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EDITOR'S WELCOME

After much travailing, in the ninth month, an expectant mother - with much assurance - gets set to receive that which for the past three trimesters (seasons) has given her simultaneous joy and anxiety. There is an exasperating ambiguity about a new birth - excitement for what is to come and the uncertainty of the unfamiliar about to emerge. This **September** issue serves to set feet firmly on the amours of vision, mind control, rest in His promises and trust. Yes, much has been altered, if not totally lost, but now what was promised is set to come. Focus, reinvention and moving in the speed of the Holy Ghost, all will be won.

Happy reading...

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Word in Season

Practical guide to a profitable Christian Living



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And the light shineth in darkness:
and the darkness comprehended it not.
John 1:5

THE POWER OF SIGHT

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If there is any power given to man by God that is under utilized, it is the power of sight. I believe it is the greatest gift to us. Your ability to see things, and not just seeing things, but seeing them differently, particularly from the spiritual realm.

Why the spiritual realm?

It is the spiritual realm that controls the physical realm. Seeing into your future from where you are now is an asset in the kingdom. What people say or see about you is not as important as what you say and see about yourself. Please note that what they say about you will never stand as long as you don't hold on to the same view. It is what you see and say that counts. God will never consult or seek the opinion of any man before blessing you. You are unique to Him. He created you specially. There's no one like you on planet earth. So, guard your individuality and personality. Look at how God sees and qualifies you in these verses of scriptures **Jeremiah 29:11** and **1Peter 2:9-10**

**Whatever your
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God told Abraham in **Genesis 13:14-17** to see from where he was and all the land that he was able to see would be given to him. Please note the word 'given.' He did not ask us to buy the land, He only asked us to see it and He will give them to us. Whatever your spiritual eyes can pick, God will fix. It's already given to you and you can have it if, and only if, your faith can drive it through to reality. Remember, the Bible says it is to you according to your faith **Matthew 9:29**.

Now going back to our anchor scripture in **Genesis 13:14**, God says, from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever".

The question is, where are you presently?

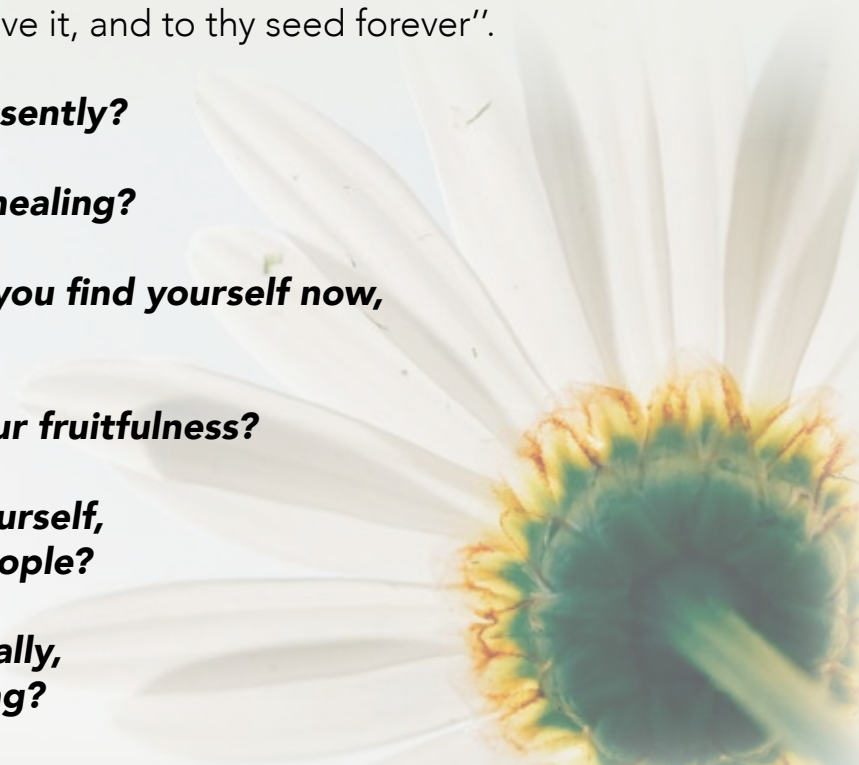
In that sickness, can you see your healing?

In the midst of that deep poverty you find yourself now, can you see your prosperity?

In that barrenness, can you see your fruitfulness?

In the jobless situation you find yourself, can you see yourself employing people?

Even though you have failed severally, can you see yourself still succeeding?



WORD IN SEASON

It's important for us to understand that what we see of ourselves is what God makes us to accomplish in life. He asked Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 1:11**, "...**what seest thou?**" And he said, **"I see a rod of an almond tree."** In verse 12, the Lord said, **"thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it."** In other words, it is what you see that God's word is permitted to perform. Abraham had a glimpse of what God was saying about his children when God made him to see the stars in **Genesis 15:5**.

Three things enhance what we see:

1. Separation from every hindrance

God could only speak to Abraham after Lot was separated from him **Genesis 13:14**. You must separate yourself from every Lot that is in your life. Identify them and do away with them. It can be habits, unhealthy relationships, unforgiveness, malice or any other vice.

2. The Word of God

It's so powerful that it's the only thing that can transform any life. In the Word is God Himself. The Word is spirit as explained by Christ in **John 6:63**. As you receive the Word, continue to meditate on it until it becomes a reality. **Joshua 1:8**

3. Take steps

After speaking to Abraham in **Genesis 13:14**, God told him to arise and walk through the land so he could possess it. You need to take steps in the direction you believe. Our action is what validates our believe. Until we move, nothing moves. From today I see you seeing very far in life. You will no longer be held captive by the devil anymore.

