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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

By observation, I've come to discover that the reason why many believers are not growing is because they don't understand the place of Jesus. And I've come to a conclusion that the greatest investment that any believer can make would be to know Him.

Jesus is the way God speaks to us, the truth God reveals to us, and the life God gives to us. In 1 Peter 2:9, the bible says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light".

So our generation is a chosen generation, and that's because it was during our time that Jesus came. John chapter 1 tells us that the life of Jesus was the light of man. This light brought us out of darkness according to 1 Pet

2:9, and also gave us a responsibility to "show forth the praises of Him that has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light". Living a life outside this assignment will not give glory to God.

Just for clarity, His life was the light of man. His life was not available to man until He came and died for the sin of the world. After He resurrected, God considered us a chosen generation because of His life. His life was the light, the marvelous light. If we can show the world Jesus, then they'd see the light.

In this book, I've outlined 2 keys that will help us in bringing people out of darkness using this marvelous light, and I believe it would transform your life forever. Have a good read!

Key Number One

RECEIVE THE PERSON OF JESUS

The journey to manifesting this light begins with receiving Jesus. And I don't mean "to be born again", I mean to consciously and practically receive Him. It recently occurred to me that it's one thing to be saved and another thing to receive Jesus.

In Jn 1:12, the bible says, ***"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"***. In other words, the moment you receive Him, you also receive

power that proves you're a son or daughter of God. Power doesn't come the day you confessed Him as your Lord and Saviour, it comes when you receive Him.

Many believers do not truly receive Jesus. And you'd know by the results they command. The day you gave your life to Christ, He also gave you power to become the son of God. But the question is, where is this power? Why is it not showing in the lives of many believers?

This power is invoked by the "word" Jesus. Jesus is many things, but His power is only manifested by the word. Consequently, God has many powers, but the power He uses to control all things is His word. In the beginning, God made everything by the word. And

whatever was not made by the word could be unmade.

If we'd paraphrase John 1:12, it would read, ***"for those who received Him, He gave them His word to become sons of God"***. 2 Pet 1:3 further tells us that "He has given us all things that pertains to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him". If you claim to receive that power, then you must be a person who receives the word and puts it to work. Don't just declare scriptures, also take steps to put them to work. That's where the power comes from.

Key Number Two

BECOME A VESSEL OF HONOUR

In 2 Tim 2:20, the bible tells us that, ***"A large house contains not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay. Some indeed are for honourable use, but others are for common use"***. The bible recognizes that materials vary, but it did not restrict honour to any of them. If vessels of gold can be honoured, they can also be for common use. If vessels of clay and wood may be for common use, they can also be for honourable use.

This is why nobody is “good for nothing”, everybody is good for something. You may not worth anything, but there’s a system you can introduce to be celebrated. Gideon was from the Least tribe in Israel, and the Least family in his tribe, and also the least person in his family. Yet, He was the one that God used to deliver a nation. The parents of Moses where not even recognized in scripture. The only thing we read to identify them was “A man from Levi took a woman from Levi to wife”, that’s all, no accolades. The name “Moses” was given to him because they drew him out of water. If it’s by the material, God would have used Rameses to set Israel free, but God still used Moses.

What did Moses do to warrant such honour? Moses who was a run away, but suddenly became a god unto the same Pharaoh that he was running from. What did he do?

Joseph was in prison one night, but by the next day he was being celebrated in the palace. What could have happened within that short time? Jacob who was afraid to live up to prophetic expectations, suddenly became honoured with a national identity? What did he do? Daniel who was just a captive suddenly became a prime minister.

LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT THEY DID...

There are 3 questions that any man who must climb the ladder of honour must answer, and I'd discuss them in the next few pages.

ARE YOU READY?

Question Number 1

WHO DO YOU HAVE?

I don't mean "**who you know**", but who you have. You may have the president's phone number, but it doesn't mean you have him at your beck and call. Do you have people who are willing to help you? Who can help you in times of need? Joseph didn't just know Potiphar, he had him. And Potiphar greatly contributed to his celebration. Even when his wife accused him of rape, Potiphar still stood by him.

No man survives in isolation. Every man needs another personality, whether divine or natural, to fulfil destiny.

