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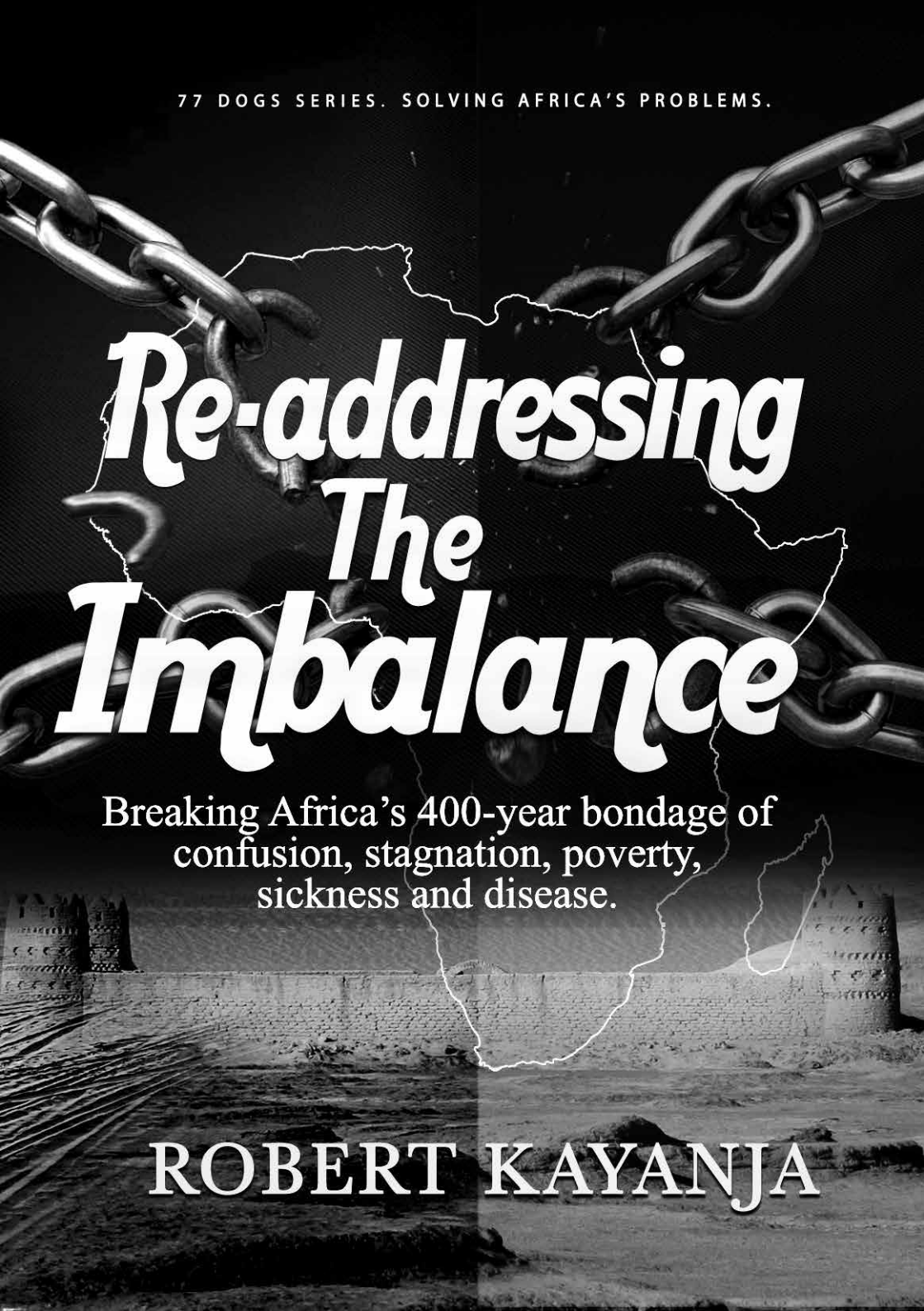

Re-addressing The Imbalance

Breaking Africa's 400-year bondage of confusion, stagnation, poverty, sickness and disease.

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DEDICATION

We are beginning to see hope for Africa. Though a little on the horizon, it is starting to shape up. The young generation are waking up, pushing themselves to desire and work more for a fundamental change. The innovative ones are becoming entrepreneurs. Revival is sounding louder. There are also a few of this generation's leaders in all spheres of influence who are awakened to the fact that it is time to be what the creator intended for us to become. So, I dedicate this book to you as an encouragement, that you are on the right track. Push it harder, dig deeper, dream-visualize it often and desire it so bad to cause all mediocrity and complacency to be lost in pursuit of a better life.

As you do, masses will see you, imitate you and follow in your footsteps. For you are a leader of balance. Thank you for helping me communicate on paper what the Spirit of God has revealed to me for our generation.

Robert Kayanja

INTRODUCTION

RE-ADDRESSING THE IMBALANCE

Imbalance is the lack of proportionality or relation between corresponding things. There has been a great imbalance between Africa and the rest of the world, and it is incumbent on this generation to re-address this inequality so that Africa as a people and continent can take her place on the global stage.

Since creation, Africa has played a major role in preserving human life on the earth. Homo sapiens from the evolution theory were actually right here in Africa. The baby Jesus, Moses and the Hebrew slaves lived and were sustained here in Africa. Many of the natural resources and commodities that run the world's economy are abundant in Africa.

At the turn of the century during the scramble for and partition of Africa, many of the colonialists wanted a piece of Africa for themselves.

African independence was supposed to address these imbalances and it did, but only in part. What was left undone is massive. Now is our golden chance and empirical moment in time to address these imbalances, but since our forefathers attempted to do so before, for us we are readdressing the imbalance.

