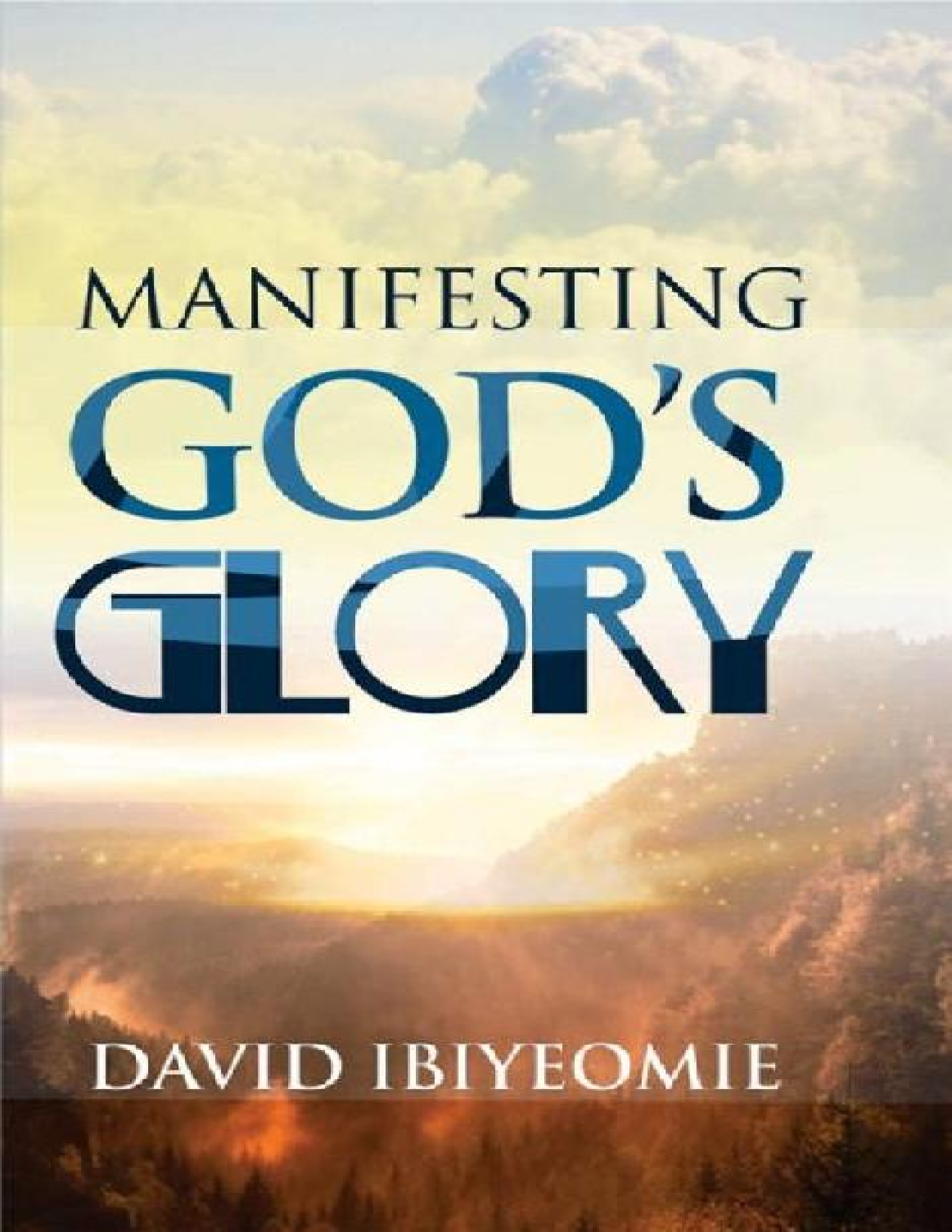


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Psalm 19:1

Everything God created is for His glory. The word “*declare*” from the scripture above also means “*to show forth the glory of God*”. Another word for “*show forth*” is “*to display the glory of God*”.

Every time you talk about, “the glory of God,” you are simply referring to the nature of God. If you study the biblical account of creation, you will see that it is a show of the nature of God. When we talk about the glory of God, we are referring to the weightiness of His person and reputation. It

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is the fullness of His presence on the earth. That is, the visible manifestation of His attributes, character and full expression of His nature. It is simply the full nature of God on display.

As you read this book, you will see the full nature of God on display in your life. In God's nature, there is no evil.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17

There is nothing bad in God, He is a good and loving Father. He loves you no matter what and who you are. His nature is to bless, deliver, protect, heal, favour, save, etc.

Everywhere Jesus went, He displayed the glory of God. Anywhere He went He healed people for the glory of God.

Man is the ultimate expression of God's glory. When God said, ***“Let us make man in***

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our own image” (Genesis 1:26), He meant “let us make man in our nature.”

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28

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an was created for the world to see God's glory. Every other creation c o u l d n o t s h o w f o r t h t h e

expression of His glory except man. This was because only man was created in His image. God is pleased when His glory is expressed.

We usually say, "Let us worship God in the beauty of His holiness." While studying, I discovered that we refer to just a part of God's glory with that statement. Anything in you that is not utilised is a waste of His glory.