See you at the top.



A NEW ME

**RE-INVENTING
AND
RE-POSITIONING
YOURSELF**

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There are times we need to assess our lives and make adjustments to command the results we desire. This is one of the factors that separates the successful from others. If you are waiting to be gloriously married, you must take steps to re-invent and re-position yourself for your God-ordained spouses.

To RE-INVENT is to change the way you behave or the things you do. For example, you may need to change the way you speak, the way you dress, the crowd you move with, your body language, disposition, etc.

If you always wear a long face, you may need to go learn how to smile and have a warm and approachable demeanour. If you are always drably dressed, and looking not-put-together, you may need a change of wardrobe. If you have no idea how to do this, talk to a fashion consultant. Who knows, he or she may end up being your spouse.

There is something miraculous about deciding to let go of the old and embrace the new. Don't sit passively in the marital waiting room. Serve the Lord with zeal, develop your spirit and mind, learn a skill, go for further studies, don't ignore or postpone taking care of yourself, because you are waiting to be married.

Don't sit passively in the marital waiting room

DO NOT PUT YOUR LIFE ON HOLD

Go out, socialize, be nice, be helpful, stay positive, radiate the joy and peace of the Lord; these are the things that set spiritual forces in motion to work in your favour.

As believers, the Bible teaches us to keep growing. While there are things in our lives to improve on, we also need to put some things away to move forward. Bishop David Oyedepo says, *"Only a mad man will continue to do the same thing and expect a different result."*

In addition to re-inventing yourself, you may need to RE-POSITION yourself.

To re-position is to be in the right place we are meant to be; where God created us to be. You must learn to follow God's signal as He leads you to the right place where you will be divinely connected with your spouse. You may need to change your job, your house, your church, or relocate from your current city or country.

A 42 year old Christian sister had been in a particular church for years, praying to be married. When her church decided to open a new branch in another part of the city, the Holy Spirit prompted her to go help the church grow, but she refused because she didn't want to leave the big congregation for a new, smaller branch. A full year passed, and she was still there. Then, her pastor called her one day and instructed her to go to the new branch to help organize their children's section. She couldn't refuse, so she left. As soon as she got there, she was made the leader of the children's church and the 45 year old brother that became her assistant, married her 8 months later.

Be sensitive to the voice of the Holy Ghost. Sometimes, you may need a change of location to receive your allocation.

This renewal process must take place in the following three realms:

Spirit

Spiritual renewal automatically leads to the renewal of the soul and mind.

Soul

This has to do with mind renewal – thoughts, emotions, attitudes and mental development.

Body

Physical renewal captures actions, behaviours and appearances.

So, while waiting to be married, get busy with renewing yourself, spirit, soul and body. Let a new you emerge.

WHAT'S MISSING IN YOUR LIFE?

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Many years ago, I spent half a night awake, looking for a very crucial piece of paper that had a piece of face-saving information on it. I turned the whole place upside down, including the refuse bin. I searched for it in the most unlikely places, even spots I hadn't been to in the house for weeks.

Have you ever lost something so valuable you lose your sleep, peace, and joy?

In **Luke 15:8-9**, Jesus told us a parable of a woman who had ten silver coins [each one equal to a day's wages] and lost just one of the ten coins.

What did she do?

Did she just look around for it and when she couldn't find it, shrugged and said, 'well, it's okay I still have nine?'

No.

She was not lazy, nor a waster; neither did she procrastinate. She valued that one coin, even though she had much more than one.

What is missing in your life, your family, in your children's lives?

Have you diligently searched or still searching for it?

Have you given up on ever finding it?

Remember, the Bible said, whatever has been stolen in your life, must be returned sevenfold. (**Proverbs 30:30-31**)

Are you going to allow the devil to go away with it just like that?

That wayward child of yours can do well.

The sick one can be made perfectly whole.

You can still enjoy your marriage.

Your teenage girl that got pregnant and has a baby can still turn out great.

Your floundering business can flourish again.

That boy hooked on weeds or hard drugs can wake up tomorrow morning with a strong distaste for them.

The one that dropped out of school due to peer pressure can still graduate with distinction.

Your failing health can be restored.

How far have you searched?

How hard have you tried?

Are you searching in the right places?

What did that woman in the bible passage do?

1. She lit a candle. (Lamp)

Just like in the beginning, when God created the earth from formless; the first thing He did was to introduce light into the formless, empty, and dark situation. **Genesis 1:2-3**

What can you find in the dark? Not much. Without sufficient light, you cannot find the missing puzzles of your life. The Word of God is the light you need to recover all you have lost.

2. She swept the house, not just a spot or a room.

When you are diligently searching for something, you begin to discover specks of dirt and dust in drawers, under the beds, and corners that had been left untouched for months. You will even find some other missing items you had given up on.

As you shine the Word of God on yourself and the situation, it will bring to fore your faults, inadequacies, and insufficiencies, and you will begin to receive the grace to clean up every area of your life.

