



We need the
CROWN
and not the
CROSS

“we pray to God to give us a tree and God gives us a seed, we then get angry forgetting that in a seed they is a tree”

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My modern world...

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we

communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Technology so obsessed with inventing the fastest computer and on the other hand in the car industry they compete on making the fastest car than the other. Everyone wants a wedding but not a marriage, I want sex dear!! Not a relationship. People want a good paying job yet don't want to go to school and so on. It's as if we want to take! Take! Take! And never wants to give.

My apology for making you to think a lot already 😊 I mean where is this leading to? Well fasten your sit belt...

“I will put an enmity between your seed
And her seed...” Genesis 3:15 NKJV

“I will put an enmity between your seed and her seed” well I want to take you back to your English class ☺ the word “will” means a future tense, so God is saying I will put an enmity between your seed (Satan) and the seed (Jesus) of a woman (Mary) it might not be today or next month but I want you to know “I WILL” so the seed of a woman God is talking about is Jesus and the woman is Mary.

And ooh! If you don't have a dictionary the word “enmity” means an enemy from the Latin root.

In the book of Matthew chapter 2 from verse 13-15 it makes it evident that indeed the seed of a woman becomes an enmity between the seed of a serpent. Herod wants to kill baby Jesus, but not the parents ☺ you see the Devil is not after your car, your house, and all your materialistic things. No! The Devil is after your seed, that business idea, that faith, that hope, that gift and that talent.

Now it makes sense when John says “greater is He that is within me than the one who is the world...” 1 John 4:4 ESV.

“In every kid there is a king/queen and in every king/queen there is a kid” so in order for the Devil to kill the king in you, the Devil must kill the kid. Wow!!!

They saw an ordinary David but you see God saw a king. For you to see a king in me you have to view me like God would. Why? Because God doesn't look at who I have become so far, like people do they judge you based on rather weigh you up based on who you have become, but my God He looks at who I can become.

Does evil exist?

The university professor challenged his students with this question. Did God create everything that exists? A student bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"

"God created everything? The professor asked. "Yes sir", the student replied. The professor answered, "If God created everything, then God created evil since evil exists, and according to the principal that our works define who we are then God is evil". The student became quiet before such an answer. The professor was quite pleased with himself and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth. Another student raised his hand and said, "Can I ask you a question professor?"

"Of course", replied the professor. The student stood up and asked, "Professor does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?" The students snickered at the young man's question. The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy.

Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat; all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat." The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does." The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness.

A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present." Finally the young man asked the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil." To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself.

Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not like faith, or love that exist just as does light and heat. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's

love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light." The professor sat down. This student is a genius Yeh!! 😊

There is no source of darkness in this universe. There is only the presence of light and the absence of it. Darkness does not exist; it only appears to exist. In truth, it is only the absence of light. No matter how hard you try, you cannot get rid of darkness.

You cannot remove it from anything. In order to affect darkness, you must do something with light, because the light is the only thing that actually exists. Fear and misery (that which is called negative) have been compared to darkness because it too, does not exist. It is merely the absence of awareness, joy and love.

That is why it feels so vacuous. We feel a hole inside our being. We feel empty, because when we are in fear or misery, we are empty. We are empty of the presence of awareness, joy and love. You cannot do anything about fear or misery. This is why our mental health system is so unsuccessful. We do not understand that it isn't a thing that exists; it is the absence of a thing that exists.

If you fight with darkness, you fight with absence. If you fight with darkness you fight with nothing and so, you will not win. You cannot fight darkness because it isn't there. All you can do about fear and misery and darkness, is to move in the direction of awareness, joy, love and light.

It does not work to do this with an attitude of escape or avoidance (that is to try to fight with absence). We simply place our focus on becoming aware. We simply place our focus on something that causes us to feel

good. We love something a little more. And by doing so, we bring light to the darkness we are drowning in.

The bible says that in the beginning the world was formless and it was with void, the face of the earth was covered with the darkness. Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV. I want you to notice something God never made or rather created darkness, but darkness was there and therefore God said” let there be light...” now God created light and not darkness.

He didn’t start with trees, or fishes or even animals. No! He started with the light, but why? So that He can see clearly 😊

Now because we so in hurry we create things in the dark, because we can’t stand for the light first and we then get confused when all that we have planned becomes a chaos. We want to travel this journey of life without the creator of it God Himself.

The fundamental truth is we need the light which is Jesus to light up our way so that we can see clearly. Jesus declared and said I am the light (John 8:12 NKJV) this means we need Him in order for us to see clearly in our relationships, our careers, in our marriages and so on because without Him we walk in the dark. Therefore if we walk in the dark we will never know if we have reached our destiny, or if we are on the right track let alone that whatever we build will result to chaos.

“The Son (Jesus) is the light to my life and yet the Sun lights up my world. I open my heart the Son comes in and light up my heart and yet I open my window the Sun comes in and light up my room”

The only Job that starts from the top is digging a hole...😊

Let me ask you this, do you read those ascending letters like Jesus after watching a movie? So that you can know who wrote it? Who are the hair dressers and costumes markers and blah blah...

Well for me I don't read that, why? Because I have seen what I wanted to see (final product) so I don't want to know what happened and who did this wonderful job to produce such a nice movie (process).

