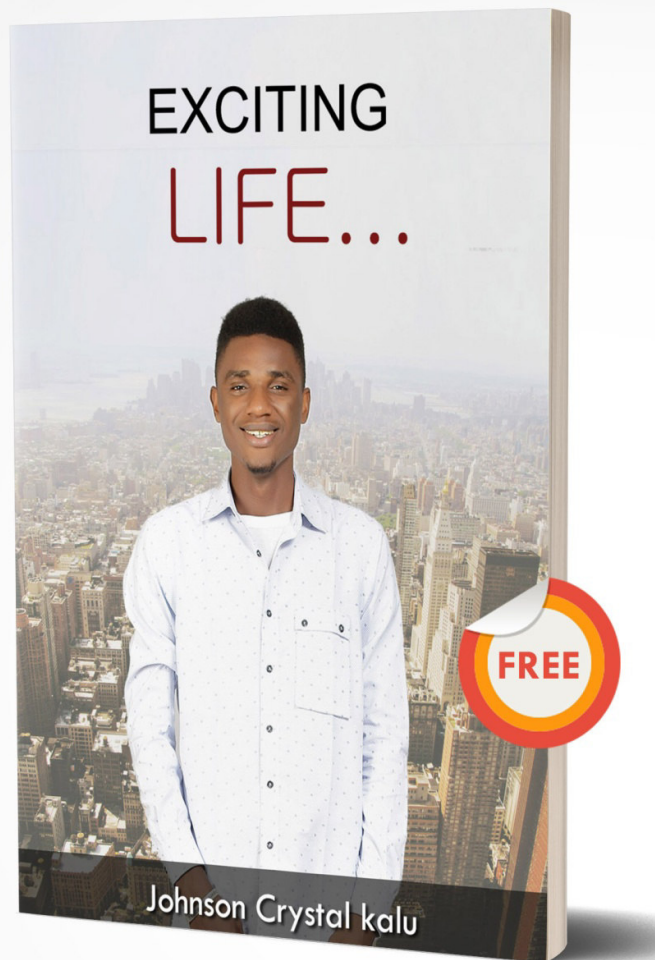


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reasons why we Shine!”

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# ***EXCITING LIFE***

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Everyone feels depressed.

Everyone feels bittered and angry.

Everyone feels the negative side of life.

But what makes the difference is how you deal with the circumstances you find yourself.

You cannot stop people from hurting you.

You cannot stop people from disliking you.

You cannot stop people from disappointing you.

But am sure you can stop yourself from feeling hurt, disliked and disappointed.

***Life is not all about what happens to you, but how you deal with what happens.***

You have to decide to take charge of your life.

You have to decide to keep motivating and inspiring yourself till there won't be any room for thinking failure again!!

You have God's grace and greatness within you.

You also have his Love and Mercy around you.

You have all it takes to live an **Exciting Life.**

## **PREFACE**

*“Esteem love and value the people God has brought into your life.*

*There are no families, relationships, friendships, besties, playmates etc in the other dimension, everything literally ends here on earth.*

*So start appreciating and capturing the moments you have to spend with people you love.”*

I dedicate this book to God almighty for his love, grace + inspiration.

I acknowledge my family, friends, colleagues at Hopeful Me Network and to everyone who has been there for me.

I realized that Happiness in life is not found in things that make us laugh, but in things that give our lives a meaning. And I believe “We all are Stars, We just have different reasons why we shine!”

In this book, I'll be sharing with us alot of useful things and experiences that will add more meaning and value to your life. And I want you to read with the assurance that your life is going to become an exciting one. God bless you.

Am waiting for you at the last chapter!

LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!

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## Chapter 1

### AN EXCITING LIFE



During one of the holidays, I decided to start going to work with my dad. We leave early in the morning to his workplace and come back late in the evening, in his car.

For me it was very stale and boring repeating the same process day after day.

But one of the days, his car broke down and it was very late in the evening. So we had to trek for a long distance before we finally hassled our way into a vehicle that took us home.

Although it was a stressful experience but I enjoyed every moment of it because I felt something new and different rather than just the normal to and fro movement.

And this is what it is missing in most people's lives. We keep repeating a pattern and we become so afraid to change it or experience something different.

We work on jobs we don't like, we stay in relationships that drain us, we take decisions that hurt us in order to please people and we keep doing things that we know within us that we don't want but because we feel things may go wrong or maybe we cannot handle the outcome of change. We decide to live life as it comes.

I have this saying "Accept the things you cannot change and change the things you cannot Accept"

What are those if you had the will and power, you will not accept them in your life?

Am saying to you, that power to change them is in you.

Be bold to take up the responsibilities of what you want out of life.

Life is incomplete without an adventure and behind this adventure lies our actual growth.

Feel free to explore life and take bold decisions. Life is too short trying to play it safe.

Les Brown will always say, "We can never get out of life, alive". And that's so true.

So be willing to challenge and stretch yourself.

Try something new, raise the bar on yourself.

If you are working on a job that you don't like, you can as well quit the job and focus on something you love doing or if you have decided to stay in the job, make the commitment to give it your best and love the job.

Live your life with passion. Live an exciting life.

Some people go for sky diving, mountain climbing, sea diving and other very scary adventures 🤩 just because they want to explore life and feel it's excitement.

It's really worth it! But emmmm, I'll prefer watching them on TV than trying that. Please don't ask me why 😊

So look into your life, find those things you love doing, those talents and skills.

Find those places you'll love to go, find those people you'll love to talk to, find those people you have hurt that you want to say sorry to.

Find those things that will give your life a sense of meaning and purpose.

Once you find them, write them down and work towards achieving them.

And one very important thing I'll like to share with you towards what you want to do in life or achieve regarding your purpose and passion is; "Do it as if it were to be your last!"

Of course, it might be, there's no guarantee.



Getting this book ready looked very challenging. I was caught up with so many things. But I said to myself, "Johnson Crystal or whatever you call yourself 😊😄, this might be your last book, this might be your last opportunity to do something useful with your life, this might be your last chance of inspiring people through writing"

And after resolving within myself, I found the courage and will to pull through the challenges and get this book ready. And I believe this book will inspire you!

So take on this attitude with whatever good you want to achieve, see it as if it were to be your last, convince yourself to putting in every effort and time you have on it.

You know when you have the consciousness that you are about to do something you love for the very last time, you'll find yourself doing it with energy and passion.

I'm reminded of my high school days, the night before the day we were supposed to write our final exam and vacate the school.

That night was priceless. Everything we did was with an unusual excitement.

Even though it was just like every other night to the junior students but to us it was a day worth being remembered for.

So live an exciting life.

See you in the next chapter!!!!

## Chapter 2

### CELEBRATE YOURSELF



Celebrate yourself and be proud of your achievements no matter how little you feel they are.

I define success as "***A level of achievement that brings fulfillment***".

Make out time to appreciate yourself for standing strong, pulling through the tough times, being there for yourself, not giving up on you, taking up responsibilities and more especially thank God for giving you the grace.

I know you made some mistakes, or may have disappointed yourself, God and people who believed in you.

But you deserve to be happy.

And this happiness is not found in things that make you laugh, it's found in things and people that give your life a meaning.

So, am telling you to give yourself a treat, Buy yourself a gift. Even if it's once in a month, but please, you really have to.

Spend quality time with people you love and also reach out to those who are in need, have fun, stay happy.

I believe it will give you the strength to achieve more.

I found it difficult appreciating myself then, I never valued my achievements.

