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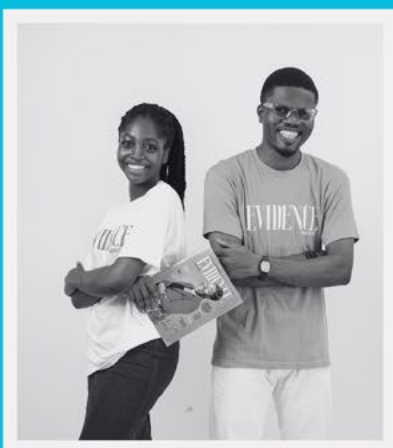
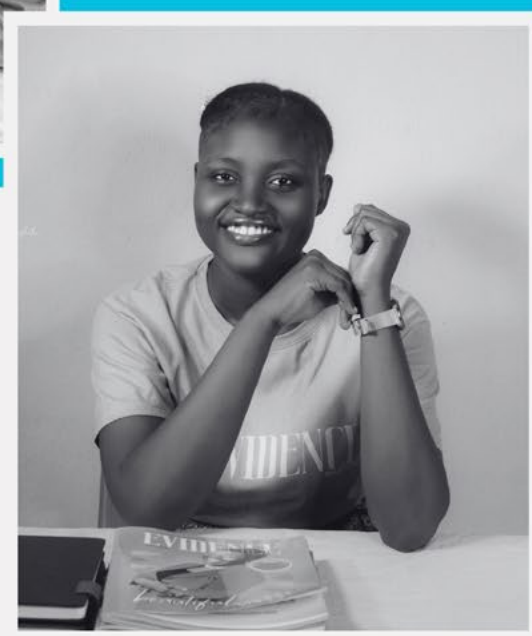
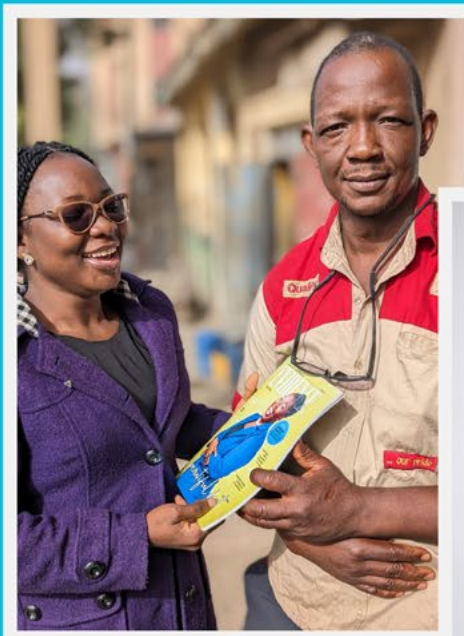
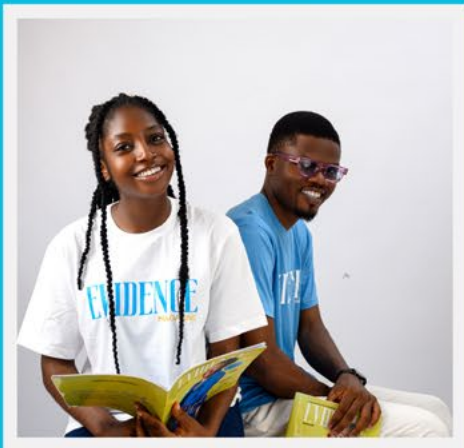
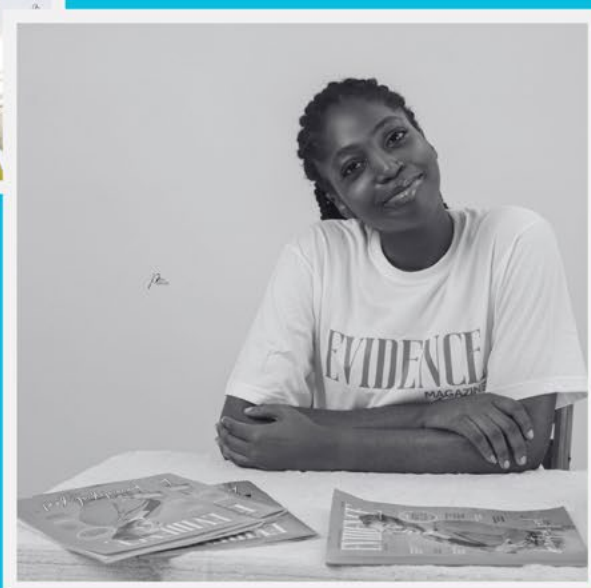


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Every tribe and nations ...

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16TH CENTURY

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21ST CENTURY

Active use of social media, the rise of great men of God, COVID-19, numerous misconceptions about the Christian Faith.

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THE STORY:

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In July 2023, the magazine was rebranded after being known as "**Daachiever Magazine**". The name "*Witness*" was chosen at first, but due to its popularity online, the Holy Spirit led us to look for synonyms, and the term "**EVIDENCE**" stood out. Evidence is an undeniable fact, and the vision of this magazine is to present to its readers the undeniable truth of the Gospel. According to I John 1:1-3, the magazine will bear witness to the word of life, **CHRIST**. As a result, we aim to **INTRODUCE CHRIST** to our readers, **INSPIRE CHRISTIAN CREATIVES** like you, and **INITIATE COLLABORATION** within the Christian community.

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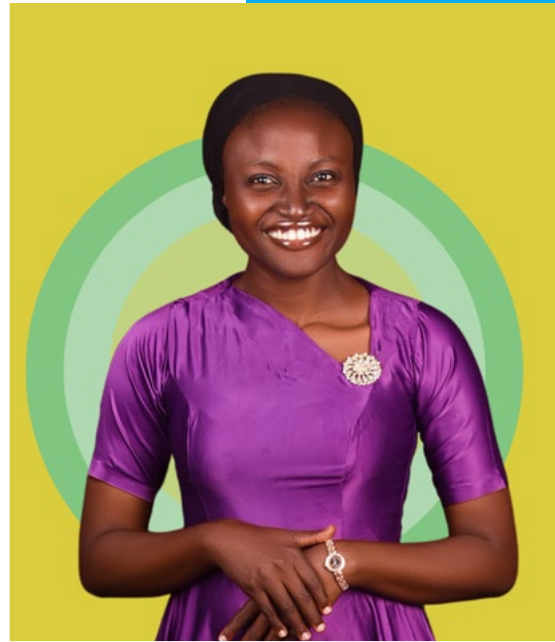
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PIONEER'S ADDRESS

Whenever God gives a word, there is a power that backs it up far beyond human comprehension. And when He created man, He gave man the power to create and dominate the earth. Here is a warm greeting to you, dear reader, as you pick up this year's issue of Evidence Magazine.



Isaiah 9:2 (AMP): **“The people who walk in [spiritual] darkness Will see a great Light; Those who live in the dark land, The Light will shine on them”**. But how shall they see that Light if no one tells them? Dwelling on the theme of the magazine, **TESTAMENT**, we are encouraged as Creatives, mainly Christians across the various spheres of influence, to shine as a testifying light of the wonders of God's redeeming love.

The world needs to know more about God. The Bible recounted a beautiful scenery in Zechariah 8:23, which says: Thus says the Lord of hosts, **‘In those days ten men [as representatives] from all the nations will grasp the robe of a Jew, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.”**

Have the people around us heard that the Lord is with us with the lifestyle we portray? Does our life minister to the undiluted truth of the word of God, or are we in between? Can Heaven look down and be proud of our actions? Do we, with great esteem, carry that great light meant to shine in darkness?

I pray that as you glance through the articles in this magazine, you will be reawakened to the actual and sole cause of man's creation and that you will make your Father in Heaven proud. Amen.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
VICTORY KUDABO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victory Kudabo'.

Who are the next **GENERATIONS** of Christians?

BY ELIJAH AJIGBOTOLUWA

Generally speaking, in the 1980s/90s, Christians were firmly committed to doctrinal integrity, moral values, and a lifestyle that distinguished them from the world. Church teachings were sacred, the line between right and wrong was sharply drawn, and there was an overwhelming awareness that being a Christian meant living according to Bible standards.


Fast forward to modern days, there is a significant shift. The standards that once defined Christian life have been greatly diluted, evoking a sense of loss and raising profound concerns about present-day believers' long-term influence and eventual destiny.

The Early 90s was a time of clear standards. Most Christians adhered tenaciously to the teachings of Scripture. Sermons centered mostly on the need for personal holiness, spiritual discipline, and a lifestyle that reflected the teachings of Jesus. Believers accepted the Bible as the authoritative word of God, with final authority on matters of faith and conduct. Its teachings were the guiding principle for personal conduct and communal life.

Churches were not bothered by any so-called political correctness, as they were unequivocal on moral issues such as marriage and sexual orientation. There was no argument whether divorce and remarriage while one's spouse is still alive or abortion was right or wrong. The sanctities of marriage and life were not debatable. All social issues were weighed on the scales of "what says the Scripture?", and there was little or no ambiguity about what was considered right and wrong. This clarity provided Christians with a strong sense of identity and a clear witness to the wider society.

Unfortunately, today, there is a massive shifting of standards. The ancient landmarks of the faith, which the fathers set, have been moved. Today, the Christian landscape is characterised by rampant materialism and shocking disregard for Biblical laws on topics like tithing, restitution, love, and honour for the elderly.

Several factors have contributed to this shift in standards. They include cultural pressures, modernism, the rise of secularism, and a desire for greater inclusivity. While some of these changes have been beneficial in making the church more accessible to a broader audience, they have also lowered the moral and doctrinal standards that once defined the faith.



One of the appalling changes is the growing acceptance of behaviours and lifestyles that were once considered incompatible with Christian teaching. Issues such as cohabitation before marriage, divorce, and same-sex relationships are now often approached with a level of tolerance that would have been unthinkable in the 80s or early 90s. In an effort to be more welcoming, many Christian assemblies have softened their stance on these issues, definitely at the expense of Biblical principles. In many circles, ecclesiastical authority and privileges are now bestowed on gays and lesbians.

Additionally, the authority of Scripture has been increasingly questioned or reinterpreted to fit modern sensibilities. The once clear lines of Christian doctrine have become blurred as more believers and leaders prioritise personal experience, material acquisition, and cultural relevance over traditional teachings. This has led to a more subjective approach to faith, where individual beliefs and preferences often precede established doctrine.

This lowering of standards has had negative implications for the church's witness. When Christians adopt standards that are indistinguishable from those of the surrounding culture, their ability to offer a compelling alternative diminishes. As the Bible says, the salt has lost its savour, or the axe head has become blunt or entirely fallen off its handle. The distinctiveness of the Christian life—a life of sacrifice, holiness, devotion, and obedience to God—becomes obscured, and with it, the church's power to influence and transform society.

Furthermore, as the lines between Christian and secular ethics blur, the church risks losing its moral authority. If the church is seen as merely echoing the prevailing cultural norms rather than offering a counter-cultural message grounded in timeless truths, its relevance and credibility are undermined.

But like the Psalmist, we are tempted to ask a pertinent question in all of these; "If the foundation be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?" The question that arises from this reflection is whether the church can or should return to the higher standards that once characterised its life and witness. Of course, this does not mean a return to archaic religion, legalism or an unyielding rigidity, but rather a recommitment to the core principles of the faith—a re-embracing of the call to holiness, the authority of Scripture, and the distinctiveness of the Christian life.

