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Feedback from the world

Hello, am Mc Paul. Last week I was reading one of your books titled **THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU**. The book has transformed me a lot (it touched me in so many ways). Prior to this time I blamed God for the way my life was going (everything I planned to do most times ended in futility). But after my encounter with that book, I discovered I was on the wrong track. I got to know that God planned my life before I was born.

Also, I never believed I could achieve or amount to anything great in life. However, I understood through what you wrote that God hides greatness inside smallness, & what we need is to take a risk for whatever we want to achieve. The world is waiting for you has changed me a lot and I can see myself achieving a lot through what I have been taught. Shalom

Mc Paul Malawi

Hi man of God, I would like to commend you for your powerful book titled **MAXIMIZING YOUR TIME.** This book has inspired me a lot that I can see a change in my life in many dimensions. May God continue using you as a blessing to the world.

Mike Kaulembe Malawi, Southern Africa

Praise the Lord Jesus. I am very much glad to read your book titled **MAXIMIZING YOUR TIME**. I am chatting from Dar es salaam Tanzania. I am a Pastor. I read this book and would like to live what is written inside and would like the body of Christ to live it. I have come to realize that "My life,My Time. Time wasted means life wasted. God bless you Man of God. Thanks.

Rev. Damasus Mkenda Victorious Life Center International, Tanzania

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Success,Edo State, Nigeria

Hello sir, my name is Rosa Fosko. I stay in South Africa but am a Zimbabwean. Sir, your book is prophetic seriously. I had an encounter after reading it. I've been immensely blessed reading it everyday & night. Thank you so much for this book: **THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU**. I received direction from reading it. Now I want to do Bible School.

Rosa Fosko South Africa

Hello sir, I just finished reading your book **"THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU",** and if I must confess, it is one of the most aggressive and thought provoking piece I've read in recent times. May God bless and enrich you greatly for this accurate dose of motivation, inspiration and impartation. Regards.

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Good morning Sir. Nice to hear your Audio book **(MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE).** I listen to it every morning to start my day... It's a great resource.

Emeka W. A Plateau State, Nigeria

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Gracious Oluomachi Enugu State, Nigeria

The book "Making the Most of Your Life" awakens a sleeping talent and it's a clarion call to those who have neglected God's gifts upon their lives to go back and put buried talents into use. The book spurs one into becoming a STAR PLAYER by breaking crowd and fan mentalities. I am tremendously blessed by the book and will encourage everyone to get a copy!

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Making The Most of Your Life, a really inspiring piece, well-written, simple to understand, short and captivating (filled with nuggets). Kudos! I wish you every blessing and may this book be a source of light and motivation to many.
Bravo. Regards,

Dr. Mark Godwin MD United Kingdom

Making the Most of Your Life is not just an inspiring book, but a spirited book. That book didn't just inspire me but it fan the embers of my spiritual coal ablaze! I cherish every choice of words and grammatical conventions you adopted. Although it's not voluminous but concise, it conveyed the intent of the message. I believe this is not just a book but an operational manual for Destiny realization and actualization!

SHALOM!
Pst Victor Ibenne Rivers State, Nigeria

Hello Sir, I am Josphat from Kenya and I have read your two powerful & destiny changing books. MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE ignited a fire in me to make an impact in my generation, especially the part on Enlisting Early. MAXIMIZING YOUR TIME also made me realize I do not have all the time to execute my mandate in my generation.

I just shared MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE with some of my friends and they were left speechless. Your books are igniting fire here. God bless you for the excellent work you are doing of impacting this generation through your books.

You indeed carry the DNA of Papa Paul Enenche.

Prince Frances, *Kenya*

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INTRODUCTION

I have discovered that after financial problem, the next thing on the problem list of many is relational. A major aspect of this problem centres on delay in getting married. Many people have asked me severally the causes of late marriage. This question for awhile gave me sleepless nights, because I was concerned. Out of a desperate need to find a lasting solution to this problem, I began to seek answers from God and to search for answers and solutions.

Let me say this before we continue: when it comes to dealing with marital delay or any other delay, the first thing you need is knowledge, not necessarily prayer and fasting. To really deal with any delay, you need to KNOW the cause (s) of that delay.

John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

I believe prayer and fasting works. In fact, I live a fasted and prayerful life, but you need to know that prayer is not a substitute for knowledge; neither is knowledge a substitute for prayer. Many people today are praying, but do not get results because they pray ignorantly (blindly).

This is how to pray if you really want to get results: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Psalm 119:18.My prayer for many months became: Father, show me both the Causes and Cure for Delay in Getting Married, in Jesus Name. And you know what, God showed up.

This book is a product of experiential knowledge (a combination of experience, head knowledge and revelation from both the Word and the Spirit of God). There is nobody that doesn't like early satisfaction and success. About ninety percent of single men I have met want to get married as early as possible, yet for certain reasons, it never happens as desired.

Also, it is the wish of almost every lady to get married on time; no lady wants late marriage. However, it is not every lady that marries on time. Why is it that some people experience delays in getting married?

What are the causes of late marriage and how do we prevent it?

That's the essence of this book: To show you both the causes and cure for marital delay. What you know determines what you show. What you know gives you an edge over others. If you read this book with an open heart, with the decision and determination to put to work what you are told to do, your testimony is confirmed.

Go ahead and enjoy your reading!

Chapter One

UNDERSTANDING DELAY

For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. Proverbs 23:18. Before we explore the causes or reasons for marital delay, there is need for us to first understand what delay is.

WHAT IS DELAY?

Delay means to postpone something until a later time or to make something happen at a later time; putting something off to a time in the future - - A temporary stoppage or stay.

It's a period of time when somebody or something has to wait because of a problem that makes something slow or late; It is a situation in which something does not happen when it should; the act of delaying.

The definitions above, confirms that delay isn't an absolute denial or permanent stoppage, because every delay has an expiry date. Job's statement in the Bible also confirms that there is an expiry date for every delay.

"If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." - Job 14:14

Now, there are different types of delay. Your understanding of the different types of delay will help you discover the root cause of your marital or even any other kind of delay.

TYPES OF DELAY

1. **Circumstantial Delay**: This is delay caused by circumstances and situations beyond one's control. You do not have a hand in this type of delay. For example, a delayed flight due to bad weather. If you are a victim of this delay, there is hope for you in God. Nothing is calculated to work against lovers of God. God has said so in His Word.

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Because of circumstances and situations beyond the control of Joseph, he experienced delay. But at the end, everything worked out in his favour.