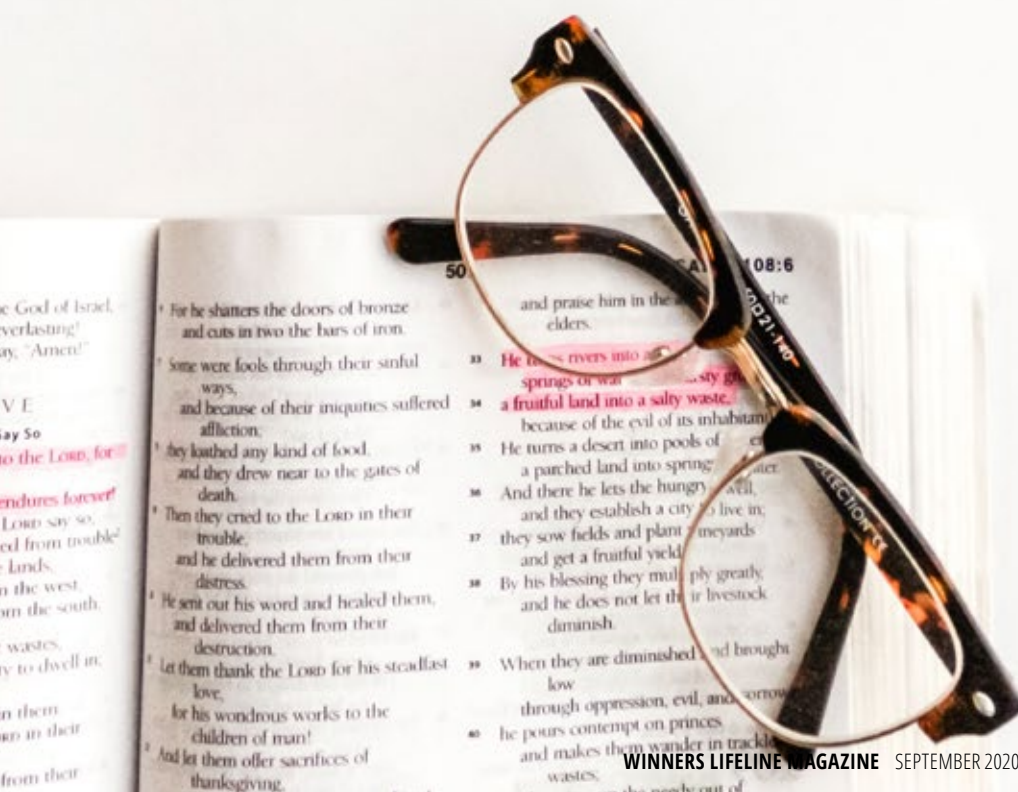
3. She searched carefully until she found it.

It's an intentional, focused, diligent search and she did not give up until she found it? You may not find it in a day or a week or even a month, but you will find it if you don't give up.

4. Then she had a celebration – Testimony time; Victory time.

"For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."
Psalms 138:1

Receive grace to do the needful for your restoration in Jesus' name.





SPECIAL FEATURE

SOARING BY GRACE

SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH

Pastor

*Godwin A.
Adama*

SOARING BY *Grace*

The saying, that the secrets of great men are in their stories rings through in this exclusive interview with the outgoing **Consul General of Nigeria to South Africa, Pastor Godwin A. Adama**. With his dynamism, resourcefulness, and integrity, he is leaving an indelible mark of transformation in the mission he has headed since February 2017. He came, changed the narrative, and many Nigerians in South Africa attest to the fact that their interests and welfare have been well protected during his tenure.

Pastor Adama has been in the diplomatic service of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for over 30 years and had served in several countries, including the United Kingdom, Republic of Greece, and the Republic of Benin, respectively. Coordinating bi-lateral economic and consular relations between Nigeria and South Africa came with its fair of challenges, but fairly and fearlessly, he has achieved successes that's been lauded home and abroad.

Blissfully married to **Deaconess Comfort Adama (nee Ajene)** with four blessed children, this unique personality wears many caps – Pastor, Husband, Father, Diplomat, and Humanitarian. How is he able to efficiently juggle these different roles?

In this exclusive interview with Lifeline, Pastor Adama bares it all as he lets us into his life, an experience that will not only inspire you but teach you more than a few principles.

Sit back, relax, and learn from a man who rides on God's immeasurable grace.



Tell us about your Christian experience

I gave my life to Christ while serving as a diplomat in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, in 1995. Before this time, I was a churchgoer, attending Methodist/Anglican churches. I attended an Evangelical crusade in Cotonou where Evangelist Uma Ukpai was one of the guest speakers. When the altar call was made, I gave my life to Christ. After my tour of duty in October 1998, I returned to Nigeria and followed my younger sister, Gladys Adama to her church, the Living Faith Church, also known as Winners' Chapel. I had an encounter with Jesus in the first service I attended there and that changed the course of my destiny for life.

Share with us a notable testimony since you gave your life to Christ.

There are several acts of God in my life but one notable one is the deliverance from fatal motor accidents on three occasions without any scratch on my body.

You've been a Born-Again Christian for about 25 years. What has sustained you?

Faith, hope, absolute dependence on God, connection to the pillars of the commission via books written by Bishop David Oyedepo, insights and revelation of the Word, and physical participation in Kingdom stewardship. It's been interesting and revelation of the Word, and physical participation in Kingdom stewardship. It's been interesting and rewarding. I am what I am today by the grace of God.



How did you become a pastor?

I was nominated as a pastor in 2008 but before the ordination, I was posted to Athens, the Republic of Greece for diplomatic assignment and was briefly separated from Living Faith Church, as there was none in Greece. I was later cross-posted to London, UK, in 2009 and immediately located the Winners Chapel, London, and later Dartford. I served there as an ordained worker until I returned to Abuja in 2011 after my tour of duty in the United Kingdom.

At Goshen City, where Bishop David Abioye presides, I was serving as an ordained worker on a Sunday morning when I was invited to sit behind the pastors. A few weeks later, during a pastor's meeting, Bishop Abioye ordained me as a pastor.

