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Dedication

This book is dedicated to everyone who has made the most significant decision in life - to make Jesus his Lord and saviour.

I wrote this book for you. My deepest desire is that you grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the matters of the faith.





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With deep gratitude, Austine Clark



he book Recreated by Austine Clark is a powerful resource for both the expansion and preservation of God's kingdom. It serves as a guide for new believers, helping them understand their rights and identity in Christ, set their expectations on heavenly things, and lead them on a path to spiritual growth with the Lord Jesus.

This book is an essential tool for evangelists, a valuable asset for pastors, and a must-read for every young believer. Written with simplicity, Recreated ensures accessibility to all readers. More than just a collection of thoughts and experiences, it is a testament to the transformation, renewal, and recalibration of the believer's mind.

For the seasoned Christian, Recreated is a welcomed addition to your library. For the new believer, it is an indispensable companion on your spiritual journey. This book in your hands encourages you the reader to stand firm in the faith and uphold the truth of the gospel that is - your sins forgiven!

Recreated offers profound insights into shedding old identities and habits, embracing a life renewed by God's purpose and grace. It reaches out to those who feel unloved, lost, or uninformed, inviting both new and mature believers to deepen their relationship with God.

Austine Clark provides new believers with a roadmap to a deeper understanding of redemption, while offering practical and inspiring insights into our identity in Christ. As you journey through these pages, I encourage you to approach the book with an open mind and heart. If you do, it will inspire you not only to think differently but to live differently.

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he Kingdom of God is a kingdom of knowledge, light, revelation, truth and vision. God does not only want people saved into his Kingdom; he wants them informed about the kingdom and its ways – he wants them to know what they are saved into.

Over the years I have seen many believers live less than their capacity, and not just that, many people are born into Christ but are unaware of who they are in Christ, what God has bestowed on them, how loved they are by the Father, and how forgiven they really are.

This realisation has inspired the contents of this book – to as much as possible show you the rudiments of what you need to know about the Faith, and about your father God. To help you realise the virtues you have in Christ Jesus.

One chapter of the Bible that has really changed my life the most is Romans Eight. I believe this is a chapter of the Bible every person should read again and again, in season and out of season, and it should be read in multiple translations. In Romans 8, you will see the heart of the Father revealed in a very striking manner. For example, the beginning verse already explains your status now that you are in Christ.

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1(NLT)

The moment you get saved, you belong to Christ Jesus. And, if you belong to Christ Jesus, there is no condemnation for you. In other words, your welcoming statement into the body of Christ is to first of all note that in this place, you cannot be condemned. There's nothing you have done or will ever do that can bring condemnation on you as long you belong to Jesus.

It's amazing how God thinks about his people. God thinks about the saint in many beautiful ways – He sees them as perfect, as his righteous ones without any fault. However, the believer himself will have to learn to see himself the way God sees him. He has to learn to first of all realize he is a saint – a righteous man. He has to learn to agree with what God has said about him even if his present circumstances are saying otherwise.

In helping the believer agree with what God has said concerning him, and helping him see who he really is in Christ Jesus; it is important therefore to highlight what God has said and reveal it in a simple, clear and practical manner to the believer.

It is the truth revealed that can grow and edify. It is the revelation known that can inspire faith. It is the Word of God exposed to our reality that we can lay hold on. This is why this book is written to help you lay hold on this word of Faith.

The contents of this book are designed to nurture you the believer, and expose you to the realities of who you are and what you have in Christ. It is another way of saying, 'Now that you are saved, know these things!'

This book will inspire you to trust God like a little child and dance in your Father's arms like you should. This book will help you grasp the assurance of your salvation. More importantly, this book will help you appreciate why you are saved and aid your growth in the things of the Faith.

I encourage you to read with an open heart as you drink this pure wine of salvation; to allow the Holy Spirit plant in you holy seeds which will yield fruits of righteousness; to keep your desires open and allow only God satisfy them with the words that will spring forth from the pages of this beautiful book. Enjoy your read!

Stay loved; stay blessed! ~ Austine Clark.



There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV)

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

ROMANS 8:12 - 17 (NLT)

Chapter One

No Condemnation



There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death.

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

Free!!!

What does this word mean to you as a person? Do you really believe it is possible to be free?

know we live in times where everything is speaking really loud against us. It is very easy for people to judge you, and make their opinions very quickly about you. It is very easy

these days for people to make quick assumptions about other people; the colour of their hair, the kind of dress they wear, the way they walk or talk has become quick judgement tools against people these days. We live in a season where people easily have a wrong first impression about others.

Not just that, it is also very easy for you to judge yourself and paste the stamp of 'not enough' on yourself. Think about it, you see your mistakes daily; your imperfections are just like a series of billboard right in front of you. Before anyone else says a word about you, in most cases you already have made the sentence against yourself. And truly, your faults are indeed plenty.

But hey my friend! There's something to rejoice for – you are free of all condemnation, guilt, shame and anything that judges you.

To be condemned means to be below acceptable standards, to be blamed, judged, not enough or unfit. You can see clearly that this is the state of any man who is without Christ. This world's system offers one thing only as its premium package – condemnation. What's interesting is that Jesus acknowledged it when talking about people who do not believe in him.

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:18 – 19 (NKIV)

This is the beautiful side of this story – anyone who is in Christ Jesus CANNOT BE CONDEMNED! Let me put it simply this way, your past mistakes cannot condemn you. Your failures cannot condemn you. Nobody has the authority to condemn you any longer because you are a new man in Christ Jesus.

I know what you possibly could be thinking now – thoughts like do you know what I have done? So, tell me, what exactly have you done? Is your sin greater that the sin of Adam? Is your sin greater than the blood of Jesus can handle? What exactly is that sin you want to mention?

The moment you received Christ into your heart - that very moment you said Jesus be my Lord and Saviour, something beautiful happened. You became a new man - a recreated man. Now, this man has been recreated into the very nature of Christ. You my friend, has now been recreated into the nature of righteousness.

