Faith Adegboye WALKING WITH GOD BY CHANCE



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# **DEDICATION**

I dedicate this book to all those yearning for more in the kingdom, to all who will arise to their calling; a burning light generation.

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# **PREFACE**

I've known **Faith Adegboye** for about five years now but I heard about her beforetime; mainly because of our resemblance in physique and character.

My baby, like I always call her, has the kind of voice that makes words go straight into your heart. When it comes to writing, she uses simple and truthful words.

Reading WALKING WITH GOD BY CHANCE will teach you how to deliberately seek the face of God on issues of life, even the seemingly unimportant ones.

**Faith Adegboye**, through the leading of the Holy Spirit will be opening your eyes to the need of developing an intimate relationship with God, a relationship so intimate that you practically discuss EVERYTHING with Him before you take actions.

Sit back, relax, learn and relearn how to walk with God with reckless abandonment and complete trust.

# Olubunmi

**Adegboye Faith** (faithfulwrites) is an ardent lover of God and the gospel. She's passionate about hearing directly from God and following His instructions.

She is also a good writer whose write-ups are inspired by God and has always strived to be a light everywhere she finds herself. She is a good friend too. This book definitely has what you need to grow spiritually; I have no doubt.

# **Tobi**

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She is a charismatic and aspiring inspirational speaker with character and great motivational power.

**Faith Adegboye's** mission is to express Christ to many through singing, writing, or spoken word in a culture where so many are hurting and broken, bringing them into a richer and more intimate relationship with Jesus.

This book, no doubt, is one to sit with and pray with.

# **Ruth**

I remember the first time I had a moment with Igbagbo, (I love calling her Igbagbo, don't mind me), I was in 200level. We were all workers in the same fellowship and this particular day I was asked to lead the prayer. Due to the fact that my spiritual life was unstable, I could not and so I ran to the hostel in tears. I never thought anyone could follow me. So, imagine the surprise I had when I saw Igbagbo. She came and comforted me even though I couldn't really understand what was wrong with me.

Before this experience, I had always admired her; the way she relates with everybody, her caring heart and academic brilliance.

Fast forward to 400level, we became close friends. I can't even say how we became close, but who wouldn't want to be friends with a being as unique as her?

I don't think I've ever told her this before, but she made me understand the true definition of friendship. I told her about my spiritual instability and some other things, but she never held them against me. Rather, she helped me and was, and is still so concerned about my spiritual welfare and of course other aspects of my life too.

The moment I got to know about her blog, I was so happy. This was owing to the fact that other people will, through this means, experience and hear from this amazing lover of God. When I see her, I see a lady that is not

letting her past define her. I see a strong woman of God that is passionate about souls and touching lives.

Earlier this year, I was in the rest room when the Holy Spirit laid in my heart to ask Igbagbo when she will start this book. I never gave serious reasoning and concern to this despite the urge. It was later that day that she messaged me about it, and I was surprised and happy; very happy because of what the Lord has been doing through her blog - lives that has been touched and now a book!!! My joy knew no bounds.

If you have been following her blog <a href="https://faithfulwrites.com">https://faithfulwrites.com</a>, then you will agree with me that this book is not something you can afford to loose. It is a must read for every believer.

Are you passionate about your walk with God?

Or do you want to just start your walk with Him?

Then this book is for you, so why don't you join me and let's find out what the Lord has in stock for us.

I'm so excited. I can't wait to start!!

# Oluwanifemi

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# CHAPTER 1 WALKING WITH GOD BY CHANCE

What next?

Am I supposed to write this exam?

Is it really necessary to further my education?

Does God want it or should I just try and see?

Is he the one? Should I go into this ministry?

Let's try and see!

When God opens the eyes of your understanding, revelation starts.

The steps of the righteous are ordered, not tested.

## Isaiah 30:21

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

If God has promised this for us in the Bible, why then do we do trial and error as Christians?

Does it mean our sensitivity is low? Or do we belittle God in actually leading us aright?

Can we have moments where we are confident that God says "go here" and we are not just trying things to see if God's hand is in it?

I have been in situations where I just say "let me give it a try and see, if it works then fine, if it doesn't, then it means God doesn't want it".

But, what if we can know before making any move?

Years back while I was in search of an internship placement; that was when I decided not to walk by chance. I specifically told God I didn't want to waste money, resources or my time reading for interviews. Funny, right?

