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## **DEDICATION**

**I dedicate this book to all men and women, every child, every tongue, nation and tribe; YOU CAN MAKE IT!!!! Just GO FOR IT!**

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**My appreciations go to the mighty GOD who made us as HE is and commissioned us to GO FOR IT!!!! To GOD be all the glory, honor, and praise. Amen!**

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**GO FOR IT**

## GO FOR IT!

Go for it: Three vital words that are necessary if we must achieve anything, reach anywhere, or be vital. We must **go for it**. We must know that in truth, there is nothing impossible. Everything is within reach. No prospect is so complex or lofty that anyone and everyone are unable to accomplish it. Inherent in the human gene is the tenacity to be able, even more than able, to exceed limits. That is how we have actually reached where we are.

Most of the forerunners of the human experience would be amazed at how far we have gone. Threats that loomed large yesterday, that terrorized nearly everyone, promising to close all hope, have been tamed. Diseases that were mortal killers are today more or less unknown to many in our generation. Distances that were mysterious because of natural barriers are today destinations of casual observers we call tourists. Tribes and traditions that were inferior to others and vulnerable to nature's horrors are living in a far more secure environment than was thought possible by most in the past.

Yes, threats still abound today but we have gone a long way from where we were as people. We are not where we were. Distance has been covered, lives have been changed, and history has been made. All around the



world, there are different celebrations that take note of these achievements in human advancement. From the most formal occasions that acknowledge the heroic antics of national liberations to the carnival highlights of religious and social events that draw our attention to either our divinity or carnality- all around us belies the evidence that we have gone so far.

*How is it that we have reached this far? What made the difference? Should we stop right here? Can we stop?* First of all, we cannot stop. Like it or not but the human episode is a divine command to *go for it*. If you understand it from this standpoint then we can successfully answer the other questions. From the time God created man, He commanded him to *go for it*. Man was never intended to be an immobile, docile creature unable to achieve or accomplish anything. Far from it: **God created man to be an achiever, to be ambitious, to be just like He is.** Man is made in the image of God, in His very likeness (Genesis 1:26). Inherent in Him is the divine desire to advance, to be lofty, to be great, and even to be glorious (Psalm 8:4; Romans 8:30). God made Him out of the dust and commanded Him, to *go for it*. **He urged man to reach the skies, sketch the land, probe the seas, it is all accessible and within all possibility** (Genesis 1:28).

The first man was given a go, go, go set of commandments. He was a being with a great commission. Everything was within his reach. Nothing

was impossible for this being. As far as God was concerned, man was created to do all things, have all things, and be above all things. You do not read of Adam begging God for this or the other. Even when he had needs, God saw them before he did. Like when he needed a companion, God simply created a woman for him and presented her to him (Genesis 2). All he had to do was *go for it*. Beloved, even though man failed a most crucial test that cost him several immense privileges God never closed that plan for man.

In all the trials and tests the human experience has been subject to, the spirit *to achieve, to go, to be free, to accomplish, to soar*, has urged man to better and greater heights. That is why slavery has always failed. **Liberty, progress, and prosperity remain the most celebrated achievements of men today. Inside every man or woman is the desire to be free, to be great, to be the best.** That desire is not necessarily a selfish one. It is not necessarily an evil compulsion. It is a divine implant of God in the deepest recesses of your being. God's immortal and everlasting command to *go for it* is within the souls and spirit of every human. It does not matter the race, sex, age, color, or background.

That is why every people have a story of how they have overcome the odds of history and life. That is why after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan still goes on. That is why after slavery, colonialism and genocide, Africa goes on.

That is why after the civil war, the great depression, 9/11, and hurricane Katrina, America goes on. Men will go on regardless of the odds against them. No self-appointed megalomaniac or natural disaster will ever stop it. They did not start it in the first place.

**Satan rages, tries, moves to and fro, steals, kills and destroys in vain.** Yes, there are causalities but the overall picture remains of men and women going on for all that God has for them.

### ***YOU ARE A PART OF IT***

My friend, you are a glorious part of this advancement. God has never intended that you should be on the sidewalk of life. Never! From the moment that you were conceived in His holy mind, He prepared for you to move on, to *go for it*. Those who have made it or accomplished great things are not so different from you. They have done all that you too are capable of doing. Whatever they have achieved, you too can achieve. **Refuse the voice of intimidation that seeks to downsize you to a wimp and pay attention to what I am communicating to you. There is greatness inside of you.** If you search deep in your soul you will discover what I am telling you.

That lofty vision you have, those great dreams you have, are not evil plots of self-destruction. No, they are divine commands of a most Holy God. He made you for a

purpose, to accomplish something great in this life. You too can overcome all odds to achieve whatsoever you desire.

The problem with many is the spirit of fear. Fear paralyses, demolishes, and thoroughly neutralizes the will of God. It is the enemy of success. It is the one thing you have to overcome and completely get rid of. Its language is defeatist. Every time you want to stand and march, fear will drag you down. It is a procrastinator, a time loser. Get rid of it and *go for it*. Yes, it will not be easy or convenient but pay the price. You see the one that says he can and the one that says she cannot are both right. One man of God was so perceptive when he said that there are two kinds of faith- *God canners* and *Can't Godders*. Both receive according to their faith. It is all according to your will.

That is why I love Jesus: When lepers beseeched Him that He would heal them He simply said "I will." Wherever there was a will He was willing. In this act, He showed us the will of God for all of us. **From His impeccable testimony we gather that God is not some austere and insensitive person that will deny you the very greatness He placed inside of you.** He is not cruel.

On the contrary, it is warped minded religious bigots that have curved a poor mentality of God. They speak of Him only as a "do not do this" God. They have so misunderstood Him even as they did at the time of Jesus.

Jesus, on the other hand, showed us a better picture. He let us know that God is Father: That He need not be far away from us. In fact, that He desires to be one with us—we in Him and Him in us. **And in this basic but most profound master lesson, He revealed immense mind boggling possibilities: If the creator of the entire universe, the master of all creation, is most interested in us; if He loves us so dearly that He has adopted us as His own children; if He has separated us to be co-heirs with His only begotten, surely we must be able to do all that He can do.**

Jesus said, “Whosoever will come to me, I will in no wise cast him out” (John 6:37). Whosoever, means you too. All you have to be is willing. **If you are willing to go for it, if only you are willing, then nothing is impossible. Nothing can withstand you. You will make it. You will get it.** You too will gloriously benefit mankind. Your contribution is any moment away once you are willing.

### ***THE DIVINITY OF AMBITION***

For a long time now, we have left matters of achievement to pseudo authorities of the human will who have ignored the author and finisher of that will. That is why there is still a lot of mess going on. Men ought to know that without God, all men can do nothing (Mark 10:27).

In a sense, religious leaders are responsible for this. Most religious authorities are amazingly limited in their thinking. Most religious teachers have presumed to be interested only in matters pertaining to what we call spiritual and tended to be disinterested in what we presume to be natural. By spiritual, they narrowly relate to matters of the soul and spirit, and the taming of the flesh. Only God knows how many religious sermons and books have been spoken and written on these things exclusive of so much else.

However, we ought to realize that this has been nothing but a deception of the enemy. **Everything is spiritual!** A closer study of the word of God will tell you that whatever is natural is in fact the result of the spiritual dimension- the one is subset of the other. The author of the book of Hebrew reveals how the natural things showed up when he says:

**Through faith we understand that the worlds  
were framed by the word of God, so that things  
which are seen were not made of things which  
do appear. Hebrews 11:3**

The entire natural realm that is tangible is really the by-product of the spiritual realm which is invisible. Nothing in the natural really ever takes place without initiation in the spiritual realm.

Note: The man says that everything was framed by the word of God. Meaning that **whatsoever is going on, has gone on, will go on, has a direct connection to the sovereign declarations of God.** He rules all and commands all. What an ambitious God we have.

It is simply amazing to think of all the vastness and complexity of existence in whichever regard- be it in the astral kingdom, or the animal kingdom, or the human kingdom, or the plant kingdom- and how all this is the result of God. The thought cannot be completed, and yet if we just meditate on the gross level of responsibility vested on Him we must be amazed at the level of ambition He masters. A closer study of that ambition will reveal that in His command is everything good and everything is intended for good except that the enemy deludes and deceives men to convert this good to evil. And the reason this has been going on for a long time now is simply because those who should know better, the sons of God, had relegated everything to those who do not know God or care for His word.

Well, that is changing today. The Church of Jesus Christ is waking to its most glorious moment when the sons of God shall be revealed. This revelation is premised on knowledge of the truth that I set in this book. **Considering that the word of God is the primary foundation of everything going on and that it has been entrusted to us then we have to take things into our**

**hands. We have to realize that we have been made custodian to all of existence.** Each of us must get more into the word of God to discover our proper place in life. If we do so, we will realize that we are masters of fortune and fate.

God has commissioned us with the most senior responsibility in all of existence. With His Son Jesus Christ, we literally rule the worlds. We reign with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). **Our position in Christ and the revelation of the word of God in us is the key for our divine ambition.** Nothing can fail us as whatsoever opposes us contends with Him. No wonder the Apostle John who certainly understood this heritage hilariously declared:

**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4**

Brethren, do not quit, do not surrender, do not retreat. We are not only on the winning side. We actually are the winning side. We are winners from start to the grand finale. God preordained this privilege long before the foundation of the world. Be convinced of all that He is convinced. In Him, we are more than conquerors- which means, our victory is really a foregone conclusion. There is no one that was created and set on this earth to be useless or unable. On the contrary, you were divinely



programmed for greatness and glory. All you have to do is abide in Him and let Him abide in you. **If you will let God have His way in your life, He will let you have His way in life.** His way is the course of success, victory and fulfillment. From then on, all things are possible- **GO FOR IT!**

# **COVERING DISTANCE WITH GOD**

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Everyone of us has ever been afraid at some point or the other. We have at these times been uncertain or unsure about an unfortunate circumstance that we considered of gross disadvantage to us. I for one have been a victim of quite a number of these difficult occasions. The scariest one I have experienced can be traced to some 20 odd years back. It related to the uncertainty that gripped me concerning my future. At the time, I was only a young teen and had been in the ministry for only two years. Most of my practice had naturally been at the boarding school I attended and to the glory of God had registered significant success. Well, it happened to have been a school whose administration was particularly hostile to my faith and ministry.

Consequently, my spiritual success was only short-lived in that arena as the head teacher had me expelled for my faith. The scariest day of my life was the day I was expelled and waited to face the wrath of my father. I knew he would 'kill' me as he didn't share my faith and was in fact offended by my ministry, not to mention that the school I had been expelled from was one of the best in

the country and the expulsion was in my final year of junior high.

I fret like a hunted rabbit. I was all mixed up in my head as I pondered my uncertain future. Questions whirled in my head as I wondered whether I would survive my fathers beating. I also wondered whether my ministry or faith would survive this test: *Would I continue to preach the gospel? Would the Lord stand with me through this calamity? Would I finish school? Or Should I?* I wondered whether indeed this was the cross road when I had to decide to go on with school or quit and go on with ministry. *What would my mum say about this? What about the precedent I would set for my siblings? What about my reputation? How would I handle being a drop-out? What would happen to my friends?* There could have been a thousand more that I cannot remember. However, the most overarching consideration pertained to whether I would make it in life whether as a student or a minister. At the time I wondered, *"Will I cover the distance?"*

This last question is probably one of the biggest causes of fear. A lot of people lose their sleep on it. Some cannot eat well or relate well or think well when they consider the distance they have to cover in life. Part of the reason for this is that inherent in every human is the desire to cover distance. People have goals they hope to accomplish. They set targets, prospects of things they intend to achieve.

As you read this book, I am sure you have some of your own. Not all goals that we set in our lives are entirely personal to us. Some of them are collective goals that we set together with others. It may be a goal you have set with a spouse, or siblings, or a friend(s), or even a challenge from an enemy. It may be a goal that has been determined by a colleague at work or a supervisor or even by a broader arrangement such as peer pressure, religious requirement or any other social dynamic. It does not matter the nature of arrangement, the question of whether we are able or not to attain the goal set can put ones nerves at a severe test when the prospect is seriously threatened. Of course, some goals are a lot more valuable than others and will draw a lot more concern in our pursuit.

Well, whatever the goal or target, no matter the arrangement (be it personal, spiritual, or social) I would love for you to know that you can *cover the distance with God*. You do not have to do it all by yourself or limited with the assistance of mere men such as parents, siblings, friends or colleagues. As good as they are, they are no substitute for the Almighty God. In His company, every goal becomes surmountable. There is nothing impossible with Him. Oh yes, **God is a mover: He will shift your base from the bottom to the top, from the dust to the summit of life.** No one can cruise you like Him. Remember, He is the Most High. **He has the greatest**

**speed, the greatest timing, the greatest goal.** In fact, if the truth be told, **He is the greatest guide to all that pertains to life's journey. He is the best compass, the wisest navigator, the most reliable effort and companion** you can ever be graced with. The scripture commends Him citing:

**A man with many companions may come to ruin.  
But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:**

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Beloved, you do not need a multitude of assistants to cover the distance before you. As comforting as it is to have a lot of support in the endeavors that we face, it is nevertheless far exceedingly more reliable to move with God.

