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WHAT TO EXPECT WHILE READING.

A copy of our maiden edition of the Daachiever Inc's magazine titled 'Gleanings for the season' is a collection of articles from our website. The first edition aims to speak on issues affecting Christians around the world.

Gleanings speak on mental stress, sexual urges as it relates with Christians; we also address issues of faith and trust in God when it seems He is silent.

In a bid to promote Christian industries and brands, we spotlighted Christian start-up brands through a thoughtful interview with the aim of portraying Christ in what they do.



DEALING WITH MENTAL STRESS AS CHRISTIANS

Mental Stress is real, but don't allow that to
control your emotions forever.

The topic of Mental Stress is rarely discussed in Christianity, while we have seminars, discussions on stress physically, as a state of tiredness or needing body rest; mental stress is often swept under the rug. I could be wrong, though.

I was in the final lap of my studies at the University, and something happened that struck me. I didn't know there was a thing called Mental stress, maybe I did, but I never knew I could experience it. When I'm tired of something, I would say, I'm tired, but this only shows on my physical body, I didn't know there were days I have been emotionally fagged out, mentally stressed out, and even financially frustrated.

Ever felt like that? But, you just can't place a finger around it? That was exactly how I felt. But, I didn't know.

It is one thing to experience a feeling, and you don't know what is called. At times, we often describe our feelings wrongly.



How did I know I was mentally stressed? A call came in as I was preparing to finish up my thesis, I had deadlines to meet, and some responsibilities I wanted to evade but couldn't. While the call was on, I was out. What the person was saying over the phone didn't sink in, my response was sharp, and I wanted the call to end.

When the call ended, some seconds after; I felt bad and beaten. Why did I do that? The caller didn't deserve the behavior I displayed? He wasn't at fault for my mental state. Why must I transfer negative feelings? I couldn't forgive myself, even after sending a message to the offended online, I still couldn't forgive myself, for not keeping my cool.

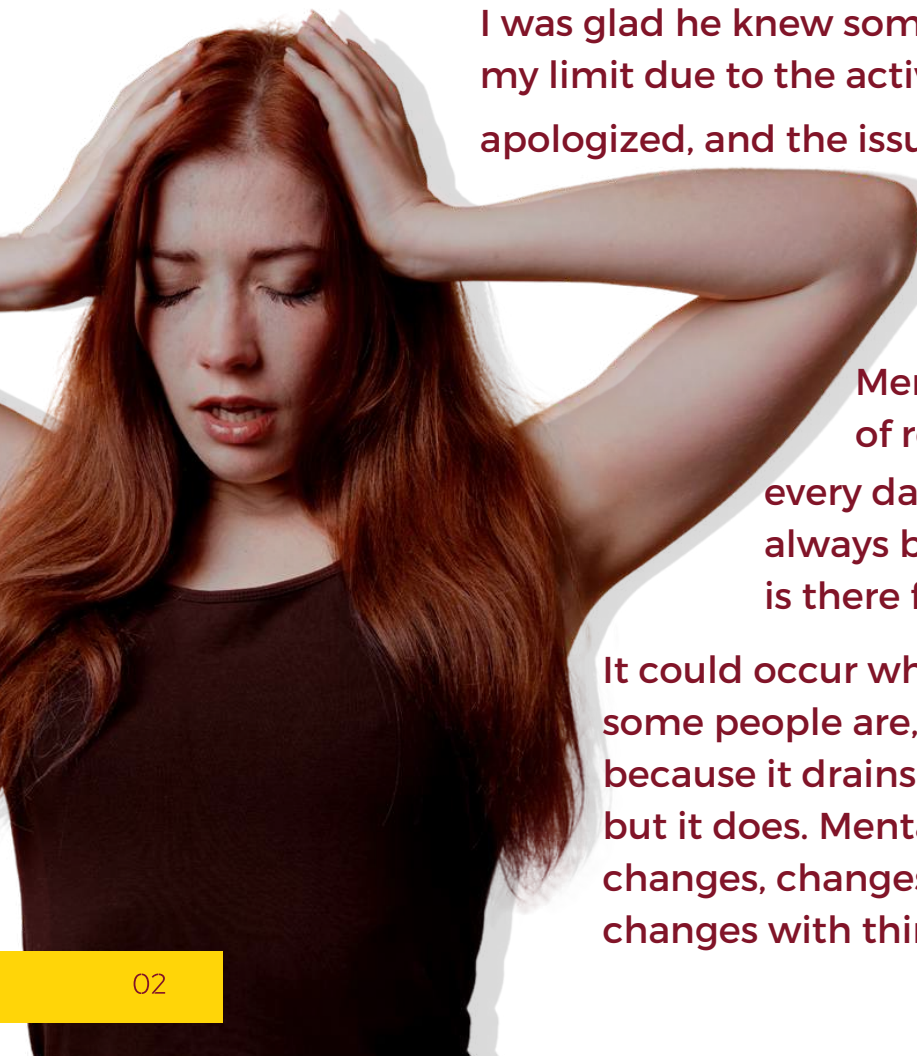
Some days after, the person called again. This time, I tried to keep calm, though I hadn't healed from the mental exhaustion I was in, it was better than the first time he called. His first statement took me off guard. "Are you mentally stressed, finals aren't easy, I have been there too" "I know, this isn't you; you don't respond like this".

I was glad he knew something was off, and I had reached my limit due to the activities surrounding me. I quickly apologized, and the issue was resolved.

But, his first statement stayed with me. I had to make my findings on what Mental stress truly is all about.

Mental stress could be you, feeling tired of routines, tired of calls here and there every day, tired of not progressing, tired of always being there for others, and no one is there for you.

It could occur when you are scared of thinking, some people are, they can't sit down to think, because it drains them, which shouldn't actually, but it does. Mental stress could come due to changes, changes on your job, in your environment, changes with things you are familiar with, it could



even be activated when you are scared, of failure, of disappointment, and of activities, you haven't engaged in. And, that we are Christians does not mean we won't feel mentally stressed. It doesn't oust us out of these attributes that make us humans, but we have an advantage, how? We have a Father who understands, He is touched by our feelings also. He is Human, yet God in entirety. He created us and has given us a safe place to always run to when we feel overwhelmed. I listened to a message by Steven Furtick, and he said something (rephrased) " When you feel tired or weak within, sit at the well with Jesus. Don't go jumping here and there, just sit and have a talk with him".



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But, as encouraging and 'rhemaful' that may sound; we could forget to practice it. We are at **WAR**, and we must be equipped, right? So then, how do we deal with Mental stress, asides from the Spiritual aspect?

