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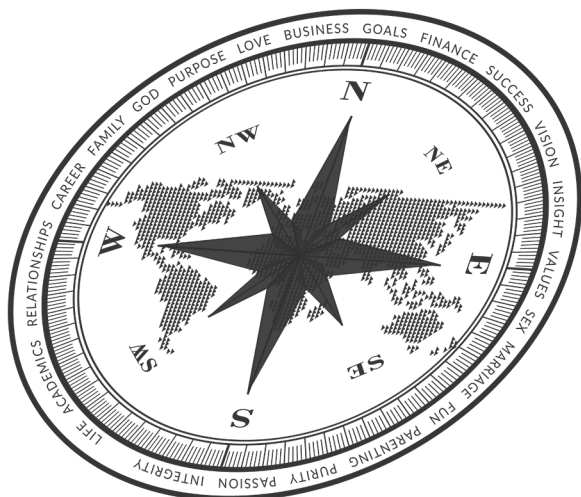
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Introduction

Beloved,

Welcome to September.

What a delight to see the dawn of another month. I want to encourage you this month not to leave anything to chance. Do not just coast along. Take charge.

Take charge of your Spirit. Stir it up in prayers, especially praying in the Spirit. Build up yourself in your most holy faith. Pray in the Holy Ghost. Do not let sleep rob you of the Spiritual. Refuse sorrow. Take charge.

Take charge of your soul. Fight distraction like a plague. Engage your mind in meditation on the goodness of God and the Word of the Lord. Guard your heart.

Take Charge of your Body. Rest appropriately. Eat for function and not pleasure. Put the body under. Refuse the flesh to have dominion over you. Take a periodic fast to quieten the flesh and strengthen the voice of the Spirit.

Take charge. Do not leave anything to chance. In the labour room of destiny, push once it is time.

We will rejoice with you. Let me pray the Words of Paul for you when he wrote to the Thessalonians:

2 Thessalonians 1:11 MSG

Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we pray for you all the time—pray that our God will make you fit for what he's called you to be, pray that he'll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something

You shall stay fit for destiny.
It shall amount to something.
Your ideas would become testimonies.

GLORY TO GOD.

temilOluwa Ola

Feedback

This devotional has really enhanced my development and growth in faith, I look forward to it everyday. It is spiritual tonic to me. Thank you so much for allowing God to use you.

- PST JEMIDE

I always look forward to reading the Compass devotional each morning, It has been fueling me on my journey of faith, there is always a word for me amidst the letters

- ADEDIWURA AFOLABI

This devotional has been the one of truth and practicality, dealing especially with the matters of the heart and Christian attitude.

I must say that every time I read the ATOM Daily Word it is always timely. Speaking to my current situation or to a matter I am involved in.

God bless the set man with more wisdom and Grace.

- ADEBIMPE ADENIRAN FUNMILAYO, LAGOS.

I am an eighteen year old girl who has been using the compass devotional for over six months now. I've been blessed immensely and the devotional has contributed greatly to my growth as a child of God.

May the oil upon the lives of all those making this a success never run dry.

Thank you so much.

- BOLUWATIFE

Thank you Pastor TemilOluwa for allowing the Lord to use you in a dynamic way in teaching His Word and Principles too.

You reminded me of Dr Monroe.

I have been greatly humbled and blessed by your teachings accompanied by personal experiences which you share generously to help us.

I could remember at some point when my relationship with my wife was quite critical, I dread reading the Compass Devotional because your words often come to change my mind or perspective on the matter.

I deeply appreciate your ministries and I'm greatly blessed by your balance approach to the scripture.

More Grace and Coverage in Jesus Mighty Name!

I've really been blessed by the daily devotion. I came across it through my friend **OMOLOLA**. It was the period of teaching "Stay in Joy no matter what".

I was elevated and encouraged because it was really a tough period for me I was battling with a whole lot in my home, Marriage and life. I was having suicide thoughts and depression. I felt my relationship with God weakening cos it was so thick around me until I read **stay in Joy no matter what**.

And it has helped me tremendously in shaping most of my decisions that has to do with destiny and all. Thank you sir and ma for being a great blessing tool.

The devotional has helped to deepened my faith, I have found encouragement, Growing in relationship with God and people.

God bless you.

Thank you for this and more always. We always look forward to God's word and instruction through your devotionals. This has kept us in shape and in check.

Please don't loose strength sir, you are blessing lives daily by the grace of God over your life sir.

God bless and Renew your strength greatly sir. We say thank you



WHEN IT IS NOT GOING YOUR WAY (1)

Text: Jeremiah 17:7 NLT

But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.

I asked a young man who played the keyboard and was leaving Eruwa after his studies to kindly find another person who could also play. Some days later, a teenager came to my office. He had no intention of staying in Eruwa at all. He was expecting admission to a federal university and was so certain it would happen that he was sure he would not stay in Eruwa for long.

God had other plans: he eventually finished his diploma programme. Eruwa became his baptism into his calling and his launch pad for business connections. It became home for him. He still went to a federal university, but it was not the same as he had initially planned. Today, he is serving in ministry and also growing his business (as a student).

When you ask him what he is most grateful for, his response would likely be that he came to Eruwa.

It is not a joke when Apostle Paul said:
Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Truly, there are times when things do not go as planned; however, you must not reach a point where you lose trust in God. One thing you must

keep reminding yourself of is God's faithfulness.

The Prophet Jeremiah says to tell you:
Jeremiah 29:11 MSG

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

One old song gives that assurance, too:

Jesus knows what He will do

My Father knows what He will do

The Holy Spirit knows what to do

To ensure my life turns out as beautiful as planned

What is not going your way at the moment? Lean on the Lord. Trust the Lord. It will turn out for your good.

CONFESSIO

I trust in the Lord always. My faith grows stronger every day.

Day 2
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WHEN IT IS NOT GOING YOUR WAY (2)

Text: Exodus 33:14 NIV

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

As we approached the door, Olive reached out and said, "Daddy, let me have the card so I can open it." She was obviously excited to do it. I requested that she be given the card. She placed it on the door for the usual scan, and the green light came on. Then she attempted to open the door by pressing the handle, but she could not get it to the point that would get the door open. At that moment, I reached out and turned the handle for her. She had the card. She knew what to do but still needed my help as her Dad.

Beloved, you may have great plans, and you already have mapped out strategies, and you can get to a point where it is not working out exactly as you expected. You punched in all the codes and gave it all the push, yet the door is not opening, or the business is not growing. Do not give up yet.

Do you remember the sons of the prophet? They saw the need for expansion. They had the resources for expansion. They had the connection to hire some of the tools they needed- an axe. There was one of them who remembered and asked a crucial question:

"Then one of them said, "Won't you please come with your servants?" "I will," Elisha replied."
2 Kings 6:3 NIV

Beloved, when you have everything in place, kindly ask for the blessing of the Lord to accompany you also. Check whether the Father is on that path with you. Thank God for certifications, connections, credentials and creditworthiness, but without the presence of the Lord, we will struggle.

You can have the tools, yet lack the presence. You have the strategy, yet lack the counsel

that fathers supply. When it seems like it is not working, please pause and ask where it went wrong.

On the journey, when the axe head fell into the water and things were not going as planned, the presence of the prophetic and the help of a father changed a story of woe to one of wonder.

"As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water. "Oh no, my Lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!" The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it."
2 Kings 6:5-7 NIV

Have you structured your life and journey so much that you have structured God, divine guidance and instructions out of it? Is there room for the divine? No matter how much load you need to carry, when you load up the driver's seat, you are going nowhere. There may be issues, but leave the driver's seat to God. Let him lead and guide you out of that maze.