Now let me ask you this, if they say; that black screen and ascending letters starts before a movie starts and the trick is you cannot skip would you read those? And forgive me I don't know what to call that ascending letters 😊 I never studied filming at school, I know they must be a word for that...black screen and letters. Anyway...

Well it sound like a good strategy but it's not, I can play a movie and because I know it starts with those ascending letters. What I can do is; do something while waiting for the movie to starts.

This proves that as people we can do anything just to avoid the process. Why? Because the process has never been a good thing at all, so I will do whatever it takes to avoid the cross but I have to get the crown. You have people who sleeps their way up in the co-operate ladder. The bible says"...for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only few find it" Matthew 7:13-14 NIV.

So we always looking at the easy way out to do things and get things. E.g. if you promote a child from a lower grade (pre-school) to a high school, do you think she/he will cope? Of course not, she/he lacks the basics. You see in high school they don't teach vowels and consonants, no! You must now use them to construct sentences.

People are in marriages yet they are not spiritually and mentally mature to be there, holding higher positions yet they are not qualified and so on.

The problem with people who wants to start from the top is because they want to show off, and that's dangerous. Reason being; as long as you on the spot light and you saying things people want to hear or rather you do what they want you to do they will cheer you up and support you with their hands they will raise you higher and higher and you feel good right?. The problem is; they're like you they get tired, they have emotions, they can get angry and so on.

So as time goes on, one by one they let go....and while you start to lose control and balance you have to convince the ones who still with you and holding you. Meaning, you have to do what will impress them and tell them what they want to hear rather than the truth. They is no such thing as good lies, it reminds me of my first year economics. They is a theory "Marginal diminishing utility" states that the more you consume something you eventually start to lose utility of that thing, so basically if I buy 10 bottles of water, I am going to enjoy the first bottle and maybe the second and by the time I drink the 9th one I am full and I have no appetite for water.

Or more application when a new song comes in you tend to play it frequently as time goes on you play it if necessary. So yes, even people

are like that they will cheer you up for the first two or four month and they get tired. And guess what? When they tire they will let you fall, after you have fell they then come back again. And say “what was he or she doing?” so people are way obsessed of the position rather than the mission.

Now you have these upcoming pastors out of the blue, we don't know who mentored them, we never heard anything about them and so on. And they preach the gospel that I don't know. They teach masses to come and take gifts from the giver of the gift but never take the giver of the gift. They teach me about what I can get from God rather than what God wants from me. They portray God like Santa Clause. They teach about the crown not the cross. They tell me about the prize but not the race I have to run.

But you see I don't blame them, they started at the top! They came already with a testimony and while they never told us their test. We never saw their struggles but boom! Their success all of the sudden is evident to humankind. They never communicate with us were they've been but rather they tell us where they are going. They don't talk about the land of slavery but they tell us about the promise land.

Therefore it becomes like blackmail, if you need a marriage, job, and success and blah...blah... come to Christ. And that is not the gospel, Jesus said “carry the cross and follow me.” Today people don't want to carry the cross but they want the crown.

“A man who is in the right hand of the father, He was born in a manger” His name is Jesus. If He started with the crown they wouldn't be the

cross and my friends I wouldn't be writing this amazing book about His truth. "A man who once moved a mountain started by moving small stone" I urge you to be obsessed with the mission rather than the position.

Always know "the only job that starts at the top is digging a whole" they is no testimony without a test, what cannot be tested cannot be trusted. It's only in an oxford dictionary that "success" comes before the definition, but in reality is other way around the definition first and then success. The cross then the crown, not the crown then the cross that is not the pattern God designed.

A king is laid in a manger and not in a royal place?

“...find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

(Luke 2:12 NKJV)

Let me start by saying that Jesus was not born in a manger as often people states. I had that spelling error on an exam last year. For that to have happened might have looked something like this:



Assuming, of course that father in the picture was some sort of manager. But even if you get the spelling right, and write manger, Jesus wasn't born in one, even if the story in the Gospel of Luke was literally true.

A manger is feeding through. And nowhere in the story does it suggest that Mary gave birth in a feeding through. Now that you understand what a manger is, let's move on!! The Son of God is laid where? In a manger, Oooh, PAUSE!!!! WHAT? Not in some royal palace?

Right there, it doesn't matter where you born but what matters is who you become.

Why was He laid in the animals' food trough? Surely, God's Son deserved a high-profile birth in the most elegant of surroundings. But, instead, God's own Son made His appearance in the earth in the lowliest of circumstances. This humble birth conveys an amazing message of creation: the transcendent God condescended to come to us. Instead of coming to earth as a pampered, privileged ruler, Jesus was born in meekness, as one of us. He is approachable, accessible, available-no palace gates bar the way to Him; no ring of guards prevents our approach. The king of kings came humbly, and His first bed was a manger.

In every seed there is a tree and in every tree there is a seed...

We go before God and we ask Him a tree and He then gives us a seed, we then get so furious that He didn't give us a tree but a seed. Forgetting that in every seed there is a tree and in every tree there is a seed.

