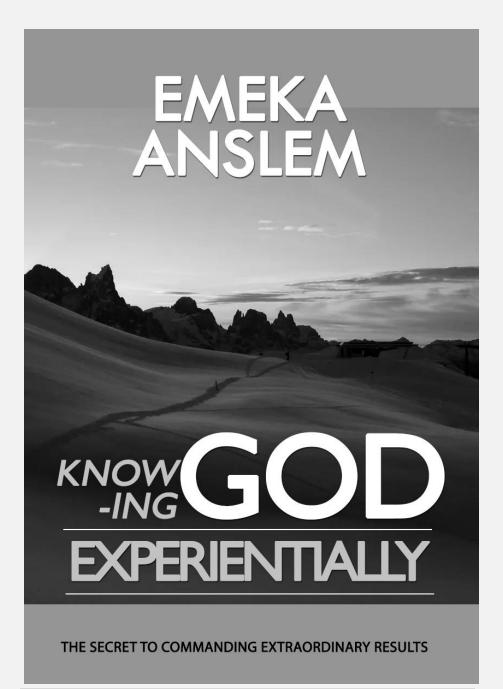


THE SECRET TO COMMANDING EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS



Knowing God Experientially

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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

Never mind, let's begin!

Alright, here's the deal. If you're looking for chapters in this book, you're not going to find one.

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of result is traceable to the things you do not know about your God. Daniel 11:32 says, "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits". Blame the devil all you want, or even your uncle in the village, but the scripture is conclusive on this, if you don't know God, you'd not only be weak, you'd also be void of plausible results.

In Hosea 4:6, God saw all the wickedness that this world has been inflicting on you, He probably saw how much your family tried to sabotage your destiny, but He concluded that despite all of that, "my people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge".

It's one thing to be a Christian and another thing to know God. Being a Christian grants you access to inheritances of the kingdom, but you'd agree with me that there are children who command exploits even before their inheritances are given to them. Many of them don't even need their inheritances: their father had taught them so much growing up, that they didn't see a need to struggle for inheritances. As much as God wants to give us our inheritances, He's looking out for those who would be strong and do exploits.

If knowing God is what empowers us to do exploits, then how do we know God?

Perhaps you should consider a lighter question first. How do you know your biological father? If someone tells you that your father bought a car for you, no matter how impoverished he may be at that time, you're not going to doubt that person. And that's because you've probably seen him make sacrifices for your wellbeing. His sacrifices over the years has given you a sustainable knowledge of him. You can tell what he's capable or incapable of doing just because you know his character.

This can also be related to knowing God, your heavenly Father. You can know Him by His character. The bible may not be all of God's word, but it contains God's characters that are sufficient enough to walk in full knowledge of Him. In the Bible, you'd find how God resolves marital conflicts, financial

challenges, career crisis, and even health issues. Isaiah tells us that there's nothing you're seeking for about God's character that will not be found in the Bible.

If God healed the sick in the Bible, then it means it's in His character to heal the sick. Knowing that about God means that you don't need to ask Him if He can heal the sick, you should know He'd heal the sick.

Perhaps you're wondering if He'd heal a sickness or disease that is very complex. Yes, He will! The bible says Jesus healed all manner of sicknesses and diseases. This also means that the name or nature of the predicament should not startle you, God will heal you. Another scripture says, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper". In other

words, any weapon - whether created or yet to be created, that is formed against me cannot overtake me. It may affect me, but it can't have the last laugh. The challenge may have come after the bible was written, but no matter how new the challenge may be, God's word is new every morning. It's the same yesterday, today and forever.

In the early parts of the old testament, they didn't have access to the bible as we do today. They only had the privilege to follow men as those men followed God. Elisha knew the character of God just by following Elijah. When the mantle was passed to Elisha, his first challenge was to overcome the Jordan river. While he was at it, I perceive that he had a recap on the wonders that God had wrought through the hand of Elijah and concluded that God could path the river.

Once he had reached that point of conviction, he smote the river - beckoning on the God of Elijah. You know the rest of the story, the river pathed.

Samuel understood the character of God by following Prophet Eli, and he turned out to be a great prophet. On the other hand, Saul didn't really have someone to follow before he was anointed to be king. Prophet Samuel anointed him and gave him instructions at intervals, but that wasn't enough to know God. You probably know Saul's story, he failed. Honestly, your lack of positive results can be traceable to your not knowing God. Saul lost his throne to David - a man after God's own heart. It's amazing how knowing God can make you a commander of great results.

What do you know about God that can deliver you, your family, your friends, or even your organization from the challenges they may be going through? There has to be something you don't know about God that is responsible for your limitations. David knew a God that can defeat beings that are mightier than Goliath, so he wasn't afraid to face Goliath in battle.

