God's grace is richer.

CONFESSION

I receive grace to match up with God's divine standard. I am not an "accuser of the brethren." I am an encourager of righteousness.

DAY 14

PLEASING GOD: THE ULTIMATE GOAL!

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:9 NIV

"So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it."

There was an interesting night that we were having some difficulty resolving our disagreements. It was one of those nights that the atmosphere grew cold, and it seemed like it would remain that way.

Suddenly, we heard our neighbours' voices at the back of the house. We looked out and saw they were trying to kill a snake. I rushed for the car keys. Irewamiri came with me. We got into the car and drove to the back of the house. The car headlamps would be helpful.

Unfortunately, the huge snake escaped. We drove back home and resumed our silent wars. What an amazing couple we were; we could come together to deal with a snake outside our home, but we were willing to go to bed with our snakes right inside our house.

Your life is not just about putting up an appearance to men that all is going well with you or your marriage. The goal is to please God, especially when no one is watching also. Paul stated that if he was still trying to please men, he would not be a bondservant of Christ (Gal. 1:10)

Beloved, you are either trying to please men or walking and living to please the Lord. Your life is not made to prove a point but to please the Lord. Since you have been trying hard to prove a point to men, what have you gained? For instance, marriage is sweet when your "pepper-them-to-match" attire is not a covering for the pepper that is stinging you both hard at home. Kill the snake in the house. Stop living with "snake issues". Deal with that slippery issue. Knock it hard on the head. Do not let it eat you up.

By extension, beware of friendship that is generated because you have a common

enemy. It never lasts long. When the common enemy is eliminated, you become the enemy of one another. There are many friendships that are "common-enemy" motivated. Do not fall for that trap.

If you need a perfect description of this "enchantment or divination," look at this:

The armies of Moab and Ammon turned against their allies from Mount Seir and killed every one of them. After they had destroyed the army of Seir, they began attacking each other. 2 Chronicles 20:23 NLT

The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. 2 Chronicles 20:23 NIV

Do not kill external fires without quenching the fires at home. Do not become the devil's tool to destroy your own life or your marriage.

Thread with caution.

CONFESSION

*I tend the little fire that God ignites in me.
I am wearied by hurt or vengeance. I live to please the Lord.*

DAY 15

“LORD, WE STARTED CONFUSED”

Text: Psalm 1:1 NIV

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

I documented my journey with God and His call upon my life to serve in ministry beginning from Eruwa. I sent it to my dear pastor as I was leaving Akwa-Ibom State after my national youth service.

Pastor prayed for me as I went to bid him farewell. He said in prayer, “Lord, a lot of us started confused, but in the midst of it all, you brought us to clarity. Lord, bring your son to clarity”. I said Amen.

Dear one, there will be hidden realms on every journey of vision; therefore, every step must be taken by faith!

The writer of Hebrews painted Abraham’s journey of faith with some powerful words: It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8 NLT

Did you see that? Abraham went without knowing where he was going. That is probably very interesting. They would ask Abram, “So where are you relocating to?” He would say, “I don’t know. I only know I am on a journey”.

This is why we limit conversations on vision to the circle of those who can understand our dealings with God and give us the push even though we are not absolutely clear yet. It is a journey.

This initial step of faith is very essential. If you sit to do the SWOT analysis of your dealings at times, you will do nothing.

God asked a dear father once when they were about to embark on a huge project,

and he was worried:

“Has there been anything I asked you to do that you had all you needed before you started?” No, Lord!

Has there been anything I asked you to do that you started and did not complete? No, Lord!

Then the Lord asked him, “So why are you then worried? Go and get it started”. And that was all he needed.

Don’t abscond on an entire generation because of your analytical skills. Sometimes, you simply will not know, but you know the one who has instructed.

Sometimes, the cure to “I do not know” is to step out without knowing, and it gets clearer.

For those who are writing it all on paper, it is great, too. Faith does not negate planning but note that most times, what you see on the field will require dynamics that the notes you took in class cannot provide answers to. So, plan but also be audacious.

CONFESSIO N

My heart is strengthened to walk by faith. I take the steps of faith. I enjoy divine clarity. I will fulfil my destiny.

DAY 16

“MA, THIS IS NOT THE AMOUNT I REQUESTED”

Text: Psalm 121:2 NLT

“My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth!”

My friend shared a story of how a random woman showed up at their door and told his Mum that she wanted to see a Doctor. Well, she mentioned that she needed some financial assistance for her boy in school. He did not know her but went in to envelope an amount to support her.

A few minutes later, the woman returned and said to his mum, “Ma, where is that daddy?.” The mum asked if all was well. She replied, “Ma, he did not give me the amount I requested. The money is not complete.” The mum was in shock.

One of the things to kill is a sense of entitlement. Do not live your life like people owe you. There is a level when persistence begins to look like foolishness. No one owes you anything.

People who give you when you ask and when you do not are certainly doing their best. There are times they are giving you their last dime. You don’t know the season that people are in. Your perception may be wrong. Even if it is right, they do not owe you.