I am not rhetorically against having the company of others in any pursuit that we seek to accomplish. However, if they cost us the company of God they are not worth a dime-in-a-nickel. You must understand that numbers are not everything. God is greater than any number of loyal hands. Remember, Gideon had 20,000 of them that God dismissed to his benefit (Judges 7:3). As usual, many that carnally observe the scriptures inaccurately mention how he was able to win the battle against the Midianites with only 300 men. They weren't only 300; they were that number of men with God in his company. In fact, Gideon could have made it with no

men but with God. God had assured him as much (Judges 6:16).

Just to confirm this persuasion, consider how Samson with only the jaw bone of an ass was able to slay 1,000 Philistine men of war (Judges 15: 15). What about Moses who walked into Egypt with a rod and demanded the release of all Hebrew. Together with God, he brought the whole of that mighty nation to its knees because God was with him. Then there is the inspiring account of Abraham who in spite of an inadequate rank of 318 menservants spontaneously turned into soldiers yet he was able to trounce 5 kings, plundering them and releasing his nephew (Genesis 14: 8-16).

There are so many accounts in the scriptures that testify to the overwhelming membership of God in the course of any distance. With God, in spite of the abandonment He suffered from His disciples, Jesus Christ was able to bear the sin of all men on the cross, die and descend into hell, render captivity captive, make a public spectacle of the devil's humiliation in His hands, and rise from death to ascend into heaven. I agree with the Apostle Paul who victoriously queries:

**If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31.**

In that question lays the indispensable qualification of God for any distance. With Him you will cover whatever

distance that stands before you. That has been my experience and that of countless others.

To complete the plight I shared earlier, I must confess that the Lord is good and His mercies endure forever: I have since 20 years ago successfully completed my studies. I have also successfully continued the ministry of the Lord. In fact, my education background has turned out to be of great use to my ministry. Today, I can look back to what was an incredibly dark period in my life and relish at the distance God has enabled me to cover. When I think of how I almost gave up everything, how at some point I contemplated suicide and how today lives are changed in my meetings and as people read my books, I am so assured that with God no distance is so vast, or so complex or so difficult to cover. What God has done for me offers me immeasurable inspiration to believe that you will make it in your distance.

I commend God because He is without doubt the God of distance. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End (Revelation 22: 13). What that means is that no one knows the beginning like He does. No one knows the end like he does. He is the supreme authority of the beginning and the supreme authority of the end. From His sovereign position, it must be understood that there can be no beginning without Him and there can be no end without Him. Any such prospect to exclude God from the beginning is a folly that will only end up in



destruction. It may seem appropriate at whatever point but down the lane its misery will be broadly observed. That is why the scriptures declare:

**There is a way that seems right to a man.  
But the end of it is destruction. Proverbs 16:25**

### ***LORD OF THE BEGINNING***

Having ignored God from the beginning, several people get trapped in a web of danger or course of disaster only to realize that they should have consulted with the author of life. My brother, God knows more than anybody where every journey is going. If he does not commend a beginning, cut that journey out of your agenda. Do not presume like many have done only to regret later. I am reminded of a friend of mine who so desired to get great amounts of wealth and did not care how he got it. Once he got himself into a prestigious department in a high profile company, he proceeded to loot his way into wealth. He did this in spite of several words of counsel I gave him. In fact, at the time he seemed to be far better off than I was and only dismissed my advice as “pathetic concerns of a naïve and poor person.”

Well, he made it good and all seemed just fine until one day cruising at top speed in his newly acquired 4-wheel drive heavy vehicle he collided with a truck and lost his

life instantly. He'd just married and had a little child with his elegant wife when this tragedy befell him. It was sad. And it gets even sadder every passing day as he left his young wife and kid infected with HIV. Today, there is nothing to show for all his plunder and boastings. The problem was the beginning. Rather than consult with God on his prosperity, he sought his own devices.

When the scriptures suggest that we seek the Lord early, it is not necessarily limiting it to the dawn of a new day (Proverbs 8:17). It also intends for us to consult with the Lord about anything before we set out to do it. In that way, we get Him involved in the beginning. I love the example of David. Although he was a fierce soldier and he had been seriously aggrieved when his enemies attacked and captured his wives together with those of his companions, and even though they furiously pressured him over the misfortune, yet he consulted with the Lord whether he should pursue the enemy. He did not just take matters into his own hands but entrusted the whole occasion into the hands of the Lord. Indeed, in spite of the apparent weakness of his force yet because of his humility to include the Lord from the beginning, he overcame the enemy and recovered his wives and those of his companions (1 Samuel 30:1- 20).

We ought to understand that the God we serve is indeed *the Lord of the beginning*. Several details of life, several distances of men have been determined by the Lord from

the beginning. It was in the womb of Rebecca that the Lord ordained Jacob as victor over Esau even though the latter was older, and later the one more favored by the father (Genesis 25:23). The subsequent events of their lives reflected God's ordination. In my other book – **Winner, Don't Quit** – I actually mention in an entire chapter how Jacob won right from the beginning.

Similarly, before Jesus contended with the devil in the wilderness or in Golgotha or even in hell where He descended, His victory was determined from the beginning. He is after all, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 5:12). From the beginning it was determined that he would overcome the evil one. In the Garden of Eden, God had declared that the seed of the woman shall crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). Before His birth, the angel Gabriel had said that He would save His people (Matthew 1:21). Jesus must have known very well His beginning so much that even when He was severely tested He still overcame.

*Hey, do you know your beginning? What is the beginning of your marriage, children, business, career, and ministry? Was God involved in any of those decisions? It is vital if you are going to cover distance in your life to pause and consider the beginning of all the decisions in your life. Did you consult with the Lord regarding all of them?*

My friend, it is important that you realize that the Lord would like to be involved in the beginning of everything in your life. **He is not only the Lord of beginnings that seemingly appear as most important but is Lord of *all* beginnings.** Even in cases where the beginnings may seem so small and inconsequential, He urges not to **despise them** (Zechariah 4:10). As Lord of every beginning, He promises:

**Although the beginning is small, the end shall be great. Job 8:7.**

The other fantastic thing about God is that it is never too late to have a fresh start with Him. **Whatever the outcome, God can always give you another beginning.** Say, if your marriage has been on the wrong course and it just seems like you made a “wrong decision” from the beginning because you married for “wrong reasons”, you can still have a fresh start with God. Commit that failing marriage into His hands and start it in His terms. The same applies to all other aspects of life. Whatever it is, however wrong you may have been, the Lord’s invitation beckons you to “come and let us reason together” (Isaiah 1:18). That is the Lord we serve, the God of every beginning. **It could be a second beginning, even a third one, it does not matter. He is willing to begin all over with whosoever will. The crucial point here is just to begin with Him.** If you do, the chances are most high that you will cover the distance.

## **LORD OF THE END**

I am sure you are familiar with the cynical saying, “Every beginning has an end.” Well, it is important that we realize that the end is a most universal and important matter. In fact, the scriptures declare preference in this matter when it authoritatively states:

**The end of a matter is better than the beginning.  
Patience is better than pride. Ecclesiastes 7:8**

Thank God for all beginnings, but we must end. Only at the end can one actually conclude that distance is covered. Without the end, we would be trapped in an endless maze of confusion.

Unfortunately, that seems to be an endemic today. It is so sad to meet people that have no end in view. They just live, passing by, or worse still letting the days pass them by. The other version to this disease is those who choose to just live for the moment. They do not care what tomorrow holds. In the majority of cases, the glimmer of hope and tenacity of life has waned. When it reaches this point, they settle for anything, even nothing.

**As a servant of God, I am grateful that the Lord has gifted me with the anointing to get people like this from their self-sentenced or devil-trapped state of passivity to a clearly defined life of purpose and**

**creativity.** In my experience, I have encountered very intelligent people who for lack of mentorship and fear of failure have resigned to fate. I have sought by the word of God to inspire them to rekindle their lost dreams and dusted visions till they have resuscitated to a new life. That is what the Lord does for you when you involve Him in your end. **It does not matter how dismal the prospects may seem like, if you get the Lord of the end involved with your end, it will turn out just fine.**

It is very vital that we understand what I mean by *the Lord of the end*. You see, the scripture says He knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). Make no mistakes about it; the Lord is not afar off, helplessly observing the ways of men. He is the sovereign Lord who still works both to will and to do according to His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). There are those who presume that God has left everything in the hands of men who also handed the power of fate and fortune to satan. I got news for you, God is still in-charge and has not and will never abdicate His throne from whence He determines the end of every beginning.

Otherwise *how would the scriptures explain the resurrection of Jesus if God has no involvements with affairs on earth?* It is Him who raised Jesus from the dead. And as Bishop T.D Jakes so correctly says, He is still the CEO of the universe: He determines the number of a man's years. He determines the prey of the lion. He determines the length

of days and nights. When men sought to reach His headquarters at the tower of Babel, He unceremoniously concluded the grand project (Genesis 11: 1-9). He is God, still the alpha and omega, beginning and the end. When we say He is *the Lord of the end*, we mean that **He is able to interfere, adjust and suit the end according to His omnipotent will.**

Throughout the scriptures, we see the end was always God's prerogative. When Lazarus was sick till he died and Jesus went to his home, He defied the definition of the end of Lazarus as it were. Not only had Lazarus been buried but he was stinking rotten and locked behind the dark confines of a tomb. To his sisters, that was the end. To his enemies, that was the end. To the devil, that was the end of that matter. But not to Jesus: He just interfered with all their pessimism and adjusted the end of Lazarus (John 11). He did the same thing with the son of the widow from Nain, who was already in casket, and on course to be buried and forgotten. Along the way, his burial procession met with the *Lord of the end*. He touched the coffin and the young man came back to life (Luke 7: 14-15). That was another end that was adjusted. It did not matter the sentence or the decisiveness with which the end presented itself, Jesus always demonstrated that He is the Lord of the end.

Recently, as I ministered in a **Teach the Devil Out Bible Study Seminar**, I was presented with a case of a man that

showed up totally drunk for the altar call. He'd left his home to drink himself silly as had been his habit for the past two decades. Well, he was drawn to the meeting by a power beyond his control as he was not aware that he was in a church and right at the front among those who had answered the altar call for salvation. I singled him out and led him through the confession prayer. He was gloriously touched by the power of the Lord, and was slain on the floor. While on the floor devils of alcoholism begun to manifest out of him as he wriggled and yelled at the top of his lungs. He was on the floor for quite some time when I asked the ushers to assist him stand up. When he did, he was completely sober, and what was even more amazing, he did not smell alcohol at all. We asked whether he knew where he was. He reckoned he was in a church though he did not know how he got there. Then, we told him that he'd just given his life to Jesus. He was so glad as he sensed that he had been delivered from the terrible bondage of the power of booze which had enslaved him for years.

Well, whatever end the devil had planned for him that night or through his life, has been so radically adjusted by Jesus. Today he is not only sober and free from alcohol but he is also a child of God that is committed to winning others bound by alcohol.

You see, it does not matter what the end looks like. Whether it is most certain, it can change. And just for your information, **you better understand that no man or**



**being other than God has the final saying concerning the end of any distance you have to cover.** I am always encouraged by the account of the deliverance of the Hebrew from Egypt. Of particular interest in this regard is the point at which the children of Israel seemed to have reached their end when they were faced with the daunting task of crossing the Red Sea. They were petrified, totally afraid and begun to complain and murmur to Moses. On the other hand were the Egyptian armies together with Pharaoh who thought that this geographical barrier would indeed play to their advantage since they sought to herd back the Hebrew to Egypt. Well, despite the physical blockade of the sea God made a way through for Israel and just when the Egyptians thought the same way was open to them, He drowned all of them (Exodus 14:26-28). **I say this to demonstrate how people that consult the Lord at what may clearly seem like their end can still find maneuver for another life or day. Not only that, but also to point out that whatever threatens your life can actually meet its end.**

*Remember Goliath?* Well, he presumed that David would meet his end in their epic battle in the valley of Gethsemane. He taunted the young man, loudly boasting how he would give David's body to the beasts of the field. He was so sure about his threats and they seemed real to anyone observing the duel. But I love how David approached this apparent conclusion to his life. He said, "You come

against me with shield and spear but I come in the name of the Lord" (1 Samuel 17:45). In the end, because David involved the Lord it was not him that met his end but his boastful and experienced challenger.

My dear friend, this is the prospect of those who put their trust in the Lord. If you will commit your end to him He is well able to adjust it to suit the desires of your heart. This is His desire for all of us. I love it the way he reveals to the prophet Jeremiah the wonderful plans He has for those who trust in Him. He says:

**For I know the thoughts that I think towards you,  
saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil  
to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29: 11**

On the other hand, He is able to adjust it contrary to your desires. That was the experience of Lazarus and the rich man that Jesus told about. Although the rich man had a fantastic life in the understanding of men yet his end was contrary to his preference or expectation (Luke 16:19-31). It is foolish to presume the end, however desirable without the Lord. This is the invaluable lesson Jesus sought to present in the parable of the rich fool who after a bumper harvest was yet to celebrate when the Lord demanded his soul (Luke 12:16-20). That is why the scriptures define as a fool the man that says there is no God (Psalm 14:1). The only end such a person has is destruction. And whenever such a loser contends with

the righteous and stakes his end, he will still lose. You see, the scripture has promised that there is no wisdom, no insight, and no plan that can succeed against the Lord (Proverbs 21:30).