A pastor in my church was working with an organization that was rapidly folding up; having observed how our church overcome challenges, he walked up to his boss and recommended that the entire organization should engage in fasting and prayer - because that is what his church does whenever they want to break through limitations. His boss and the entire organization agreed to fast for three days, and to their amazement, a

company that had ramshackled experienced rejuvenation. Let me ask you again, what do you know about God that can help you break through limitations?

In my opinion, if you've been a Christian for five years and you've not read the entire Bible, then you're probably the type of Christian who wants a quick fix to every challenge. If you read a chapter of the Bible daily, it would take only two and a half years to read all sixty-six books of the Bible. Which means you would have read it twice in the space of 5 years. I lead a fellowship where members are commanded to follow our Bible study plan. They'd read a chapter per day and retain a favourite verse from that chapter. And they dare not miss it, because they know I'd ask them when we meet for fellowship.

Honestly, God wants us to understand His character, especially as written in the Bible. Satan uses challenges to make a statement against God's greatest creation. After creation, God concluded that everything He created was good; so any time you see something that is not good around you or someone else, it's a statement from the devil. And the reason why you witnessed it is so that you can correct that statement.

It should not surprise you when the people around you are going through challenges, that's why you are there, to correct that statement. And to correct that statement, you have to understand the character of God. You have to know if the solution to that thing is featured in God's character.

I was preparing to have dinner one evening when a member of my fellowship suddenly called. He lamented that his wife left home since morning and that all she said was "I am coming". I rushed to his house to get the details, but before I prayed, I took a moment to scan through the things I know about God already - just to be sure that solving a case like that was featured in his character. Then I remembered Exodus 23:20 where God said He will send an angel before the people of Israel to protect them and to bring them into the place that he had prepared for them. Once that was established in my spirit, I only needed to declare a single word. I said, "Heavenly Father, the same angel you sent to keep and bring the people of Israel, let that angel go forth and bring this man's wife, in 30 minutes". Thirty minutes after that declaration was made, the man's wife was at the gate about to knock.

That man must have prayed and probably had not eaten, but that did not qualify him to get the result he desired. To get certain results, you really have to know God. And to know God, just take time to study His character. That issue didn't require fasting and prayer, it just required knowing God.

A brother called me almost midnight one Friday and asked to see me. When I came out to meet him, he explained that he had just received a phone call from a man asking him to appear in court on the Monday that followed. The bank where he worked was defrauded, and they lost over 20 million Naira. He was worried that he didn't have a lawyer, and even if he did, he didn't have the money to pay for the services. That was a tough one, but luckily for us, I knew God. I

remembered how Genesis 18:25 recognizes God as the Judge of all who does right. Then I told him not to worry because God is the Judge of all. Why would we need a lawyer when we can have the Judge? We prayed and then I asked him to go back to his house. According to him, a lawyer appeared to him the next day and asked him to explain all that happened. The same night, the man who asked him to appear in court called him and told him that he had withdrawn the case and that his lawyer just appeared to him in a dream and threatened him.

Yeah! Miracles are not mere accidents; they are deliberate acts of God which are provokes by those who know Him. A woman had been married for some time and pregnancy wasn't forth coming. Her in-laws and husband were already on her neck. In her worried state, she

confided in me and shared her challenge. As soon as I remembered Exodus 23:26, I told her that no one is permitted to be barren in God's kingdom. Once that was established, I asked her when she wanted to get pregnant. Of course she didn't hesitate to say "Now". I declared that she should have conceived in four weeks. On the fourth week, she came to me to share her testimony of conception. As at the time of writing this book, that baby is almost a year old already. And guess what? He's a cute little boy.

A woman told me that her daughter was almost thirty years old and no man had asked her out, let alone, ask for her hand in marriage. That was shocking because the daughter in question is a damsel. This got me really compassionate, then I began to search through the things I know about God. The

moment I found Psalms 68:6, I told the woman that God was going to visit her daughter with marital laughter within six months. Five months after, she shared her testimony that someone had proposed to her daughter. And today, her daughter is gloriously married.

Don't expect God to do something you're not even sure He can do. Trust me, any investment you make towards understanding the character of God is worth it. A lady was looking for a job; she had searched for years and couldn't find one. When she met with me, I told her that she was going to be employed before the 21st day of the month she met me. To her surprise, it was so. I was able to tell her that because I had seen God do that over and again.