Such a renewal will require courageous leadership, a clear articulation of Christian doctrine, and a willingness among believers to live counter-culturally. It's a call to action, a reminder that change is possible and necessary. It may also involve difficult decisions, such as standing firm on controversial issues or challenging popular but unbiblical trends within the church.

In conclusion, while the Christian church has always had to navigate the tension between remaining faithful to its beliefs and engaging with a changing world, lowering standards today represents a significant departure from the faith practised in the early 80/90s.

To reclaim its witness, the church must find a way to balance cultural engagement with a steadfast commitment to the truths that have sustained it for millennia. This balance is crucial, as it ensures the church offers the world not just another version of itself, but a transformative vision of life as it was meant to be lived.



There is a call to *stand out*

The **WORLD** still needs nothing, but the
UNDILUTED truth of **God's WORD**.

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He gave gifts to all

BY VICTORY KUDABO

Disgruntled, I woke up from my bed with a swollen face and sat by the edge of the bed stretching my left leg in a bid to drag my slippers which were a little miles from me.

Who would have told me I could easily get admission into the university? I had given up. But why was I awake this morning with a sore mood? I couldn't tell. Maybe I could. I'm just too lazy to think about it.

Today was my first day at university, and while I brushed my teeth, I remembered why I woke up unhappy. Yes, my story is just like every average Nigerian teenager who seeks to gain admission into the university with a course they desire but are given another.

I wanted to study Doctor of Optometry, but staring right at me is a future in Food Science. Well, not that I was so passionate about my foremost course of study, you could

easily guess it. There was only one option for anyone in the sciences. Ninety percent of science students wanted to be a Medical Doctor, and I was one.

Meanwhile, my Chemistry teacher managed to sow a seed of change in me, asking that I go for Gynaecology. That seed never found enough water to grow into a tree.

Does this sound familiar when I oscillated like a pendulum bulb because I had always wanted to study Medicine, not Gynaecology. Later, I changed my mind to become an Optician. As fate would have it, I was given a course I never dreamt about — Food Science. Life has got to be playing a funny card on a 17-year-old me.

Food Science!

What is it all about? And why did a doctor I went to see for a checkup rejoice when I told him I gained admission to study Food Science? One

would have thought he was in my shoes. Everyone seemed to counsel me to go for the course. Besides, I have nothing to lose. I could easily switch to another course in my second year or opt for another university.

But guess what, I never did any of that.

Perhaps, Food Science was just so perfect for me, or God had other plans. Fast forward to my first year in school, I went daily to go uninterested and unmotivated, my mindset being that, "I'm only in this school for a while. So, I will just choose another course in another university next year". Classes were boring. I had few friends, one being my cousin.

Year one went by and I had a fair result, but this time a stranger happened to persuade me not to go to another university. Besides, finance was another issue.

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THE ODDS

*some days I feel like Peter,
the first one to stray when
things don't go my way.
I know delay isn't denial,
but I denied you three times
without delay.
I can hear the cock crow
on my guilt.*

*some days I feel like Judas,
the one who exchanged the
Savior for silver.
I know the love of money is
the root of evil, but still I
refuse to burn my idols.
I hope I never get to
pay for my sins.*

*some days I feel like Thomas,
the one dressed in unbelief
with eyes lensed with doubt.
I know the holes in your hands
were for the holes in my heart.
I hope your resurrection
will fill the void.*

BY DAVID VICTOR



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The background of the lower half of the page features a teal and green geometric pattern of triangles. Two white doves, each carrying an olive branch, are flying in the upper corners. In the center, the words "TENT REVIVAL" are written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. A small black silhouette of a tent with a flame inside is positioned between the two words. Below this, the words "FOR CHRISTIAN CREATIVES" are written in a smaller, black, all-caps sans-serif font.

**TENT
REVIVAL**
FOR CHRISTIAN CREATIVES

...until the earth be filled

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We should all be digital evangelists

BY FAITH OGEDENGBE

In today's technology-driven world, a digital presence is no longer a luxury but a necessity for businesses, organizations, and individuals. It encompasses all online activities and content related to a brand, including websites, social media profiles, online advertisements, and more. Establishing a strong digital presence is crucial for reaching a wider audience, enhancing engagement, and staying competitive.

The gospel isn't left out in the digital space as well. As the world has become more closely linked than ever due to digital technologies, it is a no-brainer that evangelism has also evolved. There are approximately seven billion people in the world. Four billion of the world's population use the internet and three billion are on social media. So, sharing the gospel offline is no longer enough, thereby

transcending to online spaces. Digital Evangelism involves using the internet, and social media platforms to share the gospel with the world, thereby meeting the needs of others. It helps us spread the gospel at a faster rate than we ever imagined. As young creatives and Christians, we have been presented with a unique opportunity to spread the Gospel since we are more technology-savvy than the older generations. This is the advantage we need to utilize seeing that it is a mandate given to us in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15. Christ commands us to "go and make disciples of all nations" and "preach the gospel to every creature."

The Mandate for Digital Evangelism

The Apostles ran with this and embarked on missionary trips to Asia, Macedonia, Jerusalem, Galatia, and many other places to ensure that the gospel was heard despite the death threats they faced. The early missionaries faced the same issues. Some were killed and others died from sicknesses.

Organizations like Calvary Ministries known as CAPRO and Heart Cry Missionary Society have continued this work today. They have not relented in reaching the unsaved and we must not too.

We might not have the privilege of traveling worldwide to reach the unsaved but we have the privilege of doing so digitally.

Challenges in Digital Evangelism

Despite the opportunity technology has given us, our generation faces distinct challenges and struggles. We spend significant time on social media, consuming and posting content that may not always reflect our faith. As young Christians, we often find ourselves bombarded by a myriad of secular content that promotes immorality, vulgarity, and selfishness. It's hard not to be influenced by these contents. The flashy lifestyles and unrealistic expectations we see on our social media platforms daily lead to the constant pressure to outdo others. This gives way to comparison which could further lead to depression if expectations are not met.

Trends go in and out in the blink of an eye and the need to keep up with them can be crushing. There's the addiction to keep scrolling and opposing anything related to Christ. This is the reality of many young Christians but we must wake up. We must begin to view ourselves as digital evangelists. In the 21st century, living a godly offline life is as important as living online. Living an evangelistic lifestyle is impossible if your social media presence contradicts your life in Christ.

Overcoming The Challenges and Living a Godly Online Life

Social media is a powerful tool that we must all utilize righteously. Do not give Satan the satisfaction of seeing you compromise personal righteousness for unnecessary social involvement. We must conquer the challenges we face on social media through resilience, open dialogue, and the ability to articulate our beliefs respectfully, even in the face of opposition. Finding supportive communities and mentors who can guide us through difficult conversations and equip us with the tools to defend our faith with grace and understanding is very crucial. It's time to rethink our online presence and intentionally use these platforms to preach the Gospel, just as we would in our daily lives (Romans 1:16). We must become unashamed of the Gospel because we know it has unlimited power to save both offline and online.

The Mandate for Digital Evangelism

No one says you should post only Scriptures and never voice your opinions. But as a Christian, it is important that as you voice your opinions, you do so without compromising your righteousness. Every footprint you live online should be godly and right.

You can share your faith with others online through content creation. Online content includes

blogs, videos, podcasts, and more. If you have creative talents, you can put them to use by creating content that can reach strangers online with the Gospel. Next time you post, share, or comment on social media, consider how Jesus would feel about what you say. How would the friend you are sharing your faith with respond? Will what you are posting make what you share in faith seem insincere? Is it possible to remain holy while saying what you're saying? Would Jesus have laughed at your joke?

Try to be consciously aware of your words and your actions. The Christian's call to be set apart applies to every aspect of life, even social media, where most people can see you.

Every social media platform is a place of expression and influence and we must join in influencing these spaces for Christ. Let's be unashamed digital evangelists.

Let's post inspiring and edifying content rather than seeking validation through thirst traps, provocative videos, or ungodly humor. Let's use our WhatsApp status updates, Snapchat stories, and Instagram stories to share God's love and truth. We have the power to leave a lasting impact on the digital landscape. Let's make our footprints count for eternity.

Will you join us in this call to become intentional digital evangelists?





From Mess to Message

BY STEPHENIE NOSAKHARE

Ashamed, Unworthy, Broken, Shaken, Depressed, Messed up, Shattered, Addicted, Miserable and Unforgiving!

We've all been there at some point in our lives, trapped in the darkness of our own making, wondering if there's a way out; but, reading through the scriptures, we see the story of God's redeeming Grace.

The Bible, and the world at large is punctuated by a plethora of stories and testimonies of individuals who started off on the wrong foot, later found their right footing in God after having embraced the salvific work of grace. Different in its beginning, these stories all have the same happy ending when they let Christ into their lives.

Rahab, known for harlotry within the walls of Jericho, changed the course and trajectory of her life by accommodating and hiding the spies from Israel. Her belief in the God of Israel brought her freedom from the wages of sin and thus became part of the genealogy of Christ.

Mary Magdalene, the one who was delivered of seven demons, is also a testament to this transforming power of salvation. She became a dear disciple of Christ, walking and learning at His feet. She eventually became the first to see Him after resurrection.

King David, the man after God's own heart, stumbled into adultery and murder, yet still found his way back to redemption.

These testimonials are proof that God still works with broken vessels. He can put you back together and still make good use of your cracks. In verse 8 and 9 of Ephesians chapter 2, Apostle Paul tells the believers that salvation is a gift of God and a function of grace, which is made available to all men.

The story of David's Mighty men is very striking in the Bible. In 1 Samuel 22:1-2 KJV it says, "[1] David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. [2] And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men."

These were men who were already written off, they had a lot of baggage, issues, were in debt, they were messed up, and many thought nothing good could come out of them, but reading further, we see a drastic change in their lives.

The Bible says in verse 8 of the same chapter - **"These be the names of the mighty men whom David had..."** We see the beauty of grace and its ability to transform our mess into a message of hope and redemption through Christ. What a strange and marvelous God!

These stories are the experiences of many today; those who have struggled with the guilt of abortion, the grip of addiction, the shame of hypocrisy, the guilt of unforgiveness, and many more. But it's in these darkest moments that God's redeeming grace shines brightest.

When you consider the trial Joseph faced from his brothers and the temptation in Potiphar's household or you consider the temptation of Daniel who chose not to give in to the pressure of the evil decree that was signed by the king, or the confrontation endured by Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they refused to bow down to the idols of King Nebuchadnezzar.

zar, we see the way each of these temptations have way to great testimonies of God's faithfulness.

If you're struggling to find your way out of a mess, know that you're not alone. And more importantly, know that God is not done with you yet; He is just getting started.

One of the beautiful aspects of God's character is His ability to restore what has been shattered, broken, and messy. Whether it's a shattered dream, a broken relationship, or a life marred by regret, God can take those pieces and create something new and beautiful. This is the power of restoration, taking what's been broken and making it whole again. And it's a power that's available to each of us, no matter what our past may hold.

But restoration isn't always easy. Often, it requires us to face our temptations head on and overcome them. This is where the stories of Joseph (Genesis 39:7-13), Daniel (Daniel 1:8,14,21; 6:16-23), and Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11) come in - powerful examples of men who faced incredible trials and temptations, yet emerged victorious.

So, let the stories of these great men inspire you, that no matter how messy your life is, you can still have a beautiful ending. And when the temptations come, as they inevitably will, let the verse below be your succor;

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV): "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." Remember that it's in the moments of testing that God is forging your testimony and He will always provide a way out for you.

Temptation is a natural part of life, but it's not inevitable that we'll fall. With God's power and our own determination, we can overcome even

the most daunting temptations.