I wish to emphasize something important at this stage. **I believe that we need to inspire our present generation to have goals in life. I believe that goals, targets and prospects are really vital if anyone would like to be an accomplished person. The reason many suffer from a chronic shortage of joy, peace or satisfaction is simply tied down to discounting the need for a suitable and set out end.** You should not be afraid of the end or of setting goals in life as they are the only means by which you can measure whether indeed you are covering distance or not.

I also believe that it is of great importance that we involve God in these endeavors. As I have labored to explain, God is the ultimate *Master of the end*. **Any end in Him will be within reach; it is attainable. On the other hand, any end without Him serves no significant purpose. A lot of people are disappointed by the ends they have reached out for without God only to find in them no satisfaction whatsoever. Money, sex and power (which seem to be the desirable end for many) have more often than can be counted been a most disappointing end.**

There is nothing wrong with all of them per se except that they only make sense with God involved. If one is not careful, excluding God from ones end and choosing to pursue some of these things can be a senseless pass time of life. Solomon regretted in the end, calling his reckless abandonment of God in search of happiness vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:12-14). On the other hand, if we make God our end, if we make Him our supreme goal in life, He promises to actually give us all these things men seek and run after. In His immortal words:

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all of its  
righteousness and all these things will fall in  
line. Matthew 6:33**

### ***JOURNEYING WITH THE WAY***

From the beginning to the end, victory is assured. With God you will cover the distance. It does not matter the odds pitted against you. There is no hurdle, bump or obstacle that He cannot get you over. *What is more?* He is the greatest assurance in the journey of life. He is the master guide wielding the longest and most convincing experience for your journey. He knows all corners, all bends, and all lanes. With Him, the journey becomes the momentous adventure of victory and glory that life was meant to be. He is also the most comforting companion and the most interesting guide. If you lean on Him, you

will not only complete the journey but you will in its course begin and finish much more than you set out to cover. In His wise counsel, He will draw to your attention more features along the way than you had put in consideration.

I urge you to **make your journey His course. Or, make Him your course.** When you move with God, something amazing will overtake you. Rather than merely following your pursuit, you will soon discover that He is the journey because He is the way. You will become consumed by His nature to the point that you become one with Him. This is what the scriptures meant when they say that Enoch walked with God until he was no more (Genesis 5:24). His *journey with the Lord* became his *journey in the Lord*. This intimacy goes further and becomes *the Lord's journey in you*. As He probes deep into your motives, as He realigns your course, as He adjusts your compass, you will find that the journey with God is a most intimate and engaging course. **No one is more interested in your beginning than He is. No one is more interested in your end than He is. No one is more interested in your in-between than He is.** He is ever present, never forsaking, and constantly faithful to you and your journey. At no time once you have invited Him should you presume that you are alone. Once with Him, you can never be alone. Your journey is His just as much as you are His journey.

The comforting thing about this is that He who has begun a good work with you is faithful to accomplish it (Philippians 1:6). This means that journeying with the Lord is not only the most assuring guarantee of beginning and ending one journey but more journeys than you could ever ask, think or even imagine. Remember, He is not a stationery God. He is not immobile. Once you connect with Him, your immobility will give way to dynamism and adventure. You will go forward. Your interests, gifting, abilities, capacities, even failings and trappings will move. The best of you will tend to even better while the worst of you will pale to oblivion.

*Covering distance with God* is a universal recommendation. There is a need to re-examine some journeys you have made and hopefully revise some of them for the better. And where it is necessary that you completely overhaul and start afresh (as I would certainly recommend for those who have entirely ignored God); please don't hesitate to do so. My prayer is that whoever is on this journey covers all their distance with Almighty God. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14: 6). He is also the chief shepherd (John 10:11). No one knows their way, your way, EVERY WAY as well as He does. Hopefully, for all who read this book, in it you will find yet another new beginning to a glorious end. **Get set and go!**

**HOW FAR CAN YOU GO?**

## HOW FAR CAN YOU GO?

Once we have begun, we must then confront the question of how far we can go. It is one thing to begin and quite another to finish. I believe this is a most crucial matter that we must resolve in our generation. It seems to me that levels of commitment are very scarce or tend to be very short-lived nowadays. People tend to get impatient and quit so quickly even regarding prospects that were until recent pasts considered to be of a long-term nature. Think about it: People are staying married for less and less time. It is almost regular to find marriages that have not lasted a year. The same can be said about careers. People are switching careers at an amazing rate. It is common to find people that have had more than two careers by the time they are in their thirties.

Conversely, few are sure about what they will be doing by the time they are fifty. Religion is quite another aspect in which commitment levels are fast declining. Most people are in fact only nominal members of religions they ascribe to. And many are experimenting with other religions. There seems to be a growing dissatisfaction with belief systems. It is increasingly becoming commonplace to see people that are actually working around more than two religions. Even domestic locations are changing as urbanization and globalization reduces



what was previously a vast place to a simple field where people shift and engage continuously.

In this fast paced and constantly unstable world, it is becoming difficult for people to be able to know with certainty how far they will go when they make a commitment or when they start a journey. The switch of distances to be covered is so alarming most especially because most of what is done is not being guided well and is leaving a lot of fear, uncertainty and lost potential behind.

*How much hope does a young lady have for a durable marriage when her mother had three different husbands and all her peers have gone through divorces? What prospect can a young man have for a career when all his close references have had no practice in the field of their interest both because they had no opportunity or were disillusioned by the opportunity? Where does a young minister go for reference when his mentor does not dearly hold onto the tenets of the faith or is in fact switched to another faith altogether? How does a young woman in a strange city in a different country build relations with others that share her values when she is constantly on the move to another country or city?*

If God is not introduced in this maze, anything will go. I believe that this is exactly the kind of instability that Satan feeds his pornographic, prostitution, war, corruption, and drug industry. The future of such a wavy

unprincipled and non-grounded generation is chaos. It is chaos at both a global and personal level.

God is essential for our journeys in this generation because He is the most suited to provide assurance, determination and strength to go all the way. And that is desperately needed today. The world needs more and more people that will take issue and complete whatever they have set out to do. Only in God can one find the ability to be sure about what they are doing in the first place and whether they will live through it to its conclusion.

**With God you are guaranteed to go all the way in any endeavor. Your business will go all the way. Your marriage will go all the way. Your finances will go all the way. Your family will go all the way. Your dreams will go all the way. Whatever you set to do that is acceptable to Him, will go all the way.** Once God has got you started, He will give you the vision, commitment and drive to accomplish the journey. In fact, as I have mentioned before, you will not only go all the way but you will go beyond the way. With God, you will accomplish more than you thought was possible. You will astonish your critics and dumbfound even those most certain about your inabilities. Covering distance with God is a stretch of the imagination to territories better than your greatest aspiration.

## **GOD'S VISION**

It is of significant importance that if we must journey, we envision the course. Where we are going is often better appreciated if we can see it. We may not necessarily have been there physically or in any other way but we should at least be able to know where it is we want to go. **If you have no vision, I could equally say that you have no journey.** This lot will remain stationed in life in a perpetual delay that grounds to a frustrating halt. Again, people without vision end up anywhere. They may even wind up where they never wanted to be in the first place. On the other hand, vision provides direction, motive and passion to pursue a course of life. What is most certain is that whatever desire we have will require a vision to attain it. More important though, is the quality of vision. Poor vision will only give us a poor sense of what we intend to achieve while a good vision enriches the distance we have to cover.

Some three years ago I was graced by the Holy Spirit to minister an incredible revelation on vision that was premised on the comparison of Abraham and Lot. The message was entitled- **Faith is more than right.** The text was based on Genesis 13 where the two separate. In the process of separation Abraham actually offers his nephew Lot the privilege of choosing which direction he would like to go. He tells him that if he goes west, he would in turn go east and vice versa. Well, Lot looked to the east

and considered how good the cities there were and so chose to go there. Interestingly, Abraham did not go the opposite direction as he had proposed he would but remained where he was till God came to him. When God showed up He tells Abraham to look as far as his eyes could to the east and promises to give it to him. He also tells him to do so for the land in the north, west and south respectively and promises to give it all to him.

It is very instructive that we appreciate the difference between the quality of the two visions: Whereas Lot's vision was limited to his sensual knowledge, Abraham's vision was not really his as much as it was God's vision. It is also vital to note that Lot's carnal vision was by far much smaller than Abraham's God-inspired vision. Interestingly, God asks Abraham to begin with the east where Lot had just gone. The point here is that Lot's vision was not only smaller than Abraham's but was in fact a portion of it.

My friend, if you will patiently consult with the Lord for His vision for your journey, you will find a vision that far exceeds the appetite of your carnal senses. God's vision is so broad and will often outrange those of your peers or contemporaries if they do not consult with Him.

This propensity to envisage more than man is an attribute that God has based on two grounds: First, he is the creator of sight. He made the ability for vision both physically and intuitively. Both the carnal eye and the

spiritual eye of men (and all other visionary creatures) are the creation of God and as such we can only see as much as He has indeed programmed that we can see. Secondly, all there is to see is also the creation of God. There is nothing visible or invisible that he did not make (Colossians 1:16). It is this qualification as universal creator that supports His omniscient (all-knowing) attribute. He sees all because He made all and knows all.

**Beloved, it is of incredible benefit for any man to adopt God's vision. Seek to see what He sees and you will see more than you could ever see.** God's vision will reveal stuff that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and what has not yet entered the heart of any other (1 Corinthians 2:9). People that have assumed the vision of God became pioneers, pace setters. They were able to consider new territory, scope greater heights and reach further than was known before them.

No wonder Jesus did what He did and accomplished all that He did. John marveled on His record citing that if all that He did were to be penned down there was not enough room in the whole world to contain it (John 21:25). He did so because He only did what He saw the Father doing. Jesus lived and accomplished all that He did according to the vision of His Father. So strict was He about this approach to life and mission that He limited Himself to live according to the express will of God.

I am often inspired by His resignation to the vision and will of God. Consider this worthy confession:

**Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these that ye may marvel. John 5:19-20 KJV**

And therein my friend is revealed the secret of the greatest success you could ever have. If only you could see what God can see, if you could peek into His vision of things, then you can scheme the impossible, beat the unbeatable, accomplish beyond imagination. Whatever you do will astonish your peers, surprise your detractors, and outperform your competitors.

It does not matter how disadvantaged you may seem to be in life. It does not matter how far behind you lag. Once you have seen what God can see, you are ahead of times. In the case that I referred to earlier concerning Abraham and Lot, although the latter made the first choice and seemingly (in his sight) the best choice, yet Abraham who waited on God outlived, outshone and outclassed him. It did not matter that Lot was younger, had made the best choice (in his eyes) and the first move, Abraham who saw what God showed him went further than Lot ever thought possible, lived a far more fulfilling life and accomplished a lot more than Lot ever did. In fact, a more

critical study of the two persons will reveal how on several accounts, Lot's fate lay in Abraham's hands: When Sodom and Gomorrah were attacked and Lot was captured by 5 kings, it was Abraham that came to his rescue (Genesis 14:1-16). When the Lord sought to destroy the two cities with all their inhabitants, it was Abraham again that pleaded Lot's case (Genesis 18:23-33).

A comparison of their life span and accomplishments reveals that Abraham lived the more superior life of the two. The conclusion of Lot's life given in the nineteenth chapter of Genesis has to be one of the saddest ends of biblical personalities. Here was a man that started out in a city that had looked good to his eyes in the evening of his life stuck in a cave with his two daughters. Unable to find anyone to marry them, the daughters plot a sinister move that would involve getting their father drunk and having intercourse with him. Once the incest was performed, they actually bear two children- Moab and Ammon - who, incidentally turned out to be two of Israel's worst enemies.

On the other hand, Abraham's life is still going on. Because he sought to see God's vision for his life, he was given the earth as an inheritance. His submission to God's vision brought him to a deeper relation with God. It also evoked promises from God. God was moved to guarantee to Him what he'd showed him. It is from these developments that we see Abraham making covenants

with God. A careful study of his life will reveal that the more God showed him, the more God promised him. Seeing God's vision gave him a promised life, an assured heritage. One of the more inspiring of these intimacies the patriarch shared with God often moves me to ponder how much more we can gain if we can only see what God has to show. Observe this:

**And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. Genesis 15:5 KJV**

*Did you see that? If only you could yield to God and see all that He would have you to see. If you could ask Him to open your eyes, you would see more than you ever thought was possible. You would peek into destiny and greatness. Lofty heights previously unscaled would become the yardstick of your success. Like God, I say to you, come out of your comfort zone and limited vision and look to the stars. As far as your eyes can stretch into the word of God, as far as your faith can reach into the promises of God, it has been given to you. Go for it!*

### ***PERSONAL COMMITMENT***

Going for the vision set before you will require utmost devotion. You have got to believe what you see. You have



got to set your mind and entire faculty to reaching it. Remember, **whatever you see you can have.**

Often times a vision is a personal goal. It may be that you may endeavor to share it with others and some get it and others don't. To be sure, few in the beginning, if any, will get your vision. That is why it can be extremely lonely to be visionary. This was Abraham's fate. Lot was not patient to see what he saw. The same fate was suffered by Joseph. Although he shared his dream with his family, none of them appreciated what he saw. In fact, he was excommunicated and eventually sold off on account of what he kept on seeing.

