

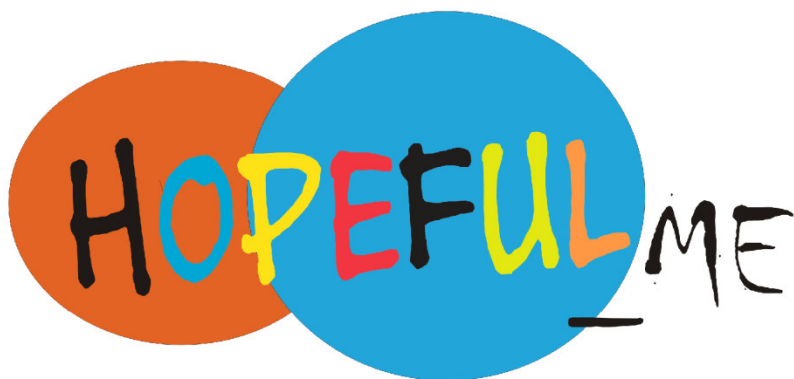


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I nearly gave up, I almost gave up.

But then I remembered that God has invested much in me already, I had to stand on my feet again.

God has given to me his grace, his spirit, his salvation, his strength, his mercy and love. I have Christ, I don't think I can fail.

You know, it gets to a point in your life where you have to put to work all the bible verses, motivational quotes, books, advice, concepts and beliefs you have been hearing and reading. And I think that moment is now!!!. Be strong for you are strong.

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CHAPTER 1

RIGHT FROM MY INCEPTION AND CONCEPTION



Right from my inception and conception, I have always wanted to be different.

I never settled down for a normal life. I was ready for attaining greatness.

I never wanted to be like every other person, I needed to bring out the uniqueness in me.

Being the best was my target, mediocrity was never an option.

But when the battle became fierce, when my fears started turning into a reality, I saw I wasn't even a step closer to attaining a great height. I was so unequipped and unprepared.

I think I need to keep fighting, I believe I can still make it.

God's grace that brought me this far will also take me very far!! Mon Dieu est bon

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CHAPTER 2

MATURING DREAMS



"You don't let your dreams change, let them they mature"

What has been your dream?

Are your dreams still inline with what you are doing now?

Has over aspirations clouded your dreams?

Are you still sure you have a dream?

I believe our Dreams don't change, they mature.

It also got to a point in my interesting life that I developed interest in alot of things. I aspired too much. Then I wanted to be a footballer, an artist, a musician, a scientist, an engineer etc.

Gradually as I was walking down the paths of my life, It also got to a point in this same interesting life of mine when I literally hadn't any dream again. My future was literally blank, I wasn't seeing anything worth pursuing.

I was now asking myself, "what do you really want to be in the future?". And I don't think I answered that question.

I had a problem distinguishing my dreams from my aspirations. Everything was confusing.

Now going back to our topic "Maturing dreams", it is a concept for you to understand the possibility of actualizing your dreams. Perhaps you wanted to be a Doctor and maybe the situations surrounding your academics and education tried limiting you.

Maturing dreams is saying that even if you end up not studying medicine, you could still own the largest hospital in the world.

You didn't let your dreams change, you let them mature, you still actualized your dreams of saving lives.

Maturing Dreams is saying, even if I don't study engineering, I can still own companies where engineering connections are done.

Maturing Dreams is saying, I may not have gotten the privilege of studying law but I can still control legal power in my country.

Maturing Dreams is not accepting defeat when it comes to actualizing ones dream.

I know most students are not studying their "dream" courses. But I believe those students can still reach the goal they've set out even without literally studying the course.

You shouldn't let your dreams change because of your limitations rather you'll let them mature into something bigger because of the believe you have in your dreams.

Most times our aspirations tend to cloud our dreams, we now struggle to get things straight. Maturing dreams is also all about distinguishing your aspirations from your dreams. You should let the weight of your dreams subdue the strength of your aspirations.

I know its kind of tricky distinguishing between the two, but its all about you and what you have inside of you. Believe in your dreams. You've gat grace.

We'll still get back to you, soon!!. Take care

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CHAPTER 3

CHASTISEMENT IN HOPE



(Am Chastised but hopeful)

There is this point in a Christian's life where God takes away the things he doesn't want in his child.

This is the process where God starts placing new desires into a Christian.

This is the process God uses in disciplining and building up a Christian.

This is the process where a Christian takes a long and patient walk with God.

Chastisement is also the process God uses to equip a Christian for the task ahead of him.

During this process, people may never understand your actions, inactions and decisions.

During this process, you may feel restricted and compelled by God.

But all this amounts to becoming a strong and better Christian to God's glory.

Whom God loves, he chastises.

God does not want you to fight your battles unprepared. He does not want you to actualize his purpose for creating you unequipped. Chastisement is an interesting process when you understand that God loves you and wants you to do things his own way. Several Christians who pass through this process come out stronger than they used to be.

Also during Chastisement, there are sins, pains, lifestyles, habit, God takes out. There are unanswered questions God answers, there are also teachings, ideas, concepts, self-confidence and build-up, faith we gain from God too.

This process varies from Christian to Christian too but all the same, God grace is always sufficient for us all. Be strong, God is taking you to somewhere higher, he wants you to be prepared, he wants you to be strong.

Keep fighting the good fight of faith, you are never fighting alone.