Successfully, I submitted applications to places. One way or the other, things happened to them: either the intermediary forgets to submit it or I'm not scheduled for the interview while my friends are.

Trust me, it was not really a sweet time and I'll come to that later. I was concerned. Yes, that's the word but I wasn't troubled.

#### WILL THERE BE CHALLENGES?

Like I said in the story of looking for a place to intern, there was a blockage ahead even when I knew God wanted me there. It now boils down to having peace in the midst of the storm. God revealed things to my friend and I found the right prayers to pray that brought victory.

Some things will always want to challenge God's will for your life, but there's peace where Jesus is present and solution is just by the corner. It could just be a test of faith and patience.

When you get to a level of walking by the Spirit, things will test your trust in God, but then, when you feel peace you will know that you are on the right track.

I was learning how to drive; actually on the wheels with my mum when all these thoughts were coming through. I had just gotten off a call conversation with a friend who was invited for the same interview we both applied for. I actually helped her to apply.

I had to tell my mum to take the wheels back so I can get my thoughts together.

We got home and I opened up to mum the reason for the action I took earlier. I also told her I was at peace with everything as it wasn't just mine.

My mom has always told me "what is yours through prayers won't pass you by" and I always held on to it, believing God and praying in that direction.

Many instances like this happened in which I was saved from travelling long distances and painfully spending money. I had always said that I would only do that kind of traveling if I was going to meet my future husband; which wasn't time yet.

It's a beautiful thing to walk with the Spirit of God, but most Christians don't enjoy this or will I say demean this beautiful part.

Will your walking with God be proved by challenges?
Of course!

# Proverbs 29:18

[18]Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Can you see before you leap?

Are we not just taking a leap before knowing the mind of God concerning things?

Are we not perishing in our time, resources, emotions, etc.



# CHAPTER 2 THE SPIRIT OF GOD

I would say the function of the Holy Spirit in our lives is really underrated as we have not gotten to experience the full capacity of his power.

He who knows the mind of God should be our closest friend.

### Romans 8:27

[27]And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

If we called children of God, then we have to be led by the Spirit. Actually, the Holy Spirit is ready to lead us only if we ask at every juncture.

Most of us try things out first before asking what way is right from the Holy Spirit and that's why things seem to be difficult for us; going into wrong businesses, wrong course of study, etc. It happens because we engage without asking for His say in it.

Act like you are a child of God from now!

# Romans 8:14

[14]For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



# CHAPTER 3 A HOLY LIFE IS HELPED

Holiness is possible because you walk per time according to his will.

## Galatians 5:16

[16]This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

All the instructions of being holy like 'Be ye holy in all manner of conversation' is possible with the help of the Holy Spirit.

You are led into what to say, where to go, how to handle matters and all the seemingly little things you can think of. Heaven is possible too, I doubt if it's possible to enter heaven without the help of the Holy Spirit.

There is this Nigerian Gospel Song by Dunsin Onyekan that resonates in my mind - Channels of my Spirit open up.

The last verse of the chorus says "let deep call unto deep, open up".

Some speak in tongues but there's no power to live holy.

How much more knowing God's will per time?

You don't know the mind of God, what he likes or not, except the Holy Spirit interprets the Words in the Bible to you.

You do something wrong, but before you realise you're speaking in tongues. That's why people rise and fall.

# 2 Timothy 3:5

[5] Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Many Christians are in the realm of the 'form of godliness' but with no power to be holy and please God.

I started to let the Holy Spirit lead me even in choice of friends. My kind of friends would either encourage my walk with God or distract me.

At a point, I was at a stage of working unrelentingly for God. As you know, the devil can never be happy with such decision. A spiritual friend came by. So, day and night, we would discuss about spiritual things. This continued until I became far from the Holy Spirit. There is one thing I discovered: I allowed it.

Before I allowed it, I was definitely warned and this can take us to how to hear from God which I'll expose you to later in this book. I lost my willingness to be committed. This continued until I had to obey that there was a distraction to let go. I began to be too free weeks later and was already condoning what my flesh liked

By this time, I had also lost my peace.

Without the Holy Spirit, we will accept distractions into our circle that can mar our relationship with God.

That alone kept me and I didn't lose my salvation.

How I didn't lose my salvation?

Sometimes, through prayers I also just tell God to take me apart from any friendship that will cause me harm than good no matter how painful it can be; at the long run I'll be grateful. But then, I desired that I be spoken to even before allowing anyone.



# CHAPTER 4 EVEN IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS...

Let me share this.

