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COG Ministers and Members in Praise & Worship



Members Having Good Times with God



Chapel of His Glory Choirs



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Bro. Bola Ogunoye



Sis. Rolake Fasae



Deacon Femi Fasae



Bro. Yinka with chapel of His Glory FC Members



Mike Aremu Leading Praise



Church Members



Pastor (Mrs) Abiola Shofoluwe



Chapel of His Glory FC wins the Pastors Cup



Chapel of His Glory FC



Pastor Folake Shofoluwe with the cup



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Pastor (Mrs) Abiola Shofoluwe



Bro. Sam with chapel of His Glory FC Members



COG Children/Members @ Chester Zoo



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Birthdays



Pastor & Pastor (Mrs) Dara Shofoluwe



Testimonies



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Mike Aremu in HIS presence



Mike Aremu with Pastor Dara



Mike Aremu with Bro. Ayo



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Editorial

Hello all and welcome to another edition of the Higher ground Convention and magazine. God has been so faithful who has made us witness another November convention. This year is awesomely special because Chapel of His Glory is ten years old. Glory to God!

Ten is a special number of utmost significance; God gave Ten Commandments (Ex), and Jesus captured a picture of the kingdom as a sect of ten servants that He gave ten pounds (). Naomi, her husband and two sons went to the land of Moab and spent ten years. During the ten years Naomi lost her husband and two sons, but after the ten years, Ruth 1:3-5 tell us that Naomi heard good news of how the 'Lord had visited the people in giving them bread.' And after the good news she started a journey that led to restoration and joy. She lost everything within ten years but afterwards she had a son that was in the lineage of Jesus and even the women in the land sang her praises. God took her from the miry clay to higher ground.

We hope and pray that this magazine will be a source of blessing to everyone and take you on a journey of Joy, praise and smiles like Naomi. Happy anniversary and God take us all to higher grounds. Shalom!

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- Creating understanding among yourselves.
- Openness to both families.
- Accepting correction from each other.

3. In your opinion, what do you think has kept you for all these years together?

- Divine Love (Unconditional love)
- Christian foundation
- Fear of God.
- Grace & understanding: no greed, no self centeredness etc
- Involving children as the binding force.
- Hard working/education.
- Proper financial management etc.

4. What is the difference now that you are married compared to when you were courting?

When we were courting, there was fear of the unknown from both sides. Now married for about 30 (thirty years) blessed with four lovely children, all our siblings (brother and sister) are fully educated, happily married, and we were able to lead them to Christian fold and they are successful on their own.

5. What is your view concerning children?

- Children are different from adults so then children should be handled with care and concern because they are the leaders of today and tomorrow.
- Children are God's blessing and Joy to individual homes.
- Children are the binding force in any marriage.
- Children are peace maker to marriages spiritually and physically.
- Children are the fruits of marriages.
- Children are God's seal of marriages.
- Children are God's Glory to parent.

- In all, lead your children in the way of the lord so when they grow up they will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6

6. What are some primary sources of disagreement and how do you deal with it?

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in any marriage and primarily among them involve inability to perform sexually, cheating on each other, dishonesty, gossiping, bullying, financial mismanagement, lies, womanizing/polyandry, greedy/self centeredness, disobedience, betrayal of trust, the list is unending.

However, though in our case we had our peculiar problems we dealt with it by understanding ourselves and then with humble hearts in prayers and fasting we took it to GOD ALMIGHTY instead of man or parent.

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- They should have the love of God for themselves and the entire family
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- Attend marriage counselling
- They should also appreciate themselves at any given time.

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Both parties should be matured spiritually and emotionally. A reliable source of income is also mandatory. More so, the input of families is also important, both families should have given their consent and then when the couple must have understood themselves and agreed then the marriage can take place.

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Friends, the present happenings around you may not suggest pleasure; they may seem limiting but ensure you always have this in mind, HE HAS A PLAN.

There is a realm called the realm of NO LIMITS where all things are possible, but the one who will operate in this realm is he who trusts in, and is ready to play-along with the plan. This may not seem easy but trust me, it is possible. Be reminded that when Christ returns, He will not just come to take believers to Heaven. He will also reward us for our work, (Revelation 22: 12, Matthew 25: 14-30). I don't know about you, but I choose to operate in the realm of NO LIMITS where my work has a guarantee of entering the gold class when tried by fire.

As you must have noticed, it is not enough to realize that there is a plan. Acknowledging this truth should include the readiness to act in HARMONY with the plan.

Joshua, the son of Num, a great leader in his days, whose work was crested in gold, was one who operated in the realm of no limits. Looking at his story as recorded in the book of Joshua, you will find that he, just like others like him, lived an ever-advancing life (without limits) as a result of a realization and acknowledgement of THE PLAN. He had been told that as long as he realized and acknowledged the plan for him he will make his way prosperous and have good success, (Joshua 1:

Friends, Christ desires that you live beyond limits, as though the devil does not exist. Here He is, reminding you that the baton is now in your hands. You should, like Joshua, make your way prosperous and gain good success. Joshua continued in this path and though confronted by limiting, fearful and discouraging situations, he

came through victorious and without limits. A time came however, that he deviated and faced the consequence.

In chapter seven of the book of Joshua, it was recorded that his troops lost a battle to a small nation called Ai. They did not just loose a battle but lives were also lost. A lot of people blame the loss on the sin of a man by the name, Achan. Well, that is true, but it was a secondary reason, there was a root cause. The primary reason for that loss was Joshua's failure to seek and commit to THE PLAN. If he had sought the face of God in the situation, before going to battle, as he did before, he would have been told of the sin in the camp and given the plan for the battle. Thus, the sin issue would have been resolved, the battle would have been strategized according to the plan and the loss would have been prevented.

Regardless of our circumstances, living as though the devil/limitations do not exist is sure when we follow THE PLAN. You may not fully understand it, it may not always be so logical; you just relax, comply and follow through. Disappoint the situation. Do not allow it prevent you from realizing and acknowledging that there is a plan. We have observed in counseling that situations that suggest pain to some people could suggest pleasure to others. For example, some women feel despised and unloved by their husbands when he hits them while in some other cases, the same thing makes some women feel loved. Funny and unbelievable isn't it? But that's the truth. Your situation is like a passage, never allow it prevent you from getting through to that glorious end that lies ahead of you (a life of maximum impact above limits as well as eternity with Christ).

Child of God rise up, let hope come alive, get ready to bring that dream/vision to reality as though the devil/limitation does not exist with your head held up high for there is a plan in your favour.

Rev. Adejo Edward

relocation of Dr. Keneth Omeje to Kenya on his appointment as a professor in one the international university in Kenya, Deacon Akpo Onduku and his wife was commissioned to pastor Rccg chapel of grace in Shipley, the church has since been relocated to Bradford in 2009.

New name and new status

The Lord blessed the church with the lease of dedicated, purpose-built premises. Due to the amount of structural changes needed and the financial outlay, at first it looked like an impossible feat but once again, the God of possibilities was at hand to bless and on 1st July 2010, the church was able to move to Glory Centre right in the heart of Bradford City centre. In the same period God gave the father of the house the vision for a new name for a new

beginning and the name of the church came thereafter to be known as Chapel of His Glory. The Lord continued to add to the church and Glory Centre has come to be known as the place of favour, blessing and increase.