For over four and in some cases, five or six decades, African nations have been independent, except for a few, like South Sudan. However, we are still faced with the challenges of backwardness, tribal conflicts, corruption - Africans mismanaging Africa - poverty, disease, hunger, and the list goes on and on, yet other nations on other continents which got their independence after we received ours are crossing over to become super nations. Something is wrong. Something was undone and we are the people to do it right. Therefore, the need to re-address the imbalance is urgent in order to save Africa from the mistakes our forefathers made four hundred years ago.

CHAPTER ONE

BREAKING THE 400 YEAR BONDAGE OFF AFRICA

In 1619, a ship that was carrying the strongest Africans who had survived the worst cargo and human transportation of all time, finally landed on the shores of North America.

By the time the "Good Ship Jesus" docked in Jamestown-Virginia, it had fewer human cargo than it had sailed off with from the coast of Africa, many of the African slaves having died on the way and having been disposed off in the ocean waters of the Atlantic. Many of them lost their lives due to dehydration, starvation, hunger, disease and unimaginable torture.

Slavery is a heinous crime, but it is not a new phenomenon. It is common knowledge that the strong and powerful usually enslave and control the weak and the advanced take advantage of the less privileged.

It is also a fact that slavery is still happening in several parts of the world today even after all these years. It is heartbreaking! Slaves are treated in the most inhumane ways imaginable. The most vivid example we have where a nation was delivered from bondage and slavery was when God delivered the children of Israel. He sent Moses to break the bondage they had lived under for 430 years.

> **Deuteronomy 4:34 [NKJV]**
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> **Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?**

Slave masters often fear that the people they have enslaved might be better than they and as a result they do all they can to curtail, stifle or altogether kill any good seed they see in them.

Secondly, slave masters despise those they enslave. We see this evident in the way the Egyptians despised the Hebrews.

Genesis 43:32 [NKJV]

So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

When the ruling Pharaoh realized that the children of Israel were more and mightier than the Egyptians, he began to plot to diminish their production capability and to enslave them.

Exodus 1:7-14 [NKJV]

7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier

than we; [10] come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." [11] Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. [12] But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. [13] So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

Those who enslave others always attempt to destroy their cultures and make them forget their backgrounds and history. This was a common trend with the American slave masters who enslaved Africans. They forced them to change their names and broke their wills into submission so as to easily succumb to whatever they wanted the slaves to do.

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Retracing Africa's Footsteps

In December 2019, it will be exactly 400 years since the "Good Ship Jesus" landed on American soil. Human beings were turned into slaves in America and were treated in worse and more gruesome ways on the mainland than they had been treated at sea. They were auctioned as goods, reduced to being owned by their new white slave masters as property and were driven as beasts of burden. One wonders where the brutality sprung from.

Africa has always been well endowed with a large quantities of the earth's natural resources, including diamonds, gold, iron, cobalt, uranium, copper, bauxite, silver, petroleum as well as cocoa beans, sugarcane, salt, woods and tropical fruits, to mention but a few. So what was the reason why Africans decided to sell fellow Africans into slavery, one may ask?

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In his speech to commemorate the late Nelson Mandela, first black president of post-apartheid South Africa, and one of Africa's greatest sons, President Yoweri K. Museveni gave some of the major reasons for the enslavement of Africans.

1. **Weak traditional leaders:** Africa was segmented into many chiefdoms which could not defend it against foreign invasion and slave traders because they were so weak, divided and too small a force to survive a well organized invasion from its adversaries.

2. **Intrigue:** African tribes played the game of intrigue. Tribes were raiding each other to sell fellow human beings to the slave traders, thus perpetuating slavery.

3. **Lack of established defense mechanisms:** Africa in general never had any defense mechanism besides mosquitoes and a rough terrain that kept the invaders and their accomplices at bay for a long time, because they found it very difficult to penetrate the inland. However, with the coming of the industrial revolution, new modes of transportation such as the railway made it easier for the European invaders to penetrate the African mainland and conquer.

4. **Backwardness:** The state of African backwardness at the time was horrific. To compound that, because of their unending wrangles and conflicts, and failure to settle their differences, once the invaders came in, it was easy to take advantage of the pre-existing divisions and conquer the Africans.

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It is evident that the greater part of Africa was not industrialized at that time. Africa pre-existed before the 1600s when the first foreign invaders came in. The Bible speaks of Ethiopia and Egypt as far back as 3,000 BC. In fact Africa was a center of civilization before Christ. We read about the Queen of Sheba, and how she journeyed from her kingdom with a great convoy of chariots and horses along with her servants to go and see King Solomon in Israel.

1 Kings 10:1-3 [NKJV]

1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her.

In the early Christian Church right after the crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we also read about the Ethiopian eunuch who traveled by chariot from Ethiopia to Jerusalem and back to Ethiopia.

Acts 8:26-28 [NKJV]

[26] Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. [27] So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, [28] was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

This implies that there were roads in Africa by that time, contrary to popular belief and tales that the whole of Africa was a jungle. There were pyramids that were built in Egypt, and in order to do that, they had to be highly advanced with great architecture and technical science.

The story of Joseph overseeing the growing of enough food in only seven years to save the entire known world from famine reveals the level of advancement that was in Egypt [Africa] at that time. Africa had well-organized governments. Today, nations like the UK, U.S.A, Israel, China, Russia, are some of the very few states able to secure and defend their leaders beyond their nations' borders. Wherever their Heads of State go, their entire security detail goes with them. They travel with personnel, logistics, trucks, planes, etc. When the Queen of Sheba travelled to Israel, her kingdom had the capacity to sustain her and her entourage and goods on their roads all the way to Jerusalem and back to Africa.

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With the arguments above, it is evident that Africa was not always backward, divided and confused as has been portrayed.