As a pastor who has impacted lives over the years, what's your counsel to Christians going through challenges?

Remain calm and have faith because God is too faithful to fail. No challenge is new and above God; challenges are only raw materials for testimonies. Make **Psalms 125** your anchor scripture and put your trust in God. He is not a man that He should lie neither a Son of man that He should repent. He honours His word more than His name.

Take us to the home front; your marriage and family.

I met my wife in 1989 when she was in Lagos Law school. She was my friend's younger sister and was like a younger sister to me. There were no strings attached whatsoever until I moved to Abuja in 1991. I was on a 40-Day fast when God showed me in a dream that the lady I was calling my sister could be my wife. I told my friend about it, he supported me and I approached her.

We got married on 18th December 1993, shortly before my diplomatic posting to Cotonou, the Republic of Benin.

What factors have sustained your marriage?

My experience so far has been fantastic. My wife and I have remained committed to kingdom service, all to the glory of God, the greatest lubricator of peace in the home.

There has been no quarrel or major disagreements; everything is always resolved by reference to scriptures and God's standard on marriage.

I have equally provided for the family without being pushed, taking care of my responsibility as the head of the home. My wife plays her role of taking care of the home and bringing up the children. We have supported each other and managed our weaknesses. Forgiveness is a great virtue to uphold in the family.



How have you handled challenges in your marriage and family?

As a family, our first love is to the kingdom and communication has remained a major lubricator as issues are handled peacefully, through understanding and patience.



By the grace of God, I have always seen my spouse as a sister, mother, and friend. I see her family like mine and vice versa.

Well, like any other family, we have had some challenges, but it has never weighed us down. We share relevant information and commit our ways to the Lord at all times. Indeed, God has been faithful and the children are doing wonderfully well, to the glory of God.

What counsel do you have for married couples?

Give due respect to each other and play your part in line with scriptures.

Provide channels of effective communication and build trust. Trust is the glue that holds the family together. Give no room to the devil and share confidences. Suspicion will scatter the peace in the home.

Avoid comparisons and be contented with what God is doing in your lives per time.

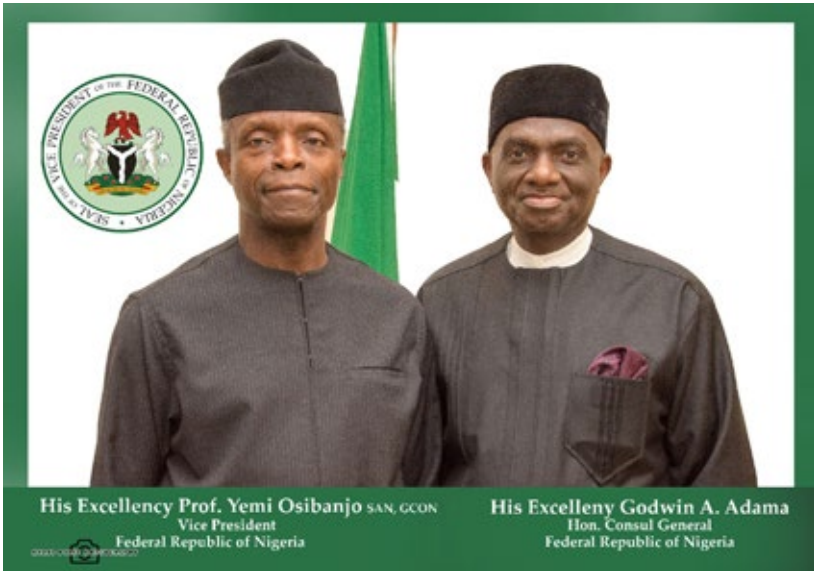
Tell us about being a diplomat. How and why did you choose that career path?

I studied International Studies at the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Kaduna State, Northern Nigeria. I had always looked forward to being a diplomat.

I rejected some jobs to ensure I joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a civil servant. It's only when you are abroad that you are called a diplomat, so choosing that career path has been for me a matter of interest and vision.

Diplomacy has exposed me to the vagaries of negotiations, particularly between

countries at both bi-lateral and multi-lateral levels. It has also exposed me to the life and culture of several people in the various countries I have served or visited in the course of service. Out of the seven continents I have been privileged to visit five either on assignment or service.



How will you describe your years of service?

It's been eventful and challenging. God has been my shepherd accord-

ing to **Psalm 23:1-6**.

I have never lobbied for any appointment or posting in my life, I have only committed myself to prayer and focus, and God has never disappointed me. In all the places I worked, I was either the head

of the prayer team or established a worship centre for periodic prayers. That sustained me. My colleagues had always referred to me as a pastor long before I became one.

At a stage in my career, when I served as the Director of Protocol at the Presidential Villa in my country, prayer and focus sustained me there for over three years, by the grace of God.



How were you able to balance your kind of work with family and church?

This has also been both challenging and exciting, but I have always tried to strike a balance through hard work and focus, and up to date I've not been found wanting in all aspects. My wife has helped me greatly by understanding. Honestly, marriage has been smooth and interesting.

Many young people want to make it fast. How will you advise them?

Hard work does not kill, it only refines. You can't do it alone, so you must accept Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour and work on the path of righteousness in work and family.

You must be conscious of your place in the Kingdom and your mates and colleagues will respect you. God himself will advance you.

Never be involved in sowing seeds of discord, always maintain good relations with colleagues and show them where you stand. Avoid bribery and corruption and make yourself relevant in whatever assignment you are given.