I kept allowing the success of other people make me look like am a big failure.

And it somehow affected my self-confidence and it made me less productive.

But today am proud of me: *(A Hopeful Me)*.

I have done the much within my ability and still working hard to do more.

If I were to date myself, I'll never break up with me, because I am the best.

So, say nice, sweet and inspiring words to yourself.

*Most times the only nice things you will get to hear about you will be the good things you personally say to yourself.*

You deserve the best, don't settle for less.

And remember to give yourself a treat, you worth it!

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 3

### TAKE THE RISK AND LIVE



Don't be afraid to love.

Don't be afraid not to be loved.

Don't be scared of believing in yourself or believing in people that are worth your trust.

Don't be afraid of failure.

Don't be afraid of not being able to manage success.

Stop feeling so unsure about the future.

Life is a risk and you have to take it to live.

Going to sleep is taking the risk of not waking up.

Getting married is taking the risk of being divorced.

Hope is taking the risk of being in despair.

Trust is taking the risk of disappointment.

Love is taking the risk of not being loved in return.

Getting a job is taking the risk of being laid off or fired.

Being alive is taking the risk of dying soon.

Not taking any risk at all in life is also taking a risk of not living life to the fullest!

And that is the biggest risk of all.

Everything about life is risk.

So am saying to you "Take the risk and live"

Fight the fight worth your dreams.

Accept the responsibility for your life.

Be strong for the people that believe in you.

And also stand for what you believe in.

Decide today to be there for yourself and for people who have been there for you.

We all are going to die one day, no one gets out of life alive.

So it's either you die a hero, a martyr, or like someone who never existed.

***There is no comfort in life, not even in your comfort zone.***

So step out with all you've got!

Take the risk.

Don't end up a spectator in life, it's your show.

Don't end up seating on the sidelines, it's your game.

You deserve more in life and you have to be willing to take the risk.

Quit fear and embrace courage.

**Ask yourself these questions:**

What are those dreams I would have actualized?

What are those businesses I would have invested in?

What lives would I have you touched?

What are those skills, knowledge and ideas I would have acquired?

What achievements would I have made if fear of taking the risk wasn't an option?

Resolve within yourself today to take the risk worth your course in life.

God is faithful with his promises.

TAKE THE RISK AND **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 4

### MY CRITICS WERE RIGHT



Most times when people criticize us they are actually right.

Criticism helps us grow if and only if we decide to.

Infact, the problem is not with the criticism, what we do after being criticized counts.

When I first did a major presentation, I was applauded by the audience as expected because it was actually my first time. Just as I sat down, someone tapped my shoulder and said "Your voice is bad... Work on it"

Ouch! That hurts. It was an awful comment, I thought. This guy should have at least cheered me up for the job well done and not say ill of me.

Actually, the guy was right, my voice was bad, I really had to work on it.

Now, instead of taking things as they were, right in my head, I translated the statement to "Your voice is good, Work on it to make it better"

And it sounded nice to me.

So when you are criticized, how you handle it matters alot.

For me, Criticism helps me grow: it makes me improve on myself.

It reminds me that people are actually keeping track of my progress and set backs.

It tells me where I am now and where people expect me to be.

There are some "not good" things about you which you may not point out but other people will.

So listen to critics but be discreet about it.

Now, you might be wondering if criticizing people is right or wrong.

The question should be "why do I have to criticize?" is it to encourage or make someone feel bad.

Relatively, I don't criticize people, I challenge them.

Instead of saying, "You cannot sing" you should rather say "You could sing better if you are willing to practice more"

Not everyone can handle criticism. Not everyone will understand the motive behind what you say to them.

So Challenge don't Criticize.

Allow people see their flaws and at the same instance show them a way to improve on themselves.

It's painful when someone says "You cannot do this" and the person doesn't show you a way to do it.

Don't take criticisms to heart, but you can as well give them room in your mind.

Criticism can help you live beyond mediocrity but your growth in life depends solely on YOU.

Turn those criticism into challenges and face them.

***At the end of the day, you'll discover that your critics were right not because they were absolutely right but because you were able to prove them wrong.***

*- For the greatest revenge in life is massive Success! (F. Sinatra) -*

Work to improve on yourself everyday.

Never settle for less, you deserve more. **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**



## Chapter 5

### WORK CONTINUES AFTER MARRIAGE.



Get married to someone who loves and appreciates your career and what you do for a living.

As a computer programmer, I'll need a partner who has at least basic knowledge in programming.

Even if she doesn't have, I'll make out time to teach her or enroll her in computer classes.

I know it sounds funny and weird but that's the best way to combine your career, your work and your family, because each of them will take a huge part of your life.

*"I choose to get married to someone who can be a part in what I do not because I choose to be so demanding but because of the progress and fulfillment I wish to have in my relationship and work."*

Now, I might stay awake most nights on my computer and if my wife doesn't understand programming or like people who "press computer too much", she'll find it difficult coping with me and might eventually misjudge my work to be something else.

Whereas she should be helping me debug my codes.

Same applies to me. If my wife is a lawyer, doctor or any other profession, I'll spend time with her understanding what her career is all about and learning the things I have to learn.

I might be the only one to give her the best ideas on how to win her case as a lawyer or a technique on how to handle her patients in the hospital.

Imagine a family where the wife can play video games and do sports and on the other hand, the husband can cook very well and also take care of children. They will feel connected always and will have more understanding for each other.

I have not been married before but I feel this is so true.

From my little experience with friends, family members and colleagues I can tell what makes the difference in every relationship.

Most successful business men make their wives their co-founder, CEO, personal assistant etc depending on the nature of their job. Because the best option or replacement they can ever have is someone they have decided to spend the rest of their life with.

So all am saying is "Work continues after Marriage".

Don't get married to someone who has decided not to appreciate you, your hobby, your work and what you believe in.

Get married to someone who can be your partner, teammate, friend and also your lover.

Your career will take a great part of your life and so will marriage. And in order to balance the two, your spouse should know and love what you do and vice versa.

Give to him or her the business ideas, advice and support no one else would ever give.

And finally, if you are in a relationship or already married to someone who doesn't like your career.

Make sure your career is a decent one and let him/her see reasons why it's worth appreciating. I believe with the help of God, things will turn out well.

Finally, finally, finally, this is the last finally in this chapter, if you are a single and searching lady reading this, 🙄 don't get scared of coming closer because I just said my partner will know programming. Programming isn't difficult, anyone can handle it. :-) just kidding... 😊

\*/winks/\* **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 6

### CONQUER THE CROWD



One of the hardest things I had ever done was just to believe I could face the crowd and give a presentation.

But today, public speaking and talking to an audience generally is one of the easiest and sweetest things I can ever do.

I wouldn't have known I had such potentials and passion for speaking if I didn't face my fears and give myself a try.

It was very difficult and challenging believing in myself owing to fact I had my personal weaknesses. I grew up introverted and "shy", I hadn't any public speaking background, I was just a timid guy struggling with fear and lack of self-esteem. Though it wasn't so when I was much younger.

But I have come to understand and appreciate who I was then and through God's grace, whom I am now.

And am assuring you that, "You can win this battle, you can conquer the crowd, you can absolutely live above the fear of public speaking and you can become an effective communicator", I know what am saying.

Believe you have a great speaker in you and it's time to manifest that greatness.

Join groups that will give you a platform to speak and work on yourself, also decide to take up responsibilities and be willing to face all your fears.

