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Daughter, While You Wait

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Chapter 1

Daughter, Act Now

While You Wait, Keep Going to Church

And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there. And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb.

And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

1 Samuel 1:3-7

What does one do while waiting for a miracle? What should you do while you wait for God's answer?

Hannah was the woman who kept going to church (Shiloh) in spite of her problems. Hannah is the one from whom we learn what to do while we wait for our miracle!

Women face many problems today. A woman with direction is someone who cannot be turned away from her church in spite of her problems.

Dear woman, your help comes from God. The devil would like to keep you from the source of your help.

Hannah was suffering from barrenness, and could have stayed at home in her depression; she could have worked all day and night, or resorted to witchcraft and all sorts of things to help her.

But she kept going to Shiloh. Shiloh is the place where prayers and sacrifices are made to the Lord.

While You Wait, Notice God's Blessings Around You

But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? AM NOT I BETTER TO THEE THAN TEN SONS?

1 Samuel 1:5,8

Hannah's husband really loved her. The Bible tells us how he gave a worthy portion to her and describes his deep love for her. But Hannah did not notice her husband's love. Hannah wept and wept and did not notice that she had a good husband.

A woman with direction must learn to see beyond her problem. Some women are so taken up with the problems that they cannot see the goodness of God around them. Perhaps there is one fault with your husband. Do not be so taken up with that fault that you don't see how God has blessed you. The grass always seems to be greener on the other side.

At one point, Hannah's husband asked her, "Am I not worth more than ten sons to you?" Perhaps your difficulties have blinded your eyes to the blessings of God.

Please do not allow a dark cloud to brood over everything because of the one problem that you have.

Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

1 Samuel 1:8

Hannah could not see that she had a good husband. She could not notice that her husband was very generous and kind. Hannah did not think of the fact that even if she had children they would grow up and leave the home one day. Then she would be all alone with her husband again.

Perhaps you are looking for a husband or perhaps you want your husband to be saved. A woman with direction does not allow her problem to overshadow the blessings that she already has.

Daughter while you wait, notice God's blessings! Be thankful for what you have; more is on the way.

While You Wait, Use Your Spiritual Weapons

And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.

1 Samuel 1:10

In this verse, you see how Hannah lifted up her eyes to the Lord and prayed with strong cries and tears (Hebrews 5:7). She was a prayer warrior. Daughter, your weapons are not carnal; they are mighty through God. Perhaps you need a baby. Perhaps you need a husband. Do not resort to physical or human methods to get what you need.

Many problems have spiritual roots and a daughter of destiny knows this! If you are seeking for a baby, it is good to find the appropriate medical care.

But a woman with direction knows that prayer is the solution. Keep praying, there is power in prayer. As you study the Bible, you will realize that many people received blessings and breakthroughs through prayer.

Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24

Before Hannah could do anything about it, her husband had married someone else in order to have children. This is a very common practice in Africa, since some see the state of being childless as a curse. Many husbands are pressurized into finding someone who can have a baby with them.

Perhaps being a second wife is not easy. Even being the only wife is a great challenge. Before Hannah could do anything about it, she was in a bad situation.

Woman, I want you to know that God sees everything you are going through. He is on your side. He will deliver you. He will keep you. I see you being raised out of that impossible situation! As you read this book, a new light is beginning to shine in your life. The days of reproach and humiliation are over. I declare it to be so, in the name of Jesus!

While You Wait, Make a Vow! AND SHE VOWED A VOW, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1 Samuel 1:11

Hannah was a woman with direction. She went a step further than many others would. She made a promise to God. If He were to give her a child she would give him back to the Lord. She promised to give away what was most precious to her, even before he was born. Perhaps, God is waiting for you to make such a promise to Him. Can you make a vow and keep it?

While You Wait, Keep Your Vows

Hannah kept her vow.

But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

And WHEN SHE HAD WEANED HIM, SHE TOOK HIM UP WITH HER, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young.

And they slew a bullock, AND BROUGHT THE CHILD TO ELI.

And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

THEREFORE ALSO I HAVE LENT HIM TO THE LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

1 Samuel 1:22-28

She gave unto the Lord and the Lord gave back to her. Is money a problem to you? Do you find it difficult to give to Jesus? Loosen that money and let it go now! Become a "tither" and a giver of offerings. A woman with direction is someone who pays her first and best fruits to the Lord. She makes a vow that she is going to support the ministry and she sticks to her word.