Why because we have fixed our eyes on the fruits not the roots. So we go around with a seed and continue praying for the tree while we have a tree already, we just have to plant it and water it. We pray for the crown and God gives us the cross we then go away.

Today people have lot of knowledge I must say thanks to Google and other information sources and we grateful for that. However the problem with that is; people then suffers with wisdom, because knowledge and wisdom are two different things. Knowledge can be taught and learnt but wisdom comes through trial and tribulation.

The truth is each and every one of us has to face the cross in his or her life. It can be a cross of your marriage in problems, school, spiritually, relationships and so on. But at some point in our lives we have to face the cross, but you see the problem is we don't want the cross in other words we don't want to go through the cross but we want to have the crown. Good marriage, great relationship and so on. It's more like we want the tree and not the seed and we want the fruits not the roots.

It's like we saying," I don't want to write a test but I want to go to the next grade." The purpose of a test is not for you to fail but to apply what you have learned. And have you realized when you writing a test your teacher are there but they are not allowed to say a thing or even remind you about what they taught in last week's class?

Same with God just because He is quiet when you going through some trials and tribulation that doesn't mean He is not with you. He said in His word, "so do not fear, for I am with you..." Isaiah 41:10 NIV. And also have you notice teachers will never test you on questions that are not in lined with your syllabus? If you writing physical science then it would be unfair to add a theology question, it would be something like; question 1, "states newton's first law?" and you like Yeh...Yeh... I know this one and question 2, "what are the arguments for Sola Ecclesia (the Roman Catholic view of authority in the Church?)" 😊

So is my God He never test us behind what we can handle (1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV). But however, the Devil can make us to confuse the will of God with our bad choices. E.g. you decides to go to Francine's party and you decide to drink the whole bottle of vidka...is it vidka or vodka? Oooh yes! Vodka and you then decides to walk yourself home despite your condition. There you are, walking in a zig zag movement as a pedestrian and before you know it, you in a hospital surrounded by doctors. We sorry to let you know, "you won't be able to walk again..." now the question is, was it the will of God for you to be in that wheel chair or was it the choice you made?

In old and new testaments, the words translated "test" means "to prove by trial." Therefore, when God tests His children, His purpose is to prove that our faith is real. Not that God needs to prove it to Himself since He knows all things, but He is proving to us that our faith is real, that we are truly His children, and no trial will overcome our faith.

The testing or trials we undergo comes in various ways. Becoming a Christian will often require us to move out of our comfort zones and into the unknown. Perseverance in testing results in spiritual maturity

and completeness. This is why James wrote, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds” (James 1:2 NKJV).

When we experience the storms of life, we should be like a tree that digs its roots ever more deeply for greater grip in the earth. We must “dig our roots” more deeply into God’s word and cling to His promises so we can weather whatever storms comes against us.

While on the other hand the Devil tempts us to distract us from passing the test by giving us an opportunity to cheat. 😊

Now let us not be obsessed with the tree and the fruit that we refuse to take the seed. Plant the seed and water it every day and eventually it will grow and become a tree that you wanted from God and enjoy the fruits, rather than looking for a tree already.

Whatever you going through today in your life is your cross, endure to it and maintain the integrity of God like Job and at the end you will get the crown.

When you feel like you want to pass out, do one thing which is; don’t pass out you are near.

From the 6th hour to the 9th hour...

If a creator God needs to have been made by a creator, that creator would also need a creator who needs a creator ... like an infinite chain of toppling dominos, which is an impossibility. Question is a major objection that “The great argument for God was that there had to be a Creation, a beginning. ... But my objection was simple. If God was the beginning who began God?” 2 The universe had a beginning; almost no one disputes that, because the laws of thermodynamics demand it: the universe is running down and it cannot have been running down forever, or it would have already run down.

No stars would be still churning out energy and we would not be here. Some have proposed one universe giving birth to another, but again, there cannot be an infinite series of such births and deaths, as each cycle must have less energy available than the last and if this had been happening for eternity, the death of everything would have already happened.

There must have been a beginning. One of the most established principles of logic / science / reality is the principle of causality: something that has a beginning has a sufficient cause. The principle is not, ‘Everything has a cause’; Bertrand Russell misstated it. No, the principle is, ‘Everything that has a beginning has a sufficient cause’. Just a moment’s thought confirms this— something which had no beginning has no need of a cause.

This principle of causation is so fundamental that if I said that the chair you are sitting on, which must have had a beginning, just popped into existence without any cause, you might justifiably think I need a psychiatric assessment!

Enough with science class forgive me I tend to get carried away...☺

My point is everything that has a beginning it has to have the ending, and everything that has a beginning it must have a sufficient cause (something or someone who created it or caused).

The bible says, "...being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..." Philippians 1:6 NIV.

So this becomes as an encouragement that whatever that we go through God will take us out. I know you like what you mean. "6th to 9th hour." The bible says, "...From the 6th till 9th hour the face of the earth was covered with the darkness...." Luke 23:44 NKJV.

I believe the Sun couldn't stand to see the Son being crucified, the mountains trembled, and the trees couldn't stand as they were declaring, "we have never seen such a thing ever, No!" ***and I can only imagine that...***

If God declared the light in the beginning, why didn't He declare it in this scene as His Son died for our sin?

