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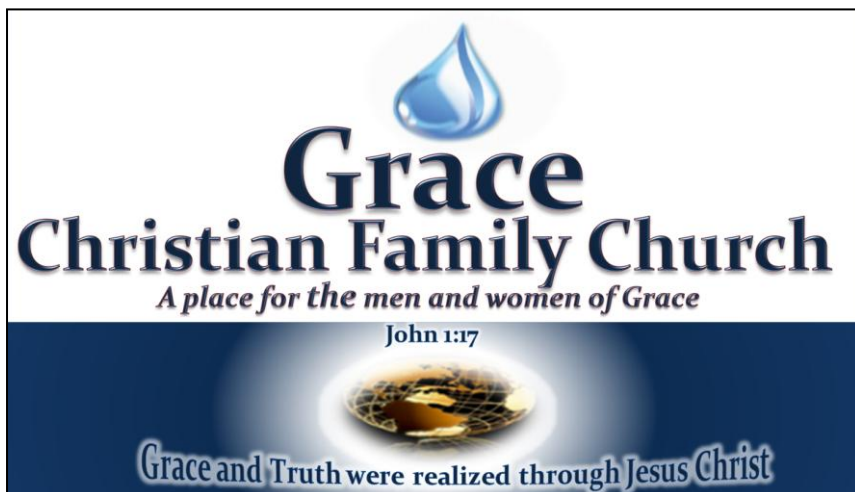
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Preface

Walking with God – *The fading element of truth in God’s Kingdom living*. This book is about revealing and emphasizing the important of walking with God on our daily lives in His Kingdom. This element is vanishing in our Christian walk even though we do not realize it; and it is slowly slipping away, and replaced by today’s Christian superficial and artificial living. Most of us have the form but not the real experience. We will explore this element by looking back at the patriarchs of faith. We will examine their relationship with God and what make them differ from us, and we will find out about the important of this element and what are the benefits that we have been missing in our Christian walk. By looking at these factors, this book will challenge your faith, and make you take inventory of your relationship with God, develop you to have a productive relationship with God which will result in the manifestation of God’s favor in your life, that will be witness by everyone around you, and will make you live effectively in God’s Kingdom.

Introduction.

I was listening to Dr Leroy Thompson sermon one day when He made a statement that stuck with me ever since that day. He said there are Christians who walk without the accreditation or credentials of revelation and manifestation. By the way, He was teaching on the subject of faith. When I heard this statement, it connects with something I have been concerned for quite a while about, when it comes into our walk with God. Almost most Christians can claim they are walking with God on daily basis. This term is being used to describe our relationship with God. However, how many of us, who claim that, are really experiencing the full benefit of walking with God. Is one thing to claim something but is another to show the evidence of what you claim.

We begin our journey with God through accepting the gospel about Jesus Christ. The gospel that was introduced in the world through the balance of the Word of God and His Deed or the Manifestation of His Power.

When Jesus starts His ministry, He was full of the power of the Spirit. The evidence of what He preached witnessed by people through signs and wonders that followed His ministry on earth. The gospel does not come with words only, but it also comes with the power of God. After all, the gospel is power of God.

Rom: 1:16: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

You cannot take power out of the gospel, because the gospel is power of God unto salvation. Therefore, if we

began our walk with God through the word of God and power of God, that means the rest of our journey with God **must, have to, and obliged to** be accompanied by the balance of revealed word and the manifestation of God's power.

Rom: 15:18: *For I will not dare to speak of any of those things, which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,*

Rom: 15:19: *Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*

Our Christian living with God must have the accreditation of revelation and manifestation. This is requisite if you are walking with God. I am not talking about the ministry only but in your personal life, you should have this accreditation. Accreditation means official approval, official recognition, and endorsement. That simply means, when God walk with man He endorse His relationship with him. Your walk with Him is official approved and official recognized by heaven. That means the angels have no choice but to follow you around and be at your service.

Psalms 90:17: *“And may the Lord our God show us His approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!”*

Another factor we need to understand about this element is that, any revelation from God must produce the manifestation of the Holy Spirit power. The Holy Spirit must back up or confirm any revelation that you have. If it can't be confirmed it can't be proven.

This is very crucial in our walk with God, especial when it comes to witnessing about Jesus. You cannot preach something you can't prove whether it is working or not.

That is why we are going to explore this subject on this book. We will look at patriarchs of faith like Abraham and others, to observe how they walked with God and what we can learn from their encounter with God.

Chapter 1

Who is God?

Jer: 9:24: *“But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD”.*

Walking with God requires us to know who is God, since we cannot walk with God we do not know. In Jeremiah God said, he who boast, let him boast in this fact alone, that, they understand and know who God is. Then God begin to describe His moral attributes which are lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, and He carry on to say He doesn't just demonstrates this attributes but He delight in them. This shows how vital it is even to God, to walk with someone who knows Him.