But the question is, "Is He with you?"

CONFESSION

I do not trust in the arms of flesh. I cherish the presence of the Lord. I am conscious of the Lord's presence in my life.

Day 3
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WHEN IT IS NOT GOING YOUR WAY (3)

Text: Proverbs 27:17 NKJV

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

A preacher shared the story of how things went so badly for one of his friends. He decided to come to Nigeria to take a prayer retreat with his friend. As they both prayed, he prayed calmly, but at a point, his friend began to groan in prayer. All he could hear was "Jehovah ehhhhh, Jehovah ahhhhh." This continued for hours.

The Lord spoke to him, "Tell your friend that I have remembered him and the matter has turned." He delivered the message to his friend with joy. He jokingly said, "I changed my own prayer style too and said 'Jehovah Ehhhhhh, Jehovah ahhhhh.'" He said he did not want to be a messenger who returned the same way.

If things are not going your way, there are two keys hidden here:

First, do you have a friend that you can call on or who will call on you? Do you have a person who can agree with you in prayer? Do you have friends like that man with palsy who can carry you to Jesus? There is power in friendship that strengthens. There is a supply of faith that a friend can bring amid trials. There are friends who stand with you in adversity. The hug of a friend can be reassuring. May the Lord bless you with faithful friends. May the Lord make you a faithful friend also.

Second, when things are not going the way you desire, you must learn to pray. Call a timeout. Get into the zone of prayer. Pray! Push! Listen to Apostle James: "Is there anyone afflicted, let him pray" (James 5:13)

It did not say that you should cry. It did not say that you should fold your hands. It did not say that you should just keep worrying. No! It said to pray.

That thing that is not allowing you to pray but allows you to cry, worry, talk to others, but not God, is the real warfare. Throw aside the garment of heaviness. Step out of the pit of tiredness. Please, pray! Pray!

Call a friend who can go on a journey with you. Fan the embers of prayer back. Call upon the Lord.
Psalms 50:15 NKJV

[15] Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

Listen! The backbone of the health challenge is broken now. The root of that financial downturn is uprooted now. The fang of depression is pulled out. You are snatched from strange happenings. Walk in victory. Talk in triumph. Rise into your new season.

Glory!

CONFESS I O N

I am blessed with covenant friends. I am blessed with prophetic companies. I have the gift of men.

Day 4
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WHEN IT IS NOT GOING YOUR WAY (4)

Text: Isaiah 10:27 NKJV

It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

A father in the faith shared about how the church he pastored was not growing. He was concerned. He called for a retreat, and they prayed. One day, the Lord told him to go out and take a look at the church from outside. He saw a dark cloud cover the church like a blanket. He commanded it to roll away. He did. The church started growing from the very next service.

You must be willing to ask "Why"? God is not intimidated by your questions. Ask in reverence and you will surely get answers.

Gideon asked why. It unleashed his potential to lead a nation to deliverance and victory. David asked questions, and it led to the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines, especially the giant Goliath. If it is strange, ask questions. Rebecca asked questions about the restlessness inside her; she got answers and a prophetic word. Please, ask questions!

Jesus told the story of the tree that did not produce for three years. The owner of the vine wanted to cut it out, but the gardener pleaded for one more year.

Luke 13:6-9 NKJV

[6] He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. [7] Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' [8] But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. [9] And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

He said he would do two things to the unfruitful tree:

First, he would dig around it.

Second, he would fertilize it.

If there is a matter that is not working around you or it seems challenging, dig around it prayerfully. Dig around that delay, that unyielding business, that wayward son or daughter, or that persistent, strange cycle of sickness. Dig around it. Ask why!

Digging takes you to the root of the matter. In the realm of the Spirit, matters are addressed from the root. Let the Lord open your eyes supernaturally so you can see. Once you can see the challenge, you can also address the challenge.

Today, in the name of Jesus, I curse the root of every strange occurrence around you. It dries up now in the name of Jesus. Your privileges in redemption are delivered to you speedily. You have it exactly the way it is meant to be. Delays are cancelled.

CONFESSIO

I break off the shackles of delay in my life. I enjoy supernatural speed.

Day 5
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THE POWER OF DAILY ROUTINE

Text: Hebrews 10:11 NIV

Day after day, every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

It was a bit tough getting the consent of my wife's siblings- they could not imagine that their youngest sister would return from serving the nation to mention that she wanted to settle in Eruwa and marry a pastor there.

One of the questions that I had to answer one of the days that I was given access and privilege was, "Temi, please describe your day to us". It was a test to know whether I was lazy or if I knew what I was doing. The answer got me some headway.

There is a hidden victory in your daily schedule. You can never do more than your daily routine on the day of crisis! When challenges beckon, they will expose what you have been doing daily.

For instance, the early church had a daily routine of commitment to prayer: "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." Acts 2:42 NLT

When a crisis hit the church and Herod began to pick on pillars to eliminate them, their daily routine became their weapon in crisis: "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church."

Acts 12:5 NKJV

The challenges of life will always expose your daily investment. When Goliath screamed, David brought out his stone and his sling. He had mastered the use of the sling. It definitely was a part of his daily routine. He used in battle what he had mastered in training. He used in crisis what he had mastered as a daily routine.

If you do not sing daily, you will find it hard to sing in crisis. If you do not confess the Word daily, you cannot speak the Word in the middle of a crisis. If you murmur daily, you will murmur in the middle of crisis also.

Champions are groomed by their daily routines. They only display what they have mastered in the ring!

What are you committed to daily?

That will be your weapon when crisis also hits!

CONFESSION

I am intentional about daily practices for destiny fulfillment. I am not confused and haphazard. I am blessed in my daily endeavours.

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“WHEN YOU TRAVEL OUT, 90 PERCENT OF YOUR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED” – STATEMENTS THAT PROMOTE LUKEWARMNESS

Text: Leviticus 6:12 AMP

The fire on the altar shall be kept burning; it shall not [be allowed to] go out...

I was having a meeting with a couple of proteges, and I focused on those who had left Nigeria for other nations. As we interacted over their spiritual growth, one common trend among all of them was “Pastor, our prayer life is not as strong as before”. I knew something was not right.

It took some weeks, but a statement some people make struck me differently. You hear people say it when they describe the “prayerfulness of Christians” in our nation. What is the statement? “When you travel out, you will realise that ninety percent of your prayer points are answered because they have a system that works”.

There are people whose prayer altars are now gathering dust. They find it hard to pray, fast or study. In the worst-case scenario, some have abandoned what they call “this God thing”.

Friends, if your prayer life dips because you are now in a place where your needs are met, there is a challenge with your doctrine of prayer. Remember, the doctrine is the regulator of character.

That assertion is based on the premise that “Prayer is transactional”. Most people go to God because of their needs. If prayer is basically because of your needs, you will stop praying once your needs are met.

It is the “lost son” syndrome. You will go to the father saying, “Give me”. Once you get it, you forget the father. The only time you remember the father is when there is another need. It is a transactional relationship.

But prayer is more than transactions. Transactions are fine. At least Jesus taught us to ask for “Our Daily Bread”. He taught us to ask for “Deliverance from Evil”. But remember that was never the starting point.

Prayer is first and foremost relational and not transactional. Even when I have all the bread and I am delivered from “road accidents”, and “armed robbery” because I am now in a

system that works, I do not forget that prayer is about:

- **OUR FATHER**- This points to a relationship. He provides. He protects. He heals. He delivers. But the finest revelation you can have of God is that He is our Father. I pray because I have a Father with whom I love to relate.

- **HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME**- This points to reverence. Even if all my needs are met, I pray because I revere Him. I adore Him. I know what it means to honour and fear the Lord.