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**to deal with
Mental
Stress**

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**WRITE GOOD
NOTES
AHEAD OF
BAD DAYS**



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HOW DOES THIS HELP?

Well, let me speak from a personal standpoint. I journal a lot, if not often, especially when I have more time. I write out good things on my Daybook app, I recommend this app because it is the best I have ever come across. It comes with a daily prompt that helps me track my feelings. Getting this notification "How are you feeling today?" with an emoji has always been a timely reminder. It helps me relax, write out my thoughts, funny ones at times, and guess what? when I feel so unmotivated or tired, I get back to reading some of my entries, and I couldn't stop grinning from ear to ear. You could try this also. It has helped me redefine the way I feel.

TAKE A BREAK AND NAP



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WHO KNOWS YOU COULD BE FEELING MENTALLY STRESSED BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT ENOUGH?

Not getting enough sleep can cause a negative mood, low energy, difficulty concentrating, and a general inability to function as usual. Not getting enough sleep, heightens mental stress. If you struggle to sleep due to troubles or worries filling your mind, I want you to remember this scripture which says; **When you lie down, you will not be afraid, when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.**" (Proverbs 3:24). Just trust God, He created sleep. And, trust me; you will reduce mental stress when you sleep right and well.

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**BINGE YOUR
CIRCLE OF
FRIENDS**

**YOU COULD TRY THIS
ALSO, IT WORKS; BUT
NOT FOR EVERYONE,
THOUGH. IF YOU
DON'T HAVE CLOSE
FRIENDS, TRY
ANOTHER STEP**

I have some friends online and offline that their presence around me helps to relieve stress, and I laugh freely. I am grateful I have them, no wonder David called Jonathan, a blossom friend, and brother. God values the friendship you keep; he places people around you for a reason. You need to keep Godly friends, there are days you will surely need to rely and rest on them when you are weary.

04



**FIND WHAT
MAKES YOU
HAPPY**

ALTHOUGH, I WILL RECOMMEND WATCHING VIDEOS, AND EATING... BUT,

That might not be what you want; for some watching funny videos (I'm in this category) relieves me. Also, I could listen to songs all day to change my mood, with my croaky voice, I would sing so loud. There are singing apps with instruments such as Smule. But, we are different beings right? And our make-up is different. Yours could be trying a new dish, or taking yourself shopping. Whatever it is, do all to the glory of God and be happy.

You could also practice deep worship and praises if you find it difficult to pray,

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**CHANGE YOUR
ROUTINE, IT IS
CLUTTERED**

AREN'T YOU TIRED OF DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER WITH NO RESULT?

You could be stressed if nothing works; or if your routine is boring. You don't give your time enough hours of rest, you don't belong to a community of like-minded friends; you don't take a stroll; you are always cooped up in your cluttered room. You will definitely be stressed. It is good to develop habits, but at times, you should RELAX without breaking your principles. When you change your routine, you trick your mind into adjusting to something new.

A cluttered home also adds to increased stress hormone according to a UCLA study; so change the arrangement of your home, especially if it is poorly arranged. What a clean room does for your mind, I can't explain. It is the best, and it lightens your mood.

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**CHANGE
YOUR
FOCUS**

RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM, BUT DON'T DWELL ON IT. FIND A SOLUTION

It is always said, **save the best for the last** (laughs). Every mental stress is like an inflated balloon, it is either a pin punctures it, or the intensity of the sun, or applying excessive air into it. Anything could be the cause, and you know it. What is making you irritable or unhappy? Ask yourself this. Is it a change in the environment? or has someone made you sad with their words? Is it the desire for success or perfection? Or are you jealous about someone or something, wishing it was yours; now that it isn't; you find yourself stressed out?

ANYTHING COULD BE THE ACTIVATOR OF MENTAL STRESS. Find it, and do justice.

There are days I will find out, I'm not motivated about doing anything because I feel I am not making any progress with my life. Once, I allow myself to remain in that state for days, I become emotionally and mentally drained; and before I know it; ingratitude fills my heart towards God.

A Letter to the Mentally Stressed



We have all been there; you shouldn't feel alone. You are Human and God still has your best interest at heart. I know how overwhelming things have been, you are frustrated and tired. You feel empty, and nothing seems to work out well for you anymore.

Before you give up on that dream, hold onto me, says the lover of your soul. Have you forgotten that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you? It is only temporal, your dreams are still valid.

You will receive help from Zion; this too shall pass. Don't be overwhelmed with what you see, be overtaken by what God has in store for you.

I am rooting for you, for there is greater in store you have to share with the world around you.

Get ready, bounce back; and do that which Christ has called you to do.

Victory



A CHRISTIAN AND SEXUAL URGES

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The express will of God and His utmost desire for us is to be pure just as He is. Hence sexual purity is an integral part of the purity that God demands from us. To have sexual urges isn't bad, it's part of God's designation for man but an individual's response to sexual urges is what determines if you are sexually immoral or not.

People tend to stress sexual purity on do's and don't which is not totally wrong but often becomes an impediment to ascertain that sexual purity is the life that Christ has purchased for us with His own blood. Besides this, it is the will of God for every child of God to be sexually pure, He also made provisions for it.

Therefore, we have no excuse for being sexually immoral. Sexual purity is God's will and His demands for every creation.

To have sex is not a sinful thing, we do know this. For legally married couples to enjoy the pleasure of their union, there is a need for copulation (sex), and this can never be against God's will and His Word. But there are sexual acts that are prohibited by God and by law, such as; Bestiality i.e. sex between humans and animals (Lev. 18:23), Incest- the sin of having sexual intercourse with a parent, child, sibling, or grandchild, or between people in consanguinity (blood relations), and sometimes those related by affinity (marriage or stepfamily), adoption, clan, or lineage, Lesbianism/Homosexuality, Fornication, Adultery, Masturbation, etc.

All the above-listed sexual acts and other related acts, are sinful before God. Not just the real acts but whatever is done as an act to satisfy the urge for sex, such as having or attempting to have sexual intercourse or sexual contacts with another individual without consent i.e. rape. This also includes sexual contact such as kissing and touching any part of the body in a sexual manner.

“**Your heart's response to God in due season is the foundation on which sexual purity is laid.**”



Abstinence till marriage is good but it's not enough to stay sexually pure. Being disciplined isn't enough either because immorality isn't a respecter of anyone especially in this sexually perverted world. **Your heart's response to God in due season is the foundation on which sexual purity is laid.** "I'm keeping myself for my husband" is not sexual purity. There is a difference between guarding your hymen and guarding your heart. Defilement and immoralities begin from the heart. **Self-discipline can keep your body, your consciousness of sonship in Christ will keep your heart.** Your determination and discipline will be concretized when your motive for abstinence goes beyond just "my wife" or "my husband" but the nature of Christ you allow to find expression within you, this nature of His makes you detest what He detests and love what He loves.