To the glory of God in June 2012, the church achieved area status as God elevated the Pastor Dara Shofoluwe to become an Area Pastor having oversight for several churches in Area 3 North/West of England.

The Church is advancing; forward! Forward! On and on! For the Lord of Hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge, He is our Strongtower and indeed our king of Glory Come, join the advance today!



The Redeemed Students Christian Fellowship

University of Bradford- Redeemed Students Christian Fellowship (UBU-RSCF), is an international and inter-denominational association of students initiated by the Leadership of RCCG, Bradford to reach out to the University of Bradford campus community.

The fellowship meetings are designed to be interactive, edifying and inspiring. Members are encouraged and prepared towards achieving academic excellence and to fulfil their life goals through series of practical teachings, seminars, movies and much more. It is equally an opportunity to meet Christian Students with a passion for Christ, blessed with wonderful, generous, loving, friendly characteristics of unreserved love for God. It is an organisation opened to everyone (students and non-students), irrespective of race, colour, language, custom, denominational background and beliefs.

The organisation adopts the doctrinal basis of "The Redeemed Christian Church of God, RCCG" which is based on the fundamental Biblical truths of Christianity and holds the following as its aims and objectives.

- i) To carry out its mission statement which is 'Restoring Hope and Fulfilling purpose'
- ii) Encouraging members to seek Gods' Kingdom

whilst ensuring that members are successful in their respective endeavours.

- iii) Raising people of excellence in careers who will be models in truth and integrity.
- iv) Building men and women of God who will be committed to the ministry of prayer and the word of God during this end time (Act 6:4)
- v) Raising disciples of all races who will represent the church of God in any country and at any position of responsibility wherever they find themselves in the near future
- vi) Living to glorify Jesus as Lord and Saviour in words, conduct, love, spirit, faith and purity.

Join us every Wednesday from 7.00pm to 8.45pm, at the Bradford University Student Central (behind the John Priestley Library), Room 0.46, for a time of worship, prayer, teaching, interacting and much more.

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God bless you as you come



Divine remembrance



The word of God to you in this season and indeed today is that "I will remember you" and based on this powerful word of assurance from God the Holy Spirit began to impress this scripture upon my heart. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." (Isa 49:16 - 17). It is most unusual for a mother to forsake her child. She would do whatever is necessary for that child's survival. Yet there are some (thank God very few) mothers who will leave a child for whatever reason. But God said "I will not forget thee (you). What is remembrance? It is ability to recognise meritorious service, the act of honouring some past event, person, etc. Something that serves to keep in or bring to mind.

"To be forgotten and to be remembered are on two opposing sides of the divide. To be forgotten by man is no doubt painful, particularly when your previous actions to such people do not warrant that they should forget you. To be forgotten by God leaves a man worse off. We can therefore infer that there are two levels of remembrance namely divine and earthly remembrance.

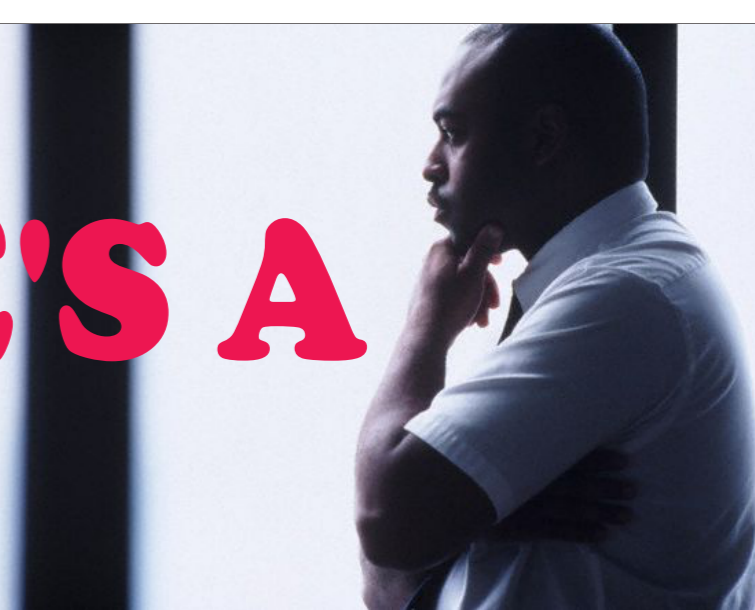
Divine remembrance is usually orchestrated by God while earthly remembrance is when people remember you. The fact is that the first (divine) must precede the other (earthly) if the other is to be effective because the spirit exist before the physical. When things are settled in the spiritual

realm they are bound to be settled in the physical, therefore when heaven remembers you or says Yes to your case it becomes impossible for the earth to say No. I want to submit that, when your portion is secured with God your portion from men will automatically locate you. When you are right with God, men will be right with you. Proverb 16:7, job 22:21

There are times in life when we are faced with challenges and problems such that we are left hopeless and helpless. It is at such a time that we lose sight of God, and we begin to feel as though He has deserted, or forgotten about us; this often happens when we feel like our prayers are not answered or when we do not feel the presence of God as before. We begin to ask God, "where are you?" Noah faced similar situation, he wondered whether God still thought about them when days kept on passing by without them hearing anything from Him as the ark floated on water. Questions must have arisen in the heart of Noah as the waters refused to assuage - Is this how this will continue? Are we going to be locked up in here forever? When will God come and set us free! In Genesis 8:1, scripture declares: "God remembered Noah..." that is, at an appointed time God sent the wind which blew away the water. Someone who is reading this has already concluded "I have been forgotten." Well, I'm sent to announce to you, God is remembering you already! Angels are acting on your behalf now! Heaven is moving men to reach out and be a blessing to you! Your time has come! When God seems to delay, it means He is preparing a platform for you.

Joseph was forgotten by the cup bearer who was

THERE'S A PLAN



It is with great excitement that I write to tell you, child of God, that there are No Limits! Many of us have gone through a lot and some are still in situations that seem limiting and present no form of hope. Most of us are truly at the point where we have given up hope on achieving our goals and bringing to reality the dreams we had, which we believed to have come from God. As a matter of fact, some Christians today have their eyes set on just one thing and that is, going to Heaven. Not just because they really want to see God, but because they, as a result of the seemingly limiting factors around, see no way they can maximize their potentials here on earth to make amazing impact on this present world. Let me go further to submit that a lot of people in Church today have lost enthusiasm for walking with God. It is such that their participation in church activities is based on the fact that they've got no other alternative yet.

When some think of turning from God or compromising their faith, the thing that holds them back is the question, 'what will people say?' not necessarily considering how God will feel. The eyes of many are fast drifting from Him. They are facing terrible situations and disappointments to a point where they have become so discouraged. It is such that even some who started working for the Lord in their area of call/interest have forsaking the vision they once had and are hanging unto God with a very thin rope. Beloved, most of us today feel the arms of limitation strongly around us and have become highly discouraged.