Well but I want you to notice something the writer tells us the starting time of the darkness covering the face of earth and He also tells us the ending point. Why? you see if God set a trial before you then He also sets an ending time of it, and the sad part is while we are in our darkest moment it can be in our marriages, relationships and so on He cannot intervene but He becomes like a teacher He invigilate while you writing the test of life.

So hear me out, your darkest moment in your life are not forever why? Because those moments had a beginning and everything that has a

beginning has a sufficient cause and it has an ending. So God has your back like Jesus. I believe God would have stopped everything and say, “I am not going to let you do this to my Son...” but He did nothing.

Isn't it frustrating at times to go before God and cry your heart out and it seems like He is not even listening? Well He is listening. The problem most people do is, they want God to listen to them but they don't want to listen to God. The purpose of prayer is not to convince God to give you what you want but it changes the nature of the one who is praying.

Despite the condition, Jesus says, “Father into your hands I command my spirit.” Jesus shows a sign of surrender. Let me ask you this, who do you give your phone to? Of course to people who you trust that they will not run away with it, and they won't be going through your text. We never give away something we value most just to anyone, because we don't want to lose it.

So Jesus surrendered His life to the giver of life, who do you run to when the darkest moments hits you in your face? Do you run to people? Well I suggest you run to God.

“Blessed is a man who put his trust in God”-Jeremiah 17:7 NIV.

Always remember this, “they is no crown without the cross”

It's evident that when Jesus gets to be crucified, the 5000 thousand people He fed were not there, the woman with an issue of the blood she wasn't there, oooh how about a blind man He healed across the road? He wasn't there.

I love slow jam music so to say, "Soul" but the 90's records not this modern one it insult my brain. They is this song by NEW EDITION "can you stand the rain." The lyric goes like this:

On a perfect day I know that I can count on you.

When that's not possible tell

Me what can you weather the storm?

Cause I need somebody who will stand by me through the good times
and the bad times

She will always, always be right there.

Then the chorus goes like:

Sunny days everybody loves them tell me baby

Can you stand the rain? Storms will come this we know for sure

Can you stand the rain?

The writer basically says when everything is so well I know I can count on you, but we know that's impossible at some point we will face some challenges. So I want you to tell me you will be there for me.

Only if Jesus knew the song when He was having a supper with disciples - (Luke 22:14-23 NKJV) He would sing it and say:

On this perfect table I know I can count on you.

When that's not possible tell me

What can you weather the storm?

Because I need somebody who will stand by me through the good times
(crown) and the bad times (cross)

He will always be right there.

And later that night in their group chat they would be like:



It's so painful that people when everything is good they can promise you the whole world, but when reality kicks in guess what? They are nowhere to be found.

That's why most churches only preach about suffering rather than they teach about only one side of a coin (money, marriage, success, houses, cars and so on) if you want a coin there is no way you can accept one part and hate the other. You have to accept both sides appreciate the tail at times and the heads at times too.

That's why churches are so full, why? People are being taught what they want to know not the absolute truth. You tell them something that makes them happy well they will follow you, I call them mass revelations. It teaches about what good things Jesus did but it never teaches about what Jesus went through, it teaches about the end results.

We then so mesmerized when our generation lacks faith, reason being; they have substituted faith with some materialistic things. They trust their car that it can lead them to their destiny but they don't trust God that He can do the same. They trust their jobs will provide for their needs and yet they cannot trust God. The reason being we been taught that it's our right to get the bread but we never been taught about the maker/baker of the bread. So we spend the whole time trusting and putting our faith on the bread, and forgetting that the bread cannot bake it self but it needs a baker. We end up praising and admiring the bread more than the baker of the bread.

We have diluted Christianity into something that is not, we believe that if you Christian and you go through the cross you then have sinned the Lord He is punishing you. Well I have news for you!! Jesus went through the cross even though He was not a sinner.

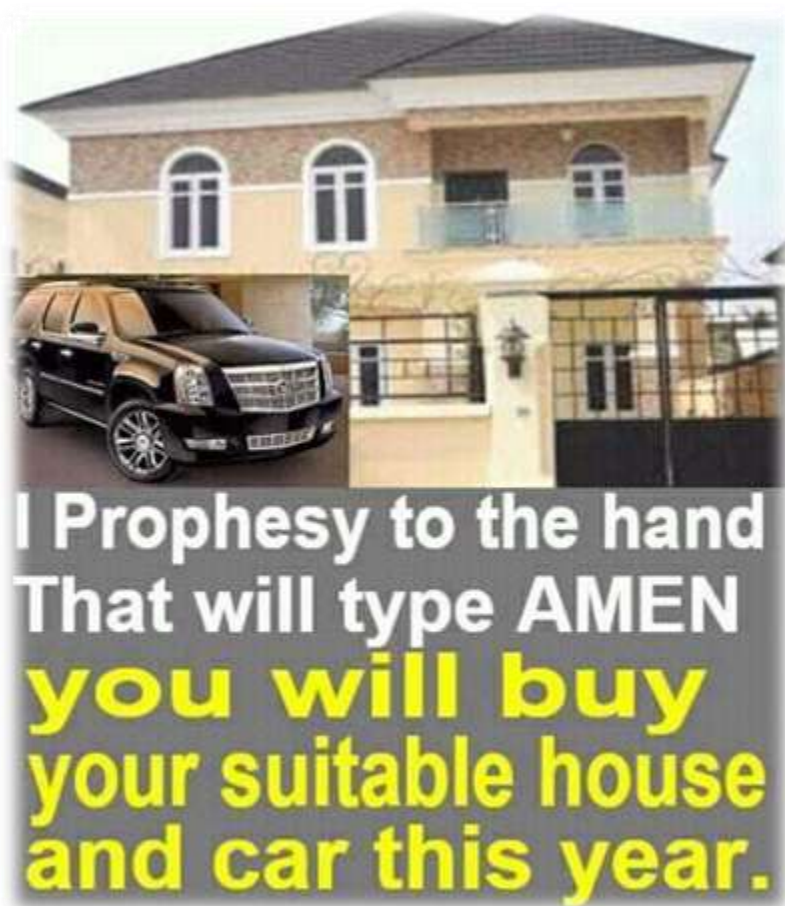
We have made God look like an ATM machine; which we only admire it when we want to withdraw some cash because we are in need. And even though we don't make deposit we always expect something.