"And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Genesis 50:19-20.

2. **Divine Delay (delay permitted by God)**: God does not cause delay; He only permits it when it is necessary. If He realizes that we are not matured enough to handle what we are asking for, or that He still has a lot of work to do in us to fully qualify us for what we desire, He withholds those things from being granted in order to perfect what He started.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end."For instance, Israel spent forty years on a forty-day journey not because of circumstances of life, personal mistakes or the enemy, but due to divine restriction.

"And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no." Deuteronomy 8:2

They were delivered from Egypt in one day, but it took forty years to get Egypt out of them. God's time is the best. He has perfect timing; never too early, never too late. It takes a combination of patience and faith, but it always worth the wait.

3. **Self-Inflicted or Self Invited Delay**: Most of the delays people experience in life fall under this one. Ecclesiastes 10:8 says, "He that digs a pit shall fall into it; and whosoever breaks a hedge, a serpent shall bite him."

Proverbs 26:2 says, "As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come."

This delay is caused by man's carelessness or negligence. There are things we do consciously or unconsciously that sponsors delay in life. When we do what we are not supposed to do or fail to do what we should have done, we open the door for the enemy. There are many people experiencing delays because they broke the hedge, invited trouble and gave room for the enemy to strike and keep them down.

"Neither give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:27

Some people are not yet married because of self-invited or self-inflicted delay. If you are truly experiencing delay, trust God to let you know if it is self-inflicted so that you can take necessary steps to change your story.

4. **Satanic Delay**: This delay is caused by satanic interruption or orchestration. There are many people today experiencing undeserved and undue delay because an enemy caused it. Many people are facing delays not because it is not yet time or because they did something wrong, but because of an enemy's manipulation. Let me give you an example.

"In those days, I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days." Daniel 10:2-3, 10-14

From the day Daniel began to pray and fast, God answered him, but the enemy intercepted his answer. His delay was caused by the enemy.

In this season, your delay is coming to an end, in Jesus Name.

With this understanding, it's now time to find out what makes people marry late and how to avoid it. What are the causes and cure for marital delay? Expect answers as we proceed to the following pages.

Chapter Two

MARITAL DELAY: CAUSES AND CURE

In this chapter, we shall be unveiling the causes for late marriage and how to avoid it. What are the causes of delay in getting married and their cure?

1. INDECISION. I have met a lot of singles battling with indecision. Where there is indecision, there can't be motion; and where there is no motion, stagnation follows.

It will amaze you how some people find it difficult to decide when it comes to the choice of a partner. Some singles are undecided whether to marry or not, some are undecided on which of the many options is the right one. There are many people that have not made up their minds to marry because of immediate family responsibilities. They cannot even start a family of their own until they see their siblings through school.

There is a story of a lady whose parents rejected every suitor she brought until she had helped all her younger siblings through school. And with this kind of responsibility, marriage will be the last thing on the person's agenda. This many a time happens to both men and women. To cater for your siblings is not a bad idea, but to do so to the detriment of your own destiny is not wisdom. The Holy Bible didn't say we should love others more than ourselves, but that we should love others the way we love ourselves. Matthew 22:39

For some, it is the deception of looking for Mr. Perfect or Miss Perfect to marry, while for some, it is a function of who to trust, especially public figures or celebrities who are not sure of who is genuinely there for them or is there for their money or any other hidden agenda. Nobody is perfect; we are all working towards perfection.

On this matter of indecision, be informed that nobody can decide for you in marriage. The ball is in always your court, so make up your mind today. Take a stand. Do not let procrastination and fear of the unknown stop you. Those who don't step out of the boat, never walk on water.

2. PERSONAL DECISION. People make choices, and their choices in turn make them. This may sound strange but it is the truth. There are many people out there that are still single because of their personal decision. Some singles decided not to marry until they get established. If you are a single man, I want to counsel you: do not wait until you get everything in this world before you start thinking about marriage. You don't need everything in the world to get married. The basic requirements are a steady source of income and an accommodation. You don't necessarily need a car before you can marry; even though it's not bad idea to have one before marriage.

There are also other singles who for reasons best known to them, have made up their minds that they will not marry until they achieve a particular goal or reach a certain age. On their own part no matter how old they are, they may not see themselves as experiencing delay, even though those looking from outside may consider them as one. Such decision could be disastrous and can alter destiny (including marital destiny).

You have the right to choose whatever you want, but make sure your decision falls in line with God's plan and purpose for your life.

3. NEGATIVE PAST EXPERIENCES. For instance, a young lady that was gang raped or abused sexually. Do you know that your negative past experiences, the things you see and heard of from the lives of others can negatively influence you? It could be the marriage of your parents or relations that didn't work.

I may not know what your negative past experiences are, but do not let them scare you from marriage. Other marriages you know about and see may be bad, but it does not mean yours will be the same.

Dwelling on a past that is gone is a trap. If you don't let the past be bygone, you are likely to pass away with it. You don't move forward looking backward. Release yourself from trap of your negative past experiences.

4. DISAPPOINTMENT AND BETRAYAL (especially from loved ones). A lot of people marry late because they have been disappointed by their partners. Stories abound of people that waited patiently for years for someone; only to be disappointed at the last minute. Its true breakups are painful, but it's not as painful as staying in a relationship that makes you unhappy.

If you have ever suffered a breakup in a relationship, thank God it was not a breakdown. So, get up and move on with your life. Some disappointments are a form of deliverance in disguise and a setup for divine appointment. When something bad happens, you have three choices: You can let it define you, destroy you or strengthen you. The choice is yours.

5. PERSONAL PURSUIT (especially Academic and Career Pursuits). When people have high academic goals and push marriage till after the realization of those worthy goals, it can result in marital delay. To some other people, it is in pursuit of a career. Their goal is to reach the zenith of their career. This makes them have little or no time to have active relationships, not to talk of settling down to marry. There was a lady that was telling people that she's a career woman.

For this reason, she got married at age 41, died less than 2years after her wedding without a child. It was confirmed that she died as a result of accumulated stress. Her colleagues in her office confirmed that she had more time for her work than her marriage. She didn't apply wisdom.

For some, because of the nature of the work they do (which takes them in and out of circulation for a long period of time), it has become uneasy and difficult to have or maintain stable relationships.

Not everybody would want to marry someone they will only see a few times in a year, while they only communicate via phones or social media. My counsel is, as you pursue your goals in life, apply wisdom and strike a balance. Plan your life well

6. SINGLE PARENTING. This is mainly pertains to ladies who are single mothers. I have met some of them, and this is the only reason some of them are not yet married. The revelation of them having a child out of wedlock or children as the case may be brought an abrupt end to the relationship, drove suitors away or ended a courtship that was heading to marriage.