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If God has deposited any potential in you and you refuse to use it, like the story of the man given one talent in the Bible, you have destroyed the glory of God. This is because your potential is for the glory of God.

When you use your voice to worship God, it is for His glory. When you use your skill for Him, it is for His glory. Any talent you do not utilise for God is a waste of the glory of God.

Understand that it was sin that separated man from God's glory.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23

Man simply fell short of His (God) nature. Sin separated man and the glory of God departed.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23 Salvation restores back the glory of God in the life of a Christian. If you are not redeemed, you do not have access to the glory of God.

Being a friend to a family does not make you a member of that family.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born a g a i n , h e c a n n o t s e e t h e kingdom of God.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 3:3, 7

The question is, are you born again? If you are not born again, you cannot enjoy the glory of God.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption t h r o u g h h i s b l o o d , t h e forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

In whom also we have obtained a n i n h e r i t a n c e , b e i n g predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

salvation cannot produce the glory of God in your life.

That you are a dedicated member of a church without salvation will not make you enjoy the glory of God. You must accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

I usually tell people that “near birth” is not “***New birth***”.

That you have been attending a church all your life does not make you born again.

Ephesians 1:5-7, 11 Access to our inheritance in Christ is through salvation.

God is not condemning you. There is no one too bad to be saved by God. There is no one too bad for salvation neither is there anyone that is too good for salvation. Until sin is forgiven, salvation will not come. So, the first thing that will make you enjoy the glory of God is to make sure you are born again. This is because “all have sinned,” meaning your good works without

If you want God to intervene in that situation, never write off your case because God has not written you off.

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

(It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

John 11:1–4

In the scripture above, the phrase “...***but for the glory of God...***” is underscored, which means the sickness of Lazarus was for God's glory. In same vein, whatever you are going through is for the glory of God. No matter how hopeless the situation you are going through may be, it is for the glory of God.

Why did Jesus say, “...***that the Son of God might be glorified thereby?***” It is because glory is His nature. He was telling them that, they will see His nature on display. That was why He also said He is the resurrection and the life, yet they could not understand Him.

That which you are going through will attract the glory of God in your life. The glory of God shall be revealed in your life, so do not write off that case because nothing takes God unawares. When God steps in, it is never late.

Say to yourself, *“My case is not closed in the name of Jesus.”*

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Luke 18:27

“Things” from the above scripture shows plurality, meaning no matter the number of challenges you are facing, the glory of God will show up.

One day in my study, I got a strange understanding of this scripture and the Holy Ghost opened my eyes to it. The Holy Ghost made me understand that Luke 18:27 is different from Mark 10:27.

In Mark 10:27, you need to have faith for God to work with you to make it happen. In this scripture your faith has to connect with God to give you the desired miracle. But in Luke 18:27, it is when God wants to show or display His glory, without your faith involved.

For instance, in the case of Lazarus who died and was in the grave for four days; how would he have been able to exercise his faith to partner with Jesus to rise from the dead?

I got this understanding and when I got to our Bible School (Word of Life Bible Institute), I asked the students to say what they wanted and a young boy raised his hand in the crowd calling on me, when I asked him what he wanted, he said, *“I want my mother healed of stage four cancer of the breast.”* I told him, *“Go and tell your mother God has healed her.”* I did not pray for her or for the boy. The young boy called his mother and told her what I said, (that God had healed her). She testified in church that she has been healed with medical proof.

The reason is that it was for the glory of God. Whatever man has said is impossible and hopeless that you believe, God will turn it around for His glory. God will visit you with a miracle in the name of Jesus.

A woman in our church had some medical complications associated with fibroid, and could not conceive. She and her husband needed to go for IVF

(Invitro Fertilization). When I heard they needed money, I gave them two million naira to go for the treatment but the Holy Ghost quickened me to pray for them, and I did. One week to when they were to go for the IVF, they were asked to run pregnancy test, only to discover that she was pregnant with a baby already. So, the doctor who is also a member of our church said they did not need the IVF anymore, because the things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Your case could be in finance, academics, health, etc. which men have considered a closed case; as you are reading this book you will get a miracle in the name of Jesus.

If men have written you off, God will rewrite your story in the name of Jesus! Do not write off what God has not written off.

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

John 11:38-44

Martha was right when she said her dead brother would have been stinking after four days in the grave.

Take note of verse 40 of the above scripture because it is the key verse. Jesus said, if you can only believe, you will see the nature (glory) of God.

You will see the nature of God upon your life affairs, and destinies if only you believe. Just as Lazarus came out of the grave alive, that is how you are coming out of the grave of stagnation, shame, reproach, poverty, etc. in the name of Jesus.

The verse of the scripture that says, the face of Lazarus was bound with a napkin, means, he had no vision at the time. Whatever has served as a blockade to your vision and direction is removed now, in the name of Jesus. All your mockers will serve you.

In the case of Lazarus, God's nature was displayed because Jesus said, ***“I am the Resurrection and the life.”***

In Mark 5, He displayed His nature in Jairus' house. The glory of God was revealed when Jesus said, ***“Talitha Cumi... Damsel, I say unto thee, arise”***. When He got to the house, they made mockery of Him. The Bible says “they laughed Him to scorn” when He said the dead damsel was sleeping. That is how people may laugh at you, if you tell them you will be wealthy going by your educational qualification. Every mockery in your life will turn to a testimony in the name of Jesus.