The greater Africa we see in the first chronicles of the Bible and the latter [seemingly weak] Africa of the 1600s are two totally distinct versions. We all know that when God divided the Red Sea, Pharaoh's chariots [also in Africa], were destroyed in it. Africa had chariots at that time. This debate dates far beyond 400 years ago. An inventory has to be made of the Africa that we read about prior to the 1600s and the Africa that we read about from the 1600s to date. We must analyze how great, powerful, resourceful and innovative Africa was and what happened that caused it to fall this low.

Africa was not always backward, divided and confused as has been portrayed.

History reveals Africa's invention of several unique things such as the backcloth fabric. Africans had dress and a domesticated lifestyle. The question we should all ask is *"what happened to Africa?"*

WHAT HAPPENED?

The logical conclusion and truth we have is based on the Bible in the story of Joseph in Egypt. Joseph's family moved into Egypt and grew numerously. Then a Pharaoh who did not know him, reigned and planned an ethnic cleansing strategy, breaking pacts that had been established between Egypt and the children of Jacob-Israel.

Exodus 1:7-16 [NKJV]

7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; 10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom

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This was in fulfillment of the word that God had spoken to Abraham long before Joseph was born or before he became Prime Minister of Egypt.

Genesis 15:13-16 [NKJV]

[13] Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers

in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. [14] And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. [15] Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. [16] But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Egypt put itself in a position to fulfill this prophecy and suffered the consequences as a result. That is why we see a curse of hailstones and locusts that destroyed the whole land of Egypt with the exception of the land of Goshen [where the children of Israel dwelt], and yet this is the same land that had fed the entire world when famine hit during the days when Joseph was Prime Minister.

Exodus 9:22-26 [NKJV]

[22] Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast,

and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." 23 And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

Exodus 10:12-15 [NKJV]

12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left." 13 So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. When it was

morning, the east wind brought the locusts.
14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. They were very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

Egypt was impoverished by God's judgements and even the wealth they had accumulated when Joseph was Prime Minister was taken when the children of Israel were leaving. They plundered it all. Egypt lost all their firstborn, both man and beast! That was the future generation being destroyed. They also lost their entire army as it drowned in the Red Sea together with all their chariots and armory while pursuing the children of Israel. They literally lost their entire wealth in that period of divine judgement.

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I believe that is what marked the beginning of the decline of Africa. As a symbol, the only feature that remained standing are the Egyptian pyramids that were existing during that time. The minds that built the pyramids could have been capable of building skyscrapers. Instead, the decline was so bad that grass-thatched shelters (with pyramid-like shapes) were what Africans now lived in.

There is a principle in God that says that whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap **[Galatians 6:7]**.

The nation of Egypt was totally ransacked because of the seeds they had sown. The whole nation suffered the devastation of this curse. It was like somebody had dropped a nuclear bomb on the land of Egypt, all because they had enslaved God's people. That is why every nation that practices human trafficking and slavery brings a curse upon itself and their future generations.

Those engaging in modern-day slavery may not suffer the consequences right away or even in their day; they may *eat* the money, but their children and great grandchildren will be subject to calamities of great proportions.

It is my belief that because Egypt enslaved the children of Israel, Africa had to go through slavery. The slavery the Africans endured in America and other parts of the world was so horrific that even their names were forcibly changed and they were given their slave masters' names. These days we are dealing with identity crisis and identity theft. For the African slaves however, their identity was totally erased.

When must one know that slavery or oppression on people is fueled by religious absurdities and traditional supremacy? Egypt used religion and culture to turn the Hebrews into beasts of burden. One of the foremost ways through which people enslave others is by taking away their names, spread lies about them or grouping them together and naming all of them with the same name of the slave master or some other derogatory name.

The names can be wide-ranging, but they are intended to disparage the enslaved or oppressed people.

They may include names such as black, Nigger, Jew, Yankee, Jap, Brit, Savedee, infidel, etc.

During the American slavery, the racists used to say Niggers (a derogatory name slave masters used to address the African slaves) do not have a soul. This meant that since they had no soul, they could be treated like a thing, an animal, a problem or a commodity and not as real people with feelings. No wonder, the slaves were regarded as beasts of burden and the slave women were there for the production of a breed or crop of new generation slaves. It is not surprising that the slave masters used unthinkable and inhumane methods to enslave, subdue and control human beings made in the image of God to reduce them to nothing. This name calling is pure slavery. The truth of the matter is that even regions known to be religious held slaves. Egypt did this and the colonialists did it as well. It is strange that the territories where slavery was predominant in America were mainly in what is known as the Bible belt region! Religion is so bad.

Christianity was never intended to be a ritual, formality or organised religion.

It is and must always be an anointing, abundant life, a message of liberty and repentance. It is salvation. Pentecost was never given to be a tradition and a religion, but an experience of the supernatural - an enablement for humans to relate and live and act divinely on a daily basis. For Christ came to redeem us from the curse of the law - to stop slavery of all nature and type.

Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV)

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The first enslavement man ever faced was brought about legally through Adam's disobedience, and in so doing, he gave Satan dominion over this world and mankind. This was high treason! Adam had been given dominion over the earth by God, and when he disobeyed God and sinned, he delivered his authority to Satan.

Genesis 1:27-28 (NKJV)

**27 So God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him; male
and female He created them. 28 Then God
blessed them, and God said to them, "Be
fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and
subdue it; have dominion over the fish of
the sea, over the birds of the air, and over
every living thing that moves on the earth."**

Psalms 8:4-6 (NKJV)

**4 What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him? 5
For You have made him a little lower than
the angels,And You have crowned him with
glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have
dominion over the works of Your hands; You
have put all things under his feet...**

Because of Adam's high treason, he surrendered his dominion to Satan and Satan became the god of this world, and could legally bind and enslave human beings.