In my relationship life, I use this verse to pray "Do not awaken my love until it's ripened."

That way, I don't fall for every spiritual Tom and Harry, tongue speaking, serious minded man that comes my way, because I'm human.

I want to believe that it is the Holy Spirit giving me the right prayers to pray from the word of God.

You have to be determined and focused enough not to enter relationships that will hurt first before getting it right finally. I don't want to believe "experience is the best teacher" as fondly said.

Since you have gotten God involved in meeting who your God-sent partner is, then relax and let Him led you. And, not just in meeting your partner, but also regarding every other issues about the relationship.

It might sound awkward but doing things differently from the normal brings you into extraordinary dimensions you and your partner get to enjoy.

I was reading a post by a big sister and she said she usually tells the Holy Spirit to guide her as she cooks her husband's meals so he can be satisfied and happy.

Oh what a bliss!

What a beautiful thing it will be to let the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives and activities.

#### WHEN YOU HAVE PRAYED RIGHTLY

Things begin to have shape in the spiritual realm that the physical might not understand. You might have questions but your inner mind is at peace that you are where God wants you to be or doing what he wants even if you don't understand early. That he leads you doesn't mean you see the whole stairs but you trust his leading to the rightful place.

#### Isaiah 55:9

[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

It was time for me to serve my country as it's a compulsory thing to do in Nigeria. I had finished a compulsory one year too that I shared earlier. I had plans.

I wanted to be in a particular city or I wished but I still prayed to be taken to where I would be useful for God and where he wanted. The posting came

out and when people cried and were angry, I was at peace laughing, did i know my fate? No, but I knew God's hand was in it.

I got to camp and when I noticed all the people I knew were in a particular region, I began to ask myself in a particular church service "why am I separated Lord?"

What could have been the reason? Well, it didn't take me long to realize why and publishing this book is one of the big reason.



# CHAPTER 5 PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST

I was in a church program one day. It was supposed to be praise night, but turned out to be a 6hrs praying in the Holy Ghost session. I had never done that before but I did by God's help. The minister told us to hold a pen and a jotter as God was going to be revealing deep things; even about the future.

I wondered, is that even possible? He went ahead like he heard the questions of my heart, and told us, many of us will get to know how many children we will have, what school to take them to and where to live in the future.

Ah! Isn't that too much?

No, it's not. That's an example of the depth of revelation we can get only when we engage the Holy Spirit in our prayers.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

[10]But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Only by His Spirit do we get to receive the deep things of God. It is available to all who will seek the presence of the Spirit.

[11]For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. [12]Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

## This is fire!

These things are freely given to us but we just relax, we sometimes even struggle because we don't engage his Spirit.

# What bondage!

[13] Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

[14]But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

[15]But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

[16]For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

It will sound like foolishness when you hear those kinds of prayer points. You may be scared to pray like I was. But if you don't want to know the

mind of the Lord, you won't pray and by that you are not following instructions.

When you free yourself from trial and errors, you are delivered from frustration. The road becomes clear to get the right leading.

Imagine yourself applying for all kinds of jobs and yet not considered. The frustration alone makes people give up trying again like we see in movies, not knowing the best offer was just at the corner staring at us. But, if you have been led before submitting applications to know whether it is His will or not, it's easy not to be frustrated before the right one eventually comes.

It's a scary step of faith and trust in God, but it's the best.

I titled this book "Walking with God by Chance." When I wanted to change it to "Walking by Chance" I just kept getting NO!

I was made to realise that, most Christians walk with God actually, but by chance. We let the Holy Spirit in at the latter hour or never at all. We just jump at things hoping if it works out, then it's God's will.

There is this hymn that made meaning to me after the Holy Spirit interpreted it. It's a common song:

Showers of blessing we need

Mercy drops round us are falling But for the showers we plead

Many Christians are living on the brink of "mercy" and we are satisfied.

There's more!

Showers!

Only if you plead for it; showers of revelation so you don't live at the mercy of trails and errors.

# CHAPTER 6 IN THE MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit is not only for you.

We be as torchlight in the morning. Can you picture that in your mind?

What's the use of torchlight in the morning?

The Holy Spirit in us is to propagate the kingdom when you go out to preach.

I was in a service when this Bible verse was read "In the last days, perilous times shall come"

But did you notice another verse talked about the last days too.

Something is supposed to happen in the Christendom as perilous times are coming. It's not a time to relax.