In many cases, God's visions for us will bring opposition from others or discouragement. Those who do not see what you are seeing may seek to confront you or compromise you. Oh yes, the devil sought to compromise the Lord with a different vision from the one that was set before Him at the Jordan when the Father declared Him to be His only begotten Son and the Spirit descended on Him like a dove.

In other words, **every vision has a contending vision.** Rather than seeing themselves bowing before Joseph, his brothers saw him dead and lost for good. When David stood before Goliath, both had different visions. Each saw the other dead. In the end, David's vision prevailed over Goliath's in one of the most epic battles in the word of

God. David fought for his vision because he was committed to it. He won because it was God's vision.

A lot of people lose out on their God vision because they are not committed to it. Merely receiving or perceiving a vision from God is not sufficient in itself. We must be willing to endure whatever challenge, contend with whatever opposition to the vision God has given us. Just because it is God's vision is not a guarantee that it will be realized. On the contrary, the fact that it is God's vision actually provokes every attack the enemy can master. Satan will contend with it and so will all his cohorts (his sons and daughters). **Many times God's vision may seem lost in the attacks of the enemy but if you stand your ground you will achieve what you have seen.**

Commitment is of necessity: Part of the reason for this is the fact that God seeks to work in partnership with us. That is why the scriptures refer to us as His workmanship created to do those things which He set in advance for us to accomplish (Ephesians 2:10). My friend, God gives you the vision and the ability to accomplish it. **Every God vision is loaded with the power to accomplish it.** If you can see what God shows you, whether in a dream, open vision, in your imagination, or as an impression in your spirit man, take it for granted that it carries with it the power to be accomplished. All you have to do is RUN WITH THE VISION! The Lord guarantees:

**For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but  
at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it  
tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it  
will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3 KJV**

What this really means is that the vision is a license for commitment. If God shows you something, He is really indicating to you His permission to pursue it.

I have seen this many times in my ministry. Sometimes I will attend a meeting when the Lord has shown me advance features of how it will run. When I see these visions, I just align the meeting according to what I have seen. Sometimes I may be going for a speaking engagement and the Lord will show me worshipping and I know that I must switch from speaking to singing. Whenever I have done so, I have seen far greater results in the meeting than I envisaged I would behold when I spoke. Sometimes He will show a particular kind of ailment being healed, like blindness. So when I get to the meeting I will go for those with eye defects and as sure as it can be, all blind eyes will be opened as I saw it in the vision.

This rule is not only applicable to ministry. It is universal. **Whatsoever you see as revealed by God Almighty and pursue you will achieve.** Commitment is the vital ingredient to secure the promises held in a God vision. If you are not committed, in spite of the fact that it is a God

vision, there will be no achievement. This was the curse of Israel. Although they had seen the promises of God yet because they lacked the commitment to it, they all perished in the wilderness with their vision. The few among them that were committed to the vision God had given them made it to the land of promise.

*Are you committed to the vision God has given you? What have you to show for your commitment? If you have not because you are afraid, take Peter's example and set your gaze on Him then take a step into the waters of life. If you are really committed and will not doubt, you will walk where others sink or will not even dare. And once you have begun to walk, do not stop just accelerate. Do not back peddle, look back or hesitate. Just drive on.*

## **DRIVE ON**

Once the journey to your promise has begun, drive. It is important that we realize that we need to step up on commitment. It is not enough to be committed, we must be passionate about the goal set before us. I love it the way David run towards Goliath (1 Kings 17). Being zealous about what God has shown us gives us a momentum that ensures we are set and steady for the goal ahead of us. Drive shakes off seeds of doubt and confusion that seek to abort the vision God has given us.

That is why I strongly believe that every vision has a passion. The magic of passion will propel you to heights far superior than you would attempt in your ordinary self. You cannot sit and ponder indefinitely on what God has commissioned you to achieve. Once God has shown, once He has spoken, the rest is for you to seize, size, and rush for it.

The zeal I am talking about is not some psyched up exercise. No! The Holy Ghost will empower and compel you to be zealous about what God has shown you. He will move you even as He compelled Jesus to the wilderness to be tempted of the devil (Matthew 4:1). The reason is because the Holy Ghost knows that there is so much to accomplish. He also knows that you will accomplish it. *How does He know so?* Well, because He knows that it is not by might, or by power but by Him (Zechariah 4:6).

*Did you know that the other name for the Holy Ghost is the zeal of the Lord?* He will consume your commitment and cause you to be so filled with the desire to accomplish it. That is why you will find someone sleeping, eating, talking, and running with the vision God gave them.

Inspiration is the fuel for the journey we undertake. It is the divine drive for the purposes God has set before us. The Holy Spirit will invigorate you once you are obedient and committed to the will of God. Once God witnesses

our commitment, He is more than faithful to back it up with supernatural zeal.

A lot of people think that God is permanently stationed somewhere up in some place called heaven waiting for you to finish the course while He passively observes your progress or regress.

Nothing can be further from the truth: He is so excited about your divine prospects and is close at hand to provide the greatest support you can ever have. He is the master shepherd for the course of life and is constantly present to push you beyond your limits. Some would even suggest that He is indeed a master coach of destiny and mission. Whatever He sets in your heart to do, He will so inspire you to it that once you have begun you can only accelerate to the final stage. When you study the lives of men like the apostle Paul and how much they accomplished in difficult circumstances you begin to appreciate what I am dealing with here.

Once Paul was set to do the Lord's will, once his commitment was total, the Lord so inspired him that he was rigidly resolute about what he had to accomplish. Nothing could stop him once that divine fuel was flowing through his veins. So consumed was he in his pursuit of the vision that God gave him that he declared:

**...but this one thing I do, forgetting those things  
which are behind, and reaching forth unto those**

**things which are before, I press toward the mark  
for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ  
Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14 KJV**

Drive will keep you on course. It will enable you to overlook and overcome any kind of opposition or/and challenge to the purpose that is set before you. **Once God has spoken, go for it. Once He shows it to you, get out your running shoes and shoot off. Be diligent about the mission that He avails you with.** I have witnessed some lazy bones that presume their excuses and negligence will be condoned by the Lord. I have seen the same kind overwhelmed by circumstances and challenges and wonder where the God of their vision is. They mock God. They put Him to the test foolishly presuming that their complacency will be catered for by a generous God.

What they do not realize is that God is set against the lazy. This was one of the morals of the parable of the three servants and the talents they were given by their master (Matthew 25:14-30). The lazy one that buried his talent was severely rebuked by the master. In fact the Lord uses this parable to bluntly demonstrate that laziness is evil. And the reward of the servant that doubled his five (5) talents with eleven cities (including the one that would have gone to the one that buried his talent) clearly signifies the divinity of ambition.

When I say GO FOR IT, I am not merely *suggesting* that you undertake whatever assignment or purpose God has set before you. I am conveying a most *auspicious command* that you run with the vision. Don't stop till its over and done.

## FASTER THAN CHARIOTS

The question remains, "*How far can you go?*" To appreciate the distance you can cover with God, it would do well for us to consider a scripture pertaining to divine ability in distance:

**Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31 KJV**

In other words, with God you can go beyond your imagination. When you move with God, you have no competitor. I dare you: There is none that can beat you in doing what God has asked you to do if you will obey to *go for it*. Absolutely none. Once you obey the Lord in



pursuit of the vision He has put before you, you are not in competition with no body. He will cruise you beyond your strength or of that which you perceive to be your competitor.

To appreciate how far you can go might be more exciting if you consider how fast you can go. In the afore-referred text, there are amazing metaphors alluding to speed. One is the one that talks about mounting up wings like an eagle. The other, talks about running and not getting weary. Yet another, talks about walking and not fainting. All relate to a supernatural ability that exceeds that of human nature.

Perhaps to also appreciate this, one may have to turn to the prophet Elijah. Here was a man who at a certain critical time outruns the chariots of his king (1 Kings 18:46). Just think about it, he run faster than the king's horses! He beat them at their specialty. **My friend, once divine ability is in your veins, once you submit to the supernatural ability of God, you will go faster than anyone can ever imagine. Those who mock you may be scorning and laughing at you today only to be amazed where you will show up tomorrow.**

This is what Jesus meant when He said those who are born of the Spirit are like the wind- *you do not know where they are coming from or where they are going* (John 3: 7-8). They can be anywhere at anytime. They are beyond

limitation. Their destiny cannot be presumed by mere men or estimated in the carnal mind.

This was the invaluable lesson of Joseph. Those who worked against him were all surprised as to how he was located ahead and above them all as second to Pharaoh. Similarly, Daniels detractors that conspired against him were shocked when they fell victims to the very fate they hoped for Daniel.

My friend, just get to see what God sees. Be committed to the assignment He has set before you. Do not waver looking to the east of it or the west of it. Run the course and you will experience the mighty lifting of God sky you above everything that exalts itself above your God. You will go further than your imagination. Further than your adversaries. Further than even your closest friends were willing for you to go. You will be ahead and not behind; the first and not the last.

My friend, once God has spoken, once He has shown, GO FOR IT even if it is beyond your wildest expectation or projection. Remember, it's not about you, it is about Him and He can take the glory. Let God be glorified as you go exceedingly, above, more than you could ask, think or even imagine: GO, GO, GO, **GO, GO FOR IT!**

# **THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS**

## THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

*Did you realize that every goal has a means to it, every destination has a way to it, and every answer has a method to it?* In fact, a careful observation of the lives of men and women everywhere will reveal a myriad of attempts and efforts to discover and pursue one way or the other to accomplish something or the other. People are constantly trying to find the most convenient or certain means of attaining their goals. And over time, they have settled on certain means or methods or ways as being the most usual. In most cases, this conclusion is derived from the ease, certainty or/and accuracy the said means may accomplish a particular effort.

Traditions, constitutions, laws, customs, philosophies, theories, technological inventions, and even religions have emerged from all societies of men to justify and generalize different ways assumed by men. Today, as the world we live in becomes smaller every passing day due to the convenience of travel and media so much that we are able to visit different societies as easily as possible, we are getting challenged as to which indeed is the most acceptable way to achieve our goals in life. *Is it possible that there can be one way to all the aspirations we have in life? Or, is it the case that the variety of society and culture in all of humanity has graced us with the benefit of an equal measure of different ways to our goals?*

The answer to all the confusion we have is found in God and He has ordained a path for all who would love to know the truth. That path is what I have chosen to euphemistically call The High Way of Holiness. Let me make something very clear: There is a very huge difference between the way men do things or accomplish goals from the way God presumes. Now the ways of men may seem sufficient to man but they really are not as sufficient as most men presume. If carefully examined, one will find in the ways of men the need of constant improvement. That is why human society is constantly changing, abandoning old ways of doing things for new ways. It is therefore obvious that man has not yet come to the place where for any endeavor he has a perfect way of doing things or accomplishing goals. On the other hand, we have God's way of doing things. God is different from man from the sense that as the creator of man HE is superior to man. This superiority has, since the fall of man, included the ways of God to that of men. God's ways are superior to that of men. And so, therefore, are HIS thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9). In fact the exact extent of superiority is beyond the measurement of the finite mind. Man in all his wisdom is unable to figure how huge the difference is.

The High Way of Holiness is God's ultimate mean of ensuring divine goals. It is the realm ordained by the Lord where the supernatural abilities of divinity are put

in position to accomplish the will of God. It is first mentioned by the prophet Isaiah in the 35<sup>th</sup> chapter as a prophecy of a manifest destiny of miraculous activities that would be experienced by the nation of Israel. In this destiny, Israel would be miraculously converted from a desolate dry land to a marvelous landscape of blossoming flowers and fields where everything impossible would become possible. In this High Way, the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf opened. The lame man shall leap like a hart and the tongue of the dumb sing. However, God promises that no wild beast shall use it or any lion found in it. Neither shall the wayward or the unclean be found in it. Instead, it will be the reserved prerogative of the righteous, those who obey the Lord's command. This prophecy, my friend, has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is this way. By His confession, He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). He is the way of God that has been hidden to men in the past in metaphors, prophecies, myths, and mysteries but has now been revealed to the saints (Colossians 1:26).

In the revelation of Christ, the way of God, are three cardinal goals which if we attain can therefore provide access to all that God has for us. The three are- the word of God, the kingdom of God, and the righteousness of God. These three are revelations of the Christ and are the clearest and most vital means by which we can attain all the promises of God.

## **GO FOR THE WORD**

There is very little certainty or even accuracy we are getting from all the relativity we seem to be settling for today. Several attempts and experiments on different philosophies and religions are revealing that there is a lot of fluff out there. Most of the claimed “answers” to all ills are failing. What is increasingly becoming clear to many is that all the answers pertaining to life are actually found in the Holy Scriptures (the bible). After adventuring with many whims many are finally realizing that all man ever needed, needs, will ever need is offered in the word of God. It is the cardinal truth and the critical sign post in life. The bible provides guidelines that yield peace, prosperity and fulfillment in the most comprehensive manner. And this is as it should be. After all, the bible is the counsel of God to man for all issues. In it is the wisest advice, most assuring promise and philosophy for life. It is recommended for all ages, all races and all gender.