When we got saved, we are introduced to Jesus the Son of God who came to introduce His Father and Holy Spirit to us. We begin to understand and learn more about God through our journey with Him with the help of the Holy Spirit. Although God is always there, we needed official introduction to begin our journey with Him. That is why we need to know who is God?

Hebrew word for God is '**Elohim**'. This word literally means Deity, Divinity, and Divine Being. What we can know from the bible about who God is, we learned it from His attributes are shown in His word. Attributes are those qualities, characteristics, and traits that belong to God alone. The two main factions that define the attributes of God are Indispensable and moral.

- ✚ **Indispensable Attributes:** These attribute make God who He is.
- **God is eternal:** which signifies that He has no beginning or ending. God is the Alpha and the Omega, and The King Eternal. [Deut: 33:27, Rev: 1:8, and 1Tm:1:17.]
 - **God is Omnipotent:** This means that God is All Powerful and Sovereignty. He is Almighty God, All things are possible with Him, and He is the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. [Gen: 35:11, Matt: 28:18, Luke: 1:37, and Rev: 19:6.]
 - **God is Omniscient:** This means God is All Knowing. God have absolute knowledge, absolute wisdom, and absolute understanding. [Job: 21:22, Luke: 16:15, and 1Cor: 2:11.]
 - **God is Omnipresent:** This means God is All-Present. God is unlimited by space, cosmos, or time. [Psalms: 68:8, and Psalms: 139:7.]
 - **God is Immutable:** This means God do not change. There is no shadow of turning in Him. [Mal: 3:6, Num: 23:19, and James: 1:17.]
 - **God is self-Existent:** God exists in and from Himself. God owes His own existence to Himself. God does not depend on any other to sustain Him. God is the source of all life and His life is underived, original, inexhaustible, infinite, inestimable, and cosmic. [John: 1:1-4, and Psalms: 36:9.]

- ✚ **Moral Attributes:** These attributes are God characteristics that He reveals in relation to man.
- **God's Righteousness:** This means God is just, upright, holy, and blameless. [Psalms: 7:17, Psalms: 71:19, and Rom: 1:17.]
 - **God's Love:** This means God is love. Here God is showing us His love, goodness, compassion, grace, and His kindness. [1John: 4:8, 16, Psalms: 27:13, 1Cor: 15:10, Lam: 3:22 and Exod: 34:6.]
 - **God's Faithfulness:** This means God is trustworthy, dependable, reliable, responsible, constant and truthful. [Psalms: 36:5, Psalms: 119:90 Lam: 3:23.]

What I have just described here is a small portion of who God is. I do not think there would ever be enough words or expressions to portray who God is. Every encounter with God is unique to each generation yet He remains the same yesterday, today and forever. Every experience with God exposes or depicts different distinctiveness of His divine nature to us. You cannot walk with God and be unable to find your own way to describe your personal experience with Him.

- Abraham walked with God and knew Him in Genesis as the Creator, Almighty God, Jehovah-Jireh, and God his shield. [Gen: 1:2, Ge:15:1, Gen: 17:1, Ge:22:14: and Col: 1:16.]
- Moses walked with God and knew Him in Exodus as the 'I AM THAT I AM', Deliverer, Jehovah and Passover Lamb. [Exod: 3: Exod: 6:1-8 and 1Cor:7.]

- Those who walked with God in Leviticus knew Him as the Holy High Priest. [Lev: Lev: 7:35, and Heb:9:11:]
- Those who walked with God in Numbers knew Him as the serpent of Brass and the Smitten Rock. [Num: 21:7-9, Num: 20:8-13, John: 3:14, and 1Cor: 10:4.]
- Those who walked with God in Deuteronomy knew Him as the Rock and the One Who Gives Ability to Produce Wealth. [Deut: 8:18, and Deut: 32:4, 18, 31.]
- Joshua walked with God and knew Him as the Captain of our Salvation. [Josh: 5:13-15, and Heb: 2:10.]
- Judges walked with God and they knew Him as the Righteous Judge. [Judges: 2:18, and 2Tim: 4:8.]
- Ruth walked with God and knew Him as the Lord of Harvest and Kinsman Redeemer. [Ruth: 2:14-17, Ruth: 4:1-12, Luke: 10:2, and Psalms: 78:35:]
- Hannah walked with Him and knew Him as God who answers prayers and the God of knowledge. [1Sam: 2:3, and 1Sam: 1:20]
- Ezra walked with God and knew Him as the Scribe and Restorer. [Ezra: 7:6-12, and Ezra: 6:-7]
- Esther walked with God and knew Him as the Lord Who Favours her. [Esther: 2:15-17]
- David walked with God and knew Him as the Good Shepherd. [Psalms: 23]

We can go on and on, about the Patriarchs of faith who walked with God and we won't finish them all. Some they knew God as the Rewarder of Faith, Burden bearer, Shekinah Glory, Our Salvation, Son of God, Anointed One, Preacher, Apostle, Prophet.

The Word, Head of the Church, Provider, Resurrection, My righteousness, My Joy, My Peace, My Sanctifier, My Justifier, My Advocate.