Never put your trust on any mortal man, let your trust be in God who truly blesses. Make **Matthew 6:33** your anchor scripture.



Now that you've turned 60 and bowing out of service, what's next?

I am extremely grateful to God for a successful career and service. In my career path, the highest attainments are to become a director, head of a diplomatic mission abroad, and an ambassador. All these God has made possible for me to accomplish before bowing out of service.

I have a non-governmental organisation called "Covenant Seed of Abraham for the Less Privileged Society." That's what I'm going to focus on. It's my God-given vision to serve humanity and advance



His Kingdom. We've been committed to the welfare of the less privileged, widows, orphans, and the aged. We train youths in skills acquisition to get them engaged productively. We also provide scholarships to indigent students based on selective and competitive processes.

God is expanding the vision to include leadership training or discipleship.

I will continue to engage in Kingdom service as an ordained servant of God while looking unto God for any other future attainments.

I will also give myself to reading and exploring more channels of services. I have come to understand that God is not committed to our plans or ambition, He is only committed to His purpose.

What's your counsel to young people?

- Catch a vision for your future and pursue it, no matter the obstacles. Vision is a mental picture of the desired future, in line with the plan and purpose of God for your life.
- Remain committed to the things of the kingdom despite mockeries from your colleagues and friends. Remember only those who are mocked by men will be made by God.
- Remain humble and meek no matter your attainment in life. You can do nothing on your own, every attainment in life is by his Grace.
- Be contented with what God has done for you per time and thank Him while projecting for the future in prayer and service.
- Remember, God is not committed to your plans or ambition He is only committed to his purpose.
- Engage in giving as a lifestyle, both to the Kingdom and those less privileged around you.

Your hobbies?

Reading, particularly Christian books and other relevant books on my career and world politics. Aside from spiritual matters, I analyse political issues, maybe due to my background in political studies.

I also enjoy listening to gospel music, travelling, playing table tennis, lawn tennis as well as other walk out exercises, like walking several kilometres every morning.

Favourite Bible verse and why?

Psalm 18:43-44

"A people whom I have not known shall serve me, as soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me, and strangers shall submit themselves to me".

This Bible verse has encouraged me each time I was to move from one area of assignment to the other and I have never been disappointed.

Favourite city?

Abuja, the Nigerian Capital is my favourite city because it gives me the opportunity to serve God to the fullest, without much distractions.

Thank you so much sir for your time. It's been an inspiring and engaging conversation. We wish you more successes as you return to Nigeria and in all your future endeavours.

leap of JOY

Amazing testimonies



The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the
simple.

Psalm 19:7

A LIFE RESTORED

Noxolo Belinda Muka Buhendwa

I joined the Winners' Family in 2005, invited by a cousin who was a member at that time. I was 12 then and though my family went to church, I never really had a personal relationship with God. This continued till I completed my high school education and got pregnant in 2012.

I was judged and treated as an outcast at that point in my life but I didn't give up. I continued to attend church services, had my daughter in January 2013 and went into the university a month later.

It wasn't easy coping in school. I failed my first year twice and had to repeat. That whole experience gradually changed me and I started developing a relationship with God. Towards the end of my university years, I started engaging in kingdom service and soul winning, and I joined the youth fellowship. I graduated April 2017 and registered my clothing brand, Splendour Designs, that same month.

I started making clothes for people and made a skirt that was so small for the owner she couldn't even get into it, but I didn't give up. Today, I make wedding gowns, suits, bridesmaid dresses, etc.

I met my husband during Shiloh 2016. He paid my lobola (dowry) in April 7 2018 and we got married on the 5th of May 2018. In January 2019, we were confirmed 3 months pregnant, towards the end of February, we had a miscarriage. God helped us through that time. In August of that same year, I had feelings I had conceived again and went to the clinic to get a test done.

It was negative. I couldn't understand because my cycle had stopped for two months. In September, I had the flu, it was so bad my husband took me to the same clinic and the very first thing the doctor asked me was, "When was your last cycle?" I couldn't answer because I had forgotten. Immediately she sent me to run a pregnancy test and we were confirmed pregnant. 4th of April 2020, God blessed us with a bouncing baby boy name Blessed Shiloh Muka. I return the glory to God.



HEALTH UNCLUTTERED

Healthy tips for Christian living

... but a faithful ambassador is health
Proverbs 13:17



A SIMPLE WAY TO EXERCISE YOUR MIND

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When we think about exercise, we probably think about keeping our body in shape. But have you ever thought what a great exercise a little walk can be for your mind as well?

One of the best exercises we can give our body is a brisk little walk.

A good time out to try it is when things are getting too hectic in your life. Just stop what you are doing and go for a little walk. Take your time and don't walk too quickly. Take an interest in what you see during your walk and notice things along the way. Forget about your problems and troubles for a short while and let your mind take you to other places.

You will notice how relaxed you feel, even as you are exercising. Lose your cares and worries and concentrate only on positive thoughts. The change of scenery will do you as much good as well as the physical activity itself.

Taking a time out to go on a brisk walk could help ease the daily life pressures that come your way. You will feel the benefits not only in your body but also, in your mind. You will grow less tense with each walk.

This should be a time for you and to think about God and other positive things. You will become relaxed, at peace in body and mind and prepare you to tackle any problem.

Make it part of your daily routine - morning, afternoon or evening. A brief walk can help you clear your mind just as it helps to keep your body in shape.

No need to rush. This is not the time to be in a hurry. Enjoy your walk. Let it be something you look forward to - a simple pleasure in your life. Give your mind a chance to enjoy the exercise just as your body is benefitting from it.