I think every career, field and works of life at some point requires a bit of public speaking.

Even if you have decided that it's not your thing, I challenge you today to give it a try!

I learnt that "When you start doing what you fear the most, then you can do virtually anything".

No one was created with limited potentials to live a limited life.

You are unlimited, you are limitless.

Within you is God's grace and greatness, around you is his love and mercy.

You are wonderfully and FEARfully made.

You shouldn't allow FEAR stop you in any area of your life.

Maybe your fear is not public speaking, whatever it is, relate this victory to it.

Listen to your heart, it's saying; It's your time to shine. **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 7

### MAKE THE COMMITMENT



I feel this is the best time to get started with one's goals and dreams.

Starting up something very early enough will give you the true consciousness of the task ahead of you and will help prepare your mind for battle and also your heart for victory.

The best way to avoid procrastination is to make a commitment.

I grew up in the eastern part of Nigeria, I remember whenever I start procrastinating towards taking my bath, which is common amongst children then, I will get a bathing soap and rub it all over my hair.

Which literally means, I must take my bath in order to get the soap off my hair. And that's a commitment.

I don't know what you want to achieve this year, but am saying to you ***"rub the soap on your hair now and make a commitment to take your bath"***

You have to kill procrastination before it kills your dreams.

I know it's not going to be very easy; but keep on striving, on the long run you'll be happy with yourself.

The reality is that there's no guarantee that this year will be less challenging, or people will come out to fully support and assist you or everything will just work out so well. But I want you to have this assurance that you will always win. At the end of every battle is our victory!

So get started!!

Make a commitment!!

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 8

### WHEN YOU LIKE SOMEONE



When you like and admire someone I suggest you go ahead and tell the person.

It feels very nice when someone walks up to you and reminds you of how good looking and well dressed you are.

I remember when I asked myself, if today were to be my last day, the things I would love to have done. I listed a whole lot of useful things, amongst them was to tell a friend of mine that I admired her alot.

And I have done that. Infact she was even blushing... ☺ and I won't tell you how I did that. ☺

Now, I am not talking about having stronger affection for someone which might involve going into a relationship, dating, getting married etc. No!

I believe we all have a simple and non complex area of our heart that just admires and appreciate good things.



I'm talking about letting people know that no matter how boring, unfriendly, not outgoing, not too beautiful, not very good looking they feel they are, that someone somewhere still loves and appreciates them.

So, feel free to love and also to be loved.

There's no guarantee that people will love you but you owe it to yourself to love.

"I realized that the worst feeling to have is not the fact that people don't love you but the reality that you had love that you could not express."

So as you go through life, always appreciate good people and good things.

It might just be liking someone's photo, sharing a post, applauding someone, saying thank you, giving someone a high five or a thumbs up, or just telling someone, "I like your hairstyle", "nice shoes", "keep it up" etc

It goes a long way to make this world a better place.

Finally, understand that it's one thing to love, it's another to feel lust. It's one thing to say nice things, it's another to flatter.

But always ensure you are doing the right thing.

Allow God's love to replace your lust and his nature to overshadow your being.

**If today were to be the last day of your life, who will you reach out to?**

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## Chapter 9

### YOU ARE NOT A FAILURE



There is a big difference between "I didn't pass my exam" and "I failed my exam".

"I couldn't succeed" is also quite different from "I failed".

"I lost my job", "I wasn't selected for the competition", "my business failed", "I was disqualified" etc are all very different from saying "I am a failure".

I so much avoid using the word "failure" on myself, because it affects my level of confidence and how I see myself.

There are some ideas and projects I worked on that didn't yield and rather than saying "I failed", I choose to say "It didn't work out well".

People who believe they failed most times find it very difficult to get back on their feet but those who see their downfall as a challenge move on stronger and believe that success is just saying a temporary NO to them.

Now, am not saying the word "failure" should be totally removed from the dictionary, all am saying is, don't use it directly on yourself, you can use it else where.

Failure is just an incident, it's not your name neither is it your personal belonging.

Don't label yourself a failure because you failed at a particular thing.

Even if you have failed in so many areas of life, there are still things you've done with your life that you succeeded in.

Or even if you feel your case is too extreme and you have not succeeded at anything, you are not still a failure, you might try something tomorrow and succeed.

So, find reasons to smile at yourself, because you look good putting on a smile than putting on the look of failure.

In fact, when am asked to do something and I don't succeed at it, I try my best to come back smiling.

I have read different success stories of people who failed at so many attempts and finally succeeded, I hope to read yours too.

You are living and breathing right? Yes, I guess you are.

"When there is life, there is Hope". And I define HOPE as Holding On a Powerful Evidence.

So I encourage you to try again, try and keep trying, strive and keep striving, move and don't stop moving, aim high and never settle for less, you might not be born a winner but I am sure you are born to WIN.

Hold On this Powerful Evidence, and I assure you that life will soon yield to you.

You are not a failure!

God's grace has guaranteed us our Victory.

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!, YOU ARE NOT A FAILURE!**

## Chapter 10

### CHECK THE MEANING



Don't use any word without being sure of the exact meaning from the dictionary or any reliable source.

Don't speak words you hear people speak without knowing the actual meaning.

I remember few years ago when I played a game, I think Vice City and I picked a word from there: "**Red Light District**". It sounded very cool and I proposed in my heart that when I build my estate, it'll be named after it. I so much loved the name that the group chat I created for people in my neighborhood was named Red-light District.

Infact, those who were part of the group proudly called themselves Red-light District members.

Well, it was years later that I discovered that Red Light District is a section of a city set aside for brothels etc. 🙄

Yes, Yes, you can call me dumb: thank you. But don't exclude the members of the group chat. 😂

So I encourage you to be sure of every word before it proceeds out of your mouth.

My parents and other parents in my area will tell us that a cloth is "Bogus" on us if it's very big or oversized. So I assumed Bogus actually means "Big or large or very very big" as it sounded.

When I resolved within myself to do a dictionary check of the words I felt I knew, I then realized that Bogus has nothing to do with size. Bogus means false and fake.

Apparently they meant the clothes were false on my body not "Big".

And I bet you 20% of the words you speak don't have the exact meaning you think they do.

Study your English very well till the point you'll be able to differentiate between synonyms. Like I know the technical difference between:

**image/picture/photo,**

**Tools/devices/materials/instruments**

and other closely related words. And I bet you don't. 😎

Spend less time learning big words, concentrate more on the effective use of the small ones you know.

I want you to set a standard for your life "Don't speak any word you don't know the spelling, correct pronunciation and you are not very sure of the meaning"

Unless in extreme cases, try your best to make this commitment to yourself.

Finally, check the meaning of your name by yourself if you haven't, adjust some of the definitions you learnt in your junior years in school, learn the pronunciations of words, use less of abbreviations in your writings and know that your willingness to read and write is much more important than your ability to read and write.

Thank you and God bless you.

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 11

### WHO IS BEHIND YOU?



An old proverb says "*Behind every successful man is a woman*".

And we are going to read more meaning into this simple statement.

To the man, it says; "*behind*" not "*in your arms*" or anywhere else.

Not every woman you are attracted to can help you succeed.

It's one thing to have a woman in your life, it's another to have a woman who can stand behind you, and be willing to be there for you in the midst of the storms and difficulties of life.

Also, when you have someone behind you, it implies that the person is before you watching your back, pushing you to keep moving forward, encouraging and protecting you.

So, make sure this woman behind you can be trusted and is someone who will not stab you at the back.

