

COLOR IN WILDERNESS

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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

This book will unveil the many-sided parts of God's word and how to apply them. My prayer is that your life will experience a definite transformation through this book.

God bless you richly!

I DON'T READ BOOKS...

Okay, I do, I read books. But all I get are motivations, motivations that only lead halfway. People are tired of being motivated, they want to have a true experience with the things they read.

I believe the era of "fleshy" knowledge has come; knowledge that can instantly be felt, and immediately compel you to do the needful. I get upset when I hear people make remarks like "Wow, Anslem, I heard a powerful quote today...". They heard powerful quotes, and even powerful teachings, but there just wasn't enough power in those quotes to transform their lives. What is the use of a powerful quote that has no powerful effect on my life?

"Hmm... hmm..., that's really powerful", but that's where it ends.

I believe God applied this principle when He sent His only begotten Son to die for the world. He had sent powerful words to His people through prophets and kings, but those powerful words only brought little results. And then He sent the "fleshed" word, Jesus Himself. John 1:14 says that "the Word was made flesh, and it dwelt among us". It is the "fleshed" word that has prospered Christianity, even till this day.

If the knowledge of God is all that you possess, then you know too much already. Because that's the true knowledge that adds "flesh" to everything we do. Daniel 11:32 says "they that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits". Other words may motivate you, but God's word will add life to you. John

6:63 says "it is the spirit that quickens, the flesh profits nothing; the word that I speak unto you are spirits, and they are life". God's word has a spirit that adds life to people and things.

Things may be down, the economy may be tough, but God's word is always sure. Matt 24:35 tells us that "Heaven and earth may pass away, but God's word shall not pass away". Anything is free to happen, but whatever happens won't change the fact that God's word will not pass away. No matter how complex a challenge may appear, it will surely pass away for God's word.

We may be in a recession, or famine, or a wilderness kind of adventure like Jesus went through for forty days. But God's word guarantees victory. Just as Jesus was approaching the end of His journey in the

wilderness, Satan came and tried to deceive Him. But each of those trials was attacked with "It is written". According to scriptures, Satan had no choice but to leave Jesus alone for a season. People and situations are free to give you good reasons why your color should not show, but show them what is written. If you can show them what is written, they will leave you to show your color. God's word is our only guarantee to shine in difficult times.

CONTROL OF POWER

... who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power... Heb 1:3

From the scripture above, it is clearly stated that God controls all things by the word of His power. And we also understand from scriptures that "The Word" signifies the personality of Jesus. All power belongs to God, but He controls all things by the word section of His power. This means the word is God's remote controller to the affairs of life.

Now God has given you the same remote controller so that you can control the affairs of your life. I believe that scripture is emphasizing the importance of God's word in our daily lives. Witches may have powers, demons may have powers, but all power belongs to God, and all things are controlled by the word of His power, including occultic powers. This also means, no matter how many devilish powers are working against you, you have the remote controller to stop their operations.

If you can understand this, then the end has come to all those torments around your life.

All you have to do is locate a word that relates to the challenge you are going through, then begin to control it. How can you be having the remote controller to the affairs of your life and yet you still lack many things? If you get to your sitting room, and you don't like the station that is broadcasting, all you have to do is change it with the remote controller. That is the same way you should change the things you don't like around your life. No one will force you to watch a channel you don't like, and that's the same way the devil cannot force you to be afflicted. If you're lacking anything in life, then you've not been using your remote controller.

Bishop David Oyedepo has often shared a story of how his daughter was afflicted. All medications on her proved abortive. Then he said to himself "Lord, there must be a way out". He took his bible and began a deep

search from scriptures, and according to him, he found the words that restored the health of his daughter. That is how it should be! No economic situation is strong enough to make you unemployed. People who have the word naturally gain control; any MD of a company may tell you there is no vacancy, but when you have the word, you can create the vacancy. When you are working with the word, MDs don't have the final say, it is you that have the final say. Your lecturers may tell you that you will not graduate if you don't sleep with them, but as long as the word is concerned, that's not the final say. A lecturer threatened a Christian sister that she will not pass his course until she sleeps with him. She went back to her hostel and began to speak God's word on the lecturer's name, and by the time the lecturer saw her again, he said "I have been looking for you, please come and collect your result". Don't manipulate your Christian destiny because of what people

have said, what they have said won't count if only you will say God's word.