- **YOUR KINGDOM COME**: This points to the royal life of a believer. I am a prince of God’s kingdom. There are a lot of things that do not look like the culture of His kingdom. I stay in prayer to see souls saved, saints edified and revival breaks out wherever He has planted me.

- **YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH**: This is God’s desire and it must be your drive. It is not everything in your vicinity that looks like the will of God. Why don’t you pick up a list of those things and pray? Comfort has closed down churches. Picnics have replaced prayer meetings. Nudity is driving out modesty. Witchcraft is disguised as prophecy.

Can you see that prayer is not just transactional now? If you stop having prayer points because you are now in comfort, you are already defeated. Comfort can be a form of persecution that kills passion for the Lord and His will. Deal with it.

CONFESSION

My prayer altar is alive. I am a living priest. I enjoy the grace to stay on course spiritually.

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GET SET FOR MIRACLES YOU DID NOT SEEK

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:5 NKJV

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.

Some months ago, we were having an appraisal meeting about our weekend service. There was a time during the service when the generator went off. It was not the first time it had happened. No one spoke about it because we knew we had a lot on our table.

The head of the technical team just said, "Pastor, we would need a new generator". We all smiled. I said to him, "you already know our scale of priorities for projects. Kindly ensure the generator is repaired". We ended the matter there.

The following day, someone reached out to me. After exchanging pleasantries, the question he asked shook me to praises and awe of God- "Pastor, I know you have been on a building project. We thank God for it. Does the church need a new generator and what is the cost?" He said, "I just perceive to ask". The next day, we had the funds for a new generator.

Friends, never underrate what the Lord can do. The Lord who can answer you when you call is also the same Lord who can answer you before you call. God can do things you did not ask for.

When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down. The mountains shook at Your presence.
Isaiah 64:3 NKJV

Paul introduced God to us in a very amazing way. He said He is the God who can do far more than we can think. True!

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think,

according to the power that works in us,
Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

If you have gotten to a point where your calculation cannot provide the answers, you are in a great spot for God to show His area of speciality- Impossibilities.

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"
Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV

Do not shut down. Faith does not put a limitation on God. God will never put a limitation on faith. He does miracles.

Read this again:

When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, and the mountains shook at Your presence.
Isaiah 64:3 NKJV

God will do mighty things that you did not look for today. Amen!

CONFESSION

I speak the word of faith in all situations. Faith is alive in me. I am not limited because I serve an unlimited God.

Day 8
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CHANGE THE BATTLEGROUND

Text: Hebrews 12:11 NKJV

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

My younger daughter would always contend with her older sister, pulling things from her hands. I watched them struggle over a balloon one evening.

She took it from her older sister. Danielle burst into tears while Olive was smiling. Then Danielle did something: she took the balloon back from her. She went to a bookshelf and placed it at a height Olive could not reach.

She smiled to herself and said, "You can not get it from there." The balloon battle ended immediately.

Beloved, victory over the devil is not won by fighting the devil on his turf. The only way you can defeat the devil is to move the battle to a battleground where his techniques do not work.

For instance, when the eagle and the snake fight, the serpent will win if the battle is on the ground, but the eagle would pick up the snake and take it to a height where the snake loses its breath, and strength and then dies.

Also, in the battle of nations, the air force comes in to destabilise a target by shell bombing it before a ground force goes in to finish the job.

Beloved, you cannot defeat the devil by fighting in his way and using his style. Fear is the devil's turf. You win by faith and love. Worry is the devil's turf. You win by joy. Joy, Faith and Love change the battleground. The devil loses orientation and then cannot comprehend, let alone stand you.

How do you do this? Do not speak about the

storm (you will be on his turf that way). The disciples spoke of the storm and it did not cease. Change the game. Speak to the storm. Jesus did that and the storms obeyed.

When you begin to see physical attacks, it means the devil has lost the battle in the spiritual. He is only using his last strength to derail or distract you so he can defeat you. Stay sensitive!

Do not get angry. That's the devil's turf. Stay calm and sensitive. Confuse hell. Take the battle to heights he cannot comprehend. Imagine Jesus saying "Love your enemies". Enemies do not understand that game plan. He has no love in his arsenal.

Do not get weak. Use the air force of prayer. Unsettle the serpent. Pull him to terrains he cannot explain. You are born to confuse hell.

The devil cannot win you in joy.
The devil cannot win you in faith.
The devil cannot defeat you on your knees.
The devil cannot defeat you when you walk in love.

Change the battleground!

You are more than a conqueror!

CONFESS I O N

I speak against storms. I overcome spiritual assaults of the devil. I am undefeatable. I win and reign in Christ.

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DEAR BELIEVER, BEFORE YOU MAKE CRITICAL CHOICES...

Text: Psalm 18:28-39 NKJV

For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.

My spiritual father would say to us that one of the most critical decisions that must be settled at the beginning of a vision is discerning the people to join in and those to refuse a placement. He further adds that "The people you don't pray in are those who trouble you the most".

The devil tries to wreck a vision in two major ways- Infiltration and Opposition. The devil's first choice in battle and warfare is infiltration. When infiltration fails. He goes for the opposition.

When the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the temple of the Lord was being rebuilt, they approached the leaders of the people and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we worship your God also. We have always sacrificed to him also" (Ezra 4:2)

It took a discerning Zerubbabel and other leaders to stop the infiltration. They told them, "You have no part in the work" (Ezra 4:3).

After infiltration, they tried to discourage and frighten the people of Judah so they could stop the work. They also bribed officials to work against them. That also failed (Ezra 4:4)

When opposition through others failed, they went into full-blown, unhidden opposition. They used their strength and force to stop the building of the temple (Ezra 4:23).

You cannot afford to be a believer that lacks discernment. Prayer helps discernment. If your prayer life is weakened, your discernment becomes poor. The devil can succeed with penetration.

Simon the Sorcerer could have become the Evangelism and Crusade Coordinator in Phillip's Ministry until the visit of Peter and

John revealed that he had the wrong heart, and he was told that he had no portion in that ministry.

The snake penetrated the Garden by befriending Mrs Eve Adam. Hagar was groomed in Abraham's house. All the wood that Paul carried on the Island of Malta looked the same until the fire exposed that one of them was a snake. If you are not aflame, a snake can take the posture of wood and you will not realise it.

Invest in prayer daily but much more before you make critical choices. Jesus showed by example how he prayed all night before he chose the twelve disciples that he designated apostles (Luke 6:12)

A Christian is not a casual man. You cannot be making decisions casually. There will be times your spirit will be uncomfortable. Do not just shove it aside. That was how Paul unveiled the "he in the her" of the girl who kept following them (Acts 16:18).

Before you rejoice over that help, get on your knees. The breakthrough must not break down the marriage, family, business, career or ministry. Pray first!

CONFESSION

I am discerning. My prayer life is enflamed. I discern to overcome the Devil's infiltration and opposition.

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CAN GOD RELY ON YOU?

Text: Acts 13:22 NIV

...I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

A friend was narrating to her that she had an emergency some days back and sent a text message to some of her friends to kindly stand in the gap for her around 1 am.

She then asked her friend, "Why did you not text me also?" The friend told her, "It is difficult to reach you on a normal day, let alone the day of an emergency. Everyone I reached that late hour responded in a frame of two hours"

Beloved, Prophet Isaiah was talking about a nation that the Lord beckoned on and he said that about that nation they responded swiftly and speedily.

