

You, The Movie Impostors Or Forerunners Never Allow Fear In Your Life



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A silhouette of a person in mid-air, jumping over a deep chasm between two dark, rocky mountain peaks. The background is a bright, hazy sky with light rays and clouds. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and greens.

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for you
VISION



From Will To WILL



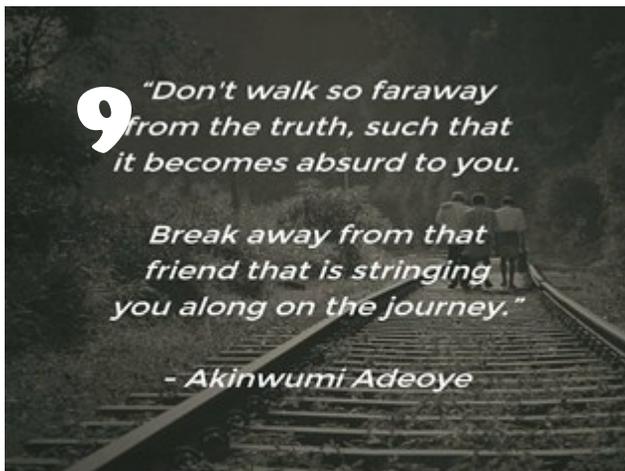
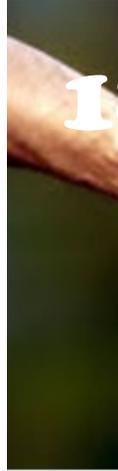
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A Word For Your Vision



You, The Movie



Controversially Walking Away



Responding To Controversies





Don't just talk; perform!
 Then the LORD said to me,
 "You have seen well, for I am
 watching over my word to per-
 form it." Jeremiah 1:12
 Most of us take stock as the
 year ends. Sometimes we are
 surprised at how much we have
 achieved in the space of 365
 days. Some other times, we are disappointed at how many achiev-
 able things we have left undone for several excuses including, "I
 forgot"

14th word

On Becoming... Thankful



Impostors Or Forerunners

Never Allow Fear In Your Life

Always, despite
 all, God has does
 so much for us.
 He decides to do a
 thing for you and
 he does it. Yet you
 decide to do
 something for
 yourself, your
 neighbor and for
 Him; you forget
 all. How does He
 do it? He says, "I



You Are A Child Of God

am watching over my word to perform it."
 It's time to take after your Father. Don't just talk, perform your
 words; it's God's principle for achievements. Don't always come
 back to say why what you had said earlier will no longer work. It
 might mean you have to think deep before talking. So be it.
 Sometimes you have to do it simply because you have said before
 that you would do it.
 "But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might
 be fulfilled." Matthew 26:56.
 Don't just talk; perform!
 This is the 14th issue of grenepages.
 Welcome!

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Ministering
Rhythms
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MEDITATION:
We must learn to put
God first in our lives
and daily seek His will.

From Will To Win

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you with my loving eye on you"
Psalms 32:8 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



Had it all planned
And maybe I did shout it loud-
"It's my life! My way has to win!"
Called on God yet I chose the paths of my wheel

Years! I consciously or unconsciously chased my will
Now I'm grateful He chastised rather than let go of me;
All I felt was pain and shame
Oh! I didn't know it was for my gain

The future I cried to have
Now the past I'm glad I never had
He rescued me from my destruction
And taught me victory in His instruction

And now, every day
I learn to say
take the seat
take the wheel

Where You lead
Let me be
Do not let me stay
In that place which makes You look away

If God didn't let you go
If He used His mighty hand to stop your selfish goals
Then know that you're special in His sight
He holds you as the apple of His eyes

His Will...
Safest place to be –
Doesn't always feel like it
Sometimes makes us feel He's mean

But if our patience does not slip
Eventually we'll clearly see
It's the best place indeed
A haven so real!



Treasures in Jar of Clay Femi Sobayo

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Recently I was going through my things and I found an old book I had tagged GRATITUDE JOURNAL. I opened it, started reading stuff, which I wrote some time ago and ended up crying.