Gratitude is a virtue. Someone reached out to me once and asked to send a token. He sent me airtime of 200 Nigerian Naira. My God! I was so grateful for it. I did not thank him less than the person who gave me a ten thousand naira airtime. I was massively grateful when I realized he was a missionary in a small village. It touched me more.

If you know the story surrounding people’s gift to you, you will be humble. There was a day I was sitting beside my daughter in the hospital and helping out someone with a knotty police issue at the same time, yet someone else was still getting angry that I was ignoring

her request for help. I only smiled. Do not become entitled.

Entitlement is a trap that gets you into trouble. Adonijah had an entitlement mentality. Hear him:

Then he said, “You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their expectations on me, that I should reign. However, the kingdom has been turned over and has become my brother’s; for it was his from the Lord. Now I ask one petition of you; do not deny me.” And she said to him, “Say it.” Then he said, “Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife.”

1 Kings 2:15 – 17 NKJV

He had a sense of entitlement to the throne. He did not get it. He now wanted Abishag. Solomon read in between the lines. He gave him no room to ask for any other thing. That was his last request.

Adonijah should be grateful that he was still alive after an act of treason. He crossed the line with a sense of entitlement. He paid with his life.

Deal with entitlement mentality. Do not let it wreck you.

CONFESSION

I am not ruled by the mindset of entitlement. My supplies come from God through men. I am grateful for my little progress.

DAY 17

THE PRICE TO PAY FOR INTIMACY

Text: Psalm 42:1 NLT

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God"

That evening, after doing all I could to win back Irewamiri's attention, it was like nothing worked. I eventually left the room where she was at her request for some space. As I went to our room, the warmth was not there. I had to make a wise decision.

I followed a humbling instruction from the Holy Spirit. I took a duvet and laid it at the entrance of the room where she was. After a while, she stepped out of the room and was shocked to meet me at the door.

"Darling, what are you doing here? Please stand up; let's go to our room". I smiled and responded that even though she did not want me in her space, I wanted to stay close enough to pick her heartbeat. I could not afford to be far from her. That melted her.

Beloved, there is a price to pay for intimacy. You can choose a cold bed far away from intimacy while rolling around with an offended heart poisoned by the actions of your angry spouse, or you can wake up and fight for the warmth of your union, even if it means making the sacrifice of sleeping on a hard floor.

It is the same with our walk with God; you must be hungry enough to have a solid walk with God. This must drive you to leave the comfort of your bed long before dawn to the place of communion and devotion. Jesus did it. We must follow suit.

The next morning, Jesus got up long before daylight, left the house while it was dark,

and made his way to a secluded place to give himself to prayer. Mark 1:35 TPT

Never stay in a place that will hinder intimacy. Sometimes, you must deny yourself comfort to have sweet communion with the Lord.

There are days we do not even sleep in the room or on the bed so we can wake up to pray. There are days we do not even stay at home so we can retreat. Intimacy comes with a price.

When last did you do a three-day retreat away from your space? When last did you find a solitary place to seek His face?

Do you remember the days of the midnight call (popularly called Xtra Cool in Nigeria)?

Do you remember some of the prices/sacrifices you made that season? When last did you do a long hour all-night prayer call to God? Intimacy comes with a price. If you do not pay it, you cannot eat the fruit thereof!

Pay the price. Fight for the warmth between you and God, you and your spouse. Never let the altar gather ashes. Never! Blow the ashes away. Let the warmth emerge. Grace!

CONFESSION

I yield myself for the price of intimacy. My heart follows hard after God. I grow in my walk with God.

DAY 18

DEAR VISIONARY, DON'T LET EXHAUSTION DERAIL YOUR MISSION

Text: 1Kings 19:7 NLT

"Then the angel of the LORD came again and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you.'"

During one of our major projects in the ministry, a dear son reached out with a personal seed, saying that I needed to take some rest. I appreciated his gesture. What an amazing heart.

It was noted when he discovered that I did not take the break as discussed. He simply said, "I knew you would not take that break. I know your heart, sir". He told me afterwards that he would rather plan it and send the necessary details than send any cash. The "rest bonus" had a greater purpose to serve.

First, let me begin with a note of caution: A lot of visionaries have what I call the "pioneer's syndrome." Taking a break to rest almost looks like a sin. It feels like laziness taking a break. Till date, it feels the same way for me also. But listen, you must take care of the body that will deliver the message to your world. Do not break down when the work is not yet done. Pace yourself. Plan yourself. Have time to rest also. Do not let sickness force the rest out of you.

Second, there is a heart every man of vision must have- it is a selfless heart. It is a heart that loves the Lord more than it loves personal gain. This was the heart of King David when he spoke about building the temple:

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a

tent." (2 Samuel 7:1-2 NIV)

You cannot go a long way as a kingdom ambassador if you are only interested in satisfying yourself. There is such a thing as a kingdom mindset. Do you have it? But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

Take an audit of your statement of account; what is the prevalent direction of your finances? Self or Kingdom Advancement! That shows where your treasure lies.

