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The Word! The Worship!! The Love!!!  
We grow together, Love and Respect One another.

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You Are Closer Than You Think.

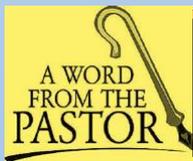
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**PSALM 5:** For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous. With favour you will surround him as with a shield.

*I stand in the presence of God Almighty, upon the Rock of ages and I prophesy and declare to you by the power of Holy Spirit: You are freed today, from every ancestral curse and covenant that has put your life and destiny in the tomb or graveyard of the dead. I prophesy against every ancestral power that has caged your life inside the grave, it will never have power over you again. I speak against every disease, sickness and infirmity ravaging your life and troubling your body: today I put an end to them permanently; you shall never be subject to them again. I obtain peace for you by the blood of Jesus Christ, I obtain life for you by the power in the name of Jesus. I today set you free and lift you up from the pit of hell by the Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Everything that is written contrary to your life, I command, let the blood of the risen Christ take them away and nail them to the cross permanently, you will never see them again. Every experience that made you to cry, every situation that take tears from your eyes, everything that will make your life miserable, today by the covenant of the blood of Jesus I cancel them from your life. I speak and prophesy to your life and destiny in the everlasting, glorious and powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen*

**Witchcraft is not until you fly at night.**  
**Reporting People Up and Down to Incite Hatred is also Witchcraft.**

**MAY GOD, THE SOURCE OF HOPE, FILL YOU WITH JOY AND PEACE THROUGH YOUR FAITH IN HIM. THEN YOU WILL OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



### Our Amazing Bible

Rev Dare Oluwaniyi. Psalm 119:97-104



We often take our Bibles for granted. But have you ever considered how astounding it is that the God of the universe cared enough about humanity to give us His written Word so we could know Him? The Scriptures record God's thoughts, words, desires, and purposes as well as His interventions in human history. The climax of His revelation is encompassed in the coming of His Son as our Saviour, His plan of redemption, and Christ's future return as King of Kings.

Amazingly, the Scriptures were compiled from the writings of more than three dozen people, recorded over period of about 1,400 years! Each book of the Bible reflects its human author's personality, background, and vocabulary, yet every word was inspired as God Himself spoke through each writer (2 Peter 1:20-21). What's more, though written by multiple hands over multiple centuries, Scripture is a cohesive compilation: Its message is consistent in truth, purpose, and prophecy.

Without God's Word, we would know very little about Him and nothing about redemption. So never take your Bible for granted. Each time you open it, you are hearing God's voice speaking directly to you. Take advantage of this privilege and read it regularly.

If numbers in \*Mathematics\* were given an opportunity to speak, I think some are going to accuse zero (0) and one (1). But why accusing zero (0) and one (1)? Relax.... Any number that is multiplied by zero gives zero e.g.  $25 \times 0 = 0$ . Zero will bring down numbers to nothing. There are some people in life who are like number zero. If you associate with them no matter how great your value is they will bring you down to zero. How about one (1)? Any number multiplied by one remains unchanged no matter how big it is e.g.  $2500 \times 1 = 2500$ . There are some people in life that are like one (1). No matter how they touch your life you remain the same. You don't grow, you don't improve, you remain at the same level.

So here is the twist. What kind of person are you and who do you associate with? May God separate us from everyone carrying the spirit of Zero (0) and One (1). May God also help us to grow and be greater than 1 so that when we touch the lives of others, we will add value.

\*Stay blessed\* and be a blessing to others in Jesus name. Amen

# ***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

**TOPIC:** GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO ISRAEL AS THE ONLY TRUE GOD IV

**TEXT:** Genesis 26:1-6:24-25

**MEMORY VERSE:** Genesis 26:24-25 [24] And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. [25] And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- God introduced Himself to Moses on Mount Horeb as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Exodus 3:6).
- Abraham walked with God blamelessly after being circumcised in a covenant of circumcision, himself and his entire household as God had commanded him.
- He also circumcised Isaac his son on the eight-day (Genesis 21:4).
- After the death of his father Abraham, Isaac was faced with a challenge of famine as it happened during his father's lifetime.
- God came to warn him not to go to Egypt so as not to pollute himself but to sojourn in Gerar in the land of the Philistine and while there, God appeared unto him and renewed the covenant made with his father Abraham in his days (Genesis 26:2-5).