In case you are a single mother, my counsel to you is this: Do not give up, there is hope for you. Do not stop being honest. Do not hide the truth from your husband to be or prospective suitor. If you hide the truth from the man that wants to marry you, and he ends up marrying you, deception become the foundation of your marriage, and any foundation built on deception never stands It may survive for some time, but it ultimately collapses.

By the time he later finds out, it might be disastrous, and vice versa. You are not the first to have a child or children out of wedlock; neither will you be the last. Play your part by being honest (truthful), and let God play His part. There are so many single mothers that are happily married today. You're not in a hopeless situation.

7. LACK OF PREPARATION OR MATURITY. Many people marry late because they lack adequate preparation for marriage. What you don't prepare for, you can't succeed in it. Proper and adequate preparation prevents poor performance. When people are ill-prepared, it will show in every relationship they enter into. Many singles are not yet ready for marriage – no moral, financial, social, emotional, physical, spiritual and mental preparation. You ask some singles and they will tell you that they are not yet ready for the responsibilities that come with marriage. A few of them who went into marriage unprepared ended up going for a fast-forward development in order to meet up when their lack of preparation reared its head.

Hear this if you are a single lady: No matter how good you are, you will never be good enough for a man who is not ready to settle down. Marital delay sometimes could be as a result of emotional or social immaturity. And maturity is not determined by age, but by the weight of responsibility you are willing to carry. Get matured. Get prepared.

8. LACK OF BOLDNESS. This is another major reason people marry late especially on the part of our men. It will surprise you how many men find it very difficult to boldly make their intention known to a woman. Because of fear of the unknown or rejection, some of them prefer to write or employ the service of a mediator than boldly approach a lady. I have assisted a lot of young men on how to go about making their intention known. That's because they asked of me to give them tutorials.

There was one in particular that was good at admiring ladies; he gives them expensive gifts, but cannot say what is in his heart. He was very shy. I literally pushed him out of the boat.

If you are a single man, know this: There is no big deal in talking to ladies. What are your fears? Are you afraid of rejection from her? My dear, if she says no to you, prayerfully and thoughtfully locate another person. Kill your fears, then go and talk. Just approach her and lovingly tell her: Sister, I love you and I would like to spend the rest of my life with you. Take your time to pray about it, but please do not make it too long. I just gave you the simplest one.

9. NEGATIVE PARENTAL INFLUENCE AND INTERFERENCE. Surprisingly, a lot of people have formed negative opinions about marriage primarily as a result of what they saw in their parent's marriage. Since children hear what their parents say but do what they see them do, many singles today are confused as to whether to marry or not because they are afraid their marriage will not work like that of their parents.

My counsel is, do not allow your parents negative marital experience hinder you from having your own wonderful, colourful, enviable, lovely and positive experience. Apart from being influenced by their parents' marriage, a lot of singles are also influenced by their parents in the choice of whom they should marry.

I am not against parental input when it comes to the choice of a life partner, but make sure their input is scriptural and advisory. If you allow your parents to negatively influence your choice, are they also going to live with your choice? Am sure you know the answer.

Another aspect of this is undue parental interference. Many singles do not have a mind of their own and sometimes behave like people under some sort of manipulation. Everything that happens between them and their partner is accurately reported back to their parents. That is childishness, which is a sign of immaturity. If you are in this category, let me ask you, are you going to marry your parents or are you going to spend the rest of your life with your parents?

According to Genesis 2:24 marriage is not for mummy's pet or daddy's pet, but for matured, responsible people. Many people have lost serious relationships because of undue parental interference. Do not be a victim. I am in no way saying you should disobey your parents, but wisdom and caution must be applied. It is dangerous for your family to be in control of your relationship, and interfering with every detail of your marital life.

10. FAMILY MISUNDERSTANDING AND DISAGREEMENT

There are many people that would have gotten married long ago, but because either or both parents from either or both sides are not in support of the relationship. Sometimes, engaged individuals find themselves in this situation whereby they seem to be the only ones that believe in the relationship they are into. We have heard stories of many that waited for many years and still ended up quitting the relationship. A few who succeeded in getting their families to agree after a long time achieved that through much intervention, prayer, etc.

The truth is this; it is not wise to start preparing for a life-long project like marriage without parental approval or consent. If you find yourself in this condition, do not give up, do not give way and do not give in, help is on the way. Trust God for His perfect will to be done and on time.

11. HEALTH PROBLEM (Ailments and Diseases)

Many singles are not yet married because of one ailment or the other. A lot of beautiful faces you see around are bedeviled by some ailment or disease that will not allow them to marry thereby causing marital delay. An epileptic lady or one with one terminal disease (or blood related disease) may find it difficult getting married on time.

Some people's delay is caused by strange a disease that needs to go before they can get a life partner. An impotent man will definitely not be thinking of marriage but how to be healed. Most of those who tried to hide their health challenges from their partners later got frustrated by the trouble it brought even after the marriage. Another aspect of this health challenge is disability. A lot of disabled people experience delay in getting married because of their disabilities. If you are incapacitated in any way, look up to God for intervention. You are not less valuable in the eyes of God just because you are incapacitated.

There are many disabled people all over the world that have been loved, accepted and married to by able people. The meaning of that is this: your case is not a hopeless one if you will look up to God in prayer.

No matter the health challenge (blood related diseases, disability, etc.) you may have, it can be handled by the power of the Most High God. So far, we have seen eleven things that cause marital delay and possible ways of avoiding them.

Let's go to the next chapter for more.

Chapter Three

MARITAL DELAY: CAUSES AND CURE 2

What are the causes and cure for marital delay?

12. PHYSICAL STATURE AND SIZE

Closely related to health challenges is a person's physical stature and size. There are many singles I have met that are ready for marriage, but for their physical stature or body size.

I heard a story about a relationship that didn't work out between a man and a woman. What was the problem? The lady had a completely flat chest, which she often enhanced with pieces of foam cuttings. The young man did not get to know this until his wife to be had a fight with a close friend who exploded the bomb by pulling out the foam during the fight. This kind of story abound. For some, they have grown too fat to a very irritating level. Sometimes I wonder how someone could watch himself or herself grow too fat and out of shape.