The One Who Fight My Battles, Great Teacher, Savior, Chief Cornerstone, The Truth, The Soon Coming King, and The Lamb of God.

All these names came from different individuals who walked with the same God in distinct times, dispensations, cultures, and even situations. They all encounter different characteristics of who God is in their personal walk with Him. Therefore as you begin your close walk with God, you will know Him in a way you never been taught of about Him before. You will have your own personal description of His divine nature and qualities.

I believe walking with God is a special, unique, exceptional and intimate communion with Him, resulting in visible manifestation of His power or favor in your life that is witnesses by other people rather than yourself.

Chapter 2

What it means to walk with God?

Gen: 5:24: *“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”*

Walking with God is a common term used a lot among God’s people today as we have stated. However, do we really understand it? What do we mean when we say we are walking with God? Some may think it means to be too spiritual, praying, speaking in tongues, praising and worship, and attending church all the time. Some think it is witnessing and preaching all the time. Nevertheless, doing all these things does it means we are really walking with God in a true sense of this term. If that is true what are the evidence of that?

I believe in practicing all that I mentioned above, but then after doing all this, if you still live a life that does not show visible evidences of God’s favor working in your life, it means there is something missing. I believe that, when you are walking with God, your life should have the accreditation of revelation and manifestation. This means what you say, believes, or stands for, must have visible reflection in your own personal life. It does not make sense to claim you are in relationship with God and still live a life that is not reflecting the advantage or benefits of that.

There is nothing that is so frustrating than seeing other people who do not have the kind of relationship you claim you have with God, becoming more progressive before you, and prospering in whatever they do, more

than you do. They don't pray three hours like you, or seek God early in the morning, speaking in tongues more than anyone, neither they fast, nor hate sin, they don't even meditating on the word day and night, and confessing it in any given moment you get, but it seems like everything is going well with them. And you wonder why things are not working out with you as they suppose to be.

To walk with God must cause all things to fall in place in your life. Situations like lack, insufficient, struggle with sickness, unsuccessful in ministry, business or your career, disfunction in your family, and a lot more other struggles we are dealing with, they bring questions on our relationship with God.

And on the other hand facing these struggles doesn't mean there is something wrong if this is the testing of your faith and God is just stretching your faith in order to take you into another level in your walk with Him. In this particular case your struggle is making sense. Because the favour of God, His sufficient grace and His presence is giving you the assurance that will give you the peace of mind and knowledge that God is in control of your situation and you can see the horizon.

But if you are wondering, confused and frustrated, than there is definitely something wrong with your relationship with God.

In this book, I would like to explore with you some important elements of truth that will address questions you have, even though you never ask about them out loud, but you think about them in your heart. Like, does God really hear me when I pray? If He does why I do not see any change in my situation? Does He care about me? If He does, where He is? You have done it all the word tells you to do. You pray, stand on the word; confess the word, waited on God, acted on your faith, but things still

seems the same. You have been preaching faithfully for years, doing God's work devotedly. However, secretly you wonder why your family is struggling, why they are paying the price for your calling.

You have been sowing in the kingdom faithfully but you are barely surviving. Where is God's approval in your life? You are in the moment of giving up. You even think sinners are living better than you are. And you are about to give up on your faith.

This book is about challenging your faith, challenging you to take inventory of your life, stirring up your desire to develop your relationship with God, provoking or inflaming your need to seek God and His best for you, and will help you to develop an intimacy relationship with the Father which will produce God's accreditation of revelation and manifestation that will be God's approval on your life, ministry, business, career, and family.

Let us now define what it means to walk with God. God's relationship with Abraham gives us a perfect definition on what it means to walk with God.

Gen: 21:22: *And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spoke unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:*

Gen: 21:23: *Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, or with my son, or with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shall do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned."*

Here we see Abraham walked with God to a point where it was evident to the people around him. Abimelech the king of Gerar, after observing God's favor on the Abraham's life, he decided to make a covenant him. In

Abraham's life, you can see that the evidence that shows he walked with God was reflecting in everything that he does.

This means walking with God is far more than what you do for Him in your personal life, or in the Church. It is not even something that you can claim when you are among people. Walking with God results in the supernatural evidence of God's favor manifesting in your own personal life, that can be witnessed by other people rather than yourself. Results of walking with God should reflect supernatural acts of God in your life that go beyond human comprehension.

The reason I am saying that, it is because when you think about God, His presence, and His power, you cannot help it but to think supernatural, because that is how He introduced Himself to us in His word. When you look at the way God created the earth, animals and human beings, you can see the supernatural acts of God.

There is no scientist that can explain how you can create something visible by just speaking the word only.

Heb: 11:3: *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

Therefore if you are walking with God, it means wherever you are and whatever you do, you'll leave the evidence of God's supernatural acts for people to see that God is with you.

I know what I have just described here so far is a challenge for most of God's people. However, I believe everyone not only believers, but also even sinners; they have the desire of something that is beyond natural. I believe that, we all wish we could have power to control every situation we are challenged with in our lives.

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