CREATING A STAUGGLE PROOF

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Struggle-proof living

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INTRODUCTION

In the cause of 2020's Pandemic, the Spirit of God began to mentor me on some important virtues to develop and some character flaws to eliminate if I want to scale through trying times.

The things He taught me were so revealing, I couldn't wait to share them.

If you've already started reading this, then read on. Don't put your phone or tablet away hoping you'd read it up later.

It's not just a book, it's a sickle for a definite encounter with God, and anything can

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happen at any moment, especially as you allow the words to flow freely within your heart. Have a good read!

WARNING!!! WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ MAY GIVE YOU AN INSTANT TESTIMONY

So, the first thing He taught me centered around

A CONCENTRATED AFFECTION FOR HIM

This may sound weird already, but painfully, not every believer loves God.

One of the greatest questions every believer must answer is, "What do you want to do for God?". The answer you give will determine your love level for God.

The response that many people have given to this question is that they want to impact the world for God. I receive phone calls from different people, ministers of the gospel especially, and this is always their heart desire, they want to impact the world for God.

While there may be nothing wrong with that desire, it's clearly a desire that was birthed from lack of understanding. There are movements I'm leading today that was never in my agenda.

If somebody had asked Joseph for a prayer point the night before he was called to meet with Pharaoh, I'm certain that the breakthrough that came to him would never have been his prayer point.

So If you ask me what I want to do for God, my answer would be in this simple lines, "I want to love God". Think about it, there's

nothing else I'd like to do for God that He cannot do by Himself.

When He looked for a man to bring salvation to the world and couldn't find, the bible says His own hand brought Him salvation. When it comes to doing His will, He can easily raise stones to do them.

We agree that prayer introduces God to the affairs of man. God restricted His operation on earth to the permissions of man the moment He told man to have dominion over the earth. And prayer has been the channel through which God intervenes in the affairs of man.

If you don't pray, then don't expect divine intervention. If you experience divine

intervention without your personal engagement in prayer, then someone else must have prayed about it. Nothing divine just happens on earth, somebody must pray it.

Now let me startle you. Love is more powerful than prayer. Prayer brings you into communion and fellowship with God, love brings you into union and marriage with God.

A prayer warrior prays for things to happen; a lover waits upon the Lord. When the bible says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles...", it was referring to lovers.

Prayer warriors pray because a need has to be met, lovers intercede because the kingdom has to be fully manifested. Think about it, a wife doesn't have too many prayer points, her prayer points would always center around the kingdom of her husband. That's how you know a lover, he or she would be kingdom-minded.

Matthew 6:33 is a literal invitation into a realm where love makes things happen. But unfortunately, many people have turned that scripture into a business. They go out on evangelism only because they want God to meet a need in their life. And I don't blame them, that's the understanding they got from that scripture.

What they do is right, but the motive is mostly wrong. Winning souls into the kingdom should be an act of love towards God and man, but we've seen of recent times that it's possible to be a soul winner and not have love for God. A thought of this hurts my heart deeply. I really desire that believers would truly love God.

At the point of love towards God, it's not necessarily your prayers that introduces God to your affairs, it's your union. Just as a man and a woman joins to become one flesh, a man and God can join to become one. Just as it is possible to be seeing a woman and be feeling the impact of the husband on her, it is possible for people to be seeing you and be feeling the impact of God, even without a single word of prayer.

1 Corinthians 2:9 is a very powerful scripture. It says, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him".

What else can beat that kind of offer? My journey began on a platform of love and I still remember how I subscribed. Lovers are waiters; for 4 years I was writing a devotional without my name on it. And that's because my Lover told me not to. I'd see it being shared on different platforms and none of them would make reference to the person that posted it.

I became as a horse owned by its rider and didn't have a destination of its own. Even today, if you ask me where I'm going, I still don't know. As at the time I subscribed many years ago, I also didn't know where I was going.

In 2017, my Lover began to unveil the things He had reserved. That was the year I wrote 27 books. Yes, 27 books were written in one year. These are things that eye hath not seen, neither had ear heard, it had never crossed the heart of man. I suddenly became someone that people invited for interviews.

If you ask me how I commanded such feats, my answer will be simple, "the one I'm united with can do all things, including impossible things". Not the one I'm praying to; prayer is powerful, but prayer alone can't grant you such speed, it must be accompanied with love, a concentrated love for God.