So, how do we move from the mess to the message? How do we take our trials and turn them into testimonies of God's power?

The answer lies in our willingness to be honest. Honest about our struggles, honest about our fears, honest about our doubts, and learning to forgive ourselves and others too. Holding onto unforgiveness is like carrying a heavy weight that hinders forward progress. When we bring these things to God, He begins to work His power in our lives, transforming our mess into a message, and turning out trials into testimonies.

We begin to see that our messes are not obstacles to be overcome, but rather stepping stones on the path to redemption. And we begin to see that God is not absent in our struggles, but rather present and active, working everything out for our good. And when we emerge from our struggles, we emerge stronger, better and wiser than before, we have a testimony to share, a declaration of God's faithfulness and power in the midst of our brokenness.

This is the power of redemption, taking what's been broken and making it whole again. And it's a power that's available to each of us, no matter what our past may hold. Grace is a beautiful thing. It's the unmerited favor of God, poured out on us despite our shortcomings and failures. And it's this grace that allows us to move from the mess to the message, from the test to the testimony

God's grace is not limited by our past mistakes or current struggles. Rather, it's a powerful force that can transform our lives and set us on a new path.

● *Multiple skillset is*
NOT A SIN

- Joshua Mike Bamiloje



What informed the idea behind the name, Jay-mikee? Was there a day when the pieces of your life started coming together letting you know there was so much to your life as a child born into a popular Christian family?

Okay... That's a good question.

So, the name JAY MIKEE started in 2015 after my NYSC, When I wanted to open an account. Funny enough, it was a very funny concept. It was not a mystical idea, rather, because I wanted to open an account on one of the music streaming platforms, I think reverbnation.com and the name JAY MIKE J-A-Y-M-I-K-E was taken. I did not want to use the full name, Joshua Mike Bamiloje, as I felt it was too long. At that point, I felt JAY MIKE sounded good enough, but it was taken, so I just added an extra suffix "e" to it, and that was how I realised it was available. Hence, the name JAY MIKEE.

So, the thing is, it was not a day that everything in my life just came together and became organised. It was a process, which was over time. Therefore, the idea of my identity, which of course I knew right from my school days, but the precise nature of what I was going to do exactly began to take shape after school. After NYSC, that was when I knew that, yes!, this is what I was going to do full time and it keeps manifesting, even, till today.

How can you describe your early Christian life as a creative with the challenge(s) you faced then? And how has submitting to the will of God helped you on your journey as it relates to purpose fulfillment?

This question is in three parts, but let me try and break it down.

How do I describe my early christian life as a creative?

Describing my early christian life as a creative. Well..., the best answer I can give to that is by linking it to the second question which is submitting it to the will of God.

The thing about career path(s) and and what we are meant to do is understanding that God has our blueprint and our lives. The truth of the matter is that you can't go wrong serving God, doing God's will, abiding in the will of God.

The fact is that you know that you can't go wrong being led by the spirit of God and by the fear of God and that is the kind of what has helped me all this while knowing fully well that everything I am doing is to the glory of God.

Some people feel there is a mysterious way we are meant to discover what we are to do in life. What we are meant to do in life will not follow the narrative that everyone has to see the burning bush that did not get burnt and hear the voice of God.

However, one thing is that we can never go wrong when we use our interests, passion and skillset to the glory of God. When we do that, God begins to refine that position, the direction into what aligns with his will. But in all, we can not go wrong through that path. Therefore, as a creative, you know, I could not have imagined living a life outside the christian faith as a creative, as it would have been a very confusing one.

When I submitted to God, He helped me to distinguish between what is my primary gift, my secondary gift, most important, most preeminence, and meant to be, by the way, "side work", so to speak.

BALANCE is something most creatives struggle with. How do you navigate life as a husband, father, musician, actor, and versatile creative, yet maintaining a great relationship with God?

BALANCE, to be honest is not something I have fully figured out. I am still trying to figure it out. For instance, if I had just one job and from that, I go home to my family after closing from the job, to me it would have been much better and straightforward.

But, peculiar to me, there are several things that I am into and I feel all those things have their variations of importance. As at now, I am still trying to figure out how to actually create that expected BALANCE. But, so far, what I have



learned in all is, as a creative, try not to engage in everything synchronously. What do I mean?

First of all, prioritise your list based on what is fundamental or primary, secondary, and lastly, supporting the rest financially. When you're able to distinguish from the list, it helps you to prioritise, so that you can know the allotted duration for each. By the time you split it that way, you can easily put your mind at peace and go about your activities without any obstruction.

However, you might not give yourself a hundred percent in everything, but it gives you a more satisfactory outcome than tackling them as they appear either by feelings or intuition, as it might lead to living a very confusing life. As an individual, God has really given me the grace to be able to separate sufficient time for my family and ministry. Meanwhile, I am still working on it, but I can say I am in a better place than I was few years ago, when I just got married.

What advice would you give to creatives who have multiple creative abilities and need clarification on which to focus on or manage, when they see how someone like you combine everything? Or your advice generally to creatives at different levels?

So, yeah, it's the same thing I mentioned in my previous responses. Learn to prioritise the gifts. All the gifts cannot be on the same level, one has to be of importance, thus carrying weight in your life than the other and you might say I am doing everything, but there are many things I would have done if not because I had to let them go for other things.

For example, I was once into Photoshop which I was doing a lot with. However, when it was time for me to move to the next skill higher than using Photoshop, I did. Because I felt led that I could just let this skill go to allow for another one. At the point of letting it go, I am glad I did as I haven't missed much by dropping Photoshop skill for a greater one, which is animation. So, learn to prioritise. Don't put everything together and begin to chase everything at the same time.

Let me say this, having multiple skill sets, and multiple abilities is not a sin. But you must know which one you need to focus on and the one you need to

drop off. I tell people, it is not everything you know how to do that you are meant to pursue as a creative. Learn to know which one is meant to be the main and peripheral as you pursue your skill set. Some people have the skill set for things that God wants to use them for 10 years later.

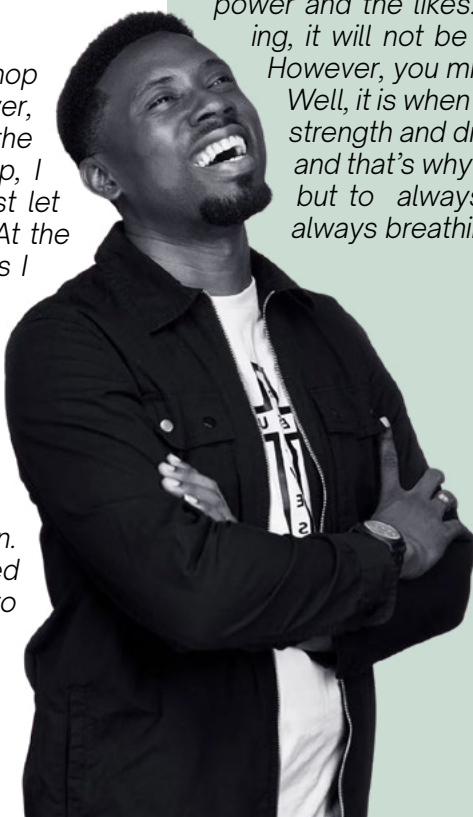
For example, I have always had interest in children. However, children ministry did not start until three years ago. Despite my long standing, I had to wait till when God gave the go ahead to start the ministry, which is likewise to other creatives who have these number of skill set. Therefore, it is important for us keep that in mind that it is not everything that is meant to be pursued at the same time as some are for the future.

What are the boundaries for young Christians that would help them stay connected to God? Are there biblical convictions that keep you in check that you'd love to share with our readers?

Boundaries... the bible in Joshua 1:8 talks about meditating on God's word, doing what was written, and He will make our way prosperous, by giving us good success. There are no alternatives to it, I, usually, encourage people to make sure they develop themselves in their skillset and craft. But in all, keeping the Word of God closest to the heart is far important.

You know? As much as we always want to rush out and do stuff and execute projects and get things done, we must not ignore the fact that knowing God is what inspires us to do these things. He's the one that keeps us in check because the thing about the "Creative Space Burnout" is a real. The fact that people burn out and in the world, there are things that people use in sustaining the creativity level to keep on firing. Such things might be the source of a power and the likes. So, if your power source is lacking, it will not be long before that person burn out.

However, you might be wondering what is burnout? Well, it is when you are out of creativity, innovation, strength and drive. This happens to every creative and that's why we need not be distracted by work but to always have that time to breathe in not always breathing out all right.



What Christian resources do you draw inspiration from and how do they help to navigate through? You could cite examples as that could be of great help?

Christian resources... They are all on YouTube. For me, it's Bible messages. I mean, messages from men of God on YouTube. Mensa Otabil, Joshua Selman, Adeboye, Oyedepo and so on. You see, when you listen to these people, maybe when you are about to sleep or when you are washing or whatever, it's a spiritual booster for me. I also do audio Bible a lot.

I try to cover the Bible in a year using audio Bible and it's been fantastic. It's soothing to my body, soul and to my spirit. Therefore, I, strongly, encourage everyone to also take on the habits of audio Bible. It's not every time music, music, music... Sometimes it is also in the direct word of God and also in messages, sermons from the Word of God.

Dide, the soundtrack from the movie, Enoch, is one of your highest-played songs on YouTube music, with over 404k plays and still counting. Could you tell us what inspired the track?

Yeah, the inspiration of the song came from the movie and the story of Adeboye itself. Watching the end credits of that movie gave me a very strong inspiration. I mean the instrumental of the song rather had been done since the edit. The song came at the time when we got to the end of the scene where Adeboye stood up, that was when the inspiration for the Yoruba word "Dide" came about. It was just a soundtrack at first that was used throughout the film. When we were towards the end of the film and we were rounding off the edit, the inspiration for that word "Dide" came, and you know, it was just the same simple word - Dide and the Bible verse of course. Having prayed to see what was most relevant to that aspect, the Bible passage that says "and the spirit of the Lord is upon me

to preach the gospel to everyone" came to mind. And of course, it had to be in Yoruba, because there is a kind of power that comes with reciting Bible verses in Yoruba. To this end, it was the story behind the movie, that is, the story of seeing how he was able to arise from all, despite the trials and challenges, that brought about the soundtrack. This is also a call to other children of God across to awake to take our place(s).

Based on your family background, popularity, and all, have you ever felt pressured in a way of not disappointing your parents or the people? If yes, how were you able to manage the pressure and expectations?

The funny thing about this question is that, as children of God, we are not meant to be famous and popular before we do the right thing. What I'm trying to say is, every character, nature, and behavior that I am meant to portray is meant to be what every child of God is meant to portray. So, yes to your question, there might have been the pressure to live up to the expectation and standard that have been set by my parents. However, it is not those standards I am meant to pursue, rather, the standard the Word of God has laid down for us. So, it would be easier, I mean, it would be more basic or straightforward to say, live the life of a child of God. Moreso, yes, my parents' lives gave me so much encouragement and motivation to live for Christ. It was not like I was trying to live for my parents, but to live for Christ. There are times I live in the consciousness of the name BAMILOYE, but it was like I was living based on that name, rather, on the Word of God. This applies to everyone from christian background to live on the basis of God's word.

What is the one thing you would do differently in your life or career if you had a chance?