Finally, when you find a sincere minister of the gospel, show them the honour they deserve. If you ever grew up as a pastor's child, you have a first-hand experience of the sacrifices they make. Some pastors' children hated the church because they saw it as competition. If you are a pastor, never let your home feel like the church is a rival. Watch it also.

CONFESS I O N

My health is refreshed for divine mandate. I give myself to kingdom advancement. I am kingdom-conscious. I am strengthened by the Spirit of the Lord.

DAY 19

DO THIS IF YOU WILL KEEP GROWING

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:1 KJV

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

From the early days of ministry, we had a culture we practice after every meeting. We would call a meeting of everyone involved on the team and hold an appraisal meeting where we get to ask these questions:

- What did we do well?
- What did we do less than expected or wrongly?
- What can we do better next time?
- What should we stop doing?
- What should we keep at?

We take notes and make the needed adjustments. The fear of appraisals was the beginning of excellence. It raised leaders who were sharp in observation and willing to be corrected.

It is the same with our personal life also. If you are not being instructed, corrected or appraised, you are not being disciplined. Discipleship must involve appraisals.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
Matthew 11:1 KJV

When you are appraised, it is easier for you to recognize bad patterns that need to be broken. Some people are blind to patterns that they need to break. They keep doing things the same way and then expect a miracle.

Listen! Have a relationship that gives you the opportunity to be appraised and not just applauded. We love to be applauded but we must equally love to be appraised. Your life will improve significantly if you surrender to appraisals.

If it has been a while since you were corrected, go to your trainer or pastor to genuinely ask how you are doing. Beloved, do not have a "leave me to myself" look or attitude. Do not be defensive. It will not help you.

When a garden is left to itself, it becomes a wild park. However, with pruning (which is painful), the beauty begins to emerge. Appraisals bring out the beauty in you. You are not being disciplined if you are not being instructed, appraised and corrected.

CONFESSION

I acknowledge my weaknesses but celebrate my achievements in God. I do not undermine discipleship. I grow from strength to strength and grace to grace.

DAY 20

MY NAME IS “DORCAS”

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God”

We named our second daughter Ayoigbala (The Joy of Salvation). My parents named her “Ibukunoluwa” (The Blessing of the Lord). We nicknamed her Olive. Our dear grandfather in the faith named her “Dorcas.”

For a long time, many people would call her by either the first two names or her pet name. Suddenly, we noticed that my daughter began to introduce herself by the name “Dorcas.” This was when she was less than three years old. Once you ask for her name, she responds, “My name is Dorcas.” She chose the one to go with. We wondered how everything changed for a girl less than three years. I jokingly told Grandpa Bishop once that “His prophetic name has taken over.”

You can laugh and smile over it like we do, but what is the lesson here: Live by revelation! One of the strategies of the devil is to jump the gun to try and introduce you to yourself. The devil wants to tell you who you are not. He wants to attack your identity. He knows if he can bastardize your sense of identity, he can toil with your life.

Look at these examples:

Goliath called himself a “Philistine Champion” but called the whole army of Israel, “The Servants of Saul”. (1 Sam. 17:8) He wanted to kill their morale. When David showed up on the scene, he told Goliath that you got our official names wrong. Our name is “the armies of the living God” (1 Sam. 17:26)

The first thing the devil attacked in the temptation of Jesus was His identity as the son of God. During that time, the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” Matthew 4:3 NLT

Spiritual Warfare is won when your spiritual identity is not lost. Once you lose who you are in Christ and what the Lord has done for you and

called you, the devil will come into your space and mess up with things around you. What do you call yourself?

The Apostle John tells us that victory in life flows from understanding who you are and your identity in Christ.

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. I John 4:4 NKJV

You are of God, little children- Identity.
And Have Overcome them- Victory.

Whenever a believer loses the battle, they lose the sense of who they are. Adam and Eve lost all God gave them because they struggled with that sense of identity. They were trying to be who God had already made them. What an irony.

When next the enemy tries to introduce you by your circumstance, kindly shut him up and introduce yourself by your identity in Christ. If he calls you “poor,” tell him that you are the blessed of the Lord. If he calls you the rejected and unloved, tell him you are the accepted in the beloved.

Can you introduce yourself now? What is your name? I am Temiloluwa Ola, the blessed of the Lord, the redeemed by the blood, the accepted in the beloved, a child of God! What do you call yourself?

CONFESSION

My identity in Christ Jesus is preserved. I do not fall to the confusion of the enemy. I am an overcomer. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

DAY 21

THE RADICAL TRANSFORMATION FROM 'BAD BOY' TO 'JESUS BOY'

Text: Romans 8:1 NKJV

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

“Pastor, they have been making jest of me.” Those were his first words as he settled down to speak with me. I needed an explanation. This is a young convert who just gave his life to Christ and was growing in the faith. His concern got at me.