Honestly, God is looking for people who know Him enough to respond to the statements that the devil is making against Him. Even while I was writing this book, a call came into my phone. How do people know that they can contact you when they have challenges? The answer is simple; God lays it in their heart. And trust me, God will not put you in anybody's heart if you don't have solution. The call that came into my phone was from a lady; she complained that she had fibroid and the pain was excruciating. I prayed with her and gave her some divine instructions. Guess what? I had not even completed this book before she called to share her testimony of relief.

Pastors, don't go about looking for members to join your church, just know God, members will come. Be committed to correcting the devil's statements against God, and God will not hesitate to send people to you. Jesus said "if I be lifted, I will draw men". The one who draws men to your church is Jesus, but His condition for drawing them is if you lift Him. Yes, lift Him whenever the devil tries to pull Him down. If you won't stop lifting Jesus, people won't stop coming to you.

Satan would always be the accuser of the brethren. Even though God says you are good, Satan does not believe it. When God asked Satan if he had seen His servant - Job, Satan began to make statements that was in disfavour of God's good report about Job. If Job understood this principle, He wouldn't have been afflicted for that long. His view of God was wrong, so he continued suffering until he got it right. Until you know and apply truth, you can't be free.

Don't wait till challenges arise before you start knowing God, make knowing Him a priority. You don't have to be challenged, know Him so that you can become the answer to people's prayer to God. Imagine God sending people to you when they pray to Him. Understand the character of God so that you can correct the statements that the devil is making against God's people.

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While knowing God through His biblical characters may be a powerful thing, there's more to God than all that is written in the bible. Some possibilities are hidden deep within Him and it will take beyond reading the texts in the Bible to access them.

There are results you can command by understanding the character of God, but there are greater levels of results you can command by accessing the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:6-12 unveils how to access that possibility. Let's read what it says:

1 Corinthians 2:

6. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this

world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

- 7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- 9. 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.
- 10. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?

even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

From verse 6, the word "speak" doesn't necessarily mean to voice out, it could also mean an expression or a certain manner at which something is done. So it goes on to tell us that this kind of expression unleashes wisdom that is not even available among princes and men of caliber.

Verse 7 further tells us that this expression isn't just wisdom, but it's also hidden, and the reason why it's hidden is so that we'd be glorified the moment we engage it.

Hold on a second, did the bible say it's hidden? Yes, it's actually hidden. You're not going to find it in all sixty-six books of the bible. At least, not in the letters. Even if you'd find it in the bible, it would be behind the written texts. You won't find the key to supernatural supplies just by reading Philippians 4:19, no! The key is behind the text. If you're about to ask me why God made it so, then I think I already told you the answer, it's for your glorification.

Verse 8 tells us that none of the princes of this world understood this mystery, not even the prince of the darkness of this world. It further said that if they knew, they would not have crucified Jesus Christ. Come to think of it, they read the prophecies about Jesus, but because they didn't understand the mystery behind what was written, they crucified Him.

I remember how my uncle's family were maltreating me during the time I lived with them. At some point they even threw me out of the house. The torment was unbearable, but if they knew what God had planned for me, they would have pampered me. That's exactly what happened to Jesus. If they really understood what was written, even beyond the letters, they honestly would not have crucified Him.

Study the Bible all you want, understand God's character as much as you want, but if you don't understand this mystery, your experiential knowledge of God will be limited.

Let me guess, by now you're probably wondering how we can operate in that wisdom or that mystery.

Verse 9 begins to introduce us to the mystery. It says, "... 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". Did you see that? You're not going to read or see it with your natural eyes, so it's not about opening the bible to read. Anybody can read the Bible. You're not going to hear it with your natural ears, so don't subject it to your pastor's preaching. It has never crossed the heart or thoughts of man, so don't depend on your counselors.

Verse 10 breaks the shell. It says, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for

the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God". That's it! These things are hidden in God, and to locate them, you have to search inside God using His Spirit. Isn't this amazing? The things that will add glory and color to your life are hidden inside God, and to access God you have to search through His Spirit.

In verse 12, it says, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God". Did you see that? Engaging this mystery will help you discover the things that are freely giving to you by God.

During the days of Job, he read scriptures just like every other business man, but what

says, "As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle". The other verses continued to speak about his exploits; he washed his steps with butter, the rock poured out rivers of oil for him, his age mates saw him and hid themselves, old men stood up when they saw him, princes refrained from talking, they even laid their hand on their mouth. Wow! See what operating with divine secret can command!

Which devil did you say is oppressing you? Why wouldn't he? If all you know is what any other person can see, hear or think, then you should expect to be oppressed. Some people even access these deep things, but they don't know how to keep their mouth shut. It's not everything that God shows you that you tell people, if He wanted every other person to

hear, He would have made it public. There are deep things we access that shouldn't be shared immediately; rather, we refine them and show the world the finished product or result. In the business world it's called "trade secret"; an idea or secret that distinguishes brands or products.