I am not saying that because you are very fat, you cannot get married, NO! We are talking about things that delay people's marital establishment, and this is just one of them. My counsel to you is, do all you can to keep fit and in shape. You must realize that no matter what, your case is not totally hopeless, this is because God has someone that will love and accept you for who you are and the way you are.

13. FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Money answers all things (marriage included) – Ecclesiastes 10:19b.

Financial hardship is one major reason why many men marry late. It is the mystery behind most prolonged courtship, and a reason why many marriages suffer. Many single men are ready for marriage, some have even engaged someone but poverty is delaying their dream. Vision without provision equals frustration. The truth is this, it is difficult for romance to thrive without finance, or get married and have poverty as a roommate. So, if you have financial challenges, marriage should not be on your agenda until you find a way out of your financial challenge. It is work before wife. The book of Job comes before the book of Romans. From my own opinion, a jobless man has no business with relationship. No jobless man should ever enter into marriage by faith because faith is not foolishness.

Trust God for a financial change of story, and work towards it.

14. BAD FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATION. Wrong association can give you a wrong tag, and this has contributed to the marital delay of many people today. Wrong association creates wrong impression. That is, the people we hang around with affects the way people see us.

Look at 2 Chronicles 18:29-32 for a clear understanding:

"And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle. Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. *AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE CAPTAINS OF THE CHARIOTS SAW JEHOSHAPHAT THAT THEY SAID; IT IS THE KING OF ISRAEL. THEREFORE THEY COMPASSED ABOUTHIM TO FIGHT*: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him" (emphasis mine).

Jehoshaphat almost lost his life because of his company with Ahab. Because of wrong association, there was a wrong perception of him that almost caused his destruction, but for God's intervention. You may not be a bad person, but what of your friends? How do people see or perceive you? Show me your friends and I will tell you who you are.

For others, the kind of advice their so-called friends gives them often leads to stagnation and frustration in their marriage or marital delay. Some ladies are not married today because their so-called friends advised them against everyone they should have married. She herself does not have anyone to marry, so everyone that comes to you she says, "This one is too short. This one is too tall. This one is too slender.

This one's stomach is too big..." And if you have such a friend, you already have Satan in your life. Beware of such friends. Protect your name (reputation) by choosing your friends wisely.

15. WRONG PRESENTATION OF SELF

I tell people that the way a person poses is the way a photographer will capture him. Many ladies marry late because of wrong impression or poor presentation of self. For instance, you see a single lady consistently going about with other people's children, to a point where people start concluding that she's either married with children or she's a single parent. Being a single parent may not hinder your marital establishment; however, it is better to be a single mother than for you to be wrongly labeled a single mother.

Another way some of them present themselves wrongly is by having a ring on the finger meant for the wedding ring. One was asked why she does so, and she claimed it was a strategy to ward off unwanted "toasters", and that the right man will not mind the ring but will be led by the Spirit. Have you heard such a thing before?

Such a strategy is not a good one, because, in warding off unwanted "toasters", you will also be warding off genuine ones. Another one is appearing to be difficult to get (especially ladies). This too can scare potential suitors away thereby causing delay. I am not saying you should appear too cheap to get, but you must strike a balance.

The last but not the least is, always avoiding the gathering of singles where you can be spotted and connected, and being in the company of married people. Does a car owner look for car parts in a food stuff shop? You know the answer.

If you are trusting God to be married and on time, you need to be in the right place with the right people and at the right time. Never feel too old for singles' gatherings. As a matter of fact, if you continue to be in the company of married people, your friends will one day accuse you of desiring their husbands. Wisdom is profitable to direct.

16. PERSONAL HYGIENE. Most people do not want to relate with someone they are not comfortable with or proud to introduce as their partner.

The way some people look at others can be so scary, talk less of the smell oozing from them. Things like mouth odour, body odour, untidy hair or nails, etc. are all repellants in a relationship.

Some of these singles with strange odour that accompanies them wherever they go sometimes are unaware of this off-putting odour. And until some of these hygiene challenges are attended to, they can contribute heavily to one's delay in getting married. If you have body odour and you are willing to kill it, I will counsel you to go and buy strong deodorant, roll on, and make sure you bath very well and as many times as possible daily or visit a dermatologist.

And incase yours is mouth odour, go and get a good toothbrush, quality toothpaste and possibly a good mouthwash. Do not use any toothbrush more than three months, and also visit a dentist at least once in six months.

17. DRESSING (Outward Appearance and Packaging)

Very close to personal hygiene is your dressing and outward appearance. The way you dress determines how you will be addressed, as people see you before they hear you. Your outward appearance and packaging tell lots of stories about you.

The truth is this; many ladies do not know the difference between dressing to look attractive and dressing to look sexy. You can look attractive and beautiful without being sexy. When you dress half naked, you look sexy. But when you dress decently, you look attractive and beautiful. When you dress sexy, you are inviting bad boys to come, deceive, use and dump you free of charge, leaving you heartbroken and shattered.

My dear, dressing half naked on social media as a single lady only attracts boys. Real men don't eat uncovered food. Do not let thousands of comments and likes fool you, cover up.

You don't need to look sexy before your God-ordained husband locates you. Bad boys and irresponsible men want you to look sexy, but not so with responsible men. Matured and responsible men want you to look beautiful, decent and modest. So, avoid appearing sexy, suggestive, seductive and provocative.

On the other hand, there are people on the other end (very religious people) who dress like those from the Stone Age. These ones marry late because by their dressing, they look far older than their age (like their 'grandparents'), and no man would want to marry his grandparents' age mate.

This is why as a single, you really need to take good care of yourself, because people may not be bold enough to tell you that your dressing or body odour is off-putting, and this may prolong the person's marital establishment.

In conclusion, always dress well and smell good.

18. UNREASONABLE STANDARD AND CHOOSINESS

Many people marry late because they are either choosy or have set unreasonable standards.

Some people's delay in getting married is of God, but many other people's own is their fault (self-imposed, self-invited) – they had refused to discern when God's choice showed up. They had set for themselves ungodly or carnal standards God's choice for them "could" not meet. For this reason, many of them have remained unmarried. There are those that have vowed not to marry any man that is not ready made. You need to know this, waiting for a ready-made man or even woman (in some cases) may be waiting for eternity. You hear some ladies say things like: 'He must have a white collar job, earning salary in many zeros, has a good car, and must have a house of his own.' My dear, if you are one of such ladies, repent, otherwise you may remain unmarried for as long as you can imagine.