What I would have loved to do differently is in the way I associated with people. I have a friendly character which you would notice from how I make friends and associate with people easily. Similarly, I am jovial. Despite the fact that I was only constantly pursuing the Christian race of trying to live up to the expectation of the word of God and the Bible and the Christian profile in general, there were many things I would have done differently, if I were to go back in time. And part of those things were the times that I could say, "oh, as a child of God, I wasn't living up to the expectation." Likewise, of course, you know we can not all have impeccable and flawless records. But if I were to go back in time and I can change anything, I would have loved to have an impeccable and flawless records. A lot stems from the fact that I am a very jovial and friendly person.

So, yes, it has major advantage(s). But from the kind of lifestyle that a lot of people are meant to follow have certain things that are okay, good, fine and seem normal, but from the standard that I'm meant to be, not just as Christians but as leaders in the Christian community, I would definitely have done some things differently, like living more in decorum, if I can use that word. That's back in school and all that.

So, following the theme of the magazine, TESTAMENT, what advice would you give to Christian Creatives out there?

Well, I would tell us now that we are in a new dispensation. The dispensation where the battle has changed. And it is important for us to move with that time. We cannot be stuck with how things have been, rather, we look up to God for the new inspiration on what needs to be done for this present time.

There is always a language for each generation and not everybody taps into that language fast enough to pass

across the message of the gospel. Therefore, it is important for us to excuse "me" to tap into that throne of grace, the word of God and receive divine inspiration for the generation of today, because there's a lot going on and the battle is fierce right now. It has gone so complicated and sophisticated. But I would say that the dispensation we are in is important for us to take God's Word, instructions and presence more seriously than ever before and the Lord will help us in Jesus Name.

Your being with Jesus is first; the calling to GO is next. Focus on the first, and the rest becomes easier.

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THE SHADOW & SPOTLIGHT

BY DAVID VICTOR

In a world obsessed with instant success, it's easy to feel like everyone is racing to be seen. Social media feeds are filled with highlight reels, viral moments, and overnight sensations. The pressure to be noticed, to make it big, and to step into the spotlight is real. But behind every viral post, every successful launch, and every "overnight" success, there are countless hours of preparation, struggle, and sometimes, private battles that never make it to the screen.

For many young creatives, this pursuit of the spotlight can feel like a double-edged sword. The desire to shine is natural, but without a strong foundation built in the shadows, the spotlight can also reveal what we'd rather keep hidden—our insecurities, unhealed wounds, and unchecked weaknesses.

So, how do we navigate this journey without losing ourselves? What does it mean to embrace the shadows before stepping into the light?

We'll take a quick look at Jesus, the perfect example. He was notably highlighted in the Bible as a 12-year-old boy interacting with doctors in the temple, displaying an incredible wealth of wisdom and understanding (Luke 2:41-52). But I find it amusing that the Bible never spoke about

Jesus again until he turned 30. What happened to the other 18 years of his life? If he was already displaying that much wisdom at 12, why wait till 30 to unveil himself publicly to the world? Isn't he the son of God destined to do great things? Why wait?

I may not have perfect answers to these questions, but I believe God is teaching us something here.

THE SHADOW SEASON:

The Bible didn't reveal what happened in the other 18 years of Jesus' life, but I believe those were the preparatory years for his ministry, his shadow season.

As young creatives, ministers, and leaders, it's crucial to understand the value of the shadow season. This period is an ideal time for growth and learning. We often face various personal struggles—lust, anger, greed, pride, arrogance, insecurity, and more. These issues, if not addressed during this hidden season, can become potential disruptors of destiny later on.

As people called by God, we cannot afford to overlook the shadow season, as it is essential for fulfilling our purpose. This is when we discover our gifts, refine our skills, expand our knowledge, and learn from our failures without fear — all away from the pressures of public view.

The shadow season is not without its challenges. During this time, we are being prepared for the significant responsibilities that lie ahead, and it's essential to develop certain qualities to thrive under the spotlight. These trials serve as refining moments, fostering perseverance, discipline, and maturity. They are opportunities to cultivate spiritual gifts and fruits, equipping us for the journey that awaits (James 1:2-4). It's also a crucial period to invest in discipleship, seek out mentorship, embrace accountability, and engage in honest self-reflection.

Jesus, God's only begotten son, went through a shadow season where he grew in wisdom, stature and favour with God and man as written in Luke 2:52. If Jesus didn't skip this season, we shouldn't either.

THE SPOTLIGHT SEASON:

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [Matthew 5:14, 16 KJV]

Oh, how beautiful it is to be in the spotlight! To be the spectacle of God's glory in a generation like ours is fantastic! Using our influence as creatives in the spotlight is fulfilling to draw others to Christ.

But this beauty is only possible if the foundation has been laid carefully during the shadow season. In a time when many invest more in creating content than in spiritual growth and prayer, it's not uncommon to see people who have bypassed this crucial period and still step into the spotlight. And what does that lead to? Mechanical creatives whose work lacks depth, missing the essence that comes from being in touch with the One whose wisdom is limitless.

With visibility comes greater responsibility and scrutiny. Creatives who skip the shadow season or don't maximise it properly are more likely to experience public moral failures and embarrassment. Which often mocks the Christian faith and drags the name of Jesus in the mud.

The spotlight season brings its own set of challenges—burnout, fame, and adulation, the crushing weight of expectations, struggles with humility, the fear of being cancelled, and the pressure of biased opinions and assumptions. Yet, these trials are easier to navigate when there is a constant, seamless connection with the One who sent you. Trusting that He who placed you in the spotlight will not abandon you while you are there makes all the difference.

Dear Creatives, the goal of this article isn't to make you obsessed with the two seasons mentioned but to make you attentive to the direction of God's will for your life, just like Jesus was. Though the “shadow season” may feel like obscurity, it is a critical time of growth. It is easy to be inspired by the lives of ministers like Nathaniel Bassey and Dunsin Oyekan, but I can assure you that they both went through their shadow seasons.

Irrespective of your current season or stage in life, know that there might be times when you will repeat seasons — maybe for a new assignment or another direction in God's will for your life. So embrace the experience again, deal with the inner struggles, and trust God's timing for the glory.

We are all called to spread the Gospel to all the corners of the earth, which somehow puts us in the spotlights in the shadows. I pray that God gives us the grace to maximise the shadow season and the endless desire to reveal Jesus when the spotlight is on us.



Gen Zeal Era and Christianity

BY ENWONGO EDEM

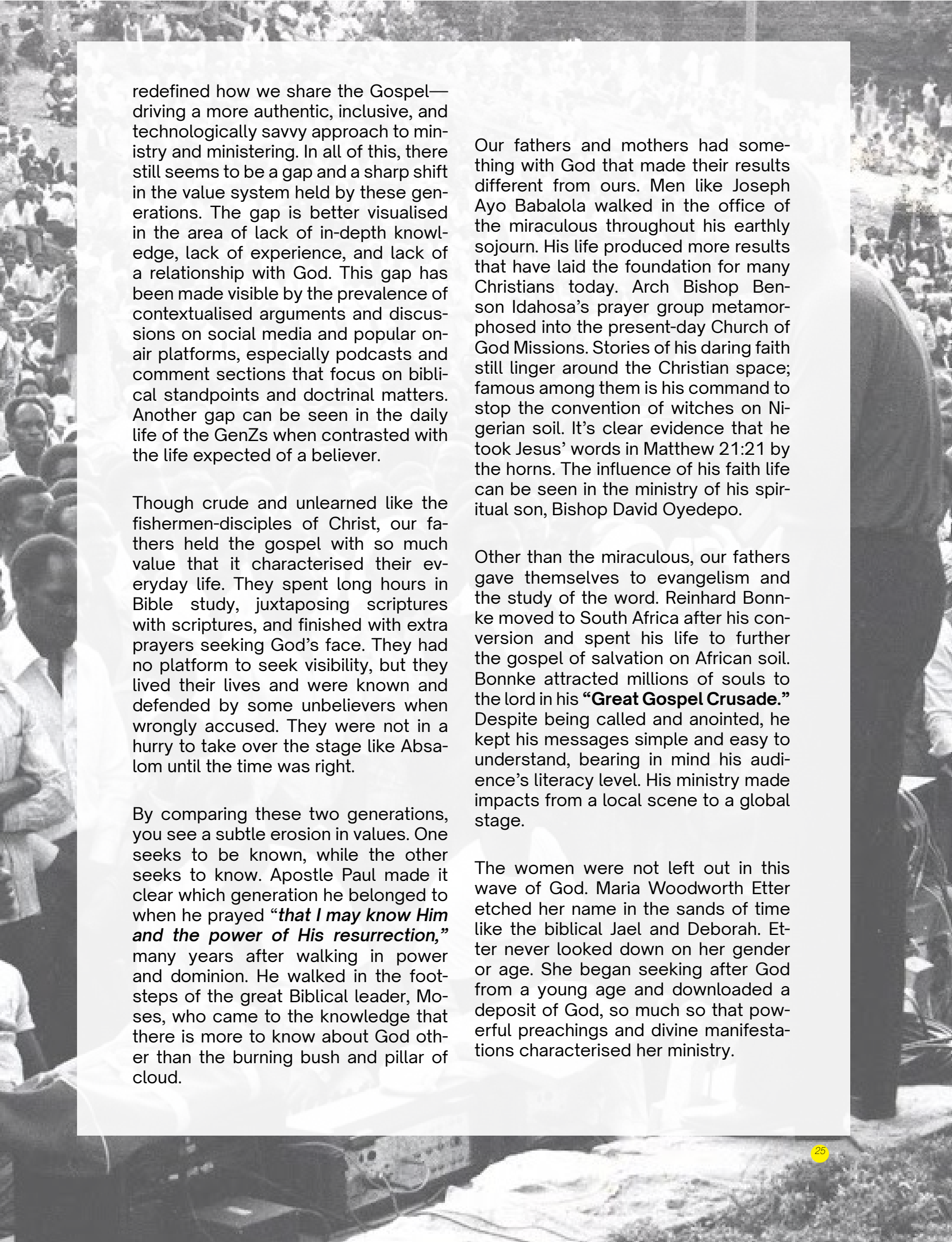
Life is a continuum! A Continuum in life is an ongoing process decorated with experiences, gradual change, and development. These experiences shaped the behaviour and mindset of the people in that era and characterized their value in life. In this continuum, generations are born with variant ideas, beliefs, and value systems. These general value systems have percolated the Christian space alongside societal beliefs. Popular among these generations is one called **“GenZ.”**

You might wonder how the name came about, but there is no naming convention for generations. Famous names and nicknames acquired randomly during their sojourn metamorphose into a name for the generation, and so far, we have had Boomers - born between 1946 and 1965 and got their name from the boom of the world wars. GenX - people born between 1965 to 1980. Millennials are

the next generation after Gen X, Gen Y, or iGen, born between 1981 and 1995. The next generation is GenZ, born between 1996 and 2015—lastly, the Gen Alphas are children born in the current generation.

Lately, there have been concerns concerning the Christian practices of the GenZs compared to those of our fathers. These concerns are characterized by their curiosity, love for information, and need for authenticity. This generation is marked by questioning the status quo and seeking answers - Why? Growing up in this digital age, with instant access to information, GenZs have embraced diversity, craving transparency and genuine connection in an ever-changing world. They have drifted towards a deeper understanding and explanation of faith - Why do we believe? In sincere seeking, they have questioned the status of religion and Christianity.