But dearly beloved, no matter what your experience has been, no matter what your

present situation looks like, for you (a redeemed Child of God), there are truly NO LIMITS. There is hope; Yes! There is hope because He has a plan. "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end" Jeremiah 29: 11

On approaching the road side where I was to cross over to the other side on my way home on this fateful day, I met a busy traffic. As a result, I had to wait a little until I had space to cross over. While I stood by the road side waiting and almost lost in thought, I immediately noticed a cyclist on his motorcycle heading directly toward me, (I later found out that he was trying to man-over his way through the traffic from the side of the road where I was going to, to the side of the road where I was). Normally, I would have instinctively jumped from where I was standing to avoid an accident. But, if I had done that, I would have actually become a victim of an accident. Somehow, I did not comply with the action suggested by my instinct. Instead, I maintained my position at the exert spot where I was standing, watching the cyclist as he approached me. Haven crossed the road, come very close to me; he suddenly turned to the side of the road where he intended to go to, which happened to be where I would have instinctively jumped to. All these happened within split seconds and while I stood reflecting on it, considering what would have happened if I had jumped to the other side, thinking the cyclist was coming to hit me, came that calm, sweet small voice whispering these words to me, "he had a plan".

From that point, my eyes were open to see what we have suffered by how much we consider the



SIN OF PRESUMPTION

A dog was so faithful that the woman could leave her baby with it and go out to attend other matters. She always returned to find the child soundly asleep with the dog faithfully watching over him. One day, something tragic happened. The woman as usual, left the baby in the "hands" of this faithful dog and went out shopping.

When she returned, she discovered rather a nasty scene, there was a total mess. The baby's cot was dismantled; his nappies and clothes torn to shreds with blood stains all over the bedroom where she left the child and the dog. Shocked, the woman wailed as she began looking for the baby. All of a sudden, she saw the faithful dog emerging from under the bed. It was covered with blood and licking its mouth as it had just finished a delicious meal. The woman went berserk and assumed that the dog had devoured her baby. Without much thought she beat the dog to death. But as she continued searching for the "remains" of her child, she beheld another scene.

Close to the bed was the baby who, although lying on bare floor, was safe and under the bed the body of a snake torn to pieces in what must have been a fierce battle between it and the dog which was now dead. Then reality dawned on the woman who now began

to understand what took place in her absence; the dog fought to protect the baby from the ravenous snake.

It was too late for her now to make amends because in her impatience and anger, she had killed the faithful dog.

How often have we misjudged people and torn them to shreds with harsh words and deeds before we have had time to evaluate the situation? It is called **SIN OF PRESUMPTION**, presuming things our way without taking the trouble to find out exactly what the situation really is. Its forbidden by God. Little patience can drastically reduce major lifelong mistakes.

Who are you misjudging right now? Don't think what you think others are thinking. Take time to get the whole truth!

By

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once in the prison with him. When he had a dream, just the way Joseph had interpreted, the cup bearer was restored into his position, but he forgot Joseph. But few years later when God remembered Joseph, he was brought to the palace to interpret Pharaoh's dream and thereby he received a position in the palace. When God remembered Joseph, He gave him the fulfilment of all his promises, which once seemed very impossible. (Genesis 41:39)

When Mordecai was sitting at the King's gate, he overheard two officials, plotting to kill the King and he reported the conspiracy thereby delivering the King's life from death. And this kind act of Mordecai was noted in the book of the Chronicles. But he was not rewarded immediately. Later, I believe when it was the right time, God remembered Mordecai and God deprived the King sleep for one night and reminded him of Mordecai's kind act and was rewarded accordingly...more than he can dream or imagine...When God remembered Mordecai, He rewarded him with honour and glory in front of the enemy eyes who tried to take it away from him. (Esther 6:11)

The widow of Zarephath: This widow was at the end of her life. She was ready to die with her son due to poverty. Everybody in that village forgot her, even her relatives, her husband's family...everybody. But When God remembered her, He sent a prophet Elijah to meet her needs. When God remembered her, He worked a miracle in her life so that she was given a provision for life and an acceptance in that village. (1 Kings 17:15)

When God remember Sarah, Racheal, Hannah and Elizabeth He opened their womb and made them joyful mother of children. I decree, In Jesus name.....God will remember you as you are reading this message in Jesus name. Beloved, When God remembers you, DELIVERANCE will come for you. When God remembers you, LIFTING will be your portion. When God remembers you, MEN will remember you. In Exodus 2:24-25, God remembered Israel while they were in Egypt. What followed? Deliverance and Liberation from slavery and

captivity. Someone who is under slavery and captivity is coming out now! In Jesus name.

HOW CAN YOU PROVOKE DIVINE REMEMBRANCE?

1. Maintain a right standing with God: Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. psalm 112:6, Ps 103:18.
2. Desperate cry to God in Prayer: Hannah cried unto God, Israelites cried and groaned, Blind Barthmaeus cried, etc God will never deny your cry of mercy.
3. Quality offering/sacrifices unto God: when you sow quality offering towards the work of God, His servants, the needy and offer yourself and your talent as sacrifices before God, you are bound to be remembered, for all these are ways of building a memorial before the Lord. Remember Cornelius (Act 10:4,) Solomon (1 kings 3:4,) and Mary (Mark 14:9).

Are you experiencing any delay and must have concluded "I have been forgotten"? God is remembering you by reason of this message coming on your way. That job is coming forth, that womb is opening and pregnancy is forming now, you are being sorted out financially in Jesus name, good news is coming to you regarding your immigration issues in Jesus name, God is intervening in your academic endeavours now, you are being healed of that long time sickness in your body. Your rightful spouse is proposing to you soon, in fact I can see you tapping into a new realm of divine assistance and remembrance in this season as you pray and trust the Lord.

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MARY AT THE FEET OF JESUS

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If you ever had an opportunity to sit at the feet of Jesus for a minute and learn or listen to Him speak to you, would you be engaged in other activities you consider more important? Ask yourself, what would you do? Opportunity is often presented to everyone, which if not embraced is lost forever. Focussing on the woman character, who is uniquely created and given a divine place to occupy, which remains depending on who chooses to dwell or abide in it. Today's modern tradition paints the 'woman' as that object of abuse, sex appeal contrary to the beauty, the glory bestowed only upon a woman to whom is not given in heaven and on earth to any other creature; the heart that boldly declares, "your God will be my God, your people my people, where you die, I die and be buried." Eleanor writes in her song "Only a woman's heart" – The fragile state of a woman's heart yearns for love, passion, filled with emotions, as only a woman's heart bears all the pains but still fights for survival from the heart.

With short epilogue written about Mary of Bethany at three instances, she was found constantly at the Master's feet. She displayed the characteristic of a dynamic woman; one who craved to be at the master's feet. Taking a peek at the story; **Luke 10:38** Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. So it was that Jesus was a friend to the family and decided to visit them, Martha being the elder sister decided to welcome Jesus into her home by preparing a meal while Mary the younger chose to remain at the feet of Jesus listening to instructions. Sometimes we choose a path that we deem right but without caution tend to end on the wrong side. Martha who thought she was doing the right thing; committing her energy, preparing a delicacy for Jesus who had visited them turned out she did the wrong thing at the right time. Mary on the other hand chose the right course listening and learning at the Jesus' feet. It may be argued ethically and rightly that Mary refused to help Martha in preparing a meal for the guest, which in today's world is not appropriate and stands against value judgement and Martha deserved to be angry not just at Mary but at Jesus who on the other hand did not caution Mary to go help the sister in the kitchen. There was enough time for her to have still listened to the teachings of Jesus; after all the saying; 'a man's delight is through his belly.' Sometimes the risk is worth taking to get the best at that one given chance. It may turn out to worth all the effort.