Please understand me; I am not suggesting that you accept anybody that asks for your hand in marriage, but wisdom should be applied. If you are too choosy or a fault-finder, then marital delay is inevitable, because like I said earlier, nobody is perfect. All these he must have this, he must have that; he must be this, he must be that, should stop! Mr. Perfect or Miss Perfect does not exist, except in people's imagination.

19. BAD ATTITUDE

A lot of people are not yet married because they have attitudinal challenges. Bad attitude or character is enough to put a prospective suitor off. A bad attitude or character is like a flat tire, you cannot go anywhere until you change it.

One of such bad attitude is fault finding. Do you always find fault on what people do and defend your wrongs? You are never wrong, others should bear the blames. Shifting blames and not taking responsibility for good and bad is an attitude of fault finders. Do not always be mindful or careful about who is wrong; how do we correct it should be your focus.

Another one is being too demanding. This is an attitude you need to change. Many ladies think when they demand too much and their request is granted, that makes their man caring and not stingy: that is not true. The picture you paint here is that you are out to drain your lover. And no man would want to marry a leech or bloodsucker.

Also, as a single lady , being rude will earn you nothing, but longer days in your father's house just as you will not feel comfortable settling down with someone with bad attitude. Nobody will want to settle down with you too if your attitude to life, situation or people is bad.

Your attitude determines your altitude. What is your attitude like?

20. LACK OF CHARACTER. A major reason why many people marry late is that they have bad character. I choose to call it character odour. Beauty is not everything. In fact, beauty is empty, but character is everything. No matter how charming a woman is, it is her character that really matters, because physical things (including beauty) are transient.

I know a lot of ladies that lost viable relationships because of bad character. There was one that lost several suitors because of stealing. Some people's character defect is flirting (promiscuity), lying, smoking, disrespect, etc.

I have seen many marriages that ended in divorce because of character odour. So do not think you can hide it in marriage. Character is like smoke, no matter what you do, you cannot hide it. I humorously said to some people that marrying someone with body odour is easier managed in marriage than marrying someone with character odour.

Some people's problem is pride (arrogance, ostentatious living). Pride is the cause of their marital stagnation. If your pride as a woman will not permit you to submit to a man, then forget about marriage for good. No man in his senses wants to marry another man. Ladies with bad character in most cases can only have boyfriends, but it will be difficult for them to have husbands. If you have character problem, men will only date you because of sex, but may not marry you. You may be very charming and sexy, but, without character a man will date you only to use you to satisfy his sexual urge. But when it is time for that man to settle down, he will dump you and choose another girl with good character.

If you are a lady that clubs without restraint, I want to counsel you to reconsider your lifestyle – stop clubbing and flirting around with men. Most men after clubbing with a lady end up marrying a decent lady and use it as a testimony in church.

Whatever be your character flaws, deal with them now before it deals with you later. Work on your character, because your real beauty is your character and not your physical appearance.

21. NEGATIVE PAST LIFESTYLE

A lot of singles are experiencing delay in getting married as repercussions or consequences of their ugly past lifestyles and behaviour. In other words, they are reaping what they have sown. Do not forget that as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

Except by the mercy of God, it may be difficult to marry on time if you spent prime time living a riotous life, clubbing with married men (or even married women in some cases), flirting and prostituting, etc.

A lady, for instance, that used her prime season to cause trouble in another woman's family by having an immoral affair with the woman's husband, if God ever permits her to get married, must be ready to reap tribulation in her own family. It is not a prophecy of doom; it's simply the law of seedtime and harvest. To sow trouble in another person's family is to reap tribulation in your own family (that's if God permits you to have one).This is confirmed in Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever man sows, that shall he also reap."

For you to go about breaking people's heart and homes only to want to settle down when it is too late and you are no more in your prime, may be difficult. What is your past life like? How have you been living your life? Answer these questions sincerely if you really want to be helped. Singles with such terrible past as mentioned above most times face delay except for God's merciful intervention., which is very possible if they seek for it and connect with God by repenting genuinely.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy. "Do the needful if you are a victim of this point.

22. MISSED OPPORTUNITIES (LOST SEASON). Everyone has a season in life, and when that season (time, opportunity or moment) comes, it is wisdom to make the most of it.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, *"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven."*

There is a season for you, but if you do not know it, you cannot maximize it when it comes. And a season you do not understand, you will lose it, and the outcome will be filled with regrets. When singles spend the prime of their season being indecisive, proud, arrogant, rude, promiscuous, unserious and choosy, they lose a lot of potential suitors and may realize when it's too late that they have wasted their productive years. Many singles miss their marital opportunities because they were insensitive to their season.

There are many beautiful and brilliant ladies today that are still single not because Satan is fighting their marital settlement, but because when their season came, they were not sensitive enough, so it passed by before they woke up. Today, they are wallowing in regrets with age ticking away.

Friends, nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity. The truth is this, there are some opportunities that once they're lost may be very difficult to regain. When a farmer misses his planting season, he will have to wait for another one, may be another year. Many singles today are like that farmer that missed his planting season.

However, I have good news for you: if you missed it in your prime season, there is hope for you if only you will connect to the mercy of God and make demands on restoration.

Restoration of lost years is possible but only with God.

So far, we have seen about twenty-two causes and cure for delay in getting married. Right now, I will be giving you the last but not the least, and it is Marital Embargo and Limitation. What is this all about?

Let’s go to the next chapter.

Chapter Four

MARITAL EMBARGO AND LIMITATION

Zechariah 1:18-21 says, "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, what be these? And he answered me; these are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD shew me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, SO THAT NO MAN DID LIFT UP HIS HEAD: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it."

There are many singles having difficulty in getting married because of one marital embargo or the other. Marital embargo and limitation is real, but more real is your freedom. This is traceable to the enemy (satanic or demonic forces) - he is the one behind your chronic singleness or delay in getting married.

I have seen a lot of ladies that from personal view and that of others have the qualities of a wife material, but they are not yet married. In fact, some of them are not even in any serious relationship. Some ladies have told me that no man has said 'Hi' to them. I am talking about beautiful, brilliant and honest ladies. In most cases, an enemy is responsible for their predicament.

For some people, it's not that suitors are not coming; it is failure at the edge of breakthrough. Recently, I met a lady who complained that suitors do come, perform the marriage introduction and then run away (she won't hear from them again). How will you explain such a situation?

The truth is that, anyone that is a victim of marital embargo and limitation will find it very difficult to settle down except by divine intervention.

I want to break this matter to the level you will understand. Now, let me share with you major ways this marital embargo and limitation comes upon a person and makes the person to face delay in getting married.

a. **Evil Covenant or Agreement**: Many families in Africa are facing one challenge or the other because of certain transactions undertaken by their forefathers.