God specializes in displaying His glory.

In Luke 7, the only son of a widow died and was to be buried, and then His glory showed forth. He displayed His nature, the nature of compassion. He touched the bier and the dead son of the widow rose (verse 14).

He displayed His nature when five thousand men and women were without food to eat. He turned the situation and there was more than enough for them to eat.

They were to be embarrassed because of tax (Matthew 17:27), He told Peter to get money from the mouth of a fish from the river and that was how they were saved from that embarrassment.

I do not know how men want to embarrass you because you cannot pay your bills, your story will turn around now! You shall see God's nature on display in the name of Jesus! God will intervene and turn the situation around.

God has never left His own alone when he or she is in a situation or mess. He has always showed up in His glory. Any situation that wants to bring shame to your life, God's glory will be revealed to turn it around for good in the name of Jesus.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Romans 4:17-21

God said to Abraham, *“I have made thee a father of many...”* Yet he had no child. Abraham believed because he knew that God who spoke will show forth His glory.

Stop staggering, stop the panic, it is not late for His glory to show forth. You should be hopeful.

From the scripture above, underscore the words ***“was strong in faith”*** (verse 20), which means Abraham knew God's nature cannot change.

When God speaks, it is based on His ability and capacity to perform that which He has spoken. God does not speak based on what you are going through, He speaks based on what He can do.

Lazarus was dead, yet Jesus said, ***“You will see the glory of God.”*** He spoke based on His capacity to raise the dead.

Abraham was impotent, yet God said to him ***“You will be a father of nations.”*** He spoke based on His capacity.

There was no money to pay tax, and Jesus told Peter to go and get money from the mouth of a fish. He spoke based on His ability to perform.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Matthew 24:35

The above scripture means heaven and earth can go extinct but what God has spoken cannot fail. His spoken words are irrevocable, irreversible, and unstoppable. All God is saying to you is, “When I speak and you believe, you shall see the glory of God.” So, stand on the integrity of whatever God has spoken.

Whatever God has said in the pages of the Bible concerning you, stand on it and you will commit Him to perform. Because faith is being fully persuaded that what God has said, He is committed to perform.

Anything God has promised you, He has the ability to perform it. Do not ever ask or imagine how God will do it.

The Bible says, ***“Blessed is she that believeth for there shall be a performance of those things which are told her from the Lord”*** (Luke 1:45).

When God told Mary that she will get pregnant without a man, she believed.

Do not ask God how it will happen, because that was what made Zachariah to go dumb. He was asking God too many questions when God told him that his old and barren wife (Elizabeth) will get pregnant.

Do not ask God, “How can I become a m u l t i b i l l i o n a i r e , c o n s i d e r i n g t h e economy?” When you start asking God stupid questions, you will stop the power of God to perform.

The following scriptures will change your perspective for life:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie...

Hebrews 6:18 The scripture above means that if God speaks, He cannot lie.

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Titus 1:2

There is one thing God cannot do, He cannot lie. So whatever He says, you should take it as it is.

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

This latter is one of my best scriptural passages. It is the summary of the Bible. Most times you will always hear this scripture from my mouth because I love it. God cannot change His mind on what He has said.

“Hath He said...” what did He say concerning that situation of your life? He is asking you “Will I not do what I have said concerning you?”

Stand on whatever God has said concerning you and you shall see the glory of God.

Please understand that God does not speak of what He will do but of what He has already done.

He said to Abraham in the Bible, ***“I have made thee a father of many nations.”*** He did not say, ***“I will make thee...”***

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:17 God already made him a father when Isaac was yet to come. Your future is God's past.

God has given it already, it is for you to receive it by faith. Faith is a supernatural connector. It enables you to tap into the supernatural to bring into the natural that which God has spoken. So, faith is what takes delivery of every inheritance in Christ, turning it into reality. Faith is what connects you to the spoken and written Word of God, bringing it into reality.

Abraham believed the integrity of God's Word, thereby committing God to perform irrespective of the prevailing circumstances.

If you want to see the glory of God do not doubt what God has said. It is not going to happen, it has happened. It is left for you to connect to what has happened by your faith to see the glory of God.

Your blessing is ready, God is ready but make sure you are also ready and you will see the glory of God.

The concept of glory is practical and relevant not only to God but to all His creation. Glory is the full manifestation of your purpose. Every invention is the manifestation of someone's glory.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalm 19:1

All of creation exist to manifest God's glory. Glory is the manifestation of one's nature through one's work.

When you use your gift and talents to realise the vision and dreams given by God, you are manifesting your glory.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28

I have read this scripture severally but one day I got an unusual insight. In deep thought, I began to contemplate why God said they should have dominion after He created them. While imagining, I understood that God was implying that, ***“I have stopped with the creation of things, man should continue where I stopped.”***

God created all things and asked you to have dominion, that is, to continue where He stopped. He created the cattle, so you can bring out beef from them. He created trees so furniture can be gotten from it. God expects us to utilise what He has created, and keep creating. We are the ultimate expression of God's glory. We are created to glorify God through the productivity of our works.