There are many women who have a problem with money. Woman, do not let the god of this world have any control of your life. There are many blessings that are released when you pay your vows.

Do you know that when Abraham gave tithes to the Lord, the blessing he received was a child? The Bible teaches us that Abraham was very rich; he didn't need anymore money. God knows what you need. As you give to Him, God will give you what you need.

Principles are things that happen whether you want them to or not! There is a principle about giving. The more you give the more you receive.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

Hannah gave one son to the Lord - the principle worked! God gave her five more children in return.

Help Your Son to Become a Pastor!

Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

1 Samuel 2:19

In this Scripture, you will notice how Hannah gave her son for the ministry. She knew that his life was going to be different from that of other little children.

It was a great sacrifice for her to bring her only child to the temple. She knew his life was going to be difficult. Nevertheless, she kept her promise

and gave up what was valuable to her.

Make a Preacher's Coat for Your Son

She made him a little coat to help him in the ministry. That little coat represents her contribution to his ministry. She was giving him clothes that he could use in church. A woman with direction is somebody who would like her child to serve the Lord. Some people do not want their husbands or children to go anywhere near the ministry. They have a subtle way of opposing their thought of becoming ministers.

A woman with direction will release her husband or her child to the ministry. Daughter, help your husband to fulfil his calling.

Daughter, Keep on Singing

Hannah was a woman who wrote and sang songs after she had children. Many Christians today leave the music ministry after they have had children. They no longer praise the Lord as they used to. Hannah composed beautiful songs.

She composed, "There is none holy as the Lord." After her promotion, she was found in the house of the Lord praying. She could still be found singing.

Many women desire breakthroughs from the Lord, but when they have them they complain about how busy they are with their children. They explain how they are suffering from morning sickness. They can no longer be in church because of backaches.

Thank God for spiritual daughters! A woman with direction stays with the Lord even after the blessing has come. A woman with direction becomes even more zealous after the promotion of God.

Woman, Can You Be Separated from Your Child?

Some women are so attached to their children that they are of no use to anyone! Their husbands suffer because a child has come. The church suffers because a child has come. Sometimes their work suffers as well. A woman with direction is not overwhelmed because of a child. She does not allow her child to separate her from the will of God. She is able to leave her child for a few hours so that she can fulfil her ministry.

Woman, do not be overwhelmed by the blessing of childbirth.

Woman, Go beyond Your Emotions And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

1 Samuel 1:7,8

Hannah was an emotional person. You can see in the Scriptures that she wept and cried like any other woman. She had feelings and emotional problems. But she went beyond her emotions and became a spiritual person. In fact, she became more spiritual after her problem.

Daughter, allow God to draw you deeper into the things of the Spirit. Through your problems, you will get to know God better. Indeed, all things will work out for your good. Woman, there is a breakthrough waiting for you. Go beyond your emotions and become a spiritual person.

Chapter 2

Daughter, Catch the Anointing

And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Mark 5:21-34

Daughters Are Receptive

I am a firm believer in the ability of women to catch the anointing. Many people brand women as being emotional. With the passage of years, I think I can say that women are more receptive to the Holy Spirit than men.

This receptivity is often misunderstood. Dear sister, the anointing is yours for the taking. You must reach out with your spirit and take what God has for you. Do not be intimidated any longer by the brothers who are stiff and unyielding to the Holy Spirit. There is a difference between a man and a woman. I have noticed that difference when it comes to the things of the Lord.

If you look closely at the story of the woman with the issue of blood, you will learn certain things about women catching the anointing. Jesus was surrounded by His disciples.

On that day in particular, the anointing was flowing at a very high level. A few hours earlier, Jesus had cast out six thousand demons from a mad man in Gadara. He had crossed the river and was on His way to raise the dead.

The twelve disciples were very close to the anointing but didn't have what it took to connect to the power. A certain smelly, nameless woman (unnamed up till today) came up to Jesus. She had what it took to connect to the anointing that was on Jesus. As soon as she touched the hem of Jesus' garment, something happened to her. The anointing passed into her. Jesus felt it and she did as well.