## Acts 2:17

[17]And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

This is the instruction for you. There is availability already of prophecies by young ones, vision seers and carriers, outpouring of revelations, etc.

Some people are already awakened to that fact. What are you waiting for?

We are in the last days and people say Jesus is coming soon.

Oh yeah He is!

But there's a fire attached to the last days that is massively needed.

First of all, that fire is needed to keep you in holiness as His coming draws near. He knows that without the Holy Spirit it might be impossible to remain holy with all the perilous times and sins invading the world.

The fire is also to hit hard the souls that will be hardened. It is tougher in the last days to preach and people believe except by His Spirit.

Let's look at the other last day.

# 2 Timothy 3:1-7

[1]This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

[2]For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

[3] Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

[4] Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

[5] Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

[6]For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

[7]Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

How can the gospel make meaning to people who are blasphemous, fierce, heady, traitors, etc without the Holy Ghost?

This is the day God is talking about. We have to arise to the need of the Holy Ghost amongst all; every pastor, every singer, and every drama minister, whatever section you find yourself.

So many people with forms of godliness always coming to church but never able to come to the knowledge of truth.

Why?

Because the only thing that can make them come to the knowledge of truth through the Minister's message is when it is backed up with power.

There's another last day in the Bible still.

#### **Isaiah 2:1-3**

[1]The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

[2]And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

[3]And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Even in the last day, there is still a promise that the house of the Lord will be established. It's not a time to pack our bags to be ready to meet Jesus; it's time to cause influx into the kingdom.

So many saints will say "let Jesus just come, all these troubles we see will be over."

He says, arise!

How can you achieve this?

#### HOLY SPIRIT WITHOUT BURDEN

## 2 Corinthians 11:28

[28] Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

The workings of miracle cause believe in the heart of men. What is the Holy

Spirit in you - a chanceful Christian, preaching just for preaching sake;

activities with no power that work miracles?

Is it just being a preacher that is used to the pulpit; read scriptures and

believe God will do what He will do. You know that verse of "His word

doesn't go back void" has made so many Christians relaxed.

Do you long for miracles in your ministrations? Don't go too far to the

miracle of healing. Is the core miracle of salvation evident?

In walking by the spirit in your ministry, prophecies and revelations are

necessary.

In the earthly ministry of Jesus, would people have believed without the

manifestation of miracles? I doubt.

John 4:48

[48]Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not

believe.

People rush to where there's solution. Ever wondering why your church

congregation is reducing in numbers?

Matthew 24:24-25

[24]For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

[25]Behold, I have told you before.

A camouflage is only the power of the devil, and that's how our churches are painted today.

#### Hebrews 2:4

[4]God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?

When this verse can be fulfilled, revival will come back to the church. The apostles wrought miracles through God and many were drawn to Christ. You need the power to partake in the propagation of the gospel.

## Mark 16:20

[20]And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Signs must follow after every ministration. Allow the Holy Spirit this day. Then the church will grow spiritually and numerically too.

# CHAPTER 7 WOMEN, ARISE!

I was a leader once in fellowship during my university days.

Everyone loved to speak to the other leader, especially the sisters I was leading. Of course, we know it's normal but what if it can't be changed that I have a role to play too in knowing and giving advice to sisters.

That was a burden to me those days where the women ministry had been turned to sitting at the back of the church only.

We then complain of pastors falling into temptations. But, that is because we have failed in our duties too. Some don't even know that as a wife to a minister, you automatically become a counselor. You can pray to God to give you grace and unction to be a great one.

Like I said earlier, people like solution.

What's your usefulness as a lady?

Our daughters will also prophesy.

Woman arise!

Esther is an example in the Bible who became a channel of solution for her people. She knew the pains of her people and fought for it through prayers first.

Do you even know the people you are leading?

Is it not just your husband?

You are not married you say, but you have been given a responsibility in a church to oversee sisters; get working.

What's the difference? Is it not just to call them aside to probe them, you know?

It's the power you are backed up with when you have word of knowledge to every question in their heart. It's when you have revelations concerning issues one of them might be having and you call her to it and she's able to trust God in you to spill out.

#### **ABOVE NORMS**

I was talking on phone with a newly wedded lady who is young in age and she narrated how she thought her life would go in this pattern:

Finish medical school, internship, NYSC in Nigeria, start residency, marry maybe in the middle, etc., a planned life; the norms of what should be.

But she surprised me when she said things changed when she decided to have a life totally dependent on God, not the fashionable pattern of how life should be.