Glorifying God is not limited to the praise and worship of God. It is putting out all in you to glorify God. We have hidden treasures in us crying for expression. So look around you, you will find glory everywhere.

The seed of a plant carries the glory of a tree. The caterpillar carries the glory of a butterfly. The eaglet has in her the eagle.

A boy has a man in him while the girl child has a woman in her. Your ability to bring out that which is in you is what brings glory.

There is nobody that is not endowed with gift(s) on the earth.

***For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.***

Matthew 25:14-15

Everybody has something inside him or her. From the above scripture, everyone was given talents according to their abilities.

From the story in the scripture above, the man given one talent buried his own instead of utilising it. That is how many persons walk around the earth with their talents buried under procrastination, excuses, wishful thinking, fear, intimidation, inferiority complex, etc.

My prayer for you is that you will not bury your talent. To die without using what is deposited in you is an abuse to redemption. Any glory in you not utilise will make God regret creating you.

There is something inside you the world is waiting for. Do not die until you are fully emptied.

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Romans 8:19

The world is tired of your explanation, they want you to manifest what God has deposited in you.

Stop giving excuses for not making things happen. Everybody has something deposited in him or her. God gave us trees, He did not give us furniture and paper. It was man that brought out furniture and paper from the tree for use. He gave us orange but not juice, man had to make juice out of the orange.

He gave us crude oil but not gas, it was man that brought out the by-products we see today. So, God wants you to have dominion over everything He created by being a co-creator.

Whatever God created has something in it that can be further reproduced. That is why to be unemployed is an abuse to redemption. This is because every child of God can bring something out of nothing. We are not supposed to look for jobs, but to create jobs for others to be employed. Everything around us is productive. You will not die until that which is in you is utilised.

Invention is simply the manifestation of glory. The telephone is the glory of Alexander Graham Bell. The incandescent Lamp is the glory of Thomas Edison. Canaan Land and Covenant University is the glory of David Oyedepo. Redemption Camp is the glory of Enoch Adeboye, just to enlist a few. What is your glory? Do not die without affecting the world with your glory through your potentials.

You are created to glorify God through the productivity of your works. Many have hidden glory of scientific discoveries, music, writings, designing, etc. inside them. Whatever is your gift and talent, that is your glory, use it to fill the earth. The Bible says we should replenish the earth with glory. Whatever makes life comfortable is someone's gift and talent. The question is: what is your own gift or talent?

Before you are done reading this book, you will discover what belongs to you. There is no ungifted person. The scripture in Matthew 25:14-17 showed that every man is talented, so to die without using your talents and potentials is to be a disappointment to God.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Most persons always see the scripture above from the angle of portraying a good character before men alone. That is not so, **m e n s h o u l d s e e y o u r r e s u l t s a n d** accomplishment and say “of a truth God is good.”

T h e w o r l d s h o u l d l o o k a t y o u r Christianity and be amazed at your results and give glory to God. The world should see your “good works,” not your “good looks.” Make a scientific discovery that will make the world know that God is good.

When they see your structural design as an architect, it should show that the hand of God is on you. Men should see that of a truth God deposited something extraordinary in you, and that you are a cocreator with Him and a joint heir with Christ.

Your works will hit the global scene in the name of Jesus!

Everyone has glory embedded in him or her but a discovery of it is what makes you a star on the earth. The day you discover it, you have discovered your destiny.

There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

Proverbs 19:21

It is very important you discover your purpose for living. Do you know that life without a discovery of purpose is worse than stillbirth?

A man might have a hundred children and live to be very old. But if he finds no satisfaction in life and doesn't even get a decent burial, it would have been better for him to be born dead.

Ecclesiastes 6:3 (NLT)

Without a purpose for living, you are at best a walking corpse. Life without purpose is a mere experiment and a journey without precision and destination. It is an initiative without an intent.

Purpose is God's plan concerning you. Purpose makes you to know where you are going in life. It means to establish your intent before you begin. It also means a reason for creation.

The greatest desire of the devil is to ensure that a man's purpose is not discovered. This is because men of purpose cannot be killed. The devil will do everything within his power to stop you from discovering your purpose in life.

Jesus was sleeping in a sailing boat and water began to enter the boat because of the boisterous wave. His disciples were afraid, calling His attention. Jesus was not moved because His purpose was not to die by boat mishap. It had been ordained that He will die on the cross. So even if the boat was submerged, He would not have died. That was why He did not panic when His disciples panicked. Men of purpose do not panic, even in the face of death. That is why you must discover your purpose.

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5 Even before you were born God had a purpose for your life, and you must discover it.

See what Apostle Paul said:

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

Galatians 1:15

Apostle Paul discovered that even when he was persecuting the Church and killing believers, he was already separated by God for His calling.

Before I was jumping from one disco party to another, God already separated me to do His work. Until I discovered it, I was not fulfilled.

The day you discover purpose is when your reigning starts. So your greatest assignment is to discover your purpose in life.

God did not “begin us” when we began. Your future is God's past. Jesus was slain before the foundation of the earth; meaning Jesus died before He was born.

...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8

Jesus knew the end before He began. Purpose is the established end of a thing. The means is the process while purpose is the end result.