But I let out a smile, and he explained how some of those who knew him and his former lifestyle began to question how a bad boy can become a “Jesus boy.” They are surprised about how he suddenly took Christ and being a part of the local church seriously. The change was too drastic for them to understand it.

Wait a minute! Do you know that even Ananias, a disciple of Jesus Christ, argued with the Lord regarding the authenticity of Paul’s salvation? How can someone we got intel about yesterday that he was on his way to our city to persecute the church suddenly become a believer that even the Lord attests about his salvation? God even told Ananias that Paul was praying.

Friends, a touch of God’s grace can be a radical change. When it touched a woman who had an affair with six men at the well, it was a massive shift. The woman ran into the city to talk about the seventh man she just met! She announced to all the men, “I have found a man.” I think it was their curiosity that made the city come to see who the woman had found that got her so excited.

Never be ashamed of Jesus Christ and the change he has wrought in your life. I

am also a sinner found by grace. Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. We all met at the junction called Grace. I was born in the house of a Pastor; however, being born in the house of God-fearing parents does not automatically make you God-fearing. Do you know any pastor’s kid that you really doubt if they know Christ or attended church?

But when grace found me, the same boy that sneaked pornographic materials into the house and was heavily bound by lust encountered the grace of God that changes a man. I had no more reason to pretend. I found the real deal.

What did I tell that young man? I told him the words of Jesus Christ, and I am saying the same to you:

“God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way” (Matthew 5:11-12 NLT)

I follow Jesus Christ, and I am proud of it.

CONFESSION

I am saved by grace. I am sustained by grace. I have a new identity in Christ. Shame if far from me.

DAY 22

UNDERSTANDING SACRIFICES UNVEILS THE BEAUTY OF SERVICE

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:15 NLT

"You know that Stephanas and his household were the first of the harvest of believers in Greece, and they are spending their lives in service to God's people..."

We had a daily training running. Part of the school's schedule was a midnight watch of about forty-five minutes. I had led for about eight weeks daily except for weekends. Afterwards, I began to assign the role to other ministers.

I remember asking one of them after his first time leading. He said, "It was difficult to sleep till that time because he had to ensure he was prepared for the meeting." He added, 'Sir, this is what you have been doing for eight weeks.' It was then that the weight of the sacrifice dawned on him.

Beloved, if you take your eyes off yourself, it will be easier for you to see the sacrifices that others make. I visited a family who attends one of our expressions once, and I realized that they drive almost forty minutes to get to the meeting venue. Until you take your eyes off yourself, you will never value the sacrifices of others.

For instance, there was a church where transport arrangement was made for their members. One day when the bus could not get them to their house, one of them said, "At least we give offering." What a statement! It did not dawn on that person that it was insufficient to run the transport system.

See! If you do not see the House of God as your spiritual family, you will think your offering is a contribution and your service is "helping them." You cannot have that kind of strange mindset about the things of God's Kingdom.

What's the point? Where there is understanding, service is counted as a great honour. Giving is seen as a huge privilege. But where ignorance reigns, a sense of

entitlement will be king. Do you know some people want to give so they can control the pastor and the church?

By the way, if your pastor stops disciplining you (giving instructions and corrections) because of the volume of your giving, you are no longer being pastored. Your pastor has become your fan. In my honest opinion, walk to the pastor and tell him you are still open to correction and instruction. If nothing changes, change your church before you become a ticking time bomb. If you are not being instructed, cautioned at times, corrected, and at times confronted when you are slack, you are no longer pastored. If your heart is right, then make things right.

Even if you are rich, Paul told Timothy:

Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life.

(1 Timothy 6:17 CEV)

Are you too gifted to be warned?

Are you too rich to be pastored?

Are you too needed that you are now worshipped?

Until you know the sacrifices of others, you cannot appreciate what they do. It flows both ways.

CONFESSION

From today on, I give my best for kingdom advancement. I am committed to the growth of my local church. I give the right hand of fellowship. I engage in the ministry of help.



BE CAREFUL SO YOUR FREE TIME WON'T BE YOUR FREE FALL

Text: 2 Timothy 2:22 NIV

"Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

During my National Youth Service, I was posted to a Local Government Secretariat. When I went to officially report at what we normally called my Place of Primary Assignment, I met with one or two of the officials.

The Director of Personnel Management was a very warm woman. She said to me, "The Law, we would accept you here, but we have told them to stop sending us lawyers." She smiled. She then added, "You have nothing to do here. You would have a lot of free time. We have a free house for you also but let me add that our girls here are very nice."

The combination for a young man's fall was already perfect- free time, a free house and plenty of nice young girls. I knew I had to run. An idle mind and an unoccupied day is enough temptation to welcome the devil into one's space.

It is easier for the idle to fall. It is easier to be trapped when free time is left "free indeed." The fall of King David that began a strange spiral in his family and kingdom began with free time. What do you do with your free time?

Time unallocated has become a time that can be hijacked. A mind left unengaged can become a space for the enemy to occupy.