How to deal with Sexual Urges



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For as he thinks in his or her heart so he or she is and shall continually be until a **change** comes that transforms the man from inside out.
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1. **Abstinence:** meaning stay away from objects of temptation. No matter how holy God makes a man, if he keeps going to the place of temptation, and sets objects of temptation before his eyes, he will soon fall into the temptation and sin.
2. **Guard your heart with all diligence:** So many people don't have control over their hearts not to talk of their lives. (Proverbs 4:23). Be a watchman over yourself. Arrest any evil thought arising in your heart. Don't entertain it.
3. **Live by this rule:** that whatever that you will give your heart to, shall be things that are: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, or praiseworthy. If those thoughts of yours pass through all these (not just one or two) litmus tests, then go ahead and entertain it in your heart.

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING ON GOD

by Onifade Joy



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A PHASE EVERYONE MUST GO THROUGH



Waiting is a phase everyone passes through, and what we wait on God for differs from one person to another. From seeking admission to getting a job after graduation, waiting to have a child of your own, getting a spouse, promotion, healing, awaiting a miracle, marriage, and lots more, are what individuals wait on God for.

But when it seems the waiting period is getting longer than you expected, what do you do? Do you start to lose hope and shift your focus from God? Do you start accusing God of not doing what He has promised to do? Or do you start looking for ways to help yourself out of your situation even if it's in an ungodly way?

The devil will whisper so many discouraging words to you just to make you lose hope and give up. But don't. Hold on still. He has many lies from the pit of hell, but don't listen to them. What do you do while you wait or when it seems you're tired of waiting?



DWELL IN TRUTH

What do you do when it seems you're losing sight of what God has promised you? What do you do when other voices around you are overcoming God's voice in your heart? What do you do when the voice of your concerned loved ones is trying to talk you out of God's plan for you in His Love? Do you give up and listen to those voices? Do you forget the voice of your Father just because He's taking long? No! The devil will surely bring his words or use people to tell you his own words contrary to God's promises for you, but don't give in! Then what do you do in this situation?

“ John 8:32 says, “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free” And what is the truth? His word! Jesus Christ also said in John 14:6, “I am the way, and the TRUTH, and the life..” Christ, Himself is the Truth!

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Christ is the Truth over all the lies the devil is bringing to you in your waiting period. His word is the weapon needed to silence every voice rising against God's voice over your life. To dwell in the truth is to focus on Christ and trust His words concerning you. Believe in His word so much that it becomes part of you. When the devil is bringing his word, silence him with God's word.

Learn from Jesus. When the devil came tempting him even with words from the scripture, He silenced Him with the Word of God. And you all know what happened? He overcame the temptation! His words give answers to every question and solution to every problem.

Study and meditate on God's word concerning the areas you're waiting on Him for. Believe and confess God's promises for your life in faith. Let His word, which is the truth abides in your heart, let it be your anchor. Always remember, God is not a man that He should lie, neither is He a son of man that He should repent. What He says will surely come to pass, don't give up on it.

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He will come at the right time. No man can dictate the right time for Him to come. He is never late, even when it seems He is very late for you. Remember, He was four days late to where Lazarus was. But He still did what He promised to do. **Our delay is not for God to mock us, but most times, it is for Him to glorify Himself in our lives, and also strengthen others we find in such a situation.**

Don't cut the process of waiting. Rest in His word. When He is done with you, your becoming will amaze the world. Be strengthened, dears. In all your waiting, dwell in the Truth. Don't be moved!



CONTINUE PRAYING AS YOU WAIT

The waiting period is necessary. It is not just a time to sit and watch or allow depression and all sorts of negative thinking. It is time to move closer to God and trust Him more. A time to build capacity and do more prayer. That you're waiting should not put your prayer life on hold. When you're discouraged to keep on praying; when the devil asks you what has happened since you've been praying; when it seems as if the prayer isn't working, what do you do? Do you listen to the devil's lies and stop praying? Do you just sit and watch things happen the way it likes?

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV). Obviously, in this verse, what the Bible tells us to do is clear, to “pray without ceasing and thank God in all circumstances”.

The waiting period is not a time to complain or worry. It is a time to pray till you get what you need. A time to pray until your joy is full. John 16: 24b says “ Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full” There is a difference between praying, and complaining while waiting on God. Beware of the one you're doing between the two!

Remember, Hannah, the mother of Samuel. **Her waiting period was not easy for her.** She was even mocked by her husband's wife; Peninnah. She had been going to Shiloh for years, praying for a child. But still, nothing happened. Do you know what she did? She kept on praying. She kept going to Shiloh every year until God answered her.

If you have been praying, continue, don't stop. If you're giving up already, be revived. Pray! Pray about it! Pray about all the visions, promises, and prophecies for you. Pray till you see them manifest. Don't just sit and watch.

Your own Shiloh is your prayer altar. Don't neglect it because you can't see the result. Pray until your joy is full. Imagine what would have become of Hannah if she had stopped going to Shiloh? Maybe we won't hear about Samuel today.

Like Hannah prayed till she had Samuel, pray till you see your answers. **TRAVAIL TILL YOU PREVAIL!** Don't give up. You can't predict when God will come for you. When He comes, let him meet you still believing in Him. Continue praying, dears.

Remember, if there is a man to pray, there is a God to answer. God is still in the business of answering prayers. In all your waiting, wait prayerfully.



**Your own
SHILOH is your
PRAYER ALTAR**

Count your Blessings



Make a list of all God has done for you. The immediate admission, safe delivery, divine provision, and protections. The sound health, spouse, promotion, and many more especially the ones He did without you even praying for them. That's if you're able to make the countless list though. That's if you remember and know them all.

How can you even make the list of things He did but you can't see? I guess you see already that you can't fathom His faithfulness? When situations make you think "Can God do it for me?" Count your blessings and see how much He has done, then you will be encouraged that He can do much more, including what you're waiting on Him for. Then you will know that the whisper of the devil is just lying to discourage you.

Thank Him for the past result He had given to your prayers, and it can provoke God to give you a speedy answer to that which you are trusting Him for. Remember, in Luke 9:16, Jesus gave thanks over the few fishes and loaves, and bless His Father for always answering His prayers. Do you know what happened? The fishes and loaves of bread were multiplied that the people could not exhaust them. Bless Him for what He has done, and anticipate that which He will do. When you're grateful to God for doing a thing, it draws His hand to makes Him want to do more.