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1-2

You are probably very familiar with that scripture. Who doesn't want to rise and shine? I have often heard that the presence of light is the absence of darkness, but why is there so much darkness in the lives of many believers? Does it mean they have not received the light of Christ? Let's find out...

In Luke 5:1-8, Jesus, the light of the world, was present in the same place where Peter had struggled all night but couldn't catch a fish. Jesus even stayed for a while to preach to the people that followed him. And through those times, Peter still couldn't catch a fish. Then after a while Jesus said to Peter, "launch out into the deep, and let your nets down for a draught". Peter responded by saying "I have tried all night but caught nothing, nevertheless, 'at your word', I will let down the net".

That's the key! "At your word". You can't rise or shine until you respond to the demands of the word of God. God is Omnipotent, He is with you right now, and that also means your Light has come to you. But you cannot rise nor shine until you apply His word to your situations. If Peter did not apply the word that Jesus spoke, He would not have caught any fish. The light was present, but Peter did

not shine until he rose up to the demands of the word. So the "Arise" in that scripture means "to engage the word", and after you've engaged the word, you're sure to "Shine", and that's because your Light has come. The fact that God is with you gives you an assurance that the word will work for you.

Ezekiel was also in the presence of God - The Light, in the valley of dry bones. Light was present, but the bones were still dry. I often pity people who say things like "God knows my needs"; true, God may know your needs, but He won't act until you speak His word concerning the need. It was something similar that happened to Ezekiel; God asked him if those bones could live, and he responded saying "only You know". Which means only God knows if the bones can live. But God further made it clear that even though He knows that those bones could live, He still needed Ezekiel to speak His word to the

bones. Let's see how Ezekiel described that scene in scriptures;

Again He said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. Ezekiel 37:4,7

So you see, it was the word of God, which Ezekiel declared, that caused those bones to rise. Something else that bothers me a lot is that many Believers' rarely study their Bible. I presently read two chapters of the bible every day. How will you declare what you do not know? Even beyond declarations, the things I have learnt from scriptures in the last two months have repositioned me greatly.

You can't be seeing the word every day and also be feeling sick in your body. Pro 4:20-22 says;

My son, give attention to my words; let your ear be turned to my sayings. Let them not go from your eyes; keep them deep in your heart. For they are life to him who gets them, and strength to all his flesh.

In other words, when you start seeing sickness and failure, then you must have stopped seeing the word. When you start hearing evil reports, then you must have turned your ear away from God's word. This may sound simple, but don't let the simplicity of the gospel deprive you. God's word carries the cheapest, easiest, but most powerful principles in this world. The world may contest for the fittest, but Believers' should not find themselves in such contests, they should dominate with the word. Believers should have a superiority mentality at all

times; everybody may be struggling, but it should be minus you.

The reason why many people are so close to challenges is probably because they are too far from the word of God. James 4:8 says "draw near to God, and He will draw near to you". Jesus further elucidated in John 15:7 when He said "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you".

HE WAS TOO TOUGH TO BE DEFEATED

A certain man was diagnosed with a terminal disease, and was told he'd die in 3 months. The more he heard the report, the more "sickly" he became. He decided to start going to church; and each time he did, he returned with excitement from what was preached. After some weeks, he decided to stop visiting

the hospital, since he was going to die anyway. He focused on going to church, which was the only place that gave him joy.

12 months passed, he had even forgotten that he was scheduled to die 9 months before. When he finally remembered, he rushed to the hospital to confirm what had happened, and to his amazement, the terminal disease had been supernaturally removed from his body.