## **LESSON**

### **GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISAAC AS THE ONLY TRUE GOD**

- Isaac knew how to worship God as taught by his father Abraham (Genesis 22:5-9).
  1. In your view, why didn't Isaac protest or resist his father?
- According to Hebrews 11:17-19 and James 2:21-23, why was it easy for Abraham to be ready and willing to offer Isaac for sacrifice?
- "And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife because she was barren... (Genesis 25:21). God answered Isaac's prayers for his wife because of God's plan and programme for him, true or false?
- According to Genesis 26:2-4, mention one of the promises God made to Isaac?
- God appeared unto Isaac the second time in Beersheba in Genesis 26:24-25 to renew His covenant with him. Based on Genesis 26:23-33, why do you think God did it?
- According to Genesis 26:26-29,
  1. Why did Abimelech come to Isaac?
  2. Should a Christian make a covenant with an unbeliever?
  3. Under what circumstance can that covenant be made?
  4. Blood covenant should be made with God and God only as Jesus did for us at Calvary? Yes/No
  5. Discuss the evil effect of blood covenants made nowadays by various cult groups and secret societies?

## **CONCLUSION:**

Isaac was able to face and overcome the various challenges he faced in his lifetime and his sojourn on earth because of the covenant of God with him, He was faithful to keeping the covenant and also worshipped God as the only true God to worship and reverence. May we be able to do same today in Jesus name. Amen.



**A.S.A.P.**  
always say a prayer

Every power that is contesting and working against your greatness will be brought down to earth. Everything that the enemy has put in front of you as a stumbling block to make progress difficult for you shall be shattered to pieces by the power of God. Whatever will make life generally difficult for you shall be consumed by the fire of God. May your life witness daily progress from this day forward in Jesus mighty name, amen!

I declare into your life today, whatever error you have committed that is making people condemn you at the hour of recommendation shall be cleared in Jesus name. The unchangeable changer will take full charge of your life and take you far away from sorrow and pain, in Jesus name.

In the Days left to go in this Year, I Pray for you that the Lord will give You a Testimony of Joy, Happiness, New and Better Job, Upliftment and Divine Surprise in Your Life and Family in Jesus Name.

I pray for you today that as you step out, you step into favour, prosperity, mercy and grace of the Lord. God has done what you cannot do for yourself And what God cannot do, does not exist.

**Just Praise Him with Psalms 100 and see what He will do for you.**

### Take it to God in prayer

After preaching about taking our worries to God in prayer, a lady approached the great preacher G. Campbell Morgan and said, 'I don't bother God with little things; I only take the big ones to Him.' Morgan replied, 'My dear lady, everything we take to God is little.' The Bible says, 'Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you.' God knows you're not built to carry the weight of worry, so He invites you to give it to Him today. Anything that's big enough to be a source of anxiety should be turned into a prayer. Peter writes: 'Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully' (1 Peter 5:7 AMPC). Note the word 'casting'. That's the opposite of 'carrying'! The moment you recognise that a worry is beginning to weigh you down, 'cast' it on the Lord, knowing 'He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.' Now if He was a distant God who didn't care about you, you would have reason to worry. Or if He was a weak God who couldn't do anything about it, you would have reason to worry. The truth is, it's as you give your worries to God that you discover how big He really is. The songwriter Joseph Scriven put it this way: 'Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.'

The Lord was a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night unto the Israelites. Today, wherever you may go, I pray that God's presence will go with you. In His presence, there's favor, safety, and liberty.