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:10

God does not just start, He finishes before He starts. What is new to you is past to God. God declares the end from the beginning. What you think is your future is God's past. What you will be is already sanctioned by God.

The civil engineer does not just start the foundation of a structure, the architect has to finish the drawing before the building starts.

God is the super Architect who finishes everything about you before He puts you in your mother's womb. That is why when you discover your purpose for living, life becomes colourful.

This is what purpose is. Just have a mental picture of a chair that can be dismantled in a house. There are some chairs that are dismantled for a set of transportation and when taken to its destination, it will be assembled. That is what God did with you. God finished everything about you in His factory like the chair, dismantled you, packaged you and put you in your mother's womb. The day you were born can be likened to the beginning of the assembling process of the chair. Your birth can be likened to fixing the arms of the chair as step one. You grew up and got educated as

the second step of fixing the legs of the chair. Other accomplishments and a completion of your time on earth is the complete fixing of the entire parts of the chair.

God did not finish you when you ended, He finished you before you started. The purpose for living has no respect for any economy or colour. When you discover your purpose in life, your place of birth is irrelevant.

My wife and I were in a shop in the United States of America when an American looked at me and told me everything about my history. When I asked her how she got to know about it, she said, she read about me. She told me where I was born, where my biological parents were from, my state and nation of origin. She was so excited seeing me in her country because she had been reading about me on the internet.

This happened because I was at the centre of God's purpose for my life. Find out what God has for you and be in that place. Be in your own track. If you are a carpenter, be “the carpenter”. If you are a doctor be “the doctor.” This is because, you can be busy and not be effective.

Purpose will protect you from just doing good things without doing the right things. Many people are doing good things without doing the right thing.

If your official work days are boring to you it is an indication that you are out of purpose. That is, if you do not feel like going to work in your place of assignment, then you are not in your purpose.

A man of purpose sees every day as a work day for him or her. So do not only be a human extension but God's extension.

a) God is only obligated and committed to His purpose and not your own plans.

b) God will only pay and provide for His purpose and not your plans. Purpose guarantees provision.

Therefore, the key to success is discovering God's plans for your life. There is nothing anywhere else better than where God has placed you.

No matter how expensive a microphone may be, it cannot take the place of or function as a pressing iron. The pressing iron may be far cheaper than the microphone but they have their various functions. The purpose of the microphone is to amplify the voice of a speaker while the pressing iron is used to make a cloth straight.

Everybody created by God has a purpose for living. If you try to do what someone else is doing, you are entering the person's track.

All equipment bought has an operational manual. Before you start operating the equipment, you will find a manual which serves as a guide on how to operate it. The manual has to be properly read before the equipment is operated. The manual is not produced by the wholesalers, retailers nor the consumers but by the manufacturer.

The One who manufactured man in this context is God. So you cannot know your purpose from any man. Your purpose must be known from God because He knows you better than your parents.

Some persons studied medicine because their parents wanted a medical doctor in the family, yet they are irritated at the sight of blood.

Some studied law because their parents wanted it, so that is the reason they find it difficult to go to the court room to defend any case.

Parents cannot decide the purpose of their children, it is decided by God. Go to Him and discover your purpose.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 33:3 Ask God what He wants you to be in life. For instance, “Lord, what do you have for me in life?” You have asked God for material blessings enough, now it is time for you to ask Him to show you your assignment in life.

When Paul encountered Jesus on his way to Damascus to persecute the Church, he asked Jesus, “***Lord what wilt thou have me do?***” (Acts 9:6). It was from that point Jesus told him his purpose because he enquired.

So you must ask God, “Lord what is my purpose on earth?”

There is something in you or what you have a flair for, is an indication of your purpose. Something you do effortlessly could be a pointer to your purpose in life.

For some persons, if you wake them up from their sleep to tell you a story, they will do that for hours. They can be good historians. There are yet others who can hold people spell bound when they talk, they could make good orators. When you meet a scientist you will know because every moment they want to be in the laboratory.

If you engage in the prayer of enquiry and you were unable to get an answer from God concerning your purpose, look within for what God has deposited in you. Whatever you do at ease is a pointer to your purpose.

A fashion designer who is on purpose always knows the cloth to make that will make a customer look beautiful. Such people can advise you on the outfit that will fit you or what will not.

If you carefully observe, you will discover that in most fashion runways, they use slim and averagely beautiful or ugly ladies. The reason is that, when the fashion designer is done making them up, their beauty will emerge as they put on the cloth made for the fashion parade. They are only showing you that it is the cloth she is putting on that is bringing out her beauty. It is rare to find very pretty ladies in fashion parades. This means that the fashion designer brings out the beauty of the said ugly ladies.

When you meet a fashion designer that has discovered purpose, they are crazy about designs, not a fashion designer who went into fashion designing because of unemployment.

What you love to do effortlessly is where you will excel. Do not do anything because somebody is doing it.

When it has to do with calling, it is not left for you to love or like it, God has to choose you. If God chose you and you do not want it, you will wander about without any achievement in life.

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

Galatians 1:15

I never liked to be a Pastor, I just wanted to be a nominal Christian and enjoy my life. That was the kind of Christianity I wanted, but God did not want it that way. He wanted me to preach His gospel full time.