The bottom line is people will drop when all hell breaks loose and when facing your cross but they will then run back to you when you got the crown.

Carry your calf...

There is a story of a farmer who decides to see for how long he could carry a young calf around. So every day he would pick it up the calf and carry it around the farmyard. Well the calf grew bigger he grew stronger and never really noticed the change in weight. Soon people were amazed at how this farmer was able to carry such a large calf. Many tried to pick up the calf but found it to be heavy.

But you see my gospel today it doesn't tell me what the farmer had to go through for him to end up carrying such a big calf. No! It tells me about the results not the process. Looks familiar?



So we have reached a point where people have substituted laziness with faith.

I believe the Devil took a temporary leave and say, “Well He is dead...” but unfortunately the Devil didn’t know He will conquer death. What do you do when all you could do is to surrender your life to God? You out of option, basically you dead walking; your goals, career, school and so on isn’t working well and your life is just in silence? Well my answer is carry you calf they might think you crazy and you out of your mind and trust God that all things works for good to those who trust in Him. Never lose hope! Never lose hope!

They might laugh and say well your marriage is dead, your career and so on but I say to you be like that farmer. Carries your calf (the word of God) every day and you will come out strong like never before. If He can allow you to go through the cross surely He will see you through and you will come out of it alive and strong.

We hate it if some area in our life becomes dead but people love it when some part of our life becomes dead 😊

There is one thing that Jesus did in His darkest moment, He surrendered (“I lay my life unto your hands...”) To God well we have to do the same thing. Instead of praying about the problems we have let’s ask God the solution to our problems. Often time we become the solution to our problem.

Like a kid who has a candy in his hand and yet he cries to her mom, “I need a candy mommy!!” well you may ask why is he crying if he has a candy in his hand? Maybe he doesn’t know in that package there is a

candy, or perhaps this package is too complex to depict if inside they is a candy or even worse he never saw it before. So he needs someone who is experienced enough to tell him,” son!! There is a candy in your hand all you have to do is to open it.”

We too at times we have candies that are packaged in a complex form or we never seen before (problems we face in our daily lives). They are not like any regular package we tend to find candy in them. So we need to ask if we can be a solution rather than asking for another candy while we might have one already. And God often times He is way experience to know any kind of a candy (challenges we face) package we come across.

“Everyone wants to win, but so few
Are prepared to do what it takes”

The difference between a winner and a loser is the fact that the winner is prepared to try, and looks for reasons why it should be done whereas the loser looks for the excuses not to do it.

I believe God had many reasons He could come up; as to say why He wouldn't give this world His only begotten Son. But instead He looked for reasons why it should be done.

What impel God's reason was the love He had for us, the bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave away His only begotten Son that whoever believe in Him shall not perish but rather have eternal life" John 3:16 NKJV.

Well He would have looked for excuses, not to do it because after all He was innocent.

You see a winner says "It may be difficult but it is possible" A loser says, "It may be possible but it is too difficult."

Winners use their intelligence to identify their usefulness, while losers use their intelligence to justify their uselessness.

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one" Ezekiel 22:30 NIV.

You see God was looking for someone who will say, "I can do it" rather than someone who would come up with reason why he or she is not a suitable candidate. When you rise up in faith God raise up in power and your enemies rise up with fear.

What is there in your life that you really want to do, really want to change? What is stopping you from doing it? Beware, most limitations

are imagination and from neck up. If there really something stopping you then you should concentrate on overcoming that obstacle first.

One thing that Jesus had to face was the cross for Him to get the crown. However mostly we merely look for excuses not to take action.

I was talking to this young man who needed help with drinking problem. “Who is in control?” I asked, “What is stopping you from quitting?” “But you don’t understand. I want to quit but I just have so many problems. My daughter is sick. My mom is trying to run my life. My girlfriend has left me. I really want to quit but I must sort out these other problems first.” And he responded.