Luke 4:6-7 (NKJV)

6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

John 14:30 (AMPC)

I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]

2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJV)

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (KJV)

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Man needed to be redeemed in order to come out from under Satan's bondage.

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV)

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

The second slavery was brought forth by Ham, the son of Noah. It was done by choice. He chose to laugh at, and dishonor his father when saw his father's nakedness while Noah was in a drunken stupor.

Genesis 9:20-25 (KJV)

[20] And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: [21] And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. [22] And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. [23] And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. [24] And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. [25] And he said, Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

The choices we make may not affect us immediately, but they will come back to bite us or the generations after us ultimately. The descendants of Ham, the Kushites (dark-complexioned people), have been subjected to slavery and suffered greatly throughout time. The curse of Noah on Ham landed on his grandson- Canaan.

CHAPTER TWO

AFRICA AND THE SEEDS SHE SOWS

The seeds we sow are very important. We reap what we sow

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Africa must determine to sow good seed this time round. Just as God declared that after 400 years, Israel would get out of bondage, He is declaring Africa's deliverance from a 400-year bondage, today. In December 2019, it will be 400 years since the first slave ship landed on the shores of America in 1619. Africa must now make the decision to walk out of bondage, just as the Hebrews did. The curse must be broken.

When Muteesa I invited the Europeans to Buganda, he wanted them to teach his people in their way of life and in formal education. When they came, they made Uganda a British protectorate. However, after his son, Mwanga ascended the throne, he killed what his father had attempted to build. He had Bishop Hannington and the Uganda Martyrs killed, among whom was a 14-year old boy. Mwanga killed the very people that his father had invited to be a blessing to the people of Buganda.

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A similar thing had happened to another king in the Bible. David was taken to King Saul so that by his skillful and anointed playing, he could ease his vexation by a certain foul spirit. David was essential to Saul in the fight against Goliath and the Philistines. He brought victory and restored the dignity of Israel, who had been defied by Goliath for forty days. David was supposed to be treasured by Saul.

1 Samuel 16:14-23 (KJV)

14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. 18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him. 19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. 20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of

wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. [21] And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. [22] And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. [23] And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Instead, while he ministered to him after winning for him such a great victory, Saul thought to pin David to the wall using a javelin.

1 Samuel 18:10-12 (KJV)

[10] And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. [11] And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite

> **David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.[12] And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul.**

Surely, the blessing in the hand of a fool is a curse: a curse that leads a fool to total destruction.

WALKING OUT OF BONDAGE

Our God is a God of order and not confusion. He requires us to have an orderly way of dealing with issues at individual, national and generational levels.

> **1 Corinthians 14:33 [NKJV]**
>
> **For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.**

As mentioned earlier, when we look at the 3,000 BC - 1,500 AD Africa, it is different from the period starting from 1600 AD to-date. Thankfully, with the better leaders that God has blessed Africa with, who understand the plight, desires and aspirations of her people, Africa has made some progress, but generally speaking, she still lags behind the rest of the world in many aspects.

As we come to the end the 400 years, we are beginning to see a glimpse of the chariots of progress; some growth of infrastructure, industrialisation, skills development, innovation and inventions.

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Realistically though, Africa is only trying to catch up with the pace of ancient Egypt. They used gold as their currency whereas today gold is only used as a backbone of currencies of nations. Africa is heavily indebted to banks and other developed economies and nations, and it is constantly forced to dance to the tunes of the lending nations, time and time again, needing bail-outs of superior *master* nations. The Scripture rightly says that a borrower is a servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7 [KJV]

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

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The decision makers do not reside in Africa and are out of touch with the realities that Africans face. Since they are the lending nations, they call the shots and Africa has little or no say in whatever they decide to do. This is a sign of a curse.

> **Deuteronomy 28:43-44 [KJV]**
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> **43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. 44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.**

Africa needs to be delivered from that curse and below are a few steps to secure that deliverance.

1. **Never overstay the welcome:** We should never do what the Israelites did in Egypt. They overstayed their welcome. They went to buy food in Egypt during the famine and stayed there when Joseph provided them the land of Goshen to reside and also got them employment.

The mistake that they made was to overstay their welcome and as a result, they ended up in slavery. This tendency of Africans to overstay their welcome must stop.

Proverbs 25:17 [KJV]

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

2. **Determination to free ourselves:** Another thing that Africa must realize is that no one is going to free her. She must be ready to move out of bondage by herself, with the help of God.

3. **Be our brother's keeper:** Africans must also learn to look out for each other and not just be selfish. Once Moses realized he was Hebrew, he started looking out for the Hebrews and became concerned for their wellbeing.

Exodus 2:11-13 [KJV]

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his

brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

Africa must adopt the spirit of Moses, of taking care of one another and looking out for each other. Africans have got a tendency of being self-centered and never minding about their brothers' and sisters' state of affairs. If that spirit [of being concerned about one another] had been in Rwanda in 1994, the genocide would never have happened.

Africans must also learn to look out for each other

4. **Do not postpone our freedom from bondage:**

Another thing about Moses was that he did not wait until the 430 years were over to leave bondage; he took off after killing an Egyptian. When he ran out of Egypt, he ended up in Midian and went to the mountain of God. Though Moses was raised by Egyptians who were sexually immoral as was seen when Pharaoh took Sarah, Abraham's wife because of her beauty **[Genesis 14:12-20]**, Moses' character remained intact and he never adapted to the his guardians immoral lifestyles. So, he ran away from Pharaoh into the land of Midian for his personal freedom.

Hebrews 11:27 [NKJV]

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

5. Timing: When the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt, they began their journey at midnight. Timing is very important if you are going to deliver someone from bondage.