There are 2 categories of people you must have in your life:

A. People who will empower you through your journey

I've checked through and discovered that no one actually falls into that category except the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 says, "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses...". Jesus was first empowered by the Holy Spirit before He selected His 12 disciples. He had a relationship with the Holy Spirit before He started a relationship with His disciples. While the Holy Spirit guides His affairs, His disciples ran His affairs. Abraham had God first. It was God who told him to leave his father's house.

But who is the Holy Spirit?

First, He's the multiple presence of Jesus. In Jn 14:16-18, Jesus told His disciples that He'd not leave them comfortless, and that's He'd send another comforter. In other words, during His earthly ministry, He was comfort to them. They had no issues; and even when they did, Jesus was there to fix it. Their confidence was in the presence of Jesus. But things changed after Jesus was captured; they all went into hiding. And even Peter that swore not to betray Jesus denied Him three times. I won't blame them, the one who comforted them had been captured, and so they were no longer safe. But when the Holy Spirit came into them, their confidence in Jesus was restored.

But one may ask, what's the connection between Jesus and the Holy Spirit? It's the same as asking what the relationship between the Facebook application on your phone and the Facebook head office on Silicon Valley - California is. That Facebook App on your phone represents the Facebook HQ, and the Facebook HQ represents Mark Zuckerberg. With the Facebook App, we can all be connected to Mark Zuckerberg at the same time. The Facebook App is the Multiple presence of Mark Zuckerberg. That's what the Holy Spirit is, the Multiple presence of Jesus. He can be in every one of us at the same time - representing Jesus.

Secondly, He makes us witnesses. In Acts 1:8, the bible says "you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me...". If you've ever been in a crime scene, then you're an eye

witness. Relatively, it means that the moment you receive the Holy Spirit, you'd become a witness that He lived and died for the sins of the world. This event may have happened over 2000 years ago, but when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, He takes you back in time.

When you become a witness unto Jesus, you'd be able to do the things that He did - just to prove that you really witnessed His journey here on earth. Without the Holy Spirit, no one can bear witness to the truth. He's the reason why many people can still believe in the Jesus they never saw. Many of the testimonies I've received were birthed from my understanding of this truth, that I'm a witness. No case is too complex for me because I'm a witness that no case was too complex for Jesus. If it worked for Him, then it must work for me, all because I'm a witness.

Thirdly, the Holy Spirit is a person who comes into you to enable you do things that only Jesus could do. In Jn 14:11-13, Jesus told His disciples that they were going to do the works that He did, and even greater works. And we saw this happen in the lives of some of His disciples. Peter who could not witness Jesus before a little girl began to speak to multitudes, such that, by his speech, over 3000 people were added to the church the same day. He healed the man at the beautiful gate. His shadow could now heal the sick. He even escaped prison. We read how Philip disappeared and reappeared somewhere else. Paul and Silas caused the earth to quake. These things were only captured in the experience of Jesus. Just imagine what Jesus can do, with the Holy Spirit inside of you, you can do it.

The second category of people you must have are:

B. People who are passionate about your dreams or at least people who will help you climb up the ladder.

- Jesus had 12 disciples, and they played a major part in accomplishing His assignment.
- Jacob was blessed by Isaac his father, but he still needed Laban.
- Lot had Abraham. And even though Lot was destined to suffer, his relationship with Abraham averted his sufferings.
- David needed Samuel to be Anointed as king. Even when Samuel refused, God had to plead with Samuel to anoint David.

- After David was anointed, he needed Jonathan to sustain the anointing until he actually ascended the throne. King Saul would have killed him if not for the corporation from Jonathan.

No man survives his cause in isolation, even if he has God. It matters who likes you.

Question Number Two

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

Nobody celebrates you for nothing; they celebrate you for something. What do you have? No matter how much you try to belittle yourself, you have something that can announce you and ultimately lead to your celebration.

These things can be in form of your academic skills, your gifts or talents, a spiritual gift or anointing. There has to be something you have that would qualify you to be a vessel of honour.