Now there are many kinds of books that stake a claim at either being the word of God or to be the most relevant book pertaining to the questions of life. Well, if a yardstick of measurement were to be applied to ascertain these claims it would single out the bible as the most outstanding. We could employ what F. Crossley Morgan called the height, length and breadth tests for literature to verify this claim. By *the height test*, I refer to how high will its sales climb? By *the length test*, I refer to how long will it

last as a best seller? And *by the breadth test*, I refer to how broad is the appeal of the book?

Well, when checking on the authenticity of the bibles claims as both the word of God and most relevant literature of all time, the height test reveals that it is the worlds leading best seller. Last year, bible publishing houses recorded over 30 million copies published. That is over 100,000 copies for every eight-hour working day of the year! In the whole realm of literature there is nothing that even begins to compare with such figures. The bible sells throughout the world at the steady rate of 80,000 copies a day! Last year, the book that conventionally claimed this prestige as the number one best seller, *Anthony Adverse* by Hervey Hellen sold a record 20 million copies way below the number of bibles sold and yet everyone was talking about it. A critical observation of the performance of best sellers reveals that the bible outstrips their sales of the month by the second day of the month! If you submit the bible to the height test there never has been a book that even begins to compare with it.

*What about the length test?* This is even a more severe test for any book. Most books become best sellers for a while, but they do not last, they do not live from one generation to another as, for example, the great works of Scott, or Dickens, or Thackeray, or Shakespeare. Well, the sixty-six books that comprise the bible have been in existence for at



least seventeen centuries of human history. Throughout its long life attempts have been made to get hold of every single copy and burn it. All kinds of criticism and all kinds of ridicule have been leveled at it. Some of the stories of the critics and their criticisms are almost amusing as we look back over the years. The Frenchman Voltaire, a vehement critic of the bible, was sitting in his home in Paris, discussing the bible, and with a shrug of his shoulders he dismissed it by saying, "A hundred years from now you will never hear of it; oh, possibly you might see a copy in a museum, but otherwise it will be gone; it is a thoroughly discredited book!" A hundred years later, the same house in which Voltaire said these words, his old home in Paris, was the property of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It was one of their distributing houses, packed full of bibles waiting for distribution to the four corners of the earth! The critic dies, the old book lives on and is being circulated more widely today than ever before in its long history.

But it is the breadth test, the most rigorous test of all, which really underlines the authority of the bible as an answer to life's questions. Here we are looking at the extent of its appeal. This involves the significant problem of translation into languages other than those in which the book was originally written. Now when one submits the bible to this most rigorous test of all, it shines with the greatest brilliance! Consider a few facts and figures just for comparison: The works of Homer, the great Greek

poet, are being translated into a little over twenty different languages. If you consider the works of the renown William Shakespeare, you will find that they are being translated into over forty different languages. If you exclude the bible, then, you do not have many books that have surpassed the hundred mark. There are actually only two, and their titles and content reveal something to be said about the bible. The two are: Bunyan's- **Pilgrim's Progress**, and the second is Thomas a' Kempis'- **The Imitation of the Christ**. It is interesting to observe that both these books derive most of their subject content from the bible and yet they too have not made more than 200 translations. *What about the bible?* As of 1975, the bible had passed the one thousand mark, and today it is being translated in over a thousand different languages and dialects. In its translation pursuit, the bible has been instrumental in enabling over 300 dialects create an alphabet and has therefore been the first piece of literature these communities ever read! In terms of broad appeal no book comes close to what the bible means to different societies!

*Why has this been the case?* This has been so because the bible contains in it the answers of life for all men in all generations. Men of all nations and generations are going, and have been going for the word of God because it offers the surest answers to the questions of life. Forget about its critics and those ignorant atheists whose philosophies and claims will be obsolete soon. Go for the word of God.

It is relevant to all men because it is the revelation of God in His Son Jesus Christ who is the complete answer to the questions and challenges of life. David knew by experience how vital the word of God is. In the psalms he ponders:

**Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes. The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease but I delight in thy law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. Psalm 119:66-72 KJV**

David went for the word that is why God commending him said he was a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). He discovered in many challenging circumstances that his answer was in God's word. It did not matter what the challenge was or how many enemies confronted him. David knew if he mastered the word of God he would in time overwhelm any opposition or circumstance. He also found out that he suffered afflictions for being ignorant of the word of God. And in those times, he discovered the word of God to his advantage. David went for the word of God with all of his heart and treasured it more than silver and gold.

Go for the word of God. Meditate on it, study it, and memorize it. When a disturbed Joshua pondered on how he would cope at the loss of the great Prophet Moses, God instructed him thus:

**This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;  
but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou  
mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:  
for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou  
shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8 KJV**

In it is your remedy for any of life's challenges. The word of God contains everything that you will ever need. It has helped all manner of persons and societies. It will not fail you. In the word of God are your peace, prosperity, joy and eternity. Silver, gold, and money do satisfy but for only a limited time. However, the word of God endures forever. It provides lasting results against any challenge. Jesus likened anyone that has a firm understanding of the word to a man that built his house on a rock. When the storms came, they were unable to bring down the house (Luke 6:47-48).

My friend, when you pursue the word of God with all diligence and seek understanding of it in your spirit, you will be sure in any and every situation. The word of God is life to those that find it. It is medicine to their flesh (Proverbs 4:22). It will heal cancer, HIV/AIDS, paralysis, heart disease, any disease. It will cure negative thoughts, breaking marriages, and financial trials. **Go for the word**

**and you can go for any distance, against any enemy, with the greatest advantage, for in it is all you need and more!**

### ***GO FOR THE KINGDOM***

This is something we all have to get a hold of in this world if we really must fulfill our purpose in life. Unfortunately, the devil, that great deceiver of the nations of this world, has diverted so many from this vital goal. The kingdom of God is what Jesus really ministered about. The scriptures testify of Him preaching and teaching on the kingdom of God (Matthew 9:35). It was so vital that He actually referred to it as the ultimate pursuit every person must have. To all and sundry, He advised:

**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his  
righteousness; and all these things shall be  
added unto you. Mathew 6:33**

It must be noted that Jesus is the author of all existence. He is the master of life. If anyone knows what works, it is Him. Everything was created by Him, through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16). Now, in his opinion, a strategic one at that, men ought to pursue the kingdom of God if they hope to find fulfillment in life. He knew that if we got a hold of the kingdom, everything we need pertaining to life would be given us.

To put this particular advice of our Lord in context one would find that he had earlier in this particular discussion made a comparison in which He had said that there were others who sought after things rather than the kingdom. By things, He meant the necessities of life like clothing and food (Matthew 6:25-33). He probably used that to include all other pursuits men have for things they presume will provide satisfaction and fulfillment.

In other words, He distinguished the ways of men from the ways of God. In the former, you have men running after food, clothing, and other necessities while in the latter is the pursuit of the kingdom. In this discourse, Jesus sought for us to be different from the people of this world who are preoccupied with the matters of this world. He sought that we be a people that are preoccupied with the things above. What is more is that in this distinction He sought for us to know that if we pursued God's agenda (which in this case is the kingdom) then we have made a superior choice. Our superiority is premised from the fact that while the people of this world pursue these things and are therefore subject to them, we would have these things pursue us and would therefore be masters over them. In other words, the people of this world are actually slaves to their desires while we who are of the kingdom are lords of our needs.

It is important that we understand this. Have you noticed how some people can be slaves to their needs and

properties? This includes religious men. This was the case with the rich young man that came to Jesus. Although he had obeyed all the commandments, the Master was able to look right into him and reveal his weakness for his wealth. Jesus did this by asking him to give up all his wealth and follow Him. The young man was dejected and left very sad because he was a slave to his wealth (Mark 10:22).

I also happen to remember a sermon ministered by Pastor Chris Oyakhilome where he referred to a certain rich deacon of a church that was subject to his wealth and daughters. Everything he did revolved around them. One day the pastor of the church asked the deacons and elders to consider building a new church structure as the numbers had swelled up beyond the capacity of the current structure. The rich man successfully campaigned against the project because he was building a house for himself and his two daughters. He knew that the church project would depend on him and would therefore slow down his own building project. In this choice, he demonstrated that his daughters and wealth were superior to his God. And just before you are amazed, examine your priorities: *What do you put first in life? What do you work for? Who do you consult first concerning the challenges you face?* Like the rich deacon and the rich young man, most people first pursue those things which fulfill the desires of their flesh before the kingdom of God.

However, they miss the more assuring way of life. In their frantic pursuit of perishable materialism they are ensnared by their carnal desires. This way may seem right at some point, and many do have scores of excuses for their desires, but the end of it is destruction (Proverbs 16:25). In the specific case of the rich deacon, Pastor Chris narrated how at the day the man sought to celebrate the opening of his new house, his two daughters for whom the house was built were knocked down by a car and they died on the spot. It is only then that the man discovered his folly. Others like the rich young man Jesus invited to follow him may actually discover after they die and have lost their soul.

That is why Jesus lamented at one point what it profits for a man to gain the whole world and yet lose his soul (Mark 8:36; Luke 12:15). Worldly riches and desires can enslave people and become a god to them so much that they will not pay attention to what really matters in life. Many that pursue these things ought to learn from King Solomon who went after all that this world has to offer in terms of wealth and women only to regret it later in old age. Everyone would do well to meditate on his earnest conclusions when he says:

**I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with  
mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and behold, this also  
is vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth,**



**What doeth it? I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under heavens all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruits..... And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

Solomon's plight is similar to that of most people that make the wrong choice of *pursuing the desires of their flesh* at the expense of *pursuing the heart of God*. In their wisdom, whatever they feel is right or reason is good is what they seek only to regret later in *life* or, as is the majority scenario, in *death*.

Well, thank God there is an alternative, a superior choice. Here I am talking about the kingdom of God which indeed is at the heart of God in His plan for man. It is vital that God never intended for man to be a slave of anything. Right from the beginning God planned for man to live in the kingdom as a kingly-priest. The first man was crowned right from creation and told to rule the air, land and sea (Genesis 1:26). He lost this prerogative because of the deception of the devil that caused him to

consider *the desires of his flesh* rather than *the instruction of God*.

It is important to realize that it is this prerogative that Jesus sought to restore to man. He sought to put man back on the throne of creation as a lord of creation rather than a slave of it. Like Adam, in Christ Jesus we are kings and priests that are co-heirs with Christ for all that God has created. As such, we are endowed with power and authority to cause things to be at our service. The rich young man did not realize that in submitting to Jesus he was entering the kingdom of God with the privilege of gaining not only eternal life but far exceeding riches in this life as well (Mark 10:29). There is far more for the kingdom believer than the religious zealot or pursuer of wealth. The apostle Paul who had a revelation of this kingdom and what it means to the believer exclaimed that “all things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called for His purpose” (Romans 8:28). He knew that the believer is a king in a kingdom that controls all things and subjects them to the final benefit of the believer.

It is important to emphasize that when we are talking about going for the kingdom we are not merely talking about wealth or religion. As I have laboured to illustrate earlier in the account of the rich young man and the rich deacon, those who have pursued these things per se have nevertheless found themselves short of this prerogative. The kingdom of God is more than religion, it is more than

wealth. It is the power and authority of God which He has vested on His Son Jesus Christ, who in turn has shared this exceedingly immense privilege with those who believe in Him.

The benefits are beyond human imagination. Its riches and glory cannot be grasped by the finite limitations of the human mind. In the kingdom of God, is everything that is relevant to life. No one that finds the kingdom really lacks anything. That is why Jesus likened the kingdom to a man who discovered a hidden treasure in a field and then sold all his property to buy the field (Matthew 13:44).

Once you have the kingdom, once you are in it, you are master over life. Life cannot be vain anymore. Instead, the kingdom releases a glorious purpose to it that will access such a life to its riches, health, and peace. It is a life laden with victory over every adversary. Once you are in the kingdom, you are more than a conqueror in each and every situation in life. Go for the kingdom of God and find everything you really need, and much more than you can ever desire!

### ***GO FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS***

One other ambition must be accomplished if the full revelation of Christ is to be grasped: And that is the

righteousness of God. Here we refer to both *right standing with God* and *right living with men*.

I clarify what I understand as righteousness because I think it is the most vital pursuit and yet so often the most misunderstood. A lot of what many people presume to be righteous is quite the opposite.

For one, righteousness is not religious observation. Many have been deceived that if they are faithful in their religious devotions they are righteous and therefore acceptable to God. In their naïve commitment to their religions they suppose that God credits their rituals and devotions as righteous. Well the scriptures are laced with critical accounts of this false presumption. The prophet Isaiah lived in such a time when the children of Israel presumed they were righteous just because they made sacrifices and performed religious rituals to God as required by their faith. However, none of them made them righteous. An appalled God rebuked them thus:

**Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet,  
and shew my people their transgression, and the house  
of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight  
to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness,  
and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask  
of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in  
approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they,  
and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul,  
and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your  
fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold ye**

**fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Isaiah 58:1-4**

The confusion among men has been recurrent through the times. Several other times in the scriptures men presumed that they were righteous before God just because of their religious devotions only to find that God had a different impression altogether. In the times our Savior ministered in Israel, He encountered the hypocrisy of religious self-righteousness and was as appalled as God had been in the Old Testament time. Rebuking the religious leaders in that time, He severely taunted them thus:

**Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? Luke 11:39-40.**

This is also the case today. Several denominations will taunt their rites and devotions as though they make them righteous. They falsely presume that God is impressed with their methods and that He will overlook their transgressions just because of their religious practices. So when they seek for righteousness, they tend to their religious devotions and think that they will find it there.

