

A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and a dense canopy of leaves in various shades of yellow, orange, and brown, indicating autumn. The tree is set against a clear blue sky. In the background, there are other trees and a building with a curved roofline. The ground is covered with fallen leaves.

# SEASONS

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*All referenced scriptures are from the King James Version, except otherwise stated.*

## Preface

*The Microwave Generation* —That's our current reality. We don't like to wait for anything. I mean, who does? The quicker, the better. At least, that's what we think.

Does this apply to spiritual things as well? When the wait seems endless, do we give in and perhaps conclude that is God's will for our lives?

Waiting is not the easiest thing to do. More so, it can be painful. Characterised by fear, uncertainty, anxiety, tears, name it. But, do you realize your waiting season is worth investing in? You can 'throw' yourself at God and trust Him to help you maximize it.

I pray that through this resource, the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to the blessings etched in your waiting season; it could be for a spouse, a child, a dream job... Whatever it is, you will not only come out stronger, but your testimony will also strengthen others.

God's blessings always,  
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## Chapter 1 - My Time is Now



It was March 2019. My church, Living Faith Church, Durumi, Abuja had organized a singles meeting. Typical of such meetings, there was palpable excitement and vibrancy from the participants. A mix of being there for the fun of it, and possibly some expectation of being spotted by “Mr Right” or “Miss Perfect.”

“What is the right age to be married?” Pastor Abraham Ojeme, the Resident Pastor at the time asked. Lots of answers reverberated across the church; 22, 25, 27, 28... Everyone with their differing opinions, attempting to drown the voices of others. My pastor allowed a few more thoughts and finally said something that stuck with me. “There is no right age. The age you get married is the best age to be married.” In addition, he said marriage had nothing to do with age, academic qualifications or financial status. Rather, it had everything to do with how prepared the individual was. More so, one’s level of preparation was only known to God and the individual involved.

He then spoke to the theme of the meeting, “My Time is Now;” stating it was not for want of a title. Rather, it was a prophetic word directed at whoever was ready to receive it.

At this time, I sat up; it was about to be a singles meeting with a difference. That must have been the first meeting where I was intentional about all I heard. My mindset on an appropriate age for marriage had just been overhauled. In fact, right after that meeting, I stuck up a poster with four words on a conspicuous part of my bathroom wall. It read, “**My Time is Now.**”

I should tell you about the script I had developed growing up. I was to be married at 25 (because I assumed it was the right age for marriage) and done with childbearing before 30. As a teenager and up till my early twenties, I had thought and even concluded that ladies who did not get married at about 25 were not doing something right. But guess what? During my waiting season, I got to better understand **Ecclesiastes 9:11**, “*I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the strong, and neither is bread to the wise nor riches to those of intelligence and understanding nor favor to men of ability; but time and chance overtake them all.*”

I realized nothing can be achieved by expertise, instead, God’s favour is the differentiating factor. It can make a celebrity out of a nonentity. It was this order of favour that made Esther (the Jewish slave girl) become King Ahasuerus’ choice; **Esther 2:17**. Ordinarily, Esther was no match for a queen. Not by any standard. It was time to take my eyes off all I thought I had to my advantage, and rely entirely on God’s favour.

Are you being beaten by the age bug or consumed by societal expectations because you are past a certain age? It's time to entirely subscribe to God's favour.

I bring you the same prophetic word I received in March 2019, "My time is now." It's okay to also post it in a conspicuous location, which will keep you constantly reminded. However, you must first receive the prophetic word, believe it, and show God that you truly believe by taking steps of faith.

Stay with me.





## Chapter 2 - What is on Your Shopping List?



This was another question Pastor Ojeme posed to the singles at that meeting. “If a potential suitor walked into this room or you had several people interested in you, what would inform your choice?”