**Happiness is external and temporal.**

**It is contingent on circumstances. Joy is internal and external.**

**It is contingent on relationship. Happiness is fickle.**

**Joy is steadfast. Never confuse the two. The deeper your intimacy with the Lord, the more your joy will overflow and drown unpleasant circumstances. I encourage you to take time to bask in the presence of the Lord today. Let the well springs of His joy overwhelm you and wash away every external care.**

### Birthdays

Elsie Olaniyan.	3rd April
Esther Ajoke Oluwaniyi.	6th April
Pst Tayo Oluwaniyi	12th April
Jeremiah Oluwaniyi	20th April
Oyindamola Benson	20th April
Abulu Josh.	25 <sup>th</sup> April
David Ofokansi	29th April

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Mr & Mrs Lawrencia & Nana Bonsu  
26<sup>th</sup> April

*If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding anniversary is soon, see the pastor.*

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Every power assigned to delay my miracles, fall down and die in Jesus name.
2. At the junction of every delay and confusion, I receive God's favour for speed and direction
3. By the grace of God I begin to walk in all my redemptive blessings in Jesus name.
4. By the mercy of God I receive back my lost glory in Jesus name
5. By the spirit of the LORD, I pull down every wall of Jericho standing on the way to my open doors in Jesus name.
6. Every negative word from the mouth of men against me, by the blood of Jesus I cancel all in Jesus name.
7. Every power swallowing the result of my prayer, be rendered powerless in Jesus name.
8. Father, by your mighty hand, lift me to my desired mountains
9. Lord connect me to my destiny helper
10. I arise out of the minimum into the maximum in every area of my life, in the name of Jesus
11. I receive God's mercy for my next level in Jesus name.
12. I prophesy to my destiny that I shall be lifted mightily in Jesus name.

### THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

When you pray, God listens.  
When you pray, storms get stilled.  
When you pray, doors open.  
When you pray, relationships get restored.  
When you pray, sicknesses get healed.  
When you pray, hope gets rekindled.  
When you pray, strength is renewed.  
When you pray, answers come.  
Don't lose faith about what you are praying for today. God is faithful. His answer will come at just the right time.

# READERS' DIGEST.

## **\*Who hurts you!!\***

When Abraham Lincoln became the president of America, his father was a shoemaker. And, naturally, egoistic people were very much offended that a shoemaker's son should become the president.

On the first day, as Abraham Lincoln entered to give his inaugural address, just in the middle, one man stood up. He was a very rich aristocrat. He said, "Mr. Lincoln, you should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family." And the whole Senate laughed; they thought that they had made a fool of Abraham Lincoln.

But certain people are made of a totally different mettle. Lincoln looked at the man directly in the eye and said, "Sir, I know that my father used to make shoes for your family, and there will be many others here because he made shoes the way nobody else can". He was a creator. His shoes were not just shoes; he poured his whole soul into them. I want to ask you, have you any complaint?

Because I know how to make shoes myself. If you have any complaint I can make you another pair of shoes. But as far as I know, nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes. He was a genius, a great creator and I am proud of my father".\*

The whole Senate was struck dumb. They could not understand what kind of man Abraham Lincoln was. He was proud because his father did his job so well, with so much enthusiasm, such a passion, and perfection.

It does not matter what you do. What matters is how you do it of your own accord, with your own vision, with your own love. Then whatever you touch becomes gold.\*

### **\*Moral\***

No one can hurt you without your consent. It is not what happens to us that hurts us. It is our response that hurts us.

Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down"

## **WONDERFUL PIECE FOR THE VERY MATURE MIND.**

God is going to show out, not only to take you into your destiny, but to prove to the people around you that the Lord is on your side. He's about to do something so big, so unusual, so out of the ordinary, that there won't be any doubt that His favor is on your life.



## **DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE.**

You will meet difficult people everywhere

- (1) In the neighbourhood
- (2) At work.
- (3) At school.
- (4) In the family.
- (5) In Political parties.