The simple act of taking a little walk can be one of the best exercises known for both mind and body. It doesn't cost a cent but the rewards are priceless!

Why don't you try it out? Take a little stroll and remember to always keep safety in mind when planning your walk.

God bless!

SPARKLES

Children's Church uncompromised!

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it
Proverbs 22:6



PARENTING

Our Highest Calling And Most Rewarding

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"Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward"
Psalms 127:3

The most rewarding and most challenging job is to be a parent. Rewarding, because nothing beats the joy of seeing your children grow up, attaining all their milestones, living out their dreams, and making you proud. Most challenging, because you are accountable to God and you can't avoid doing a good job of raising your precious seeds. Remember, they are not yours, they are God's heritage. **Romans 14:12**

Many parents adopt the world's system of raising children. So many are trying to be 'a cool mom or dad.' Some are more of friends with their children than being a parent to them. We are not called to be a cool parent, but one that nurtures and builds up responsible children who will be kingdom giants, threats to the kingdom of the devil. We can't parent our children by what one motivational speaker tells us. Most of the time, they speak from their own knowledge, which may not be in line with God's parenting style. The world doesn't have the manual, only God does! **Deuteronomy 11:19**

We always talk about how prophet Eli was an epic failure when it comes to parenting, but what about King David? **(2 Samuel 13)** His son (Amnon) raped his daughter (Tamar) and because David did nothing about it, his other son, Absalom decided to avenge his sister, killed Amnon, and later plotted to have his father dethroned. David might have been a great man of God, but as a parent, he failed miserably. Having this chain of events in one family speaks to the core of how badly these children were raised - no morals, no direction, no value, and definitely no trace of God's fear in their lives. This can be traced back to how he was also neglected by Jesse, his father.

1 Samuel 16:11

Dedicate your children to God

Our primary duty as parents is to purposely and intentionally steer our children's hearts towards God. You are the one to lead them to Christ and dedicate their hearts to God. Just like Abraham laid Isaac down on the altar at Moriah, **(Genesis 2:1-19)** we are to do the same with our children daily, praying for them and praying with them. This must be done consciously!

Let them see the joy and blessings in serving God. Don't leave them at home while you come to church, no matter how early the service is. Make sure they develop a passion for His house and everything that has to do with God. Get them involved in church activities. Spend time daily with them, sharing the word, even if it's 5 minutes, it goes a long way. Make sure they develop a passion for songs/music that edify God. Play godly music in the home. Let them see that being a child of God is a cool thing!

Teach them the fear of God

We must teach them the fear of God. **Deuteronomy 4:10**

It will help them live a life pleasing to God, a life of holiness. The fear of God drives them away from sin and ultimately pushes them to always seek to please God with the help of the Holy Spirit. The fear of God you have instilled in them will give you peace of mind when you are not physically with them. **(Psalm 34:11)** You will be sure that they will make the right choices and stay on course with God.

These are the things that will speak in their lives, guide them, and shape their character.

We need to know that when we raise godly children, the glory goes to God, but the ultimate reward and benefits are ours to enjoy. So, be encouraged to put in the work, especially your time in training them.

God bless.



THE GENERATION NOW!

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The Teens Ministry unplugged!



O my little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you
Galatians 4:19

CAREER TALK FOR TEENS

THE FEW, THE PROUD...

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Some say that the glory days for pilots are over. However, if your passion is aviation, do not be too quick to dismiss the idea of becoming one.

Becoming a pilot is a very expensive, very difficult and yet very rewarding 'calling'. I call it a calling because flying is merely a means of transportation to most people but to pilots, it is a 'way of life' and once you answer the clarion call, you will never remain the same again.

It is not hard to find people who will warn you that you should not become a pilot. They are quick to list the misfortunes and hardships of airline pilots and various other difficulties that pilots face, but deep down, they probably still believe that becoming a pilot is one of the coolest things you could ever do.

As teenagers, choosing a career is one of the most important life decisions you will have to make and as a pilot, it is my opinion that there are still many great reasons to get a pilot licence.

Here are some of them:

1. The views: The views from your office (cockpit) are absolutely amazing.

2. The travel benefits: Travelling becomes essentially free when you become an airline pilot.

3. Flying makes you smarter: No joke. Becoming a pilot makes you smarter. You will gain knowledge that you never thought you would need to know. You will become a better planner, a logical decision-maker, and a meteorologist. You will learn good resource management, how to be patient and how to operate safely, with a sense of urgency. You will learn to do math in your head quickly. (After all, when your life depends on it, you learn to do all kinds of things quickly)

4. You learn how to make good decisions: You need to understand situations and make decisions based on information you have available to you. You will quickly understand your limits, and what it takes to improve them.

5. You will join an Elite group: Aviators may have a reputation for being bold, brash, and reckless, but this stereotype could not be further from the truth. The people in the aviation industry are a different breed. When you become a pilot, you instantly join a fraternity that transcends national borders and cultures. It is an instant family, complete with crazy uncles and holiday parties.

As a new pilot, your new aviation friends will embrace you, help you, and support you. They will make you never want to give up. The aviation industry is made up of extraordinary, unique people that share the passion for flying with specific energy and enthusiasm that is not seen anywhere else. It is contagious – and a little bit crazy – but once you are a part of it, there is no turning back.



6. You will obtain a new respect for the world around you: You will have these moments when you understand the magnitude of flight; how immense of a privilege it really is to be a pilot.