To be sure, righteousness is much more than religion and all of its duties and rites. It is the most vital requirement

in life as without it we can never see God. Every other endeavor I have mentioned here hinges on this. The word is of no benefit if after going for it we forsake righteousness. The apostle Paul was particularly concerned about receiving all manner of revelations and preaching the gospel but having done so, losing his soul (1 Corinthians 9:27). He knew that having a good command of the word of God was not entirely sufficient without righteousness. Similarly, the Lord cautioned the apostles when they testified to casting out devils and healing the sick (manifestations of the fact that they were vested with divine power and authority and therefore in His kingdom). He advised them that it was better that they rejoiced that their names were written in the book of life (Luke 10:20). Those names are the list of the righteous. Beloved, the Master simply was clarifying that the kingdom must never be attained without righteousness and that is why He taught that we should seek first the kingdom *and all of its righteousness*. Righteousness, my friend, is the single most important qualification you need. If there is anything you must go for, GO FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS! If there is an 'it' to go for, then righteousness is it.

*So, what is righteousness? If it is that important and yet most misunderstood even by religious leaders, then what is it? How does one get it?*

Like I had mentioned earlier, righteousness is both *right standing with God* and *right living with men*. One could also

say it is both *being right before God* and *living right before men*.

Let us consider the first, *being right with God*: There are two means by which we can have *a right standing with God* and they are not necessarily religious, namely- **believing God and loving Him**. It does not matter how religious one is, we ought to believe God short of which we cannot be righteous. And this is where many religious men falter. Many will believe their rituals, observations and religions more than they believe in God. I have had occasion to discuss with many and they will believe their rules and traditions even in cases where they contradict with God. That is not righteousness in the least. I often ask them which rituals Adam and Eve practiced and yet they were able to be righteous before God before the fall. The scriptures speaking about how Abraham attained righteousness declares that he believed God and God credited him as righteous (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3). Interestingly, in yet another amazing episode when this occurred was when he obeyed God's command to offer his beloved child Isaac as a sacrifice (Genesis 22).

So, although Abraham was willing to offer sacrifice and had previously offered sacrifices to God, none of them had moved God as this particular one did. What did so was his resolute determination to sacrifice the child he loved just because God had asked him to do so. He took God at His word even when it cost him what was the

most valuable blessing in his life. When God sees anyone believe His word without doubt, He commends such a person as righteous. Today, He commands that we believe in His Son.

This, we must appreciate, is a simpler instruction than He required of Abraham. Rather than require that we sacrifice our seed (children), He offered His as a sacrifice for the remission of our sins and if we believed in Him then He credits us as righteous. That is why Paul writing to the Corinthians declared that Christ has indeed become our righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). He had the revelation of the righteousness of God given to anyone that believes in Jesus Christ. Faith in Christ is the mandatory requirement for the righteousness of God. This is regardless of whether you are in a religious sect or observe any religious rites, if you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ you are accounted as righteous before God.

*What do we mean by if you believe in the Lord Jesus?* We refer to the testimony of Jesus as given by the apostles: If you believe that He is the only begotten of the Father. That He was born of the Virgin Mary. That He was crucified, died and was buried. That He shed His blood for the remission of your sins. That He descended into hell where He defeated Satan and all his demons, removing from him the key of death and Hades. That He was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit on the third day. That He ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father. And that He will come to judge the living and



the dead. **If you believe the gospels and the faith of the apostles in Jesus, then God credits you as righteous.** Nothing else is required.

Paul was so rigid on this requirement that several times he vehemently attacked those who preached otherwise. He castigated the church in Galatia concerning this matter when they received some ministers who taught on the need to observe the requirements of the law as a prerequisite for righteousness. He even warned them citing that even if an angel were to preach to them a different gospel from the one he had ministered they ought not to believe (Galatians 1:8).

When I look across the body of Christ today and consider all the many different rites and traditions the various Christian sects have, I wonder at how such a simple faith wound up in all this mess. Once we all agree on the testimony of Jesus as Christ, we ought to have no further division after that. He is our Lord, our righteousness, our life. He is our all in all. He is the head and we are the body. He is the vine and we are the branches. If we can believe His testimony, we have the righteousness of God and nothing less! So, when we say, go for righteousness we must mean go for absolute faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

This is the first position of righteousness before anything else. However, after believing, we must then start living what we believe. Righteousness must be demonstrated

once it has been credited. It is not enough therefore to believe. We must live according to the faith we have. While believing gives us a right standing with God, we also need to demonstrate a right living among men. There are many teaching today that all we need is faith but I agree with the apostle James who put the matter in proper perspective citing that even demons believe in God and tremble (James 2:19). Right standing with God must be followed with right living among men. And the key word here is love. Righteous living requires that we must love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That explains why God is not really impressed with religious observation when the priests and adherents are not walking in love. In the time of Prophet Isaiah he had this to say:

**Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Isaiah 58:6-7**

In other words, God is less impressed by how we relate with Him than as how we relate with one another. If we say we believe Him, we must demonstrate this in the love we share with those around us that need us. In fact, to believe God is to really see the love He has for men and to be at His service in this regard. When we get caught up in

religious faith we miss the revelation of glory God has vested in all men. It is vital that we realize that when we do, God Himself has nothing to do with us. That is why James commended looking after widows and orphans as true faith (James 1:27).

The apostle John reserved a similar premium for love as he did for righteousness. Many religious folk would do well to meditate on his counsel on this matter. Writing to the early church in Ephesus he explained thus:

**In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that ye should love one another.... We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that not loveth his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 1 John 3:10-1**

This is what we should go for once we have pursued the word of God and His kingdom. We should believe the word and share the kingdom. In fact the proof that we believe the word of God is the zeal we have to preach the gospel of the kingdom. Loving our neighbors, the destitute, the oppressed is a direct manifestation of the faith we have in God's word. One could even say that if we do not love, it is because we have not believed. The word of God will motivate you to minister His love to a

perverted generation. When you understand things this way, you realize that the God of miracles could never have stopped performing them in the days of the early church. Those who say so and do not minister to the sick and oppressed really have not loved because they did not believe the word of God.

I believe in miracles because I believe in a God of love. Everywhere I go, I minister to the sick (it does not matter the illness), those oppressed with devils and as many others in need of a practical touch from God. I do so because I love the people. I love them enough to feel their pains and adversities. Part of it is the result of being in adversity myself. I have suffered in my life and so can empathize with those in need of relief. However, I also love them because I discovered God's compassion for me and all men. God so loves the world and was willing to give it His best. He gave us His only begotten Son so that we may believe in Him and overcome the darkness of this world. I believe that with all my heart, strength, soul and mind.

As a result, when I meet people with adversity, suffering illness or an oppression from demons, I quickly minister to them until they are delivered. My ministry is not merely in words but in the demonstration of God's power and love. I have seen all manner of illnesses and demons cast out of the precious lives of people.

I will never forget ministering to a lady that turned up in one of our meetings in Africa that had a child with both sexes. When she saw the Lord healing and setting people free she believed that He was able to rid her child free of the embarrassment of having both sexes. So as we came to the close of the meeting she sneaked by me and told me of her plight. I told her to go under the anointing that was present and inspect the child's sex and the one she did not like would have left. She did so and begun screaming from the lavatories where she had gone to inspect the child. She brought the child naked into the meeting revealing the miracle God had performed. We were so amazed at the power of God and rejoiced with her. What was so amazing as well is the way she was very public about what was hitherto a dark secret.

That is the God we serve, a righteous God who desires that men believe Him and love one another. If we go for righteousness we are in essence going for God and men. Jesus summarized the entire law in these two requirements: That we love God with all our hearts, souls, strength, and mind. And that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Mathew 22:37-40). If we do, we would gain more than we could ever believe for. That is how Jesus lived among us- committed to His Father as well as committed to us. He obeyed His Father and died for us. As a result, God raised Him and placed Him at His right hand, giving Him a name above all other names on earth, in heaven and under the earth.

My friend, *do you need promotion? Do you need healing for your body or a loved one?* Whatever your need may be, GO FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS and you will inherit the fruit of the land (Isaiah 1:19). For blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled (Matthew 5:6). The righteous can never be forsaken (Psalm 37:25). Their prayers are constantly heard by the Lord and His eyes are continually upon them (Proverbs 15:29). GO FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS and all these things shall be added unto you!

### ***THE HIGHEST WAY***

Beloved, this is significantly a different kind of inspirational blue print. There are many out there with all kind of commended and even 'proven' motivation techniques of achievement. In fact, the gift or/and career of motivating others has indeed become an industry with all manner of resource tools. From the corporate symposiums to the eloquently drafted books and manuals, the business of motivation is one of the most attention grabbing innovations today. And of course, there is a growing market for it today. Never has there been a need for motivation as we see today. Unfortunately, most offer a lot of lies that are only well packaged and marketed efforts at stealing money from people. A more critical assessment will reveal that only a

few are really worth their claim. Most of the industry is really a lot of hype about nothing.

Part of the reason many have been defrauded is because men have turned away from the greatest motivator of all. They have abandoned a loving God so often because they have not understood Him or His ways. His ways and thoughts are too lofty and in some cases have been so badly packaged by religious zealots that portray God in such a non-motivating manner. I hope that I am not one of them. I hope that in this book, you are being drawn to God in such a way as has inspired you to presume his high way. To be sure, **God's way is the highest way for anyone that would love to achieve in life. They may seem irrelevant or awkward but when tested, they have proven to be the surest means of gaining in life.**

I am reminded of a young lady I was introduced to in a five-star hotel in Nairobi. She happened to have been its assistant General Manager. At the time I was introduced to her, she was seriously considering resigning her job because of the oppressive environment that had been occasioned by her boss and some of her workmates. All this was unknown to me. All I did was give her a copy of my book- **Winner, Don't Quit!** She read it and decided not to quit her job but rather to keep her faith in God knowing fully well that she is more than a conqueror in every situation. This lady called me a month after to tell me an amazing string of testimonies. Among the many

positive results the book had in her life was the fact that her boss had fallen ill during the time she read the book and that she took his place in an acting position. Well, during that time, she was able to bring in more business to the hotel than her boss had brought for half the year! She had found the highest way to achievement and life. She had discovered **the High Way of Holiness!**

As you hold this book, you hold a manual that will guide you through this highway. In this chapter, I have labored in love to guide you through the lane of the word of God, the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God. These three lanes are the official means of cruising life to its greatest degree. **Do not quit, do not be afraid, and do not despair when God is more than willing to ensure you arrive at the top.** This is the will of God for all men, as many as are willing to follow His route. I believe you are willing and that is why you are still keeping pace in your life and in this manual. I urge you not to look to the left or to the right, hold on to the instructions I have put here and more sure than you are holding this book, you will arrive further than you set out to reach in life. Go, go, go-keep on going in the highest way of progress and destiny.



# **SETBACK FOR A COMEBACK**

## SET BACK FOR A COMEBACK

As you journey through the Highway of Holiness it is important that you realize that the route is not one devoid of trial and temptation. There are those who preach of a divine course that is completely without any challenge whatsoever. They tell a lie from the most naïve pit of hell. Their messages are as impractical as they are insincere. Unfortunately many of God's children have believed them. Many believers simply assume that because God has blessed their journey they will complete it without any eventualities.

To be sure, nothing can be further than such an utopian lie. There will be challenges and in some cases it may seem as though you are losing. However, if a more critical understanding of these accounts is made, you will realize that even in the worst of circumstances God is able to use these negative turn-outs as tools that will enable you to complete the journey in a more outlandish fashion than you had presumed. **These setbacks are really opportunities for you to manifest God's glory as He guides you back on track in amazing comeback plots that will leave your enemies dumbfounded and your scorners humbled.**

What this means is that you should keep on going in spite of the occasions you encounter on the way. The

fellowship of God in the course of success is not a ticket for avoiding all hardships that are along the way. Neither does it mean that when you are challenged the journey was never ordained by God. If the truth were told, it is most likely in this current world that if God has flagged off a course it will be attacked. The scriptures reveal that even good men can stumble in spite of God's guidance. Whenever I am in difficulty or have stumbled, I find particular encouragement from one of David's psalms that alludes to this possibility in the path of the righteous and the assurance of the Lord's intervention. It says:

**The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:  
and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall  
not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him  
with his hand. Psalm 37:23-24**

Brethren, the devil and all his cohort of evil demons are still at it fighting the kingdom of God. They target the servants and children of God. Anyone who has joined fellowship with God is at once ranked among the enemies of the prince of darkness. As Peter so reminds us, the devil is still moving to and fro seeking who he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). It does not matter if you have a hold of the word, if you are filled with the Spirit or whether you are walking upright and blameless before the Lord, he will come at you.