Luke 10:40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she helps me." Our efforts sometimes don't get us any result, which was clearly stated by Jesus' reply to Martha who according to her deserved to be helped. **Luke 10:41** And Jesus answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." What was more important than learning at the feet of Jesus? Just a question! Societal norms, influences, the absolute depiction of feminism have clouded the thoughts of today's woman so that everything she works for, what she pursues earnestly is surrounded by how she presents herself to be accepted by the opposite or compete for a voice. Sobriety no longer constitutes an element of nature.

One missing piece in the puzzle of Mary finding comfort always at the feet of Jesus was simply her act of submitting to the authority of the master. Consider another instance at the feet of Jesus **John 11:32** Mary went to where Jesus was. Then as soon as she saw him, she knelt at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." She embraced every opportunity to let out the true nature of the woman inside. From the words of Matthew Henry's concise commentary, "Mary, having this price put into her hands, sat herself to improve it, not knowing when she should have such another. Since Christ is forward to speak, we should be swift to hear. Her mind was composed, and she resolved to abide by it: not to catch a word now and then, but to receive all that Christ delivered.

There is always comfort at the master's feet which Mary embraced with everything. Not minding what others thought, the disappointment that Jesus refused to come when He should have, the pain of losing her only brother, Lazarus, it is recalled that upon seeing Jesus, she fell at His feet. Notice that she repeated the exact words Martha said but this time Jesus was moved. Jesus wept. A woman's heart when directed in the right course is capable of bringing one to bended knees. Jesus was deeply moved when Mary fell at his feet and as recorded in **John 11:35**, Jesus wept. The question again why didn't others, Martha's approach and every other person's tears move Jesus to tears?

Jokes

Poor Sick Boy

Marty, a little boy, was in church one Sunday with his mother Doris, when he started feeling sick.

'Mummy,' he inquired, 'can we leave now?'

'No,' his mother replied, 'the service isn't over yet.'

'Well, I think I'm about to throw up.' Marty announced.

'Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.' said Doris.

After about sixty seconds, Marty returned to his pew, alongside his mother.

'Did you throw up?' Marty's Mum asked quietly.

'Yes,' Marty answered, embarrassed.

'How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?' Doris demanded.

'I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy.

They have a box next to the front door that says, "For the Sick" '.

Ten Funny Things To Learn from the Story Of Noah's Ark



Funny things that can be learned from the bible and applied to life.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
5. Build your future on high ground.
6. For safety's sake, always travel in pairs.
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
8. When you're stressed, float a while.
9. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

PAINT ME



Children with Christ



THE FIRE THAT WOULD NOT BURN

There was great trouble in the white castle that stood at the top of the hill. The huge fire that had burned in the castle kitchen for years had suddenly gone out, and no one seemed to be able to light it again. It was deep winter outside. The hill was white with snow, and the fountains in the castle garden looked like tall ladies dressed in white cloaks. From all the castle turrets there hung long icicles, and inside the castle, where the walls and the floor were made all of stone, it was so cold that every one was blowing on his fingers and saying that something must be done at once about starting the fire in the kitchen. It had been the warmest and the most useful fire in the castle, always bright and glowing and cheerful. It made the big kettle sing, and it cooked the food, and painted pictures in the fireplace for the little Prince, who always sat in front of it before he went to bed. Some said that the fire needed a special kind of fuel to keep it burning, and others said that it had gone out because it was such a hard, cold winter. Still others said that the castle folk were quarreling so over matters of state that they made the castle too cold for any fire to burn. The King blew the bellows, and the Queen wrapped up the little Prince in a fur coat, and the Cook piled on more logs, but still the fire would not burn. "Go down the hill road," the King at last commanded the Court Messenger, "and wherever you see a bright fire burning in one of the houses, go inside and ask for some coals to bring back to the castle. It may be that we can light our fire in this way."

So the Messenger, with a great iron lantern for holding the coals, started out in the bitter cold. "A light for the castle fire!" he called as he went. "Who will give me some coals with which to light the castle fire?" As the Messenger went on his way, a great many people heard him and they all wanted to have a share in lighting the fire at the castle. Some thought that to do this would bring them riches. "Here are glowing coals for you," said Gerald, whose father kept the forest; "and tell the King that we want as many gold pieces as there are lumps of coal in return, and some extra ones if he will add them." So the Messenger put Gerald's red coals with the tongs inside his lantern, and he started back to the castle. He had gone only a few steps, though, when he saw that the coals had turned cold and gray, so he had to throw them beside the road and search farther. A bright light shone

from the fire in Gilda's house. Gilda's father was one of the King's guards and when she heard the Messenger's call, "A light for the castle fire!" she opened the door and asked him to come in. "Fill your lantern with our coals," Gilda said, "and they will surely light the fire in the castle. Tell the King, though, that in return for the coals he must make my father Captain of the guards." The Messenger took the coals and started back to the castle. He had gone but a little way, though, when he saw that the coals from Gilda's fire were no longer burning but had turned to gray ashes. So he emptied them out in the snow and went on down the hill. But his search was a hard one. So few of the coals that he was given would burn, and so few people wanted to give them freely. At last he came to a tiny house on a bleak side of the hill. The wind blew down through the old chimney, and the frost had crept in through the cracks in the wall. The door opened at once when he knocked, though, and inside he found a little girl, stirring porridge over a small fire. "A light for the castle fire?" she repeated when the Messenger had told her what he wanted. "You may have as many coals as you like, although we have few large ones. I am my father's housewife and I tend this small fire so that the kitchen may be comfortable for him when he comes home from work. I am cooking his supper, too," she said. "But do you sit down and warm yourself, and have a bowl of warm supper before you start out in the cold again. Then you may have half of our fire if the King needs it." The Messenger did as the little girl bade him, and then he lifted one small, bright coal from the fire, and put it in his lantern. "It will never burn all the way back to the castle," he said to himself, but with each step the coal grew brighter. It cast pink shadows on the snow as if the spring were sending wild roses up through the ground. It made the dark road in front of the Messenger as bright as if the sun were shining, and it warmed him like the summer time. When he came to the castle, the coal still burned and glowed. As soon as he touched it to the gray logs in the fireplace they burst into flames, and the castle fire was kindled again. They wondered why the new fire made the kettle sing so much more sweetly than it had ever sung before, and warmed the hearts of the castle folk so that they forgot to quarrel. At last, when they talked it over with the Messenger, they decided that it was because love had come from the cottage with the coal, and was kindled and burning now in the castle fire.