Every time you study God's word, virtue flows from the word to you. Remember what Jesus said when the woman with the issue of blood touched Him, He said "virtue has left me".

You just can't remain the same with consistent study of the word. That man kept hearing the word, and what was programmed to kill him found him too tough to kill. God's

word in you makes you too tough to be defeated.

God's word places a mark of exemption on you. Gal 6:17 says "let no man trouble me, for I bear the mark of Christ in my body". No wonder the bible also says "destroy him not, for there is a blessing in him".

Truly, we were made in God's image, but 2 Cor 3:18 explains to us that "it is how much we look at God that determines how much of God we express". It was Bishop David Abioye who said "what you look at will determine what you'd look like". If you look nothing like what God's word is saying, then it probably means you've not looked at it enough.

THE JUDGE NEEDS THE EVIDENCE

I wish I could tell you that you won't feel bad when the devil steals something that is precious to you. I wish the challenges we go through in life can just varnish without a fight. I wish Satan and his cohorts will cease from existing, so that I don't have to face adversaries on my way to success. Afterall, Jesus had already given me victory over Satan.

In Jer 29:10-14, God promised His people that after they have spent 70 years in Babylon, He'd visit them and return them to their land, because He had a good plan for them. However, in verse 12 and 13, He made it clear that even though He had a plan to visit them, they needed to pray and study about their

right to God's visitation, before He could visit them and turn their captivity around.

It's hard to find people who would pray and study in their troubled state. But that is God's requirement for His visitation.

We are like lawyers, we must discover our rights, with evidences, before we can win any case against the devil. We're not expected to lie down in self-pity and regret when the devil is attacking us. Rather, we're expected to open our "Heavenly constitution" and prove to the devil that he had lost the case even before it started. Isaiah 40:8 tells us that the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of God shall stand forever. So, no matter what the devil has done or is doing, the matter had already been concluded in scriptures. All you have to do is "search out the solution".

Do not waste your time and energy worrying over the devil's attack, rather; discover your position from scriptures and destroy all oppositions.

I SWEAR, I WILL...

While we were growing up, swearing by a greater power was usually our best way to resolve conflicts.

We believed that using the words "I swear" would prove the validity of our point. And to be candid, it always did.

We grew up with that mentality of "swearing" to prove our point, but thank God that Christianity has taught us a different and better approach to proving our points.

However, God knows how we reason; and that's why He had to swear an oath in Heb 6:16-18, so that we can believe His word to us.

God didn't have to swear, because it's impossible for Him to lie. But He did! Just imagine God saying "I swear, My word is true".

Now here is my point; God loves us, and He has reserved great and mighty blessings for us. But we really can't access them until we do what His word commands. And how can we do what we don't even know? No wonder Hosea 4:6 says "God's people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge"

GO FOR MAINTENANCE!

Our lives constantly need maintenance. According to 2 Tim 3:16, the word of God is our life's maintenance tool. It has capacity to run both preventive and corrective maintenance on an individual.

Some years back, I was diagnosed with brain tumor. I had headaches every day, and I couldn't stay in environments that were too illuminated. They recommended medications for me, which I refused to use. Surprisingly, the more I studied the word of God, the healthier I became.

A friend recently told me how he escaped the plague of insanity. During his ordeal, he

couldn't identify anyone nor read anything. But surprisingly, he could read a copy of my book. He even read the words aloud such that everyone that were in his ward with him could hear.

When he finally recovered, he told me that "my book was what hastened his recovery". He further said he could feel the words correcting his mind. Develop a habit of studying the word of God daily. Doctors may run check-ups on you, and may even prescribe a medication, but only God's word prevents and corrects.

TOO NEW TO BE OLD

Stop stressing your life with those old things, the new things are far better. If any man be in

Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, and all things become new.

Yeah, all things become new! Your job becomes new, your marriage becomes new, your family becomes new, your business becomes new, your career becomes new, everything about you becomes new.