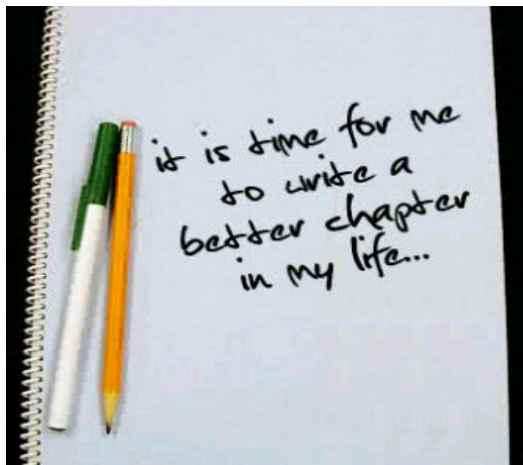
Read Hebrews 8

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CHAPTER 4

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN



Have you ever asked yourself, 'is what am planning to be in future really what God wants me to be?

Are my dreams, goals and aspirations really inline with God's plan for me?

Am I really where God wants me to be?

As scary as it may sound, most of us have already deviated from Gods purpose for our life. But the main issue is that we can't really discern what God really wants us to be.

God's purpose and plan for your life is not only for you becoming a Pastor, Evangelist, Bishop. I know that's our fear when it comes to accepting God plan for our life, but the truth remains that if God destines you to be his servant, you can't run away from it.

As we were saying, God's perfect plan for your life can only be discovered when you build up your relationship with him, devote your time for him and also work for him.

God's grace in our life is always majored towards the gifts, talents, vision, future, life and plans he has given to us. And when we derail from this direction, this grace tends to be abused.

Well don't be afraid or troubled if eventually you've been off track from God's initial plan for you. Just allow God to do what he does best, "the impossible".

God can still put you back on his track.

That's why he is God.

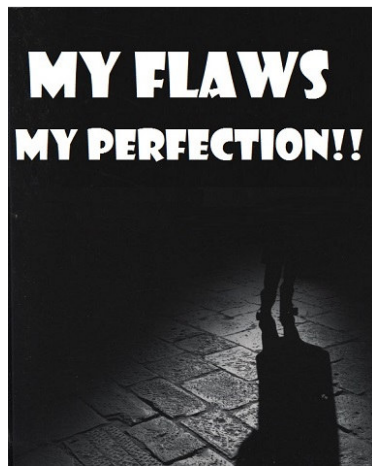
So I urge us to keep striving and working towards our purpose of living because the purpose of life is a life of purpose.

Believing in yourself and trusting in God.

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CHAPTER 5

My Flaws, My Perfection! (3)



"God strength being made perfect in our weaknesses".

God's grace is sufficient for us. God's strength is being made perfect in our weaknesses 2corinthians 12 vs 9.

--Now, what is God's strength?

God's strength is what divided the red sea.

God's strength is what brought down the walls of Jericho.

God's strength is what David used to kill Goliath.

God's strength is what rescued Shadrach Meshach and Abednego from the fire.

God's strength is what turned water into wine, healed sick, the blind and even raised the dead.

God strength is way beyond our natural conception.

--Now what then are our weaknesses?

Our weaknesses are our inabilities.

They are our limitations, our fears, our ill health's, our struggle with sin and temptations, our bad lifestyles, our social flaws, our temperaments, our physical appearances, our past, our backgrounds, our mistakes, our unimaginable pains etc.

--Now again, how is God's strength then made perfect in our weaknesses?

This happens when God replaces our inabilities with his capabilities. God's strength is made perfect in us when he takes full control of our lives.

Our weaknesses give God's strength a room to manifest in.

Abraham's inability to conceive a child propelled him towards becoming the father of many nations.

--Now again and again, the problem is not our weaknesses, the problem is we've not let God's strength to be made perfect in them.

Actually, "Perfection is when the creature meets with the creator".

Be strong and be of good courage because your flaws are now your perfection. Hold unto God's word for you.

Thank you Jesus.

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CHAPTER 6

Our prayer



Father we love you but our love for you is not too strong.

Father we need you but our hunger for you is too weak.

Father we want to do your will but our desires to will is too faint.

Father our whole live cries out to you.

We can't even boast of our love for you. We can't even boast of our faithfulness to you.

We are too incompetent to be called your children.

Father we sin against you every day, most times deliberately.

We fall into temptations daily and we lose faith easily at each trial we are faced with.

Father we are not worthy. Logically, Father we don't deserve your unconditional love.

Even after sending Christ to die for our sins, we still walk in the paths of sin.

Father you've invested much in us already, we can't afford to lose you.

Father Lord, keep us strong, give us an exceptional victory over sin and strength to overcome temptations.

Father provide our needs, heal the sick amongst us.

Grant our heart desires according to your will.

We are too weak and prone, guide us from all the evil plans of the enemy, also keep us away from false teachings about you.

And father keep us from falling, so we can meet with you on the last day!.

We love you Lord. We promise to be strong for you.

We are hopeful because we have you.

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and every other growing Christian out there to our Loving Father in Heaven.

Thank you Jesus.

CHAPTER 7

God is Aware



God is aware of everything that pertains to us.

He knows the number of hairs on our head. Even when we have a hair cut, he still re-counts them.

God is aware of our problems.

Your trials and temptations are not there to kill you. What doesn't kill you they say makes you stronger.