Yes, I cried; and at the same time, I found myself laughing. You know that kind of feeling you get when you are overwhelmed with diverse emotions. You don't know if you should laugh or cry; so you just end up doing both. That was exactly how I felt.

It happened that earlier in the year, I had many challenges, which made me cry myself to sleep most of the nights. Nothing was working, or at least so I thought. My goals largely remained unmet and there were no signs that things were going to get better. I needed a good job but I wasn't getting any and my bank account was in the red. It wasn't a good way to start the year and there were no signs to call the year a beautiful one.

I didn't know what to do. I had applied in sever-



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al places all to no avail and was devastated. Then, God started speaking to me through Isaiah 26:3 which says, “*You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You. Because he trusts in You*”.

It was the scripture I needed at that time because I was troubled and didn't have peace at all. How could I have peace when my mind **was stayed on my problems?**

Each time I tried to think on God's word, a voice would come calling out “*Remember your problems; you have no job, you have no new achievements... look at your lack. Look at this... look at that*” and thoughts like that. When thoughts like this come, I got depressed immediately.

Then, one day, I decided to acknowledge

everything God has done for me instead of focusing on my problems. I got a book and wrote boldly on it “**GRATITUDE JOURNAL**”. That was the beginning of my happiness.

I wrote down everything for which I was grateful: for life, for health, for my loved ones, for the joy of salvation and for the gift of today.

Then, I also wrote little things that happened to me for which I was grateful. Each day, I found something to be thankful.

This changed my perspective about life; I see more reasons why I am blessed.

Moreover, when next the devil came reminding me of my failures, I would pick my book and read to him all the things God had done for me for which I was grateful. Then, the voice would silently fade away.

As Dr. David Oyedepo would always say “***If you have lost anything, God is the reason you have not lost everything***” and “When you thank God for his arm, you see His outstretched arm”.

If you must have a list for your yearly goals, please first have a gratitude journal for counting your past and daily blessings.



Journal



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I had known different layers of pain and frustration. The pain of lack was all so familiar as the rain of worry, doubt and fears. Each time I read another testimonial of rag to riches, tears to laughter, shame to fame and fear to faith, it left me wondering, "Why not me?"

"Why not me?" I am thoughtful, smarter, have great intentions and I know better.

One day, a toddler playfully pranced around in an open space, oblivious to the broken piece of glass I had just picked up from the play area she played on. In that moment, it hit me.

How many pieces of glass had God picked off my path each day? How fixated I was on what could have been, carelessly ignoring what is. Overwhelmed with emotions, I realized how quickly I reminded everyone around me to express gratitude for each kind deed I offered, and somehow paid more attention to people who did over those who didn't. Repentant, I sought to make Him pay attention to me too.

Each night, before sleep finds me, I look up, smile and say 'thank you for picking up the glasses today'. I have since found a sense of serenity not because I have all I dreamed, but I stopped being the victim in my journey to becoming thankful.





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You have been walking away slowly.

Your doctrine has been diluted and corrupted.

It started little by little, when you started asking where some exact sins are in the bible to justify the fruit of your flesh.

You wanted us to show you where the bible says thou shall not kiss someone you are not married to. Even though you know deep down, the only dude glorified in that action is the devil. You started contemplating living with a man you're not legally married to.

You started asking that offering does not have to be cash, even though you know you don't bring it in any other form.

They seemed like innocent questions, but that was when you started strolling away from the truth.

You started to ask why other religions were not permissible. Why we couldn't give right to those who wanted to be sexually attached with the same gender.

We thought you were inquisitive initially, but then your fruit started changing by and by.

You are taking a walk away. I am afraid you are walking too far already.

Do you know what the bible says about how difficult it is to have those hands of yours on the plough again, once taken off?