Tall, dark, and handsome. Well built. Lives in a highbrow part of town. A good spender. Someone from my state of origin. Let’s call this shopping list A. List B, on the other hand, has: Believer, purposeful, knowledge-driven, investment-oriented, well-built, light-skinned, and drives a good car. What do you think about both lists? There is no right or wrong answer, however, from both lists we can pick a thing or two about the ladies. Lady A is less concerned about the spirituality of her potential spouse, and so a man with qualities on list B is not likely to fascinate her. He might sound a good catch to someone else, but not Lady A. Hence the popular phrase, “he is not my type.”

As a child of God, your shopping list should not undermine the place of spirituality. Except you think for any reason you can do without it. You are not being unspiritual if you tell God the kind of job/business you want your spouse to be engaged in, where you desire your family to live after marriage, his physical appearance, and so on.

However, you must stay tuned to the Holy Spirit and trust Him to guide your decisions. With God, there is nothing like asking too much or being too detailed. You can tell God exactly what you want.

As I learnt from my Pastor, God is not just my God, He is also my Father. As such, He is delighted when I make progress in life. He is interested in every segment of my life. He is pleased to answer my prayers (and thoughts) that are in accordance with His will; **Ephesians 3:20**, *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,”*

Your list also helps to keep you in check. For instance, if you have a purpose box on your checklist, you know that a person who wants a relationship with you just for the sake of it isn't someone you should consider. When you hear lines such as, “let's see where this takes us,” the question of purpose is far-fetched. This might not augur with what you have always known about relationships, but if you are interested in doing things the way God-ordained, then your relationship should have a clear intent from the beginning.

What kind of person are you comfortable being with? Can you easily communicate with an extrovert or would you rather an introvert like yourself?

How about your walk with God? Would you get put off by a person who takes God seriously? What do you spend your money on? What are your thoughts on tithing? The Bible is clear on this, but there are varied interpretations of the scriptures these days? What side are you on?

Your single season affords you sufficient time to introspect and seek knowledge. As stated in the previous chapter, you and God know when you are ready for a marriage-bound and godly relationship. Instead of letting the unending questions on when you intend to get married weigh you down, why not get busy serving God? The moment you transit from this single season, it is gone forever. According to God's order, that is.

I got wind of a scripture that captured my shopping list in a message by the Founder of Awesome Treasures Foundation, Jumoke Adenowo. In that message, She shared from **1 Samuel 16:18**. I already had a shopping list, but realizing I had most of my desires summed up in this scripture was both captivating and reassuring.

The New King James Version states, *“Then one of the servants answered and said, “Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him.”*

While this scripture describes David as a young shepherd boy, I adapted some of these as qualities I desired my husband to possess. Skilful-an excellent individual. A mighty man of valor- courageous. Man of war- one who takes spiritual responsibility over his home. Prudent in speech- one who is slow to speak and speaks wisely. Handsome person- good looking. The Lord is with him-he embodies divine presence.

If these sum up your desire, it might be worth taking it to God daily in thanksgiving as I did. You are saying to God, “I have identified the kind of person I want as a spouse and I thank you for bringing him to me.” (Did you spot handsome in that verse as well? God is not anti-good looks ).

For the male reader, you are probably wondering how this applies to you, and it sure does. You can adapt the scripture, and replace them with female qualities. Alternatively, search out scriptures that address your desire. **Proverbs 31** is a good example.





## Chapter 3 - Word Stones



The primary source of lasting deliverance is the word of God. Prophecies are great, prayer and fasting is also important. In fact, the Bible talks about certain kinds which only respond to prayer and fasting; **Matthew 17:21**. However, the difference between an answered versus an unanswered prayer is the content.

What is the content of your prayer? How word-based is it? This is yet another lesson I learnt from Pastor Ojeme. Experiencing answers to your prayers begins with identifying scriptures that address your need(s). Sadly, many want to avoid this route, and would rather have someone else pray and fast for them. Some have become victims while going from one ‘prayer house’ to another or seeking some ‘prophet’ to prophesy over their lives.

Prayer, according to God’s template, is literally taking His word back to Him, and asking that He confirms it. Anything outside this is different from what God intended. Before you present your next round of requests to God, please ensure you identify scriptures that capture your desire. The word of God is complete and thorough. There is no situation in your life that does not have an answer in there.