No temptation has come to you without the knowledge and consent of God. He will not let you be tempted beyond your control.

Jesus has taught us on how to pray .

In one of the lines of 'The Lord's prayer' it says: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil"

We tend to neglect this important prayer Jesus has asked us to be praying.

Whenever temptations come resist! and rebuke the devil.

See yourself as a conqueror.

Try and see Jesus whenever you are worried or passing through tough times.

Those that share in the suffering of Christ will also share in his glory.

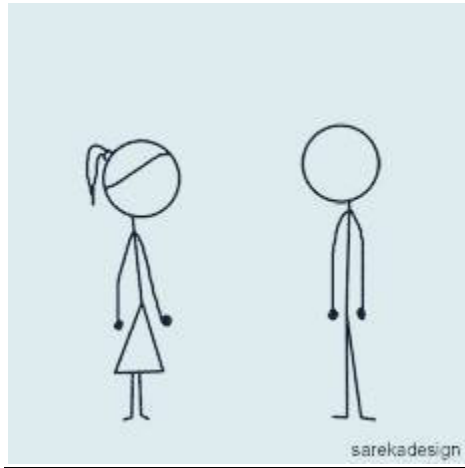
Sorrow lasts for the night, Joy comes in the morning!!

Your morning has come!!

Brethren, Be strong and courageous!!

CHAPTER 8

REALITY TALKS (shyness)



Some say shyness is when a boy cannot talk to a girl of same age bracket.

Some also say shyness is when someone can't stand crowd.

Some even say shyness is when someone cannot interact well with peer groups.

I believe you might also have your own definition of being shy. But all the same, we all have made a point.

To me shyness is not an attitude, its just ones response to a particular situation in specific time.

How one responds to a situation can tell whether the person is shy towards that situation but it does not overly or generally mean that someone's lifestyle is shyness.

If you are literally a "shy" person reading this you'll agree with me. But if you are the outgoing type you may argue a bit.

Someone may not be able to make a speech in a gathering due to "shyness" but the same person will be able to act a play in front of the same audience.

A guy may not be able to speak to a particular girl in a setting but can also chat freely with other girls in the same setting.

So you see, shyness is just per situation, per occasion and per scenario not someone's lifestyle.

Shyness naturally isn't bad, its part of humans response to stimulus.

But there are people who are seriously "shy". Too much of everything is bad you know.

All we have to do is encourage them, don't make jest of them. Perhaps the person was very outgoing when he was younger but as time went on, something i don't know now happened and he/she now struggles with relating freely with peers.

To deal with shyness, appreciate yourself, build up your CONFIDENCE and never avoid social situations, deliberately put yourself into situations where you would be far from your comfort zone. Finally, don't push yourself too much, its a gradual stuff.

So I hope I've made a point. You can share this message to friends, next time we'll be talking about "How to make presentations even with stage fright"

(Performing even with performance anxiety).

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CHAPTER 9

The Grace to function



Every command, mandate, task, duty and law from God comes along with a grace to accomplish it.

God's grace is his assistance in our weaknesses.

When God chooses you for a task, it doesn't overly mean you are being compelled to perform the assignment rather you are vessel God had chosen to dwell in while fulfilling the task.

Don't be afraid of achieving your dreams in life. For the fact is in-line with God's will and God's word. You have attained success already provided you are able to present your body a living sacrifice to God, holy and acceptable which is your reasonable service in the task.

Always have faith in God, also believe in what God can do through you.

Keep working hard, keep striving, God is also at work in you.

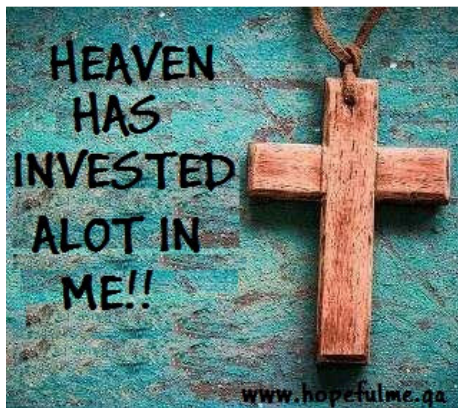
If you are finding it difficult with this message, God has also given unto you the grace to do his word. your blessed.

Meet you at the very top!

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CHAPTER 10

HEAVEN HAS INVESTED ALOT IN ME



Heaven has given to us the best it has.

God has surrendered and subjected his only begotten son Jesus to pains, beatings, insults, betrayal, starvation, sorrow etc just to make sure we all are alive today.

God had to turn his back on Jesus on the cross just to embrace us back to him.

Heaven really has invested much in us.

God also sent forth his spirit to comfort us, he also sent forth his presence to be with us, he also sent forth his word to guide us, he also sent forth his grace, mercy and unending love to be with us all the days of our life.

I don't think there's anything left that God hasn't done for us.

God truly loves us. His love is what has made our lives beautiful.

Let's not disappoint heaven. Let's hold onto this victory

May the heart beat of God concerning us shall be actualized in Jesus name AMEN!!

CHAPTER 11

Never give up on Grace



Never you give up on Grace.

No matter what your family is passing through.

No matter how discouraging your academics has been.

No matter how difficult and unfair life has been to you.

No matter how the economy of the country has affected you.

No matter the challenges of life has tried to limit your dreams.

No matter the unimaginable pains you pass through each day.

No matter how unsure you are about your tomorrow, never give up on Grace.