Do you remember a chilling parable that Jesus shared about unoccupied spaces? A demon was cast out of a house. He went wandering for some days seeking another abode. When he returned to his first abode, he saw that it was clean, arranged but

unoccupied. He became more strategic- he went to look for seven demons stronger than he was and they came to live in that house. Jesus concluded that the latter end of such a man is worse off than his beginning.

If you just finished your high school studies, this is your most sensitive season. If you are idle, the devil will soon have a handle on your life. This is the time he will plague you with silly suggestions, and some end up with unwanted pregnancies. Go and volunteer. Learn a skill. Get into coding. Serve in your parents' business. Never be idle.

Cultivate the field of your mind if you do not want thorns and weeds all over the place.

I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. (Proverbs 24:30-31 NIV)

An idle mind is the devil's workshop. Be careful!

CONFESSION

My mind is engaged with the things of God. I give no room for the devil in my mind. I am transformed daily.

“SEE! WE ARE ALL ANOINTED”

Text: Mark 6:4 AMP

“A prophet is not without honor (respect) except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”

Some years back, I got information that one of the corps members in the church was admitted to the hospital. We left all we were doing to check up on the lady.

As we were approaching the door of the room where she was, someone said in excitement, “Thank God Pastor is here.” At that very moment, another corps member said, “See! You pray, joor. We are all anointed”.

Your attitude towards the anointed can hinder the flow of the anointing. There are times the anointed has a desire to be a blessing, but a poor attitude becomes a repellant.

Remember that the anointing upon the anointed is operated not by his own personal will but by the Spirit of God. Jesus could not do many miracles in his hometown because dishonour flowed.

At another time, he was teaching the Pharisees and teachers of the law. The anointing of God was there to heal (Luke 5:17). The only reason why the anointing to heal was there was because someone there needed to be healed. But you know what- none of those present at the meeting got any miracle.

However, there was someone who gate-crashed the meeting and got healed. His healing exposed the hearts of the Pharisees and teachers of the law. They thought in their heart, “Who is Jesus to exercise such authority?”. The Anointing

is limited wherever it is taken for granted. Beloved, the anointing upon those called is not about superiority and inferiority; it is simply about difference and function. We may all be anointed, but the scriptures emphasize the place of honour for those who function in the fivefold ministry:

And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. *Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!*

1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 13 MSG

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to *esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake*.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 13 NKJV

From today, esteem the called; highly; because of their work. Overwhelm them with love and appreciation.

CONFESSION

I do not despise the anointed and the anointing. I honour God’s investment in people. I honour sacrifices. I honour God.



DAY 25

BEFORE MORE... SAY THANK YOU FIRST!

Text: John 6:11 NLT

"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God..."

Danielle had been with her Mum in the kitchen- clearing dishes alongside. It was a sweet adventure for her. Mum was also making Moin-Moin (a delicious delicacy made from blended beans that taste amazing when cooked in special leaves), and she was helping with the process.

At a point, Mum had to relieve Danielle of some of the technical parts of the process that was difficult to handle. Danielle got upset, and an argument began. I stepped in. I spoke with her and asked, "You wanted to do some more, right?" She answered in the affirmative. But then I asked, "Have you thanked Mum for the ones she allowed you to do?" She said, "No." I told her, "The way to get more done is to give thanks for that which is already done." She got the memo. She began to smile. She hugged her mum and apologized.

We all need to know this truth- The way to get more done is to give thanks for what is already done. Gratitude is the password to more in this kingdom.

After that successful outing (in business or ministry), do you return to God with thanksgiving, or do you "pepper them" all over social media with pictures and updates? We spend more time in preparation than we do in gratitude. We pray and fast for days for a meeting, but do we give thanks for days afterwards?

The Prophet Jeremiah brought us insight into this matter. He said to us in a prophecy: And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving

and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Jeremiah 30:19 KJV Thanksgiving amplifies what is available. Once thanksgiving flows, multiplication happens, and glory is seen.

If you do not give thanks for five loaves of bread and two fishes, you will never be able to use what does not look like it to feed a crowd of five thousand.

Do all things without grumbling or arguing. Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. In all things, give thanks. Let thanksgiving fill your heart.

After the Red Sea was crossed, Miriam led the other women in praise. They left Egypt in a hurry, but they did not forget to hold a tambourine. No matter what, never leave thanksgiving behind.

What have you been complaining about? Have you given thanks for what has happened so far? Even when hungry, we can give thanks that we can be hungry, it is proof that we are alive! God will never abandon you. He will surely show up for your sake.

Give Thanks. Make your request. You will see what will happen.

CONFESSION

I activate the principle of thanksgiving in my daily affairs. As I give thanks for the little I have, I enter into the covenant of abundance.

DAY 26

“DADDY, DID YOU HISS?”

Text: James 4:6 NKJV

“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

Some time ago, I was narrating something that happened in a video skit to Irewamiri, and I hissed in between my talk. Olive was somewhere near, and she said, “Daddy, did you hiss?” I had to apologize to her for hissing.