It doesn't matter the number of good things you do, you will still meet difficult people in life

- (1) They will mock you.
- (2) They will criticize you.
- (3) They will discourage you.
- (4) They will fight you.
- (5) They will speak negative things about you.
- (6) They will tell lies about you
- (7) They will steal from you.
- (8) They will threaten you.

All great men in The Bible came across difficult people in their journey.

- (1) Joseph
- (2) David
- (3) Jesus Christ
- (4) Paul

### **\*CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFICULT PEOPLE\***

- (1) Some are agents of the devil sent to stop you.
- (2) Some are immature people who need your help.
- (3) Some are wounded people seeking for revenge.
- (4) Some are jealous people seeking for relevance.
- (5) Some are proud people who never want to see anyone above them.
- (6) Some are failures in life looking for people to perish with.

### **\*WHAT DOES THE PRESENCE OF DIFFICULT PEOPLE MEAN?\***

- (1) It means there is a great destiny upon your life
- (2) It means there are leadership qualities in you
- (3) It means you are a threat to their camp
- (4) It means you have great potential
- (5) It means you are an overcomer
- (6) It means you are in the right track

### **\*Way forward\***

Learn to recognise them, their intent and don't react in same manner;

Learn never to give up on your dream;

Pursue your dream and reach your destiny.

Learn to forgive and forget your haters. Just move on!

Learn to yield yourself only to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Life is a battle ground, fight to win!

There are times in our lives that we say..."I'm tired! I give up! It's over! It's enough! I can't make it!". But you know what, God said..."I will bless the person who puts their trust in Me."  
This is not the time to say I quit, rather keep on dreaming and never stop believing. For in Him nothing is impossible!  
"GOD IS WITH US"

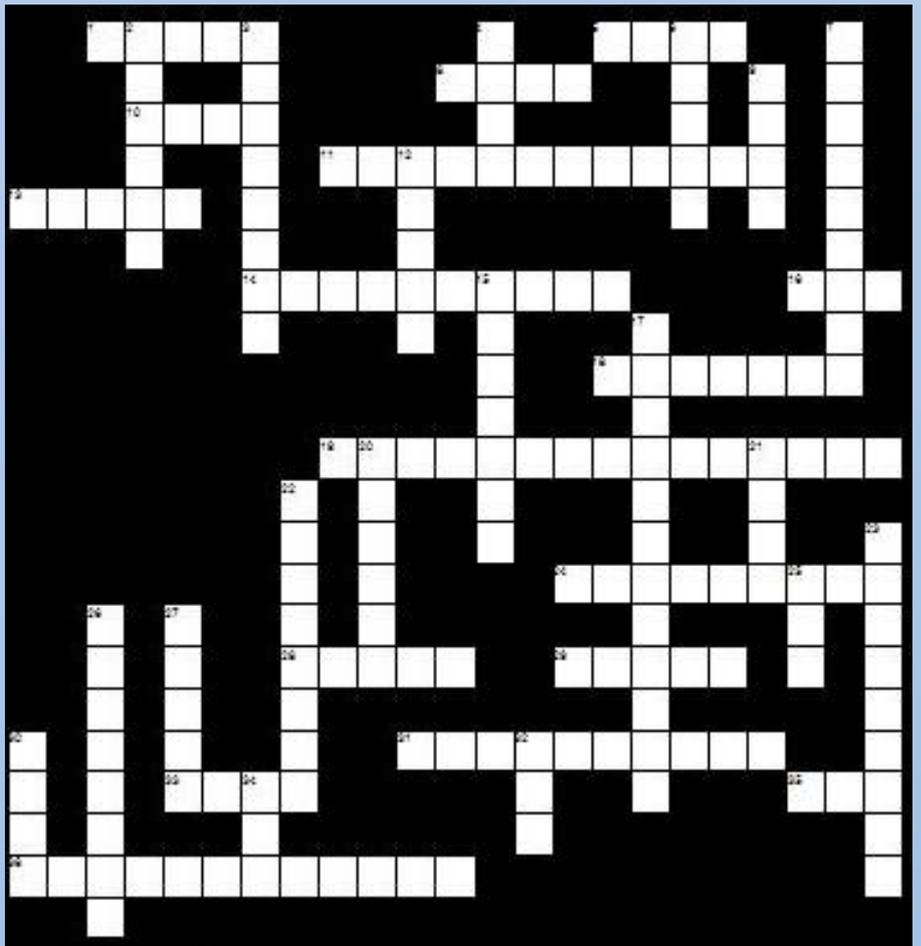
**JUST AS YOU  
OPENED YOUR  
EYES THIS  
MORNING,  
GOD IS OPENING  
NEW DOORS FOR  
YOU.**

**BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS**

1. What was the name of Abraham's son Ishmael's mother?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the name of Isaac's wife?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What were Isaac's twin son's named?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who saw angels ascending and descending on a ladder?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was Jacob's wife named who he worked 14 years for? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What country was Joseph taken to as a slave? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was the name of Judah's daughter in law who pretended to be a harlot? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many years each did Joseph tell Pharaoh there would be a time of plenty and a time of famine for in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What did Joseph have hidden in Benjamin's sack? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What was the name of Joseph's 2 sons? \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. Hagar - Genesis 16:15
2. Rebekah - Genesis 24:67
3. Esau and Jacob - Genesis 25:26, 28
4. Jacob - Genesis 28:10-12
5. Rachel - Genesis 29:20 - 27
6. Egypt - Genesis 37:28
7. Tamar - Genesis 38:24
8. Seven years - Genesis 41:29 - 30
9. His Silver Cup - Genesis 44:2, 12
10. Manasseh and Ephraim - Genesis 48:1



**ACROSS**

- 1 What his wife was called.
- 5 Who he shall cleave to.
- 8 What was in the air that he named?
- 10 What his wife saw the tree was pleasant to.
- 11 What God made to cloth them with?
- 13 This is now bone of my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14 What Adam became.
- 16 What they did because they were naked.
- 18 What they heard the voice of the Lord God doing.
- 19 Who a man shall leave.
- 24 The name of the tree they were not to eat of.
- 28 Where the tree of good and evil could be found.
- 29 Flesh of my \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 What was in the field that he named.
- 33 What he was formed from.
- 35 His wife's name.
- 36 What God put him in the garden to do?

**DOWN**

- 2 What the serpent said their eyes would be.
- 3 What God breathed into?
- 4 What the serpent said they would be as.
- 6 What his wife gave him to eat.
- 7 What his wife was the mother of?
- 9 What to her the tree desired to make one.
- 12 Not good to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 This was more subtle than any beast.
- 17 Where he lived.
- 20 How they felt when they knew they were naked.
- 21 They were not to eat of every one of these.
- 22 What God made for him?
- 23 What God caused to fall upon him?
- 25 The serpent said it would not surely happen to them.
- 26 What the woman said the serpent did to her.
- 27 What they realized they were.
- 30 What his wife saw the tree was good for.
- 32 What his wife was created from.
- 34 Adam and his wife were the first people to do this.

**A HEART**  
that appreciates  
every blessing is  
always bigger than  
the eyes that see  
what's only missing.  
Be grateful for the  
little things in your  
life, and never  
take anything  
for granted.

**LIFE IS A  
BLESSING.**



# THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS

## OVERCOMERS

MY PARENTS are BUGGING ME!

**"But I thought things would be different when I became a Christian. Why doesn't the Lord help me? Why doesn't He answer my prayers?"**



**Because Self is on the throne of your heart!** When you became a Christian, your sins were forgiven and Christ came into your heart. This is wonderful, but there is still a problem—Self didn't move out. Self is still in your heart, and it hasn't changed one tiny bit. Self still wants to run the show.

**This explains** why Christians can be so changeable. One minute Christ can be running things in your life and the next minute you can decide that you will run things yourself. So, Self takes over. You get mad and rebel.