That is how most Christians like their Christianity to be when God is calling them to do His work on a full time basis. Most Christians do not want fasting and prayers, they do not like to attend to people like pastors do, and do not want to handle the spiritual challenges of others.

As a Pastor, I see a lot, I receive phone calls from people on one challenge or the other. Every day I solve one problem or the other for people and that was not what I bargained for as a Christian. As Pastors, we do not have a private life because we do not have time for ourselves. Every time someone will call you for one thing or the other. If they do not ask for financial assistance, they ask you to pray for them or they want you to counsel them on their marital issues.

I did not want this kind of life but God wanted it and now I am enjoying. Now I find fulfillment in what I do as a Pastor. Nothing in this world can give me satisfaction other than doing what I do. Find out your calling because that is what will give you fulfillment in life.

In most cases, full glory is always hidden. Glory comes through a process that alters the original state.

For instance, the beauty of the orange fruit is not in its round shape, it is when you squeeze the orange its beauty come as orange juice.

What I want you to understand is that, you have to apply pressure in squeezing the orange to get the pleasure of consuming the juice from the orange. That is, until pressure is applied on the orange fruit, there will be no pleasure called orange juice. It is when you are squeezed that the juice in you will emerge.

Similarly, God's glory is hidden inside you. Growth will only occur through resistance, challenges and obstacles. They are part of life that will make you great.

Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations.

Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience.

But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor's] crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:2-4, 12 (AMP)

[You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,

So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is

tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.

Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.

[At the same time] you receive t h e r e s u l t (o u t c o m e , consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:6-9 (AMP) So, glory comes out under pressure.

God allows resistance, problems, trials, obstacles, challenges, etc. to squeeze the glory out of us. Pressure is one of the keys to releasing the glory of God in us.

Gold will never be gold if it does not go through fire. Gold in its raw state looks very dark and dirty. It is when it goes through the fire that it comes out shining and attractive.

The flour does not taste good in its raw state, but when it goes through the oven, it becomes the sweet bread, doughnut, the meat pie, etc. that we eat. Challenges make us to grow.

Whatever God allows to come to us is for a purpose as to bring out what is inside of us.

If there was no Goliath, there would not have been King David. So the Goliath standing in front of you is to put a crown on your head. Goliath is a descriptive name which means a giant. It is like the name "President", which describes the leader of a c o u n t r y. N o b o d y b e a r s t h e n a m e "President." So the Goliath of poverty in your life is to bring the glory of prosperity in your life.

If you read through your Bible, you will discover that there was no place where it was prophesied that David will be a king in Israel. He worked his

way to stardom and kingship by facing goliath. It was the goliath challenge that gave the crown of kingship to David.

Economic downturn is actually to bring a glory out of your life.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Any challenge you are going through will not kill you. God knows you will be able to handle it. Problems are opportunities in disguise.

The excommunication of Jephthah in the Bible was the making of a ruler. Jephthah in Judges Chapter 11, was sent away from his father's house because he was born by a harlot, so they said he had no inheritance in their father's house.

In case your siblings refused to give you any share of your father's property, it is an opportunity for you to be great, so they can come begging from you. If they say your mother is an illegitimate woman in the family so they will not give you any portion of your father's property, do not go to court for redress. Build yourself and bounce back and they will come to beg from you.

The crucifixion of Jesus is the display of power over death. Resurrection is the birth of Christianity.

If there was no crucifixion, there would n o t h a v e b e e n r e s u r r e c t i o n , a n d Christianity.

So, everything trying to destroy you is actually to make you. God is only squeezing the juice out of you.

Do you know that the economic depression in America was the birth of the revolution that brought America to where she is today? America went

through serious economic depression which triggered an industrial revolution, and today you cannot talk about industrialization without mentioning America as a nation.

The challenges in your nation is not to kill you but to make you.

Israel would not have been great without Pharaoh pursuing them. The reason Israel became famous was the pursuit of Pharaoh. God showed His mighty power when Pharaoh came after the children of Israel.

God will show His mighty power through that challenge you are going through. If you believe say Amen!

So stop surrendering to satanic intimidation through fear. There is a glory inside you.

If there was no HIV-AIDS, I would not have moved to another level in the miraculous. I stepped into another dimension of the miraculous when HIVAIDS ravaged the world. I saw people dying around me and I cried to God for a solution and He gave me the scriptures Hebrews 2:14-15. I got light from the scriptures, which moved me to another dimension of the supernatural. This means that the coming of HIV-AIDS was good for me because it brought out the glory of God in me. Many got delivered from the viral infection through the glory of God in me. That glory would not have been seen by humanity if Satan never afflicted them with HIV-AIDS.

Every problem is for your glory. If there is no poverty, people will never believe that God can make you rich. So whatever is happening to you, do not look at the problem, instead focus on the glory ahead.

HIV-AIDS virus ushered me into the healing ministry. I read the story of John Alexander Dowie – a Scottish Australian Minister known as an Evangelist and a faith healer. There was a plague in his time called the bubonic plague that killed millions of people but he took over his generation with the healing power of God. Like I mentioned earlier, I had to cry to God to show me the key to supernatural healing and He gave me Hebrews 2:14-15. With that fresh insight we did an outdoor crusade where all that were tested HIV positive were healed. I was shocked myself.