MEN OF OLD TESTAMENT CROSSWORD		
AARON	A E D I V A D O T J L J M	JOB
ABEL	M A L R R J P O B A E O Z	JOEL
ABRAHAM	O L W I O G L W N C I N N	JONAH
ADAM	S D E S J E O O B O K A O	JONATHAN
AMOS	W A E U I A M L I B E T E	JOSEPH
CAIN	Q P U N M O H Q I H Z H D	JOSHUA
DANIEL	H P A L L A I I R A E A I	LOT
DAVID	Q D J O B S S K N O T N G	MOSES
ELIJAH	N O S M A S S I L N H H X	NIMROD
EZEKIEL	A B R A H A M E L N C C I	NOAH
GIDEON	G U C A A R O N S E I G Q	SAMSON
GOLIATH	A U H S O J Y Q G O B A Z	SAMUEL
ISAAC	E M A D A J O N A H M A C	SAUL
JACOB		SOLOMON

The Christian Politician

Adeyemi Ademola Egbeleke

Thematic discussion on Christianity and politics has long been plagued with several questions. Some of the questions are: Is it right for Christian to do politics or seek political leadership? Can a Christian politician live a holy and clean life? And many recently are asking why there are no significant difference in the behaviours, actions and result of Christians in political leadership and non-Christians? Attempt would be made to delve into the bible to find out what attributes a Christian Politian should posses. To start , Politics consist of social relations involving authority or power and the methods and tactics used to formulate and apply policy. Politics is thought of as the way we choose government officials and make decisions about public policy. Those would practice politics are generally regarded as politicians (Wikipedia.org). Simply the work of a politician is to seek to be the choice of people through a democratic process in modern political discourse terms and if elected or appointed, to make decisions that have impacts on the way public goods is allocated among the people. Political leadership thus requires some attributes and not everyone has got them. Taking guidance from the choosing of the seven in Acts 6: 3 " Brothers and Sisters , choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility (as in Acts 6:1-2) over to them (NIV). From this passage the first attribute of Christian Politician is to be full of Holy Spirit and Faith (Acts 6:5) – that is a man that have genuine encounter with Christ , truly born again and walking with God. The

second attribute is a man full of wisdom - this implies the quality of experience, knowledge, and good judgment. This involves soundness of a man actions or decisions with regard to the application of experiences, knowledge, and good judgment.

It is evident from the bible that it is right for a Christian full of Holy Spirit and wisdom to seek political leadership in Government or corporation. A life of holiness is a demand from God for everybody that desires to make it to heaven and not peculiar to Christian politicians alone. But the political circumstances surrounding Christian politician is not different to non-Christian politician. It is the reason for the bible recommendation that Christians interested in politics must first have developed personal relationship with the Almighty God. Therefore, it is clear that if Christian politicians are full of spirit and wisdom there would be significant difference through the way there positive actions bring progress to the people that chooses them. A critical look at western countries founded on Christian political faith testifies to the greatness of many of such nations even up to the present era in history. Another notable example of Christian politician from Nigeria in Africa that manifested rear wisdom during his life time was Jeremiah Obafemi Awolowo. Awolowo was the premier of western region of Nigeria from October 1, 1954 – October 1, 1960 and it is not an overstatement to say despite human and political limitations his political and progressive development legacy has yet to be surpassed by any political leader in Nigeria. So, many modern Politicians only profess to be Christians probably socially born again , many are known not to be Full of faith from on set and lack wisdom required for leadership yet are chosen . The outcome of chosen people that are not full of spirit and wisdom as leaders through a democratic process alternatively defined as the "Foolishness of the Majority " is prevalence of corruption , poverty and highly level of social decadence in our world today.



THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU ARE TIRED OF YOUR MARRIAGE

Pastor Bisi Adewale

Are you tired of your marriage? Is your marriage really hurting? Are you thinking of packing it up? Are you looking for an exit? Then this chapter is specially written for you.

I quite agree that a marriage can be hurting at times. It can sometimes get to the boiling point and make couples look for ways to “evaporate” from their homes. But there are solutions to this. You must not take any step at this stage without godly counsel. You must be careful not to offend God.

THINGS YOU MUST NOT DO

(1) **NEVER SEPARATE:** Some couples erroneously think that it is better to “give a gap” when there is crisis “to make tempers cool down”. But the truth is, the longer you are separated from your spouse, the more difficult it becomes to come together again. It even makes it easier for the devil to use you against each other. Avoid separation as much as possible. Stay in that marriage to make it work.

(2) **NEVER INVOLVE A THIRD PARTY:** There is always the temptation of involving outsiders whenever there is crisis at home. But most of the time, third parties are biased and may not say the truth. They may even have their hidden agenda, or be experiencing something worst in their own marriages. They may also not be knowledgeable to handle marital crisis. If you must involve a third party at all, let it be your pastor or a qualified marriage counsellor.

(3) **NEVER GIVE UP:** Don't give up on your marriage; it is not yet over. Never say you have tried your best. Until your marriage becomes the best, you have not put in your best.

(4) **NO DIVORCE:** It is a grave error to think that divorce is the best option for you under any circumstance. There is no happiness in divorce. Research has shown that many divorcees end up living sad and frustrated lives. Wisdom demands you don't join them.

Never think of divorce; don't even consider it as an option. Stay in that marriage to make it work. Don't end that marriage at this juncture. Fight for your marriage, you will surely win.

THINGS TO DO

(1) **PRAY:** The first thing to do when you are tired of your marriage is to take that marriage to God in prayer. He is the inventor and author of marriage. He knows what went wrong in that union and He alone knows what to do to put it back on track. Instead of reporting your spouse to every Tom, Dick and Harry, talk to God concerning him or her and the Lord will touch his or her heart in your favour.

Please, do not neglect prayer at this hour of need. Pray, pray and pray. Talk to God more than you will talk to men. Talk to God about his/her decisions, actions, emotions, finances, job, character, utterances, sexual life and friends. With God, orderliness will be restored to that home. He will turn your battle around and give your marriage a new lease of life.

(2) **CHECK YOURSELF:** In a bad marriage, it is easy to blame your spouse, mother-in-law, friends, devil or even God for your plight. The last person you are likely to blame is yourself and this should not be.

It takes two people to make a marriage work and it takes just one person to scuttle it. Examine yourself. Blame yourself too. Your spouse cannot take a hundred percent blame. You have a fair share of the blame too. Therefore, check yourself. There may be some untoward attitudes you need to drop; some negative statements you need to replace. There may even be some bedroom rules you have to imbibe. Make amends where necessary. If you want to know the real enemy of your marriage, look in the mirror.

(3) **GO FOR COUNSEL:** “For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war; and in multitude of counsellors there is safety” (Proverbs 24:6).

Never wait till when your marriage is in a coma before looking for help. Seek help from experts and be prepared to follow their advice.

Research has shown that most men don't seek counsel. All men should know that it is not a sign of weakness to seek wise counsel. It is just like consulting a professional for your business plan. Only wise men go for marriage counselling. Those who are too big to seek for advice will only make their marriage vulnerable to divorce.

(4) **MAKE A POSITIVE LIST:** I understand that you are hurt and truly offended, but if that marriage must come alive again, you need to do something unusual. Get a plain sheet of paper and a pen, then list every good thing your spouse has done for you in the past. List at least twenty (20) of them. This may not be easy, but please do it because it will help you to resolve your marriage crisis with a sound mind. It also makes it easier for you to forgive and speak the truth in love.

Whenever there is crisis in a home, you need to take charge of your heart positively toward your spouse. If not, you may have a trailer load of negative things he or she had done against you in the past. Most times, it will be as if you are hearing a voice reminding you of all the wrong doings of your spouse. If this continues unchecked, you are likely to think negatively and

beings. God wants us to be conscious of the spiritual because God made man as a Spirit being, gave man a soul and encapsulated the soul and spirit in a body.

Thus man is principally a spiritual being. In fact Paul in Ephesians 6:12 said that our struggle is not against flesh and blood (Physical), but against spiritual forces. So what does God want us to know about the Spiritual world that the devil seeks to conceal using the concept of UFOs and other gimmicks? First is that since we are Spirit beings in Christ Jesus, then we must be spiritually minded and not carnal (Romans 8:6). Being spiritually minded is a state where we are not totally subject to our five senses both conscious of God and His word. Jesus was a practical example of this, He spent time in prayer and reading the word, overcame sin and even nature obeyed His voice. A man who is subject to the five senses cannot do what Jesus did more or less even die on a cross, because to the natural man it is foolishness. Being spiritual comes by the practice of spiritual things which includes quality time of prayer and study of the word, seeking the Lord in fasting and prayers, reading spiritual books, listening to spirit-filled songs etc. He that overcomes spiritually will overcome physically. He that overcomes in the place of prayer will also prevail among men.