Each time you leave things to unravel on their own, people's lives are put in jeopardy. The children of Israel started their journey at midnight and by the next morning, they were out of the house of bondage - Egypt. They had prepared themselves and were ready to walk out. When the time came, they could not miss the opportunity to step into freedom from bondage and slavery. Africa, No more delay. Let's get out of bondage.

Exodus 12:29-36 [NKJV]

29 And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. 30 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead. 31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve

the Lord as you have said. [32] Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also." [33] And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." [34] So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders. [35] Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. [36] And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

If Africa wants to get out of bondage, we need to learn from Moses' example. He was always available to do whatever needed to be done. Though he had been a prince in Egypt, when he found a need to defend vulnerable girls at a well in Midian from men who were bullying them, he took the fight to the men and defended the girls.

Exodus 2:15-17 [NKJV]

15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

Moses also became a shepherd of the flock of his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. Africans must have a willingness to adapt.

Exodus 3:1 [NKJV]

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

God wants people who have a spirit that cares for others and makes peace.

The reason why Moses killed the Egyptian was because he wanted to stop injustice and to ensure peace for his brethren-the Hebrews. We need leaders who care for the people they lead more than they care for themselves.

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CHAPTER THREE

BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER

The 400 years that Israel spent in Egypt were the result of conversations and encounters that Abraham had with God in **Genesis 12** and **15**. The 400 years were between the promises and the reality of those promises.

Genesis 12:1-3 [NKJV]

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 15:13-16 [NKJV]

13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

The first promise Abraham received from God was as far back as in **Genesis 12** where, among other things God promised to bless him and to make his name great. Immediately, some of these promises began to be fulfilled. In **Genesis 13**, the blessing of God began to manifest in several ways: first we see Abraham returning from Egypt where he had fled from the famine in Canaan. He returned laden with a lot of material possessions.

Genesis 12:14-16 [NKJV]

14 So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful. 15 The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house. 16 He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

Then we see Abram become rich in gold, silver and cattle.

Genesis 13:1-2 [NKJV]

1 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. 2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

We are also told that Lot, who was Abraham's nephew had plenty of possessions.

Genesis 13:5 [NKJV]

Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents.

Unfortunately, as a result of God's blessing upon both of them, the land was not able to support them. They thus ended up going separate ways.

Genesis 13:6 [NKJV]

Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.

That shows you that sometimes when blessings increase, separation is the inevitable or unfortunate result. However, it was not just the blessing on their lives that caused the separation between Abraham and Lot. There were other stronger reasons; strife between their herdsmen.

Genesis 13:7-12 [NKJV]

7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." 10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere [before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah] like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.

Animals were the major cause of their separation. Imagine relatives separating over such flimsy reasons. It was unnecessary. They could have purchased more land and expanded since Abraham was able to buy land where he laid wife Sarah to rest. This would have been the better option, instead of letting his brother go off to live with another king in the city of Sodom and Gomorrah.

WORKING IN VINEYARDS OF OTHERS

Song of Songs 1:5-6 (KJV)

5I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. 6Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me:my mother's children were angry with me;they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

People have a tendency of going to already built things instead of building their own. This is especially true of Africans, although it is also common elsewhere.

It is not uncommon to see Africans running away from their motherlands to already established cities in Europe, America and Asia, instead of staying to build their own home countries. Young people have a tendency of thinking that they cannot wait for another ten or twenty years and be part of the construction of a new city. Many of them are taken overseas on the pretext of getting better paying jobs and access to a better life, only to discover that it is all a trap; subjected to prostitution, abuse, mistreatment and even death.

Many of them have been forced into modern-day slavery in nations like Libya.

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However, if they had waited and perhaps acquired a second degree or obtained a Doctorate in their respective professions, or if they had become exporters of African ideas, they probably would have been treated differently.

The *Lot spirit* plagues Africa a lot. In my local language it is called a spirit of *mulya byengedde* or translated as a spirit that wants *finished products* while circumventing the process. Of course there are some socio-political factors that have been catalysts to this mass exodus, such as war and political instability. But the majority are migrating for economic reasons.

In the 19th century, young Europeans migrated in droves to the new found hope in the Americas and settled there. There was a great migration from Europe to America in spite of the harsh transportation conditions because at the time Europe was under oppressive regimes. There was not much democracy or human rights. Many of the countries suffered unrealistic taxation, corruption and nepotism.

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Today, we see the young people from these countries; France, Italy, Ireland and other countries settled in their home countries.

They travel for different reasons but return to their respective homes quickly because employment, education, training, development and innovation are right across the street from where they live. The same is the case with countries like Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and other nations that are as young as or even younger than many African nations, considering independence dates.

What happened to Europe then, is happening to Africa now. Young people are willingly handing themselves over to whoever can offer them an option, no matter how unrealistic. They risk death trying to run from their motherlands to lands unknown. They row boats across the sea and it is sad that many do not make it to the other side. It is the responsibility of Africa's leaders to fix this problem today, and not wait for tomorrow.

Lot did not rein in nor address the problem of strife among his and his uncle's herdsmen. He chose to walk away instead of staying around and containing the situation. He went after a land that looked fertile and already established, thinking he had made it, only to end up losing nearly everything he had.

He did not know that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah were exceedingly sinful in the eyes of God.

Genesis 13:12-13 [NKJV]

12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

Lot lost all the property he had acquired while in Sodom. He lost his daughters and sons-in-law, his home and even the animals that were the cause of the rift between him and his uncle, Abraham. He only left Sodom with his two virgin daughters.

Genesis 19:12-14 [NKJV]

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! 13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy

it." 14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

Genesis 19:24-26 [NKJV]

24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Remember, Lot and his wife were righteous. They raised their daughters as virgins but sadly, failed to stay in a virgin land from where they would build a virgin city. We can only imagine the greatness of that city, had they built it.