When he does, do not despair. Just because the devil may seem to have had an apparent score against you does not mean that that is the end of the matter. God is still in charge. He knows how you are and where you are. He has never and can never abandon you. What the devil has intended for evil, God is going to turn around for your good. Remember, His hand is not too short that it cannot save. He will rescue you from the lions den or from the fiery furnace, if He has to. **There is no place in failure and shame that the devil can dump you that God is not able to seek you from and dust you of.** Just because you are mourning does not mean that the Lord has abandoned you. Be assured that He will give to you beauty for ashes, the oil of gladness for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3).

That is why Jesus likened a man that believes His word to one who built his house on a rock so that when the storms came the house was able to stand (Luke 6:47-48). Notice that He said “when the storms came” and not “if the storms come”, meaning that faith in the word does not guarantee against the encounter of the storm. However, it does guarantee a positive outcome in the event of the storm. Similarly, the Lord also showed that merely being in the kingdom does not exclude one from encountering the forces of darkness. In fact, citizenship in the kingdom increases the possibilities of contest with evil. He assured

us that the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent take it by force (Matthew 11:12).

In my other motivation work- **Winner, Don't Quit!** I deal so exhaustively on this subject because it has been a source of confusion to many saints. I even sub-titled it: *The Truth About Struggle*. Using the life of a righteous man, Jacob, I sought to clarify how winning with God on your side is not necessarily a walk over.

It is amazing to observe that in spite of the fact that God had destined him to win right from birth yet his whole life attests to so many struggles, so many set backs that would have discouraged many from the divine destiny that was spoken by God concerning his life. And yet, a more critical assessment of these difficult periods in Jacob's life would reveal that these setbacks were often turned by God's mysterious hand into amazing comebacks.

**Jacob's testimony illustrates that you are a winner even when it seems no one knows, and even when you experience setbacks. He teaches that winning is not an event. It is the beginning, the process, the end. It is an attitude. It is a belief. You have got to have it in you before you can have it all through and all over you. And if you do not see it no one will. Jacob's struggles offer master lessons on endurance, resilience, determination, and patience. He shows us the virtues of prayer, faith, and covenants with Almighty God. Truly, Jacob's**

**school of thought bears the motto: He who endures to the end will be saved! (Mark 13:13)** It did not matter what opposition he suffered, how often he seemed to have actually lost, whatever the setback, God was still able to ensure Jacob's eventual victory.

Like Jacob, you need not throw in the towel in the face of any challenge. *Your setback is God's raw material for your comeback!*

### ***DELAY IS NOT DENIAL***

One of the most frustrating setbacks in the course of whatsoever God has promised us is delay, especially in our times when everything actually happens so fast. We are not accustomed to waiting for positive outcomes. We want every good thing now and when it takes longer than we expect, most people quit on waiting. They lose hope and close the prospect altogether. I believe that is why there is a high rate of divorce even among believers in Christ. Most couples cannot bear one another for very long. If they do not see a particular change they feel is necessary in their spouse, they dash and run looking for a mate who already has that aspect fixed.

Patience is not a particularly popular virtue in our generation. Everyone seems to be in a hurry to get something or be somewhere. Any delay is a massive inconvenience. Many believers that have earnestly prayed

to the Lord for a breakthrough in a given area quickly conclude that it is not God's will when what they are asking for delays.

Of course, this is not necessarily the case. The will of God can indeed be delayed for two major reasons: The delay may be caused by God or by the resistance of the enemy, Satan. These delays may translate into *divine delays* or *satanic delays* respectively.

A good example of *divine delays* is the case of Moses. Here was a man who thought that the time for the deliverance of God's people was ripe at his prime age of forty. Anguished at the deplorable conditions he witnessed them suffer while he was comfortable in Pharaoh's palace, he was motivated to address the matter personally (Exodus 2:11-21). While still in the nascent stages of his deliverance, having killed an Egyptian, he attracts the attention of Pharaoh while failing to rally the support of the Hebrew people. Afraid of the consequences of his acts, he runs away to the wilderness until he comes across the family of Jethro and his seven daughters. There he marries the eldest girl and spends forty years tending the Jethro's flock on Mount Sinai (Exodus 2:21, 3:1; Hebrews 11:24-27).

I believe God strategically delayed him for those many years in order to bring him to the place where he would be humble enough to acknowledge His sovereignty and

power on the matter: The deliverance of the Hebrew, God's own people, would have to be done by the hand of God and not merely the hand of a man, however skilled or learned. God delayed Moses to humble him and bring him to the place where he acknowledged that the deliverance of Israel was the prerogative of God and not man. In divesting him of all manners of self-importance so much that a man who was once so skilled in speech had actually forgotten how to speak, God had succeeded in bringing him to the place where he would fully surrender to His word and instruction (Acts 7:22; Exodus 4:10). After forty years in the wilderness, Moses was ready to be used by God.

*Are you ready for God to use you?* It is important that we derive this vital lesson from the account of Moses. Many times God delays His intentions for us, however noble they may be, because we are not ready to surrender to His instructions. In His divine omniscience, He knows that if we pursue His endeavor without His supervision we will bungle the whole mission. In these cases, delay is employed as a tool by God to prepare us to be used by Him. Consequently, **times of delay can be seen as times of preparation. During these times, God will develop virtues in us that will enable us to accomplish the mission not only in a better manner than we would otherwise have done but also as better people than we were before the mission.** Peter put it this way:



**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness. And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2 Peter 1:4-7**

Given the high and imminent expectations of the return of the Lord Jesus in the context of persecution it is understandable why the apostles sought to clarify on the need to develop virtues to cope with delay.

The apostle James must have had *divine delays* in mind when he counseled the church in Jerusalem in regards to appreciating trials. He advised thus:

**My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:2-4**

From these and so many other testimonies in the scriptures, we can conclude that delays can be divine. In those times, it is better for us that we are delayed. *Divine delays* do not just happen. They have a specific and vital role to play in our quest for the fulfillment of God's promises or prophecies in our lives. More important though, is the blessed assurance that after we have

waited, if we hold onto the promise, God is more than faithful to bring the matter to its expected conclusion. To be sure, He is able to do it beyond our imaginations.

I am sure that when Moses looked back at how he expected the children of Israel to be delivered and how the Lord did it, he must have been grateful it happened then than when he first set out to do it by himself. It does not matter how long we wait upon the promises of God, they will come to pass.

Our attitude ought to be like that of the prophet Habakkuk, who having received a word from the Lord was willing to wait upon it through thick and thin assured that eventually it would come to pass. Consider his powerful response to the divine delay he faced:

**Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I shall rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. Habakkuk 3:17-19**

When we are delayed, we ought to be confident that at the appropriate time God will show up. Yes, He will. He is more than faithful and is not a son of man that He should lie (Romans 3:3-4). When He delays, we ought to know deep inside that He has not denied. He loves us

deeply enough to ensure that we receive whatsoever we desire if it is good.

The apostle John had a revelation of this love and assured the early church believers that it is God's desire that they prosper even as their soul prospers (3 John vs. 2). So **when we encounter *divine delays*, we ought to know that we are dealing with a faithful and loving God who uses these times to set a more appropriate time and means of ensuring we receive His promise, prophecy or desire.** Do not despair in these times. It may be a marriage you are waiting for, or a job, or a promotion, or a business proposal, or even healing, do not consider in the least that God has abandoned you. He just cannot. Be assured that in His time, He will make all things beautiful (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Just wait on Him, trust Him and lean not on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5).

The prophet Isaiah understood *divine delay* was not necessarily denial and had these words from God to encourage everyone going through such a time:

**Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faintest not, neither is he weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up**

**with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and  
they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31**

*So are you waiting on the Lord rather than quitting on His promises?* Keep on going. It may be rather slow for now but keep believing, keep hoping, keep waiting. At the right time, your pace will be enhanced. You will even be given an overtaking anointing like the one of David when he pursued those who had raided his camp in Ziklag or the one of Elijah when he run faster than the chariots of King Ahab (1 Samuel 30; 1 Kings 18:46). **It does not matter who may have gone ahead of you, if you are waiting upon the Lord you will catch up and overtake. The Lord knows how to redeem the time you lost waiting.**

*Satanic delays* are another thing altogether. They are not divine arrangements orchestrated by God. Instead they hail from the kingdom of darkness. Many believers are not aware that we war against principalities and powers of evil that are determined that we lose hope and curse God. When God gives us a promise and they get to know about it, they work at frustrating our faith through many ways, chief among which is causing *satanic delays*.

Just as *divine delays* are a *tool of preparation* in the kingdom of God, *satanic delays* are a *tool of frustration* from the devils kingdom. Satanic delays are carefully organized by forces of evil to cause believers to give up on the promises

of God and even to doubt and curse God. I have encountered them in my life and ministry. In fact, they are the leading causes of backsliding in the Church. A lot of people lose their first love and commitment to the Lord Jesus when they experience delays to prayers they have made or prophecies they have received. A lot of them doubt God or at worst consider Him to be a liar. When they do so, they ignorantly have succumbed to the intentions of the devil and are victims of his *satanic delay* traps.

A particularly good example of a satanic delay in the scriptures is the case of Daniel when he set his face to pray concerning the return of Israel from exile. In that account, we are told how Daniel realized that the prophecy given by the prophet Jeremiah pertaining to the return of the children of Israel from Babylon was complete, got into a fast and begun to pray that the prophecy would be fulfilled (Daniel 9:2-3). He did this for 21 days and in the natural, it seemed like nothing was changing. However, after the 21 days the arch-angel Gabriel appeared to him and assured him that from the time he set to pray God heard his prayers (Daniel 9:21-23). Not only did God hear the prayers but he sent Gabriel to assure Daniel of the imminent return of Israel. However, as the angel was descending to the earth realm he was withheld for 21 days by a territorial spirit called the prince of Persia (Daniel 10:13).

That spirit was a tool intended for *satanic delay*. The evil intention was to frustrate Daniel from believing the prophecy. The devil knew that God had answered the prayer. He knew that Israel would be released from captivity. But he also knew that if he got Daniel to doubt the prophecy or even better still, to curse God, he would succeed in causing God to backtrack on his word as he had done with the children of Israel when they murmured against him. Fortunately, Daniel stood firm in his devotion to pray. He earnestly sought God even though he did not have a clear sign that God had answered his prayer. He persisted.

And that is the appropriate weapon against *satanic delays*. Persistence: Persist in faith, persist in prayer, and persist in the purpose God has committed you. *Is it ministry?* Persist. *Is it a promise for prosperity?* Persist. *Is it a desire for healing?* Persist. Whatsoever you have committed to God and you sense that you are being frustrated by the enemy, do not quit on it. The devil is able to quit on you if you persist. Remember, greater is He that is in us than the devil that is in the world (1 John 4:4). **By the way, the devil is not as tenacious as we often presume him to be. When he is confronted with a determined and zealous believer who will not relent on the promise God has given him, he quits.**

That is why he is always moving to and fro seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). He is constantly on the move because he cannot be committed to anything. In

this regard, the apostle James urges us to resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7).

Oh yes, he will. He only devours those who exaggerate his abilities. You know there are people that have not yet received the revelation of Christ in them. They do not know that Christ in us is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:26-27). That hope, is not an ordinary hope. It is like the one Abraham had: It hopes against hope. It is a hope that refuses to be darkened by any evil, by any temptation.

My friend, refuse to be refused. God is more than willing to bless you. And if you are a believer in Christ, He has already blessed you in every spiritual way, in every matter pertaining to life (Ephesians 1:3). What we need is a revelation of this and all the satanic attempts to delay the promises of God will be wasted.

Satan, by the way, is not Almighty and is indeed limited of weapons. It does not matter what effort he has mastered against you to cause you to fail in your faith and hope. Just persist. Believe God against all hope. Trust in Him beyond your understanding. The author of Hebrews put it this way:

**Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the  
cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right  
hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured  
such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be  
wearied and faint in your minds. Hebrews 12:2-3**

That was the everlasting example Jesus left for us. To believe even in the darkest hour: Oh yes, when there seems to be no evidence of the promise of God in what we are going through yet seeing the joy that lies ahead. That is the one weapon that will turn the frustration back on the enemy.

Brethren, the devil gets frustrated too. You can cause him to be so frustrated with you. He can seriously regret why he spared his limited number of demons and weapons against you. Believe, persist, hope against hope, and see the joy that lies ahead in spite of the darkness occasioned by satanic delays and you will win against the enemy to receive your promise.

### ***EVIL TURNED FOR GOOD***

Many believers do not realize that we live in an evil world. Most of the people we live with are members of this evil domain. If you are in Christ, you are of a different domain. Although you are in the world you are not of the world (John 15:19). You belong to the kingdom of God, a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). This makes you peculiar, different from the citizens of this world. Your citizenship is above, in the kingdom of God, and not here. It is important for you to realize that the two entities, the kingdom of evil and the kingdom of God, are in a



perpetual war against each other. In this contest, the forces of evil will not only work against the saints *spiritually* but will at often times use its sons on the earth to work against them *naturally*.

**Together with demonic spirits, these sons of the devil will undertake to execute very sinister plots against the saints of God. Their agenda is either to convert the saint into a child of the devil or to steal, kill and destroy him/her. They will seek to ensure that you assume wrong motives so that whatever you are going for is not what God intends for you or in cases where you are right on, they will seek to discourage you, divert you, or/and deny you from attaining your heritage.** Many sons of God have fallen prey to their evil intentions and lost the promises of God. What is really tragic is that no child of God is ever supposed to lose out to their devices. It does not matter how devious their plots are, the hand of God is not too short that it cannot save. He is able to turn what the devil and his cohorts intend for evil for our good.