"And will whistle for them from the ends of the earth; And indeed, they will come with great speed swiftly." ISAIAH 5:26 AMP

Prophet Isaiah has other things to say about them:

"No one among them is weary or stumbles, No one slumbers or sleeps; Nor is the belt at their waist undone [as if unprepared for action], Nor is the strap of their sandal broken. Their arrows are sharp and all their bows are strung and bent; Their horses' hoofs seem like flint and their chariot wheels like a whirlwind. Their roaring is like a lioness, they roar like young lions; They growl and seize their prey and carry it off and there is no one to save it." ISAIAH 5:27 – 29 AMP

They are not people sold out to weariness. They do not slumber or sleep when the Lord beckons. When He signals to you at 2 am, do you respond? They are always prepared for action.

How about their arrows? It is sharp. They are sharpshooters. They get answers in prayers. They have a voice. They roar. They pray until something happens.

The question is "Can God depend on you?" Can the Spirit of the Most High place a burden for intercession on you or does heaven have to look for someone else?

Anna the Prophetess and Simeon were

trusted with the intercession for the birth of Jesus Christ. Can God place such a task in your heart and you come through with it?

God said through Prophet Ezekiel that He sought for a man to stand in the gap but He did not find any. When Heaven asks, "Who shall I send?" Would you be able to answer, "Here I am. Send me".

The church is in critical seasons. We need men who will be stable in prayers. We must stop losing women because of birth complications. We must stop losing lives to terminal diseases.

The Apostles gave themselves to the ministry of the Word and Prayer. They had men who served and also people who gave. Today, both the priest and the flock are hustlers. The shepherd returns from work as tired as the sheep. The prayer cover is torn.

Mammon has driven us very far from high callings. We even subtly abuse "full-time" ministry. We teach entrepreneurship to men with high callings. We make them settle for somewhere in-between. They must survive. Elisha now holds on to his agriculture business and follows Elijah once in a while. Peter can no longer abandon fishing. While on the field, he is looking at the time and worried about the boats.

Can God rely on you at such a time as this? Can you be the Esther of this century? Can you be the Mordecai of this hour? Can you wait on the Lord so that sentences of evil will be reversed?

We need men with the heart of a warrior and the boldness of a lion. Can you be God's man? Will you get His text message? Or are you too busy?

CONFESS I O N

I am not driven away by Mammon. I occupy my place in destiny. I am on the Lord's side.



“I WANT TO SEE ANGELS”

Text: Acts 6:4 NIV

And will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

It was a time when a lot of people were sharing things about the spectacular. My friend also longed to see angels and have all the experiences that came with it. He was hungry for it.

One day, he went on a prayer walk late at night. Suddenly, he saw a luminous figure ahead of him. He had goose pimples all over him. At last, he would have an encounter! He prayed harder.

When he eventually got close to the perceived “angel”, it was a bent pole that had a lit advertisement of one of the telecommunications companies on it. He was disappointed.

A sincere desire for the spectacular can become the trap that leads you into falsehood. Be hungry for the supernatural but beware of the spectacular.

Be rooted first in the Word of God. The Word of God is supernatural. A lot of people who do not read the Word of God begin to read meaning into dreams and visions. They chase the subjective without being rooted in the objective.

Every other experience must be tested by the Word of God- be it visions or dreams. Do not let anyone lord it over you with visions and dreams that are not consistent with the Word.

The early church and the apostles devoted themselves to the Ministry of

the Word and Prayer. They definitely saw miracles.

Don't be hungry for the spectacular when you are not hungry for the Word of God. Many victims of falsehood were first victims of ignorance.

Don't let anyone lie to you.

Do not let anyone deceive you.

Be a great student of the Word of God.

Test all spirits. Hold firm to the Truth of the Word.

Be hungry but do not be deceived.

CONFESS I O N

I am not obsessed with the spectacular. I thirst for the supernatural. I am rooted in the Word of God and prayer.

Day 12
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WHAT EXCITES YOU?

Text: Romans 14:17 KJV

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

We were driving out of a shopping mall when we heard the sound of some loud music that was blasting from speakers placed outside. Irewamiri looked, ate and said, "I cannot imagine getting excited at this type of music". Strangely, it was her comment that even made me realise that music was being played- my spirit did not pick it at all.

Whatever excites a man has a root in his heart and is a stakeholder in his decisions in life and destiny. Whatever excites you or gets your heart will succeed in moving you.

Men have been moved into God-ordained destiny and at times, destruction simply by the things that excite them. Your ears are gates into your soul.

You padlock your gates to strangers but open up your soul to strange things. You spend so much on physical security but so little investment in securing your heart- you are not smart!

Let me ask you: What excited Jesus? What excited Paul? What excited Peter? What excited the early church? If you think their lives were boring, you have not touched what they touched.

Jesus forgot food when He saw a soul that needed to be harvested. Paul said "None of these things move me". It was the gospel that moved Paul.

Have you been singing with friends before and you got so lost in worship that you were not aware time had gone so fast? Have you been on your knees before in prayer and realise that four hours look like forty minutes?

Excitement thrills and, when not well managed, it also kills. Beware of what excites you- is it an agent of life or an agent of death?

Your craving can lead you astray. Beware what you crave:

"...it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs."
1 Timothy 6:10B AMPC

What excites you can lead you astray. Beware of what gets you excited.

Following Christ is not boring. If it is to you, you have not met Christ. Maybe, at best, you know religion.

CONFESSION

I do not expose my soul to anti-destiny things. My heart is guided. I find excitement in the Holy Ghost.

Day 13
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2025

“GOD HAS CALLED ME BUT...”

Text: Hosea 13:13 MSG

When birth pangs signaled it was time to be born, Ephraim was too stupid to come out of the womb. When the passage into life opened up, he didn't show.

I could see that worried look on his face. He had the call of God into ministry but he had the fear of survival written all over him. He said, “Pastor, I will go on to do other things. I will come back and answer the call”.

My response was simple, “Running is not a big deal. You will still fulfil the assignment in a measure when you return but there will be just one challenge – You will not be running with your generation and do not think you will come and occupy the same spot in destiny. Another will run with this vision. God, in His mercy, will still give you something to run with”.

Truth may be hard but today he is running and he is very fulfilled.

The calling of God can be like the waves of an ocean- you cannot make the waves, you can only ride them. If you miss the wave of the season of your calling, you will have to wait for another.

Anyone that Jesus called and did not respond missed a wave. Such would have seen Peter and others in the early church and remembered how he missed out on a season.

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV

Your purpose is timed. There is a season when a man cannot run again. When the

whistle of the track master blows, it is better to have a head start than have a false start or a late start!

Your assignment on the track of life is to take your position, stay alert for the whistle of the Lord and maintain your track till the end. Once the direction is determined, the next thing you ask for is speed. The joy of the race is that “There is no competition”. We run together but not against one another.

If you know God has called you, we are no longer in the season of excuses and delays. Your sentiments have kept you back for the past 10 years. When others are celebrating the anniversary of obedience to God's call, would you be celebrating the anniversary of delay and disobedience?

Grace!
Grace!!
Grace!!!

You will not be found wanting when heaven is counting men who became kingdom soldiers by obedience.

CONFESSION

I am kingdom-minded. I respond to God's call for my life. I walk in obedience.

Day 14
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2025

DO NOT LET SHAME KEEP YOU BACK FROM OBEDIENCE

Text: Hebrews 12:25 AMP

See to it that you do not refuse [to listen to] Him who is speaking [to you now].

We were attending a conference. Right after the Word session, prayers began. It was so intense. At that moment, the Lord told me to walk to the altar and kneel. I hesitated for minutes. Why? How can I be all dressed up, and sitting in a special area in the church, do such a thing? Why would I allow people to look at me like I do not understand the “protocol of decorum and organisation”? I just cannot!

Well! I eventually broke protocol and went to the altar. I held on to the base of the altar as I prayed intensely. By the time I was leaving the altar, I realised some others had joined me there.