Perhaps, you are in a waiting season for children. Your answer is not in your tears. It's right there in the word of God. For example, **Psalm 127:3** states, *“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.”* As long as you are a member of God's family, you are entitled to having children because it is one of the privileges that accrue to you. In fact, according to the President of Living Faith Church worldwide, Bishop David Oyedepo, every believer is entitled to at least two children (if they desire).

One is due you as a member of the family of Christ (heritage), and the other is a reward for your service in His vineyard. If you are experiencing a delay in bringing forth, this is one of the scriptures to hold on to.

Locating the scripture(s) is step one; praying with it is step two. There are also other necessary ingredients like faith, patience, praise, hope, testimonies, and many more. The fact that you prayed right today may not translate to having your answers the next day. You would need to stay on the word until your testimony is delivered.

Let's examine these in detail.



## Chapter 4 - Factors for Changing Seasons



### Faith

In your waiting season, God will demand certain steps of faith from you. Your obedience determines the manifestation of your testimony. Remember, faith without works is dead; **James 2:17**. I have heard several testimonies of how people entered new seasons by their faith. In Pastor Faith Oyedepo's book, *Rescued From Destruction*, she mentions how she identified healing scriptures and would have these read over her when she could not do so herself. She had some of these scriptures pasted on the walls, where she could see them. The doctor's reports and her physical body condition appeared contrary to the scriptures, but she chose to keep believing the constant — God's word. This is another truth we must arm ourselves with as we journey through life. God's word is unchanging, regardless of the seasons we find ourselves. It is the more sure word of prophecy; **2 Peter 1:19**. Our situations on the other hand are the variables that have to conform to His word.

In addition, your faith needs to be constantly charged. Mind you, you will never get to a point where you will no longer need to build up your faith. God's word (either from the scriptures or through messages from anointed vessels) is the principal requirement for building up your faith. This is why the Bible says in **Romans 10:17**, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

I remember the words of one of my pastors which has become one of my mantras. “There is no such thing as faith that would not come to pass.” As long as it is God you are expressing your faith in, He will certainly come through for you.

## Patience

While virtually attending the 2019 edition of the West Africa Faith Believers Convention (WAFBEC), organised by The Covenant Nation, I heard a message on patience that changed my perspective. The minister, Pastor Keion Henderson had preached from **Mark 4:28**. It states, *“For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.”* In his message, he highlighted the importance of exercising patience while waiting on God, as testimonies often manifest in stages.

Think about the physical corn crop. It takes between 90-120 days from when it is planted to when it becomes ready to harvest. It buds in bits as we see in this scripture. First the blade, then the ear, before the full corn appears. If physical crops germinate in stages, why are we quick to conclude that our prayers have not been answered? This is not to undermine the place of instant testimonies. However, when God is taking us through a process before the seasons change, we must learn to trust the process. We might be at the ear stage when we decide to throw in the towel in frustration. Meanwhile, God is saying, “Oh child, if only you knew what I had in store for you.”

Keep your faith alive, manifestation is on the way. If God said it, He is sure to keep His part of the covenant. Please, be patient.

Fast forward to May 2019, during the 38th Anniversary of the Living Faith Church, Bishop Oyedepo also said something along the lines of patience, and waiting on God’s timing. He said, “Don’t time God, you are not his boss. He makes all things beautiful in his time.” I couldn’t let this one go. He further explained that in God’s time, everything aligns and only then would you understand why He made you wait.



I was so intoxicated by this revelation that as soon as we arrived home from church, I told my siblings that my wedding hashtag would be *#AllThingsBeautiful*. I wrote it everywhere. I was beyond convinced that it was only a matter of time for my testimony to manifest.

Did it happen the next day, next month, or same year? No, it did not. But, a faith seed had certainly been planted.