7. Adventure: Flying is an adventure. It is crazy how a simple machine can travel so fast through the air.

8. Freedom: It provides a sensation of freedom that can only be found up high in the sky.

9. Challenging: Flying is always a challenge. You must be on top of your game and constantly learning about new techniques and technology if you want to be successful.

10. Fun: It all comes down to being able to have fun in your job. Being a pilot is an enjoyable way to earn a living.

To qualify, you must meet a few requirements (Education, Training, Licence & Certification etc.) to become a pilot. You must be at least 18 years old and have 250 hours of flight experience, vision that is correctable to 20/20, and no physical handicap that may affect job performance. You will also have to pass physical and written exams, in addition to a flight exam during which you will demonstrate your flying ability to a CAA (Civil Aviation Authority)-designated examiner.

Finally, flying is an amazing and addictive career, one that after you start, you will not be able to stop. My biggest piece of advice to anyone who is thinking of becoming a pilot is to just do it. It is a very serious and long-term commitment, but it is one that will change your life forever!



FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

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What is Social Media?

According to [lexicon.com](https://www.lexicon.com/), Websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking. Some of the most popular platforms include Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Tumblr, Instagram, Pinterest, Skype, YouTube, Viber and Snapchat.

Social media can be used to upload and share contents like uploading photos and videos, posting comments, chatting and so on.

Social media benefits for children and teenagers

Below are some benefits of social media for children and teenagers:

- They use social media to have fun, make and maintain friendships, share interests, explore identities and develop relationships with family
- Social media can connect children and teenagers to online global communities based on shared interests.
- Digital media literacy: exploring and experimenting on social media can help your child build knowledge and skills to enjoy online activities and avoid online risks.
- Collaborative learning: your child can use social media to share educational content, either informally or in formal school settings.

Risks of social media

Social media sites can also pose risks for your child, these risks include:

- Being exposed to inappropriate or upsetting content like mean, aggressive, violent or sexual comments or images

- Uploading inappropriate content like embarrassing or provocative photos or videos of themselves or others
- Sharing personal information with strangers – for example, phone numbers, date of birth or location
- Cyberbullying

Navigating the risks of social media

From my own personal experience as a father, I found out that talking about rather than banning your child from social media use is the best way to protect your child and ensure your child's internet safety. Talking gives you the opportunity to help your child:

- Understand the risks involved in using social media
- Understand the dangers involved in sharing content and personal information
- Learn what to do if people ask for personal details, or they are being bullied online

Finding out more about social media

As a parent, keep advancing your knowledge about social media because social media platforms and their functionalities are always changing. So, it's a good idea to keep up-to-date with the social media your child uses. Ask the child what social media platform he or she uses and you could also get your child to show you how different social media platforms work. It's often hard to enforce age restrictions on social media as it is easy to lie about your age online, so as parents check if your child's social media choices are appropriate for their age, some social media platforms have age restrictions. For example, to have a Facebook or Instagram account, your child needs to be 13 years old, and YouTube has a version for kids (YouTube Kids).

Setting up social media guidelines

Some written guidelines about social media can help your child get the benefits of social media while using it responsibly, respectfully and safely. This agreement could be part of a family media plan. If these guidelines include your own social media use as well as your child's, you can be a positive role model for the child.

This might cover basics like:

- When it's OK to use social media and how long your child can spend on social media
- Whether it's OK to use social media during homework time, family meals and so on
- Not uploading or sharing inappropriate messages, images and video of themselves or others
- Being cautious about the information they share
- Accepting friend requests only from people your child knows to be who they say they are

"Go to the Limits of Your Longing"

by Rainer Maria Rilke

**God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
then walks with us silently out of the night.**

These are the words we dimly hear:

**You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.**

**Flare up like a flame
and make big shadows I can move in.**

**Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.**

**Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.**

Give me your hand.

Book of Hours, I 59

STOP AND SMELL THE COFFEE



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Dani sat straight up in bed when she heard the rumbling of the garbage truck as it turned onto her street. She looked at the clock and panic washed over her.

"Oh no, my alarm didn't go off!"

Jumping out of bed, she made a mad dash for the bathroom in hopes of salvaging what was left of her morning. Sliding to a halt, she reached to turn the shower on, disrobed and jumped in even before the water had had time to heat up.

She couldn't be late for this appointment! It was probably the most important appointment since starting her career and she was furious with herself starting the day off like this.

Miraculously, she was ready and out the door in thirty minutes flat!

Racing to the car, she decided she would have just enough time to run in the coffee shop for a quick jolt of java. After purchasing her steaming cup of heaven, she lowered herself onto the bench out front to mix in her creamer.

Seated beside her was an elderly woman and out of the corner of her eye, Dani began to study her. Judging by her wrinkled and weathered features, she appeared to be in her late seventies. Her clothing, while dated, gave evidence to a rather comfortable life. She watched as the woman took out a worn monogrammed handkerchief and wiped at a stray tear. Her heart broke into a million pieces for this dejected soul and she wondered what troubled her.

Dani heard the woman sniffle and clear her throat.

"How are you today?" The woman asked with a voice as weathered as her features.

"I am well."

"My name is Martha." She announced as she fidgeted with her hankie.

"I'm, Dani." An awkward silence hung in the air for a moment. "I couldn't help but notice that you seem to be upset about something."

"I was hoping to make it to my grandson David's party. He just opened his first law practice and his parents are throwing him a huge shindig at the country club. It's supposed to start in fifteen minutes." Martha brushed another tear from her face.

"So, why aren't you going?"

"The bus was already pulling away when I rounded the corner."