Secondly is that a whole lot of the things we might take as natural or usual has spiritual implications. Every word spoken for instance holds strong spiritual weight. Proverbs 18:21 says that life and death lies in the power of the tongue, and that we will give account for every idle word we speak (Matthew 12:36). Jesus even went further to say that the word He speaks to us is Spirit and life (John 6:63) and so also are the words we speak. That means that our words carry spiritual connotation and without being spiritually minded we cannot eat of the life that comes with the words of our mouth. Also, we must not speak anyhow or just use swear words for fun, our words are potent. More to that, even music is a creation of God and can make or mar a life. The spiritual significance of music is clearly shown in 2 kings 3:11-17, where as a minstrel played, the Spirit of God moved upon Elisha. That is why Paul said that we should teach and admonish one another in spiritual songs (Col 3:16, Eph. 5:19). Meaning, there are carnal songs that can weaken you spiritually but spiritual songs edify. Recognizing the power of music, Plato said, “give me the music of a nation, and I will change the mind of that nation”. And yet Ed Basler spelt out that “there is a whole generation that the church has lost-the sight and sound generation. MTV has captured them, but the church hasn't.” We must abstain from music that promotes illicit sex, drugs and alcohol and go for edifying spiritual songs.

Even blessings and money are offshoots of the spiritual. Eph 1:3 says God has provided all “spiritual blessings” that we need and money is just an offshoot of the blessings of the Lord. He is the one that gives us the power to get wealth (Deut 8:18). But don't be surprised that even unbelievers enjoy this blessing, for He said that He makes rain to fall on both the just and

unjust (Matthew 5:45) and His gifts are without repentance (Rms 11:29).

Still concerning blessings, the bible states in Revelation 5:6, that the seven Spirits of God (Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Might, Fear of the Lord, Spirit of the Lord) has been sent out into all the earth. Meaning if we ask God for it, it will be made available to us and then we can exhibit the power of God just as Jesus did. What a blessing!

The devil has never created anything (his chicken brain is too small for that), but he is good at something though, creating counterfeits! He tries to create semi-originals to take us away from the quality of God; UFOs and even worldly music are no exceptions. God is still all knowing and holds the power of creative wisdom. The wisdom in the world is sensual and is limited, but the wisdom of God transcends time. It is that Wisdom that made Moses write the creation story (Genesis) without being there, and the same wisdom inspired John the beloved to write about the events of the end times, thousands of years before it happened. The counterfeit game of Satan is to stop you and me from tapping into this wisdom of God. This wisdom is not found among men (Job 28:13), that means it must be somewhere outside the reach of normal humans. But Job 28:23 states, “.....God understands the way of it....” And the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom (Prov 1:7). And because God is a Spirit (Jn 4:24) then we can access this wisdom spiritually.

This study started by looking at UFOs and the fallacy of their existence, with a disguise of making man ignoramus of the spiritual world. And further details have been given into why we must be careful because the intention of the devil is to make man dormant of God and His truth. The strongest force on earth is the potency of truth, because the truth can set a person free (John 8:32). And the truth is that we are in a spiritual world, controlled by spiritual forces and the earth is but a play ground of the spiritual. Or have you not observed that daily you've been part of a war; a battle between the force of good and evil. From the beggar on the street to the billionaire in Wall Street or the geek at Silicon valley, we are all in a spiritual warfare whether you know it or not. But bless God that you now know that by clinging to the force of good (God) you can overcome. The force of good is your connection to God and consciousness of your spiritual roots. The world will throw many things to stop us from knowing Christ, the media preaches violence, illicit sex and free thinking but we must be careful about the wiles of the enemy.

The zenith of our existence is to make heaven. And heaven is a spiritual place where death's sting is dead and immortality exists. My prayer is that you will prevail over every form of deception, get knitted to God by being spiritual and ultimately make heaven.

UFOs?

The Bible calls them IFOs

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Over the past years from about the last quarter of the 19th century till this moment in time, Science, Philosophers and religious folks has battled over the concept of strange celestial beings that exist apart from man. No known record is evident of their origin but are commonly portrayed in the media and movies as visiting the earth in space ships and many times in opposition to mankind or having technologies light years ahead of man. This concept has gradually evolved into what is popularly called Unidentified Flying objects (UFOs). Although UFOs generally describes a whole class of aliens from some unknown planet or destination, the general concept of many a people is that of an Extraterrestrial life form with flying saucers. NASA has evidently taken pictures of either objects or strange anomalies that cannot be explained and has assumed these are infiltrations of UFOs. Recently according to Daily Mail publication of August 22, NASA caught some images of a speck of light and four blobs hovering the sky in the red planet (Mars), with the only logical explanation that these anomalies might be UFOs.

However, although Science seems to pride in its knowledge, history has also shown us that the bible has more accurate answers to the bugging mind of the curious. Many among such answers are the concepts of the shape of the earth. Mesopotamian mythology believed that the earth was flat, and the flat concept of the earth continued through time until about 6th century BC when Greek Philosophers like Pythagoras, Aristotle, Plato and the likes using logic described the earth as spherical. Physical evidence however came from the voyage of circumnavigation of the 16th century and science got hard evidence in the 18th and 19th century. Despite the long time of searching, Prophet Isaiah who lived in 8th Century BC had already said, "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth..." (NKJV Isaiah 40:22). How Awesome to know that two centuries before Greeks used logic to solve the puzzle, God had revealed it to Isaiah.

In the 20th century, science had ground breaking research in genetic engineering which led to cloning and stem cell technology. Not only is genetic engineering evident from scripture, God Himself used it. In Genesis 2:21-23, God Himself brought Adam to His theatre, made him sleep without administering any

anesthetic drug and took out his rib bone. The bible puts it that He formed the woman out of the bone. That sounds like the embryonic stem cell research that enables stem cells to be nurtured into producing a full body part. Science is still yet to advance into what God did in creating the woman.

These two examples prove to us that God is the master of all things and the all knowing one. However, this is not to discredit the marvels of science as God himself is the originator but that science without God is like seeing smoke without acknowledging fire.

Let's now consider the concept of UFOs and see God's take on it. I call it IFOs because it is not 'unidentified'; the bible has identified it for us. Praise the Lord! Contrary to what science seeks to impress on our minds, UFOs do not exist. Every feature used to describe UFOs is what the bible calls the Heavenly host. We know from the bible that the world is not inhabited by only humans because there are spirits or heavenly hosts present that control the affairs of men. Primarily among these heavenly hosts are angels of God, Satan and fallen spirits.

The main focus of this piece is to set up a critique that supports the fact that humans are not alone on the earth, other beings exist but they are not UFOs as is widely known. And secondly, that there is a deception game by the devil to stop our access to spiritual things, thus the concept of UFOs.