## Praise

In Bishop David Oyedepo's words, "When you do for God what He cannot do for Himself, He does for you what you cannot do for yourself." He also describes praise as a spiritual weapon for transferring your battles to God. It is that weapon you engage when you do not know what else to do. You may have fasted and prayed all you can, yet your desires still seem far-fetched; it's time to engage praise.

Praise shouldn't be limited to when God has shown up for you. That is thanksgiving. When things don't seem to add up, would you still celebrate the faithfulness of God? Little wonder the Bible refers to it as a sacrifice in **Hebrews 13:15**. *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."*

It is a sacrifice when we don't feel like it. Much more when circumstances do not demand a response of praise. But, when we engage the weapon of praise in such seasons, God cannot but move on our behalf. Why do you think the word of God instructs the barren to sing in Isaiah 54? It doesn't stop there, it further mandates her to "...break forth into singing, and cry aloud..." Insane expectations you might think, but God only operates in an atmosphere of praise.

As long as you keep doing what your waiting season may suggest (crying, worrying, getting depressed), you are only elongating the season. How about you drop all the worries at Jesus' feet, and get praising Him.

The Hallelujah Challenge platform is yet another platform that has taught me the importance of praise. Led by one of God's minstrels in this generation, Pastor Nathaniel Bassey, it exposes you to the power of midnight praise and worship according to the Paul and Silas order in Acts 16:25. All the editions have been historic, with amazing testimonies to match. Testimonies of salvation, healing and deliverance, miracle conceptions, miracle marriages, visas, scholarships, and much more, have characterised this platform. Not only have I been blessed by the testimonies of others, I have also experienced a deluge of answers to prayers. If you are yet to join an edition of the Hallelujah Challenge, I encourage you to keep an eye on Pastor Nathaniel's [Instagram page](#).

## Hope

Bunmi Oduah was another person I encountered during my waiting season. Her ministry is targeted at encouraging ladies who are waiting on God, especially for Godly spouses and the fruit of the womb. I read her book, "[Let's end this wait!](#)" in February 2020, and it renewed my hope in God. One of the scriptures that jumped at me in the early pages of the book was Proverbs 13:12. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life." It was not the first time I was coming across that scripture, but the Holy Spirit interpreted it to me in a different light. He said, "I understand waiting can be sickening, but when your desire manifests, it will be like a tree of life. It will provide everything you ever wanted and it would be absolutely worth the wait."

My heart was glad. I began to bubble with a new level of excitement knowing that my answer would be worth the wait.

God requires our hope before He can come through for us. You are probably wondering where faith comes in. You see, both are required. However, faith thrives on hope.

Can you be hopeful again? Your desire will be worth the wait. You will look back and thank God because your desire will be a tree of life to you.

Perhaps you are in that season where you are trusting God for a spouse or a miracle baby, Bunmi Oduah's community will bless you. You should check it out.

### **Testimonies**

Oh, the power of testimonies. I love to hear them. I once heard Pst (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo mention that she takes notes during testimonies, just like she would during a sermon. She documents what the testifier's challenge was, the steps of faith he/she took and a summary of the eventual testimony. I found it remarkable, and I began to do the same.

The reason is simple. Testimonies are major faith boosters. They highlight practical steps a person took towards the delivery of their miracles; such that those trusting God for that type of miracle know what steps they also can take to birth theirs.

I listened to testimonies of miracle marriages with excitement and expectation. I was always eager to know what steps they took. I recall reaching out to Mrs Ayo Mairo Ese shortly after she got married.

I had followed her blog '[oneplustheone](#),' so I knew she had been on a waiting journey. I was thrilled when the news of her engagement to Mairo Ese broke. I looked out for her testimony, I was eager to know what she did. If waiting would eventually result in having a Kingdom-focused and purpose-oriented partner, I decided I would rather have that.

Eventually, I got hold of her testimony. The highlight for me was how she mentioned expressing her desire to God during an end of year service at the Redemption Camp in Ogun State, Nigeria. She told God how she desired to be married in the coming year and God did come through for her, just like she had expressed. Talk about the power of expectation.