I would not have been where I am if there was no HIV.
The poverty today in the world is for your good.

Jesus said to Martha and those crying over the death of their brother Lazarus, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God...”

John 11:4

That challenging situation is not to kill you but for the glory of God. It all depends on how you see it. If you focus on the problems, you will never see promises, but if you see promises you will never see problems.

I saw that HIV-AIDs was for the glory of God and it made me a star on the earth by the hand of God.

Have a God-centered perspective that no matter what happens; God is with you.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Psalms 34:5

No matter what happens, put your eyes on God that He is bigger than that challenge before you.

You cannot look on the Alpha and sink on the earth. And when you look on the Alpha, you will go very far in life. So, put your focus on God because even if it is impossible with men, the God with you will make it possible. God can never disappoint you, only put your trust on Him.

Man is a product of creativity, and if we are products of creativity; then we must be creative.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:3

The scripture above is referring to Jesus as the creator. See what the scripture below says:

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

If Jesus created all things and we have His mind, then if we task our mind we will create like Him. We are co-creators with Jesus, so we are not permitted to be stranded at any point in life because if we engage our creative minds we will become super creative.

My prayer for you is that the creative mind in you should come alive right now!

Jacob in the Bible used his creative mind to beat Laban, when Laban was to swindle him (Genesis 30).

All you need to do is to connect with the Holy Spirit for creativity to be a reality in your life. The sign of stupidity is to watch anything that will not improve your mind. What you are watching, does it have to do with improving your mental capacity? The reason you are where you are, is because you are not watching what should improve your mind.

While studying, I discovered that wealth will not keep you in the memory lane. Everybody who is remembered after they are gone are those who did something useful with their minds.

The quest for money and material possessions will not make men remember you. There are people who are alive but dead. Stop running after material possessions and money because even when you are alive men will forget about you, how much more when you are dead and gone.

The world will not remember you for your possessions but for what you did to affect humanity.

Do not depend on political appointment but use your brain, connect with the Holy Spirit and become creative.

The world celebrates creative people. The world's richest men are not thieves. The thieves can never match creative people.

Apple, Amazon, Facebook, etc. are all creative people.

The money in the hands of thieves still find its way to the hands of those who have developed their minds.

If you are developing your mind, do not think you are wasting your time. When your mind is developed, the thieves will still bring their money to you.

A wise man said, share the entire wealth of the world equally to everybody, in one year it will go back to the pockets of those who have developed themselves.

This is correct because after a thief steals, he or she will buy an Apple product, will need a good architect to build a house, will need a manager to manage the stolen money.

Irrespective of the gross embezzlement of funds globally, thinkers rule the world.

Stop going for cheap money, it cheapens destiny. No matter the money given to you as a gift, if you are not a thinker, you will still be broke. All the people I gave millions of Naira to as gifts to start-up their businesses, I do not think up to two of them made something good out of it. Yet there are other sets of persons I gave fifty thousand Naira to who came back and told me how they have shifted their business to five million Naira from the little start-up money I gave them. Those I gave five million Naira could not boast of ten thousand Naira. They collected money from me but had no capacity.

Give a thinker five thousand Naira, he will make it five million Naira, but give a non-thinker five million Naira, he will reduce it to five thousand

Naira. So, it is not money that makes people, because wealth is man's capacity to think. Go and think to bring a revolution on the earth.

But there is [a vital force] a spirit [of intelligence] in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives men understanding.

Job 32:8

There is a Spirit of intelligence in every child of God – The Holy Ghost. When you connect with Him, you will be super intelligent.

How can you read all the junks on social media and expect to be creative? Read the Bible and other anointed books to connect with the Holy Spirit to be creative.

Attending a school will not make you intelligent. Intelligence is your ability to proffer solutions to the world. To be an intellectual is different from being intelligent. An intellectual can duplicate what was taught him or her through writing and passing an examination with First Class degree. That does not make an intelligent person. An intelligent person is an originator of thought. It is when you proffer solution from the supernatural to change humanity.

For instance, from the history of Michael Faraday and Sir Humphrey Davy. Davy can be likened to a professor of today while Michael Faraday can be likened to an intelligent student. Faraday was actually a laboratory attendant and a book binder to Humphrey Davy.

If you read their story, Faraday was an intelligent man while Davy can be likened to an intellectual.

There are many professors who are not intelligent. They attend schools, write papers of different kinds but cannot proffer solution to the challenges of life.

There is a difference between Mathematics and “Life-matics.” Mathematics is solving problems in academics while “Life-

matics” is proffering solution to life challenges. That is where an intelligent person is known.

Today, there is an economic problem, yet those who studied economics are not able to solve it. The Holy Spirit will teach you all things (John 14:26). So if you are baptized in the Holy Ghost, it is not only to speak in tongues. The Holy Ghost will stir up your brain for creativity. Where school stops that is where you will start.

Please place your priorities right. Do not watch nonsense, rather let people watch you. Will you not be proud of yourself when people are watching you deliver a speech in the United Nations? That is the kind of things people want to hear.

If you are of Christ, use your brain for something useful.