It's easier for someone who had to pass through a path, especially a rough one, to take another person through without been injured. Why? Because they came out of it stronger and better. When you know of someone who had gone through a similar experience you're presently passing through, you can learn from them. It makes your waiting easier through the lessons learned from their lives. Let's look at few examples in the scriptures.

- According to Genesis 12-2, Abraham waited twenty-five years for God to give the promised son through Sarah his wife. Do you know what earned him today? A father of faith, a father of many generations. It made him a father whom many learn from in their waiting period. It takes faith to wait!

- In Genesis 39-41, Joseph also waited on God to fulfill the dreams he had been seeing for years. In his waiting, he was unjustly put in jail for more than two years before God took him out of the prison to into the reality of the dreams that seem the unjust situations of life had chocked them. He waited and fulfill his destiny at last. It pays to wait. Remember, he would have cut short his waiting by giving in to the demand of Phortiphas wife to sleep with her. It pays to wait!



- Twenty-five years passed between Samuel's anointing of David to be king and David's assumption of the throne in Judah. The time of waiting is a time of grooming!

- Hannah, Elizabeth, Job, and many more are people to learn from in our waiting room

Take a close look at their lives and experiences. Check what God accomplished in their lives while they waited? See what they did in their waiting period and learn from it. V. Raymond Edman's said, "**Delay never thwarts God's purpose; it merely polishes His instrument.**" Think about this!

ISAIAH 40:31: BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY, AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT. THE TIME OF WAITING IS FOR STRENGTH TO BE RENEWED. IT'S A TIME TO GATHER STRENGTH TO WALK THROUGH THE JOURNEY OF LIFE WITHOUT FAINTING.

Waiting can be painful, but in the end, it is always gainful. Wait on God!

WAIT EXPECTANTLY



An expectant person is optimistic, trusting God always, believing the answer is just around the corner, and due to arrive any minute. His belief is not shaky. His heart is full of hope, expecting his difficulty to be solved at any moment. He wakes up every day expecting to see his answer. He may wait and wait, but suddenly what he's been waiting for happens.

Expect God to do it anytime. Just like a pregnant woman, when she knows she's pregnant, she waits for the baby, patiently and expectantly preparing for the arrival of the baby. As far as she sees the pregnancy, she doesn't give up on the baby. Just like the pregnant woman, God has told you things about you, showed you your future, and lots more. You don't wait passively on those things, but prepare yourself to see them anytime. A pregnant woman doesn't know the exact day her baby will come, but can only guess the week and month. That is how it is to us too. We don't when exactly, but we are sure He is coming big for us! That's something to be excited about. Know that our God is too Faithful to disappoint us. Hallelujah!

The question is not if we will wait, but rather how we'll wait. How we wait will determine how long we wait. When people patiently and expectantly wait on God in the midst of horrible circumstances, suddenly God breaks through. In all your waiting, wait expectantly without a doubt. So don't give up! Don't stop believing! Stay full of hope and expectation. God's power is infinite, and He'll break through for you.



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Interview with
Winnie Ameh

Let's start with a brief introduction, shall we? Introduce yourself in few lines, and what Winnex Illustrations is all about?

My name is Ameh Winnie, I'm a student, a fashion Illustrator, a training teacher, and most importantly God's baby.

Winnex Illustrations is a fashion illustration brand that seeks to create, recreate and envision elegant fashion ideas for awesome women. It stands on the viewpoint that every woman is beautiful and she need not go to the extreme of indecency to prove this point.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we have grown over the years creating over 100 different fashion ideas using only my phone and hands. We complement our client's body figure by not just giving an elegant fitting style but also a decent one that spreads God's Glory.

We are presently exploring fashion ideas for the male figures while keeping our focus on the females.



Your field isn't common. I actually find beauty in scarcity as an individual. I love when someone does something great no one has ever done before; how has it been for you with this newness? Can you say, it has been worth it?

To be honest, this "newness" has been awesome and challenging at the same time. I say challenging because fashion illustrators are more in my online than the offline environment which makes physical contact and practice impossible compared to fashion designing (tailoring) that is literally everywhere you go. Even with this challenge, this "newness" sincerely has been worth it! Looking back, I have no regrets... and taking that bold step out of my comfort zone to find me has been one of the greatest decisions made in my life.

Embracing your gift as a believer, what steps did you take to get to where you are now?

I will start by saying the gift is not greater than the giver so the first step I took was knowing God sincerely through a change of heart and ways (Salvation). I just focused on Him(God) and He drew my attention to this gift as the years unfold. I took a conscious step in accepting this gift when I became aware of it making my research and drawing out any fashion idea He gives me immediately. Basically, you have to:

- Have a relationship with God;
- Pursue God wholeheartedly through reading his Word and prayers;
- Always listen to His voice paying close attention;
- Obey ALL instructions promptly;
- Do your part! You have to believe and work making the necessary sacrifice.



Often, I have heard people say this; I don't know why my friends or circle don't seem to understand my dreams, goals, and visions, I thought they should, but they don't and it is draining me. How have you dealt with the lack of support and cheer circle? Kindly tell us, if you have experienced something like this.

I have gotten a good share of maximum support and I am truly grateful but there are days (especially at the beginning years) that I have experienced none. **The truth is if you know who you are and your true source, your joy, and motivation will not be conditional!** Whether your circle gives you big support or not, getting approval and a "go baby girl!" kind of cheer daily from the Holy Spirit means everything and alters the odds! I personally believe that great men and women of our time have run with their visions to greatness not because they had 100% support, love, and belief from their circles, something bigger and higher pushes them forward despite the lack of encouragement. I have even observed that no one really cares about your story except you've made it; people are easily attracted to men and women of great value and success.

As a growing entrepreneur, permit me to put it this way, so, as an entrepreneur who is also a believer, has the Holy Spirit helped in handling stress, giving your inspirations, and ordering your steps? I believe He has. But, can you give an example?

The foundation of Winnex Illustrations is God and the Holy Spirit has been there from the beginning till now! He is my inspiration and has truly been a stress reliever and a guardian! One example I can excitedly share is how he helps me stay up late when need be to complete an Illustration (for example, the time is presently 3:42 am - the normal time for me to be illustrating or rounding up an illustration on a normal day). He pops a juicing idea in my head or gives a flash most time, I pick up my phone if chanced to illustrate with Him giving DEFINITE instructions as to how it is meant to be. In cases where I am busy, He retains the fashion ideas till when I am chanced.