Back to my reaching out to her. I sent her a message on Instagram, letting her know how excited I was for her, and how I was believing God for a similar order of testimony. She replied with a prayer that God would surpass my expectations. That blessed me, and I learnt the importance of praying for and with others who are in a season you have been. It usually hits differently, because, for one, they know you can relate with their challenge.

Another striking testimony I learnt from was that of [Love Oyedepo Ogah](#). This was about a delay in childbirth, but I found her steps of faith adaptable to my situation. She talked about identifying scriptures that addressed her need, and how she would confess them regularly. She also stated how she kept playing messages throughout the pregnancy, both to strengthen her faith and for the unborn baby to also hear God's word. She did this because she had learnt that everything hears the word of God. The highlight for me was the revelation about Alpha and Omega.



Before listening to her testimony, I knew Alpha and Omega to be one of God's names, but she called out something I had never heard about. She said Alpha and Omega means whatever God starts, He is also able to complete. He won't start a thing and have the devil finish it up. Wow! That was a massive revelation.

I began applying it to every area of my life, and it sure did produce. The first miracle I got through that revelation was a job in a sector I had desired for the longest time. As soon as I got in for the first interview, I was beyond convinced that the job was mine. My prayer line was simple, "God, you have started this process, I trust you to complete it because you are Alpha and Omega." And He did.

When you testify, you are extolling the greatness of God, and also giving others the opportunity to key into your testimony, thus birthing theirs.

**Psalm 34:3** states, *"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."*

## Soul Winning

I think it's almost impossible to listen to any of Bishop Oyedepo's messages and not hear about soul winning or kingdom advancement endeavours. He refers to soul winning as the heartbeat of God, as seen in **Matthew 28:19-20** "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father...*"

In March 2015, a daily Morning Prayer hour was introduced across the Living Faith Church network. Most of the prayer lines at this prayer hour are focused on kingdom endeavours. At first, I could not understand it. I was participating all right, but not with the right heart and approach. I found myself engaging in the outreaches and praying for souls because I wanted God's blessings. To me, this was an exchange system. I give God souls, and He blesses me in return.

You can bet that I ran out of steam in no time. I felt somewhat disappointed that God was not attending to my personal needs. Over time, God helped me to realize that I had a wrong mindset. I repented and asked God for a new beginning. Gradually, I began to realize that I could not genuinely engage, and not get rewarded.

Meanwhile, I was part of a soul winning group- Jesus Crusaders' Army in my church. After the first service, we would visit locations around the church to invite people for the subsequent services. My pastor at the time, Pastor Moses Oyedele had instituted the group by the leading of the Holy Spirit in 2018.

Going into the nooks and crannies of Durumi, Abuja made me better appreciate the importance of evangelism.

We met all kinds of people. The hungry, abused, delinquent youth, name it. Yet, we watched God change their lives for good, one after the other. They did not all respond to the first invite. In fact, some did not respond for several months. I remember a particular barber we had met and kept inviting. For more than a year, it seemed like all our efforts in inviting him were not yielding any results. All of a sudden, my team met him on a particular day, well-groomed and returning from church. He told us how he had been attending church, and was now a better person. The joy in our hearts could not be quantified. It gives you a foretaste of the joy heaven describes over a sinner who repents; **Luke 15:7**.

As we kept reaching out to these people weekly, God visited every member of my team. One after the other, we experienced the manifestation of our desires. We had miracle jobs, admissions, graduations, the fruit of the womb, marital settlement, testimonies of divine healing and health. Not one member of the group was left without a witness of God's power.

I cannot thank God enough for Bishop Oyedepo and my pastors, whom God used to stir me up in this direction. If you desire a change in season, get involved in soul winning and kingdom advancement endeavours. It is the winning ticket you need. You will no longer have to pray about many things because you receive them as a bonus. **Matthew 6:33**, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

This scripture has become life to me. I hope this becomes your testimony too.

## Scriptures

God meant it when He said, *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* **Matthew 24:35**. The word of God is so potent that God exalts it above His name; **Psalm 138:2**.