GenZs have broken down barriers and pushed boundaries to reach a wider audience. They have



redefined how we share the Gospel—driving a more authentic, inclusive, and technologically savvy approach to ministry and ministering. In all of this, there still seems to be a gap and a sharp shift in the value system held by these generations. The gap is better visualised in the area of lack of in-depth knowledge, lack of experience, and lack of a relationship with God. This gap has been made visible by the prevalence of contextualised arguments and discussions on social media and popular on-air platforms, especially podcasts and comment sections that focus on biblical standpoints and doctrinal matters. Another gap can be seen in the daily life of the GenZs when contrasted with the life expected of a believer.

Though crude and unlearned like the fishermen-disciples of Christ, our fathers held the gospel with so much value that it characterised their everyday life. They spent long hours in Bible study, juxtaposing scriptures with scriptures, and finished with extra prayers seeking God's face. They had no platform to seek visibility, but they lived their lives and were known and defended by some unbelievers when wrongly accused. They were not in a hurry to take over the stage like Absalom until the time was right.

By comparing these two generations, you see a subtle erosion in values. One seeks to be known, while the other seeks to know. Apostle Paul made it clear which generation he belonged to when he prayed ***"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,"*** many years after walking in power and dominion. He walked in the footsteps of the great Biblical leader, Moses, who came to the knowledge that there is more to know about God other than the burning bush and pillar of cloud.

Our fathers and mothers had something with God that made their results different from ours. Men like Joseph Ayo Babalola walked in the office of the miraculous throughout his earthly sojourn. His life produced more results that have laid the foundation for many Christians today. Arch Bishop Benson Idahosa's prayer group metamorphosed into the present-day Church of God Missions. Stories of his daring faith still linger around the Christian space; famous among them is his command to stop the convention of witches on Nigerian soil. It's clear evidence that he took Jesus' words in Matthew 21:21 by the horns. The influence of his faith life can be seen in the ministry of his spiritual son, Bishop David Oyedepo.

Other than the miraculous, our fathers gave themselves to evangelism and the study of the word. Reinhard Bonnke moved to South Africa after his conversion and spent his life to further the gospel of salvation on African soil. Bonnke attracted millions of souls to the lord in his **"Great Gospel Crusade."** Despite being called and anointed, he kept his messages simple and easy to understand, bearing in mind his audience's literacy level. His ministry made impacts from a local scene to a global stage.

The women were not left out in this wave of God. Maria Woodworth Etter etched her name in the sands of time like the biblical Jael and Deborah. Etter never looked down on her gender or age. She began seeking after God from a young age and downloaded a deposit of God, so much so that powerful preachings and divine manifestations characterised her ministry.

Our generation needs to wake up, stand up and stand out. We need to uphold the banner of Christ and create a clear distinction between light and darkness. We must go back to the basics of the Bible and, like the children of Israel, be willing to do all that we have been commanded therein. It is only through obedience and a deep sense of reverence for God that we can attract the results that we seek.

What the devil sought through haughtiness, Jesus Christ got through humility. Seeking visibility through social media, engaging in verbal vetting of messages of other ministers, and having a form of godliness without true power will only lead to perdition and a chaotic Christian journey. Paul understood the place of diligence and study, which warranted his admonishment in 1 Timothy chapter 4 verse 17: ***“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”*** Integrity should not only be spoken about but should be practiced.

A famous songwriter says, **“Practise what you preach... What you do, not what you say, will stand on judgement day.”** GenZ believers should practice true Christianity in their workplaces, busi-

nesses, and homes. They should submit to leaders and learn from them. In his epistle to Titus, Paul told the older women to teach the younger women sobriety and love.

We might be called GenZ, but we’re no different from our fathers if we follow the path that pleases our creator. In the book of Deuteronomy chapter 5, verses 2 and 3, Moses told the Israelites that the covenant of God is with the present generation and not the previous generation who passed in the wilderness; it therefore behoves us as a generation to rise and do the needful. We can follow in the footsteps of John Wycliffe, who stood against unbiblical practices, dedicated himself to evangelism and Bible translation, and be bold in our witness for Christ. Like John Knox, who prayed, **“O give me Scotland, or I die,”** we can be passionate and dedicated to seeing our nations transformed for God. Let us pray for a similar move of God in our time so that we may experience revival, evangelism, and transformation.





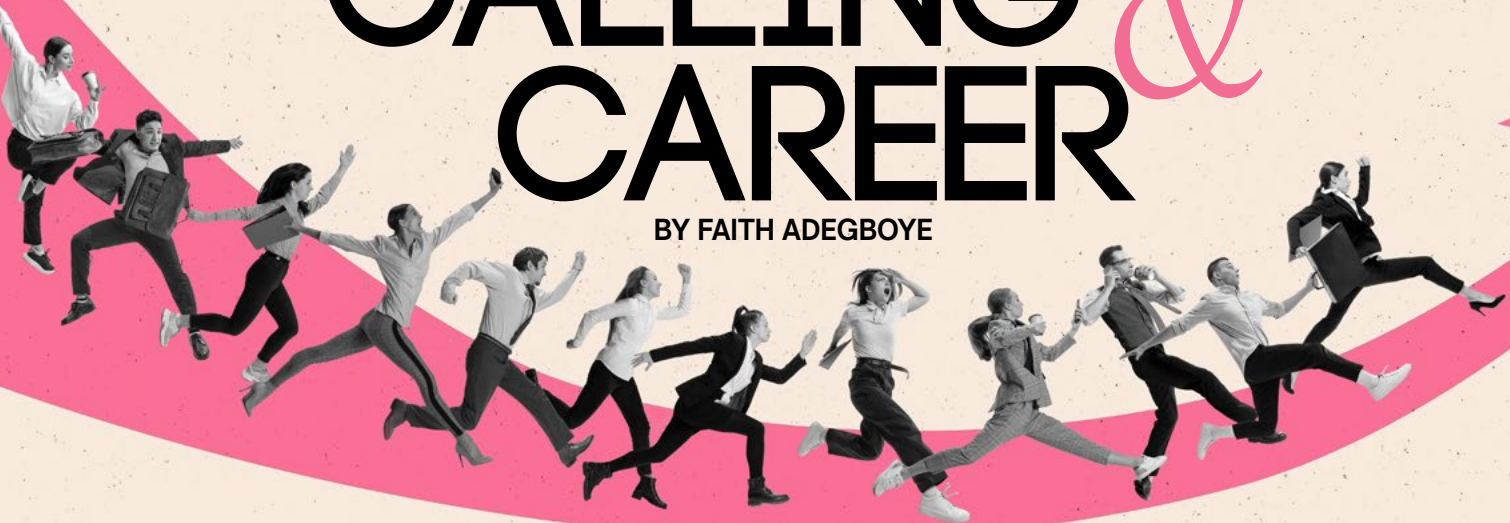
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standard
no matter the generation

STAND FOR THE WHOLE TRUTH



CALLING & CAREER

BY FAITH ADEGBOYE



The question of what your calling or purpose is and how it matches with your career choice is a very relatable one. For some time, I struggled as a creative and medical scientist, asking myself, “Can I fulfil my calling, or do I change my course of study during my postgraduate studies?”

From a Biblical perspective, the concept of career and calling is tied to fulfilling one’s God-given purpose and using one’s skills and talents to serve others. The Bible emphasizes the idea of working diligently and with integrity. The Bible says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people” [Colossians 3:23 GNT]. Career and calling can be used interchangeably, but “calling” is more often associated with a sense of vocation or purpose that aligns with God’s plan for an individual’s life (which is the same thing as your career, e.g. ministerial work is a career as people can also grow in the work of the ministry while photography can be someone else’s calling and career). Proverbs 16:3 says, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish you...” Most Christians make the mistake of trying to separate the two because they feel “calling” is from God while “career” is ONLY a way to build a professional profile.



The Bible says, “God directs the steps of the godly”. In every phase of life you are (church directly or professional), the important question is: Are you using that position to spread the gospel of love? And is Christ evident in your daily life and tasks? My life has always followed the mantra of Psalms 16:6, which says, “Lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places”, and when I discovered my gift of writing and the calling to create visual content much later, I knew there was a big picture God was preparing me to fit in. You may be reading this and can reflect on how you thought you liked to write and that that was your calling, but a few months later, you were led to start a podcast, and things are now more confusing than before. So, what, then, is your purpose? Better put, what is God’s purpose for you?

“Purpose” is what you do that makes God glorified. Your life is the first content, even before the content you create. Here are Biblical and Contemporary proofs both in ancient and recent times:


MOSES was a shepherd by career. His staff/mantle was the tool God used to part the Red Sea and perform many signs and wonders. His purpose for that calling was to lead the children of Israel to the promised land and get them there safely.

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PAUL, a Lawyer by profession/career, used tent-making, oratory gifts, and writing skills to achieve God’s purpose for him to evangelize the Gentile world.

JOSEPH was a household superintendent both for Potiphar and eventually for Pharaoh. That could be said to be his career because he found himself doing it at different levels and did it well. Meanwhile, God gave him the gifts of dream interpretations and leadership skills to achieve his purpose for being in that career. Consequently, he saved up enough grains for the period of famine in Egypt, thereby saving the Egyptians, his family, and surrounding nations through the famine.

DANIEL was a Jewish scholar and master interpreter of dreams. He used his wisdom and gift of visions and interpretation of dreams to save lives, serve Babylonian kings, and fulfil God’s purpose for sending Him to Babylon.



**Your life is first the
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YOUR CAREER, GIFT, OR TALENTS ARE THE MANTLES IN YOUR HAND THAT WILL:

- ◇ place you on a pedestal that will make people listen when you speak;
- ◇ expose you to more people and more opportunities to share the gospel;
- ◇ be an avenue to impact your generation by contributing to humanity via your field, etc.

Therefore, the skills you acquire during training teach you to think, sharpen your mind, discipline you, and help you to overcome the obstacles that come your way. Your career is a tool for outreach by God, which should be taken seriously.

Who then is a Christian **CREATIVE?**

Christian Creatives are God's PROs (Public Relations Officers) on earth. They act in various capacities like Literature Evangelists, Visual Content Creators including (but not limited to) YouTubers, Filmmakers, TikTokers, Audio Content Creators including songwriters, song cover makers, podcasters, etc. The list is endless. The importance of storytelling and record keeping can be seen in the case of the Bible events and happenings that were recorded and handed down through generations. Christians today can easily read and apprehend God's promises, admonitions, and commandments through the Bible. It is also worthy of note that New Testament pillars penned scriptural truths that align with the prophecies spoken about in the Old Testament.



The testament of Christ's birth in the four gospels aligns with the prophecies made by Prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. Christian Creatives should desist from all forms of heresy and negative contents that divide the body of Christ and do not edify the bride of Christ. While we have established that your calling can be independent of your career, acquiring relevant skills to better your calling is also important. Putting the work where necessary is not enough to have a calling. 2 Samuel 24:24 emphasizes that "you cannot give to God what does not cost you something". Take your calling, talents, and gifts to another level. For a creative who is called into content writing and creation, taking up courses in copywriting, script writing, effective podcasting, etc, will be an added advantage. Know how to influence and maximize social media algorithms for efficiently propagating your content to its target audience.

Furthermore, while it is necessary to pursue excellence, start where you are. The most frequent excuse these days is "There are too many people doing that already", but the Bible says the harvest is plenty and the labourers are few. So, who are you to say there are enough labourers already? (Matthew 9:37-38).





As an entrepreneur, the gospel in the marketplace is as important as channelling your calling wherever you are. You can showcase God through your business. What confuses people is that they believe and think that preaching must be done from the pulpit or even through created contents; they tend to forget that as Christians, it is paramount that others see Jesus in your everyday life, irrespective of where you find yourself, as a politician or as an accountant. You are the Bible that men will read.