A particular lady was ageing but still unmarried (and no man was coming for her). She took it up in prayer to find out what was wrong. At the place of prayer, the cause of her delay was revealed to her. What was it?

Her great-grandfather was a king. He wanted to retain the throne, so he entered into an agreement with the powers of darkness, sacrificing the marital destiny of his children and that of his lineage for royalty. Females born in that family and lineage were not permitted to marry. With the above revelation, this lady destroyed that covenant, and today, she is happily married with children.

There was another lady with a similar situation. All effort to get married proved abortive. So, she took the matter to God at the place of prayer. In the course of praying, she was inspired to ask her mother why she was not married, and when her mother opened up, she couldn't believe her ears. Her mother asked her, 'Am I married? Is your grandmother married? Was your great-grandmother married?' The answer is NO!

Her mother continued, 'In our family, we don't get married; you are permitted to give birth to many children as you want, but you are not permitted to marry.'

With this finding, she waged war against such satanic covenant at the place of prayer, and God delivered and settled her. Am not telling you stories, these things are real. But the good news is that, there is a way out. The power of God is available to neutralize any evil covenant or agreement entered into on your behalf.

b. **Family Altars**.

Closely related to the first one are altars of your parents' house. There are many people today facing marital limitation as a result of the altars of their family.

Altars are powerful. A positive altar will assist your life and destiny while a satanic altar will resist your destiny by all means. After God called Gideon, the first thing He told him to do was to pull down the altar of his father's house.

Judges 6:25-28 says, *"And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built."*

If it was not necessary, God would not have asked him to go and destroy it. Any family altar resisting your marital settlement and establishment can be totally destroyed. I will soon show you what to do to handle this problem.

c. **Family (Ancestral or Generational) Curses.** Curses are real, and curses that have a cause do prevail. Let's see something in Matthew 27:24-25, and it says,

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. *THEN ANSWERED ALL THE PEOPLE, AND SAID, HIS BLOOD BE ON US, AND ON OUR CHILDREN" (emphasis mine).*

The above passage is the situation of many families today.

I hope you understood what happened in the passage above. Pilate distanced himself from shedding the blood of the innocent, but the people invited the consequences of their action upon themselves and their children. Imagine coming from this kind of family.

Many people marry late because they're from families that are under a curse; hence they become victims of collective captivity. There are some families where the men never marry until after the age of forty, and the women in their late thirties and even beyond.

In some families they don't stay with one partner for life (they keep jumping from one man/woman to another, one marriage to another). There are families where all the females have children out of wedlock.

Let's see the family of Abraham in the Bible; there were family patterns that moved from one generation to another in that lineage. Barrenness -Abraham's wife was barren; Isaac's wife was barren, and likewise Jacob. Lying - Abraham lied; Isaac lied; when it got to Jacob's time he multiplied it.

In that family too, the firstborn had a problem – they didn't get the birthright, it went to another person. Isaac got the birthright instead of Ishmael; Jacob got the birthright instead of Esau; Joseph got it instead of Reuben. These things are real.

If you discover any evil pattern in your family, seeking deliverance is the wisest thing to do. You must be ready to deal with any anti-marital spell in your family. And by the things you are learning from this book, your deliverance is already happening.

d. **Spiritual Marriage**. One major way through, which marital disfavour, embargo and limitation are placed on people is spiritual marriage, and this in turn causes people to marry late.

A lot of singles find it difficult to marry because they are already married in the realm of the spirit. When a person is married to a spirit spouse, this spirit will do everything possible to make sure the person doesn't have any meaningful relationship in the physical.

Watching pornography, masturbation, sex in the dream (most times with a particular face), sexual looseness in the physical, etc. can be traced to this spiritual marriage. These spirit spouses could be violent. We have had cases where after a man asks for a lady's hand in marriage, and starts preparing for wedding, he will have a terrible nightmare. In his dream a stranger comes to warn him, telling him not to go ahead with his intended wedding, because his wife to be is already married to him (the spirit spouse). Many times, the man usually quit such relationship for the safety of his life. I am not telling you stories, but realities of life.

In some cases, this spirit spouse may either kill the man or make him to mysteriously fall sick few weeks or even days to the wedding, only to recover after the wedding date has passed. That's how wicked or heartless these demonic spirits could be.

I met a lady some years ago. Before we met, she had two major relationships that failed woefully. The two young men that came for her hand in marriage died mysteriously the moment they started making plans for their wedding. The two men had similar experiences at different times.

After she narrated her ordeal to me, I gave her certain spiritual exercise to embark on. On the last day of the exercise, I prayed for her and our Heavenly Father showed up. She was totally delivered on the spot. Today, her story has changed.

And now, incase this is your experience, you can be delivered too. You do not have any business with demons in form of spirit spouses. Human beings are meant to marry human beings, not the other way round. If there is any spirit that wants to marry, that spirit should go and marry a fellow spirit, not a human being. A demon should marry a *demoness*, not a human being.

e. **Witchcraft Manipulation and Spell**. Witchcraft is the combination of envy, jealousy, bitterness and wickedness. Witchcraft manipulations are real.

There are families that have been tied down by witchcraft power. This is a situation where a man, woman or even a group of wicked people decide to cripple the marital destiny of a person or a family. And this is because of envy, jealousy, bitterness or wickedness.

Many times, they monitor their victims to ensure that no relationship they enter into ends in marriage. This might be the cause of the near-success-syndrome you've been experiencing in relationship. Each time a man proposes to you, mysteriously the relationship ends abruptly, and you cannot really explain what happened.

We also have cases where these agents of the devil bewitch or manipulate their victims to do certain anti-marital things that usually destroy relationship. I have seen a lady quit a relationship unconsciously, only to come back to her senses after the man had gone.

The last but not the least is marital disfavour. Some marital embargo and limitation could be as a result of marital disfavour (people hate you for no just cause). Marital disfavour keeps people in marital stagnation. In such situation, delay in getting married is inevitable. Do you know that there are beautiful, brilliant and good ladies that no man has ever asked out talk more of marriage? Such people are victims of demonic rejection.

There was this lady that was finding it difficult to get a marriage partner. As she ran to God for solution, it was revealed to her that in the spirit realm, the enemy gave her the face of a man. As a result of that demonic manipulation, when men see her, they see their fellow man. And you know no man in his right senses would want to marry his fellow man.With the above discovery, that lady prayed her way through, and today, she is happily married with children. Any witch or wizard sitting on your marital destiny, today is the end, in the name of Jesus Christ. I decree your freedom right now! Going by what we have discussed in this chapter, the next important question should be: How do I destroy marital embargo and limitation? This question will receive full answers in the next chapter.