I learnt so much from Pastor Ojeme in this regard. He would admonish that before taking any matter to God in prayer, you should find out God’s mind about the situation from His word. Thankfully, everything we need or will ever need is already provided for in God’s word. However, it takes a diligent search through the scriptures to discover God’s provision. Once you can locate the scripture(s) that pertain to you, and you believe it, you are already on the path of victory. (We see the role of scriptures in Love Oyedepo Ogah’s testimony narrated above).

I got so intrigued by scriptures that addressed my desire for a godly spouse. They got me so excited that I had a special book where I wrote them out. And as often as possible, I would confess them, loud enough for the devil to hear. It infused faith in me every time I did.

Here are some of them:

**Isaiah 34:16**- *“Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read; no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.”*

**Psalm 145:15-16**- *“The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.”*

**Ecclesiastes 4:9**- *“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.”*

**Psalms 62:5**- *“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.”*

**Psalms 68:8**- *“God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.”*

**Isaiah 52:7**- *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.”*

**Joshua 21:45** - *“There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.”*

**Proverbs 23:18**- *“For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.”*

**Psalms 128:3, 6** - *“Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.*

*“Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.”*

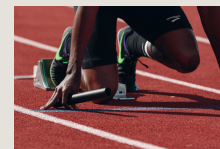
**Isaiah 8:18**- *“Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.”*

I hope these scriptures stir up your faith, while you trust God for the manifestation of your testimonies. I also encourage you to go on a personal search of the scriptures, and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. He might lead you to some scriptures that may not seem to explicitly address your need, but you should pay attention because He can never lead you on a wrong path.

As you keep fueling your faith through the word of God, your doubts are eventually subdued.



## Chapter 5 - The Place of Preparation



In Kenneth E. Hagin's book, *Following God's Plan For Your Life*, he prays, "And for that which Thou has prepared for me, prepare Thou me."

When inadequately prepared for a new season, it becomes a burden, rather than a blessing. While God prepares you for what He has in store for you, you also have a responsibility of preparing yourself. How so? You may ask.

We explored some of the elements of preparation in the previous chapter, but another important factor to call out is the place of knowledge. For instance, it is unwise to be praying for marital settlement, and yet not seek knowledge in this regard. Have you taken out time to identify what the word of God says about marriage? How many books from proven and spirit-filled authors have you read? Do you attend conferences, seminars, workshops that address your desire?

Fortunately, knowledge cannot be acquired by confession, you have to be deliberate about it. Also, your level of preparation in your current season ultimately determines what the future season would hold. A season not fully utilised is a wasted season. This is why you must trust God to help you make the most of every season you find yourself; whether or not you find it pleasant.

Instead of attempting to cry away the season, ask God to help you prepare adequately for what lies ahead. More so, once a season ends, you cannot have it back.

I encourage you to do all you can to make the most of your waiting season.



While waiting on God to come through, you can enrol for that programme. Make that investment. Join that volunteering group. Learn a new skill. There are too many positive things you can do other than getting angry at God, and constantly crying. Get too invested in serving God, and developing yourself that you have no spare time to worry.



## Chapter 6 - God is Faithful



“Men are scarce.”

“A good man is hard to find.”

“Men are scum.”

“There are no more good ladies these days.”

“The reason I’m experiencing this delay is because of where I live.”

You have most likely heard one or more of these lines. Maybe you have even used them yourself. This may not be necessarily because you have experienced the ‘evils’ of either gender, but you have unconsciously found yourself jumping on these lines. It might be your idea of maintaining societal relevance, or contributing to these topics. Please, be cautious how you use your words.

When you have already accepted the societal ‘truth’ that men are scum, why do you still desire to get married? Are you asking God to give you from the ‘scummy’ lot? Or, when you say there are no more good ladies these days, yet you still desire to get married. It must mean you intend to settle for one of these same ladies that are no good. The latter part of Mark 11:23 states, “...he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

We have also heard from life coaches and motivational speakers that our expectations shape our realities.