Everything will be fine.

God has sent forth his word to heal our diseases, to comfort our soul, to straighten our path, to guide our feet and to lead us to our promise land.

Keep fighting, keep believing God.

Do the much you can and leave the rest for God.

God's grace is still at work in you. Don't give up on grace, Keep up the faith.

Your blessed. AMEN!!

CHAPTER 12

Reality talks (How to make presentations even with "Performance anxiety".)



Last time we talked about "Shyness". Today we would be talking about "How to make presentations even with Stage fright" or "Performance anxiety".

Stage fright had stopped me from doing so many things. It even made me dislike most events that had to do with addressing the public or facing a crowd. Then I would always seat down and pretend everything is fine.

I also don't like using the word "stage fright" it sounds annoying to me.

I believe everybody has an atom of this stage fright in him or her and it is dependent on the situation the person is in at a particular time.

Now having stage fright is not the problem. The question is "Can you present what you've been asked to present?"

"Can you address the people you are supposed to address?"

"Can you confidently do what you are expected to do?"

My major problem was not the stage fright, it was being able to do the right thing at the right time.

Whether one has stage fright or not doesn't matter, what matters is getting up there and making yourself and your people proud.

Whether your hands are shaking, your heart is pounding, your body is frozen and your palms are now as wet as if you are washing, if you are asked to stand an auditorium with a capacity of 1 billion persons else you and your family would be beheaded (sorry for sounding harsh), would you still not face the crowd with a heroic countenance?

I guess you should.

Dealing with stage fright is all about giving yourself a try. There are so many things to do like yoga, breathing exercises etc but the major things is just to take up responsibilities, whether the stage fright is there or not, you just walk up to the stage and prove your doubts wrong..

"When you start doing what you fear most, then you can do anything"

Life has faced us with a little challenge, we've got to fight it. Its not as if we are fighting, but we are just learning our way through life.

Thanks for reading. Thanks for joining groups where you would be given a chance to address the crowd. Thanks for believing in yourself.

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CHAPTER 13

SINGLE BUT NOT ALONE



This title sounds awkward, but its an interesting concept.

Actually this message is coming from Reality talks in conjunction with Hopeful me!.

You know, its quite difficult being alone in a world full of friends.

An ideal life needs not be a deserted one.

I can still be single yet I won't be alone.

Let's bring this talk down home. There are friends which I share little "Emotional Connections" with.

Yes I am single, yes I am not dating, yes I have not 'fallen in love' but I still have a balance in my mind, thoughts and emotions.

I keep friends who understand the fact that I am human. They understand that I need people around me. They understand that I don't need to be left alone.

When I feel lonely, I can meet with them.

When I'm sad, I can call them to cheer me up.

When I feel like going out, I can go out with them.

I am single yet am not alone.

I am not dating yet I don't feel lonely.

I utilize the presence of my loved ones, family and friends.

I appreciate the presence of everyone around me.

You may find it difficult making friends, perhaps you prefer staying alone or maybe you are the introverted type but in the midst of all these differences, surround yourself with people who understand you.

Keep building up yourself to overcome life and its vicissitudes.

Actually, I think this concept can be applied to everyone irrespective of his or her relationship status.

Thanks!! 😊

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CHAPTER 14

Keeping up the faith



To my fellow Christians out there who are in pains.

To my fellow Christians who are seriously struggling with besetting sin and temptations.

To my fellow Christians who find it difficult preaching the gospel.

To my fellow Christians who are weak from the inside.

To my fellow Christians who are yet to discover their gifts and talents.

To my fellow Christians who are still looking for who to guide and follow them up.

To my fellow Christians who have numerous questions to ask.

To all my fellow Christians who are still growing in their knowledge of Christ.

And to my fellow Christians who are passing through similar things with me. Be strong!

Jesus said in mark 2 : 17, that he came for the weak.

The strong and healthy has no need for the doctor. Christ is our doctor, he has come to heal and strengthen us in our weaknesses. He died on the cross, specially for us.

I am glad I have my weaknesses; i guess its the only place God's strength is fully manifested in my life.

Jesus is able to feel and sympathize with our weaknesses. He has come to comfort and to strengthen us.

Let's let go of our sins, mistakes, past lives etc that are behind and keep pressing forward.

Trials will come, but let's count it all joy when we meet them James 1.

You are not fighting this battle alone. Don't serve God under pressure and compulsion. Serve God because he is your father and saviour.

Don't be moved by what people are doing around you, take a walk by faith. God looks at the heart not just the works. Keep growing in Christ, encourage yourself in the Lord.

God will give you all the grace, gifts, talents, strength and power you desire as you gradually ,faithfully and patiently walk with him.

For as many that has received him, he gave power to become his Children. God's grace to strengthen, quicken and empower you has been bestowed on you.

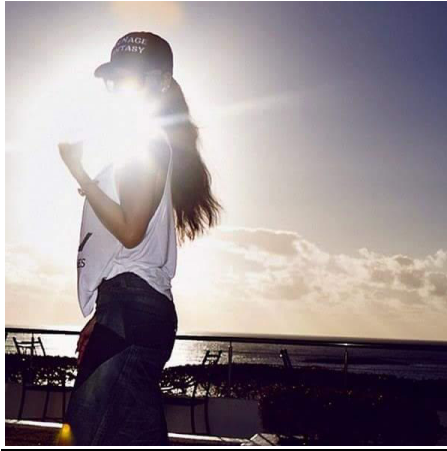
Believe in yourself and trust in God. Christianity is a race, by grace we will run patiently till the end.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. Jude 1 : 24

God bless!!