Why did she ask? For a while, my beloved almost-three-year-old (as of then) would express displeasure by hissing. We fought a long battle before she stopped. She then wondered why I was doing the same thing I asked her to stop.

Leadership would always be by example and not just words. Action speaks louder than words. A man whose thoughts, words and actions align with the word of the Lord is an example of a man of character.

Also, are you willing to take suggestions but much more corrections from those not in your “class”? Will you be humble enough to heed their counsel and turn back when you are wrong?

Naaman had publicly stated that he would not heed Elisha’s counsel to wash in the Jordan River. But his servants approached him to counsel him.

And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash and be clean’?” II Kings 5:13 NKJV

Heeding the voice of his servants was the beginning of Naaman’s turnaround: So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like

the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. II Kings 5:14 NKJV

Humility will always lead to miracles. In most miracles, you will find the ingredient of humility. There will always be instructions that must be obeyed. If you are too big to follow instructions, you will be too big to enjoy the miraculous.

The humble will always access grace. When the devil wants to keep a man in the same spot, his most effective trap is pride laced with a bad attitude.

Naaman listened to his servants, and leprosy became history. Saul needed the counsel of his servant and his “financial support” to meet Samuel the Prophet; eventually, that was the pathway to kingship.

If you habitually take people for granted because they are not in your class, you will soon discover that you will end up lower than those you despise today.

When it is obvious that you are wrong, be humble enough to apologize and make corrections. Do not explain it away. Do not use boldface. God will be shaping you for more incredible things.

CONFESSIO

I walk in humility and meekness of the heart. I do not take people for granted for who they are.

DAY 27

IT WAS EASIER PRAYED THAN DONE

Text: 2 Samuel 24:24 NIV

"But the king replied to Araunah, 'No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.' So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them."

As the major project we had went on, I would always pray to God to bless the work, and yes, He did. Then it struck me that I can also be a blessing to the work. So I told God, "God bless me that I may bless the work."

God began to bless me indeed. But It was easier prayed than done. When the first set of financial blessings came in. I had forgotten my prayers. But trust the Spirit of the Lord to remind me. I asked God to bless me with a liberal spirit. He began to bless me more as I gave all to the kingdom.

One way to walk into the blessing of the Lord is to position yourself to be a blessing. If your focus is on yourself and your needs, hard work and diligence are enough. But if you desire to be a blessing to the kingdom of God and the nations of the earth, you need the blessing of God upon your life.

Do not wait till you have it in plenty before you begin to bless others. The way it works in this kingdom is "To him that scatters, it increases." If you withhold, you will get into poverty- of ideas and resources.

Care for others. David's men fed the abandoned Egyptian slave. They thought and cared for a wounded man even though they had their pressing issue. Their heart and act of care were the key to the recovery they earnestly desired.

The blessing works when you are a blessing to others. No matter how anointed Elijah was, the brook still dried up, and the raven stopped bringing bread. However,

when the anointing on his life became a covering for a widow, and her only son, the anointed and the hungry family had enough to eat throughout the famine in the land.

Have a huge appetite to be a part of the kingdom's agenda and advancement. Why do you want that business to profit? Why do you want that new job? If you desire it to prove a point, you have missed the point. Hannah tied her request to God's agenda. God needed a prophet, and Hannah needed a baby. She said, God give me a baby, and I will give him back to you. He got the blessing of Samuel.

Sometimes, it is not about what you have asked. It is about who you are. Ask the Lord to bless you with a heart that loves the kingdom. Ask God for the blessing of a large and liberal heart. Tell God to show you what He is doing so you can be a part of it.

CONFESSION

I have the blessings of a large and liberal heart. I get involved in God's project for my life and around me. I am given to kingdom advancement.

DAY
28

TRANSPARENCY CAN SAVE YOU FROM A CRISIS

Text: Proverbs 11:14 NKJV

"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety"

A dear son brought a young lady that he wanted to marry. It was a single visit where I was to interact with the young lady. We had a great time talking. I asked questions, and she also asked hers. The only strange thing was that she lost interest in the young man after the visit. We were wondering what went wrong. The relationship died a natural death.

A few months later, the brother informed me that the lady had given birth. I was shocked. How? For who? She was already pregnant by the time she came to visit. I smiled and told him, "You would have been trapped in deception if you were not thoroughly pastored."

It is easy for the devil to deceive a man who does not subject his steps to the scrutiny of those who have gone ahead, especially spiritual authority. One proof of spiritual maturity is the willingness shown in submission.

Think about Apostle Paul and all his remarkable exploits, yet he still lived a life of submission to pillars in the church:

In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews. (Galatians 2:9 NLT)

Why did he go to them? He wanted to be sure he was doing what was right. He did not want to run in vain:

I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. While I was there, I met privately with those considered to be leaders of the church and shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles. I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing. (Galatians 2:2 NLT)

Any height of spirituality that tells you that you can now live above scrutiny and accountability is

self-deception that will end in a crisis. You now hear directly from heaven that no one can ask you questions on Earth; well done! That is the recipe for failure.