The mistake most believers make is that they do not take out time to learn how the new things work. Instead, they do guess works, and oftentimes continue with the old methods without knowing.

You really cannot know how a new thing works except you learn how it works. So, learn how your new marriage works. Learn how to approach the new business, the new job, the new academics and career, the new family.

The world system cannot operate the new you. Therefore, do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by renewing your mind through the word of God. Let God's word be your compass for decision making, not man's experience nor expertise.

GET BACK TO THE WORD!

No other means can be as quick as the word of God. Doctors may tell you that it would take time for your health to respond to medication, lawyers may tell you that the case will need more time to be resolved, your boss may have extended the set-time for your promotion, your in-laws may have selfishly extended the time for your wedding; do not worry, God's word is quick and powerful, and it is able to make anything happen when you want it to happen.

We need to stop allowing nature to cheat us. If God had conformed to nature, the moon and the sun would not have been in existence today. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the waters. That would have remained the story if God did not engage the word. And God said "let there be light", and light came instantly. Nature would always have good reasons why you can't get your desires on time, but you also have "God reasons" why you must get your desires without delay. It will ignorance to settle for good reasons when the "God reason" is better. When nature gives you a recommendation, show them the commendation that you already received from the word

REVELATION, RIGHT WORD, AND SENT WORD...

God's word does not delay, it works instantly. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that "the word of God is quick and powerful...". However, the reason why God's word does not work "quickly" for many Believers is mostly because they don't know how to apply the word.

Revelation of God's word may cause you to wonder, but it is the right word that turns you into a wonder. Many believers are busy wondering about the amazing power of God, while many others are experiencing and manifesting that power. 1 Cor 2:4 makes it clear that "the gospel that we preach is not meant to entice people, but to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit". If you can't see

the demonstration of God's word in your life, then you've not applied it in the right way.

OKAY ANSLEM, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REVELATION, RIGHT WORD, AND SENT WORD?

Revelation that is not a right word or sent word will only motivate you. People have stopped looking for words that motivate, they're looking for words that transform. An encounter with right words and sent words would definitely transform any Believer.

REVELATION...

Revelation is knowing the truth of scriptures; and it is the truth you know that sets you free. The difference between distinct believers is the level of revelation they

operate with. Don't be deceived by the saying that "God will show mercy upon who He will show mercy", revelation will attract God's mercy at any time. Even if God does not want to bless you, your access to revelation will change His mind. That's probably why Isaiah 65:8 says "destroy him not, for there is a blessing in him". When you have true revelation, destruction can't come to you.

Revelation from God's word means having a divine understanding of the scriptures. It means seeing the word how God sees it. But seeing the scriptures how God sees it is not a guarantee that you will be delivered from your challenges. People get revelations every day; from preachings, from books, and even from the Holy Spirit, but not all revelations are fit enough to fix the challenges we go through.

Don't get me wrong, right words and sent words are also revelations, because they are revealed by God; but it is not all revelations that are right words or sent words. And what we really need to resolve the challenges we encounter is not just revelation, but right words or sent words. Many people have gotten plenty of revelations on why they should get married, but why are they still single? Many students have not gained admission into the University, not because they don't have revelations from scriptures that promises academic success, but because they don't have the right word. Many unemployed graduates have declared all the scriptures they know about getting a miracle job, but why are they still jobless.

RIGHT WORDS...

Even though God's word may be true, not all true words from scriptures are right for all situations.

Many years back I developed a mysterious migraine that lasted for many days. I attacked the migraine with all the scriptures I knew, but it seemed like the more I declared those scriptures, the more intense the migraine became. I woke up on the fourth day and picked my Bible, with the understanding that "there must be a way out". Meanwhile, I had tried to use a medication, but it didn't work. I began to study, and it wasn't long before I found John 8:32 "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". I then said to myself "but I know the truth, that by the stripes on Jesus I have been healed". After

that discovery, I screamed "MIGRAINE, GO NOW!", and it disappeared instantly.