To fulfil the gospel of reconciliation given to us all, whether as a creative or not, you are a creation that should glorify your Creator. Needless to say, wealth will attract sinners to the gospel. You can serve God with wealth, so we must be found as Christians in the marketplace, making policies that will favour the propagation of the gospel.

It is also important to reiterate that as a media evangelist, there are divisions to ministry, and even as 'small' as sharing godly content is recognizable in the Bible just as we have, Paul planted, Apollos watered; great were the number of them called. God needs the company of many to reach others, as we have in Psalm 68:11. Be a Barnabas and win them one by one - Daniel 12:3.

The need for **kingdom financiers** cannot be overemphasized. The gospel media ministry is a money-sapping ministry. The edge the entertainment industry has is the ability to apply for sponsorships and partnerships with brands, investors, etc, but rarely do we have the church to support this ministry. We need children of God to rise up and donate funds for literature evangelism, gospel film shows, outreaches, making of gospel movies, etc. Hence, they need to be professionally useful and relevant.

In conclusion, there is no feat without a challenge, and while I may not outline them here, we know that we are overcomers in Christ. In times of confusion, receive clarity from the Scriptures and counsel from those ahead.





identity crisis & where CHRIST is

WRITTEN BY RUTH KAYODE

Identity crisis has been and remains one of the most crippling banes to progress and growth in Christ that Christians battle with. Time and again, the words, actions, carriage, association and even the appearance of most Christians scream- “I don’t know who I am, and I have no idea of my potential.”

Like a king’s son who walks around the village in ordinary attire, trying so hard to blend in with the common folk, working all kinds of menial jobs, and even begging for food, so is a believer who is yet to understand his place in God. It’s such a pitiable state, a condition that wells up both pain and anger within me. You can’t live like this. You need to know who you are! The way you carry yourself is a pointer to the fact that you do not know who you are in Christ and what you are deserving of. Why would you live your life at the mercy of whoever wants to help, natural elements and chance? Maybe you think that your salvation is solely for the goal of making heaven in the end. Well, in the end – yes, now you cannot afford to miss out on all that there is to enjoy about being called out and separated.

I know your battle. I understand that struggle within you to demand your package as written in the Holy Scriptures but lack the courage to neither mention it to God nor command it as your Father did initially. Sometimes, you wonder if those promises are truly yours. “I don’t think I deserve it”, you say. “Okay, maybe if I am holier”. You should be holier. It’s okay to be holier, but the blood was our qualification. Yes! The blood. We got enrolled into that great family because of the blood. Oh! But for the greatest sacrifice of Christ Jesus. By that singular sacrifice, we became his beloved, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, the light of the world, the salt of the earth, an eternal excellency, and that’s not even all. You see? There are no commoners here, dear. This knowledge is enough to kick the devil out of your way anytime he shows up. Are you afraid of the devil? The one who was ridiculed on the cross? Come on, mightier is he that is in you. The devil can only exercise power in the space that you provided. He can only toss you around when you don’t know better. Growing up, I lived in fear of the devil until I received Jesus. I remember reading Pa Hagin’s “**Triumphant Church**”, and one particular verse resonated with me. It’s 1 John 4:4, which says, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world”. That was the end of that torment.



ARE YOU FACING ANY OF THESE TRIGGERS?

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INSECURITY – You are unsure of who you are and afraid of the next big thing or person around you. Do you depend on the validation of others? Does the progress of others threaten you?

02

UNCERTAINTY/DOUBTS - This results from a tug of war in your mind of who you are, and you are bedevilled by “not-sure” situations and decisions. You can barely ever hold on to anything, even those that define their worth.

FEAR - This is visible in the constant battles of “what ifs?” and this tears your mind apart. You are threatened that you might not get what you need, and you are afraid that the basket you have all your eggs will crash someday.

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INEPTNESS - You feel very incompetent when matters of tasks arise and you shy away. You have this thick, deep-seated feeling that you are not proficient regardless of how you are convinced by others.

STRUGGLE - There is an endless struggle to meet up with several mirages time after time, especially the ones created by focusing on other people’s lifestyles. You keep building castles in the air and try reaching for them only to see that there is nothing.

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PAIN – You are dealing with the pains of disappointments, being constantly misunderstood, pains of past mistakes, pains of scars and pains from everything life throws at you, and you have lost the ability to stand up to fashion beauty out of your circumstances.

COMPARISON/COMPETITION

– You constantly compare people's achievements with yours and always try to prove to be better than the other party.

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DEATH – You are facing death of ideas, dreams, plans, ambitions, opportunities, knowledge, etc., which are the reasons for your current silent disposition.

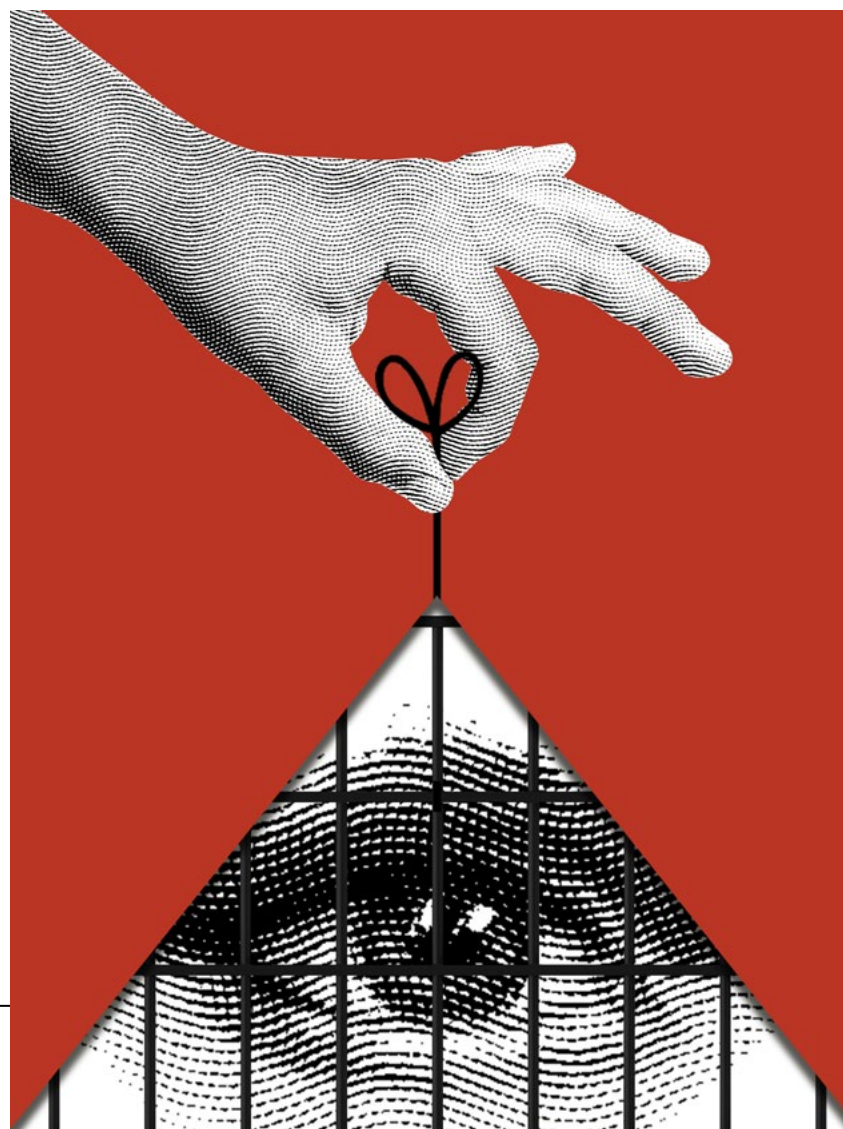
Now quickly munch up these: 1 Peter 2:4, Philipians 4:13, Romans 8:37-39, 1 John 3:8. Apparently, it's possible to get out of any of those triggers, but you have to do the work. The Holy Scriptures revealed how to navigate life, but you must search it out and feed on it because there is even more. Only then will you be able to live a triumphant life?

A life free of the world's validation but that of God

A life that sustains the balance of heavenly consciousness and earthly usefulness

You will find confidence, courage, peace, strength, joy and every good in God.

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I literally gave up, hoping I could find one thing to make me love going to school each day. It was my second year when things changed. Albeit, it started towards the end of the first year. I've always loved writing stories from the young age of 6 and I could remember my seniors back then in my boarding school days taking turns to read my written stories. I was also famous while in primary school. In fact, my first-ever written drama play was acted in class. The title was *"The Father and His many Wives"*.

Though I'm not sure how I came up with that title, it sounds funny to me now. I remember the classroom being filled to the brim to watch the drama about a book I had written. Such fond memories! It's not that my classmates were good actors. It was fun, nonetheless.

Guess what made me keep going back to school? The thought of me writing stories.

How?

I had just, perchance, discovered blogging. One of my big uncles told me about it, and we also discussed publishing my written books online. I was quite inquisitive. I remember that one day while returning home from school, I stopped at a cyber cafe to buy **"cafe time"** (that was what it was called then). I bought an hour for #100 and went on a research spree.

That was when it started. Every day after class, I would stop at the cyber cafe to continue my research. One of those days, I opened my first website using my name on WordPress. Then, I found out that I was fascinated by colours and designs. So, I sat down and consistently tweaked the website's design until I found something appropriate.

Who knew a future awaits my inquisitive mind-set? The school gradually became interesting, and I could never forget the day I went home rejoicing to tell my family members I now have

He gave gifts to all

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a website, particularly my brothers. Though I'm not sure I remember their reactions at all, my dad's phone literally suffered in my hands.

Imagine me publishing an article on the website while at the cyber cafe, going back home to use my dad's phone to reread what I wrote, and dropping a comment by myself, for myself. It sounds very funny. Right? While doing all these, I was keen on encouraging myself in whichever way I could. I ended up asking people around me to visit my website and whenever they told me they were too busy, I helped them visit the website dropping a comment by myself. What determination!

Another amusing thing was that I woke up the next day seeing comments I had left by myself and for myself, and guess what I did. I wouldn't stop smiling, telling myself **"At least, people are visiting my website"**. Tell me who the people are if not me?

I kept at that for months and slowly stopped since I became active on Facebook, and was gradually growing an audience around what I write.

One would have thought I would stay glued to a free website but thanks to my elder brother who noticed my passion and introduced me to a friend. Before then, I sat down to think through what the name of my website would be. It never occurred to me to use my name at all but a casual conversation with a friend turned the light bulb on. Since I initially go

by the pen name “dreamer”, I thought to myself *“When will I ever stop dreaming and start achieving?”*

That birthed the name **“Daachiever”**.

Thanks to my brother’s friend. He was highly instrumental in my dream coming true by holding my hands every step of the way. Thankfully, he hosted my website for free. I could remember the evening of the day that changed my life. I was short of cash, but I can’t remember the specifics. I believe he must have borrowed me the money to pay for the domain but I remembered having little or less on me. With joy, I returned home and there the journey began. Beginning at my third year in the university, I actively started sharing my content on Facebook, and somehow I had a burden to allow Christian writers to publish their content or stories on my website which is basically called “Guest Blogging”. I had a few conversations with people and they told me the cost of maintaining a website was huge. Since I had one, I thought to myself, *“Why not create room for others?”* Besides, I wasn’t going to lose in any way.