CHAPTER 15

GOD HAS SENT ME !



When God wants to carry out a plan on earth, he sends somebody.

What has God sent you to do?

What plan has God assigned you for?

Are you really prepared for the task ahead?

Are you sure you have known the task God has actually called you for?

These questions may likely sound disqualifying to us, because we are unprepared, unready and most importantly in need of direction.

But the fact still remains that God has sent us here for something meaningful and useful.

When God needed to carry out some assignments down here, he used some prophets, angels, individuals and when it got saving earth from sin he had to come down himself.

I believe God has played his part for us, its now left for us to start up something.

Be strong, believe that God has given you the grace and direction you need. Whom God chooses and uses he strengthens, equips and perseveres.

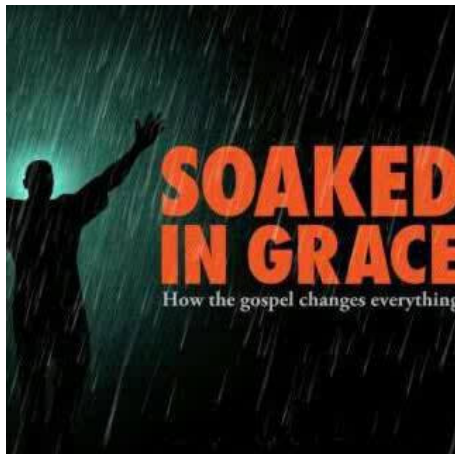
You have Christ, you have all it takes. Keep working on yourself and have this mindset that you are "A Man on A Mission"

You have dreams to actualize, you have lives to touch and more especially you have God's divine plan to carry out.

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CHAPTER 16

Our sufficiency of grace



You know, it got to a point in my life and I got scared of utilizing the grace of God in my life.

I felt the sins I had committed had reduced God's grace in me and I hadn't enough to move on with life.

I thought that God's grace in ones life is limited.

I used to think that I couldn't be versatile.

I felt I couldn't be good in my academics, social life, musical stuffs, spiritual life, in all my gifts and talents etc all at once.

I thought God's grace was only for one part of someone's life.

I was so scared of trying so many things.

Until the word of God came to me and made me to understand that his grace is not rationed, his grace is unlimited and his grace is sufficient.

2Cor 12 vs 9 "God's grace is sufficient for me".

2Cor 9 vs 8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:".

There are so many promises in Bible from God towards giving us the grace to succeed in life, having knowledge and understanding, overcoming sin and temptations, growing in our gifts and talents etc.

The most efficient way to access God's grace is by grace.

The most practical way of accessing grace is by faith.

God's grace is his divine assistance and intervention into our lives.

Whom God chooses to show mercy is whom he'll show mercy.

God's grace is the major thing that distinguishes a Christian from other people.

Never frustrate the grace of God in your life through sin, disobedience and unfaithfulness to God.

Believe God will give you more of his grace through grace and believe you have received this grace by faith.

AMen!!

CHAPTER 17

Becoming a faithful Christian



"God wants faithful Christians, not perfect ones"

God wants each and everyone of us to become faithful to him, the issue of being perfect is a gradual process attained through constant walk with God and by grace.

Some Christian in guise of attaining perfection, portray self-righteousness not knowing we are not justified by the works of the law but by our faith in Christ.

Apostle Paul in Philippians 3 vs 12-14 says its not as if he has already attained perfection, but one thing he does is that he lets go of the things that are behind and keeps pressing toward the things ahead.

Coming down to our daily lives we need faithfulness. Couples divorce, friends break up, people separate because of unfaithfulness.

Funny enough we cheat on God on daily basis.

Most of us Christians remember God or come to him only when we need help.

We give our offerings only when we have excess.

We come to church only on Sundays.

We rarely read our bibles and pray. Even when we pray, we pray for irrelevant things.

But am not saying coming to Church everyday will make you a good person. But our drawing closer to Gods each day makes our love for him and bond with him stronger.

God needs our heart. Our heart is God's home. Just as we sometimes avoid disobeying our earthly parents so as not to provoke them, What more God our heavenly Father?

A faithful Christian is one who is faithful to God even down to his tithes and offerings.

A faithful Christian is one who opens up to God in every area of his life.

A faithful Christian confesses all his sins to God, even when he is not sure he has sinned, yet he still asks for forgiveness.

A faithful Christian avoids sin and temptations not because he is afraid of hell but because he does not want to disappoint or hurt God.

A faithful Christian sees God not just as his creator but also as his father, friend and family.

A faithful Christian depends only on God to provide all his needs.

As a growing Christian you may not have all the strength to overcome sin and temptation, but as you submit yourself to God fully, in faithfulness, gradually you'll become stronger.

Faithfulness to God pays. Someone like David not minding his mistakes but because of his faithfulness to God became the man after God's heart.

You too can become God's favorite child. God loves you. Lets present our whole lives as a living sacrifice unto God, holy and acceptable. Its our reasonable service to him.

We've gat grace!!!

CHAPTER 18

Questions we ask, answers we get



There are always similar questions in the minds of most youths today including myself .

These questions has to do with relationships and friendships.

We do ask, "should I actually get intimate with him?"