**When Self is on the throne,** your prayers are filled with "I" and "Me". They all have to do with what you want. It's no wonder that God doesn't answer your prayers. God is not going to help you be more selfish. He is not going to cooperate with your plans to exalt yourself. Never! Not in a million years.

Perhaps you think everybody else is wrong and you are the only one that is right. If so, you may have to go through a lot of trouble before you are ready to face up to the real problem—**Self!**

Mark it down, as long as Self is running the show in your life, you will continue to be eaten up with hatred, resentment, jealousy, pride, envy, temper and a thousand other sins.

**"But I don't want to let Self run my life. What can I do?"**

**Jesus gave us the solution.** He said, *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."* (Luke 9:23) What did the Lord say? He said that we must deny Self. To deny Self means to say "No" to it, to refuse to give in to it.

Jesus also said, *"...take up your cross..."* What does this mean? It means choosing God's will instead of your own will. It means to accept the circumstances God puts you in. It means to submit to those He places over you. The Lord Jesus is our perfect example. Though He was God, He gave up His rights and His glory and became a man. He took the place of a servant—He washed the feet of His disciples. He did not please Himself but He chose to do God's will in all things. He was obedient, even to death on the cross. The Bible says, *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus..."* (Philippians 2:5) Are you willing to give up your "rights" for Jesus' sake? Are you willing to be treated as our Lord was? Are you willing to submit cheerfully to those God has placed in authority over you?

## TURN BACK TO GOD

God Is With You – The Everlasting Relief Provider



**"God always has something for you – A key for every problem: A relief for every sorrow: A plan for every tomorrow"**

When I read the above mentioned quotes, I felt some relief and happiness in my mind. In our daily life, we are facing so many problems in our professional life or family life or social life. Whatever may be the problem, it will create negative feeling in our thoughts. Human beings are emotional in nature. So we cannot separate emotions from people.

When problems are beyond the controlling limit of a man, he/she may feel loneliness or depression or sorrow. At that moment, nothing in this world can provide you the ultimate relief. **Only the spiritual power our loving God is with you, the everlasting relief provider.** If God is for us, who can be against us?

One day, one of my colleagues told me "You know, I am working in a good company, deal with problematic issues daily along with good salary and other benefits. In the midst of all this, lot of tension prevails and I have no peace of mind". I am sure, most of us are experiencing a similar situation. How can we overcome this situation?

Certain people may find the solution through drinking alcohol or enjoying life in the most sinful manner. It will provide you happiness, but that happiness won't last throughout your life. Because, God is with us every moment even when you are doing a sinful act. You may get bail or relief from jail or others, but the ultimate relief provider is counting your acts. How can you prove yourself before our loving God?

Now, one question may arise in our mind: From where can we find the everlasting relief or happiness or peace? **"Happy are those whose lives are faultless, who live according to the law of the Lord. Happy are those who follow His commands, who obey him with all their heart. They never do wrong; they walk in the LORD'S ways" (PSALMS 119:1-3)**

So we should pray to our Loving God **"You are all I want, O Lord; I promise to obey your laws. I ask you with all my heart to have mercy on me, as you have promised"**.

Believe in Almighty, He can cure our mind; He has a plan for us; He is the one and only relief provider for our sorrow. Amen.

## READERS' DIGEST.

### \*THE MANGO, COCONUT AND BITTER LEAF\* (Just a reminder)

Listen my Son, your antagonists will increase at every second of your progress. My entrepreneur father said some few years ago. One day he said, walk with me, I have something to show you.

He went to the \*mango tree\* at the backyard, and requested I pluck a fruit from the tree. Actually the ripe one. I looked carefully and replied; dad, I can't see any ripe one here. He stared at me for few seconds, this time, my heartbeat increased. He had actually warned me to be prudent like King Solomon anytime I come close to him because the race is not for the ignorant anymore.

I adjusted my breath for another few seconds, I said again; dad, I can't find any ripe MANGO. Beautiful, he said, with a confident tone. Then he continued..... Nobody will know you when you are not ripped. Nobody will attack you when your glory isn't showing. At this stage, you are like the unripe fruit. Ignored and overlooked because your fruit is not nutritional.