God was definitely in my story because He allowed my path to cross with a junior secondary school classmate while in the university and in our conversation, I told him about the website and my need to create a space for writers to share their content. He loved the idea, and we exchanged contacts. That same person is currently the co-founder. So amazing. Over the years, the vision has been refined. From guest blogging, I moved to interviewing Christian authors about their books. All these happened while I was still in school. Little by little, I wondered what God has in store for me. Surely, it would be the best because I had just scratching the surface.

2020, the year COVID-19 struck globally, marked the most defining stage of my journey. I needed to fully define what I was doing with the website which I named “Daachiever Blog” then. After a series of activities like fasting and praying with medications, I wrote out an abridged version of my plans for the website as God laid on my heart. It dawned on me to move from calling it **“Daachiever Blog”** to **“Daachiever Incorporation”**, a name I got from copying a friend’s brand at the time. Though I wasn’t satisfied with the name, I let it be. It was a start I needed. I knew I would get to a point where I would find a name I loved.

After a series of trials and errors, unsure of what I was doing most of the time, I kept going. I decided that if I was going to successfully run a blog-based organization, I needed to register the name. That was when the change of name started. At the point of registration, we transitioned from “Incorporation” to “International” and I really love the name. It has been a year of evolving. We have launched projects like the Daachiever Magazine, now called **Evidence Magazine (which you now read)**. We have held end-of-year contest for creatives, giving out in the little way we can; and now, we have launched another initiative called **“Christian Creatives Collective”** with several arms under it.

One could easily say, “a little one is becoming a thousand”. Really, if I look back, I’m not sure when the change started to do something big. I just simply had the heart to bring people in. Why? It was because of what I had back then. The access I had to a website, many didn’t. It must be my *“super power”* then (lol).



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It is so exciting what a little walk of faith with God ends in. Definitely, it wasn't easy. I had my share of great doubt. In fact, I still do, but I'm glad each day comes with an opportunity never to give up; to pursue that silent nudge in my heart, and yield my desires to God in every step of the way, because surely He is going to hold my hands.

This year, we fully launched the **"Tent Revival for Christian Creatives"** initiative and we are even holding our first event. Believe me, if you had told me about this in 2019, I would have laughed out loud. Oh, I also have to say, while I wanted to give writers the opportunity to write on the website then, I was looking at making money from the traffic that comes. I didn't make that money, though. This God!

Dear creative reading this, what is the little you have? What is that in your hand? Your advantage given to you by God? **What are you doing with it?**

Has God laid a vision strongly in your heart and you are afraid to take that first step? I know how it feels, the uncertainty and fear, but if God truly calls you to walk on waters, be sure He is the one beside you holding you so strong that you can never drown.

God has to be our best solace, our first and final stop as we journey along in the vision He has laid in our hearts. For truly, like the key verse of the organization, one I discovered that I have come to love, "For we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God" (2 Corinthians 3: 5).

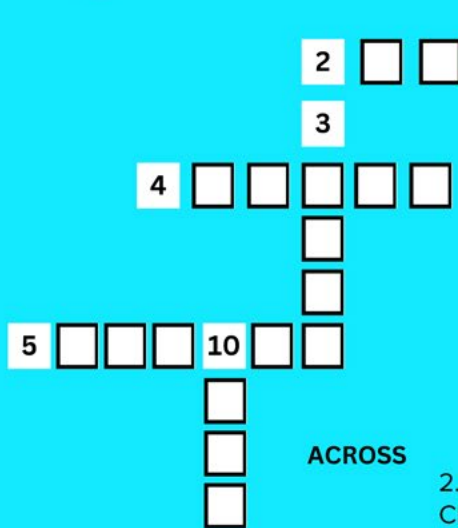
Everything should be on God, really. Also, excellence should be a language you speak in everything you do. I have grown so much over the years and I'm glad to have prioritized excellence in all things. How excellent are you at your craft? Can God trust you to grow under His watch?

Never look down on your little beginnings, for you can't become so great if you can't be so little now. There is a high jump in the Spirit. You've got to take it step by step, allowing God to lead you.

I pray this story inspires your heart to start something, no matter how small, and see how God will enlarge it. I'm rooting for your success, always.



CROSS WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

2. Central theme of Christianity
4. Wrongdoer
5. Win a battle
7. Deep attraction
8. Conclusion

DOWN

1. First animal Noah sent on earth
3. First day of the week
6. Number of disciples
9. Creator
10. Opposite of Eve's Sin



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

1

Who gave Jesus a crown made of thorns?

2

What garden did Jesus go to when he prayed after the Last Supper?

3

How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles to distribute food to widows?

4

Where did Peter stay during his ministry in the city of Joppa?

5

What did the Philippian jailer say to Paul after he heard the Gospel?

6

Where is the Fruit of the Spirit found in the Bible?

7

What was the name of the woman who hid the spies at Jericho?

8

Who was king of the southern kingdom when the northern kingdom of Israel fell to Assyria?

9

Which missionary was described as having known the Holy scriptures from an early age?

10

What did the shepherds do after they had visited Jesus?



CREATIVES & MONEY

WRITTEN BY WINIFRED OCHANYA

MONEY, the ubiquitous force driving our modern world, often feels like a discordant note in the creative person's symphony of life. As Christian creatives, our passions often collide with the practical necessity of managing finances.

This article will explore the delicate balance between financial decisions and biblical principles, drawing from shared wisdom. It is essential to recognise that the Bible does not condemn wealth but warns against the love of money, highlighting the importance of maintaining a humble heart. As you know, Abba is not poor, so he has nothing against us for creating wealth for ourselves. We must learn how to create and manage money while still following His purpose. Creating a Budget is the first step in navigating financial decisions as a creative. This practical tool helps manage income and expenses, ensuring that creative pursuits do not lead to financial ruin. Proverbs 27:23 advises, **"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks; give careful attention to your herds."** In contemporary terms, this means being aware of our financial situation and making informed decisions.

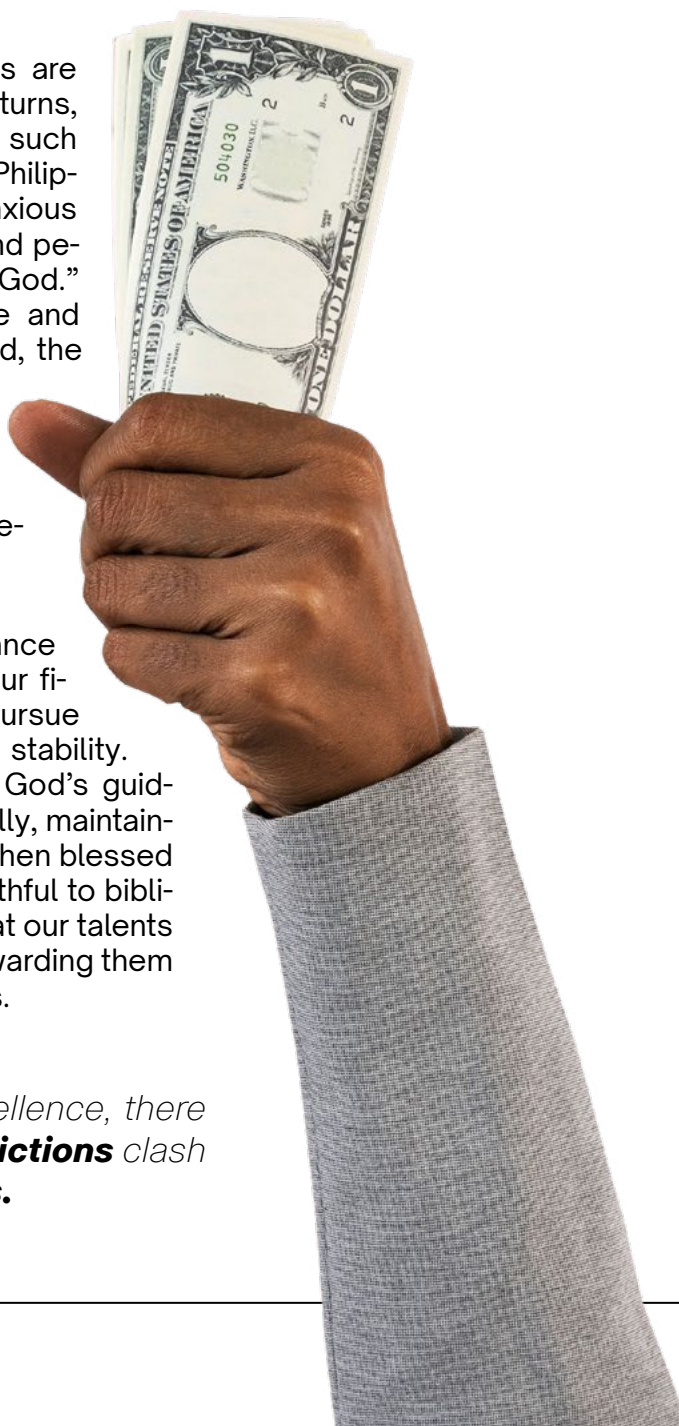
At a point in my career, I had no good grip on my finances because I ignored creating a budget, and the outcome was terrible. I was starting and thought God would perform wonders by bringing me regular opportunities. Of course, He can do that, but there's a process to follow in life that I neglected. As creatives, we often face irregular income streams. Freelancers, artists, and musicians may experience feast-and-famine cycles. That is why establishing an emergency fund is crucial. Proverbs 21:20 reminds us of the importance of saving: "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has." Saving for a "rainy day" aligns with biblical principles and offers peace of mind during financial uncertainty.

Furthermore, we must differentiate between wants and needs, a lesson the Bible imparts. Philippians 4:19 assures believers, “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” While pursuing our creative passions is essential, distinguishing between essentials and luxuries helps maintain financial stability. Wise investment is another biblical principle. Ecclesiastes 11:2 advises, “Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.” Diversifying investments, whether in one’s creative career or financial portfolio, can help mitigate risks.

In the pursuit of creative excellence, there may be times when our convictions clash with lucrative opportunities. It is crucial to seek God’s guidance in such situations. Proverbs 16:3 advises, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” Trusting in God’s providence allows us to make decisions that align with our values. Managing financial success is equally important. As creatives, when we experience financial abundance, we must remain humble and give back. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 reminds us, “Command those who are rich in this world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth.” Sharing our blessings through charitable giving reflects our commitment to biblical principles.

Financial challenges are inevitable, and creatives are not exempt from them. Job loss, economic downturns, or unexpected expenses can disrupt our lives. In such times, relying on our faith becomes paramount. Philippians 4:6-7 encourages believers to “Not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” We can navigate financial crises with resilience and hope through prayer and faith. As children of God, the word of God teaches us that the “10%” is essential. The Bible admonishes us to pay our tithes, and the “windows of Heaven will be opened” to us, and He’ll bless us. Modern-day believers do not believe in tithing, but I’m bringing this up to remind us that at the end of it all, pay your tithe.

In conclusion, the intersection of creativity and finance need not be discordant in our lives. By aligning our financial decisions with biblical principles, we can pursue our creative passions while maintaining financial stability. Budgeting, saving, investing wisely, and seeking God’s guidance are all critical steps in this journey. Additionally, maintaining integrity in our creative work and giving back when blessed with financial success is essential to remaining faithful to biblical principles. As creatives, we must remember that our talents are gifts from God, and we are responsible for stewarding them wisely, using them to honour Him and bless others.



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CELIBACY *or* MARRIAGE

BY ADEGBOYEGA SAMUEL

Should I Be Married: The Thin Wall Between Marriage and Celibacy For Destiny Fulfillment

In life, we make countless decisions daily—some with short-term impacts, others with long-term consequences. Yet, few decisions are as critical and lasting as choosing whether or not to marry.