It is so disheartening when we consider the various accounts of the evil devices and plots executed by the forces of evil against the saints of God. As a pastor, I have had occasion to minister to several kind of people in my city and in other nations of the world. It is quite appalling to witness the destruction and confusion the enemy has meted on the children of God. I have seen all kinds of evil

plots and curses placed upon the saints. As a result many have quit the faith or are in a perpetual state of fear of the devil or his children. It just makes me angry. I get even more vexed when I find saints totally subdued by the enemy, unaware that they do not have to settle for his evil designs. When I meet believers with a victim-syndrome, totally surrendered to what the devil has determined to do or can do, I am saddened at the lack of knowledge they have. No wonder God laments at how His people perish, are crushed, and suffer for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). If only they knew.

My friend, *what have you suffered? What is the enemy threatening you with?* Do not be afraid, you are not a victim. You are more than a conqueror in any and every circumstance (Romans 8:37). That evil that has been poised against you is weaker than the strength that has been vested in you in Christ Jesus. In fact, however dexterous or cunning the enemy may have been against you, I would have you know that there is a greater wisdom in you than it can ever fathom. By the wisdom of God, you will expose the insidious designs of the devil, his demons and his children; you will overthrow their plots against you.

By the wisdom of God, I refer to the Christ in you (1 Corinthians 1:30). Once you get a hold of this revelation, you stop being paranoid and overly sensitive of what

your enemies are plotting against you. You realize that they work in vain.

The intelligent philosopher that scribbled the book of Proverbs knew this and seriously concluded:

**There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed  
against the Lord. Proverbs 21:30**

There are several dramatic accounts given in the word of God that demonstrate what I am sharing about here: Remember how Daniel's enemies ended up in the den of lions while he was highly regarded by King Darius on account of the evil plots against him (Daniel 6). Then there is Esther and Mordecai's amazing turnaround against Haman who had so deviously plotted against Israel. Harman ended up hanging in the very gallows that he intended for Mordecai while the righteous Jew took on the very position, as second to King Xerxes, which he had worked very hard for (Esther 6, 7, 10). One other account that often inspires me is the plot that was executed by Joseph's jealous brothers to sell him to Egypt as a slave and then deceive his father that he had been eaten by a wild animal. It all seemed to work pretty well. In their envy, they thought they had finished off with Joseph.

They were cock sure that they would never set their eyes on him again, nor would their father, Jacob. As far as they were concerned, Joseph was a closed chapter in their family. The favor he had with their father was to be

relegated to the bad memories of their past together with his crazy dreams. But were they in for a surprise: Little did they know that the Lord would intervene in the matter, and do so the way He did. What they did in secret was not hidden from the Lord. Neither did it cause God to abandon Joseph. Instead, He turned their evil plots into raw materials for His purpose in the life of Joseph.

So, we witness Joseph serving as a slave in the house of an Egyptian, then being falsely accused and sentenced to prison, and forgotten there by an important friend who he'd helped come out. All through his trial, it would seem to the carnal minded person that the evil designs of his enemies had worked severely against him.

However, God did ensure that at the appropriate time Joseph would victoriously come out of prison. And not only that, but he was promoted by the Pharaoh to be the prime minister of Egypt. As if that was not enough, God used a famine in Canaan to drive his family to come to Egypt for food. There in Egypt they met Joseph again in his new position as the second to Pharaoh. Ashamed of what they had done to him several years ago, they were nevertheless amazed at how God had converted their evil intentions to serve the noble purpose of saving them from famine. Joseph bounced back from *oblivion* to the *pavilion* of his family, Egypt and the whole world.

The machinations of evil can never outwit God. He is the author and master of life, the alpha and the omega.

Nothing is hidden from him. Joseph's account, like that of Daniel and Mordecai, demonstrates that the wisdom of God is superior to that of the devil and his servants. It tells us that when we encounter fraudulent efforts made against us, we should know that God is able to use them to profit us in ways that would mesmerize the devil himself.

It may even seem as though for the most part the devil and his team have the advantage. Their plans and devious plots against you may seem to be succeeding. You may even suffer beyond the point where you think escape or restoration is possible. Do not quit. Do not give up on the promise God has for you. My friend, *are you a son of God?* Trust me on this.

Paul another authority on these matters exclaimed:

**And we know that all things work together for good  
to them that love God, to them who are the called  
according to his purpose. Romans 8:28**

God is able to work all things, every evil design, to bring it to His service. In these circumstances, the devil becomes His hand tool. That is why we should not be afraid of him or his designs.

Fear is one emotion that we must master out of our lives when we see the devil plot against us. **If only God would open our eyes and we beheld the final outcome, we**

would know that the devil is on the losing side. He wastes his time working against the believer that knows the God they serve. Think about it: It is the devil that motivated the Pharisees and oversaw the plot to murder Jesus for His testimony. Yet, little did they know that they were actually fulfilling the will of the Father as had been spoken by the prophets concerning how the Messiah must suffer, be betrayed and murdered. Their apparent success was Jesus' pathway to the highest throne from where God has now given Him a Name above every other name (Philippians 2). I am sure that if the devil knew it would turn out the way it did, he would never have set out to kill Him.

My friend, keep on going for it. Go for all that God has for you. No devil has a clever enough plan against you if only you can set your focus on Christ. It does not matter how successful the devil may seem against you. It is not over till it's over. Keep on believing, keep on going, keep on trusting in God. I am sure you will sooner than later be a surprise against the devil and all his cohorts. **There is a supernatural turning around that is about to happen: God is going to change things, times, people, and even you, to make sure that His promises to you are met.** He is more than able to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which you are going for (Ephesians 3:20).

When you see things like this, you realize that you cannot lose. The devil becomes a servant, his cohorts become

your servants, and their plots are at your service. Like God, your Father, you are a master of life. Thank God for your *setback*, it is working for your *come back*!

### **THE COMEBACK ANOINTING**

I hope it is becoming clearer to you that **there is no setback from which you cannot bounce back**. It does not matter what you have suffered, you are always able to find solace and restoration in the hands of God. In my life and ministry, I am privileged to have experienced the benefit of returning from depravity. Several years ago, as I mentioned in the second chapter, I backslid from salvation and serving the Lord. The devil rejoiced. Several people that had known me as a minister rejoiced with him. What made matters worse, is that several people that had known the Lord through my ministry also backslid. It seemed like I would never minister again or even be saved. As far as the kingdom of darkness was concerned, I was lost and lost indeed.

Well that was their story. But God had another story. He allowed a remnant of people to pray for me to be restored. Among whom is a dear friend called Robert Mawanda and my spiritual father Pastor Robert Kayanja. They earnestly prayed for ten years till the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 1997 when the Lord led me back home.

I am forever grateful for a sermon the Spirit of the Lord placed upon Pastor Kayanja's heart a fortnight after I returned to the Lord entitled- **The Come Back Anointing**. It so inspired me and I am grateful that the Lord has enabled him to share that same message around the world. Everywhere he has done so, many people have experienced the miracle hand of God restore whatever they had lost to the enemy. Not only have those who are backslidden renewed their vows to the Lord but all manner of miracle restorations have occurred ranging from restored sight, hearing and speech to restored finances and careers.

There is indeed such a thing as a come back anointing. I testify of it in my life and ministry. Today, I am back full swing in the work of the Lord. I am serving God in my calling in spite of what the devil and his children said about it. And what is more, I am doing much more than I did at the first time I served the Lord. My setback has worked for my comeback. During the time I was backslidden, I learnt to write and was indeed writing a political edition of our nation's politics when the Lord called me. I abandoned political writing to assume a far more superior devotion, writing for the kingdom of God. So today, I am not only preaching and teaching the word vocally as I did the first time, but I am also writing the word. I am also helping other servants of God to write books. Additionally, an amazing wonder has occurred that has witnessed the mighty Holy Spirit and angelic



hosts teach me songs so that today I am also a song writer, gospel artist, and worship leader.

*What is more?* I have personally witnessed more miracles and calls for salvation occur in my meetings than they did when I first ministered and I am even witnessing greater impact. Both our Acts of Revelation Crusade meetings as well as our Revelation Healing Concerts are venues of mass salvation and miracle results. I am back with a vengeance.

That is the comeback anointing: It returns you with a greater glory than you had at first. I pray that as you read through this book, and particularly this chapter, this comeback anointing will crown you with a new and greater glory. May it outshine anything in your past and propel you to a far exceeding prospect than you had ever dreamed about.

I guarantee you that whatever you have lost, be it family, finances, a spouse, a job, your health; any privilege, your salvation, even an anointing, it will come back. Whatever setback you have encountered is going to be used in the hand of Almighty God to return you to a greater glory. God will use your tragedies, your pains, and your embarrassment to reveal His glory in your life. Do not *despair*, just *prepare*. Neither *expire*, just *persist*. Prepare for the greatest and finest time of your life. Persist into the avenue of your promise. The best was not yesterday, it is yet to come. Though you walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, fear no evil. Ahead of you, your Father has prepared for you a table in the presence of your enemies!

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The vital truth is this: **Man was never made for limitation. He was fearfully and wonderfully made for exaltation.** So, keep on going, don't ever stop. Keep on believing, don't ever doubt. Keep on praying, don't ever complain. Your God is more than faithful. Take it for granted that since He has begun a good work in you, He will bring it to accomplishment. Once you are in His company, walking His journey, the end is certain. And what is more, is that there is nothing less than glory ahead of you. He is a good rewarder of those who are diligent about His business.

The journey you are undertaking is His business. He will not let you travel it for nothing. That is why He ensures that you are well provided for along the way. He will protect you, comfort you, and nourish you along the way. You have every reason to keep on going. So, *go for it!*

I would like to share with you a prophetic song I composed that I am sure means something to your inner man at this point in your reading. It's titled: **THERE IS AN EXCELLENT MOVE IN ZION!** (the lyric can be obtained from our web address):

**There is an excellent move in Zion  
There is an excellent move in God  
There is an excellent move for me  
I make an excellent move today**

Am moving forward  
Am moving higher  
Am moving mountains  
I reach for the stars

Free like a bird  
Faster than the wind  
Mightier than lion  
Am moving with God

**Go For It!** - is a command I have received from the Lord to exhort His children. **There is no one God made without a journey, without a purpose, without the ability of divine ambition.** Everyone has a mission to accomplish. Everyone has a report to make. There is no excuse.

In the Lord of the journey is every resource that is necessary for the journey. More than the resources, He is available to make the journey with us. He will never abandon or forsake us (Joshua 1:5, Matthew 28:20). He is more than faithful and has indeed prepared a crown at the end for everyone.

**What is so amazing is that God has believed in us. He is confident that we are able to accomplish any and everything we involve Him in.** It does not matter who does not believe in you when He does. Rather than wasting time paying attention to mockers and scorners who could cost you your crown, seek that friend that

sticks closer than a brother (Psalm 1:1; Proverbs 18:24). Spend time with Him. Know Him better; fellowship with Him at all times. He is your shield and fortress, your grace and strength. **With Him the journey is not only a foregone possibility but the crown an assured blessing.**

If you can heed to the various instructions and testimonies I have labored to put down in this book, you are set for victory. Remember, all things are possible to those who believe, not to everybody but to those who believe (Mark 11:23). What I have scribbled here, as I was led by the Spirit of the Lord, is indeed written so that you may believe. **Believe that your goals, however lofty, however challenging, are within reach.** Nothing is impossible if you believe.

Impossibility is a thought from hell, it is satanic. Its intention is to intimidate you and reduce you to a shrimp-like religious freak that worships a fake god out of touch with reality. Many have worshipped on the altar of impossibility. They fear every prospect, they avoid every blessing. Employing many religious devices, they have become preoccupied with 'thou shalt not' rather than what we are really able to do.

My advice to you is to quit fellowship with any of its priests or members. Turn away from those who minister impossibility, fear, and disgrace and seek the true faith in Christ which makes all things possible. I am often inspired by Paul's hilarious acclamation of his own

abilities in Christ. Yes, together with him, we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

*What is possible?* The journey you have undertaken, the desire you have in your heart, the goal you earnestly pursue. Even more than that, once you are in the hands of the Almighty living God there is far more than you can imagine. His crown of glory is meant for you. It ensures that you have authority and ability way beyond the comprehension of your finite mind. If the truth were told, the divinity of ambition is a much wider subject than we could ever be able to communicate in a book.

So, hold onto your crown. It is God's power, His authority, His kingdom. It is a divine measure of supernatural privilege that distinguishes you as more than a conqueror in this life and for life everlasting. Not everybody has it because not everybody believes like you do. You are peculiar, unique, out of this world yet in it, to conquer and subdue.

**Go, my friend, go like only kings do. Go with authority and power. Go with certainty and unwavering faith. Go to the final quest without a doubt that if God be for you, nothing can be against you.** Like Jesus, despise the shame of the cross before you because of the glory you see ahead of you (Hebrews 12:2). You are a champion of life, a master of destiny, treading the course of life with the greatest guide of all. Keep on going, keep on

believing, and hold onto your crown. And if you may,  
please remember me in your kingdom.