What do you do when you don't meet up certain goals you have set for yourself?

I feel sad at first but then I ask for mercy and Grace picking up myself to run smash some goals! It is okay to fail but letting time pass in failure and quitting is definitely not okay; we cannot change what has been done, we just have today to make tomorrow better (personal thought).

There is no one who doesn't love when being appreciated, like; Oh, I love that song of yours, I saw your book, and yes, I enjoyed it, and so on. But, sometimes, when these little things don't come, we could be tempted to believe, we aren't doing something right. How have you dealt with "no compliments" and "plenty compliments"?

To answer this, I must, first of all, commend the Holy Spirit for helping me in this aspect. Do you know there are some days when I am restricted from posting my Illustrations till a particular time? Yes, the Holy Spirit does this a lot which has really built me.



"No compliments" doesn't change the fact that I am a fashion illustrator who is led by the Spirit of God, in fact, I might see it as my viewers are in awe and speechless because the works are good (*remember it is all about your perspective; if you make life hard, it would be until you experience a "paradigm shift"*).

"No compliments" should not define one's worth; even when there is no compliment, keep posting it as you are unconsciously building your brand and carving an image of yourself in their hearts... I have experienced people talk about my Illustrations when we run into each other with them sending no comment/compliments online!

"No compliments" doesn't scare me but stopping because no one cares does! Now to "Plenty compliment", if this is not handled well, it might lead to pride and downfall. The Holy Spirit has helped me in two ways - sanctification and what I call the "bigger perspective".



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The former is an experience by grace that has cleansed me from pride and other inward iniquities, the latter deals with the greater world of Illustration; as I view other people's works especially the experts in this field I am constantly reminded that I am not yet there. Though I celebrate my small wins on my journey to success, I am not carried away by the cheers and compliments; in my gratitude, I hunger and strive for greater heights!

How many hours do you spend on creating an illustration? And what do you do to restore your energy when tired?

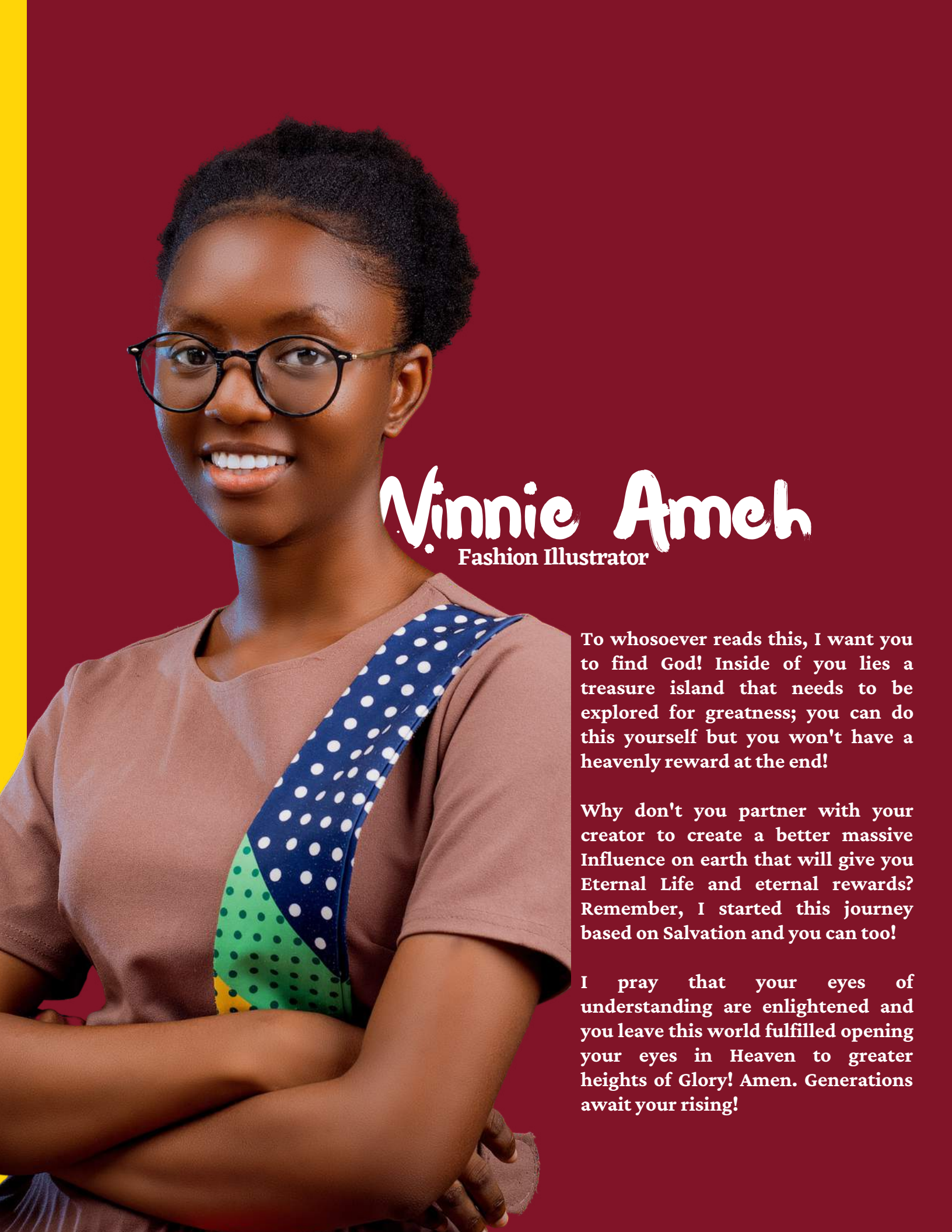
I spend at least an hour plus illustrating a design. When tired, I basically flow with the Holy Spirit as the instructions are not always the same. I do what He says at that point of tiredness as I trust Him.

Tell us, what your favorite Bible verse is? And why?

John 15:16 KJV: *"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."*

It is my favorite verse because of two reasons, the first, God literally (the second time) gave it to me in a moment of great dilemma and tears (I was just in 100 level then).

Secondly, I love it because it speaks to my very being - I am CHOSEN; ORDAINED FOR FRUITFULNESS AND BLESSED WITH ANSWERED PRAYERS!



Vinnie Ameh

Fashion Illustrator

To whosoever reads this, I want you to find God! Inside of you lies a treasure island that needs to be explored for greatness; you can do this yourself but you won't have a heavenly reward at the end!

Why don't you partner with your creator to create a better massive Influence on earth that will give you Eternal Life and eternal rewards? Remember, I started this journey based on Salvation and you can too!