It is because of this righteous nature you now have that we can say – NO CONDEMNATION ON YOU! This is because you are in Christ Jesus, and here condemnation cannot thrive.

Sometimes your mind like to play games. It likes to recall the past, and make old memories look like they are happening now afresh. This is where you rise up and discipline your mind. You quickly update your mind with this truth that you are a new creature in Christ Jesus.

So, when your mind recalls memories of how many times you failed before, and suggest to you how you'll keep failing possibly. Your responsibility is to remind yourself that you are a new man and no condemnation on you.

Let's consider possible scenarios that could bring condemnation to a person. So, I'm going to pick random examples of people's past, and show you how they're now free in Christ.

Say you were a popular prostitute, known everywhere in the streets and now a saint. There is no condemnation on you now that you are in Christ. When people look at you with the eyes of your past, or when your mind recalls the kind of life you had lived previously – you should hold this confession and picture very strong in your heart. The lady who was a prostitute died on that cross with Jesus, and she was buried with him. When Jesus was raised from the grave, she was raised with him as a new creation in Christ – she was raised as a righteous woman. There is therefore no condemnation on this new person in Christ Jesus.

Let me give another example, say a young man who is a fraudster – well known for his illegal source of wealth, but now has had an encounter with Jesus, and is born again. Now, he is a proper business man doing his transactions legally. However, there's still that nagging thought of how many persons he has dupped and made poor by his loot. This is the only answer for this young man – take this truth and be free. The young fraudster died on that cross with Jesus, was buried and was raised together with Christ a new man. Old things are pass away and truly; all things are

become new. There's therefore no condemnation for this new man. He should raise his head up high, do proper business and rejoice in the God of his salvation who has made him new.

I speak to you my friend reading this beautiful piece. It does not matter what your past had been – what matters is, are you in Christ Jesus? If your answer is an assured yes, then there is no condemnation on you. Your past most remain what it is – past! You must rise up and embrace your new future and reality. You must welcome daily who you are in Christ Jesus. You must remember that the life in Jesus has made you free. And, who the son of man sets free is free indeed!

Chapter Two

No Obligation to Sin



Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

Romans 8:12 - 13 (NKIV)

nother way of saying you have no obligations to your sinful nature is to say, you have dominion over the nature of sin. A declaration like this is what empowers you to become more conscious of your true nature.

Be aware that people will always live out their nature first. Every person is powered by the nature in them. It is this nature that affects their habits, and behaviours, and then character.

There is a reason God did not change our characters first, instead the first thing he did was to change our nature the moment we received Christ.

It is important to note once again that the nature of a person will always influence their character and behaviours. Let me explain this with an illustration – the thief is not a thief first because he steals; he is a thief because he has sinful nature and the sinner in him desires to steal which is why he is a thief.

The fraudulent man does frauds because he has the nature of sin, it is that nature that powers the fraud in him. As a matter of fact, whenever he steals from people, he considers it a big win and rejoices at it. Why can he rejoice at such evil, it is because his nature allows it - the sinner in him is comfortable at such acts, and even rejoices at them.

Now flip the page, and let's talk about you the Saint.

You were once like this other man before you received Christ. You had this sinful nature before you met Jesus. You rejoiced at sin before now and it was normal to follow your sinful lust.

But, be aware of who you are now:
You are a Righteous Man!
You are a New Creature!
You have the very nature of God!
You have dominion over the nature of sin!

Sin cannot pull you over. The righteous nature you have received in Christ reigns over sin. You have the power to say NO to unrighteousness.

Believers should be reminded of this truth. Temptations come every day to everyone; but have this strong consciousness - YOU HAVE POWER OVER SIN!

Now, let me show you something else about the Grace of God and how it empowers righteous living.

God's marvelous grace has manifested in person, bringing salvation for everyone.

This same grace teaches us how to live each day as we turn our backs on ungodliness and indulgent lifestyles, and it equips us to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives in this present age.

Titus 2:11-12 (TPT)

There's another perspective to righteous living that the saints in Christ should be aware of. We do not live a righteous life by our ambitions or by our self-optimism. Any attempt to live a righteous life by one's personal ability will fail outrightly. This explains why many times people find it hard to live up to their 'New year resolutions'. I've heard people publicly confess that they would stop smoking, fornicating, and all that bad stuff at the beginning of every new year. Just two weeks into that same year, they've done more than they promised never to do again. The problem with these folks is that they attempt to live righteously with their own abilities.

It is the Grace of God that empowers righteous living in us; it is never our personal ambitions or abilities. The life of faith is powered by the grace of God purely, and any other addition to this will fail grossly. I like to show you how this grace empowers us to live righteously. Take a look at this scripture again:

This same grace teaches us how to live each day as we turn our backs on ungodliness and indulgent lifestyles, and it equips us to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives in this present age.

Titus 2:12 (TPT)

The way the grace of God empowers us to live righteously is that it teaches us how to live each day. That means as we take every step, and engage in every conversation, you will hear a voice instructing on the way to go and you will feel a gentle nudging directing your speech and ways. In other words, you will find out that you are not alone, neither are you going through your everyday life on your own. The Holy Spirit is there with you in all things showing you the way to go and the way to handle situations.

This is how the grace of God teaches us to live right – it is the presence of the Holy Spirit in us guiding us every step of the way. However, sometimes we go our own ways, and do our own things. We just in certain areas of our lives keep a stubborn head. Nevertheless, the Spirit of God in us is relentless, and tenacious enough to insist we keep going right. Even when you fail, he won't quit leading and directly

you towards living righteously.

What makes this more beautiful is you yielding and allowing his every instruction, nudging and guidance produce fruits of righteousness in your life. So, my friend, even when you fail – don't quit. Even when you disobey – take corrections and bring out that righteous nature of Christ in you daily.

Remember, you have no obligations to sin because you have a righteous nature, and the grace of God teaches you to live righteously.

Chapter Three

Loved Unconditionally



Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?

Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death?

(Even the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.")

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away.

Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35 - 39 (NLT)

here are some scriptures you read and more questions are raised in your heart; Your mind suddenly begins to wander with imaginations and likely possibilities – you find yourself unconsciously asking questions like these:

How far can God's love go for me?