Beloved, obedience will come with sacrifices. Obedience is always a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord. It breaks through the limitations of our humanity and connects us to the blessings of the Lord. God loves acts of obedience. He sees it as worship.

Second, there are times when you are not the only one that God is speaking to. If you delay in obedience, someone else can take your place. Late obedience is no longer a sweet-smelling sacrifice. Obedience must be prompt and complete. Some people arrived at the place they were sent and realised that the work had already been done. They had been replaced by another obedient son of the Lord.

Third, your obedience is always a pattern breaker. There was no one at the altar when I obeyed the Lord but others joined after I stepped out. God can use your obedience to challenge others. I know people who have caught the spirit of boldness to go to the place the Lord has called them to because they saw

what obedience can do through the work in Eruwa here.

Before the woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus and got her healing, everyone who got healed before then was touched by Jesus. But after her, many started making attempts to touch Jesus. Some were even challenged that they told Jesus to just speak a word. But do you know she had to despise shame? Do you know she fought her fears? God used her as a pattern breaker.

There are times when we are too composed and packaged for the Lord to move. Our “shell of protocol” is so thick that the sword of the Spirit seems not to be able to cut through.

A dear father in the faith went for the groundbreaking of a major project that would take years of construction. As they finished giving thanks, God told him to lie on the floor in Thanksgiving. He obeyed. He did not mind the size of his suit. The Lord told him, “I have taken over this project now”. They built it in months. The same has happened to me once also. God took it over. He did what no man could do.

Beloved, are you too packaged for God to move to obedience? Deal with it. God is always far from proud. Who is waiting for your obedience? Or will you be replaced?

CONFESSION

I prioritise obedience to God's prompts at all times. I am not held down by protocols or people's perception. I walk in obedience to God.

Day 15
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“YOU WILL OUTGROW HIM”

Text: Hebrews 5:14 AMP

But solid food is for the [spiritually] mature, whose senses are trained by practice to distinguish between what is morally good and what is evil.

I was speaking to a dear sister some years ago. As her pastor, I noticed her spiritual growth and was excited about it. Every pastor loves a growing sheep! I told her the truth about her courtship.

She had been talking about the man in some previous conversations. I told her, “May I tell you this? The pace at which you are growing, if your man refuses to grow, you will outgrow him. There will then be problems because you will not be talking about the same values or have the same understanding.”

It happened exactly like that. She fought for it, but it dawned on her that their values were not the same even in something as simple as consistent church attendance.

Friends, two things must play strong roles in your life's decisions: first is growth, and second is value.

Some of the troubles you will have will come from holding on desperately to people and places you have outgrown. Can you imagine a 25-year-old trying to wear a shirt they loved at age 10? No matter how much you try, it can not fit.

Most “couple affairs” that began on campus (even in fellowships) hit the rocks when one of the parties begins to outgrow the other, or they realise that they were hasty in making a choice that will not fit the demands of their destiny.

You just realise that you love each other, but your direction is no longer the same.

A second challenge will be your values. For instance, you did not know the importance of a local church on your life's journey, but now you are fiercely committed to learning, growing and serving in your local church. However, your immediate company is still full of “sleepers on service days,” not to mention a lack of commitment to serving.

You now realise that your destiny will not be

built at a party but in a place of prayer. The partying has reduced. You now realise that you must be accountable to be responsible, but you are in a company that laughs every time you say you want to visit your mentor or pastor.

You now realise that sex before marriage is a breach of the covenant but you are in a company that feels “What is the big deal with having a little fun, at least we are adults or we are getting married?”

You have chosen the high road of purity but you are in the company of those who sit down to watch and discuss the latest in sitcoms, songs and styles that promote nudity and perversion. You all go to church but you see your taste is different.

Growth and Values will always be the demarcating lines in the long run. You will love them genuinely but you know that there are lines you will not cross.

You know the demands of your destiny and nothing will make you settle for less. You know you are on a national assignment with international impact, and you cannot afford a day's rest in the bosom of a “burning beautiful housewife”. Your destiny will not allow it!

Let your values and growth be tied to the demands of your destiny.

Remember, when it comes to your destiny, be brutal. No sentiments!

May your head not find rest where your destiny's demand will not be fulfilled.

CONFESS I O N

My growth is not in contrast to my destiny. I imbibe godly values. I make pro-destiny decisions. I am helped by the Lord.

Day 16
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2025

"I CAN NEVER FORGIVE HIM"

Text: Matthew 6:12 AMP

And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors [letting go of both the wrong and the resentment]

Years back before ministry started, I walked out of my room after some moments of prayer and I had a word from the Lord for the first person I saw. I said to her: "The Lord said to say to you, "Your Life is just about to begin but there is someone you are refusing to forgive".

She said to me, "I say yes to the fact that my life is about to begin but forgive that person, I can never forgive him". I asked her to speak to me and she poured out her heart.

She dated a young man with who she ended up doing all sorts and for quite unimaginable things. After the worst happened, the boyfriend dumped her and called her a rag. Just a few days before I saw her, he called to tell her he was getting married. She felt used. She cursed him, his marriage and his unborn children.

One of the things that will give the devil a perpetual grip on your life is an unforgiving spirit. If you realise that you keep struggling as a believer and you stay in the cycle of your past, you need to check if you are not keeping the property of the devil.

An unforgiving spirit is a fertile ground for sickness to thrive. A bitter spirit cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit. If the devil succeeds in leaving the seed of an unforgiving attitude, he will return to check for the fruit that it will bear- bitterness and if not careful, diseases can also sprout.

The devil will always return to check if he has a stake in your life. Jesus said so:

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.
John 14:30 NKJV

The devil will always hang around anyone who has his package. Make sure that he has nothing in your life.

One of the major hindrances to answered prayers is an unforgiving spirit.

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:25 – 26 NKJV

Make sure you discard the devil's baggage. An unforgiving attitude is not a load the human spirit can carry; it is too heavy- you will break down eventually. There is a lot of wisdom in these three words- Let it Go!

CONFESSION

I am not held bound by the shackles of unforgiveness. Bitterness and offences are not found in me. The Holy Spirit saturates my heart.



DON'T ALLOW OFFENCE TO THRIVE

Text: Matthew 11:6 NKJV

And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.

A dear father in the faith gave me an appointment to see him. I honoured the day but I sent messages to get further details. I got no reply. I had to travel back to base without seeing him. I sent some follow-up messages.

Some weeks later, I needed to send him another message when I realised that he had sent me a message that I had not seen. I was so shocked. I had to apologise. I told myself, "Thank God I did not walk the path of offence. I would have acted foolishly"

Certainly, offence will surely come. You must be the one who will refuse to be offended. Ensure you are also not the trigger of an offence.

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offences should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"

Luke 17:1 NKJV

As long as men relate, one issue or the other will come up but you must not just walk in forgiveness, you must walk in advanced forgiveness.

Much more than forgiveness, you must learn that "Love bears all things". Give space in your heart that deals with the challenges that come with relating with people.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

things.

I Corinthians 13:4, 7 NKJV

Offences arise most times when you are quick to jump to conclusions. If you have not seen the full picture, do not form an opinion. Be patient. It may not be the way you think it is.

There are times as children when our parents flogged us, shouted at us and disciplined us without knowing the full story. They listened to an outsider and reached conclusions about our character and behaviour. Some of you still have that pain in your heart till now. Let it go!

But the big question is- Who are you treating the same way? Do you have the full picture of what your spouse actually did or was it what you were told? Have you given that friend the benefit of the doubt? How about your business partner? Be patient. It may not be what you think.