And I asked him again, “If ever I were to point you with a gun in your forehead and I give you a case of alcohol I then tell you if you drink a bottle I shoot you out, would you drink?” he responded so fast, “NO! I wouldn’t” and I smiled at him as if he told me he loves me. “Why?” I asked. He responded, “Because I don’t want to die.”

My conclusion to him was to say, “You found a reason why you should not drink, well do the same now find a reason why should stop.”

It reminds me of a text in the book of John 5:7, “Sir I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me...”

If you read the text the man is crippled and he want to be healed, so Jesus approach him and ask him if he want to be healed, instead of saying, "yes" he starts to complain and state reason why he couldn't go to the pool. Most of us are like that hey! We want things to be done but when we have to actually do the work we come up with all the reasons to why it cannot be done.

You have to find a reason why doing it and that reason it should be a reason why you doing it.

God reason to send us His Son was simple, He first loved us....then it became easy to give away what He loved.

Your life is here and now, not over there or just now

Jesus would have said, "You know what I will start living life after I have conquered the cross. I will eat the last supper after the crucifixion. I will pray well and long hours after what I am facing now."

He would have told a woman of an issue of blood, that woman wait I have to deal with this blind man first or I should figure out what I must give to those 5000 people you see over that mountain. But we realize that Jesus He deals with any situation He faces at hand. In the mist of the problem he faces He still take time to enjoy the gospel and share to the poor.

"Let to dance in the storm don't wait for the storm to end...before you can dance."

So many people put off living until they reach some magical rose garden over the horizon. They see their day activities as merely something to be endured so they will, "One day" be able to enjoy the, "fruits" of their labors.

Have you heard a song of the bear that climbed over the mountain to see what he could see. When he got to the top of the mountain what do you think he saw? 😊 He saw another mountain. So what do you think he did? The bear climbed over the mountain? Yes! He did.

You can chose to see your life as one mountain after another, rising up to make your life difficult, or you can chose to be grateful for the opportunities that exist. Realize that success of your life lies more in the climbing of the mountains than reaching the top. Without the climb you

could not reach the top, like Jesus without the cross they wouldn't be a crown for Him. The pleasure of life lies in how much you enjoyed the climbing.

Take time to enjoy your journey, while climbing the mountain take the time to appreciate the view. Don't worry about how far you still have to go. Congratulate yourself on how far you come. If you do not enjoy the journey it is likely that you won't enjoy the destination.

Have you ever taken the time to stop and watch the sunset? No artist could ever match the colors painted in the sky. No sunset will ever be repeated and some of them just get more magnificent the longer you watch.

Your life happens to you one moment at a time. Now is everything. What you do, "Now" becomes your memory. What you do, "now" affect your future. They are times were Jesus amazes me most, He said, "my time has not yet come." (John 2:4 NIV) Also Jesus would not go to certain place because they were dangerous for Him; we see that in (John 7:1 NIV) if He did then His action would have affected His mission He would be killed before the right time.

So be careful who you tell your mission and your goals, because in our lives we also have that one Judas Iscariot who will and he can betray us.

Now is but a fleeting moment in the endless flow of life, yet from it we create all our joys and strife. What are you going to do with every moment of your life? How are you going to live?

It was not raining when Noah was building the Ark

“...I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark....” Genesis 5:13-14 NIV.

Imagine if I come to you and say, “God said I must build an Ark because in 2020 there is a big flood coming.” You will be like, “Nurse! Admit this young man he isn’t well up there.” But in contrary if I come to you and say, “God told me I should marry you.” Hehehe! You will dance NAY! NAY!

Anyway let’s move on, when Noah was building an Ark I believe people said he was crazy.

Preparedness, when properly pursued, is a way of life, not sudden, spectacular program. Spencer W. Kimball