Science has failed to acknowledge the spiritual world and instead uses the concept of UFOs to associate any other existence apart from homo-sapiens. The spiritual world is more real and more populated than the physical world and this is evident from both 2 Kings 6:17 and Matthew 26:53. Elisha had the mountain filled with angels for his protection and Jesus said that He can ask the father to send Him a legion of angels. A legion is an army between 3000 to 5000 soldier, therefore 12 legions is over 36000 angels. The bible also testifies that even children have angels and that angels are immortals (Psalms 104:4, Matthew 18:10).

The greatest lie the devil ever told the world is that he does not exist. And this mentality has permeated down to the belief that even God does not exist, thus eliminating totally any belief in Spiritual things or

conclude that you can no longer live together happily.

Do not listen to that negative voice. Look inwards and think about positive things he or she had done for you in the past. Look around for physical items your spouse bought for you when the going was good.

This will make you realise that what is happening now is not deliberate but an indication that something is wrong somewhere. Jointly search for what is wrong and fix it by focusing on his or her positive attitudes. It takes maturity to do this and I hope you are mature.

(5) **CHECK YOUR WEDDING PICTURES:** Bring out your wedding pictures and look at them one after the other. Remember how happy your family, friends, you and your spouse were on that day. Will you disappoint all of them? Will God be glorified if you take any negative step on that marriage? Will it be a good achievement to be on the list of divorcees? Are you aware that this may have adverse psychological effects on you and your children?

The joy that is lost in that marriage can still flow back like a flood if only you can make up your mind to allow it.

Think twice and fight for the survival of your marriage. If you fight for the survival of that marriage, there will be an arrival of love and fresh honeymoon.

(6) **COUNT THE COST:** Do you know that a bad marriage with divorce is more expensive than a good marriage? Yes it is!

The cost is so enormous; physically, socially, financially, emotionally, spiritually and mentally. It will reflect negatively on your outlook, business, job, health, ministry and children.

Don't allow your heart to be broken; rather programme it to break every thought of divorce.

That marriage can still work; guard it jealously. Never let God down. Be a dogged fighter; fight for the soul of your marriage.

(7) **GIVE ROOM FOR RECONCILIATION:** The best room to open in a marriage that is experiencing crisis is the room for reconciliation. Do not close your mind against it; make a way for it. No matter what happens, reconcile, for it is better to "jaw-jaw" than to "war-war".

Do not be a difficult partner, be a peace maker and not a truce breaker.

(8) **TALK TO YOUR SPOUSE:** Without communication, there can't be reconciliation and where reconciliation is absent; frustration becomes the order of the day.

Create time to talk; sit down together to iron out what is wrong. Jointly attack the root cause and not the personality. Don't apportion blame to anybody but apologise to one another in love. Use positive words to settle your disputes and disagreement with heart-to-heart discussions.

(9) **FORGIVE GENEROUSLY:** Your ability to forgive your spouse is a proof that you are a sound

Christian. To err is human but to forgive is divine. Forgive your spouse and restore your old relationship. Always remember that a successful marriage is a relationship between two forgivers.

HOW TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE ALONE

She looked at me straight in the face, frowned and sighed bitterly. Then she spoke with a tone of finality,

"Pastor, I am tired of this marriage. Nobody can tell me to continue it except if the person wants to kill me. I have endured for too long. There is a limit to human endurance". When I had an opportunity to talk, I said "I know you have tried. I know you have endured but there is one thing you cannot tell me you have done. You have not allowed the Holy Spirit. You have not demonstrated the fruit of longsuffering. Endurance is human; that is why there is a limit to it but longsuffering is long enough for a lifetime to keep you going till your home is fully restored". Just like magic, she agreed with me and decided to work on her marriage and make it work.

You can save your marriage no matter what. No matter the offences, no matter the bitterness, you can make it work.

A young wife once told me how she used to wait till 2am for her husband to return from the club. To make matters worse, he would come home dragging his foot carelessly. It became so bad that he started coming home with used condoms, to paint a picture for her of how he enjoyed his new girl.

But the young woman made up her mind to work her way back to his heart and restore what she called her "sick husband". Through prayer and patience, she was able to win her battle. God intervened through one of the many girlfriends who broke his head with a bottle. This event led to his total turn around.

A man of God told us how his wife was a thorn in his flesh, fighting his church members, causing troubles, buying things on credit from church members without the intention to pay, failing to attend church services, and choosing rather to wash her clothes during church service just beside the auditorium.

But the man resorted to prayer and fasting. With patience and wisdom, he turned the woman to one of the greatest women of God in Nigeria today.

Don't rely on your spouse to save your marriage. Rather, make up your mind to save it. There are three options for your hurting marriage and three choices to make:

(1) Get a Divorce. This is the most wicked and terrible among the choices. I see it as a wrong solution to a terrible problem.

(2) Tough Skin reaction. This is about not resorting to divorce and not taking any step to restore the marriage but becoming stone hearted, indifferent and unconcerned while destroying plans for reconciliation and reconnection. In this marriage,

fighting may not have taken place but there is cold war. It is a case of "to your tent, Oh! Israel". Many marriages in Nigeria are at this level too.

(3) Find your problem, fight it, focus on it and finish it. Maturely decide to win the war of your marriage. Be ruggedly bent on winning the battle of your marriage at all cost. It may mean losing your right; it may mean not being appreciated; it may mean being humiliated. But by all means, make that marriage work. This is the most noble thing you can do; the greatest choice you can make. It is the best decision for your home, your health, your joy, your relationship with God, your careers and your children.

WORK TO DO

To save your marriage alone, you must do the following:

- (1) Take it to God in prayer. He knows all things. He can do all things. He has won all battles. Stop reporting to people that cannot be of help to you. Why don't you go to God that can be of help? Don't just ask God to change your spouse, ask Him to change you too so that your spouse can follow suit. Ask for wisdom and patience to handle the situation as well as grace to go on despite all challenges. Destroy every demonic power fighting your marriage and pray for divine help to stabilise your home.
- (2) Make up your mind to improve, even if your spouse fails to improve. Remember the word improvement starts with "I", let it start with you.
- (3) Be doggedly committed to God, His word, your mate, your marriage and your family.
- (4) Speak to your spouse in the spirit of love.
- (5) Prepare for rejection, knowing God is on your side.
- (6) Avoid discussing your marital problems with people. It encourages bitterness. Rather, talk to the Lord and see your counsellor.
- (7) Never discuss your marital problems with unbelievers, friends or acquaintances if they are of the opposite sex.
- (8) Do not separate from your spouse; never move out of your home. Do not allow your spouse either to move out.
- (9) Check yourself; correct your mistakes.

- 10) Keep friends who will encourage you to save the relationship.
- (11) Don't concentrate on your partner's failure; rather look for something good in him or her. No matter how bad you think he or she is, there is still something good about him or her.
- (12) Continue to honour and respect your spouse, no matter what happens.
- (13) Never set out to change or reform your spouse. You can't even do it. Instead just decide to love him or her even when he or she refuses to change.
- (14) Always remember that staying in that marriage is the will of God for your life.
- (15) Ask for the fruit of long suffering (Galatians 2:22-23).
- (16) Talk less, pray more.
- (17) Think positively of your spouse.
- (18) Do positive things, without expecting anything in return. Even if it is not appreciated, continue. Very soon, love will triumph.
- (19) Forgive and reconcile quickly.
- (20) Pursue your wife; pursue your husband. Never be indifferent or vengeful.
- (21) Please, always remember that the more matured between you is the one who initiates reconciliation and even ask for forgiveness. Swallow your pride. Don't be tired of begging and reconciling with your spouse.
- (22) Never say "I don't take nonsense". No! Marriage is full of many "nonsenses". Don't make a mess of your life because of them.
- (23) Always remember that the more foolish, the more naïve, the more selfish childish and stubborn one between the two of you will be the first to call for separation and divorce. Who will bell the cat?