Please, note that your pastors are not the ones to make decisions for you on whom to marry. That is your decision. They only ask questions and counsel until you reach that point of clarity and conviction. Their presence helps you to see things objectively.

Some of the counsel I got on the journey to marriage saved my life and my courtship. Do not hide it. If you are sincere with yourself, there is nothing to hide. You will be open to the process that will strengthen your decision or save you from making a terrible mistake.

If some pastors tell you the strange things they have heard from the mouths of men and women that their partners seem to be dying in love for, you will be surprised.

Just a little addition: If you step into a supermarket to buy a tin of milk and realize it will expire the next day, will you buy it?

If you are single, do not manage anyone close to the edge of corruption. Please, "close to corruption" is not an option. He comes to church once in a while, but he is a good boy is not an option. She has a good heart, but she just does not have the time to serve the Lord is not a good one (but she does not miss her friends' parties). He is an unbeliever, but he is a nice man is not an option.

Be transparent!

Marriage is a critical decision.

Make it wisely!

CONFESSION

I do not outgrow accountability. I do not pride in my experience whatsoever. I give myself to counsels from the Holy Ghost and from God's people.

DAY 29

DIGNIFY YOUR PASTOR

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12 NLT

"Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance."

I attend a monthly ministers seminar with my Grandfather in the faith. I needed to leave earlier that day, so I sent him a text very early in the morning, apologizing that I may exit while he was yet teaching because I had to receive a special guest for our meeting in the church that night.

I ended up staying until the end of the meeting. When he spotted me towards the tail end, he said: "Son, you are still here." I could not bring myself to exit while he was still teaching.

Friends, dignify your pastor. The way you treat others says a lot more about you. If you are sitting with him one-on-one, would you stroll out to pick a call? How you behave in a crowd speaks volumes. Do not hide in the crowd and act dishonourably. You conclude that no one sees you. Your heart will soon show your acts.

One way to dignify them is by exceeding expectations. When you are rebuked for coming late or dropping the ball in service, don't ask them if they pay you for what you do. It says a lot about your heart. Some folks today do for a living what they learned in church for free.

The church is the safest laboratory in the world- things that will earn you a sack letter in the world gets you an admonition and encouragement in the church. You must never turn round and now point fingers even if the church is not perfect- you also are not! Dignify your pastor by communicating effectively. If there is a reason you would not be in church or a meeting, take permission! Send a text. Call them. Let them be able to vouch for you. People have escaped huge problems because their pastors could vouch for them.

Dignify your pastor by refusing to entertain gossip about them. Ensure your space is not the place to dissect how the Pastor preached or his wife's dressing. Do not put a sword on their backs while you smile at their face. If you cannot accept instructions from the mouth of a Pastor, you should find another church family rather than cause division because you are disgruntled.

Remember the admonition of Paul to Timothy that those who labour in word and doctrine deserve double honour. Treating your boss with class and your pastor like trash is carnality. You take corrections at work, but you despise rebuke in church. Dignify your Pastor by giving him healthy feedback. If you enjoy access to him, see his efforts before you see his faults. Ensure that you give him information that will help his work.

If you are on his team, talk like a team member. You will be too busy to point fingers if your hands are on deck. If someone in church raises an issue, speak with the mindset of a team member. Do not say, "That is how they behave," or "Me, I don't know o." Do not forget that Pastors are human too. They will be held doubly accountable for what they teach and the decisions they make- help make your Pastor's work easier. Dignify them!

CONFESS I O N

I accord dignity to my pastors. I honour them and honour their spiritual labour over the flock. I am not a griever to their heart. I support their efforts in the work of God. I am a valuable support system.

DAY 30

FATHERS DO NOT ABANDON THEIR CHILDREN

Text: Hebrews 13:5 NKJV

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

We got back home after a brief drive into town to pick up some things. When we returned, Olive insisted she was not going inside the house. I walked in and closed the door, thinking she would then be prompted to come in. She stayed outside.

I could not keep my eyes away. I started looking at her through the window. She turned back and saw me. She began to laugh. Eventually, I had to step out to carry her in when she played with dirt. As we got in, Danielle said, "Daddy, you should have left her outside." I smiled and responded that "A good father does not abandon his children."

A father is a covering. Do you know that God's promise to Father Abraham was not "I will make you a father to Isaac"? No! It rather was "I will make you the father of many nations."

He had to master the art of fathering nations before he could father Isaac. He had to learn to love a disappointing and rebellious Lot. He had to learn to raise men out of the children born as slaves in his house. He became a father of nations in his thoughts and actions before becoming Isaac's father.

Fatherhood is a bigger assignment than the ability to impregnate a woman and have children. A father is more than that. A father is a culture shaper. God trusted Abraham to raise sons who would follow the culture of loving the Lord.