CONFESSIO N

I guard my heart against offence. I deal with issues with godly wisdom. I am a peace builder. I walk in love.

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

Text: Hebrews 10:35 NLT

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

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?

First, 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 dealings with God as a delay that they could not bear.

Second, 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 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 revoke my testimonies of God. I reject the devil's interpretation of my season. I am firmly rooted in Christ.

Day 19
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WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THERE IS A DELAY? (Part 2)

Text: Hebrews 10:36 NLT

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

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 one 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 definitely 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 have to 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.

CONFESSIO N

I stay with the Lord. My strength is renewed always. Storms do not alarm me. My peace in Christ is intact.

Day 20
September
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HAVE YOU KNOCKED?

Text: 1 John 5:14 NKJV

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

We were preparing to hit the road for the day. I was the first to get into the car. While I was settling down at the wheel, I heard a knock on the door at the passenger's side. It was Danielle.

As I opened the door, she said to me, "Daddy, I have been knocking on the door". I responded, "I opened it as soon as I heard your knock".

Jesus said to us, "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened unto you". It is a principle of prayer.

Do not assume that doors will just open unto you- knock on the doors. Do not assume that your needs will be met automatically- ask!

This was perhaps the error of the son of the prophet who died in debt and used his sons as collateral. He never cried out to the prophet. When he died and the problem he created was choking his widow, so she ran to the prophet. The answer was in asking the prophet.

Prayer is not an assumption. Prayer is intentionally and deliberately asking, seeking and knocking.

Do not just assume that people are meant to help you. Assumption creates hurt.

Can you imagine someone standing at your door for about two hours without knocking? The person then gets angry when you opened the door to do

something else. Would that not be weird?

Do not assume people know what you are going through. If you need help, ask for help. Do so without a sense of entitlement.

A lot of people walk our streets with a sense of entitlement. The truth is people only help you out of their volition. Do not become entitled. It is a privilege to be helped.

God is always willing to open doors for you but are you asking, seeking and knocking?

CONFESS I O N

I am intentional about prayer. I ask the Lord in faith. I receive answers to my prayers.

Day 21
September
2025

HE LOST THE DESIRE FOR DRUGS...

Text: John 15:3 NKJV

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

He had spent some of his teenage years living in a Pastor's house. He felt he was being choked. Once he got the freedom to step out to school, he slid into sex and drugs. He was getting into gambling. He had seen one of the popular foreign musicians as a role model. He wanted to look like him no matter the cost. He was a low-budget version! His life was a mess.

He had to be withdrawn from school. He found his way into the church. He would come to church and return to his drugs. One good thing was that he kept coming. He said once that his body would be shivering with a desire for drugs even while in church.

But one day, he left the church, as usual to go smoke some of the stuff. That day, everything changed. The desire to quit was suddenly overwhelming. He could not smoke his hemp. It felt strange. Something had died on inside. Constant exposure to the Word of the Lord has changed his story. He also got baptized in the Holy Ghost and that was the beginning of a new life.

First, life without the Lordship of Jesus has no meaning. A sinful life is not a free one. Stop thinking sinning is the freedom to do what you want. No, a life of sin is slavery to the devil. How do you know you are a slave? You cannot stop of your own volition. Just try to stop using your will. You may succeed for some days, but you will return to your indulgence. Sin is slavery.

A sinner is a servant of sin- "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin..." Romans 6:17 KJV

Second, sin wants to have dominion even over the believer but constant exposure to the Word of God is what makes it impossible for sin to rule over us. No matter what, make sure you are constantly exposed to the Word of God.

The Word of God is your defence against sin. When sin tries to penetrate your life, it can only be resisted by the Word. David said that we must hide the Word of God in our hearts if we will not sin against the Lord. In every temptation of Jesus by the devil, Jesus had to reply with "It is written". Keep the Word in your heart.

The Word of God is a cleansing agent. It cleans us up.

that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:26 KJV

By the Word, spots, wrinkles and blemishes are dealt with:

that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:27 KJV

If you stay long enough with and in the Word, your life cannot remain the same. Do not let the devil lie to you to stop staying around the Word and studying the Word because your case is bad. He is a liar. The Word works. That addiction will bow to the Word. Stay there! Do not leave the church. Stay there.

You will be free!

CONFESSION

I stay long in God's words. My soul and spirit are saturated with the word of God. I live by the word of God.

Day 22
September
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MA, THIS IS NOT THE AMOUNT I REQUESTED

Text: Jeremiah 17:5 NIV

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD."

My friend shared a story of a random woman who showed up at their door. She mentioned that she needed some financial assistance for her boy in school. Although my friend's father did not know her, he went inside to put an amount in an envelope to support her.

A few minutes later, the woman returned and said to my friend's mother, "Ma, where is that Daddy?" The mother asked if everything was well. She replied, "Ma, he did not give me the amount I asked for. The money is not complete." The mother 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 to you when you ask and when you do not ask are certainly doing their best. There are times they are giving you their last time. 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 naira. My God! I was so grateful for it. I did not thank him less than the person who gave me ten thousand naira airtime. I was massively grateful when I realised he was a missionary in a small village. It touched me more.

If you know the story that surrounds people's gifts 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 between the lines. He gave him no room to ask for any other thing. That was his last request.

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

Dear Sir/Ma, deal with entitlement mentality. Do not let it wreck you.

God bless you!

CONFESSION

I do not have an entitlement mentality. God is my source. My needs are supplied by the hand of the Lord.

Day 23
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“SO I WOKE UP LATE AGAIN”

Text: Psalm 22:30 NLT

Our children will also serve him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

Just as we were about to head to church on Sunday morning, Danielle asked me, “Daddy, we have prayed, right?” I said, “Yes we prayed at 5.30am but you were still sleeping”. The next thing she said shocked me, “So I woke up late again”. I was awed. Her definition of waking up late was missing family devotion. Her awareness stirred something in me.

A child will be careless if parents do not lay a solid foundation that teaches the importance of keeping to time. Indiscipline is also learnt.

Having a consistent time of family devotion can be your child's first home training on the importance of timing.

You cannot just pray at any time that is convenient as a family. You are raising the next generation to be careless without knowing.

There are days you pray at 6 am, at other times, you just rush devotion in the car, and on Saturdays, you wait for everyone to wake up before you pray. We should not mention many days when there are no family devotions.

Dear young couple, develop the habit of praying together as a family before your seeds begin to arrive. Personal devotion should not replace family devotion. Each has its unique role. Pray together!

Dear parents, you are training an entire generation- you cannot joke with that responsibility. For some of us, our first Bible training school was family devotion. It taught us the word but it also taught us the discipline of time and the power of consistency.

Once a child becomes aware of timing, maturity is already taking place. A man who does not value time is a child locked up in adult skin. A child who understands time is a man locked up in baby looks.

One of the great virtues for building a great life is the discipline of time and consistency. Great nations value time and do not joke with consistency. Go and check out nations that are underdeveloped and their attitude when it comes to time and consistency.

Dear parents, you are raising nations. Jesus developed awareness early in life. He knew there was the business of His Father. He had a consistent habit of fellowshiping in the Synagogue. He also stood up and took responsibility. There is no doubt that Mary and Joseph played great parental roles also.

Joseph was keen on hearing and obeying God promptly. Mary was keen on doing the will of God.

If God wants to bless the world with a great seed, would God gladly use your family?

CONFESSION

I nurture my seeds in the way of the Lord. I receive grace to raise and prepare my kids for their generation.



“OLIVE! OLIVE!! OLIVE!!!” (The Cries of a Loving Sister)

Text: Galatians 6:2 NLT

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

We were all in front of the church, preparing to go home when Danielle shouted, “Olive. Olive. Olive”. I wondered what the matter was. Then I noticed a church member carried Olive. They were walking away from the car to take care of some children.