Right words must be found. Prov 24:14 says "so shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto your soul: when you have found it, then there shall be a reward, and your expectation shall not be cut off". If your expectations are still cutting off, then it means you've not found the right word. You may have found the true words, but you need the right word to activate the true words. The reason why that migraine lasted for days is because I was dwelling on the true words I knew, instead of searching for the right word that will activate the true words. If you've been believing God miracle marriage, job, career breakthrough, academic breakthrough, health restoration, or anything at all, and you've not seen the manifestation, then it means you've not found the right word yet. You can't find right word and not experience the the

manifestation of your desire. It said "when you have found it, there shall be a reward, and your expectation shall not be cut off". In other words, the proof for finding is the reward, and the reward is usually your expectation. So don't tell me that God has not answered your prayers, have you found the right word?

Here is a testimony shared by Bishop David Oyedepo in one of his teachings;

"I have two major encounters that turned everything around in my life. First was March 22, 1982, while seeking and searching for kingdom secrets of prosperity. I was with the books of **Kenneth** and **Gloria Copeland** great mentors, and I was searching with my Bible on a 3-day adventure. I separated myself, you know the Bible says "Through desire, a man having separated himself seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom". I said "Lord show me the secret of kingdom prosperity." On the 3rd day, light broke out from heaven, it came to me like an intoxicant, and it turned me on like hot wine. I stood up after I found it, and I

spinned and screamed 'Yeehhh! I can never be poor!'

GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS...

"Whatever I found that night, you too be set to find it out now, and you shall be free forever. Not that I'm free from debt; I have never been in it! From 1982 till date, I have never needed to pray for what to eat; I have never called on anybody on phone, or knocked on any door, for any form of aid. God is no respecter of persons. If you can see what I saw, and engage yourself the way I did, you will be sharing the same testimony."

He had a similar encounter that also made him scream "Yeehh!, I can never be sick". Encounter with the right word will likely make you scream. It comes with a force that can never leave you in the same position. After I encountered that right word for the ache on my head, I also screamed "Migraine, go now!". The moment you find or encounter the word, you would know, because it won't leave you in the same position nor situation.

SENT WORDS...

While a right word must be found, a sent word is usually sent to an individual by God Himself. Ps 107:20 says "God sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions". Ps 105:19 explains to us that until the time that Joseph's word came, the word of the Lord tried him. So while we may go after right words, we have to believe God for a sent word.

It was a sent word that Jacob received that influenced the whole of Israel. Isaiah 9:8 says "The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it lighted upon Israel". There is a difference between what is read, what is heard, and what is sent.

From experience, God sends a word to His people to deliver them or help them overcome what is coming. It was a sent word that Jesus gave to Peter in Luke 22:31-33 when He said "behold, Satan has asked permission to tempt you all, but I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail you".

Believe me, if Job had access to a sent word from God, maybe he would not have suffered the afflictions he suffered. People who enjoy sent words are people who are always in the spirit; it was Apostle John who said "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day when I heard". Job was serving God, but he was not in the spirit. He lived in fear all the days of his life; the bible particularly says that "the things which he feared came upon him". You can't be living in fear and still be in the spirit; the presence of fear declares the absence of your spirit. 2 Tim 1:7 tells us that "God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind". If God has not given you the spirit of fear, then the presence of fear in you indicates the operation of a wrong spirit.

One evening, I had a very unpleasant argument with the family I lived with in Lagos, Nigeria. I consciously took a walk outside the house so I could ease off the pain I was feeling. Then I asked God "now that I am weeping over this matter, what are You going to do about it?". Surprisingly, I heard His voice saying "My son, don't worry, the sufferings of this present time is nothing compared to the glory I'd reveal to you in return". It was a year after that I found those exact words in Roman's 8:18. And truly, today, I can't compare the sufferings of that time to the glory that God has revealed and still revealing to me.

Back on the 26th August, 1987 while Bishop David Oyedepo was away on a mission trip to the United States, God suddenly visited him and said, "Get back home and make my people rich". Today, I have no doubt that several thousands and perhaps millions around the world have been delivered from the shackles of poverty and brought into realms of financial fortune through that sent word.