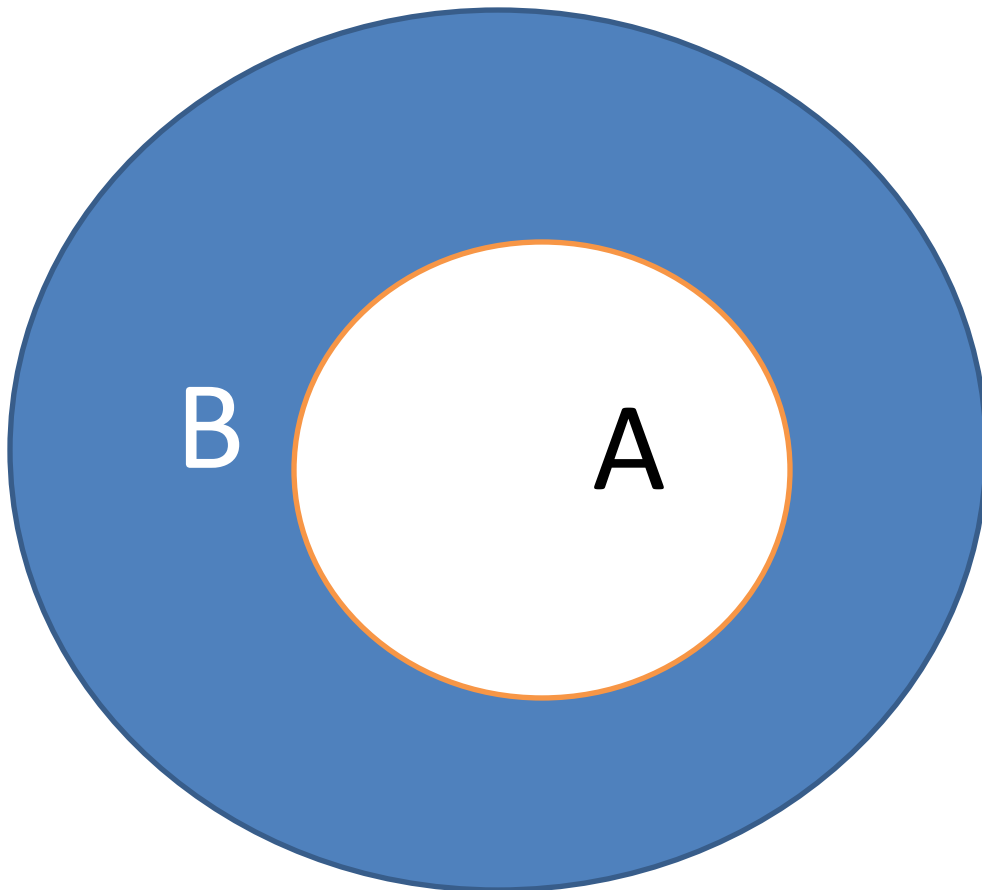
Ten things I learned from this story

1. Don’t miss the boat.
2. Sometimes God destroys in order to save.
3. Plan ahead. God will do what He says. It was raining when Noah was building the Ark.
4. Stay physically, spiritually, and mentally fit. When you are 500 years old someone may ask how you do something really big.
5. When you are following God’s commands, don’t listen to the critics who say you’re crazy.
6. Build your future on the high ground of prayer let God help you with biggest responsibilities.
7. Be patient and give God time. Noah didn’t disembark until God told him to-six month after landing on dry ground.

8. The ark was built by amateurs trusting in God. The titanic was built by professionals trusting themselves.
9. They need to be rain in order to see a rainbow.
10. God cares.

It is so important to note that you need God to help you face the cross or whenever you have to build the Ark.

Let me take you to a statistics first year. We have something called a subset. If we say A is a subset of B we saying; they are certain elements that are on B which are not on A. it looks like this:



You see they are certain elements that are in B which you cannot find in A (that blue part) but however they are elements which A and B share in common.

I know you like brother!! Now you talking in tongues, nope I am not. Let me put it this way: they are certain parts that which are in a woman but not in a man, that which I can't be stating them now 😊 but however they are certain parts that both genders male and female they have which are common. The eyes, nose, legs and so on.

But note although a man has something in common with that which is in woman doesn't make him a woman 😊

My point is; God said let us make a man in our own likeness. We know for sure that somewhere somehow we have something in common with God in our inner selves. But however that doesn't makes us God, because if we say we are our own God then we error.

Hehehehee! 😊 I am going to make you think today, think of it this way; I may walk, talk or even look like my father and so on but I am not my father 😊 we might share something in common; teeth, eyes, nose and even DNA's but bottom line is I am not my father. No matter how educated I can become the fact is; he will always be my father and I will never become him.

Today my society has put their trust on cars, careers, houses and positions. What we did we have substituted God with materialistic things instead of worshipping God we now worship what we possess. We define ourselves based on what we possess and then we qualify ourselves as to be our own God. We become independent we have detached ourselves from the creator.

We then corrupted the principle that Jesus portrays in the garden of Gethsemane. Although He could walk on the water, fed the five thousands, preach the gospel to masses without a micro-phone (Between me and you I still don't know how He did it, without a twitter but He had followers😊) and He healed the sick. Yet He goes before the father and He prays to Him that I have done them all but facing the cross it's going to be hard Lord.

Beside the garden of gethsemane He would wake up in the morning to go and pray (Mark 1:25 NIV). This proves they is no one who can say I am way too strong that I don't need God, if Jesus needed God to accomplish His mission; how more do we need God in our daily lives?

"I am the vine you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bear much fruit; for without me you cannot do nothing."- (John 15:5 NKJV)

- Jesus without God He would have not conquered the cross
- Noah without God he wouldn't have built the Ark
- Job without the misery he would have not survived
- Joseph without God he would have not became a governor
- Shadrack, Mlshack, and Abednego they would have not survived the fire without God
- David would have not survived in that lion's den.

Always know that they that prepare they don't have to repair. How do we prepare? With prayer and the word of God 😊 learn to pray even when you not in problems, learn to go to the garden of Gethsemane even if you not going to face the cross.

In your life, marriage, career and everything learn to invite God while building knows that He is with you. And He will give you power to face the cross.

Position or mission?

We have people today who are way interested in the crown or should I say the position rather than the cross which is where the mission is established. The gospel was preached in the journey to the cross that was God mission, not in the cross, well in the cross it was the fulfillment of what the prophets said and also what Jesus taught in the journey to the cross.

The problem with people who are in a rush of the position rather than the mission, they tend to kill people who surround them. And their actions and choices affect those people badly.