Danielle thought they were taking her sister away from her. She screamed and called our attention to it.

It tells me about how powerful brotherly love should be: Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith! Galatians 6:10 TPT

If you are a Christian, you must have the love of a brother and the watchfulness of a soldier- not just over your own needs but over the needs of others who are part of the family of faith.

When you see your brother or sister in the faith getting carried away by other things, talk to the Father on their behalf and scream lovingly to get their attention.

You must not be so busy with your life that you forget to extend a hand of care to those who are burdened and broken!

Maturity takes your eyes from just yourself and your own needs- it broadens your view. A mature believer sees beyond his own needs as he ministers to the needs of others. Maturity broadens your heart.

David and his men lost a whole city but they were kind enough to minister to the needs of

an Egyptian slave. Peter had a horrible day at work but he still offered his boat (without showing attitude) to Jesus.

Maturity is understanding that kingdom service goes beyond your mood! Maturity says, “God, I may not have all I desire to have, but I am still and will always be available for you”.

When you are just engrossed in yourself and your needs without paying attention to kingdom assignments, Jesus would look at you and ask, “Do you love me more than these?”

Is there someone around you that you need to pray for today?

Is there anyone who used to be regular in church but does not show up again?

Is there someone that you know who has been hurt and offended?

Is there someone you need to scream his or her name today?

Be a brother.

Be a soldier.

Get kingdom attention on that person. Let it start with you!

CONFESSION

I am committed to the welfare of others in the fold. I am available for kingdom service. I am my brother's keeper.

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"IT WAS MY TAILOR THAT MADE IT THAT WAY"

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

When I spotted what this daughter of Zion wore to the wedding ceremony, I asked her what had happened that she wore such a revealing dress. Her answer was to blame her tailor. "Pastor sir, it is my tailor that made it that way. I did not see it until today". However, it was not too long afterwards that I realized that it was not the tailor, it was a pattern that she was gradually settling into.

First, every child of God must live in the consciousness of royal priesthood. A believer is both a priest and a king. When you gave your life to Christ, your identity changed.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9 KJV

Let's take a cue from the priesthood of Aaron. Aaron and His sons were set apart as priests in Israel. It was an office they were to occupy. Do you know the first thing God mentioned after they were set apart as priests? It was their clothing:

And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. Exodus 28:2 KJV

God set the purpose for dressing right there: First, it must be for glory. Second, it must be for beauty.

But it did not stop there. Do you know that God literally prescribed the kind of "tailors" and "fashion designers" that can sew for the priest? Yes, He did:

And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. Exodus 28:3 KJV

Tell all who are experts, whom I have endowed with skill and good judgment, that they shall make Aaron's garments to sanctify him for My priesthood.

Exodus 28:3 AMP/C

Those who make cloths for priests must be wise-hearted. They must be full of the spirit of wisdom.

Dear believer, if you claim that your tailor is the problem, well! God prescribed the type of tailor a priest should use:

The tailor must be skilful. They must know their onions. They must be very good at their job.

But there is another requirement: The tailor must have good judgment. Next time, get a tailor who knows that your breasts are not for display. Get someone who will not be saying, 'Except your breasts show a bit, the work will not show'. So you eventually got a wedding gown that does not look like your priesthood.

God had to emphasize it again and he gave his reasons for this: Their nakedness must be covered.

And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: Exodus 28:40, 42 KJV

God gave three simple conditions for the appearance of a priest:

For Glory

For Beauty

For covering of nakedness.

You are now a priest. Does your dressing represent you well? Or are you still blaming your tailor? Then change the tailor! Or change your heart. Repent!

CONFESSION

My appearance is not lust-provoking. My appearance glorifies God. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

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A GENERAL LIE TO “SAVE FACE”

Text: Galatians 4:19 NIV

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.

Some years back, I kept looking for the key to the car. I searched everywhere I could. I did not find the key. Then I decided to check the car itself. I discovered I had locked the key in the car. Fortunately, Dad had a spare. He gave it to me so I could retrieve the key but not without a warning to be more careful next time.

However, some days later, I was looking for the key again. As Dad headed to work, I mentioned that I was looking for my key and I was sure I would find it. Well! I discovered I had locked it again in the car. Now, I knew where the spare key was. I picked up the spare key and returned it after retrieving the missing key.

Then my test came- the next morning, Dad asked, “Temi, where did you find your key yesterday?”. My answer was evasive. “Dad, it was just lying somewhere”. He did not say a word but went on to work.

Then I lost my peace. As I settled at my desk in the ministry office. The Holy Spirit convicted me of lying because of the fear of being scolded. I picked up my phone and composed a text to Dad apologising for lying to him and telling him exactly what happened. My peace was restored.

Spiritual growth will happen as you pass your tests. Every time you evade your tests, you will remain weak in character. If you do not repent, it will become easier to make sinful decisions. The strength of your character will get weakened by the day.

At the initial stage, your conscience will ring like an alarm clock but if you do not respond

and repent, your conscience will snooze out on you while you carry on wrongdoing. You can do the wrong thing so often that it begins to seem right.

The Christian walk is a journey of “Fruitfulness”. You must produce godly fruits. It is proof of maturity in the faith. If all we see are strange fruits, we will have to doubt if indeed you are a believer.

If you are loaded with gifts but lack fruits, you will be gifted but lack godly character. We need a revival of fruits now. When the grace of God unto salvation appeared to all men, it began a training curriculum for men saved by grace to learn to say “No” to unrighteousness. If you claim to be saved but cannot say “No” to sin, you certainly have been missing in the class taught by grace (Titus 2:11,12)

I grew up seeing an art piece in our living room that says, “If you are accused of being a Christian, will there be enough evidence to prove it?” That statement stuck with me.

Can my colleagues testify that I am a Christian? What testimonies do my neighbours have? If my phone (my gallery, and my playlist) is called on to testify about my Christian virtue and character, what will their testimony be?

I know we are all works in progress. Kindly let us see the progress! Where is the proof?

CONFESSION

I grow in faith and in fruitfulness. The character of Christ is formed in me. I bear fruit unto righteousness.

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“WHEN I WAS ‘TOASTING’ YOU, WAS IT STRESSFUL?”

Text: Romans 5:5 NIV

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Recently, Irewamiri took a trip to Lagos. We got chatting when she was returning and I asked whether I should pick her up in Abeokuta. She asked me, “Would that not be too stressful?”. I did not know when I said to her, “When I was ‘toasting’ you, was it stressful?”

It is so easy for the human mind to forget commitment and become familiar. You must train your mind not to slip into familiarity. Familiarity kills the flames of intimacy.

There are marriages now that have slipped into familiarity. The husband no longer treats the wife like a queen and the wife no longer attends to her man like a king. The man does not go the extra mile for the wife again. Now the meals are casually served. It does not matter even if it is cold.

It is also the same as the relationship of some with the Lord Jesus Christ. The prophet Jeremiah had this to say to the nation of Israel:

“Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “I remember you, The kindness of your youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown.

Jeremiah 2:2 NKJV

The statement would have been a testimony except that it was all in the past- they went after God but not anymore. They had lost the passion they

used to have. They used to go after God but now complacency has taken over their commitment.

When you are in such a position, just one thing becomes instructive-

But I have this against you: you have abandoned the passionate love you had for me at the beginning. Think about how far you have fallen! Repent and do the works of love you did at first. Revelation 2:4-5 TPT

You need to get that groove back. You need to get the passion back. Your fellowship with God needs new flames. Blow away the ashes and let a new spark return.