What's the extent of this love?

What can I possibly do that will change the status of this love?

What could happen to me that can turn-away God's love for me?

Can I really lean all my hope and trust on this Love? ? ? ?

If you've ever had any reason to ask questions like these, then this scripture is for you.

There's this system of thinking in product development, to make the end users have more confidence in a product, you most likely subject that product in extreme conditions to see how it performs, and to use as a measure of its performance.

For example, when an automobile company brings out a new car brand, you see them subject that car through several extreme conditions like driving through rocky terrains, or deserts and putting the car through numerous crash testing. All of these exercises are to do one thing – to see the performance of this car in severe circumstances.

The question is, why is any of this necessary? Why all this harsh test runs? What is the end goal at heart? The answer is basic – product confidence. The automobile company needs to have all the confidence necessary in their product, and its ability to perform maximally for the end users. On the other hand, the end users need to have confidence in the products which in this case is the car they are purchasing.

God too thinks like a product developer. He puts his Love for us through severe test running to see how well it can perform. So, the love of God for you is subjected through tough circumstances to see if it will still remain consistent in performance.

This test begins with a strong question – what can separate us from the love of God? Now see the first test measure – is it trouble or calamity? Is it hunger or danger or is it even death?

Now, let's see the test result for this first exercise:

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Romans 8:37(NLT)

Victory is the status of the test result. It means, when hunger strikes, the love of God responds by supplying victory to us, and what is that victory – supernatural provision. Have you ever been in that place where you are stranded, and then help and provisions come to you, and you really cannot explain where and how that provision

came to you. Well, that's God's Love responding to you. When calamity strikes and your life feels threatened, when it seems like you're living on the line. Be aware that the love of God cannot be silent at such time when your life is in despair. The love of God comes as a shield over you, ensuring that no evil befalls you nor any plaque comes near your dwelling. That same love gives his angel charge over you, making sure you don't dash your foot on a stone. Thinking about it, the God that will ensure you don't dash your foot against any stone, can he not preserve your life?

Here's our confidence, God's love proofs true irrespective of the conditions subjected to it. We are sure of the product, and its capacity to deliver. We have confidence in the capacity of the Love of God to perform optimally irrespective of the conditions subjected to it. Let me show you another test result showing this:

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's love is sure. It is absolutely dependable, and you can cast all your life into it and be rest assured all will be well with you. But, here's the other side of the love of God

Romans 8:38 - 39 (NLT)

that's just so beautiful – it is completely unconditional. It is not limited to any factor or subjected to any reason. It loves without boundaries, and gives all it has without looking for any faults.

God loves you without any reservation. There's nothing God is holding back from you – all that he has, he has lavished on you in Christ Jesus.

Now, here is the thing you need to hold strong in your heart – God's love for you is not dependent on you; it is a totally dependent on what Jesus has done. This is what makes the love of God towards you unconditional.

But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!

Romans 5:8 (GNB)

You did nothing to make Jesus die for your sins – God's unconditional love made it possible. You were not at your best when Jesus died for your sins. You were not doing all the right things when Jesus died for you, actually, you were doing the opposite. Everything about your life was contrary to God's righteous standards.

But God who is rich in mercy showed you his unconditional love by giving Christ in your place. This is love so beautiful and true. Since, God did not hold Christ from going to the cross for your sake and from dying in your place – there's nothing you could possibly do that will make God love you with terms and conditions or hold back

anything from you.

God has given his love to you freely! God has given all things to you freely! Enjoy the goodness of God without fear and without holding back.

> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

Now you know - God's love for you is both unconditional, and totally free. He gives all things freely for you to enjoy. My advice for you is simple - take advantage of this love; use it for your benefits!

Chapter Four

God is your Father - Your Abba



For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15(NIV)

indly take note of the first statement of this scripture - "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear".

Fear died the very day you received the Holy Spirit, that is the very day you received Christ into your heart.

The thing is this, many spiritual realties come into manifestations by consciousness and by knowledge.

You just may not know you have power over fear - but as a believer you have no reason to be afraid again for anything in life.

See, the power you have over fear is so evident that even if someone comes behind you and tries to startle you, it will have no effect because you have lost the ability to fear.

Fear is powered by sin. When we received Christ into our heart, we received the power over sin, and over all fears. WE CANNOT BE AFRAID!

Now, you might be wondering why am I so strong on this perspective – like it's okay to be afraid a little bit. No! It's never okay to be afraid for any reason. Here is why? Fear brings slavery.

See how the scripture puts it again:

"...For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear" That's what fear does - any kind of fear no matter how innocent it appears. It brings people to slavery. It brings people to slavery in their thinking, behaviour or any aspect of their lives.

To verify what I am saying, answer this question: "How easy is it for you to do something you are afraid of?" People can't move many times because of fear! Fear stops people!

Alright, here is the good news. Ready?

We did not receive the Spirit of Fear! There is nothing in Christ that produces Fear. God never teaches us anything using fear as a tool.

This is why we do not have the fear of making heaven or missing it on the last day. We don't have the fear of going to hell. We don't have the fear of the Holy Spirit leaving us. We don't have the fear of losing our salvation. We don't have any kind of fear.

Now, here is what we have received: The Spirit of Sonship It is this Spirit of Sonship that makes us boldly call God our Father. This is why we can call God Abba.

Please, kindly say this word softly in your heart - ABBA. The Word ABBA simply means Father. As you say this word, you're affirming the fatherhood of God over your life.

God is the creator of the world; He is not the father of everyone in the world.

Of course, in scripture, you would have seen where God was referred to as the 'Father of spirits'. This is a creative term implying all spirits are created of him. This is just like saying Michael Faraday is the father of electricity because he founded it.

When we say God is our Abba – we mean God is our Father. This strikes deep because what we are implying is that God birthed us. It means we came out of God's loins we are his offspring. Permit me to say it this way, it was the sperm of God's Word that birthed us. We carry his DNA, his nature and all his virtues.