"should I actually tell her how I feel about her?"

"what if my parents get to find out about him"

"should I remain single?"

"is dating as a younger youth bad?"

"do I really need a companion?"

We may not actually have the answers to these questions but at least we have basic knowledge that God is aware of our how we feel and he has the answers to these questions.

The bible may not have literally pointed out the answers to these questions but the bible tells us not to conform to the world rather we should be transformed by the renewal of the mind so as to prove that which is the holy, acceptable and perfect will of God.

Honestly speaking, when we check the dictionary meaning of some of these words concerned with relationships we might get a bit more confused.

But whatever relationship or friendship we are in, try to put God first, avoid sentiments and unfaithfulness.

The truth is that relationships do not really give joy and satisfaction as we pose them to . True joy and satisfaction comes from God alone. No wonder some people do have numerous ex boyfriends, girlfriends etc yet they've not found the joy and satisfaction they are looking for.

Am not urging us to enter into relationships neither am I telling us to breach the ones we are already into.

But when we say our prayers , we should in our prayers open up to God in every nook and craning of our lives including in our relationships and friendships. The devil can still counter on faulty relationships.

Every relationship should be edifying and uplifting to the glory of God.

Finally, the best relationship to have is with God.

Jesus Christ has died for us, he needs our hearts for his grace, love and power to be perfected in our lives.

We've gat grace!!! @crystal

CHAPTER 19

Capture the Moment!!!



"taking charge of time"

Moments are part of time in which we own. Our moments are those sub-sections of time which we could personalize as ours.

Capturing the moment means taking charge of every single moment that we come across in life.

Life is full of opportunities but they say opportunity comes but once. And this is the major reason why we need to seize every moment and opportunity we get in life.

Now, bringing it down to our daily lives, our moments could be the time we need to take a crucial decision, it could be when we are faced with an opportunity, it could also be when we are expected to take bold steps in life.

Capturing the moment is all about seizing and utilizing every single second or minute of your life. Its all about not letting any moment pass you by without investing in it.

We must have missed a lot of opportunities, lost a lot of chances, taken a lot of awful decisions, avoided a lot of useful things that would have changed our lives for better.

But now its time for us to decide to *"Capture the Moment"*.

Every test and exam you write as a student is a moment to capture.

Every prayer, sermon or other activities you take part in church is a moment to capture.

Every business related discussion is a moment to capture.

Relationships and friendships are moments to capture.

Time of discussions, admonition and advice we receive from our parents, elders and mentors are moments to capture.

Everyday of your life is a moment to capture.

Whenever you are feeling indifferent towards life, always remember to "Capture the moment"

God bless you" @Hopeful_me

CHAPTER 20

SELF-LOVE



Self-love is one of the greatest asset one can have when properly understood and conceptualized.

Self-love is not always all about admiring your beauty and seeing yourself as perfect. Its not seeing others as inferior to you or not better than you.

If one loves himself because of what he has or because of his looks, when the beauty fades away will he then turn his back on himself?

Self-love is not self-lust.

The way we want people to love us because of who we are and not for our physical attraction is also applicable to self-love

I know this might be difficult to accept but that's the truth.

We should love our neighbors as ourselves. When we don't understand this love, we may not extend it to others.

Self-love is knowing that yes, I may not be as beautiful as I ought to, Nature may have cheated on me, I may not have the height, the red lips, the stature I wanted but I still love and appreciate myself because of who I am now and whom I'm going to become.

Self-love is accepting yourself the way you are even when people reject you.

Self-love is accepting your home, your family, your background and everything concerning you no matter what.

Self-love is believing in yourself and in your dreams even when there's no reason to.

Self-love is forgiving yourself of all your wrongs and hoping to build up a better you.

Self-love is taking a stand to take up all your responsibilities in life, it is all about becoming your own hero.

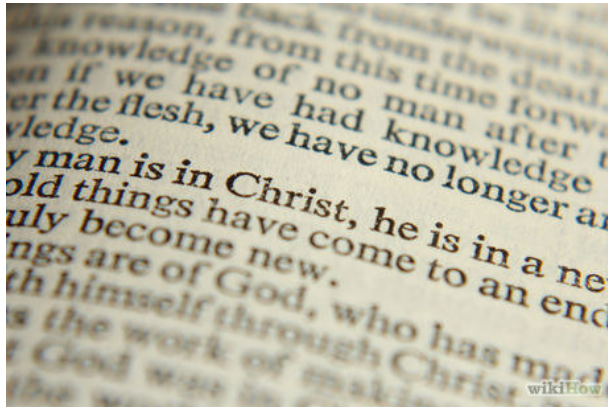
Whether you are an introvert, extrovert, a phlegm, choleric, a shy person, a social person or anything at all, you need this self-love.

Most importantly have it in mind that 'love' is a gift from God to us. God bless you.

Ask your questions if you have

CHAPTER 21

The Self-sufficient Christian



We are Christians because we know we are weak and we need a saviour.

A self-sufficient Christian is one who believes and depends fully on Christ. This Christian, does not panic over life. He believes Jesus Christ is in control all the time.

Even when life is difficult, even when there's nothing to hope on he still says "The Lord shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory through Christ".

Even when the whole world is against him, he still says "Nothing shall separate me from the love of God through Christ Jesus"

Even when there is no money, no food, no home, no good clothes, no friends, no family, nobody to run to, no health, no business, no admission, no joy, no peace of mind, he still looks up and says "I am more than conquerors through Jesus that loves me".