Could you take out some time to introspect and get rid of the false truths you have come to accept? You would also need to replace these with the truth of God's word, because nature abhors vacuum. Then, just like you openly confessed those negative statements, begin to make positive declarations about your expectations.

As often as Pastor Ojeme could, he would declare over those desiring marital settlement that, "God will not just settle you, He will give you *Olorunsogo*, not *Surulere*." (Both words are from the Yoruba language, spoken in Western Nigeria). *Surulere* is literally translated to mean patience pays. *Olorunsogo*, on the other hand, means God has done something glorious. Do you see the difference? Which would you rather have?

Whichever divide you choose, God is faithful to grant you the desires of your heart.

I desired an *Olorunsogo* spec, and God made it happen.



## Chapter 7 - All Things Beautiful



In the most miraculous way, God turned my marital expectations to reality on 24th April 2021. He blessed me with one of His choicest sons as my husband.

Our testimony leaves me in awe of God's goodness everytime I think about it. God met and surpassed my expectations. I sometimes wonder what my experience would have been if I did not communicate my expectations to God. On the flip side, if I had expected bouts of negativity, I would have experienced the same.

Let's get into how we met. Rather, how God opened our eyes. We had known each other for about 14 years. We were members of the same service unit (Communion Unit) while at Covenant University, Nigeria. I joined the unit in 2006, during my first year. He was already in his second year at the time. The unit was close knit, and we all related like a family.

We both graduated in 2010, because he studied a five-year course. Post graduation, we kept in touch. Not as jolly friends who would speak every other day, but we would check in on each other from time to time.

Fast forward to September 2020, he reached out asking for us to catch up physically since we were in the same city but hardly saw each other. At this point, our chats had picked up in frequency, and we began to know each other better. Our physical meeting eventually happened in October, and a few days later, he made his intentions known.

I did not ask for an indefinite period to pray about it, because I had already told God about him when I saw the signs.

However, I asked for him to meet my pastor. Pastor Seun Olubajo was my youth pastor and the Assistant Resident Pastor of my church at the time. It is important to state that this is not a cast-in-stone litmus test, I did so because I was led to.

We had a couple of meetings with my pastor, and also with his pastor. This was to ensure our spiritual compatibility because it was a factor we were both particular about. After we crossed this bridge, I gave an official 'yes' to his request.

It was time to meet the parents. We met both sides, and there were no objections whatsoever.

Everything happened within a couple of months. Who says God doesn't restore seemingly wasted years?

**2 Corinthians 1:4** states, *“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”*

I share this testimony to comfort you and also remind you that God is still on your side. Just like the testimonies of Ayo Mairo Ese, Bunmi Oduah, Love Oyedepo Ogah and many others strengthened me in my waiting season, I hope this also strengthens you, regardless of what you are believing God for.

Remember, seasons don't last forever. This too shall pass, and you will come out with a testimony that would cause people to glorify our Father in heaven.

P.S: This does not capture my entire waiting season and all the faith steps that birth my testimony. However, I encourage you to stay alert to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as He directs you per time. Also, stay connected to your spiritual root, and those God has given to you as pastors.

I am praying for you, and I cannot wait to hear your testimonies. Kindly send them to [1nobodyblog@gmail.com](mailto:1nobodyblog@gmail.com)





## Prayer of Salvation

Experiencing a new season is momentous. But, only a new life in Christ guarantees you a place in eternity. Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life?

Now is a great opportunity to do so.

Please say with me, *Dear Jesus, I come to you today acknowledging that I am a sinner. Forgive me of my sins and wash me in your blood. I believe that you died for me, and on the third day you rose again for my salvation. I welcome you into my life as my Lord and personal saviour. I confess that I am now a child of God.*

*Help me to serve you all the days of my life. Amen.*

Congratulations, heaven is rejoicing because of you. Please send a mail to [1nobodyblog@gmail.com](mailto:1nobodyblog@gmail.com) if you would like additional information on how to maximise your new life.

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