She said something else. She already had a picture of what her husband should be doing as a single woman as well as having fantasies that might not promote God's leading in her life which can deter so many blessings.

Most of us already know after this, it's Masters or get a job, etc but we forget to ask God at every juncture "what next?"



# CHAPTER 8 BEING OF THE SPIRIT

You must be of a broken spirit, broken to obey the Spirit's leading. It's not always sweet to be led by the Spirit of God because we are human.

I remember when I wanted to write a particular examination and things were not favorable. I had to cancel lots of things and at that point I was tired.

Why?

I later got to understand that all my prayer points were being answered

There would be times the plan of God will take you where your physical mind cannot comprehend.

I learnt this from my Mum. She tried so many businesses to no avail until she spent time with God. She finally had to do what she didn't even study neither did she have an idea about it from her days in school.

God only directed her to go forth.

So, you will have questions. It might be above the norms but that is all that will make sense in His will and purpose.

My mother told me she gave birth to me easily out of all her children.

So, when things happen to me, she would always say "I don't like stress". Well, yes I don't and I use her words back to God and ask for perfect leading.

For every important decision, I would always tell God "Holy Spirit lead me, I cannot be stressed by doing trial and error" and this has always worked by His grace.

You want to know the sweetest part?

#### OUR BEST FRIEND

Have you ever had a best friend before? Someone you are very close to and is mutual too.

You can tell them anything and vice versa.

That's how the Spirit yearns to have such relationship with you.

I see leaders in fellowships who just say "the Holy Spirit told me that there is someone here today ..." I wonder how they have that confidence, but I realised before you can have such trust, you must have had a sweet dear relationship with the Holy Spirit.

If a friend is far from you, you sure would never talk always or even tell each other most things.

How far is the Holy Spirit from you?

I know He has different personalities; of power, anointing, fire, etc. But for all these to be profitable, being His best friend is important.

It is possible to communicate with Him every time; every way for everything.

#### The Truth

#### John 14:26

[26] But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

#### John 16:13

[13] Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

All you need to know is being told to you, what more to ask for?

Without the right counsel, the Bible said people fall.



# CHAPTER 9 ALL THINGS WORK FOR OUR GOOD

I refuse to believe as most people have turned this common verse to. The times when we have gone our ways and it doesn't work out, we just conclude that "all things work together for our good"

I am not referring to some roads God makes us pass through to learn and develop virtues. I am referring to directions in issues of life.

Of course, God won't let us taste bad marriages before entering the right ones; He wants us to get it right the first time. Isn't it possible we are directed so much in all other important decisions?

Experience is not the best teacher as a man of God declared.

I feel like it is only marriage we seek God's definite face. Most people go into busineses, crash and then try another.

Everything in your life is important to God. Be open to know that you don't have to walk by chance especially when you say God is priority in your life. At what point does God have to come in?

There's this common hymn that gives deep understanding;

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion
The murmurs of self will
O speak to reassure me
To hasten or control
Or speak and make me listen
Thy guardian of my soul

'Accent' according to English Dictionary is -higher-pitched or stronger articulation of a particular syllable of a word or phrase in order to distinguish it from the others or to emphasize it.

It's clear above the passions of the flesh. When we tune to His voice, our fleshly desires or how things should normally go fades away and self will submits to God's will.

He can speak again to reassure, to hasten you in doing God's will or control you when you want to derail from it.

The beautiful thing about this verse is it says "make me listen too" which is very important.

#### Proverbs 3:5

[5]Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.



#### PRAYER ACCORDING TO HIS WILL

Praying in the Holy Ghost reveals mysteries untold.

#### Romans 8:26

[26]Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Have you been praying amiss?

Before prayer, how many of us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us into the right prayers to pray?

A lady was once showed who the will of God concerning marriage was for her, but years turned to years and there was no manifestation. Oh, what could have be the problem?

Most people advised that she should offer a deliverance prayer, maybe the husband has been blindfolded and many troubling things. This continued until she asked God what she should pray about.

The Holy Spirit gave her the book of Songs of Solomon "Do not awaken my love until it's ripened"

Then she understood that it was not an attack from the kingdom of darkness but the will of God that the two parties come to a point of growth.

You won't understand times and seasons without the Holy Spirit.

#### 1 Chronicles 12:32

[32]And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

When you don't understand what season you are, you become frustrated easily instead of knowing that it's the will of God concerning you.