The way God sees us is totally different from how He sees the angels or any other of his creations. They are more or less like products or machines or inventions. We are different - We are his offspring, his children, we came out of him. Please if you have a better phrase or word to describe what I am saying, you could simply say it to yourself. If I was

to say it in pidgin English, this is how I would say it - "you be God pikin. God na your papa."

God is completely, and totally responsible for you. I feel I should say this again to someone reading this now... Let it sink into your consciousness.

God is completely, and totally responsible for you. Just as a father is completely and totally responsible for his child, this is how God is completely and totally responsible for you.

You need to understand what I am saying here, it will help your life. When I say a father is completely and totally responsible for his child, it means the father is responsible for the child's mistakes, faults, welfare, behaviour, growth cycle, development, education, provisions, associations, exposures, appearances, and everything that affects the child.

See, if the child falls on the ground, it is not the child's responsibility to stand up. No no no... It is the father's responsibility to pick that child up and help her stand. And not just to pick her up, the father will also clean the child and remove every dust from the ground that touched the child when she fell.

Say these words to yourself softly:
God is completely and totally responsible for me!
God is completely and totally responsible for me!!
God is completely and totally responsible for me!!!

Now you get the point... Should you fall in any aspect of your life...

God is responsible for picking you up, and not just to help you stand - He will clean off the dust that touched you when you fell. He will give you counsels and guidance to ensure you don't fall again.

Now say this with me once again: God is my Father! God is my Abba!

There are things we must put at the very centre of our hearts - God is my Abba is one of such things.

The world we live in is harsh and cruel on people. Sometimes we take this same harshness and cruelty on ourselves thinking that's how God deals with us.

God does not deal with us like the world does. God doesn't see us with the lenses of this world system. God sees us with the lenses of the blood of Jesus. The Blood of Jesus has made us new and set us apart in the heart of God.

I like to show you different ways God sees us from the scriptures. Ready?

The First way God sees us is as His Beloved:

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1John 3:1 – 2 (NKJV)

The Apostle John in describing the peak of God's love for us couldn't find any better word than this - "Beloved!" God loved us so much; he called us His Children. Then as his children whom He loved so much - He called us His BELOVED!

God sees you as His Beloved. That special one who has taken the best part of his heart. Be aware you are loved dearly by God.

God sees you as the "APPLE OF HIS EYES"

For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

Zechariah 2:8 (NKJV)

This is why he takes you very seriously and would fight your battles any time any day. You matter to God.

You are GOD'S TATTOO!

Yes, you heard me right - even God has a tattoo. But can you guess where the tattoo is? Can you also guess what He drew? Let me give you an expo: Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands; [O Zion] your walls are continually before Me. Isaiah 49:16 (AMP)

God drew you permanently as a tattoo on his palms. So, every time God raises his hands guess what he sees - YOU!

God is Singing Over You!

There are very few scriptures that review God singing, and one of the reasons He is singing is because of You. God wants to sing a song, but He doesn't want to sing it to just anyone - He is singing the song for just You.

For the LORD your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with great gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will exult over you by singing a happy song."

Zephanaih 3:17 (NLT)

You are the reason God is singing! Now that you've seen all these about how God sees you now you know how special you are. Let no one talk you down or any strange thought tell you otherwise. You are God' Beloved Child, and you matter so much to Him.

You are loved! Specially loved! God's beloved!

Chapter Fine

You are Led by the Spirit



"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." Romans 8:14 (NKJV)

This is how to better understand this verse, flip it from the end to the front. This is how it will read:

"because you are children of God; you are led by the Spirit".

Everyone who has received Christ is a child of God. Everyone who is God's child is led by the Spirit of God.

There is no special maturity you need to become led by the Spirit. You just need to be a child of God to be led by the Spirit, and if you are one - then you are led by the Spirit.

I wish I was told these things when I just got saved - my life would have been much better...

But, thank God we know these things now.

See what Jesus said about his sheep - it will show you the simple basics to the leading of the Spirit.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." John 10:28-29 (NKJV)

We are the sheep of Christ. We hear his voice. He leads us, and we follow Him.

Now here is the thing you should note - the voice we hear is the voice of the leading of the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit leading us and showing us the footprints of Jesus which we should follow.

I'm bringing this to you notice as a reminder that no Saint or believer should have the problem of being led by the Spirit. It is rudimentary that you should know how to be led by the Spirit.

So, knowing that you will always get promptings and instructions from the Spirit of God - your work is yielding and following the promptings.

This means you are sure your life will not follow the wrong path because you are led always.

You are sure of how things will go for you, your business,

your career, your family and everything that matters to you because the Spirit of God will lead you.

Let me take this one step further -

Jesus was speaking, He said, the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truths, and will show you the things to come.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

Take note of these statements:

- He will guide you into all truth
- He will tell you things to come

There are things about your life, and career you have no clue about. There are possibilities in you that are just lying fallow. You truly have no idea of all your possibilities.

You don't know all that you can do right now. You might think you've hung the moon only to realize you can guide the stars also.

The Holy Spirit is the one who guides you into all truths. He is the one who guides you into all your possibilities in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the one who shows you more about your

future, your life, and more of what God has for you. Trust me, you are not aware of these things now - but that's why He is in your life. That's why He is guiding you now. He is showing you what is to come by those simple leadings and promptings you get from time to time in your heart.

These few things I have just shared and more are what it means to be led by the Spirit. Here's another thing to bring to mind about being led by God's spirit – it is easy for you to follow God's will and purposes because you're empowered by the Spirit of God in you.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

God has aligned your nature with his; God has aligned your will and desire with his. So now, it is easy for you to follow God's will and purposes, because the Holy Spirit in you spurs the purposes of God in your heart as simple wishes, thoughts, emotions, and intentions. As God's child, you don't struggle with doing his will or following his plans and purposes – it's already in your heart to do so.

So, allow me remind you again - You have the Holy Spirit in You - He leads You Always!