E.g. visits at your place for supper because I have a load shading in my area. And there you are so focused in impressing me and bring supper so fast just to show me you can really cook. You looking at the end results and missing the purpose of cooking, which is; you cook so that people can eat, enjoy and provided your food are eatable.

Hehehe! And then you will bring me a lamb chop that is not cooked well or in general food that looks tempting and delicious but when you start eating they are.....so I end up having a runny tummy, you see; your choices affected me and maybe also a man of the house who buys food because now you have to throw them away.

My little sister asked me this question; how do you make a fish aware of the water? I responded, "By taking out of the water."

The fish does not think about where it is, it merely is, however take a fish out of the water and it cannot survive, it struggles to get back to the water, put it back in and I think it will be one grateful fish.

How often do we only realize the value of what we had once we no longer have it? We take so many things for granted, while we had it we did not appreciate it but as soon as it was gone we missed it. Then we wish we could get it back.

You see a person who focuses on the mission, when they get on the position pride doesn't rule them. If I went through the cross to the get crown, my struggles make me to appreciate the crown and acknowledge without the garden of Gethsemane (prayer and God) I couldn't make it. So that helps me as to not take the glory as my own God, but as to say to God you deserve all the glory, thank you.

“What cannot be tested cannot be trusted...”

Today Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the father because He conquered the cross. And the cross makes Him to appreciate the crown.

Noah in building the Ark the hard work and the hours he put in crafting that, made him to appreciate the Ark. And him building the Ark by getting instructions from God, that made him to have even thousands reason to give God the Glory because they was no way he could have built it alone.

“A picture paints a thousand words yet it takes only one word to paint a picture...”



Look at this picture; one of my favorite. It took one word to paint it which could be; sketch a “WOMAN” but interestingly it can take thousands words to describe what’s in the picture. For e.g. I could say about the picture;

Her beauty is that of a million diamonds

Glittering in the sun

Each reflecting its own ray of light making brilliant

Patterns

The angles gasp in the wake of her presence

She in herself a masterpiece of God's work

A vivacious and beautiful woman

I know you like wow! And that's nice. I believe even God Himself painted a picture with one word, "LOVE" and in that picture the cross was there and the crucifixion. "For God so loved..." my God is kind and He saved humankind. What kept Jesus moving it was the picture that was painted by one word, "LOVE" So that kept Him going because instead of focusing on what He couldn't do or doesn't want He focused on what the picture said, "LOVE" and the picture included the cross.

In application of our lives. We must understand that our words paint pictures in our minds and then we live up to those pictures. What pictures are your words painting?

Your mind responds to the pictures that you give it to work on. It doesn't care if the picture is something that you want or something that you do not want. It will go to work to make the picture a reality. Your mind supports you without question and will do for you whatever you ask. Therefore it is important that you learn to ask for what you actually want.

Wherever Jesus would go and whenever He would face the challenges the picture of, "LOVE" would appear and it included all that He had to go through. So He would be reminded I am doing this for love and the reward is worth it.

The bible says, "Write the vision and make it plain on the TABLETS, that whoever reads it may run..." Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV

OOOOOH! Nooo, did you see that? "TABLETS" who said they were no tablets in those times? You see? 😊 Anyway....on a serious note

Every time people who read the vision it would give them zealousness to do more. So is Jesus every time He would think the picture, "LOVE" He would be determined to finish the race.

Now you see the problem with most people is that they do not know what they want, but they do know what it is that they don't want and they keep asking not to get it and are constantly frustrated because that is exactly what they get. Until you become clear on what it is that you want and then insist on getting it you will keep on getting what've got.

"Jesus had a clear picture, what it was that He had to do on this earth..."

When wanting to change anything in your life it is important to use a "moving forward" strategy than a "moving away" strategy. You have got to get your mind focused on where you want to go. You have to superimpose the picture of what you want over a picture of what you do not want.

Monitors your talks. Take time to listen to your use of words, ask yourself if they are positive and supportive or negative and sabotaging. Hence the bible says, "Let your conversation always full of grace,

seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone...”
Colossians 4:6 NIV

“I never want to be like that” creates a picture of what you do not want. Rather identify what you would have then say, “I want to be like this” “I do not want to be poor” creates a picture of being poor is that what you want? No, then why give your mind that picture to work with.

Learn to work out what you want and then use words that create the picture of what you want.

He is risen....who? Jesus Christ

They went to the grave in the first day of the week and He wasn't there.
Luke 24:1-12 NKJV

My Jesus defeated death....

I want you to say this poem to all your enemies who thought you would
be down forever:

Still here

You may write me down in history

With your bitter, twisted lies,

You may tread me in the very dirt.

But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?

Why are you beset with gloom?

'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells

Pumping in my living room.

Still I'll rise

Did you want to see me broken?

Bowed head and lowered eyes?

Shoulders failing down like teardrops.

Weakened by my soulful cries.
Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard?
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own back yard.
You shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness
But still, like air, I'll rise
Does it comes as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
While I don't
Well my God is such
A gentleman He opens doors for ladies
And as for man becomes a mediator between the screen and the hand
That way thing don't have to get out of hands
H will never forsake me
The higher you build your barrier the taller I become
The farther you take my rights away the faster
I will run

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