#### Isaiah 5:13

[13] Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.



# CHAPTER 10 HOW TO BUILD YOURSELF IN THE SPIRIT

#### ☐ The Word of God

#### Colossians 3:16

[16]Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Reading the Bible is a way for your spiritual senses to grow higher than the desires of the flesh. You read the mind of God concerning you and with that, the Spirit breathes on it to give meaning to you.

### ☐ Spiritual songs

### Ephesians 5:19

[19]Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

I noticed the more I listened to secular songs, the more my speech and everything tilts towards that side. But when you put up spiritual songs, you become encouraged and have a lifted spirit.

When I want to make prayers of commitment and service, I search for some songs because not all songs can take you to the upper room.

I decided to have vigil with some particular friends of mine months back. I told them to tune in a particular song for getting in the mood of prayer because the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. So, attack the spiritual with spiritual.

#### THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

#### 1 Corinthians 2:13-14

[13] Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

[14]But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Occurrences that are foolish to the natural man has meaning to the man who has the Spirit of God.

There are dreamers like Joseph of that time, who run helter skelter seeking for interpretation or some just not seeing it as a big deal.

While in school, just like I said earlier, I didn't like to be stressed. So, I was used to asking God in prayer to lead me to the right place to read, and by His grace, it worked for me.

I know it has been the same experience for some other people as well. Somewhere you didn't plan to read before time, but was just prompted to read it and surprisingly on the exam sheet, it comes out.

Now what is hearing the Spirit?

A minister once said when you have a feeling, a different feeling from how things should be, it doesn't have to be strong like a wind blowing, subtle and quiet is enough.

Is there one way to hear God?

As children, our hearing is not yet clear. It's only through beatings that we can know our parents are not happy with us, I mean for crawling children.

As a child grows up, his hearing becomes clear. Instructions and corrections can be given by the parents either through physical signs. Futher growth can make the parent to say "don't do that" meaning he or she can hear and understand voices.

That's how our hearing God should be. Do you grow in hearing clearly from God?

God spoke to you through people ten years back, and till now, you can't still hear His whisper.

You have to keep attaining heights in the spiritual realm.

Don't get accustomed to God speaking to you in just one way. This also depends on your desire to grow.

Are you not amazed that some ministers will say "I hear in my Spirit that there is someone with blindness..." That wasn't how they heard God at the early stage of their Christian journey. They tarried to get that experience.

There are realms of confirmations too but it all boils down to the Spirit speaking expressly.

That whisper of peace you ignore is the Spirit leading.

Have you been in a situation where you say "And something told me to leave there...?"

That's it!

#### WHERE ARE THEY?

I went for a program and I saw people falling under anointing, repenting and some receiving a touch.

Moments after, same persons went back to how they have been before and I wondered why?

Does it mean the minister wasn't having the right Spirit?

But the truth is, whatever happens to you after a touch from God depends on you; whether to nurture it or throw it away.

#### WILL THERE BE CHALLENGES?

Like I said in the story of looking for a place for internship, there was a blockage ahead even when I knew God wanted me there. It now boils down to having peace in the midst of the storm. God revealed things to my friend and I found the right prayers to pray that brought victory.

Something will always want to challenge God's will for your life, but there's Peace where Jesus is and solution is just at the corner. It could just be a test of faith and patience.

### Hebrews 10:26, 36-37

[26] For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

[36] For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

[37]For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

### **CONCLUSION**

I pray this short book blesses you as it blessed me also. I began to also call on the Holy Spirit in everything since I started writing; I must be a partaker too.

May the Holy Spirit give the breath of understanding to you all.

Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the desires of the flesh concerning everything.

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### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

I was on transit that day confused on life's decision to take, i guess we all are at a point. "Do I just do this and see if it works out, then if not, I know it's not God's will?" What really is God's will for us as we make decisions of life? A life of trial and error isn't palatable to me, why do I have the Holy Spirit? I refuse to WALK WITH GOD BY CHANCE There's more to this, if you will read it all to the end. I shared some life stories you'd love. I wouldn't say I'm doing this for my birthday, all was just coincidence but I was instructed to release this early in the year and oh, my birthday is early in the year, lol Writing a book, well, this is a short one trust me, hasn't been something I had admired to do but as strongly as it came, I couldn't resist doing this. If I still have fears, of course I do, it's my first time. Let me not bore you. This is from my heart and from my upper room to you. May you be blessed as you read. Do well to share with me if it blesses you and also share with others.