Our young people who would have remained behind and built Africa's cities, are moving out to foreign lands as economic refugees. This is a sign of a curse. Therefore, African leaders must do a collective check.

Deuteronomy 28:32 [NKJV]

Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand.

AFRICAN RENAISSANCE - THE NEED FOR A REBIRTH

Africa will have to really understand the depths and gravity of our bondages. We have tried to break away through independence, nationalism, pan-Africanism but it has all not worked. Africa is more indebted today than any other continent in the world has ever been. Africa has experienced more brain drain than any other continent on the earth. The foreign-born African population is growing rapidly. There must be an African renaissance - a rebirth of the continent.

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There is no system, be it capitalism, Pan-Africanism, socialism or communism that has the power for the rebirth of a continent. They were non-existent when Africa was being born. The system of rebirth is divine. In all other religious world-views, it is not written anywhere that a man can be born again. This phenomenon is only found in the gospels.

John 3:3 [NKJV]

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

That is why Africa will have to undergo a renaissance just like the Hebrews did when God delivered them and caused them to pass through the Red Sea which was a form of baptism.

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 [NKJV]

[1] Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, [2] all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

Even Joshua had to circumcise the whole new generation of Israelites that were born in the wilderness before they could take over Canaan.

Africa will have to undergo a renaissance

Joshua 5:2-9 [NKJV]

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time."
3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had

not been circumcised. [6] For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord—to whom the Lord swore that He would not show them the land which the Lord had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey." [7] Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. [8] So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. [9] Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

Africa should accept that our current condition must be transformed into a new way of thinking, new life, joy, dreams, desire and systems of implementing great African ideas.

The emergence of African billionaires in the next five years is critical. The invention of novel products from Africa's laboratories and schools should be a major focal point.

A few African nations have tried to put up a fight against poverty but still, a few years down the road, you still find that they are unable to pay their bills. We still depend on the western world even for things as minor as football boots, alas, a great mistake.

You cannot fight poverty-it is just removed, eradicated. One would think that independence came to break us away from this kind of dependence and reliance beyond speaking the masters' colonial language, but some Africans still fuel the bondage machinery, forming part of the splinter neo-colonial groups.

Africa has no currency that commands respect on the global stage and neither do its education institutions rank among the top in the world, with the exception of just a few.

Africa may have broken away politically, but in the areas that matter most such as in human rights, economic empowerment and integration, it is still in bondage.

When decisions of significance are being made regarding world affairs, Africa's opinion is rarely considered, much less requested for.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE QUEST: LEADERSHIP AND RELATIONSHIPS

Abraham's lifestyle became the standard we use to determine relationships and leadership. When God appeared to him in **Genesis 15** and gave him the promise to inherit the land of Canaan, he asked God an important question;

> **Genesis 15:8 [NKJV]**
>
> **And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"**

That determined the quality of leadership and relationships for Abraham. The same standard is still relevant even today. The quality of these two points - leadership and relationship, is still very important to this day.

God plays a major part in these two areas because both come from Him.

Africa has consistently left God out of the equation in many of its dealings and only remembers to involve Him at its convenience.

God is a Leader and a relational Being. Therefore, if you want to start anything, you must start it with God. Africa must understand this. If we are going to build great economies or nations, God must be the foundation of everything we do. He must be at the centre of it all. America and Europe were all founded on and started by God. They were built on godly foundations. Everything that has impacted the world has God in its foundations.

That is the kind of foundation that Africa needed to have at the beginning of the post-colonial era. Unfortunately, Africa has consistently left God out of the equation in many of its dealings and only remembers to involve Him at its convenience or when in trouble.

As a result of this, much of Africa has encountered trouble and chaos, and even in countries like Tanzania which have been relatively politically stable for a long time, poverty and stagnation have been evident there.

We need to go back to placing God where He belongs, at the beginning of everything we set out to do as a people.

If we are going to build great economies or nations, God must be the foundation of everything we do.

In the beginning, GOD! Once the relationship between God and man has been established, resources will be discovered, which in turn will help governments to create wealth. The beginning has to have God in it. Man only gets involved to enable continuity of whatever God has began.

The story of Lot moving to Sodom, reveals a person who made a major decision that would end up affecting his life and future generations forever, yet he did not bother to take the time necessary to lay that decision on a GOD foundation.

God was not in that move and as a result it cost him nearly everything and altered his life and destiny forever. He fell from the level of having abundance to a place where he had nothing!

Genesis 13:5 [NKJV]

Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents.

Lot lost his wife [she became a pillar of salt], lost his married daughters [the Bible record is that he had sons-in-law, which means he had married daughters], lost his sons-in-law and all his property and resources that he had accumulated both in Canaan and in Sodom.

Genesis 19:14 [NKJV]

So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

Genesis 19:15 [NKJV]

When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."

Genesis 19:23-26 [NKJV]

23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

This was not all, because Lot lost all his herdsmen who had been striving with those of Abraham. He only survived with his two virgin daughters, and to make matters worse, he ended up having sex with them when they made him drunk. From the sexual encounters he had with them, he produced a generation out of incest of the Moabites and Ammonites, and these were ungodly nations and enemies of God's people.

Genesis 19:35-38 [NKJV]

35 Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37 The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

That is Lot's legacy, all because he did not put God in his foundations. In fact, as soon as Lot departed from Abraham, God appeared to Abraham and began to speak to him about all the lands He was going to give to him, including land in the direction that Lot had taken. Lot journeyed east, and God promised Abraham all the land he could see, including the east.

Genesis 13:14-17 [NKJV]

14 And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; 15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. 17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

It is evident that Lot lost all his resources, both human and material, save for his two virgin daughters. This downward spiral from wealth to abject poverty began when he moved to Sodom. Apart from the fact that there was a blood relationship between Lot and Abraham, there was not much else between them. We see that when God delivered Lot and his two daughters from Sodom and Gomorrah, they fled into a cave and yet Abraham was right on the other side of that mountain.

