Chapter 2



Power of the mind

be called authority; it is a state a man assumes to, in order to control. The mind is alive, it can communicate, act and can control. Actions expressed by the body are generated from the mind. The mind can imagine a situation and bring it into existence. Most of the time you are afraid, because your mind has accepted fear.

Thoughts are powerful and that is why the enemy wants to control what you watch, hear and read. The devil is using the entertainment industry to destroy destinies, but you have to guide your mind, by controlling the things you read, watch and hear. The mind is the foundation to your greatness. The power to control your future lies within you.

The mind has the capacity to change things. You can be healed if you have the right mind set, you can finish the race if you develop your mind not to give up.

In the midst of the problem you need to have the right mind to get out of it. If you can face the problem, you will win. It does not matter what you are passing through, what matters is what you are creating out of the problem. In the midst of problems, being in jail, Joseph did not allow his mind to be over shadowed by the devil, or the situation he was in, he could see visions even in problem, he could interpret dreams even when he had no hope of getting out. The truth is that; you will pass through problems to be uplifted.

The problem you are into now is not about your personality, it is because of where you are going. However, you must learn how to depend on God and apply the technique of filtration' in order to sieve out the deceitful words of the devil, so that you can do your work. If you can get up from that sick bed,

you will be healed. It may not look like it now, but if you can take the step, you will be made whole. I speak to you today, begin from that small place, say no to discouragement. If you are in prison or in any problem and you are reading this, I would like to tell you that your greatness starts now, do not wait until you get out of that problem, start doing it now.

That worship you want to give God, start the worship now, that business idea, start working on it now. Start developing the idea in that mess, in that problem. Starts preparing yourself, because the problem is over and you are coming out.

Your victory is at hand. Its time you say enough is enough, I am coming out of this, it cannot kill me, and it cannot kill my vision. Child of God, the key is the right mindset and the word of God in you.

When you have the word (God) in you, you are a victor. The ability to be great is in your mind. Examine the fight between Jacob and the Angel.

(Genesis 32:22-31).

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

²⁶Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. ²⁸Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.").

I could hear him say, it does not matter if I will die, but I will kick out of the grave to

achieve my dream. I don't know who this message is for right now, it does not matter how many times you have failed, but if you can stand and hold on, if you can raise and say no.

I don't know where you have been and what has been said: it is not possible, you cannot make it. If you can change your mind, filter those words and stand up to it, things will be different. Stand up to that problem, stand up to that marriage failure, and stand up to that sickness. It does not matter if what you are passing through was caused by someone, it does not matter who caused it, but if you can stand up to it. Was the divorce fair? No. Was the rejection fair? No. Was the court order

fair?, No. Will you let the problems to limit you? You need to stand up to it.

It is time to say, I am not giving up. I will stand here and worship, until the blessing comes back, until my marriage is restored, until my children come back to me. I will get rooted in God's word, in faith and grace. I will stand in here and fight for my future; I will fight for my greatness. I am a child of God and not a failure. It is impossible for me to fail, because God cannot fail. The ability to fight is what will take you to your next level. The kingdom of God suffers violence and only the violent take it by force. You have to fight for it; you have to demand for it, you have to take it by force. The child is

yours, the job is yours. You are not to beg; you are to take it by force. Stop begging for what is yours; stop negotiating with sickness, failure. You are Gods own, and nothing God owns fail.

Nothing he owns gets disgraced or disappointed. I would like to explain to you, that whatever resources and blessings you are getting now is what the level of your growth spiritual can offer. Every level of spiritual growth has a level of supply and a level of spiritual warfare. There are many things you do not need to pray about, but level of spiritual growth makes them available. Be convinced that, there is a level of growth you reach that, when your name is being

mentioned sickness runs, when you enter any place, be it an office or a home or even a shop, you will be favored, because God has already settled the case before you got there. Beloved reader, God created you with inheritance, it is yours in heaven, but you need to place a demand for it and take it on earth. You may need to grow spiritually in order to take it. In every stage of blessing, there is always a task involved.

When Hagar was sent out of Abrahams house, the bible recorded that they ran out of water and food, so Hagar laid her child to die and went far away from him, the Bible said when God spoke to her, the first thing God

said was, stand up, and as she stood up, she saw a well of water.

(Genesis 21:14-19).

¹⁴ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵ And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

¹⁶ And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

¹⁸ Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

¹⁹ And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

Until you stand up to that problem, that sickness, that shame, that divorce, you will still be on the sick bed, you will still be limited. You are holding yourself back, stand up!

In the mix of the pains, sorrow, shame, God is saying arise, stand-up to it. It does not matter what you are going through, but God is saying peace be unto you. When the disciples were afraid, the Bible recorded that God appeared to them and he said peace be onto you.

How wonderful, how awesome is God, ministering peace, when all hope is lost, God picks you up when you have nothing left. It is time to stand up to everything intimidating you, taking your peace, your vision. Declare today, no more sickness, I will not fail, no more problems in my marriage. Stand up to that problem.

When you have the right mind set, which is developed from the word of God you can achieve your vision and ambition. The question is what you can die for, what you can reject sin for. When you understand who you are, your purpose on earth, you can subdue your flesh, you can say no to that voice speaking words of negativity to you. Today, as a Christian it is your right to manifest, being a Christian and going to church is not enough. Christianity is life, freedom, spirit, light, the word and God. Most Christians do not know the power they have, they look down on themselves and they convert to other beliefs because they do not understand God.

The spirit of God is trying to let you know and understand why Christians face more challenges than non Christians. I would like you to know that the devil cannot fight his own. Devil fights you as a Christian because he understands the success ahead of you, he understands his kingdom is in danger.

Why?

Every Christian has a common task, to set the captive free, to heal the sick, to proclaim Gods word to the world. That is why if you want to be a Christian, don't be a joking Christian or Sunday Christian. You have to be rooted in the word and in faith. Let's look at the life of Joseph for you to understand why the devil is after you because you are a child of God.

Read Genesis 39

God was with Joseph and everything he did was prosperous. The devil saw his destiny and tried to silence it by using his brothers against him. When that did not work, the devil tried to use his Masters wife and the third was putting him in prison.

In those problems, Joseph had the right mindset and he was focused on his destiny. When you renew your mind in the word of God, you will identify your destiny and nothing can make you sell it. When you understand who you are, there is nothing that can sell your destiny. You trade your destiny

in exchange for sin or temporary pleasure such as food, sex and crime.

The night may stay longer than excepted, but set your eyes on God and be focus, the day will come.

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