The word of God in Philippians 4 vs 13 (Amp) it says we are self-sufficient in Christ's-sufficiency. It also says we are ready and equal to any task that comes our way and we can do "all" things through Christ that infuses inner strength in us.

I don't know what is going through your mind as you are reading this but I'll like to tell you that you are self-sufficient in Christ's-sufficiency. You are no longer living in the economy of your country you are now living in the economy of Christ.

You know, when we give our lives to Christ, several things happen. Christ now takes up the responsibility of taking care of us, comforting us and being with us. On the other hand we are obliged to clinging to him at all times.

Now, looking up to Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith. Who because of you and i endured the cross and now is seated at the right hand of God.

We are self-sufficient in Christ. In him we live, move and have our being. He is our hope, he is our life. He has promised to be with us in the midst of life struggles, even in the good and bad times he is still with us.

A self-sufficient Christian would never give her body in exchange for money. Neither would she lose Christ in order to gain the things of the world.

Temptations and trials shall come but those that trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion which can never be moved but abideth forever.

And the bible says "For as many that has received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God".

Christ has given us the grace to be steadfast in him. We can do all things through him who strengthens us. Our present suffering is nothing to be compared with the future glory ahead. For we are troubled on every side yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair. We are also persecuted but not abandoned and are cast down but not destroyed. We are Self-sufficient because we are Christ sufficient.

Nothing moves us. We are strong. We don't let our mountains move our faith rather we let our faith in Christ move our mountains.

My self-esteem is directed towards who I am in Christ. All I want, all I need is in Christ. Nobody can steal my joy for the joy of the Lord is my strength.

For the fact I am alive and i still have Jesus, I have hope. I can actualize my dreams, I can pay my fees, I can pass my exams, I can recover from my sickness, I can provide for my family, I can have a good marriage, I can be a blessing to my generation and most importantly I can make heaven at last...

I am a self sufficient Christian. Thank you Jesus!!!

CHAPTER 22

Our purpose of Creation



"As I began to discover myself"

Most times when we talk about our calling in life or the essence of our existence, our minds start wandering too much.

The purpose of our creation or the roles we've got to play in life is not like its one big, huge impossible task or something very far-fetched.

The reason why God made you and placed you where you are now is within you. God chooses whom he has already equipped.

God has equipped us to overcome our life challenges, fight what is fighting us, face our biggest enemy and to fulfill the purpose of our creation.

God has placed a passion which is steadily burning deep inside us, he has given us gifts which are readily manifesting in our lives. His purpose of our creation I believe is not too far from this passion and gifts he has placed in us.

God's grace is always majored and directed towards this gifts and personality he has given to us.

So let's stop wandering with our minds, let's start up something from within with what we have now. Gradually as we grow in Christ and in grace, we'll discover more of ourself and our purpose of creation.

God bless you.

CHAPTER 23

A Christian walk



You have given your life to Christ does not make you an 'immortal'.

You now a born again Child of God won't make you see a beautiful lady and she'll become ugly in your eyes.

Being a Christian won't make you see a huge amount of money to steal or bribe to collect and the money will turn into paper in your eyes.

When you give your life to Christ, the desires of the flesh are not taken away. In fact they become more provocative than usual.

But one thing is sure, as a Christian you are expected to overcome this flesh. And this can only be achieved through your knowledge and walk with the Holy spirit.

The bible says walk by the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the desires of the flesh, Galatians 5.

Note that the desires of the flesh are always there as an individual but God has given us his Spirit to assist us.

Now let's listen attentively, sorry; let's read carefully. This article is not very long. Exercise a little patience, don't let this flesh we are talking about stop you from reading through.

Galatians chapter 5 vs 19 down stated the 'Works of the flesh' and also stated the 'Fruits of the Spirit'.

Note the differences; the flesh has its works, the Spirit has its fruits.

The works of the flesh are very evident because it has the "natural" desires of a "natural" man. Everybody wants satisfaction, pleasure, fame, etc.

Now these desires are not in-line with what God wants from us.

The only way to overcome LUST which is of the flesh is by replacing it with LOVE which is of the spirit. Same applies with envy and goodness, anger and joy etc.

Now for you to possess the fruit of the Spirit, it means you must let the Holy Spirit plant his seed in you, you must water this seed, let it germinate, let it grow and then let it start bearing fruits and these fruits are the fruit of the spirit and the seed is the word of God.

It takes time and consistency to let this seed bring forth these fruits. Self-control, Long-suffering, Patience, Love etc are not easy attributes to possess.

But by walking with God, constantly reading the word of God etc you'll get to bear more fruits.

So I urge us to keep fighting the good fight of Faith.

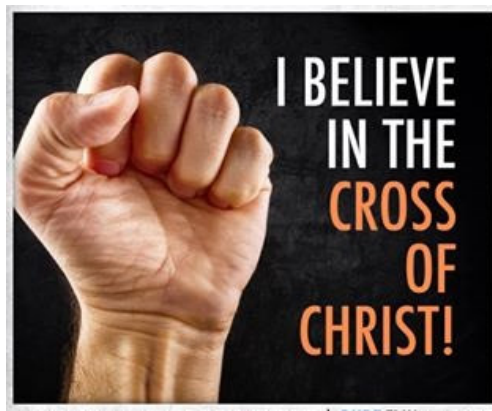
We've got grace.