Again, if someone is behind you, you don't always see the person unless you decide to turn and look back. This then implies that you won't get distracted by this woman and you'll have more focus and concentration to succeed.

Before I go over to the side of the woman, remember that this statement highlights maturity and it's between a "Man" and a "Woman" (singular) not "man and many women" or vice versa.

Now, to the woman, it says "*behind every successful man*" not "*behind every ordinary man*".

If you are a woman and you have decided to stand behind any man, you have to ensure you inspire his success.

You don't have the power to conceive failure, mediocrity and average things, it's in you to bring out success from within you and from people around you.

Behind every unsuccessful man I think should also be a woman but make sure you are not that woman.

So try as much as possible to live life with this assurance that "You have the seeds of greatness within you and it's in your abilities to bring a change in the world around you".

This woman behind every successful man can be his mother, sister, friend, coach or the woman he has decided to spend the rest of his life with or anyone else he chooses directly or indirectly.

In summary I think if behind every successful man is a woman, behind every successful woman too is a man.

So, appreciate the people God has brought into your life.

Whether or not you physically or mentally have someone behind you; still move on, your success is sure, and the Top is yours!

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**



## Chapter 12

### WHEN SOMEONE IS OWING YOU



When someone is owing you money, don't spend your whole time worrying and regretting.

Make out time to actually pray for the person. Apparently, it's either the person doesn't have the money to pay back or the person has just decided not to.

Try also to maintain a positive state of mind.

Nothing is worth taking your happiness away. The borrower is probably happy and has even forgotten about you and your money, while on the other hand you are feeling resentful and sad.

You know this courteous attitude people bring when they are in need of something but when it's time to pay back they now become something else.

And I find it excruciating calling or reminding people to repay me. It feels very embarrassing and I just sit and hope the person just pays me.

Well, I have this principle I use in lending money, although I tend to adjust it relative to the situation. "Lend money you can easily let go". See, there's no guarantee that a borrowed money will come back; Unless you are a financial institution.

So don't take any money you are lending out to heart so as to avoid heart break. I'm saying this from experience. But still ensure you do everything right to get your money back.

I used to be amongst the world's top 5 persons who will always count all the money people owe them and sum it up as part of their net worth. It made me feel richer.

But in reality a bird at hand is worth two in the bush.

Finally, we are living in a society where people don't help each other due to the prevalent issue with lack of trust and disappointment.

But I encourage you not to totally right off assisting people when you have the opportunity.

I know it's challenging but, it's more blessed to give than to receive.

Don't be the borrower. **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**



## Chapter 13

### FAITH CANNOT FAIL



*I realized that faith does not mean everything around me will be fine rather it means I will be fine despite how everything around me is.*

One of the biggest lesson I learnt about faith came through a very hilarious happening.

During the period my school had vacated, I was in my room and very late at night; I needed to go to the kitchen and find something to eat.

Actually, it wasn't hunger that kept me awake.

Then I remembered that my kitchen had been literally plagued with a type of household pest: cockroaches to be precise: which were nocturnal in the day and very active at night.

It occurred to me to pray so I wouldn't see any of them and just prepare my meal because they really irritate me.

I made a decree and with FAITH stepped into the kitchen. Guess what?

I was welcomed by 2 cockroaches just at the entrance.

And at that point, I felt defeated.

My faith had failed. I didn't expect to see any cockroach after such exhibition of faith.

But after some time, I got the message behind this whole incident.

Listen to me, when you have faith, it's not a guarantee that nothing will go wrong but it's an assurance that you will always win.

You may have faith to get a good job.

And you'll see yourself fail several interviews. It doesn't always mean your faith didn't work. It means you have to try again without losing courage.

Faith cannot fail, trust God on that.

When Peter decided to walk on the sea and meet Jesus Christ, he had faith.

He kept walking firmly on what was the surface of water until something happened.

He saw the wind and storm.

Now, I think Peter felt his faith would keep the sea calm and also prevent the wind and storm from blowing. But it doesn't work that way.

This made him start to sink gradually, he felt his faith had failed and he willingly lost his victory to doubt.

He didn't understand that "Faith may not stop the wind from blowing but it will definitely keep us from sinking".

Faith is always accompanied with strong wind which are challenges, difficulties, pains, struggles, disappointments, rejections, emptiness etc.

And when you don't pull through, doubts will certainly come in and you'll start feeling you can't win again.

Elijah had faith when he prayed for rain but the rain didn't come instantly.

Abraham the father of faith, didn't receive his blessing as soon as he believed.

Joseph didn't become a ruler as soon as he had faith in the dream God gave him.

So don't be perplexed when you believe God and still encounter difficulties or delay. Fight the good fight of faith!

Well after murdering or rather killing the 2 cockroaches, I entered the kitchen and surprisingly I didn't see any other cockroach.

My kitchen was unusually calm throughout that night.

But I initially thought my faith had failed, I didn't know faith cannot be defeated.

It will always win as long as you keep believing.

So brethren the problem most times is not that we don't have big faith. Infact, the Bible recommends faith small like mustard seed.

The problem is we tend to feel our faith has failed when we see the storms and challenges of life not knowing that those challenges are part of what makes our faith victorious.

Be willing to learn from happenings around you.

Meanwhile, I have done something towards fumigating my room.

YOUR FAITH CANNOT FAIL. **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 14

### WHY REJECT YOU?



Whether you are good, bad or just a normal kind of person, People will still find reasons not to accept you and will sometimes reject your love, care and efforts.

But that's not the issue, that's not the real thing.

**The greatest form of rejection comes when you reject yourself.**

As humans relating with fellow humans, we don't have the guarantee that people will just like us the way we are.

We only have one guarantee for a happy and fulfilling life and it's the one we create for ourselves.

We are never meant to reject ourselves for any reason.

So decide today to become your Best friend, your Hero and your own Motivator.

Whether people accept you or reject you, literally it doesn't change your age, color, location, height, size and your money.

Infact, the more people you have in your life, the more you are bound to spend.

Accept yourself, Accept yourself, And accept yourself.

Whether or not you are beautiful, social and outgoing, etc.

Am pleading with you because that's one of the best things you can ever do for you.

Love and accept people too but without expecting anything in return.

Live life to the fullest.

You deserve more, **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 15

### YOU ARE AMAZING



I don't care to know what you think or feel about yourself.

I don't care to know how long you've failed or have disappointed yourself or have done something wrong.

I don't care to know how many times you have been rejected, disappointed, hated, ignored, snubbed, heartbroken and isolated by people.

What I am concerned about is the fact that you deserve love, care and the right affection.

No one is perfect but you are better than average.

*"God MAde you, and so you are aMAzing.."*

How you feel people feel about you shouldn't affect how you should feel about yourself.

You have come a long way to get here, you deserve more and you'll have more.

Find reasons why you should be happy.

Don't wait till you make a particular achievement, get a better job, have a better relationship, make more money or get more support from family/friends to be happy.

Take charge of your life, stay connected to things and people that will give your life a meaning, be happy.

Spend quality time taking care of yourself. Look good, eat good food.

Rest and exercise your body.

Pursue your dreams and course in life.

Become your Best friend and Hero.

Maybe you feel you have some personal problems, challenges and weaknesses that seems like they are all part of your life, I want you to know that you are still Amazing the way you are. And within you is the abilities to live above life.

Well, I have not come to impress you, but I am here to imPRESS upon you the true knowledge of who you are.