*"Don't walk so faraway
from the truth, such that
it becomes absurd to you.*

*Break away from that
friend that is stringing
you along on the journey."*

Controversially Walking Away



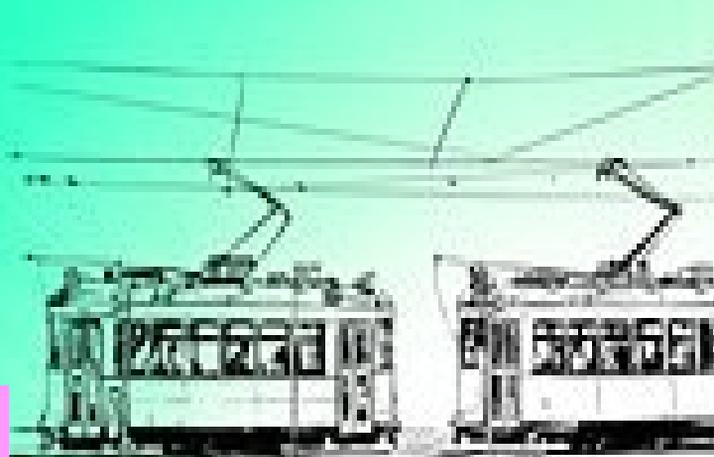
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At one time or the other, different debates surfaces and becomes controversial. One of such is the issue about tithing. Please my brethren, do not let us be carried away by the wind of doctrines. Rather, let the Holy Spirit teach and guide you. Do not just follow a man simply because of his eloquence. The things of God are spiritually discerned not with the wisdom of man. We are in the perilous time as the Bible said. So be careful, we are in the days of scarcity of the true word of God. Even demons now quote the scripture and twist it to deceive believers who do not have a solid foundation in Christ.

Here is my counsel

Know God for yourself; carry the bible, study and compare scriptures, and pray to the Holy Spirit to open the eye of your understanding, by doing these, you will become grounded in the word and ways of God.

Do not join them to judge and castigate the anointed of God. IT IS UNSCRIPTURAL AND UNSPIRITUAL. Remember how God punished Miriam for speaking against Moses. Please take your time to read the fol-



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lowing scriptures:

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Numbers 12:1-11 (NIV)

Be wise! Let God in whose name we pay tithe be the judge of those whom He has put in charge of tithe collection. Please save you soul and that of your generation.

Mind you, some churches are still into charity work, just that they do not make it public. So be careful of passing wrong judgment on the men of God. Do not join them to say what you do not know to avoid God's anger.

In conclusion, we are in the end time. Try to stay connected to God and do away with sin.

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Never Allow

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Fear is not of God and there is no two ways to say it than that. This is a simple truth.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

You and I must know and be convincing that fear is not from God. Under no circumstance will God put fear in your heart. It will not achieve any purpose of God in your life. Fear is not a tool that God works with. You must never think God puts fear in your heart. He will never do that. The implication is that if you see yourself in fear of anything you can be very sure that the fear is not from God.

Fear puts you in bondage

Fear puts people in bondage and keeps them from fully enjoying the freedom and liberty that Jesus has won for them.

... and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:15 NKJV

Fear will always put you in bondage. It steals your freedom and liberty. To enjoy the fullness of the liberty and victory that we have in Christ we cannot afford to allow fear in our hearts. It is as if you are in a prison when you allow fear in your heart.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears



Your Life

has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18 NKJV

Fear torments. Each time you allow fear the fear will torment you. If you look up the meaning of the word 'torment', it means to torture. It also means extreme pain, anguish or misery. These are what fear does. It tortures, puts people in extreme pain and anguish. It makes people miserable.

However, the good news is that we can keep fear out of our lives. It does not matter what the situation is, you

must make a decision that you won't let fear into your heart. That is a decision you and I need to make before we are confronted with challenging situations. Fear will not change any situation but will make you confused and rob you of a clear mind. It will also rob you of your joy. Therefore, it is useless allowing it in our hearts. You must remember that fear brings bondage and you don't want to be in bondage after Christ has set you free.

You can choose not to fear

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28 NKJV

That means you can choose who or what to fear or not. God has empowered us to be able to make that choice. Unfortunately, many people do not know they have the power over fear by choosing not to fear. The simple way to defeat fear is to choose not to fear.