Chapter Five

DESTROYING MARITAL EMBARGO & LIMITATION

Psalms 107:15-16 says, "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder."

We serve a God that takes pleasure in lifting embargoes and limitation; He breaks chains and destroys yokes.

Whatever be the cause of your marital problem – evil covenant, family altar (s), ancestral or generational curse, spiritual marriage, witchcraft manipulations or marital disfavour, it can be thoroughly destroyed if you apply relevant forces.

God is a specialist in destroying embargoes, limitations, chains and yokes. He did it for Joseph in Egypt – Psalm 105:17-20

- He did it for Peter in the cell– Acts 12:6-10
- He did it for Paul and Silas in the prison – Acts 16:25-26
- He is willing and able to do it for you today – Matthew 11:28-30

Now, let me share with you necessary keys for the lifting of embargoes and limitations placed upon your life and destinies.

WHAT ARE THOSE KEYS?

1. **Word Revelation** Psalms 107:20 says, "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

Psalms 105:17-20 has this to say concerning Joseph, "He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free."

And John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

There is something you will see from the Word of God that will settle you for life. Do you want to be settled in marriage? Then, you need the settled Word of God. Word revelation is necessary for both your liberation and the destruction of any limitation and embargo holding you down. Since you began reading this book, you must have seen certain things regarding your marital destiny.

Revelation means being able to see what God is saying. And you know what; no limitation can stand the Word of God. So when your Word comes, your embargoes are destroyed. Therefore, settle down with the settled Word of God if you want to be settled in life and also have a settled destiny.

2. **Aggressive and Desperate Prayer and Fasting**. In the course of waiting on the Lord in fasting, coupled with word study, scriptures will begin to network. At the end, you come out with compound revelation.

Matthew 17:21 says, "Howbeit this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting."

Isaiah 58:6, 8 "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward."

There is something you will see from the Word of God that will get you intoxicated and aggressive. Revelation is the key to aggression. You need a certain degree of aggression and desperation to see the destruction of your limitation and experience liberation. This is confirmed in Matthew 11:12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

Jacob's life couldn't have changed until he became very desperate for a total change of his story – Genesis 32:24-28. I have arranged some prophetic and judgmental prayers for the destruction of any marital embargo and limitation on your life at the end of this book.

3. Dedication to God. In Exodus 4:23, the Bible says, "And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn."

Also in Exodus 7:16, it says, "And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear."

When the children of Israel decided to serve God, God decided to liberate them from the oppression of Pharaoh. If you are ready and willing to donate yourself to God in real Kingdom advancement service, there is no embargo or limitation that can keep you down. No devil can hold you down if you are willing to serve Him.

Just donate yourself to God in service, and no bondage or imprisonment will keep you back. In other words, true dedication is the key for both your liberation and the destruction of marital limitation and embargo. Make up your mind today to serve God with your life, time, talent and treasure, and then watch God daze you with His goodness.

4. Sacrifice. You can sacrifice your way out of any captivity. This is confirmed in Psalms 126:1-6, and it says, "When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The altar of sacrifice is the altar of turnaround. Curses, embargoes and limitations can be lifted and destroyed by sacrifice – Genesis 8:20-22

Hannah's embargo in the area of conception was destroyed by the power of sacrifice. 1 Samuel 1:11, 19-20.

Her own was delay in conception. Marital delay or disfavour can be totally destroyed on the altar of sacrifice. Personally, I cannot tell the number of things sacrifices have done for me and my family.

In case you don't know what sacrifice is, David gave us an idea in 2 Samuel 24:24-25,

"And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel."

David showed us what sacrifice looks like in verse 24, and in the next verse, the Bible showed us the result of his sacrifice. Please hear this, God is not in need, has never been in need and will never be in need. He's not hungry, and even if He is, we lack the capacity to meet His 'needs'. Psalm 50:10-12

Anybody telling you that God needs what is in your pocket to survive is speaking for himself or herself, not for God. God doesn't need our sacrifices to survive, but we need it if we must see certain results and experience dramatic turnarounds. Therefore, as you are led, do likewise! Sacrifice your way out of that delay in this season.

5. Praise and Worship. Praise and worship is a weapon of deliverance and judgment (execution of the enemy) – Psalm 32:7. The atmosphere of praise and worship is the atmosphere of deliverance.

Saul was getting his deliverance in the atmosphere of anointed praise and worship. 1 Samuel 16:21-23. Paul and Silas combined the forces of prayer and praise to experience liberty. Acts 16:25-26.It does not matter how long the devil has tied your marital destiny down, if you will engage this two- edged sword of praise and worship, your freedom is confirmed. Psalm 149:5-8.

Praise your way out of that bondage, and also surround yourself with worship.

6. The Anointing of God on His Prophets/Pastors. The Anointing of God upon your pastor is for the lifting of embargoes and limitations. Isaiah 10:27 says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

The mantle of God on your prophet is for the battles of your life. That mantle is for the liberty of people. Hosea 12:13 says, "And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved."

The children of Israel were in captivity and absolute stagnation for over 400years. And for them to gain freedom from captivity in Egypt, they needed Prophet Moses. They gained their freedom in one day through the ministry of God's anointed servant. Egypt refers to affliction, limitation, stagnation, oppression, deprivation, depression, bondage and captivity. It is not a place to be.

But today, your deliverance from Egypt is released, in Jesus Name. Many times, God uses His true servants to deliver His people from captivity, end their delay and establish them in speed and progress. Genuine and anointed men of God carry a toying grace; even if you don't want to move forward, and you come in contact with them, you do not have any option other than to move with them. Your season has finally come!

However, the vessel you don't value, you cannot draw virtue (power) from. By the Grace of God on my life, I decree that the end of your marital delay is NOW, in Jesus Name. With these keys in place, your freedom is inevitable. It's time to apply them. The next few pages contain judgmental prayers for the destruction of embargoes and limitations. It's time for you to pray yourself out of marital delay and any other form of delay.

It's a new day for you, in Jesus Name.

Chapter Six

IT'S TIME TO PUSH

Prayer is the essence of this chapter. We are here to PUSH (PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS). Do you want to deliver results; you must be ready to push. There can be no delivery without a push. And if you refuse to push, doctor will cut you open. The choice is yours.