Do the same for your marriage- plan deliberately for your spouse. Do something that you used to do when the flames of romance were still quite hot. Give a treat. Offer to do something. Go the extra mile.

In the name of Jesus, the flames of love in your fellowship with God will come aglow. I also pray new passion into your marriage. Amen.

CONFESSION

I keep the flame of intimacy in my marriage ignited. The love of God floods my marriage. I grow in love for God and His kingdom.

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GODLY PRINCIPLES FOR MARITAL BONDING (I)

Text: Psalm 68:11 KJV

God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

Irewamiri got a Word from the Lord about a particular situation. It was about our family and ministry journey. The Lord would not permit her to tell me, but only pray for me. Guess what, it took four solid years for me to make that same decision. She waited on God for those four trying years. It was a huge test. You need to see how joyful she was the day I eventually made the decision.

Dear woman, God has given you a great opportunity- To choose the man to whom you will submit. If you made that choice, then you should be willing to trust him. If you trust him enough to commit your all to him, trust him enough to also take the lead.

Dear man, settle it early that you will provide leadership. You must not make decisions rashly. You are no longer just driving yourself. You have your wife and children in this vehicle called life. You must be patient enough to listen and purposeful enough to make bold moves.

Do you know the story of Mary and Joseph? Who did the Lord appear to at first? Who got the revelation about the birth of Christ first? It was Mary! Why? She needed to know what she was getting into. She needed a personal revelation about it.

Right after she accepted, who did the Lord begin to communicate with about Jesus Christ, that Mary would birth and even after his birth? It was Joseph!

It was Joseph who was instructed to still go ahead and take Mary as his wife. It was Joseph who was told to carry the baby and his mother to Egypt. It was Joseph who was instructed when it was time to return.

Did you see or hear Mary say, "Joseph, hold on. Angel Gabriel will talk to me too about it"? Not once. She trusted his leadership. She respected his decisions. What if they hesitated while Mary was waiting to hear and see an

angel? Jesus Christ would have been killed by Herod, too.

Who took the lead to "japa"? Joseph!

Who took the lead to "japada"? Joseph!!

Beloved, God is the God of Order. Do not let pressure make you hijack leadership in your marriage. Pray your husband into the light of what God has revealed that he is not seeing.

On different occasions, I would communicate a thing to Irewamiri, and she would smile, saying, "Thank you, Lord. I was just praying about it. I knew the Lord would prompt you". It includes decisions on bringing someone in to stay with us, giving to the Lord and major decisions in our marriage.

When Eve took the lead, they lost the garden.

When Sarah took the lead, they bore an Ishmael.

When Rebecca wanted to help God, she elongated the journey and sowed hatred, bitterness and pain in her home.

Be patient. Patience travels with faith.

If you marry a man or woman who is not yielded to the Lord, you will be under a lot of pressure. Issues will arise at the boiling point in your marriage, but even then, you must understand that godly character is non-negotiable —you must be wise, peaceable, and patient. God can also use you.

CONFESSION

My spouse and I are in tune with the voice of God. We are yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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GODLY PRINCIPLES FOR MARITAL BONDING (II)

Text: Deuteronomy 32:20 NIV

How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up?

After I asked out Ireuwamiri, she had a unique, broad daylight encounter. She was in her room and seemed to have dozed off a bit when she caught a vision:

A dear father we both loved walked up to her and said, "I have called you to help my son in what I have sent him to do." The dear father walked out of her room, and she became fully conscious. She did not forget that encounter.

Truly, we have arrived at the point where our continued unity is due to the conviction of what the Lord said to her. We have made tough decisions and aligned perfectly because something fundamental was settled: "Help him in what I have called him to do." What a help she has been: stable, strong and solid.

One of the things that affects marital bonding is the selfishness of the parties involved. There is a seed of suspicion that has been sown in many lives called, "Won't I have my own? Won't I make a name for myself? What happens to my own dreams?" Selfishness has benched sacrifice. Now, confusion has become king.

Marriage requires selflessness, not selfishness:
Genesis 2:24 TPT

[24] For this reason, a man leaves his father and his mother to be unselfishly attached to his wife. They become one flesh as a new family!

If you will be a great help, you must be ready to live a life of sacrifice. There are times you would have to let go of a desire because of the demands of the season. There are times you will turn down a job offer in the interest of the family. Let sacrifice guide your union.

I stood with a dear mother a while back in Eruwa and asked her, "Ma, what was going through your mind when you followed Daddy

to Eruwa?" Her response was simple: "A lot of people tried to discourage me. Even his friends came and said that I should fight his decision and refuse, maybe he would change his mind, but I told them, I am going with him anywhere he goes." That decision led to a great couple team that built a great institution that would soon be forty years old.

Someone is saying, "Men are not that reliable. I know how my Dad treated my mum." Another voice is saying, "I know my wife, it is better I focus on building my dream without her." Will you allow hurt to lead your life and decisions, or would you trust the word of the Lord?

If your reference is experience and not the Word, then the foundation is faulty already. But when your reference is the Word, you are both built for a great marriage in love and unity. Please, let the Word heal your heart.

If you are the loving wife of a hurting man, it is tough work. If you are the loving husband of a hurting wife, it is tough work too. Be patient with your spouse. There is good hidden in that mess.

There is no home built on the rock of God's word that does not stand the test of time. Any marriage built on selfish interest will sink in the midst of storms.

CONFESS I O N

Christ is the foundation of my home. We overcome life's challenges by the power of God.

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GODLY PRINCIPLES FOR MARITAL BONDING (III)

Text: Ephesians 4:4-5 NIV

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

She asked, "Pastor, I do not like his church. I do not agree with the doctrine of the church. What should I do?" I asked her, "What church were you before you got married, and what church are you now?" I was a bit surprised. It was quite a rare switch. I realized why she was struggling.

"But did you not know his church before you married him?" I asked. She said she knew. I dropped the bomb- That is your church now. You should accept it as that. Settle there and grow with your husband.

Beloved, doctrine can be quite sensitive when it comes to marital bonding. It can bind you together, and it can also divide you. If you still have the privilege of deciding before you marry, do not marry someone with whom you do not agree with his/her doctrine, or you do not "like" or agree with his/her pastors. Why is this important? That is what your spouse has seen all his/her life. Those are the people he/she has always listened to. Their thoughts will guide some of the decisions in your home, directly or indirectly. Be very clear about it.

If you are married, as long as it is not a doctrine of demons, you will need to adjust and settle into the church. You must pursue understanding and trust God for grace to see beyond the things you struggle with. Why is this important? It will help you understand your spouse's thoughts and patterns better when he or she makes certain decisions.

For the men, it would be quite funny if you met her using earrings and wearing trousers and then you decide that she should stop so she can marry you. You are looking for a wife and not a convert. Do not stress yourself over someone with whom you have sharp and divergent doctrinal differences. Simply, marry someone who is your spec.

For the ladies, save yourself the stress of explanation and unnecessary explanation.

If you cannot submit to his church doctrine, cut off the relationship while you can. Do not say, "We are trying to make it work." It would stress you out. God help you if his parents are also under the same doctrinal patterns that you disagree with. The battles would be an extended war. Save yourself the trouble.

Two people cannot walk together in peace and unity when they are not in agreement.

Do you want a home like the Church at Corinth? They had strife and divisions. Do you know why? There were camps created in the church because of whose teachings they chose to follow.

I Corinthians 3:3-4 NKJV

For where there are...strife, and divisions among you...For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

Walk away while you can before marriage.

Walk with him or her the moment you are married.

Grace!

CONFESSIO

My home does not breed denominational and doctrinal dispute. My spouse and I advance the course of Christ through our marriage.



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