*You are beautiful.*

*You are intelligent.*

*You are a success.*

*You are strong.*

*And you are so AMAZING.*

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 16

### CREATE THEIR FUTURE



At a very tender age I had a computer and several mobile phones which wasn't very common amongst kids of my age.

My parents subconsciously played a big role in creating a future for me.

I was exposed to technology at a very early age and it helped me develop passion and intuition for the computer world.

As at my junior school days I was able to understand how the internet works and at this stage of my life I have achieved a lot as a web developer, same applies with music, we have some at home. And without a teacher, I have been able to learn how to play some musical instruments.

Now, I want you to understand that passion can be developed.

And I encourage you to help create a future for your children.

Expose them to so many useful things at an early stage.



Help them find their purpose early in life when they've not been entangled with aspirations, pleasure, peer pressure and other vicissitudes which are associated with growing up.

A Bible passage says "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Some of our kids have hidden potentials that the school alone cannot help them develop.

The school can only train them with facts and figures but the main essence of their existence will still be vague.

The school will only judge them by their ability to read, remember and write but life generally is beyond just doing paperwork.

Also our schools may not have all the necessary equipments to help our children discover themselves and explore life. So we the parents have to take up full responsibilities for our ward.

From a little research I made, I discovered that people who have prowess in a particular field of life had been exposed to that field at a tender age. Although this may not be absolutely true but creating a future for your children is absolutely the right thing to do.

All am saying is:

Look at your children beyond the school and academic wall. Take them for a walk, spend quality time with them, watch them grow, interact with them, buy them indoor/outdoor games, sporting equipments, educating materials, stationary, computers, musical equipments, expose them to skills and expertise. Give them opportunity to explore life as children, it'll help them understand life and find their purpose.

I know you may not be able to afford all these but do the necessary ones you can and allow nature complete the process, with the help of God, your children will find their passion.

Also you have to guide and trust your children towards taking decisions regarding their course in life. Value their opinion and choices.

A child can never learn how to walk in your arms. He or she has to be exposed to life: which involves falling and standing, until he/she learns how to walk.

Again, being exposed to the internet at an early age had some negative effects on me.

Allowing your children to explore life may have some side effects but I believe good will always win over evil.

Once again, I encourage you to do everything possible to give your children and people around you hope for the future, rescue them from oblivion.

I don't know how else to say this but help Create a future for our children, because they are the leaders of our tomorrow.

Thank you and God bless our children's dreams. **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 17

### GOING CLOSER TO GOD



I used to be afraid of going closer to God because of the misconceptions I had, but today I have seen and experienced how vital God is in the life of every individual.

Sometimes, we feel the more closer we are to God, he then loves us more and then now wants us to become Pastors, Evangelists, missionaries etc.

Yea, we don't really want such professions.

We are also afraid that the more closer we are to God, the more the devil now sees us as a big enemy and also as a threat. And most of us don't really want to be noticed by the devil.

Yea, we prefer living our normal lives.

Also we are sometimes afraid of going closer to God because we feel we will pass through hard and difficult times as part of our walk with God and we really don't want such difficult life.

Yea, nobody wants stress.

But today, I want you to know that those who dwell in the secret place of the most high shall always abide under the shadow of the almighty.

Those thoughts and false impressions only limited and restricted the power of God in me.

I felt Christianity was a very strenuous and difficult lifestyle.

But when I freed myself and took a bold step towards embracing God fully, I felt his grace and mercy upon my life.

Now, whether I become a pastor or not, or the devil starts attacking me, or I start passing through difficult times or not, doesn't really matter to me.

I have found fulfillment and purpose in Christ Jesus.

My life is now hid in Christ and Christ in God.

So my fellow brethren, God loves you and he want you to experience in his grace and power.

Nothing will ever happen to you in your walk with God.

You have nothing to lose, but you have everything to gain.

Be strong.

***"The gap between we and God has been bridged by Grace, we can now draw nigh unto him"***

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 18

### INSPIRATION FROM DESPERATION



Desperation is the state of losing hope or being in despair.

Most times we don't find ourselves in this situation deliberately; it is a state life decides to put us in. But we can still get an inspiration out of the desperation.

I realized that I take smart financial decisions when I am broke .

The last time I ran out of cash. I believe will be the very last time ☺ I saw myself buying only useful things unlike when I just go about buying everything I see.

One of the days, I was to buy an item I so much needed and after bargaining, the seller told me the actual price. Out of desperation, what I did was I brought out the last money I had. Some folks call it "Last card". I told him if I had extra money I would have paid. With the look on my face, the man agreed and sold to me.

Contrast to when I had money, I wouldn't even care to bargain, I'll just pay.

And the truth is if I take on this attitude, I'll save a whole lot of money.

Look into your life, you'll discover that some important steps and decisions you took in your life was when you were in desperation.

Necessity they say is the mother of all invention. When you run out of options, you tend to be more creative.

During the war, people discovered different kinds of food, weapons and drugs out of desperation and this they wouldn't have done where there isn't a pressing need or crisis.

Don't ask me how I know, I was part of the civil war 😊

And this proves a point that there's an inspiration that comes with every desperation.

So my suggestion is when you are broke like I was, or when you are stranded, in need, in trouble, in tight situations or in a very tight corner of life.

Seek inspiration from the desperation and don't give room for frustration.

It could be an avenue to create something or figure out an idea that could change your situation, your life and the world at large.

Don't just go around venting your anger on people around you.

Someone will tell you good morning and you'll reply "What's good about the morning?"

Don't walk around murmuring and blaming the society.

Look out at for how to get things done.

Find a reason to appreciate yourself even in the midst of difficulties. Because there's inspiration available for you.

Know that at the end of every battle is your victory. You are born to win!

Find your inspiration from desperation.

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 19

### WHAT WILL YOU CALL HIM?



Pet names and love names are no longer meant for special people.

I realized that as young people, we find it very easy attaching so much care in the names we call people

*"We have technically exhausted all the names we are supposed to call either our husband or wife when we get married, on people who don't literally worth it."*

A cab or bus driver will transport a lady without charging her money, she'll then reply "I love you honey, Thanks sweetheart, Thanks love etc"

A guy will receive an assistance from a lady and will respond by saying "Thank you my love".

The annoying part is that some of these names don't fit in, they don't match, some sound awkward, Some are names of food we eat, while some sound very funny.

Pet/Love names like "Boo-boo, Babylicious, Honey Bunny, Pumpkin, Sugar plum, Tomatoes, Butterscotch etc" I don't just know who introduced them. But I think some of them should even be removed ( Say "yeee" if you agree with me). 😊

Some are "sugar this., sugar that..", and we all know too much of sugar can cause someone diabetes.

Well, I won't say am not a victim of this love name crisis.

Actually, it's not bad calling people pet/love names..

But if you could call an ordinary cab driver or someone who isn't too attached to you "Sweetheart, Honey, My love etc" what then will you call your husband or wife when you get married?

Are you even sure you haven't used up of all the names on people that don't deserve it?

In reality, pet/love names don't guarantee a long lasting marriage or relationship.

But I feel it'll be nice calling the person you've decided to spend the rest of your life with a special name.

The beautiful woman am getting married to should take note of that.. (just kidding oh)

Also, Indigenously, I realized that couples who call their spouses their names or the parental name of either of their first issue or just the normal daddy, mummy, have more understanding and love than the ones that do love naming.

Divorcing is not prevalent amongst them.

Well, this may not always be the case, remember I said indigenously.