Go through life everyday knowing this one thing - The Spirit of God dwells in you. You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Let me explain this statement a little further:

In the Old Testament, the ark of God first dwelt in tents,

then a temple was built for it by Solomon. But be aware, that ark was the presence of God. In other words, when you want to find the presence of God or seek the presence of God - you go to the ark. The only place you could see God in the Old Testament was in the ark placed in the holy of holies in the temple.

Now, in the New Testament - God doesn't need the ark to show his presence anymore neither does He need the tent or the building to dwell in. God has found his permanent residence - YOU!

You've become God's permanent residence. You carry the presence of God everywhere you go - You have the ark of God now dwelling in your temple, and that's the Holy Spirit living in you.

Be aware of who you are, who you carry, and what you can do with Him.

I will like to remind you of this truth once again: "For you are with God - Nothing shall be impossible with you!"

Chapter Six

You are Righteous



For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we who did not know righteousness might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (TPT)

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4 (KIV)

od did something new in you the very moment you opened your mouth and confessed Christ as your Lord and saviour. God changed your nature! This exactly is what it means to be born again.

Many people talk about the born-again experience without really understanding what it means? Some talk about some aspect of it, without really understanding the core of it.

It is true being born-again will make you not live a life of sin or live a life controlled by the lust of the flesh. Much more than this, being born again means you have a new identity, it means you have a new nature. Your heart has now been recreated to desire God, and to live out his nature.

Something beautiful has happened to you my friend the very moment Jesus stepped right into your life. He has changed your nature. He gave you a nature of Righteousness, and removed the nature of sin and death.

Now you are a partaker of God's divine nature because you are righteous. It means every component that makes God who he is has been bestowed upon you. Every fibre of your new nature is made out of the very essentials of God.

It is because of this righteous nature that makes the scripture describe us thus:

... because as he is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4:17B (KJV)

... because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:17B (TPT)

Think about it, all that Jesus now is in his glory, that's exactly how we are also. Jesus has been raised in glory, and honour. He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

clothed in the radiance of awe-striking beauty. He is the peak of whatever can be described as perfection... I honestly lack words to describe this glory, but I trust the Holy Spirit to give you imaginations at this point.

With all of these wonderful ways of describing Jesus, the scripture is saying as He is currently, so are you. The only reason this can be true right now is because you bear the same nature with Jesus, you bear the nature of righteousness.

This righteous nature means you carry all of God's possibilities embedded in your nature. It means you now have access to divine possibilities. Now, it makes sense when you see the Apostle Paul make audacious statements like this in the scripture:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

The reason Paul was so assured he can do all things in Christ, is because he knows that righteousness produces supernatural capacity. He knows that with his righteous nature, he can do the impossible, he can bring out possibilities of the God-kind.

The same applies to you my friend, with this righteous nature you can do the impossible. This means you can take on projects banking on the supernatural strength from your righteous nature to pull it through to completion. This means you too can birth God things here on earth because

you bear God's righteous nature.

Besides the supernatural possibilities that comes with our righteous nature, there's yet another beautiful side I like to show you. There's the charisma and command that comes with our nature in Christ. It is the ability to stand before God without fear, guilt, inferiority, shame or condemnation. This is because sin has been removed from our nature, and now we've been inputted with confidence before God. We have a new kind of esteem now; we have a God-kind of esteem. Our approach to God now is with confidence and boldness.

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

We don't come to God wondering if we will be accepted or thrown out of his presence. We come to him knowing he hears us, and knowing we have access to him always. This is what powers our boldness, the knowledge of his love for us and his willingness to receive us at any time.

Our boldness is not just towards God; our boldness is concerning everything about life. We are bold about life because our father, the creator of all things has given us divine access to him. Think about it, if you can stand boldly before God; what is it you cannot stand boldly before in life? I like the way the scripture puts it in proverbs.

The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1 (NKJV)

As a righteous man, you are a bold person! You are fearless! There is no timidity in you. You are not a prey to the natural events of life. No, you have dominion over this life and all that lives in it. You are more than a conqueror – you are a victor!

It is this consciousness of our righteous nature that births a life full of joy, victories, and fulfillment. Let every moment of your life be filled with thanksgiving and the assurance that nothing is impossible with you as a righteous man.

Chapter Seven God Hears You!



And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. Romans 8:26 – 27 (NLT)

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

11ohn 5:14 (NKIV)

ne of the most important things you should note as a believer is this – you are God's child; he hears you! You don't need any special faith to be heard by God. You don't need to embark on any spiritual journey to be heard by God – at your whisper, heaven is on alert to meet your needs.

I understand many people have had so much misconceptions about prayer. Some folks think prayer is a probability – sometimes you get answered; other times you don't. You just have to be lucky to get your prayers answered.

God is not this way; he doesn't play chess with our prayers. God is sure! God hears you when you pray! One of the core benefits of redemption is that when you pray, God hears you. Not only that, answers are made available to us when we pray.

Have you ever been in a situation where you so much want to be listened to, and no one is paying attention to you? You know that awkward feeling that comes with been ignored, especially when it's on a pressing matter.

God knows what if feels like to be ignored – He understands the trauma that could come with neglection. This is why he has placed priority on you. He has placed so much value on you so much so that when you whisper or even sigh, he hears you and will do something about it.

Our confidence as God's children is built on the foundation that our Father God hears us when we pray. We don't guess this – we know it! Our faith, and hope and absolute trust is established on this principle. Now, knowing that we are heard; we are never afraid or ashamed to pray.

This makes all the sense when you see scriptures like 1Thessalonians 5:17 – "pray without ceasing". Another way

to explain this would be talk to your Father God without ceasing or without the fear of being ignored, not answered or not being heard. Tell him about anything and everything because he hears you.

Now, there is a twist here; sometimes you want to pray and talk to God about everything but don't have all the words to express how you really feel. Sometimes you just don't know how to communicate everything or maybe you get pretty worried about aligning your prayers with God's will. Well, to show you how much God is concerned about hearing you, and answering you appropriately, He made sure you don't have to do all the praying yourself. You have the help of the Holy Spirit in prayers.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV)

"...but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us..."