I pray that your eyes of understanding are enlightened and you leave this world fulfilled opening your eyes in Heaven to greater heights of Glory! Amen. Generations await your rising!

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When
Faith
Lingers

Special Article

There are those moments when you feel nothing is working, you feel confused, you're totally broke, you lost a relationship you've invested a lot in, you feel alone, you lost your dream job, you are in terrible situations, you've done all you know how to, you've prayed till your throat hurts and your answer has not arrived. Can I tell you something? Rest and wait on the lord, let him renew your strength and you'll be sure that God will show up for you at the right time in a big way that'll blow your mind.

HOLDING ON WHEN IT'S TOUGH

by Ife-praise Ayeni



That point where you feel you've been stretched beyond the limit is not the right time to give up, it is the time to hold on, even more, to stand in faith and not waver, to praise God and remember his past faithfulness and to believe in his promises because your breakthrough is near.

Do you see parents taking their small children to take injections and wonder why they'll allow needles to be used on their children despite the tears from the children and plea that they do not want to take injections? Well, I've come to realize that they'll rather allow their children to experience that few seconds of pain than to experience a long time of pain with more complicated illness and diseases or even loss of the child. As good parents they choose what is best for the child even if the child does not understand it, that's how God is, he is our good shepherd, so even when you don't see where what you are going through is leading to, lean on God continually, he'll bring you to a better place. God is the secret of breakthrough, God is the fourth man in the fire, he's the reason why you'll walk through the fire untouched and he's got you, he has promised you exceeding abundantly above all you think, **be patient with your process and your testimony will be loud.**

When faith Lingers: A Poem by Onifade Joy Claronke

I am that wife,
Love dearly by my husband,
Though two wives in his home,
But the best in his mind.

For long I've been married,
Married to my husband,
But childless and hopeless,
Taunted by my husband's wife.

My barrenness became a song,
Sang to my hearings always.
Wanting to frustrate me,
She asked if I've bought a sweater for my
first son.

I cried all the time,
Went to God in prayers,
With faith, I pleaded to Him,
That I may have a child of my own.

I trusted in God,
Expecting the miracle every minute,
But my faith kept lingering,
Taking longer than I supposed.

Am I not to you more than ten sons?
I love you with or without a child,
My husband would say to me,
But my soul wasn't satisfied.

Though my faith lingered,
I tarried in prayer to God.
I was taught to be drunk,
But the pain in my heart, I communicated to
God.

God remembered me,
And gave me first a son.
I became a mother of seven children,
My enemies stopped rejoicing over me.

Though my faith linger,
And it seems my waiting will not end,
But I tarried more in prayers,
There He beautified and rewarded my waiting
exceedingly.

I love the result of my lingered faith,
The processes it took me through,
God, I got to know me,
His mind I prayed out, vowed to give him back
my son.

Though my faith lingers,
I will wait more in faith,
Till my joy is full,
And the world hears my testimony.

The above poem was inspired by Hannah's story, an example of a woman with lingering faith. Though her faith lingers, she lingered more in prayers and God remembered her and did beyond her request. A barren woman became the mother of seven. Even when your faith lingers, it's for the best result! Don't stop believing, linger more in prayers, and in due season, the result will speak!



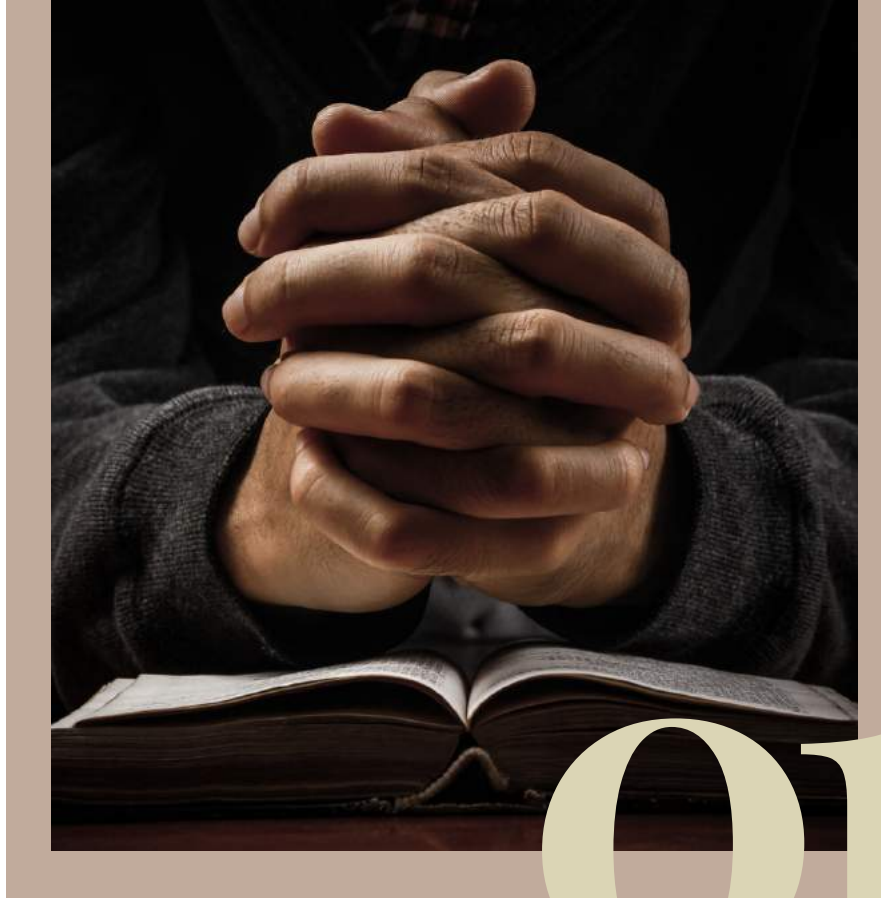
HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY
DAVID VICTOR

It's no secret that our Christian Faith is one that is usually under trial. We live in a world that condoles everything contrary to our belief, and with every passing day, our Faith is tested. And so it is our uttermost duty to consciously take measures that would keep our faith burning.

The past year has dealt with many, created fears, and trepidation at all sides. But, now is the time to begin composing our Victory song. We didn't come so far to give up, God didn't bring us thus far to abandon us.

I believe, now is the time to become a part of something great; be integrated into God's Kingdom, and have a winning edge in this depraved world. We deserve to shout a song of Victory; because we don't serve a DEFEATED KING. That's the Spirit of adoption in us. WE CAN STAND FOR CHRIST AND YET ENJOY LIVING.