In addition, there are prayer boosters: fasting and praying in tongues are some of them. For your prayers to carry more force and more effective, combine it with fasting and abundant praying in the Holy Ghost - Matthew 17:21, 1 Corinthians 14:2-4, Isaiah 58:6-8.

Also, you may make them midnight prayers combined with praise and worship. And when you finish, go to bed with expectation and you will wake up with revelation. If you faithfully do this for the next 3- 7days, you will see and experience the reality of God. In the course of this prayer, expect drastic divine encounters.

The Hour Has Come!

EMBARGO DESTROYING PRAYER POINTS

- Thank You Father for opening my eyes via this book; thank You for Your Word to me through this material, am eternally grateful to you. Psalm 92:1-2.
- Thank you for the privilege of relationship with you; thank You for the Blood of Jesus Christ that gives me access into Your Presence, to you be the glory in Jesus Name.
- Today, I apply for mercy over my life; let your mercy handle every mess I brought upon myself; let your mercy prevail over judgment, LORD in Jesus Name. Lamentations 3:22
- Father, by the Blood of Jesus Christ, I break and cancel every inherited curse in my life in Jesus Name.
- LORD, I disconnect from any curse or spell placed on my ancestral families, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Whatever works against the marital destiny of people in my lineage, today I separate myself by the Blood of Jesus. Galatians 3:13-14, Psalm 11:3
- Today, I purge myself of all the evil food I have eaten in the evil world with the Blood of Jesus and purify myself with the fire of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 3:12
- All demonic spirits attached to all these covenants and curses working against my life and destiny, today, your grip, hold and control over my life is broken by the Blood of Jesus.

- I declare my body, soul and spirit a no go area for all evil spirits, in Jesus Name.
- I break every evil covenant entered on my behalf with any deity, water spirits, etc. and the yokes attached to it. I disconnect from such demonic covenant (s) and its consequences NOW, in Jesus Name.
- Every covenant I entered with any agent of darkness, consciously or unconsciously, by the Blood of Jesus Christ I neutralize it NOW, in Jesus Name.
- Every spiritual marriage I entered into, consciously or unconsciously, today, I divorce and renounce such marriage. Every link that connects me to spirit spouses, marine spirits, and other agents of darkness, today I destroy such link and set it on fire, in Jesus Name.
- I break every blood soul tie covenants with any spirit spouse.
- Every spirit spouse tormenting my life and earthly marriage, I bind you with hot chains and fetters of God and cast you out of my life into the pit and command you not to ever come into my life again. Matthew 18:18
- I purge myself with the Blood of Jesus of every evil material deposited into my life or body preventing my marital establishment on earth, in Jesus Name. Matthew 15:13
- LORD, repair and restore every damage done to any part of my body and my earthly relationship by the spirit spouse, in Jesus Name. Jeremiah 30:17
- I take authority over every ancestral or generational altar fighting my life, destiny and marital establishment; I command them to be set on fire, in Jesus Name. Judges 6:25-26, Isaiah 51:25
- LORD, I demand the destruction of every ancestral, generational or witchcraft spell, curse or covenant, working against my marital destiny. By the Blood of Jesus you are rendered null and void, in Jesus Name. Jeremiah 31:2-9, Revelation 12:11
- Every altar, spell, curse or covenant speaking against my and marital destiny, be silenced by the speaking of the Blood of Jesus, in Jesus Name. Hebrews 10:22-24
- I dethrone every satanic principality, power or strongman positioned to preside over my life and marital destiny; I decree their immediate dethronement and the enthronement of both God and His agenda for me, in Jesus Name. Jeremiah 51:20-21, Proverbs 19:21
- Oh LORD, every personality, entity, deity, altar or shrine sponsoring your marital captivity, bondage, tears, embargo, limitation and frustration, be set on fire NOW, in Jesus Name.

- Oh LORD to whom vengeance belong; judge every controlling altar, shrine or deity manipulating my life today, in Jesus Name.
- LORD, judge personalities and deities resisting your marital plan and purpose for my life and family from coming to pass, in Jesus Name. 1 Timothy 1:18
- Oh LORD, judge personalities and entities questioning the fulfillment of Your Word in my life and family in this season and beyond, in Jesus Name.
- Every demonic odour or strange smell of disfavour and rejection resisting my life and marital destiny, today is your end, in Jesus Name. And as disfavour and rejection in my life ends today, I make demands on the fragrance or aroma (uniform) of high favour, in Jesus Name. Songs of Solomon 4:16.
- Every negative (wrong) identity the enemy has given me which is fighting my marital establishment, today is your end, in Jesus Name.
- I have made Jesus Christ my personal Lord and Saviour, so I am married to Him and Him only. By the arrival of Jesus Christ in my life today, every demonic presence in or around my life, today is your end, in Jesus Name. 1 Corinthians 5:17It is written, 'And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.' Having received the Light of God into my life, the reign and dominion of darkness in my life ends NOW, in Jesus Name. John 1:5
- Thank You Heavenly Father, for the destruction of embargoes and limitations on my life; thank You for the forceful release of my marital destiny, to you be all the glory, Lord in Jesus Name. 1 John 5:14-15.
- Go ahead and celebrate your marital settlement, because God has both heard and answered your prayers. Put to work all you learnt from this book, and let God do His. It's a new day for you, in Jesus Name. Get ready to testify. Let me know when it happens.

Congratulations!

IF YOU ARE NOT SAVED, YOU ARE NOT SAFE!

Success on earth and failure in eternity is a useless success. Eternity is real. There is life after death, and it's you who will choose where you will spend your eternity: Heaven or hell. The one you live for and how you live on earth determines where you end in eternity. Those who miss Heaven won't miss hell. The choice is yours.

At this moment, if you have not given your life to Jesus Christ or you did it before but returned to your vomit, you are encouraged to do so NOW. Pray the following prayer meaning every word of it in your heart: "Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I cannot help myself. I have lived independent of you. Come into my life and change my life and destiny. I receive the grace to live for you by faith, serve you all the days of my life and to say NO to sin. I thank You Lord for saving me. Amen."

Now that you are born again, I would like you to be planted in a Bible believing Church near you, where you can be properly fed and nurtured in the Word of God. Congratulations and God bless you!

IF YOU HAVE BEEN INSPIRED AND BLESSED BY THIS BOOK, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE, DO NOT KEEP YOUR EXPERIENCE OR ENCOUNTER TO YOURSELF, LET OTHERS BE INSPIRED AND ENCOURAGED BY IT, AND YOU CAN DO THAT EVEN NOW!

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