- The widow of Zarephat had her last meal. Don't tell me you don't have anything, if you still have what to eat, then you have something.
- Abraham had obedience. It was his tireless obedience to God that made him the father of many nations today.
- A certain widow had a cruze of oil. That little cruze of oil filled many vessels that eventually yielded good profit for her.
- Moses had a rod. Even when he thought that he wasn't qualified to be sent to Egypt, he had a rod. And it was the same rod that God used.
- Daniel could dissolve complex sentences. And because of that gift, he was relevant to the reign of many kings.

- Joseph could interpret dreams. That was the key to his breakthrough.
- Paul had Zeal. The same zeal that he used to persecute believers was the same zeal that God used to promote the gospel. When his boat was struck by the storm, he still continued. When a snake bit his hand, he shook it off and continued. He was put in countless number of prisons, still he continued.

I can't tell what questions you'd be required to answer when you get to heaven, but I can assure you of one question, "what did you do with your talent?". Matthew chapter 25 likens the kingdom from heaven as a man travelling to a far country and called his servants and gave them talents. The ones he gave 5 and 2 talents traded with their talents and came

back with a good report, but the one he gave one talent buried it. You know the rest of the story; he was considered worthless.

No matter how you try to paint it, there's something you have that can be used to bring the world out of darkness.

Question Number Three

WHAT CAN YOU GIVE?

In this life, there are 4 phases that every man must live through:

- 1. The Learning Phase*
- 2. The Service Phase*
- 3. The Earning Phase*
- 4. The Resting Phase*

The circular world skips the service phase and jumps to the earning phase. And this is why there's so much struggle among our youths.

They believe they should get a job after school and start earning, so they keep

bombarding the unemployment market. Whoever told you that you're entitled to a job after school? What impact has your life produced after learning?

It's amazing how young people want immediate gratifications for any little thing they do, no sense of service. Never follow profit first, follow impact first. Profit naturally follows after impact.

I spoke alongside a surveyor some time ago. And one of the things he said was that he worked in a company where he didn't receive salary for 3 years. Ask him how he survived it, he doesn't know. But this is scriptural; if you keep your life, you'd lose it. But if you care less about your life to pursue impact, then you'd have life in abundance. Take advantage

of any opportunity to serve, whether an individual, a group, or your nation.

In 2013, I had just completed my bible school program and I told God that I wanted to work. God responded saying that "He was sending me to a place where I'd learn". I worked there for over 2 years and in many occasions salary would be delayed for 3 months. But I didn't let the money weary me, I served that organization. I left the company in September 2015 not knowing that my service was not complete. I prayed and fasted till February 2016 until God spoke to me again. And guess what? He sent me to another place to go and serve. I didn't have money, but I still had to serve. I served there for 3 months and then the heavens opened. I got a job. And 3 months after, I started 3 different businesses.

Timely Notes Devotional started on a platform of service. Many people consider me to be a unique writer today on a platform of service. I didn't attend any writing school; it was service that trained me. I remember how I sat down in my rest room telling God about starting a devotional that will be for His glory. Right there, God told me about Timely Notes. And He clearly told me that He'd be the Author while I'd be the privileged writer. I recently delivered a talk at LUTH, and my host made a very humorous remark about the way I write. She said "Sir, with the way you write, someone will think you have a PhD".

In 2017, when it finally occurred to me that I was serving God through that Timely Notes devotional, I asked Him if I wasn't entitled to a pay. And to my surprise, I wrote 27 books in

one year. In the course of the year, I started a documentation business where we write all kinds of documents for individuals or organizations. I also operate an online writing school where on a weekly basis, not less than 100k income can be made.

I recently volunteered to write a book for a very influential real estate professional. He wanted to pay me, but for some reason I refused to be paid. And since that day, this man has referred me to people who I've only watched on screen.

Any excuse you give not to serve naturally excludes you from blessings. Serve first, even if it is for free. A time will come when your service will be paid for. Such that, even if you try to do it for free, they will not allow you.

Let me conclude with this; trade your gift for free until it begins to attract a fee. Life is a function of additions. If you can't add more then you can't have more.

I TRUST YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED BY THIS LITTLE BOOK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SHARE IT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND YES, I LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR TESTIMONIES. CONGRATULATIONS!

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- HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR DESIRED
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 - COLOR IN WILDERNESS
 - THE BAIL OUT PLAN
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- HE BLESSES OUR BREAD AND WATER
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