And Jesus, immediately KNOWING IN HIMSELF THAT VIRTUE HAD GONE OUT of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

Mark 5:30

When Jesus asked His disciples who had tapped into the anointing, they were very surprised. They asked the Lord, "What are you talking about?" They stuttered, "Which power is flowing where?" They were confused and they asked one another, "What is He talking about? I don't feel anything, do you?" They turned on Jesus, defending their insensitivity to

the things of the Spirit.

They said to Him, "Can't you see that the masses are jostling you? What you felt was not the anointing. You were just feeling the pressure of the crowds surrounding us. It seems that you are becoming emotional." Merzee!* _____

* Author’s colloquial exclamation

But Jesus knew that the anointing was flowing. He also knew that somebody had received it. The nameless woman in the crowd had already begun to rejoice because she had received the power.

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Mark 5:29

Is it not amazing that the disciples did not recognize or feel the flow of the Spirit in the service? An unidentified person from nowhere came up and received it all. This is a common pattern I have noticed.

Sometimes, when I pray for people at the altar, I notice that the women are more receptive. They feel the power of God. They sense the Spirit moving.

Sometimes, the men are like marble statues covered with plaster of Paris. Some people cannot receive anything.

You see, the power of God can be felt. Jesus felt it going out of Him. The woman with the issue of blood also felt the power coming into her. You may see all these things as emotionalism. I can assure you that there is more to it than the emotions of a woman. Daughter you are receptive. Sometimes women become intimidated by the people around them. They feel that they are being hysterical. Daughter, you are not hysterical. You are just receptive to the Spirit of God!

However, you will notice that there seem to be more men actively involved in ministry. Why is this? There are a few reasons why more men come into ministry. You will notice that this woman with the issue of blood never became a minister. If she did, it is not mentioned in the Bible.

However, we see the disciples becoming successful apostles, prophets, and teachers. In the second chapter of Acts, we see the disciples receiving the anointing and speaking in tongues.

It took them longer to receive the anointing. But when they did, the results were dramatic. We watched them become ministers in the book of Acts. I believe that women receive the anointing far quicker than men do, but the cares of this world choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful.

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Mark 4:19

There are three areas where women are particularly affected.

First of all, in the area of finding husbands.

Secondly, in ensuring that their marriages are successful and peaceful.

And thirdly, in the bearing and raising of children.

I have watched women with great anointing lose their ministry as they succumbed to these realities. Woman, through no fault of yours, you will have to grapple with these realities. It is only if you are determined that you will remain in ministry.

In my church, I have found that women are very good shepherds and pastors. Some of my best pastors are women.

When they are able to overcome these three challenges, they become extremely useful. Daughter, you received the anointing. You must prevail with the anointing.

Daughter, Take These Steps

Daughter, it is important to study the steps that this unnamed woman took as she came to the anointing. You must study closely what this unnamed woman did in order to receive from God. God has many things in store for you.

Notice the four steps that this woman took to receive the anointing.

I learnt these steps from Kenneth Hagin.

Step number one, she heard it.

Step number two, she believed it.

Step number three, she said it.

Step number four, she did it.

She Heard It!

When she had HEARD of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

Mark 5:27

A daughter of destiny must expose herself to the Word of God so that she will hear the right things. The more you hear, the more you believe. The more you believe, the more you are open to the blessings of God.

Woman with direction, are you someone who listens to tapes? Do you watch videos? Do you read books? Or are you just seeking after blessings?

She Believed It!

This woman did certain things that brought her a certain blessing. She believed. The more you hear, the more you will believe.

I want you to believe that God has answered your prayers. I want you to believe that you will prosper. It is more beneficial for you to believe than to doubt. Believe that God has given you a good husband and a good marriage. Do not doubt it, no matter your age.

She Said It!

Thirdly, this woman said it. I want you to say positive things from today. Speak positively. You are anointed. Speak positively.

With the heart you believe and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. You must make positive confessions about your life. For practical help on making positive confessions, see my book, *Name it! Claim it! Take It*.

She Did It!

The fourth and final step is to do something. Stretch out your heart and hand and receive from the Lord. If you want a husband, do something about it. After hearing and believing that God is going to bless you, dress nicely, look smart and be friendly. Everybody wants to marry someone who is warm and has feelings. Daughter, never forget these four steps to your blessing. Hear it, believe it, say it and do it!

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