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 2:27

The Holy Spirit was actually given to teach you things. Many people think that the Holy Spirit will only teach you things from the Bible. That is not correct. He will also teach you how to create a new business, to invent things and strange things that was not taught by any mortal man.

I never studied Architecture, Civil Engineering or anything that had to do with building Technology but He gave me a strange solution to a serious problem our architects faced when they were designing our Cathedral. When they were designing the Cathedral, they had giant pillars in the auditorium of the Cathedral because of the length of the gallery. So I called the architects and structural engineers and asked them what we will do to eliminate or reduce the pillars to the barest minimum, because it did not give any beauty to the internal edifice. They told me that without the numerous pillars inside the auditorium, the galleries will not stand because of its length. They were right but when I saw the size of the pillars I knew

that something had to be done otherwise it will distort the view of the audience. When I asked them for a solution they said it was impossible to proffer a solution to it. So I asked them to stop the design and I went to the Holy Spirit and consulted Him on what we should do.

The Holy Spirit told me to tell the architects to shift half of the gallery backwards such that most of the pillars will be seen outside carrying the same length of gallery. From the internal view the pillars were drastically reduced but the gallery is still at the same length. The professionals were shocked and asked me how I got the solution and I told them it was the Holy Spirit that gave me the solution.

They attended school to be intellectuals b u t I w e n t t o t h e H o l y S p i r i t f o r intelligence.

Please understand that you do not have an ordinary mind.

In the midst of that challenging situation before you, how many times have you taken out time to ask the Holy Spirit on what to do? Instead of watching nonsense for five hours, pray in the Holy Ghost for that duration of time and see how you will take your world by storm. He will give you an idea that will make you explode in business.

Or who shut up the sea with doors when it broke forth and issued out of the womb?

Job 38:8 (AMP)

The Holy Ghost will never do anything for you until you go to Him consciously. Because He is in you does not mean He will manifest when you did not ask Him to do so. He is not a demon to force Himself on you. You must consciously ask the Holy Spirit to intervene in that situation before He will show up.

Stop complaining about that situation, even if it is a global problem, ask Him and He will give you the key to solving it for the world to know you. The Holy Spirit has answers to every question on the earth.

Everybody including nations complained of financial crisis in the ravaging Corona-Virus (Covid-19) pandemic but I went to the Holy Spirit and asked Him, “You said, when men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is a lifting up...” (Job 22:29) What is the way forward in this global pandemic? He gave me the answer and our income as a Church doubled, making it the highest since her inception. That is the income grew without anyone raising an offering in Church. The Holy Spirit did it because I went to Him to ask for what to do.

You ask everybody around you for assistance when you have not consulted the Holy Spirit.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Matthew 25:15 There is something you have that you are neglecting that can move you to lime light.

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels a broad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

2 Kings 4:1–7

From the scripture above, Elisha asked the woman that was indebted and could not pay “what hast thou in thy house?” Initially she said, “Nothing.” That is how some people behave when you ask them what can they do? They will say, “There is nothing I can do; there is no job.” Look inward and you will see that there is something.

We are the temple of the Living God, and God is asking you to look inward because you have something in you that is waiting expression.

When the woman told Elisha that she had nothing, he insisted she had something she was not seeing. It was what she had that he used to solve her problem.

God will not use something outside of you to bring you out of your problems. May God open your eyes to use what you have in the name of Jesus.

For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

And Abimelech said unto Isaac,

Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the

death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

Genesis 26:15-22

Do not sell your destiny cheaply because of pressure. Do not lower your standard because you are under pressure.

I was talking to a man, who had the biggest bakery in a city, called Warri Delta State in Nigeria. He said, because of the hike in price of flour some bakers told him to compromise his standard, because people knew his bread for quality. They wanted him to make enormous profit as before. He said he agreed initially and did it for one month, but it did not work for him. When he tried it for the second month, he was selling like other people. So, he had to revert to his original standard whether there was profit or not. When everything stabilized, he had the highest sales.

He makes three hundred million Naira from the sales of bread in one month. He did not bow under pressure.

People will abuse you and call you all sorts of names, please do not give up. Do not give up in the face of any challenge.

In summary, problems are opportunities to manifest God's glory. God sometimes allows us to go through challenges so that people can see and know Him.

Be ready to be squeezed for God's glory to come out.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there...

Ezekiel 8:4

You will pray and say, ***“O Lord reveal Your glory to me as a person. I want to experience Your nature.”*** When you know His nature, you will not panic because He cannot lie.

When you have revelation of God's Word, you will not think that God will leave you alone.

In His nature, He does not abandon a child. The reason you have to say this prayer effectively is because Apostle Paul, in Philippians 3:10 said, “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection...” When he made this statement he was already an Apostle. He wanted to get a deeper revelation of the nature or glory of God.

It is only shallow men that think they have known God enough. Paul was already a man of deep insight yet he wanted to know God more. That was why Paul did not die even when he was in the belly of the sea. When you understand God, things that panic others will not panic you. Tell God to reveal His glory and nature to you. This explains the fact that you should be specific.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

...for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Revelation 21:23 Everywhere God revealed His glory, it was specific.

In John 11, Lazarus was stinking but in Chapter 12, he was the centre of attraction because of the glory of God.

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Job 22:28

Manifesting God's Glory