"The word Improvement starts with letter "I"; if your marriage must improve, start with yourself."

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the name, 'The Forgotten Man'. Former US President Franklin Roosevelt disputed that such a person could survive on their own. For Roosevelt, the Forgotten Man cannot survive unless the government helps him. Whether we call him Joe Bloggs or Johnny Man, for the person that has been forgotten there is a degree of lack, a degree of delay or stagnation, an element of isolation, a certain helplessness and even injustice.

When God remembers, a major turnaround transpires whatever the situation maybe. The Bible tells us of how God remembered Noah and every living thing that was with him in the ark and restored them unto dry land (Genesis 8:1). When Joseph was remembered by God he was moved from prison to palace (Genesis 41: 39). We also learn of the Widow of Zarephath who, together with her son, was ready to die due to poverty, but God remembered her and by the hand of his prophet Elijah, turned her poverty into prosperity (1 Kings 17:15). Then there was divine remembrance for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who the king sentenced to death by incineration because they said NO to man-worship. God brought deliverance to them even in the deep of the fiery furnace (Daniel 2: 23-25).

The Bible is replete with examples of situations in which God brings about a turnaround in the life of an individual or individuals because of divine remembrance.

Remembrance is part of the pastoral attributes of God. Whatever you are doing, know that God remembers. Whatever you may be going through, know that God, who does not forget the sparrow (Luke 12:6), will not forget you. Yet we must continue to cry

to the Lord. God is omnipotent, he knows everything so his remembrance is mainly in response to what you do or do not do. So we should call unto him, and re-call unto the Lord that he may remember. Our cry to God should be our steadfastness in prayers and our steadfastness in doing the Lord's will. Note that the Hebrew word for remember is zakar and we see this in the name of the Prophet Zachariah which means One Who God Remembers.

Remember (zakar) in the Hebrew means to mark or to leave an imprint. The Hebrews emphasised the evidence of remembrance so that remembrance is not just a formality. In the book of Zechariah, a message is conveyed concerning what the children of Israel were going through. If we are to appropriate that message, it is saying that God is at work and he will not forsake us, he will save us from our enemies and we shall know it. It says:

"They will pass through the sea of trouble; the surging sea will be subdued and all the depths of the Nile will dry up. Assyria's pride will be brought down and Egypt's sceptre will pass away.

I will strengthen them in the Lord and in his name they will live securely," declares the Lord (Zechariah 10:11-12).

For you, who is calling unto the Lord this day for one thing or the other and you whose heart is stayed upon the Lord, he has not rejected you, he will never forsake you. You will see his remembrance and your turnaround will come and at the appropriate time.

Shalom.

DIVINE REMEMBRANCE

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"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He has visited and redeemed His people... to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which He swore to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our lives." (Luke 1:68, 72-75).

It was a Sunday evening, Dan was bored, and he sat in front of the television thinking about life in general when suddenly his phone rang. He was reluctant to pick up the call because he could not recognise the number, but somehow something prompted him to take the call. On the line was Craig, a long lost childhood friend who had found him on Facebook. He wanted to say Hi for old times' sake and to catch up a little on the so many changes that had taken place in their lives since they last saw one another. They had such a wonderful chat together. They spoke for over an hour and when he put the phone down, he was smiling and he felt good. Dan's mood was transformed because his friend remembered him. Imagine then what happens when God remembers. Divine remembrance leaves a permanent imprint on the life of a person. See the change in Dan in one evening, all because

his friend remembered him and reached out to him.

Yet, as he starts to take on the demands of the week ahead, the euphoria from his nice chat may dissipate and be replaced with concerns about work, or family or concerns about this and that. To remember means many things but I want us to understand divine remembrance as a situation in which God bears people in mind as deserving a benefit and proceeds to deliver such benefit to them. Craig might have saved the talk time on his phone, but he felt that his friend Dan, was worthy or deserving of the expense and he made that call and it blessed his friend. When God remembers the captive, liberty replaces captivity. When God remembers the weak, strength replaces weakness. When God remembers the sorrowful, whatever may be the cause, joy replaces that sorrow. When God remembers they that lack, suddenly lack disappears and is replaced by possessions.

The antonym for 'remember' is 'forget'. Everywhere in the world, society comes up with a caricature of the disadvantaged, the hardworking person, and the toiler who fails to gather enough or accumulate wealth - a person with little or no savings, or who cannot accumulate wealth. He or she has just enough and no more than that. An American, William Sumner gave this person

DO IT YOURSELF: WEBSITE SETUP GUIDE FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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Hello Everyone! It's another glorious year and the Higher ground is here again. It is my prayer that God shall reward and compensate you beyond your wildest dreams this year. Amen.

Do you own a business or would like to start a business but thinking of the difficulty and huge capital outlay required to reach your customers? If yes then read on.

It is not news that the cheapest and fastest way to reach and acquire new customers is through the World Wide Web. What is news is that you can practically get a web presence for your business for almost next to nothing if you have basic desktop publishing skills. Whether you're setting up a corporate website, a blog or just want to announce your presence on the web, the age of hand-coding HTML pages and CSS is long behind us. All you need is to register a business domain name, buy a hosting plan, install your desired content management system and configure it to your needs all under £150

Domain Name Registration

This is required so that customers can find your address on the web through a web browser. Usually in the format of www.yourbusinessname.com where "your business name" stands for your actual business name. Popular domain registrars which you can find on the internet via google are 1&1, Go Daddy, Gandi, NameCheap, etc. You can search to know if your chosen domain name is available through their site and then register it usually for less than £7 a year.

Hosting Plan

A hosting plan is required to host and publish your website files. Your content management system (CMS) is installed or hosted with your web host. Most domain registers offer web hosting services as

well. They are also responsible for linking your domain name to your files using name servers. Ensure you choose a host with support for your CMS platform. Cost per year on the average is around £100 based on features you choose. Popular Web Host service providers are Go Daddy, 1&1, Gandi, Dreamhost, etc. You can choose to register and host your domain with the same provider or not.

Content Management System

Now this is the interesting part. Modern content management systems have revolutionized the way websites are being authored. Dynamic websites complete with social media integration can be produced in a matter of hours without prior web scripting skills. The likes of Wordpress, Drupal, ModX, DotNetNuke, Joomla, etc ensure you get your web presence with minimalist coding skills. These CMSs come packed with an array of customizable templates and themes you can use to build anything imaginable. Plugins and social media widgets can be installed on the fly and ecommerce sites can be produced with little technical know-how. I personally use Wordpress for my own website because I find it to be easier to incorporate a blog for those of us interested in blogging. You can go to wordpress.org to learn more. I recommend you use wordpress if you are a beginner because its just easier to use. Other platforms like Joomla or Drupal are also good but may require more time to understand.

It would be impossible to exhaust such a huge topic in less than 700 words but the purpose of this article is to guide you and give you direction on how to get going on implementing that website you've always dreamed about. Remember faith without works is dead, put your dreams to action-build your website. Shallom!