So all am saying is, reduce the amount of love names you call people except within you; you know they WORTH it and you really MEAN it!

You can call people you don't know or distant people: "Dear, Friend, Guy, Lady, Brother, Sister etc" you know all of them.

To me, its not rude, I think it's quite formal.

It all depends on how you call the names.

We all should learn how to address people cordially.



So, WHAT WILL NAME YOU CALL HIM,

WHAT WILL NAME YOU CALL HER: WHEN YOU GET MARRIED ?

WHAT NAME DO YOU CALL YOUR SPOUSE?

Whatever it is, make sure it's nice and reserved!

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 20

### YOU ARE NOT ADDICTED!



What if everything we think we know about addiction is not totally correct?

Addiction is a temporary bond and not a permanent bondage.

Addiction is not really what we think it is. Addiction is more of a social problem than a medical issue.

Yes, Addiction is harmful but Addicts are not hopeless.

Scientifically, they say when someone starts taking a hard drug like heroine which has chemical hoaxes, the body will start depending on these substance and will now physically need them and so after sometime, the person will now become a heroine addict.

Okay, but what if this same 'heroine addict' now has memory failure through a car accident, will he forget everything he knows and still remember the taste of heroine?

And do you know that most drugs we take still contain similar chemical substances as some of these hard drugs.

Some of us have diligently taken these same addictive substances in a redefined form for weeks and months consecutively yet we are not addicts. We still have antipathy toward those drugs.

Let's move on. Many people are addicted to so many things.

Some are addicted to hard drugs like cocaine, cannabis, nicotine, some are addicted to alcohol, pornography, gambling, illegal activities etc.

But we have to start looking at what addiction is differently in order to know how to help addicts and ourselves if we've found traces of addiction in our lives.

What is really Addiction?

***Addiction to me in simple English is a temporary bond we have towards something meaningless just because we've lost connection with something more meaningful to us.***

People tend to get addicted or get bonded to needless things because they've lost CONNECTION with something they love and cherish.

Some out of frustration got addicted to alcohol because they lost their job, money or someone dear to them.

Every human has this innate desire to love, to be loved and to feel loved. Everyone wants to be happy, valued, powerful, respected, in control and connected to the outside world.

And when we don't find these things, we now resort to things that will erroneously make us feel better.

Pornography will look like a good option for someone who is depressed and lacking love and intimacy.

Hard drugs will look interesting to someone who wants to feel hard, powerful and in control.

Sedatives will also look like a good stress and pain reliever for distressed persons.

Funny enough, most young people today are literally addicted to clothings, outings, mobile phones, social media and the internet.

But non of these things can fill the gap in our lives.

Science can never bridge the gap of motherly love, friendly care and parental guidance.

Technology can never fully connect us to the people we love.

Staying on the social media always cannot cure depression and loneliness, we need physical intimacy.

Surround yourself with people you love and who also love you. God has given to you a home, family and friends.

Engage yourself in interesting physical and social activities, reach out to people, show love and care to people including addicts: they need love too.

Isolation won't solve the problem, the strongest force in life is Love.

So, Let's take up this responsibility of changing the world, making it a better place and also letting people know that they are still hopeful whether addicted or not.

"You are not an Addict, you are not Addicted, you are just temporarily bonded to something meaningless, fill up your life with more meaningful things, give your life a meaning.

You are worthy of care and love. You are not inferior, Jesus Christ loves you!"

And I'll end by saying this: "Whatever science can't cure and time can't heal in our lives, God can". **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 21

### MAKING NEW FRIENDS



*I'll always say: "It's quite difficult being alone in a world full of friends, Friendships adds beauty to existence!"*

Having good friends around you is actually a beautiful thing.

Well, I don't have issues with friendship as most people do.

I know they all may not be calling, texting and looking out for me but I'll still invest in their lives and savor every moment I spend with them.

As I was growing up, I had this fear of talking to people I'm not used to and also a phobia of meeting people I'm not too familiar with.

I can seat idle for over 5 hours rather than stressing myself finding a way to talk to people I don't know too well

But AsIBeganToDiscoverMyself, I discovered the essence of friendship. I had to expand my comfort zone.

What do I mean by "Expanding My Comfort zone", I mean getting used to and acquainted with difficult situations to the point that it now looks like its part of your comfort zone.

For instance, I started with waving and saying Hi to someone I meet for the first time, to saying:

**>>> Hello...how are you?**

**>>> Hi , what's your name?**

**>>> You look familiar, seems like we know each other :-)**

**>>> Hi, how are you? what's your name? Can I have your number?**

**>>> Hello, Hi, Nice dress, Nice hair, Can I gist you?**

That's literally how I gradually started you can do better but be careful about requesting for the phone number, that part might not work for you (just kidding). Meanwhile this isn't a dating tip. Its all about expanding our comfort zone towards making new friends and still keeping the old ones.

It's all about us meeting with people of different gender, race, class, belief, career, religion and culture.

Touching people's lives and letting theirs touch you.

Again, understand this: if you find it difficult making friends, it simply shows that you have great taste in friendship. And its a virtue you've gat and not a very big problem.

Well, while making good friends and expanding your comfort zone, some people may snub you, make you look like a jerk or even embarrass you. But guess what: it doesn't matter, just keep smiling, you'll get used to it.

But believe me God will surely lead you to the right persons. People who will appreciate and love you.

So, I hope to see you making new friends soon and also remember to keep the old ones closer to your heart.

New friends are gold, Old friends are precious stones.

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 22

### DON'T QUIT YOUR DREAMS



Pursuing your dreams will involve you stepping out of your comfort zone and might also expose you to facing difficult times, rejection from people, taking risks, stress, disappointments etc. It's normal, I regard all of them as temporary pain. Nothing good they say, comes easy.

But don't feel quitting the dream and settling down for a normal life will make you feel better.

There's no absolute comfort in life, not even in comfort zones.

People who willingly gave up on life and quit their dreams are living the rest of their lives on the strings someone else pulled.

An unlived life, an unpursued dream and a ducked responsibility ends in resentment and bitterness.

For the course we possess, we have decided to live life to the fullest and also to strive through our challenges and achieve success.

Fight the fight today, endure the pain.

You are not alone in this struggle and ***"Even though we don't know when this battle is going to end, I am sure we are going to win"***

DON'T QUIT YOUR DREAMS.

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**



## Chapter 23

### YOU ARE NOT A VICTIM



I want to sincerely announce to you that you are a Victor and not a victim.

I also encourage you to stop living life like you never deserve good or like you are the cause of every negative happening in your life.

***Do not hope for the best and still expect the worst.***

***Hope for the best, work to get the best, expect the best and with the help of God, you'll get the best.***

Actually, it took me a very long time to believe that whatever situation I find myself in that I am always in-charge. And that I am the captain of my own ship.

The reality is that things will sometimes go wrong, but how we embrace them really matters.

As at the time I started pursuing my dreams as a entrepreneur; combining schooling with passion, it got to a point things got so bad for me.

Infact, I spent close to a year working and investing my time and resources on a project that never yield.

I felt like life was so unfair to me.

"I don't deserve such harsh treatment from life", I kept saying to myself. I believe sometimes you say this to yourself too.

But the truth is no one actually deserves an unfair treatment from life.

Perhaps you could still write a list of people who you feel deserve such with their phone numbers and addresses and give to life to deal with in place of you. 🤔

Well, I was actually not doing wrong to anyone, I wasn't cheating, I wasn't stealing.