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Talk to God more than you talk about Him

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Most Christians just love the idea of Christianity. They love the fellowship, the titles, the tags, the languages, the names, the glory-hallelujah-amen moments, and other religious packaging. But they don't like the content, they don't fancy the seeking, the relationship, the trials, the prayers, the rebukes, the spiritual exercises, the submission, and other things that form the skeleton of a True Believer.

God desires a personal relationship with us. He gave his Son to serve as a bridge between Him and us, so there'd be no hindrance to our knowing and enjoying Him. So while we cruise around singing Christian songs, speaking Christian languages, and telling people that the "Lord is Good", we need to make sure that our relationship with Him is intact. We need to understand that it's **relationship before fellowship**. The fellowship was designed to help start a relationship with God or strengthen one that is already existing.

**3 Reasons why talking to God
consistent is vital; see next page**

A.

INSIGHT: The book of Jeremiah 33:3 says “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Call here could be in the place of prayer or quiet time, but the instruction is clear, “Call”. Call and He promises to answer. He promises to give you insights, wisdom, out-of-the-box ideas that you would never know of if you don’t call.

B.

PROVIDENCE: When you are in a good relationship with someone in authority, you won’t be too worried about the problems you have that are related to the field of such a person. You have an assurance that your problem is half solved simply because you have someone there. And that’s the same way it is with God. It was written in Hebrews 4:16 “Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” That means you can’t come boldly to the throne of grace if you have neglected the King that sits on the throne.

C.

SUSTAINABILITY: As Christians who desire to maintain our Faith, we need to stop seeing God as a quick fix, a rehabilitation center, or a medicine. We need to see him as water (the water of life), something we need to take every day to live and survive. The bible says in Psalms 42:1 - “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 42:2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?” Our souls, spirits, and bodies should always thirst for God on a daily basis. And like a tree planted by the waterside, our lives will always be sustained and we will know no dryness.



Detoxify Yourself Daily

Since the error of Adam and Eve, the world has been a breeding place for all manner of toxins. With each passing day, new layers of sin are being unraveled; they include toxic habits, unchristian attitudes, immoral behaviors, and many other things that endanger the soul. We face these things every day, hence the need for daily detoxification.

I.

FILTER YOUR THOUGHTS: A human mind is a powerful place, it's usually a cross-section of wild thoughts and imaginations. Some of these thoughts are usually profane and carnal because they're inspired by the flesh, with the sole aim of leading us to do something ungodly. Spiritually battles are mostly started and won in the mind, and that's why we need to filter our minds, by blowing off thoughts that aren't inspired by the Holy Spirit and adhering to the verse Proverbs 4:23, which says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

CHOOSE POSITIVITY: In line with filtering your thoughts, it is important to paint the whole of your being with positivity—from your thoughts to your words. There's power in the tongue and so we often possess what we confess. And when we dwell on negative thoughts, our mind tends to walk in the direction of what or how we think. So, we should endeavor to choose Positivity every day, lacing every word and thought that proceeds from our mouths and minds with grace, love, and truth. See Proverbs 18:21.

II.

GET RID OF STUBBORN ROOTS: Sometimes when we fail to filter our thoughts and choose positivity, we're faced with repercussions. Toxic influences, sinful behaviors, immoral habits, and addictions are some stubborn roots that need to be uprooted. The longer they stay, the more havoc they wrought because they're poisonous and extremely unhealthy to the life of a Christian. In getting rid of them, there's a need for repentance (returning to the cross) and a thorough surgical work of sanctification — all these aided by the help of the Holy Spirit.

III.



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Renew Your Mind

Now, this is the culmination and bottom line of all the other points, it is the final step that keeps the other factors in orbit. The Bible says in Romans 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” The whole point of maintaining your Faith as a Christian is to not be conformed to the world but to be transformed into that perfect will God has designed. Renewing your mind goes beyond getting over worldly behaviors, but going as far as being renewed spiritually, mentally, and morally.

It is about replacing all the roots of Adamic natures and tendencies with a full tree of the fruits of the Spirit. It is about getting completely unyoked from the bondage of sin and living in the freedom that Christ has given. Paul best explains this in the book of Ephesians 4:23 “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.”

Maintaining one’s Faith isn’t as easy as it sounds, in fact, it’s easier to read how one can do it than actually doing it. And that’s why we all need to hire the Holy Spirit as a mental coach, everything is easier when He’s on the same page with us. His reminders, purges, guidance, and presence are enough to keep us on the run, as we write our victory song.

WAITING IS NOT

Wasting

by: Alao Gabriel

"But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind."

There are territories to tread and take over for YAHWEH. Saints of God are Eagles which should SOAR with HEAVEN's message as Witness to every corner, and to the uttermost regions of the earth. But, we must first WAIT! We must like eagles ascend unto the Holy Hill of GOD, where we WAIT until every weight is gotten rid of, and we put on a new skin that glows with ABBA's glory, to shine forth HIS Light upon this terrestrial ball. Eagles! while we passionately anticipate the flight, we choose to be Patient, and sincerely stay the Waiting Season,

For then is Strength received and then does Angels work on our Wings - as we Perpetually WAIT in Defining Intimacy with the DIVINITY. It isn't ours to calculate the timing, how long will not matter, for when HE finally comes, we shall SOAR. We take our gaze off the flying birds that merely flap their wings on just pavements. We are designed and destined to spread Wings over the mountain tops, that Christ may tower over every territory, and have every tribe come streaming to HIM.

But, we must first stay the waiting season, that our strength may be sourced from HIS Sovereignty. And then, when we have taken off the old wineskin for the new, shall the SPIRIT of the MOST HIGH signal our Emergence.

For, just like the eagles sees the wind blow, and move in its direction, shall we Mount on the HOLY SPIRIT, and on HIM we shall spread our Wings to elegantly SOAR in His directive - to nations about and beyond, proclaiming Light to them that sits in darkness and prophesying Life to those in the valley of the shadow of death. Do not rush seasons in your life, you'll surely miss this present season you are trying to rush out of, and you may so deeply regret it - WAIT!

So, Saints of Christ!

It is time for the Eagles to gather, and ascend to the Holy Hill - to wait, and be made fit, 'till HE comes, and announce the time of your SOARING!

WHEN FAITH LINGERS

Written by Precious Jimoh

The urge was really strong. I tried, I really did. The pills rested on the table while I fought the urgent urge to grab and swallow them.

Dejectedly, I reached for my razor and gave myself a mark on my skin. I just stared at the blood without any emotions while my Mum walked into the room.