Even naturally, have you not noticed that when you tell people about a potential opportunity, you may eventually lose that opportunity. I've had to lose many opportunities just because I didn't keep my mouth shut. Having learnt that, I consciously conceal certain things until I'm sure it's going to happen. I remember when I was told that I'd be having a meeting with Evangelist Tope Alabi, I didn't tell anybody, not even my fiancé. It was the day we were heading for the meeting that I called to inform her. Don't

blame me, some things should remain a secret until it's done.

If this happens naturally, then the spiritual side of it cannot be neglected. Read the whole book of Job, he never shared the secret that was upon his tabernacle. He only mentioned that there was a secret that he traded, but he didn't mention it. Don't blame him, he understood this principle.

So that's it! God has reserved certain secrets inside Him for your glorification, and the only way to access them is through His Spirit. Let's build our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit isn't just for tongue speaking, He's not just for healing the sick or delivering the captive. In fact, He can be many things to anyone, but beyond all He can be, He's also a

Searcher, He searches the deep things of God. And until you engage His searching ministry, you won't find what God has hidden for your glorification.

This explains why many prayer warriors and miracle working believers have nothing tangible to write home about. They heal the sick but have not been able to heal themselves. They teach the poor how to get rich, but they've not been able to break through poverty. Until you find what is hidden, you won't access the glory.

IN CASE YOU'RE STILL WONDERING WHY YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT, LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING INCITING.

IF YOUR AIM IS TO MEET JESUS - THE BRIDEGROOM, THEN YOU NEED EXTRA OIL...

A time is coming when plausible results would be scarce except among those whose endeavors are sponsored by the Holy Spirit. Many multinational organizations are now trimming staffs and salaries. Companies that could afford over 500 dollars for a single staff salary now pay less than 200 dollars, for graduates. This is not only affecting unbelievers, but believers too. And this is because being born again or being a student of the word is not sufficient for the times ahead.

In Matt 25:1-10, Jesus shares a parable that describes what the kingdom of heaven is like. Let's read from scriptures:

Matthew 25:

- 1. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
- 3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- 5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
- 7. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

- 8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Notice that they were all virgins. In other words, they were all saved or born again as we'd put it. They also had lamps, which meant they all had and knew God's word. The bible says "thy word is a lamp unto my feet". They clearly understood the word; they were students of the word. This is the state of most Christians today. They're born again and filled

with the word of God. And that should be a good thing, right?

But guess what? Despite the fact that they were born again and even had the word in them, the bible says five of them were foolish and the other five were wise. They were not in sin; they didn't lie nor commit fornication. Yet, they were foolish. Of course, I'd tell you why they were foolish.

The bible says those that were foolish took their lamps but without extra oil, while those that were wise took their lamp with extra oil. They were all doing well when they started the journey, but since the bridegroom delayed his coming, there was a need to refill. While the five that took extra easily refilled, the other five had to leave their position to

buy oil. But unfortunately, the bridegroom arrived at their absence and shut the door.

It's important for us to understand that God does not do mighty works by His word alone, it's always His word and His Spirit. Isaiah 48:16 says, "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now *the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me*". It's always His word and His Spirit that does the wonders.

As the disciples of Jesus went and preached everywhere, the Spirit of the Lord was working with them, confirming the word with signs following. Don't expect the Spirit to work with you if you don't consciously work with Him.

If you ever think that God's word isn't working for you, then check your relationship with The Spirit. According to scriptures, God's word is likened to a lamp. And if that's the case, then it would certainly need oil to keep its fire burning. Isaiah 34:16 says "seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them". None of God's word is permitted to fail, but that's only if you acknowledge both the Commander and the Gatherer. Obeying the Commander without acknowledging the works of the Gatherer may not get you the results you desire. It's one thing to command, and another to gather.

Develop yourself in the word of God, but also develop your relationship with the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God goes anywhere the Word of God goes just to ensure that whatever is commanded is gathered. But if you don't understand how He operates, you may jeopardize His operations. Gaining a lucid understanding of this principle will veto the vicissitudes of your life. This is clearly why many believers are not doing well in their Christian adventure. They're committed to God's word, but give little or no attention to God's Spirit. When it comes to manifesting what God had said, the role of the Gatherer is Irrefutably needed.

If you still desire to learn more about the ministry of the Holy Spirit, I recommend that you read my book titled "LIFT UP A

"Download E-books" section of my website at www.emekaanslem.com.ng. That book has blessed many lives; I have no doubt that it will bless you too.

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