Lot could have walked back to his uncle, Abraham and told him how all had been lost including his wife [who turned into a pillar of salt] but he did not. Even the prodigal son did better than Lot, in that he returned home to his father. Notice that for Lot, this would have been his second time of being rescued by his uncle, the first one being when he was saved after kings had raided and taken them captive **[**see **Genesis 14].**

Africa needs leaders who know how to relate well with the people they lead.

There is something about this 400-year timeline. We begin to realise that it is of great significance and an eye opener in getting us to read the times. The *Abraham-Lot* relationship is a case study imbued with godly leadership tenets that Africa's survival and prosperity must depend on.

Jesus Christ even mentioned it in the New Testament because it once again presented the same issues of leadership, relationship and government.

He told us to, **"Remember Lot's wife." [Luke 17:32]**

We can learn a lot just by examining the Abraham-Lot case study. For one, we realize that there was not a deeper relationship between the two kinsmen; Abraham and Lot.

This is common world over. People may be siblings but yet lack a social relationship in which they guide, counsel or offer support to each other. Africa pretty much falls into this category, where leaders have accumulated senior or junior advisors whom they never listen to. As a result they easily plummet into failure.

Leadership and relationships are like twins that determine the longevity, success and influence of the people involved. Without proper leadership and relationships, destruction is inevitable. Africa needs leaders who know how to relate well with the people they lead.

These attributes were lacking in the life of the Pharaoh of Egypt when Moses went back to deliver God's people.

He was the kind that had many advisors whom he was unwilling to listen to. He was very stubborn, and unfortunately for him and for Egypt, by the time he decided to heed what God was saying and to let God's people go, it was too late. Egypt was already destroyed.

Exodus 8:16-19 [NKJV]

16 So the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.' " 17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the Lord had said.

Exodus 10:7 [NKJV]

Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?"

Exodus 10:10-15 [NKJV]

10 Then he said to them, "The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. 11 Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. 12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left." 13 So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. They were very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

The repercussions that Egypt endured were mainly because Pharaoh had surrounded himself with, or related to advisers whom he was unwilling to listen to. He was determined to hold on to the Israelites, because he needed them as free labor to help him continue to build and strengthen his empire.

It is unfortunate that in African culture there is always a tendency for people to want to hold others back from attaining their destinies in almost everything they do.

People in power or authority fear that if they let loose those under them, they will lose their advantage over them.

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Another issue that Africans need to deal with is the tendency to hold onto self-destructive traditions that cause bondage and keep people from progressing in life. For example, in Africa, the costly dowry practice is still in the field on this issue. What is the rationale of this practice of demanding dowry that is imposed on young people that are getting married? What benefit is there for the parents besides being honored? When you turn something that is supposed to be an appreciation into a tax or a payment, what was supposed to be a blessing becomes a means of manipulation and it leaves a bad taste in people's mouths.

That is why there is a growing number of young ladies failing to leave their parents' homes to transition into a new life of creating their own families. Their suitors are now beginning to question, *'is she worth that much [dowry]?* Without that obstacle the same suitor would have been ready to marry her. African societies are prone to this trend of creating situations that are self-defeating.

As we are preparing to walk out of bondage, Africa must discuss the issues of God, man, resources and government. It is not a thing we should merely rub off. Moses was able to lead Israel out of bondage because of his strong relationship with God. The children of Israel needed strong godly leadership to guide and direct them. Leading two million people without enabling tools such as a formidable public address system is no small task, without mentioning the challenges of crowd control.

It is evident that there are demons and plagues that continuously haunt the African people and must be dealt with. Bad leadership and poor relationships have been some for the major reasons why many African governments have not lasted the test of time, but have self-destructed.

Many leaders in Africa are given to promoting their cronies which is actually leading to failure of governments because of the subsequent unprofessionalism, entitlement - syndrome and corrupt tendencies.

In stark contrast, when you look at Babylon during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar as well as other kings that came after him, you can clearly see that Babylon was keen on having worthy leaders in key positions that could sustain it in order for their kings and the country not to suffer loss. This is the very reason why they were not afraid to introduce foreigners into their system such as Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and even made them governors and leaders of provinces.

Daniel 1:3-7 [NKJV]

3 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, 4 young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and

whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. [5] And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. [6] Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. [7] To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego

Daniel 1:18-19 [NKJV]

[18] Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. [19] Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

Daniel 6:1-3 [NKJV]

[1] It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; [2] and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. [3] Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

Unique Leadership

The holy scriptures show us that Moses was a great leader. He managed to mobilize approximately two million Hebrews and got them out of Egypt on the same day. He managed to bring them all safely through the Red Sea. Israel faced several challenges during their wilderness journey, one of the foremost being divisions caused by some evil elements within the congregation who were bent on sowing seeds of discord in order to discredit Moses.

Numbers 16:1-3 [KJV]

[1] Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: [2] And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: [3] And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?

Leaders are very important. It is they that lead people out of captivity. Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage and Joshua led them into the Promised Land.

Hosea 12:13 [NKJV]

By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, And by a prophet he was preserved.

Great leaders are distinguished by the great decisions that they make for their people. For example, strong leaders are not heavy upon the people whom they lead. They know how to restrain themselves for the sake of their people even in the face of provocation. It is very important that we raise unique leaders in every sphere of influence. The enemy fights leaders by stirring up confusion, but we must encourage unique leadership. As a leader, you do not have to coerce people into agreeing with your opinion, instead you should use influence.

Rebellion

Today, we have a lot of intolerance. People are extremely hot headed, yet I know that while we can disagree, we do not have to be disagreeable. The reason for such intolerance is the spirit of rebellion. As long as man continues in rebellion, we shall continue in the cycles we have been in. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.