So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6 NKJV

It is a decision you can make. In fact, if you find yourself in a difficult situation, one of the things you should tell yourself is "I won't fear." As simple as that decision not to fear a situation is, it puts you over the situation. If you allow fear to enter your heart, you will be under the situation. Moreover, when you are under a situation due to fear, the situation will control your life. However, when you are on top of a situation, even if it is a difficult one, the situation cannot control your life. Keep in mind, fear is not from God and you can choose not to fear.



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God never gives you a vision you'll accomplish with a tap of your finger. No! He makes them bigger than you; so you'll realize how much you need him for the work. God never gives an assignment that doesn't require him; it is not by power, not by might but by his spirit.

In fact, you may be a virgin in your new vision. You've never done it before! Have you ever considered Mary the mother of Jesus? Yes, Virgin Mary! She hadn't done it before and God said, "You shall have a son..." That looks like a fantasy. Doesn't it?

The angel revealed a 'fantasy'. Like the human being she was, she checked if it was logical, "How can this be, seeing that I'm a virgin?" Little did Mary know that God actually needed someone who hadn't done it before. Mary believed it! "Be it unto me, according to your words", she said.

How big is your dream? How big is your vision? How wild is that thing you call a fantasy? Do yourself a favour; BELIEVE IT. If your decoder was good enough to receive it, you can execute it.

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The angel explained further when Mary asked, “How can this be?” “This is how it works,” he said, “This is obviously bigger than you; you can’t do it on your own. So, first, the Spirit of God will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you... remember not by power, not by might, but by the spirit of God.”

I don’t know the nature of your vision. I don’t know the field he’s sending you. However, I’m sure if you compare it with getting pregnant without sex, you’ll find similarities. The first thing you need to know is that such visions will only manifest by the spirit of God; it’s never a function of muscles. Without you giving the Holy Spirit a place, your dreams will end up a fantasy. Without the Holy Spirit- our heaven sent helper, your vision will (not may) escort you back to heaven.

The angel gave the second and equally essential clue; so short and proverbial. Sharp Mary! She got the message.

“What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age. People used to say she was barren, but now, she’s in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.” What a clue! Does it look like a clue to you? Look out! Someone else, Elizabeth had a wilder vision than hers, and it’s now a reality. Gabriel gave Mary a testimony, a mentor, an encourager, and a friend.

Just a few days later, Mary changed environment. Mary changed her company. She moved to live with Elizabeth who was also nursing a wild vision. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. The babies seemingly saluted each other. Both visions charged up each other. What a mystery! Just a greeting, from a friend who believes in your vision, who has the spirit of God, can go a long way in you manifesting your visions. How

can you carry a God given vision and move with friends who salute you wrongly and expect to manifest? Your company matters!

The many words that came out of Elizabeth's mouth did more than a confirmation that Mary's vision was real. Mary became so sure, that she magnified God for the manifestation of such a wild vision. Elizabeth had a testimony. Move with people that have testimonies. People who will tell you that God is able to do whatever He says He would do. People who won't tell you, "Wake up, it's just a dream; if wishes were horses, beggars would ride."

Elizabeth was elderly. Move with elders. Elders have had experiences. Elizabeth was godly. Move with godly people. If you must fulfill that dream, locate your Elizabeth. For all visions, there is an Elizabeth allocated.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months. By three months, a pregnant woman can no longer deny it. Do you realize that Mary conceived by faith? Elizabeth was just the best company for such pregnancy. If she had been with people who sang to her daily, "Mary, you can't be pregnant without sex," she probably would have lost it. Elizabeth called Mary, "The mother of my Lord." She heard that each day and by three months, it was undeniably established.

I don't know the kind of vision you carry today. Yes, I know you haven't done it before. I know you don't have the resources. Just believe it. Wise & rich men from foreign countries left their companies, shut down their accounts & located Mary to bless the vision.

Your resources are coming! Just believe!

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