Her eyes ran across the tables to the pills, syringes and injections. She gave me a painful smile and asked if I wanted to eat. I just stared at her and moved to the bed. She stared at me for minutes with pain in her eyes and walked away.

I wanted to get water from the kitchen, so I walked past her room. "Eric, Lord. Have mercy on Eric. Mercy, oh Lord." That was my mum's voice, praying for me again. Isn't she tired? Why wouldn't she just let go? How did I even get here? Oh, I remember.

It all began with my Dad's death. My life stopped before my very own eyes. I had lost my Dad at a very crucial point in my life, a time when I needed him most; My teenage years. I was mad and angry at myself. I took solace in drugs from 15. I'd drink it, inject myself with it, inflict injuries on my skin and constantly slide in and out of depression. My Mum? She had faith in God that I'd change. Well, I'm 19 and I don't see myself changing anytime soon. Pfft, tasteless life. A week later, I'd be seen asking my mum if I could join her to Church. She'd wear a baffled look on her face and ask me, "You said what?" The pastor would be seen preaching on faith and salvation and how they walk hand-in-hand. Two Sundays later, I'd be at the front of the altar crying and asking God for his mercy and salvation. It was such a trying time. I felt and fell sick most times because I didn't want to do drugs again. My Mum would hold my hands and pray.

"God, I have ultimate faith in you. I know you can do this. If you could arrest and change Saul, then who's Eric?....."

The voices in my head would scream and work me all up. I'd want to hurt myself so badly, but I trusted and had faith in Him for a total restoration. I joined a youth rehabilitation team and we talked over our issues and how we could help ourselves each Friday. I joined a youth prayer team in church. I took bible, foundational, and baptismal classes in church. Three months have gone and I hadn't done drugs again. 4 months later I was baptized.

2 years later, I'm standing on the altar with a mic, about singing Theophilus' song. This wouldn't have been possible if my mum had given up and not trusted God. Her faith lingered for years, well, same as mine. It took my willingness to surrender to God, my trust in him, and finally, my lingered faith. I sighed and began, "I've been offered to a supreme being, and now I'm a sacrifice, the life that I live is not my own....."

Meet Hannah Enyauwile

-CEO, PANN EDITORIALS



Interview

INTERVIEW PART II

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME AN EDITORIAL, AND WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES YOU HAVE FACED AS IT REGARDS YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH?

When I was in Elementary School, I used to cut out pieces of cardboard, bind them together like a book, write stories on them and name myself the author. When my classmates saw this, they began to write stories too and they usually submitted them to me so I could make corrections and approve. When I think about it now, this was actually the beginning of my editing journey. This practice of course mates and friends writing stories and asking me to edit continued throughout secondary school and even when I got to the university. Later, I was appointed by the Law Students Association of my university as the Editor-in-Chief. This position meant I had to oversee all written publications of LAWSAN and I also picked the winners during literary competitions.

In 2020, I was contemplating starting an online business to add to my day job especially in the wake of the pandemic that shook the world. That was when I decided to monetize my editing skills which I had continued by the way. This birthed PANN EDITORIALS. About my Christian faith, editing hasn't given me a lot of challenges in this area. However, there was a time when I received a Christian manuscript to walk on. Being very sensitive, I discovered that there was an error somewhere between what was written and what the Bible teaches. I was faced with the challenge of leaving it like that or correcting the author. I chose the latter. I cannot willingly allow people to read errors and place their Christian life in danger at the expense of pecuniary gains.



HAVE THERE BEEN DAYS YOU FEEL MENTALLY STRESSED AND SAPPED OUT DESPITE DOING WHAT YOU LOVED? HOW HAVE YOU MANAGED THIS?

Actually, yes. There have been times when I've felt too tired to edit. This usually occurs when the work is overwhelming and I have too much to do in too little time. To guard against this, I employed two trainee editors. They help me out with lesser manuscripts like journal articles and short stories so I can focus on the bigger ones. I also take out time to relax.

IF ASKED, ARE CHRISTIANS WRITING ENOUGH BOOKS? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? ALSO, WHY DO YOU THINK MANY CHRISTIANS ARE AFRAID OR SHOULD I SAY, ASHAMED TO SHARE THEIR STORY WITH THE WORLD AROUND THEM?

The question is not really about if Christians are writing enough books but more about if Christians are writing enough Christian books. A lot of Christians are writing but not all of them are writing Christocentric books. Much like music, some have delved into secular writing so they can make more sales.

"Some Christians are ashamed to share their Christian Faith with the World"

Without trying to demean the 'calling' of some, I must advise that in whatever field a Christian is writing on, whether finance, personal development, politics, or entertainment, it is necessary to inject the good news. This can serve as a means of evangelism and lead to someone's salvation.

Some Christians are ashamed to share their Christian faith with the world around them because they are afraid of what the world would say or afraid of losing their positions in the world. This fear has been in existence since. Remember Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea? (John 19:38,39). Just think, if Jesus was not afraid to die for me, why should I be afraid to share the good news?



HOW HAS SUCCUMBING TO THE WILL OF GOD HELP YOU AS A BUSINESS OWNER, AND AS A LAWYER?

As a business owner, embracing editing and using it as an avenue to serve God by ensuring flawless Christian books are produced as well as advising Christian authors on how best to publish and market their books have made me feel immensely fulfilled. God has also brought in more clients than I thought possible within the space of a year. Through this means, I've come in contact with Christians from far and wide.

As a lawyer, it has helped me become better at parts of my legal work that have to do with drafting, writing, and even editing. God has also been faithful as He placed me in a position better than I was before and here, I have more time to devote to editing.

WHAT IF YOU STOP BEING AN EDITORIAL, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN EXCEL AT? AND, HOW CAN YOUNG CHRISTIANS NAVIGATE THROUGH CHANGES IN SEASON IN THEIR LIVES?



I told you earlier that I was writing stories as a little child, I still do. If I were to leave the editing world today, although both are closely related, I believe I would excel as a writer. I can always return fully to my day job of practicing law as well.

Another thing I do currently and excellently well at is public speaking. I speak on youth development, spiritual growth, and academic excellence through the power of God. It's also an option to specialize on if ever I decide to stop editing.



My advice to young Christians is always to stay with God. Read the Bible and pray daily and you will never go wrong. A lot of challenges we face as Christians generally are things that would seem like walkovers if only we stick to God. The problems usually come when we leave God out of the equation and start seeking respite elsewhere. Receive grace to stick with God in any situation in life in Jesus' name. Receive grace to wait on Him till He visits you in the name of Jesus. Amen!

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the world, a city
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