This one line makes all the difference – the Spirit makes intercession for us. Which implies, you have the help of the Spirit of God in prayers. You know, it is important to have this consciousness – every aspect of our Faith is made easy and possible by the help of the Holy Spirit.

I like you to for a moment take your mind off the groanings aspect of this scripture, and see what is more important here. The emphasis really is not on how the Holy Spirit

helps you pray whether with groanings or not. The actual emphasis here is the fact that the Holy Spirit helps you pray. He makes prayer easy. He directs your prayers, ensuring you get your answers.

So, don't pray looking for groanings. Instead, receive the help of the Holy Spirit when you pray. And, one very important way the Holy Spirit helps us in prayer is through tongues. Praying in tongues is also called praying in the Spirit or praying by the help of the Spirit.

When you pray in tongues, a lot of things are going on as you do – you are praying in the will of God by the supply of the Spirit. Not just that, you are being built up and edified in the matters of faith. Also, because of the dynamic nature of praying in tongues – you're addressing quite a number of things than your mind can possibly fathom.

Take a close look at this scripture:

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20 (NKJV)

But you, my delightfully loved friends, constantly and progressively build yourselves up on the foundation of your most holy faith by praying every moment in the Spirit.

Jude 1:20 (TPT)

But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20 (AMP)

Prayer is one of the ways God draws you closer so that He can grow you up in the stature of Christ. This is exactly what happens every moment you spend praying in the Spirit. I like to summarize it in a very simple statement "As your pray more in the Spirit; you grow higher".

Drop that myth that makes you feel you need to attain certain levels in the things of the Spirit before you can be guaranteed to always have your prayers answered. God designed prayers so that he can hear them, so that He can answer them not so that he can select them and choose which one to ignore.

Keep this statement very close to your heart, you will need it as you grow in the faith:

"The very moment you mention the name Jesus - God hears you! Pray, talk to your Father because you are heard!"

Chapter Light Joint Heirs with Christ



For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:15 – 17 (NKJV)

So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him "Father, dear Father." For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Romans 8:15 – 17 (NLT)

love this scripture so much because it shows us our true position in the family of God. It shows us that we are not slaves or domestic workers in the kingdom of God, but heirs and joint heirs with Christ.

This is how it feels like, a new child adopted into a family and is been taken around to see the family estates, possessions, and assets. And then while all this exposure is happening to the adopted child, there's that feeling like since I'm adopted, I probably shouldn't expect too much here. Immediately, the father of the family calls the attention of the child and says to him – look into my eyes, and with fixed attention to the father, he hears these beautiful words "all that is mine is yours too! You have equal stakes with my other children to all that I have. Feel free to request and ask of me for anything you wish because it's yours already."

You see, some folks have that feeling like when you get saved, you're a second-class citizen in the kingdom of God. No, you are not! You are an heir of God. This means you have every right to all that belongs to God. Also, you are joint heirs with Christ – all that Christ Jesus has access to as a Son of God; you have similar access also. Now, this doesn't make us cocky or arrogant, instead it shows us how much value the Father has bestowed upon us.

Let me give you a perspective to what I am saying by taking you through a few scriptures showing the possessions of God:

A Psalm of David. THE EARTH is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it.

For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the currents and the rivers.

Psalms 24:1 – 2 (AMP)

Every animal of field and forest belongs to me, the Creator. I know every movement of the birds in the sky, and every animal of the field is in my thoughts. The entire world and everything it contains is mine.

Psalms 50:10 - 11(TPT)

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD Almighty.

Haggai 2:8 (NKJV)

"Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.

Deuteronomy 10:14 (NKJV)

These scriptures paint a large landscape of all that is owned by your Father in heaven – but guess what? These scriptures also show you how much you have in him. By seeing all that he owns, you are as well seeing all that you are an heir to.

Now, for example when you see a scripture that says the heavens and the highest heavens belong to the Lord, and the earth and all that is in it – means you have an inheritance to all that is in the heavens and even the

highest heavens, more so, all that is on the earth and the fullness of it. So, the silver and the gold belong to you also because you are an heir of God. The cattle on a thousand hills belong to you as an inheritance because you are an heir of God. Now, you get the picture, all that is the Father's is yours too because you are an heir of God.

Looking further, you are not just an heir of God; you're a joint – heir with Christ. It means you are a co – owner or co – inheritor with Christ. It means everything that Christ has access to in the Father, you do also. This is why in the scripture you see Jesus saying "I am not ashamed to call you brethren".

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 2:11(NLT)

Both Jesus and I have the same Father – we are family members. Also, both Jesus and I are joint heirs to all that our Father owns. One key to accessing all that we have in the Father is knowing we are blessed in Christ Jesus by the Father.

Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him with all our hearts!

Ephesians 1:3 (TPT)

Our Father God operates very structurally – He takes authority seriously. This is how the Father sees us, He sees the head, and the body as Christ. Jesus is the head, and we the church are his body. So, when God blesses the head, it gets to the entire body.

All our inheritance, all our possessions, all that we have access to in God is contained in one word – 'The Blessing!' Now, the only way we can obtain this blessing is in Christ Jesus. This is beautiful to know, so beautiful. When God blessed Christ, he blessed us; when He anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with power, he anointed us also. When God glorified Jesus, He glorified us also.

This is how we are joint – heirs with Christ, it is that God has placed all things in Christ so that we can benefit from them. All that is the Father's is Christ's; and all that is Christ's is ours! We lack nothing; we have all things in Christ.

In all that you do, be bold when approaching the Father, because you are a partaker of all that he has. Just the way he showed his love for Jesus, this is how he has showed his love for you too. Have this consciousness in you – I belong to the Father, and I have all things with him, and in Christ Jesus.

Chapter Mine

You Have Authority!

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I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!

And now he is exalted as first above every ruler, authority, government, and realm of power in existence! He is gloriously enthroned over every name that is ever praised, not only in this age, but in the age that is coming!

And he alone is the leader and source of everything needed in the church. God has put everything beneath the authority of Jesus Christ and has given him the highest rank above all others.

And now we, his church, are his body on the earth and that which fills him who is being filled by it!