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CHAPTER 24

I CAN



I can understand the gospel.

I can preach the gospel.

I can hear from God.

I can live by the word of God.

I can discover the will of God for my life.

I don't have to be a bible scholar or attend a seminary school for me to know God.

I don't have to be a pastor or a prophet to hear from God.

I don't have to be too religious for God to answer my prayers.

Some part of the bible were even written by Fishermen, tax collectors and even few uneducated fellows.

God doesn't need your intellectual ability to reveal his mysteries to you. God's grace and spirit at work in you makes the difference.

Stop accepting fear and also breeding limitations whenever it comes to the things of God.

How long you became a Christian can't limit your possibilities with God.

You can still heal the sick, you can still encourage the weak, you can still grow in gifts, you can even raise the dead when the need arises.

Yeah, what matters is how long you spend with God not how long you spend in Church.

Build up your self-esteem in God. God sees you as a great person in him. Build up yourself, fight sin and temptation by living in the victory of Christ.

Let the spirit of God find solace in dwelling inside you.

For as many have received him, he gave power to become sons of God. If truly you have received him, you are now born of God, you now overcome the world!

Be strong for Jesus.

@hopefulme

CHAPTER 26

EXCERPT 2



Am not giving up on my Dreams.

Am not giving up on my Myself.

And I am not also giving up on Grace!

Am not like every other person.

I have my uniqueness, I have my strength, and I also have my weaknesses.

I will keep working on myself, I'll keep pursuing my dreams.

My academics, my education, my background, my mentality, my resources, my age, my past, my friends, my limitations would never stop me from attaining this great height.

I have just one life to live. I will put in my best to this life so i can make my creator proud of me.

Am hopeful!!!

@hopefulme.

EXCERPT 3

Hopeful Me!!

My dreams are in God's hands.

My future is in God's hands.

My tomorrow is in God's hands.

My life too is in God's hands.

The devil, my enemies, my challenges have no say over what I'll be in life.

The only challenge I have now is myself. I'll keep working on me.

I know God is ever willing and ready to fight for me.

I won't let my doubts and worries limit the power of God in my life.

I have this unending joy and confidence in what I'll become tomorrow because those who leave everything in God's hands see God's hands in everything.

So why then should I even bother myself much about this life.

I came to the knowledge that those who succeed sincerely in life are not those who struggle the most, but those who find favour in God's sight and those who know and believe in the Strength and Grace of the God they serve.

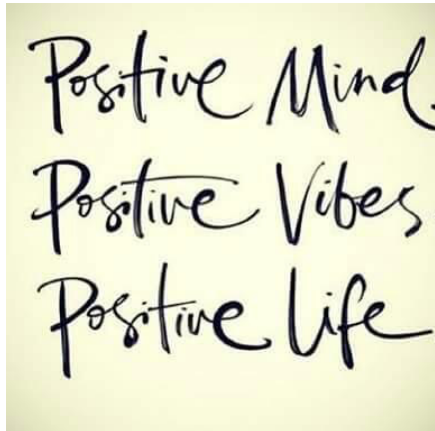
For the fact God is not dead, I am hopeful.

My hope is always FULL.

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CHAPTER 27

I HAVE OUTGROWN FAILURE



Am not afraid of failure.

Failure is just an event and not a person.

Failure is just an incident and not a lifestyle.

I've failed once doesn't make me a failure.

Failing once does not make one a failure neither does succeeding only once makes one a success.

Success is a continuous process, failure also is a process.

I've decided to try to something new, I've decided to take a bold step in life. My fears won't stop me.

Whether I fail or succeed in not my question.

Success is not an option, its my reality. I've outgrown failure. I believe in myself.

I am hopeful..

@hopefulme.

CHAPTER 28

The gift of Love



Hello dear, God has given us a gift of LOVE. God is love.

God is happy and proud of us when we exhibit this gift of love he has given us. He wants each and every one of us to share this love with everybody, even to our closest enemy and farthest friend.

Now look at this. The devil has really tried to fight this gift of love God has given to us. I call love a gift because it is actually a gift from God.

The devil has tried to impute hatred, envy, anger, jealousy into our hearts and minds so we won't be able to portray this gift of love. He uses little things to impose erroneous conceptions in our minds. He makes us hate people without any perceptible reason. He now makes us feel jealous and envious towards the growth and success of people including those we call our friends, loved ones, classmates, neighbors etc.

Okay, as if that was not enough. The devil now came in through the means which we find confusing and misleading. Bringing it down to our daily and individual lives, the devil has also introduced stuffs like lust, infatuation, sentiments, crush etc to the people of today.

We now experience what i call "mixed feelings". We struggle to differentiate this gift of love from all these cravings (crush, lust , infatuation) prevalent amongst us.

We now find it difficult loving people with this love of God. Even when we try we, still see ourselves going contrary to what is right.

I urge us young people to be strong. Let's overcome this world and the devil with the grace of God in our lives. Let the love of God continuously flow in our hearts.

Love unconditionally as God has loved you. Reach out to the needy, help the sick, encourage the weak, pray for your friends and family. Share some love.

I know its not easy but its worth it. I myself, i'm still working on it too. God will help us. I love ya. Thanks for reading.

Be strong!!!!

Also remember *"show love, feel loved but don't make love :-)"*



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