So check your heart. Do you really love God? Or are you just in for the benefits. I can tell why you're in by the speed I see in your life. Lovers may experience delay, but it's only because their Lord hasn't made any move yet. And that's why I said lovers are waiters. But hey, the moment their Lord makes the move, He can restore years.

I wrote a devotional in God's name for four years, and God empowered me to write books I couldn't have written in four years in just one year. That's the kind of speed I'm talking about.

And if you read those books, you'd know that God truly has a hand in them. I've ceased to call them books, I now call them

ministrations, because they minister to you as you read. You will literally feel the ecstasy, like an angel is talking to you.

There are e-books I released for free when they were published, surprisingly, when I printed the hard copies, people who read the soft copies for free still bought tens of copies.

A friend once told me that my books will lose market value if I keep giving them out for free. What he didn't know was that anything that has a divine backing doesn't lose market value. No it doesn't!

How do you explain the fact that a Facebook page which was created in March suddenly grew to over 150 thousand followers by December? People who have been there for

years, doing the same things I did, have not gotten to that figure, even till this moment. It is clearly a manifestation of a divine presence.

I've always mentioned that there's something you can know about the kingdom that can change your life forever, and I can tell you that this is one of those things. Love God! Love God! Love God!

Abraham's love made him the Father of many nations. Daniel's love made him second in command in a whole nation. Joseph's love made him relevant for decades. Job's love made him the greatest business man in his time. Solomon's love made him the greatest king that ever reigned. None of them ever planned for such recognitions, but loving God qualifies you for exclusive blessings.

People who prove their love for God easily gain access to divine secrets. Abraham proved his love for God many times. Daniel was threatened, but he preferred to be eaten up by lions than to denounce his God. Job was advised to curse God, but He loved God too much that he couldn't. Even with his deadly predicament, he still prayed for his friends.

Here's a word of caution; God lovers are never in a hurry, they are waiters. They're also never selfish. They never do things for God for personal gains or needs. Lovers don't go out for soul winning because they have financial needs or challenges that needs to be settled, they go out for souls because the kingdom needs to be established.

Lovers may have needs, but they are not needy. Paul had needs, but he never acted like one who had needs. While he was in prison, he needed all the love he could get, yet, he was still dispensing love by writing letters to the church. To him, going to be with God was more important than anything else.

People who serve God for things have mentality issue. They're not different from the prodigal son. Why would anybody be struggling for things that are fully theirs?

As a genuine lover, I'm entitled to the kingdom. And God doesn't need me to ask Him anything before He adds things to me. In fact, why do I even need to ask when I can just take.

You need to see the way I minister to people, no pressure at all. Sometime ago a colleague told me she had been taken medication for high blood pressure. She had been saying that for long but this time God laid it in my heart to talk to her.

I asked her why she had HBP, and she didn't hesitate to say she was thinking about loads of challenges. She had to pay school fees, she has to pay house rent, she had to send money to her siblings, she had to do this and every other thing she had to do.

My goodness! This is how people go to an early grave. And then I asked her one simple question; "Do you have faith in God?". If you do, do you think God is worried about all these things that are giving you HBP?

That was it. She received her healing. I didn't need to pray about it, I just made her understand her rights as someone who loves God.

BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO LOVE GOD?

It means "doing what He likes". And what He likes are the things His word commands. 1 John 5:3 says "for this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and His commandments are not grievous". If keeping God's commandments feels too hard for you, then you need to check your love level.

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Alright, that's it on this topic. But let me recommend two books for you:

- Love, the way to victory (Kenneth Hagin)
- Reduce me to love (Joyce Meyer)

Those books will help you in your love walk.

The second thing He talked and emphasized on is

THE PRIDE OF MAN

Yes, pride!

So I hear a lot of believers grumble about the fact that unbelievers easily get the things believers pray night and day for.

"Jane who doesn't even know God has gotten married with 3 kids", "John that steals people's property still got a job and I haven't".

Yeah, that's the reason for the delay right before you. You're prideful! And God resists the proud.

It's important to mention that the only resistance a humble unbeliever may suffer would be from the devil. God will never resist a humble person from accessing blessings, even if the person is an unbeliever.

Just as the sun shines on everybody, certain blessings are available to everybody, God only reserves some specific blessings for those who love Him. And that's so that you can tell the difference between those that love Him and those that don't.