At some point, everyone faces the question: “Should I get married?” As the world becomes more complex, divergent, and demanding, it’s crucial to ask ourselves whether marriage is a necessity or a luxury. How significant is marriage to fulfilling my destiny? Can I fulfill my purpose through celibacy?

Both marriage and celibacy come with unique promises and challenges, yet God has a blueprint for both. As we seek to understand His divine plan, it is essential to explore how these paths shape us, particularly as creatives pursuing destiny and purpose.

Understanding God’s Blueprint **FOR MARRIAGE**

God’s design for marriage goes beyond the union of two people. It is a divine institution with a purpose that transcends companionship and procreation. In Genesis 2:24 NKJV, God said, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” This union reflects God’s relationship with humanity—a bond that strengthens, sustains, and multiplies potential. Marriage is not an improvised solution, but a divine ordinance to aid the fulfillment of God’s agenda for our lives.

When Jesus was asked about marriage, He always referred back to its origin in Genesis. Adam, while fulfilling God’s purpose as a single man—tending the Garden of Eden, was still found lacking.

God declared, “It is not good for man to be alone” Genesis 2:18 NKJV, and thus He created a suitable helper for Adam.

The phrase “**One can chase a thousand, and two can chase ten thousand**” illustrates the exponential strength and impact that comes when two individuals unite in alignment with God’s purpose. In a God-centered marriage, there is a synergistic effect where strengths and weaknesses complement one another, making the couple more effective together than they could ever be alone.

From a spiritual perspective, marriage is a covenant relationship where both individuals work together to fulfil their calling and a shared, God-given mission. A marriage grounded in faith brings a deeper dimension of fulfilment as partners encourage and uplift one another in their spiritual journeys. It is in God’s original blueprint for men and women to marry so that they fulfil their divine assignments.

The Role of Celibacy in Destiny **FULFILLMENT**

While marriage is an important part of God’s plan, it is not the only path to fulfilling purpose. Celibacy, or the choice to remain unmarried, also has its place in the divine blueprint. In 1 Corinthians 7:7-8 NKJV, the apostle Paul speaks of the gift of singleness, saying, “For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.”

Some are divinely gifted with celibacy, not as a lack but as a unique strength. It offers the opportunity to focus entirely on one’s purpose without the distractions or re-

sponsibilities that come with marriage. Celibacy allows individuals to pour their energy into their calling, nurturing relationships with God and others in profound ways.

Scripture highlights several individuals who walked in celibacy while fulfilling God’s purpose—Daniel, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, and Paul among them. These individuals devoted their lives to fulfilling God’s plan without the ties of marriage. Throughout history, many creatives and visionaries have thrived in their singleness, using this period to develop their talents, build influence, and inspire others. For them, celibacy offered the freedom to pursue their goals with undivided attention.

However, there are wrong reasons to choose celibacy. Some avoid marriage due to societal pressures, past hurts, trauma, trust issues, financial concerns, or fear of the future. These are not valid reasons to embrace celibacy. If any of these issues are guiding your decision, it is important to seek help. The only valid reason for celibacy is knowing deep within that you have the gift for it and are ready to follow that path.



The Balance between **MARRIAGE & CELIBACY**

The choice between marriage and celibacy is deeply personal and tied to one's divine calling. Both paths have their challenges and rewards, but neither is inherently superior. The key is understanding your purpose in God, where you stand in His plan, and how either marriage or celibacy aligns with your destiny.

For some, marriage will be the avenue through which their creative and spiritual gifts are magnified. A God-centered partnership can propel individuals toward fulfilling their purpose in ways they couldn't have imagined alone. For others, singleness provides the clarity and focus needed to pursue their vision without the added responsibilities of marriage.

As a creative on a journey to fulfil a purpose, your calling may lead you down either path. If marriage is part of your journey, understand that it is a divine partnership designed to multiply your potential. If you feel drawn to celibacy, embrace it as a gift that offers unique opportunities to influence and inspire in ways that marriage might not.



Navigating Life's **SEASONS**

Life consists of seasons. The season of singleness is often one of self-discovery, growth, and preparation. Many rush into marriage without fully exploring their identity and purpose, only to find themselves lost in a relationship that was meant to elevate them. During singleness, you have the time and space to develop your skills, deepen your relationship with God, and build the foundation for your future. It's a time to ask God what He has designed for you in this moment and the future. Aligning yourself with His purpose will ensure that, whether married or celibate, you are walking in His will.

If you are already married or feel called to marriage, remember that your partner is a co-labourer in your journey toward destiny fulfilment. Marriage is not a finish line but part of the race. In a healthy, God-centered marriage, both partners sharpen each other, encouraging one another toward their respective callings.





Marriage, Celibacy, and the **CREATIVE JOURNEY**

For creatives, the decision to marry or remain celibate can be particularly complex. Both paths offer distinct advantages when it comes to pursuing artistic, entrepreneurial, or visionary goals.

In marriage, there is potential for collaboration, support, and shared vision. A spouse can be your greatest cheerleader, helping you navigate the challenges of a creative life. Many successful creatives have found that their spouses provided the stability and encouragement needed to pursue their art or business ventures. Singleness, however, offers unmatched freedom and focus. Without the responsibilities of marriage, a single creative can immerse themselves in their craft, take risks, and pursue opportunities that may be harder to navigate within a marriage.

Ultimately, whether you are single or married, the key is to remain true to your calling. Both paths come with sacrifices and rewards, but what matters most is aligning your life with God's purpose.

Finding Peace in Your **DECISION**

The pressure to conform to societal expectations around marriage and celibacy can be overwhelming. In many cultures, marriage is seen as a rite of passage, while celibacy may be viewed with suspicion. Yet, both marriage and celibacy are valid and valuable paths in the eyes of God.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer to the question of whether to marry or remain celibate. The answer lies in your relationship with God and your understanding of His purpose for your life. Seek His guidance, listen to His voice, and trust His plan.

Whether you are called to marriage or celibacy, God has designed a path that will lead to the fulfillment of your destiny. In Him, there is no lack—only abundance, purpose, and fulfillment.

EMBRACE YOUR JOURNEY



The thin wall between marriage and celibacy is not a barrier, but a matter of choice and calling. Both paths offer unique opportunities for growth, fulfilment, and impact. As you stand at these crossroads, trust that God has already laid out a blueprint for your success.

Whether in marriage or singleness, your life can and will inspire others. When aligned with God's purpose, your creative journey becomes a testimony of His grace and power. Embrace your path, trust His timing, and know that in both marriage and celibacy, you are perfectly positioned for destiny fulfilment.





Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honour the Lord. - HABBAKUK 2:14 (CEV)

Hinged on the above Scripture, the **Tent Revival for Christian Creatives (TRCC)** is a movement responding to God's call for creatives to shine as lights in their respective sectors and suburbs worldwide. We align with the Biblical posture that to shine as lights; we must first experience GOD, the true light. Engineered by the Holy Spirit, **TRCC** is a gathering of different creatives and talents worldwide under a single room for re-enlightenment, restoration, and revival to see their place in God's perfect picture for humanity. God, who remains the creator of everything good, has created every one of us with distinct talents to spread the Gospel through unique methods in these last days.

The TRCC vision collectively houses:

- *Creators*
- *Entrepreneurs*
- *Leaders*
- *Storytellers*
- *Innovators*

It is a yearly gathering of creatives and saints sent into the marketplace across different dimensions under one roof to be recharged, reequipped and reassigned to their God-given mandate and propel them to fulfil their assignment on earth.

We began the first gathering with the theme: **BREATHE**, and definitely, we are excited to see what God will do with this vision and more in the coming years.



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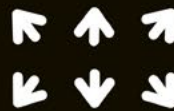
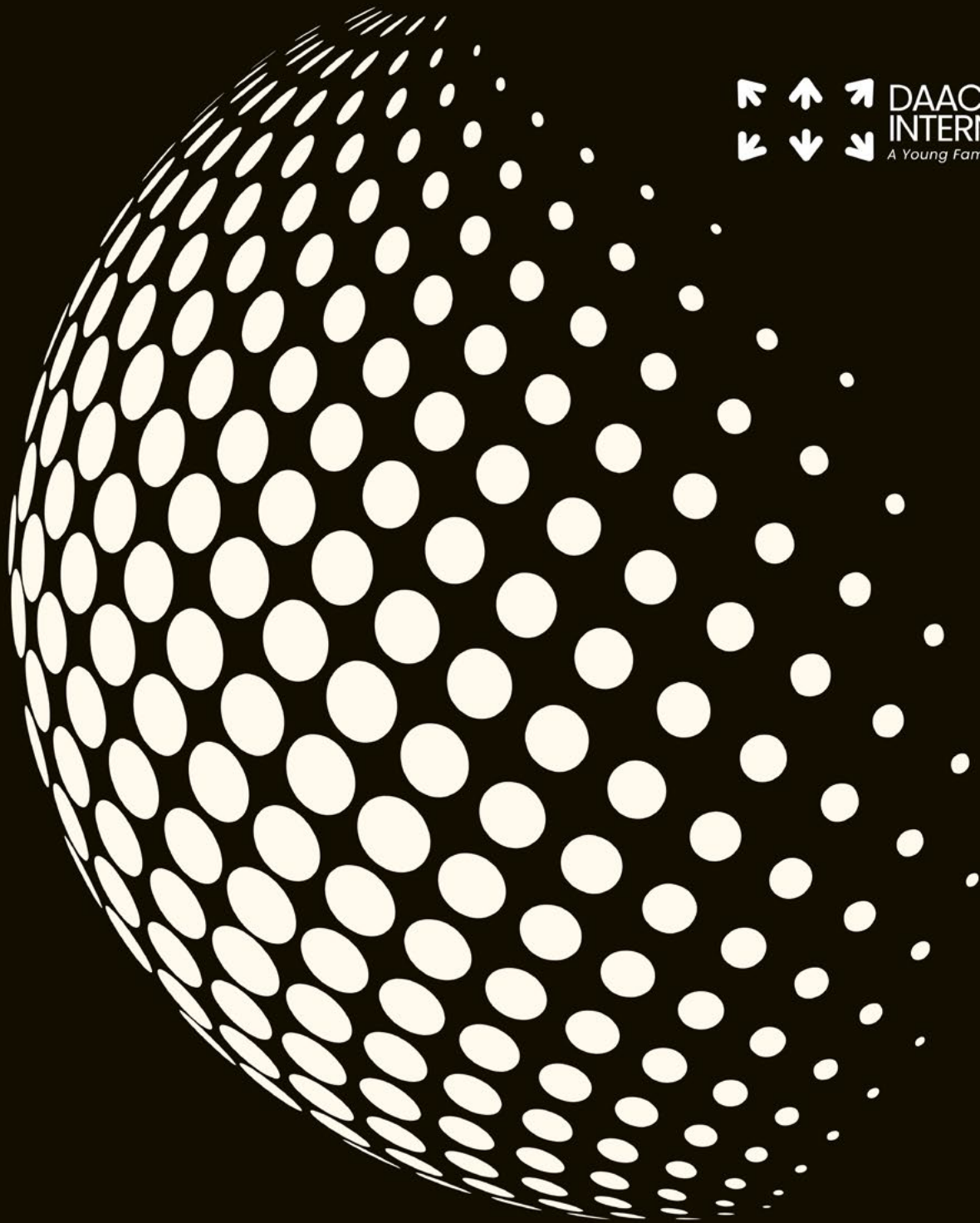
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