\*Here is your first lesson Son, don't fight to be seen or noticed, rather work to get your fruit to be ripened.\* It's the nature of man to ignore people who are not productive. \*To be noticed, work more on your seed.\*

Come with me, this time, he took me to the coconut tree. Look around here and pluck two fruits for me. I looked critically at \*the coconut tree,\* it was tall and uneasy to get, so I carefully took a big stick and hit it from afar and it fell loudly to the ground. Then I gave the two fruits to him. Then he said, Here is it Son, the more productive you become, the more enemies you attract just like the coconut tree.\* It's the nature of man to come for you because you are ripe. They attack you just like you attack the coconut tree. \*Don't be moved, it is your right to fulfil destiny no matter the attack on you.\*

Keep growing. You are growing for two purposes. \*One, as a shade for those that are helpless to hide and two, as a fruit for those that are hungry to eat from\*. Understand this, your \*COURSE\* is beyond the attacker. Grow your lens of reasoning if you will last long as a fruitful tree.

You see that coconut tree, no matter how many you pluck, it won't dry up because of you. It will keep producing more coconut. It is because it produces more that makes it relevant in my compound. If not, I would have uprooted it a long time ago. Just because your partner betrays your love doesn't stop you from loving someone else. You are productive, and you need to show your commitment as a tree that is fruitful, not as a tree that dries up, because of one person that plucks from it. Just because someone defrauds you, is not enough reason not to trust. Trust is part of what makes your tree productive. Keep trusting till it gets you to your breakthrough. Just because some people don't like what you do is not enough reason not to like yourself. Be your first admirer. Treat yourself with so much love and respect\*.

Nature will command people to take the course of likeness on you.

See Son, look at that \*bitter leaf\* at the other side of the compound, go and taste it. I moved a bit and I said, dad, I don't really like it. He smiled and said, this shows that, not everyone will like what you are, but you must never allow that to determine how you grow. That bitter leaf is never scared of growing no matter the hatred you have towards it because it knows, one day, you will come looking for it and it will be your only saviour at that time. You will give it all the attention you thought you couldn't give. Don't stop growing Son. When your enemies increase for no reason, pay attention, your success is taking another dimension they can't handle, the effect is dimensional\*. The bitter leaf will attract enemies because of the kind of projection and growth it takes but sooner, it will be the ultimate search for many.

You can be the ultimate search for someone tomorrow,\* so \*learn to improve your skills of growth today\*. \*You are not growing to compete with the next person.\*Coconut trees don't compete with the apple tree, their seasons of growth and cycle are different. Learn to apply this in your journey in life. Your competition is not with someone else. It is God who brought you on this journey and he knows when your fruit will ripe, so don't envy others when their fruit ripens.

\*Seasons of growth is what matters. Move and grow at your own pace\*. May the good Lord strengthen us all Amen.

### On the Road to Emmaus

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called \_\_\_\_\_, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, \_\_\_\_\_ himself came up and \_\_\_\_\_ along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the \_\_\_\_\_ with them, he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:13-16, 28-31 (NIV)

bread  
day

Emmaus  
evening

eyes  
Jesus

opened  
table

thanks  
walked

If you're suffering right now, you don't have to pretend it's all good. You don't have to add, 'But praise God.' When Jesus was hours from crucifixion, he didn't sing in the garden or act hyper-spiritual. He was sweating blood. He asked the Father for a way out. But Jesus ultimately went to that cross with joy: not a shallow consolation that knows no pain, but a joy deepened by sorrow and recognizing the hurt of humanity.

God is always trying to make you more human and not less. You can cry out in agony. In that honesty, God is establishing great character in you. Such a Christian is both happier and sadder at the same time, because they long for a better home and already have one.