So don't expect every unbeliever out there to be poor or sickly, they also have dominion over the earth. The advantage a believer in Christ has is that his dominion spans across demonic territories - such that nothing shall by any means hurt him. Unbelievers only have dominion over the earth, not spirits. And that means they can easily be oppressed by the devil.

God didn't have any problem with Herod ascending great heights and ruling His own people, He only had a problem with him when he displayed pride. Truly, pride goes before the fall. The moment you see pride, expect a fall.

Is it not by grace that we are saved? Why do many Christians behave like they own Christ? Our salvation is a privilege that God gave to us, and the thought of it should humble us.

Some of you complain that God has not answered your prayer, do you know how

many people will pay you just to teach them how to pray to the same God you easily pray to?

Some believers have even become very arrogant all in the name of faith. Faith is not arrogance! True faith is pleasing, both to God and man.

Let's humble ourselves; that's the only way we can enjoy the benefits that the kingdom of God carries.

Didn't the bible say, "blessed are the lowly in heart, for theirs is the kingdom of God"? In other words, if you want to experience the hand of God, then you must deal with pride.

Anything that is a requirement to accessing the kingdom must be taken seriously. Unfortunately, that's what believers trivialize the most.

The word "lowly in heart" in that scripture simply means not exalting oneself or not being proud. It is this kind of scripture that will make an unbeliever insult you and you'd still choose to be quiet about it. You could easily rain down fire from heaven or even threaten that unbeliever with your faith, but no, you choose not to exalt yourself.

Sometimes when faith is not balanced, it would result to pride. And this is the reason why many believers have lost their jobs, marriage and careers. They express faith with pride, instead of expressing it with love. Is it

not in your Bible that faith worketh by love? If your expression of faith communicates any other virtue other than love, then you didn't communicate true faith.

I've watched a colleague lose her job because of "faith" that was rooted in pride. Her faith was right, but the application was flawed.

Since it's so important to be lowly in heart, I did a scriptural research and came up with points that will help you keep yourself in check. So I'd be listing them one after the other. Ready?

1. A person who is lowly in heart loves to do all his work secretly and does not receive honor from men. (Matthew 6:1-4)

- 2. A person who is lowly in heart loves to occupy the lowest place, not because he desires to be more esteemed, but because he thinks that this is precisely the place that it is suitable for him. (Luke 14:7-11; Philippians 2:3)
- 3. A person who is lowly in heart is reserved in his conduct. He is neither aggressive nor demanding.
- 4. A person who is lowly in heart loves to give up his advantages for the benefit of others. (Philippians 2:4)
- 5. A person who is lowly in heart does not seek to be anything great, whether it is on an

earthly or a spiritual level; his only desire is to do God's will from moment to moment.

- 6. A person who is lowly in heart does not seek to gain influence with people, yet his entire longing is that people might come under the influence of God. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23)
- 7. Time is precious to a person who is lowly in heart. He doesn't waste time. Yet, he is calm and is never led to do anything in haste. (Ephesians 5:16-17)
- 8. A person who is lowly in heart sanctifies himself so that others, by his example, can sanctify themselves in truth. (John 17:19; 1 Timothy 4:16)

- 9. A person who is lowly in heart denies himself so that his life may not be an offense to others in any way. (Matthew 16:24)
- 10. A person who is lowly in heart lives his life for the purpose of laying it down as a sacrifice. (Mark 10:45; John 15:12-13)

Alright, that's it for this book. I encourage you to work on the two things I've shared with you, and you'd be grateful to God you did.

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EBOOK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO
CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED ANY FORM OF
COUNSEL. AND YES, I LOOK FORWARD TO
READING YOUR TESTIMONIES.
CONGRATULATIONS!

- PUTTING GRACE UNDER PRESSURE
- HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR DESIRED

MIRACLE

- COLOR IN WILDERNESS
 - THE BAIL OUT PLAN
- WHERE ARE THE YOUTHS?
- POWER TO GET WEALTH
- WHERE THERE IS NO VISION
 - FOCUS
 - ACADEMIC DRIVE
- LEARN HOW TO FIND YOUR PURPOSE
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 - INTO THE DEEP
 - OVERCOMING DEPRESSION
 - UNTIL MY CHANGE COMES
 - BECOMING EXCLUSIVELY

PRODUCTIVE

- KNOWING GOD EXPERIENCIALLY
 - OVERCOMING CHALLENGES
 - THE GREAT ADVANTAGE

AND MANY MORE



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