I was just pursuing my dreams and exploring life and still met with such vicissitudes.

Amidst all these, I embraced life as a victor and stopped feeling like a victim.

Looking back from today, I appreciate what happened then because it helped prepare me for my better days.

Don't take the challenges and difficulties of life to heart.

The problems of the society like insecurity, bad policies, inflation, scarcity etc are general problems which every other citizen is facing, so don't take it personal.

The struggle with failure, disappointment, rejection, relationship with people, achieving ones goals and dreams, finances, ill health, and other challenges of life are all common and prevalent amongst the human race. You are not alone in the struggle.

And I believe if someone else had been through it and has overcome, you can too!

Those challenges are not there to weigh us down. They are just there to ensure we are still strong. Life requires us to be strong.

I have a great saying that: "***The challenges of life only come to those who can overcome them***". So whatever you and I are passing through today are all preparing us for our greatness!

*"We don't know when this battle is going to end but I am sure we are going to win"*

YOU ARE NOT A VICTIM!! **LIVE AND EXCITING LIFE**

## Chapter 24

### GOD IS NOT TIRED OF YOU



It's has been a long and difficult walk since I gave my life to Christ.  
My life has changed no doubt but I keep seeing inconsistency in me.  
I know I am willing to serve God but the strength has been lacking.

I sink in guilt each day as if I was created to struggle with besetting sin.  
I also fall into temptation everyday as though I preferred disappointing God.

But despite all these set backs, God still gat my back and he has never been tired of me.  
He still gives me his shoulder to lean on when am weak and also his hands to cling on when I  
am about fall.  
He is my father and his love has really made me strong.

Well, I know its difficult believing God especially when we are down but know that God is not tired of you.

If the blood of Jesus Christ cannot save us from sin, God wouldn't have bothered sending him to die for us.

God still loves you, he has paid the price and he is willing to help you fight your battles.

You never came into this world alone, you came in with grace, vision and hope.

And always remember that your new life in Christ is your complete victory for life; No need to struggle.

Be strong. You have been Quickened by God's grace. **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 25

### PAIN IS TEMPORARY



I was about to cook so I needed to slice my onions.

At that point I remembered that slicing the onion will always hurt my eyes so I decided to slice them with my eyes closed:

With my eyes closed, I realized that I almost got myself injured with the knife, I wasn't able to slice the onion into smooth shapes as I wanted and I didn't also enjoy the slicing process.

I just had to open my eyes and did the slicing, yeah my eyes were hurt by the onion temporarily. But I did enjoy the slicing.

Now this is us walking through life with our eyes closed just because we are afraid of hurt, pains, failure, persecution, rejection, not finding reciprocity for our love and other life challenges.

And with our eyes closed, we don't live up to our full potentials, we don't enjoy the life adventure, we don't improve on ourselves, we don't try anything new.

We end up not finding fulfillment in life because we were scared of pain.

All am saying is, *slice the onion with your eyes open, be bold to face all life vicissitudes*. Be willing to push through pain.

Hurt, pain, depression will come but they all are temporary.

Don't let the fear of short-term hurdles make you lose your long-term victory.

I have never met a man who got blind after slicing an onion, so have I not met a man who failed when he never stopped trying.

**"The greatness that awaits you tomorrow, requires you to push through all the pains you are facing today"**

Pain IS temporary but you are NOT! **LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 26

### YOU CAN ACHIEVE MORE



**If you are given your life to live all over again, will you do more than you have done in the past?**

With the same time, resources, challenges, setbacks, limitations; if we had the opportunity to live life again, go through the school again, enter into relationships again, invest in businesses again, act on our dreams again, make decisions etc, we will achieve more.

What you are doing today or have achieved till this point in life is relatively small compared to what is possible for you to achieve.

You have unlimited potentials and abilities to make unlimited achievements.

Impossible is nothing, everything is possible.

It's a choice to live life beyond impossibilities.

So I encourage you get started pursuing your goals, dreams and course in life if you haven't.

If you have already, work harder, keep striving, don't settle!

Don't live life a victim, you are a Victor.



Don't accept whatever job, offer, relationship, results etc that comes your way in life. You have a choice to make, set your standards.

Don't settle for less, you always deserve more.

*Being average, let's just say it's not bad, but if you have the opportunity to achieve more, I urge you to do so.*

You have to be in-charge of your own life.

As a student, my parents were the ones taking care of all my financial needs.

But I decided to start thinking, risking and living life as an entrepreneur which was part of my dream.

I started working hard and tirelessly as a web developer to earn little money to keep fit and alleviate stress on my parents. I took the bold step and I achieved more.

You can achieve more too.

Keep dreaming big, keep believing in this big God.

And for you to achieve more, you have to be willing to do more.

So I say to you:

***Work more than you are being paid.***

***Study more than you are being taught.***

***Love more than you are being loved.***

***Hope more than you are being assured.***

***Put in more effort in everything you do.***

***Learn to give into life more than what life itself has to offer to you.***

For the course we possess, we've dedicated our lives to God and our service to humanity!!

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 27

### THE RIGHT PLACE



You know most times we feel that we are always at the wrong place.

We feel that we are always a step behind where God actually wants us to be.

We feel we are a being less than whom God wants us to be.

No doubt about that but I'll want you to also understand that perhaps you are the right place God wants you to be.

Even if where you find yourself may not really portray excellency but God's plan for us is always the perfect one.

Someone like Joseph who was perceived to be a ruler over his brethren found himself a slave to portiphar and also a prisoner in another land. Sorry if I didn't get the actually spelling of "Potiphar".

So from this, you can discover that situations around us does not always mean God has placed us somewhere far from his plan for us.

So let's just thank God for where we are now. I think our present afflictions are preparing us for our future glory.

So be strong, smile and be happy.

We all will definitely get to where our heart yearns for, but let's be thankful to God almighty for how far he has led us.

Now, I'll summarize with this saying:

***"We can never be in a place better than where God actually wants us to be"*** - Hopeful Me -

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE!**

## Chapter 28

### YOU ARE DIFFERENT



I am special.

I am unique.

I am exceptional.

I am different.

My finger prints and DNA are already saying that.

I can't compare myself with anybody. Comparisons are only meant for similar entities with similar qualities.

But I am not similar neither am I just an entity. I am completely DIFFERENT.

God's handwork is excellent, and so am I.

I have learnt to understand and believe in myself.

I have also learnt to work on my weaknesses and also to improve on my strength.

I know many people are better than I am in so many fields but:

***I choose to be an encouragement and not a rival.***

***An inspiration and not a competition.***

***A motivation and not someone's opposition.***

Because I am different and that was how I was created to be.

I didn't spend several month alone in my mothers womb just to look for whom to compete with.

I am here to stand out!

I am here to conquer!

I am here to make a big difference!

My dreams might looks similar to yours, my goals may have the same settings like yours.

But my instinct and intuition are not. I am inspired by grace and this grace is sufficient.

No one can conquer the challenges and fight through the battles and struggles I have faced all alone in the past.

Maybe that's why I am stronger.

And I just can't help it.

It's not pride, but I AM different and so ARE YOU. #HopefulMe

*"Don't compare yourself with others, you won't attain Perfection.*

*But Discover who you are and Work on yourself, then you'll find Fulfillment"*

**LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE**

## Chapter 29

### WHY RELATIONSHIPS FAIL



There are several reasons why Relationships fail. And some of the reasons are not in our control but I will be sharing with us few unique things to consider in order to make our relationships work so we can still live an exciting life.