Ephesians 1:19 - 23 (TPT)

Our faith is not weak! Our Faith is not void of power! Our Faith does not bend to other forces! Our Faith is in Charge! Our Faith takes the lead always!

ne of the best things that can happen to you is to have a proper understanding of the immeasurable power of God available to you through your faith in Christ Jesus. When you know how much God has bestowed on you, and how much he has empowered you – many things about your life will change.

Every person born into God, and who is a member of the family of God has a mandate to fulfil here on earth. Jesus was teaching his disciples about prayer, and he made this remarkable statement that reveals our role in God's agenda:

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 (NKIV)

Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 (TPT)

The will of God, the manifestation of the kingdom of God, and the fulfilment of God's every purpose will be done on earth as it is fulfilled in heaven using one channel – you! God's preferred way for manifesting his Kingdom and bringing his purposes on earth is through you. It is important to know this – you are God's preferred channel

for manifesting his purposes on earth. There's nothing God is doing on earth that is apart from you. This means you are in partnership with God when it comes to birthing heaven here on earth.

Now that you know this thing, it is also important you know the nature of God. Every time God gives a vision, he makes provision for it. No mandate from God comes without adequate empowerment to fulfil it. God always make more than enough preparations and supplies for every dream, assignment or purpose he commissions here on earth.

God has endowed you with power in Christ Jesus. When God anointed Jesus and gave him all authority over all principalities, realms and every name that is named – you were in Christ. You were anointed in Christ Jesus. That same authority was handed over to you, and has placed you in office. My friend, take this truth from me – You are in Charge! You are in office! You have power to bear rule!

I love the way Jesus revealed this to his disciples, and I believe he was talking to the entire church which definitely includes you. See it here:

Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the

days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).

Matthew 28:18 - 20 (AMP)

This was a commandment, an instruction Jesus handed over to the entire church; even though at that time he was speaking to his disciples, he had the entire church in mind. Jesus began by explaining what he had – all power and authority in heaven and earth has been given to him. Think about it for a moment, what other kind of authority could be bigger or higher than this? In other words, in the highest order of things, and in the greatest ranking of things across any universe that exists – I have the authority over it. Truthfully, there's no government power or ranking that comes any close to this.

Now, just after explaining this authority, Jesus turning to his disciples and I believe he was looking at the church at large, and says these words "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

In other words, go in the power and understanding of this authority and tame nations. Make them disciples, and teach them my ways. Rule this earth, and make it yield to the directions of the Father's intents.

Be aware there will be oppositions. Be aware satan will rise up to resist you in this process. Be aware satan will bring up agendas to distract, disrupt, destroy and as much as possible eliminate you. Be aware you have an organized enemy that has built an entire world system to fight you. Don't be surprised to know this – satan will do everything against you because you carry God's nature, power, and mandate. This already makes you an enemy, because satan hates all things associated to God.

While it is important to know your oppositions; it is more important to know your authority and the power vested on you. The power God has placed on you is the same power He used to raise Jesus from the dead. God exuded the greatest power when He raised Christ, and then placed the same great power on you to reign here on earth.

And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places]

Ephesians 1:19-20 (AMP)

This is to say you have more than enough power to tame satan, his cohort and all his devils. You have been endowed with so much power and authority, that when it comes to dealing with devils, you are instructed to cast them out! To cast out something implies to throw it away like it doesn't matter. That's the same way to deal with devils – throw them out because they don't matter and you have all power to do so!

The authority placed on you is more than just to deal with devils - actually, it is first of all to birth God's divine

purposes on earth. Look at it this way, God wants to do his purposes on earth, and needs you to make it happen. Now, He is validating you and giving you all necessary authorization to do that on earth. This truly, is what you are given all power and authority on earth for.

You are born for big things! God has great plans for your life on earth. God wants you to reign on earth as a king and as his priest. I encourage you my friend, dare to do big things. Strive to change the narrative of your age. Be bold! Step out! Transform this earth by bringing heaven to it. And, in all you do – be aware you have been given all power and authority represent God here on earth. Cheers to your greatness!

Chapter Ven

Sharing Your Faith



And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV)

In the previous chapters of this book, I shared truths with you regarding things you should know now that you're saved. In this concluding chapter, I like to remind you of the final words of Jesus when He was addressing his disciples, and I believe the church at large before He was taken to heaven.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15(NKJV)

This is a profound instruction from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and it begins with one active word "GO!". The witnessing of the Gospel is not a casual thing; it is an active thing. It is an intentional and strategic action, not something to be left to chance.

One of the hallmarks of salvation is sharing our faith with others. Two important things happen when we share our faith with others – our conviction in the finished works of redemption in our life is strengthened and renewed, also we become a channel of light to others to help them in their salvation journey.

I've spent a great part of my life meditating on this instruction of Jesus, and it still thrills me every time I think about it. One very key thing the master said to us is "Go into all the world", and what next, "Preach the Gospel!"

This shows the mindset of the master, and how He expects us to think. The master wants us to think from the perspective of dominion, influence and from the perspective of taking over systems. This means He is expecting us to have a strategic approach towards penetrating into the various systems and sectors of the world with one goal in mind – put the gospel in there. Influence the people you meet there with the gospel, and allow righteousness reign through you in that system.

In the following pages of this chapter, I will share a few thoughts with you on ways you can share your faith, and I trust God will grant you great understanding.

Share Your Personal Testimony

Nothing inspires other people like a personal testimony. I like you to think for a moment like a sales person for a product. If you're going to sell a product to a person, one of the questions you expect to be asked is, have you tried this product before? Has it worked for you before? In other words, what's your personal testimony regarding this product?

It's not different with sharing your faith – people want to know, how did you get saved, and what has happened in your life since you received Jesus into your life. What's your story?

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

1Peter 3:15 (NLT)

Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.

1 Peter 3:15 (MSG)

In simple words, be willing in the most courteous and convincing manner to share what Jesus has done in your life. Tell people what Jesus has done in your life, how he had changed you from a smoker to a miracle worker, tell people how by believing in Jesus, you've been able to break those strong addictions, and how your life has become more peaceful and meaningful. Tell people how Jesus has translated you from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light and hope, a kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy.