Fatherhood is not just about shouting and screaming instructions. It is about looking out for the lost son in prayers and graceful intercession.

God loves us indeed as a father. When you

understand the fatherhood of God, prayer becomes easy. You walk confidently through storms knowing that He will never leave you or forsake you.

A good father does not leave his seed to the biting hands of deadly elements. Like Jairus, he knows how to bring in the Lord and Saviour into their home – it does not just end in morning devotion; Jesus is found in the inner chambers. Jesus is found in daily decisions.

A good father does not give up on an erring seed. He knows that with time, the table will turn.

My brother once looked at my Dad and said, "Daddy, is it all about church? I am not going today." That day, my dad left without saying a word. But today, my brother is a pastor. His life is all about what he fought.

What are you going through? Let me announce to you that your heavenly father will not abandon you. He will not leave you in the storms. He is right there. You will come out stronger. Leap for joy, for your testimony is here.

CONFESSION

I do not drift from the covering of my heavenly Father. I follow an example of the Fatherhood of God. I am a responsible father. My seeds will be mighty upon this earth.



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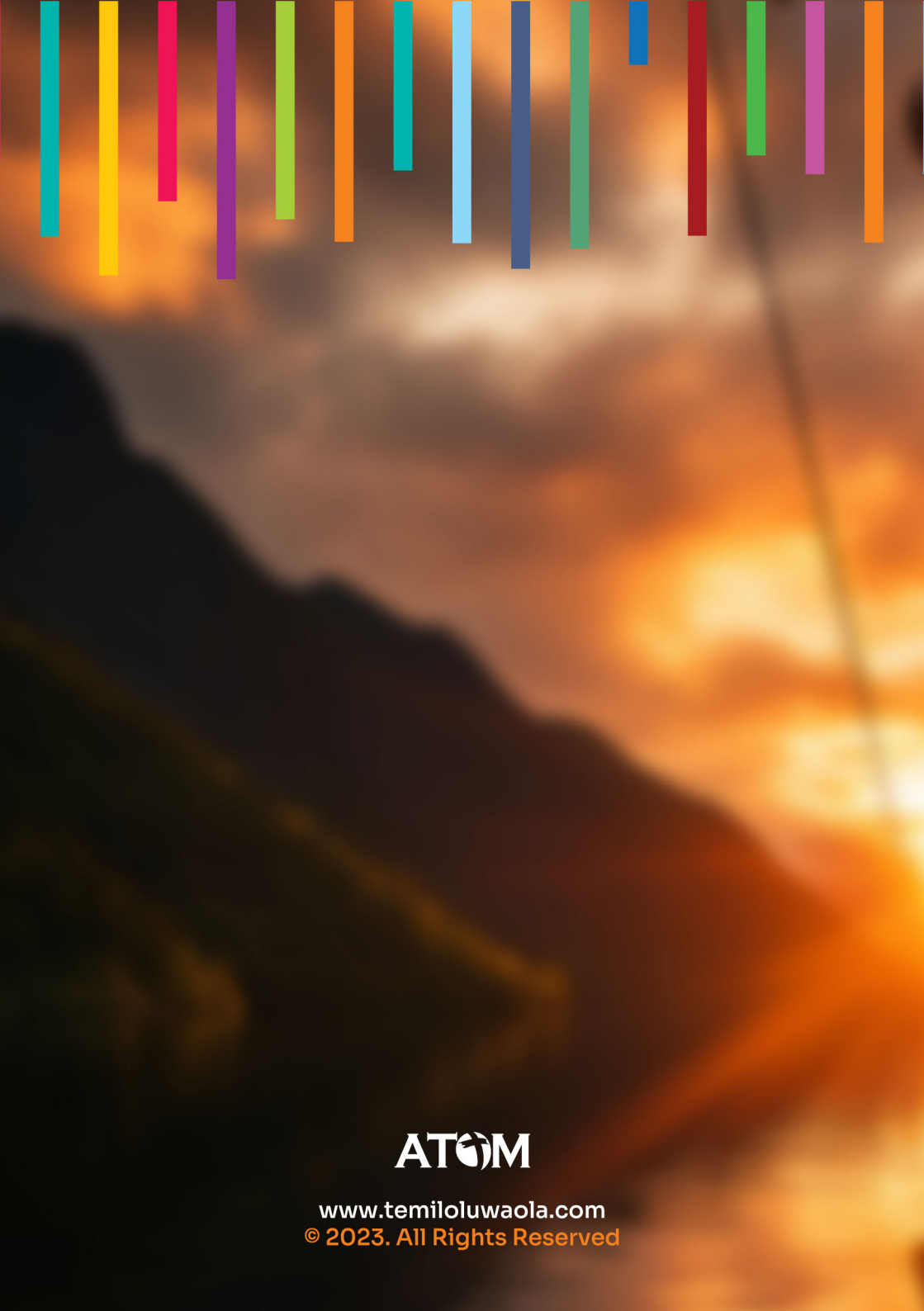


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