Relationship in this context is the one that involves dating and should lead to marriage.

Well am not a relationship expert or a love doctor as some of my friends will fondly call me. Am just a concerned individual who has the desire to make things work.

1- A Relationship will likely fail if you and your partner don't have sincere intentions of getting married to each other.

The truth is that; in relationships and dating, ***"it's very difficult to stay faithful if you don't have intentions of getting married to your partner. My advice is date someone you are willing to get married to!"***

The moral and mental obligations that you are likely going to spend the rest of your life with someone will help you put in your best in the relationship.

2- People want a perfect Relationship. And the quest for this leads to unnecessary comparisons with what they feel they see in movies, from other relationships and on social media.

Ask yourself, "Am I really perfect?" if you are not, your partner will likely not be perfect too.

He might not take care of you as he used to. She might not love you as before. It's normal, it happens in most relationships but how you deal with it makes the difference.

So understand that your relationship may never be "ideal" but you have the abilities and willingness to fix it.

3- People enter relationships because they are looking for love. ***We should enter into relationships not because of the love we need but because we have the love to share.***

I know this sounds very odd, but that's why some Relationships fail.

If you don't love and value yourself, you will likely rely on people's opinion about you to feel good. And when this doesn't happen, you'll be left in despair.

Be the one who has the love and be in the position to teach him or her how to love.

It's more blessed to give than to receive.

*So I encourage you to spend quality time with yourself, your family, friends and people around. First find love within you!*

4- When people in a Relationship start involving in immorality, the love of Christ that binds them will gradually be replaced by their Lust. And lust cannot build a strong Relationship.

No matter how lively and fun you want your Relationship to be, don't overstep some boundaries.

Save the fun till you guys are married. If you are not planning to get married, ask yourself why you are in the relationship. Whatever your response is, just avoid being sexually attached to the person and wait till you are matured and get married.

This aspect of relationship is very challenging. But I have a piece of advice if you really want to maintain purity:

***"In a relationship, don't allow your emotions and feelings make your Love look like it's Lust."*** Try your best to avoid so many unmanned actions and arbitrary decisions.

*It's not easy but the beauty in every relationship lies in purity.*

Again, your level of self-control is not the same with your partner.

Learn not to lead yourself into temptation, and also avoid leading him or her into temptations too.

**"Abstinence to me, is the greatest form of self-control"**

Finally, Introduce Christ Into your relationship. It won't be boring, trust me.

You know, sometimes it seems like introducing Jesus Christ in things we do will make them look rigid and uninteresting. We even feel shy and uncomfortable talking about the Bible and Christ with our counterparts and people around us.

We now forget that: *"When there is Jesus in the family, there will definitely be a very happy home!"*

When you recognize Christ in your marriage, relationships, friendships and also back it up with his love, you see the beauty in having friends and people around you.

Everyone God has brought into your life is in your life for a reason.

You are the solution to the person's problem and also an answer to the person's prayers.

You are meant to reflect the light and life of Christ to everyone around you.

Looking at some of the reasons I have stated in this chapter, you'll discover that Relationships are not for the young in mind. It has a lot of moral, mental, financial, spiritual obligations.

**So, if you are already in a relationship, try your best to make it work. If you are in none yet, don't be too eager to enter one.**

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## Chapter 30

### DON'T LET NO ONE STEAL YOUR DREAM



**The only way to keep people from stealing your dreams is by actualizing them.**

Dedicate your time, energy, resources and everything you've got in you towards making this dream a reality.

*It's very very very painful watching people do the things you are supposed to do, achieve the things you are supposed to achieve, winning the awards you are supposed to win, giving the presentations, singing the songs, writing the books, building the businesses, living the dream you are supposed to live, but because of self-doubt, fear, procrastination, settling for less, your inability to withstand the challenges and to face the competition or for some other reasons you weren't bold enough to give life a try.*

So, I employ you today to say a big YES to your dreams!!!

That dream is given to you by God and it's yours to actualize.

The truth is whether or not you share your idea and dreams with people, for the fact you don't act on them, someone else will.

I have lived a greater part of my life as a young person watching people do the things I was meant to do.

I turned out to become a spectator in my own show.

All these days were lived in guilt and regret.

But today I have resolved within myself and together with your permission we are declaring that.

**"NO ONE WILL STEAL OUR DREAMS"**

**"OUR DREAMS ARE POSSIBLE"**

**"IT'S TOO LATE FOR US TO FAIL"**

I'll end by sharing this: When I was a bit younger, in an organization I was offered an opportunity to lead a group. A very large group of people. Within me I had wanted this and it came to me so easily. Well, I turned down the offer and privilege because I didn't want it to seem like am showing off myself or like am competing, or being political or because I felt I didn't just want to be a leader yet, actually I can't just tell what my problem was then.

Someone else was giving the position.

And at that point I realized that I had lost something big and that someone has stolen my dream.

Everything I felt I was avoiding by rejecting the leadership now dawned on me.

I became resentful, bittered and vindictive but I had to get myself back in order and this lesson am sharing with you with my whole heart and am saying to you "Don't let no one steal your dreams"

***Own up to your life, so you won't end up your days on the string someone else pulled.***

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## Chapter 31

### A HOPEFUL WORLD



Add value to the lives of people around you.

Allow them to see the beauty within them.

Help them know their worth and how valuable they are to God.

Let them know the possibility in their dreams and in what they believe in.

Show them how vital they are even to this world.

Invest so much in lives of people. Show love to the world around you, love without expecting anything in return.

***"Angels are not people with wings that can fly but people with heart that can love"***

We know this world may never be a perfect place but am sure we can still make it a better place!

**Our existence is God's gift to our generation.**

Be that angel the person next to you is hoping to meet.

With a hopeful you in this world, we'll surely have a hope-full world.

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## ABOUT ME



My name is **Johnson Crystal kalu**, and I choose to live an *exciting life*.

I founded and developed the Hopeful Me Network App and I still have a lot of useful stuffs I have also done with my life, through the help of God.

I love speaking, writing, programming, coaching people, creating new things and meeting new friends.

Well, I don't have much to say about me, but I will love to hear from you and to see you live an exciting life.

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And I encourage you to dedicate your life to something.

*Don't wait for a big stage or a large audience before you get started with your calling in life.*

*The big question is: "what have you done with the people God has placed around you?"*

*If you are not able to make an impact where you are, how then do you expect to do more where you haven't gotten to.*

*It's not about the size of your audience, it's all about the quality in your service.*

*So my humble suggestion is start up from where you are and with what you have. Continue your good works even when nobody is listening.*

*God has you in mind, LIVE AN EXCITING LIFE.*

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**LADY WITH PURPOSE**

**REALITY LIFE TALKS**

**MY LIFE MY VICTORY**

I like ending all my speeches with this!

**For the course we possess.**

**For the knowledge of who we are.**

**For the purpose we've discovered.**

**For the responsibility that lies ahead of the future.**

**We have decided to live life to the fullest.**

**Taking charge of life like victors and not living like victims.**

**Being the captains of our life and not the captives of time.**

**Striving through challenges and achieving success.**

**Facing all life's adventure and attaining greatness.**

**Living life with everything and being willing to die with nothing.**

**Dedicating our lives to God and our service to humanity.**

**With all our might, we submit ourselves to this great course we possess.**

**Our existence is God's gift to our generation.**

**YOU are part of this great course; live a life worthy of your calling.**