# LAST WORD

Champagne is expensive, but it does not quench thirst, like ordinary water. That a thing is 'ordinary' does not mean it is not valuable. Water might be 'ordinary', but without it, there is no life. Value ordinary people! They can save your life. Don't be too proud to respond when your gateman greets you. Remember, it was a house-girl that told Naaman how to cure his leprosy. If you treat the ordinary people in your life like garbage, you may die with your ailments. Low class people are not necessarily low life people.

Never tell them where you get your bread.... they'll kill the baker & burn the bakery!!!



## \*The New Beginning:\*

A mind is a terrible thing to waste: A man's mind, like a garden, can be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but, cultivated or neglected, it will bring forth. If you plant no useful seeds, then, useless weed/seeds will fall therein and produce their kind Remember, Chess/real life goal, is to win. Chess isn't a game of ideal moves. You always face consequences whichever moves you make. Likewise, there are no right or wrong moves in life. Every move has consequences. Wrong moves provide opportunities to learn new lessons. Christ gives you a road to return to God and His original plan for your life.

## SMALL FISH Matt. 19:16-26

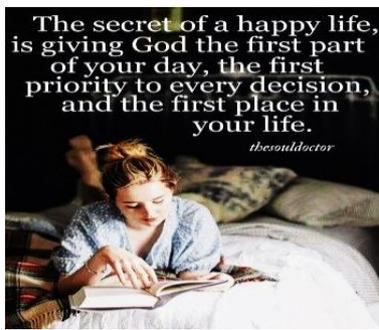
Over several years, a British couple living in Africa developed a strong friendship with a man in their town and many times shared the love of Jesus and the story of salvation with him. Their friend, however, was reluctant to relinquish the lifetime of allegiance he had to another religion, even though he came to recognize that faith in Christ was "the greater truth." His concern was partly financial, since he was a leader in his faith and depended on the compensation he received. He also feared losing his reputation among the people in his community. With sadness, he explained, "I'm like a man fishing with my hands in a stream. I have caught a small fish in one, but a bigger fish is swimming by. To catch the bigger fish, I have to let go of the smaller one!"

The rich young ruler in Matt. 19 had a similar problem. When he approached Jesus, he asked, "What good thing must I do to get eternal life?" He seemed sincere, but he didn't want to fully surrender his life to Jesus. He was rich, not only in money, but also in his pride of being a rule-follower. Although he desired eternal life, he loved something else more and rejected Christ's words. When we humbly surrender our lives to Jesus and accept His free gift of salvation, He invites us, "Come, follow me" (v. 21).

## THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Every evil eyes searching for the mystery of your Divine Ordained DESTINY for destruction shall get blind forever in Jesus name.

Your destiny shall be fulfilled  
 .....Jesus loves you....

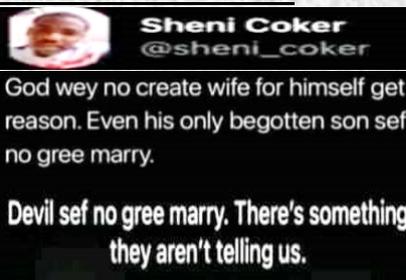


## CARTOON What a LIFE



Every minute someone leaves this world behind. We are all in "the line" without knowing it. We never know how many people are before us. We can not move to the back of the line. We can not step out of the line. We can not avoid the line. So while we wait in line... Make the change. Make love. Make up. Make peace. Make sure to have no regrets. Make sure you are ready. #MakeEachMomentCount #TomorrowMayNeverCome

## LAUGHTER's THE BEST



Fill in the blank.  
 Question: Who killed Goliath?  
 Answer : .....VID X David



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## Have A Bright And Beautiful Week

Your Lovingkindness and Graciousness, O LORD, extend to the shies, Your Faithfulness [reaches] to the clouds.  
 ~ Psalms 36:5 ~

May you begin your New Week with a renewed spirit, a fresh vision, peace in your heart and may God increase your Faith. In Christ Jesus Precious Name!

Have A Bright & Cheerful Day & A Wonderful Week.

**AMEN**