Dani's heart began to fill with compassion for the older woman. She sat staring across the street and as her insides twisted with emotion, she pondered what to do. She desperately needed to make this appointment, but she found herself with an overwhelming need to help this poor woman. Dani did the only thing she could think of. She closed her eyes and asked the Lord for guidance.

In the midst of the prayer, her cell phone buzzed alerting her to a new text message. She opened her phone and read.

(Need to reschedule meeting! Please call as soon as you can.)

"Wow . . . that was quick!" Dani said aloud, amazed at how fast the Lord could work.

"What was quick, dear?"

"Oh, it's nothing. Why don't I give you a lift?"

"Really?"

"Sure, I would be happy to."

The ride to the country club took only a few minutes. Dani helped Martha out of the car and walked her up to the door where she planned to say her goodbyes.

"You must come in for a moment." Martha insisted while tugging on her arm.

"Only for a minute." Dani agreed reluctantly.

As Dani entered the dining room with Martha at her side, she ran smack-dab into the most breath-taking man she had ever seen. When their eyes met, fireworks erupted inside her and she was sure every nerve in her body felt the singe. Several moments passed before they reluctantly gave up their hold on one another.

"Hello, I'm . . . David." He stuttered.

"I'm Dani . . . I'm here with your grandmother, Martha." She managed to tell him while taking a wobbly step backward.

David gave her a puzzled look.

"Martha died three years ago." He announced as he motioned to a picture of his grandmother that was on display.

Dani began to scan the crowd looking for Martha, but something in the pit of her stomach told her that she wouldn't find her. Feeling a little dizzy, she grabbed for a nearby table and David reached for her.

"Are you alright?"

Dani looked into his gorgeous eyes.

"Do you believe in angels?"

David smiled and the fireworks started all over again.

Refocusing our minds on the promises of GOD

Catching Light

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Psalm 42:5



TRUST ISSUES

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Any purposeful functioning adult knows the importance of rational planning and strategy application towards building a better future for one's self. To be taken off guard by life's situations is deemed irresponsible and juvenile by most. A quote says, **"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."** Preparation in any sphere of life is both wisdom and prolific. It is good to plan.

Good planning assuredly brings huge financial returns, saves time and helps to avoid costly mistakes. Business people who understand good preparedness often evaluate future happenings. They easily discover lucrative financial opportunities and invest on time. Same with astute political leaders: they implement particular laws and decrees wisely so as to elude forthcoming disasters that may leave the masses living in high distress or sickness. If questioned, most of these leaders often assess past experiences and use it to predict future occurrences.

Then 2020 happened! Life as we know it – or rather – life as we had planned for it, was completely altered and never to be the same again. Yes, there have been plagues, but none of us in July 2020 have experienced it except through books (most likely in gross distortion) and a little Netflix. Human contact, travel regulations, and social interactions have all been reformed with even more stricter laws to be passed in the near future. All these necessary changes are causing a plunge in planned business and financial dealings. This loss of structure subsequently causes emotional wounds due to the uncertainty and anxiety further bruising an already hurting society.

The word trust appears in the bible 147 times....

Conspiracies aside; for the first time in a very long while: world leaders, medical experts and financial analysts alike are all echoing the same foresight – uncertainty. No one really knows what is next. They can predict, but no one knows. Reports of the virus' continual mutation flood the papers each day, along with subsequent fluctuation of the stock markets further destabilising the world economies. Endless new policies, postponements and cancellations just make planning an almost futile exercise.

"Blessed is the one who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him"
Jeremiah 17 v 7

CATCHING LIGHT

Trust is important for any relationship to thrive. God's children at all costs must totally invest in knowing the capabilities of their heavenly father and what His promises can produce. **Jeremiah 17** goes on to describe the earnings of the believer who does not worry in seasons of drought and dryness. This scripture promises fruitfulness in an analogy of a barren land bearing fruit. Advertising corporation understands the benefits of trust in their relationship with consumers, and often sell "peace and effectiveness" in their advert campaign to lure consumers. Most customers end up buying even products they do not need on the basis of trust. Why can't Christian folks also bask in what the Word promises and trust God to deliver and guide us from a seemingly bleak future to victory?

Practical Steps to Practice As We Trust the Process:

Be Open Minded to the New

Mind renewal is imperative for growth and easy understanding of a new concept. As the possibility of a new way of life emerges, take time to learn new skills and think outside of the norm.

Seek His Plan and Trust His Timing

Do not be anxious, but rather seek to know His intentions through the reading of scripture and listening to the Word. Nothing is new under the sun. Every wisdom we need to operate in this life is embedded in scripture.

Revive Your Personal Prayer Altar

Seek Him day and night. Schedule personal fasting and prayer times in the privacy of your home or workplace. Occasionally make sacrifices of worship and monetary values. Having a personal relationship with God makes it easy to hear and interpret instructions as they drop in your spirit.

Build on the New Future

Lastly, always use your imagination to create a successful future. Visualize and "capture" the victorious end, whilst retaining your joy. There is power in what our mind sees and believes.

God's word will never return to Him void without accomplishing its sent purpose. Trust is a personal conviction. Trust that all will fall in pleasant places for you at the right time even if the world is upside down!

Dare to trust God....



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**If your answer is 'NO',
Or you are not sure,
Or you have grown lukewarm in your fellowship with God
Please pray this prayer aloud with all sincerity and confidence:**

"Lord Jesus, I come to you today. I am a sinner. I cannot help myself. Forgive me my sins. Cleanse me with your precious blood. Deliver me from sin and satan, to serve the living God. Today Lord Jesus, I accept you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you Lord. Now I know I am born again."

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