Sent words can come from any dimension. It could be a simple word, or a word from scriptures. By "simple" I mean God can speak through anybody or anything. Sent words can come as instructions, directions or prophecies. The word that Jacob received was a prophecy, He said "your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed". The word that was sent to Jehoshaphat was instructional, He said "You

shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you.... Fear not nor be dismayed; tomorrow, go out against them, for the Lord will be with you".

In conclusion, sent words can come at any time, but you can only receive them when you are in the spirit, in the presence of God. Bishop David Oyedepo has often shared a story of how he received a sent word in a toilet "The harvest of Africa is now overripe, rush in, and preserve the harvest". The word that is shaking Africa today was received in a toilet. You may be in the prison, but if you're in the spirit, then you're qualified to receive a sent word from God. Sent words should be prayed for from time to time, whether in a church service or on the road - traveling. A sister shared a testimony of how God gave her a word before a particular affliction came upon her. The affliction lasted for weeks, but

the word she received was what helped her through.

We can't afford to live outside the spirit, the devil is not friendly. The reason why his attacks tarry long on many believers is usually because those believers were not sensitive to the sent word that must have come for them. Bishop David Oyedepo has often told this story of how he instructed two of his pastors not to go on a particular journey, because he received a signal from the spirit that the journey will be for their hurt. Those pastors were obstinate, they traveled. But before they could go 20 kilometers, they had a ghastly accident then took their lives. If they were also in the spirit like the bishop, perhaps they would have heard for themselves.

FINALLY...

After all that the Spirit of God has unveiled in this book, it is clear that Christianity is not a call to pray alone, it's a call to take responsibility and position for a word that will change the situation of things. If our president will sit down with the bible for 3 days, there is no way he won't find the right word that will settle the challenges of our economy. And this is why a president that is not a student of the Bible can't lead a nation successfully. Even Moses that had God on his side still had issues leading the people of Israel, now imagine a leader that doesn't know God at all.

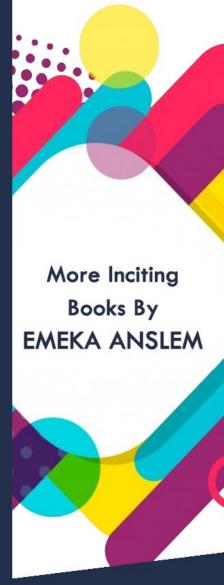
However, as believers, the government is not the reason for our weaknesses. Just like Isaac, we need to sow appropriate word-seeds into this land, and things will begin to change. This is why the bible says "the earnest expectation of the world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God". The world does not have access to the revelation of the word, Jesus particular said "The word is a mystery to them". But for we that are in the kingdom, we have access to these mysteries, and that's why they are waiting for us to manifest them.

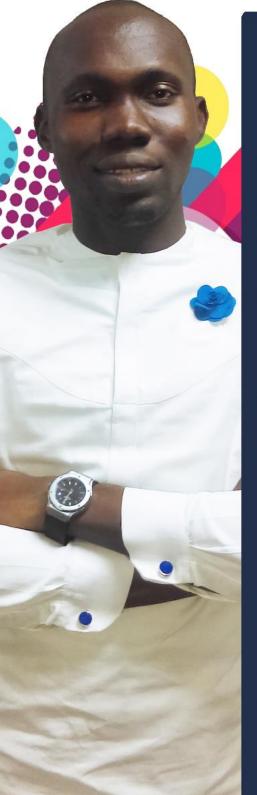
The time has come for a believer to take up national challenges. Dig into our academic system, our agricultural system, our economy at large, and look for certain scriptures that will settle them. The truth is; having a Christian leader is not the solution to our national challenges, it is having a Christian leader who will trade kingdom secrets to fix these challenges.

God bless you for reading, and I long to hear your testimonies.

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A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