Sharing your testimony is one of the strongest ways to witness the Gospel. It's a sure way to invite people to enjoy all the beautiful things you are enjoying in Christ Jesus.

Share Your Faith Creatively

I've learnt a long time ago that as important as a message is; the manner and approach with which it is conveyed weighs more. The gospel is powerful in itself; however, the gospel becomes more powerful and effective when we present it creatively and in a manner that connects with the person or people we are communicating with. Let me show you how the Apostle Paul explains this:

For although I am free in every way from anyone's control, I have made myself a bond servant to everyone, so that I might gain the more [for Christ].

To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to men under the Law, [I became] as one under the Law, though not myself being under the Law, that I might win those under the Law.

To those without (outside) law I became as one without law, not that I am without the law of God and lawless toward Him, but that I am [especially keeping] within and committed to the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

To the weak (wanting in discernment) I have become weak (wanting in discernment) that I might win the weak and overscrupulous. I have [in short] become all things to all men, that I might by all means (at all costs and in any and every way) save some [by winning them to faith in Jesus Christ].

And I do this for the sake of the good news (the Gospel), in order that I may become a participator in it and share in its [blessings along with you].

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (AMP)

This particular phrase best explains what it means to share the Gospel creatively "I have [in short] become all things to all men, that I might by all means (at all costs and in any and every way) save some [by winning them to faith in Jesus Christ]."

It takes a creative approach to be dynamic enough to take the necessary form needed to gain the opportunity to witness the gospel effectively. People are dynamic, and are influenced by various factors. Knowing how to switch approach is a skill for winning people to Christ, and this is something the Spirit of God supplies willingly when we ask him for help.

Put Christ In Your Speech

One of the places with the biggest opportunity for you to display the virtues of your faith is in your daily conversations. As you speak with people every day, be aware you're marketing the Gospel. If you do it well, you will be able to communicate Christ to people in the way you give them hope in hopeless situations, in the way you speak in times of crisis, and in your choice of words even in casual conversations.

Walk in the wisdom of God as you live before the unbelievers, and make it your duty to make him known.

Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity. For then you will be prepared to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about your faith.

Colossians 4:5-6 (TPT)

One thing is sure, people are watching you, people are listening to you. In your words should be life, hope, and an opportunity for people to experience Jesus outside the walls of the church building. I don't mean you shouldn't be authentic in your conversations or 'christainese' in your speech. I mean you should be original; you should hold intelligent conversations with people, but just that in this case, put life into it – put Christ in your speech. Let people end every conversation with you feeling like they just spoke with Jesus himself.

Shine Your Light!

While we are not of this world; we are in this world. We must be aware of what appeals to the people of this world; results are what drive people in this world.

This is how the world thinks, if you say you have Jesus, and if you say you have eternal life – the very life of God is in you, then don't just say it. Show it! This world will stop to ask you 'show me your God', but that is after you've shown them your results.

So don't hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that the commendable things you do will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (TPT)

One of the ways we witness the Gospel is by being fruitful. Excellence is a very audible voice when communicating the Gospel. People hear the voice of your excellence even louder than your actual voice. Daniel proved it in Babylon. The King Darius held Daniel and his God in very high regard because of the results he had seen in the life of Daniel.

Be very much aware we are ambassadors for Christ in this dark world. We are not just living on our own; we are representing the Kingdom we belong to here on earth.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

This exactly is who we are, ambassadors for Christ. The things we do, the words we say, the kind of results we have, and the quality of our lifestyles are all channels through which we reconcile people back to God.

So, I encourage you my friend, shine your light, not a little bright or scarcely lit. No – put on your flood light, let it beam through everyone that comes in contact with you. Let your good works be glaring, and let men see and give glory to your Father.

My Salvation Story

My salvation story was not like that of the Apostle Paul that came with impenetrable light from heaven. It was rather that of a well modelled character placed before me.

In my early university days, I lived with a senior friend, I would mention his name for the purpose of honour and gratitude. His name is Jeremiah Johnbull Jr. I think he did the ground work that really opened my heart to receiving Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

What is quite interesting in this story is that he never preached to me, he rather lived the life and all I had to do

was watch and admire. I saw in him what it was like to be a believer in how he spoke to people, how he treated everyone as important with so much love and respect. I saw integrity and excellence combined in one person. He was friendly, playful, funny, smart, and above all a God lover.

I looked at his life, and I said to myself, "if this is what it means to be born again, and to have Jesus in your life, then I like it, and I want it".

Well, Mr. Jeremiah wasn't the only person that influenced my decision to receive Jesus. Another person that finally put in the sickle and got the harvest was one of my lecturers - Mr. Victor Onu, he taught us Literature in English back then at Basic Studies.

My Onu was one of the finest lecturers we had in school then, if you don't understand what Mr. Onu teaches, then we can almost argue you won't understand anything anybody else would teach you. He made learning fun, and desirable. Not only that, Mr. Onu is known for giving wise counsels for life, and at intervals would preach the Gospel at the end of his class.

At the end of our Basic Studies Session before everyone would transition into other aspects of their lives, Mr Onu held a Revival Meeting for all his transitioning students. It was a meeting filled with the power of God. I still remember his voice till this day when he gave the altar call for those who want to receive Jesus into their life. I went in front, lay flat on the floor with tears in my eyes as I said the prayer, "Lord Jesus come into my heart, forgive my sins, be

my Lord". I knew so well that night that I was born again. I got up from that floor speaking in tongues and praying in the Holy Ghost, with words in my mouth like "Lord Jesus, I will serve you, I will preach your Gospel to the ends of the earth, I will stand for your name. It was truly a life changing experience for me.

This was sometime in August 2008, and till this date, that fire of the Holy Spirit is still burning in my heart, and changing many lives all over the earth.

I hope my salvation story has blessed you, and has inspired something in you. I encourage you to share your faith with others and watch how God will light a life through you. Stay Loved; Stay Blessed!



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