1 Samuel 15:23 [NKJV]

For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
He also has rejected you from *being* king."

When Adam fell in the Garden of Eden, man took on a rebellious nature. We rebel against authority, against the word of God and even against common sense. We rebel against counsel, yet **"Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety." - Proverbs 11:14 [NKJV]**

God never made man to be rebellious, He called us to be resisters. For the Bible says, "**...resist the devil and he will flee from you." [James 4:7]** We must learn to be obedient, especially to the word of God. Obedience to the word of God is life itself because it was the Word that created everything we see.

John 1:1-5 [NKJV]

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God.

> **3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.**

Rebellion is the cause of the anger in most people. I once heard that the first people who were carried away to slavery were those who had rebelled against their communities. They went out to start other communities, which were vulnerable to attacks because they were too small and too weak to defend themselves. If a child from the first family of a country refuses to adhere to security protocols that are put in place for their own safety, they could end up getting kidnapped and bringing embarrassment upon the whole government. The consequences of rebellion are bigger than the act of rebellion itself.

QUELLING REBELLION

The Fear of God

The political-bureau of Africa tends to major in minors. Often times, riots and revolutions in Africa are a direct message from the heart of rebellion. People are rebelling against their own governments. They no longer have regard for authority. When people do not regard authority, they challenge it every step of the way. The Bible tells us that all authority comes from God. Therefore, the authorities must know that they come from God, and as such, must fear God.

> **Romans 13:1-2 [NKJV]**
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> **[1]Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. [2]Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.**

My question now is, why do those in authority today disregard God? Why don't they spend time to know Him more so that He can give them the wisdom they need to govern the people? Instead, they deviate from that and end up majoring in minors. They spend a lot of resources building things that can be destroyed instead of building the lives of people and the hearts of men. Infrastructure can be destroyed in a moment. We have examples today of Libya, Syria and many other countries that poured millions of dollars into infrastructure. Today, all that investment has been destroyed because the people's hearts and lives were not paid attention to. It is the mandate of African leaders to let their people know that it is because of God that they have been appointed to lead the people out of poverty, sickness and disease.

In order to remain effective, those in authority must remain connected to God.

In Africa, we rarely see riots where people do not set items on fire in the middle of roads, yet a kilometer of tarmac road today is estimated at around a million dollars.

People are willing to destroy that sort of investment because of their disregard for authority-a sign that the authorities have lost their glory.

The glory of authority is in God because all authority comes from Him. So in order to remain effective, those in authority must remain connected to God.

It does not matter who is in power, once they do not link up with the source of their power, they will lose it. Universities discontinue students for a number of reasons; if the student fails their exams or continually misbehaves and a number of other reasons. A university will rarely discontinue a student who is doing well academically, is orderly and disciplined. Similarly, people will rarely turn on a government or institution that is doing well. The only way a leadership can maximize its full potential and build for posterity is by acknowledging God who put them in place.

People can easily forget the achievements of a great leader. With everything Col. Gaddafi did for Libya, you would never expect his downfall to be as bad as it was.

How could they be willing to destroy their own country and allow foreign nations to take over their sovereignty, just to put out one man; a man who had done so much for them?

Muammar Al Gaddafi turned his back on God and even went as far as claiming that the Bible was a counterfeit. You cannot turn your back on God as a leader and expect your leadership to last. God is the source of your leadership. People will forget the leader who loses their connection to God. That is why for any leader to be successful and avert their people from becoming rebellious, they must fear God and put Him in His rightful place. The Bibles says that:

> **Proverbs 9:10 [NKJV]**
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> **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

This is exactly what Solomon did at the beginning of his reign as king of Israel. He went out to seek God's wisdom, gave a heavy sacrifice to that effect and God appeared to him, giving him wisdom and knowledge

like no other man ever had.

2 Chronicles 1:5-12 (NKJV)

5 Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord; Solomon and the assembly sought Him there. 6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. 7 On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 8 And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?" 11 Then God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart,

and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king— 12 wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

The result of this encounter was that Solomon's leadership caused Israel to experience peace and prosperity in all the years of his reign - nearly forty years. Israel never saw war, and silver was as common as stones during that time.

1 Kings 4:21-25 (NKJV)

21 So Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.22 Now Solomon's provision for one day was thirty kors of fine flour, sixty kors

of meal, [23] ten fatted oxen, twenty oxen from the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fatted fowl. [24] For he had dominion over all the region on this side of the River from Tiphsah even to Gaza, namely over all the kings on this side of the River; and he had peace on every side all around him. [25] And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 10:26-27 (NKJV)

[26] And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. [27] The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

This is what happens when a leader chooses to walk in the fear of the Lord. Wisdom, prosperity and peace will be the result. If the fear of God is the *beginning* of wisdom, think about what the *end* of wisdom could look like!

It is dangerous for society to no longer respect authority. The first person to disregard authority was the devil. He said, "I will set my throne above the stars of God…"

Isaiah 14:12-14 [NKJV]

12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

Disregard for authority is demonic and is the beginning of all wars and unrest. How do you stop wars as a leader? You bring in the love of God.

Jesus said that the entire law of God is wrapped up in the commandment to love God and one's neighbor. If I love you, I will not kill you, mistreat you or cheat you. If I love you, I will honor and treat you with respect.

Matthew 22:37-39 [NKJV]

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is *the* first and great commandment. 39 And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

1 John 4:20 [NKJV]

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, [a]how can he love God whom he has not seen?

Solomon was only able to rule Israel that well because at the very beginning, he got wisdom from God.

If Africa is to get out of bondage, we will need more than just intellectuals, specialists and strong armies. True, we need them, but we need a lot more than just that. We need godly people with godly wisdom.

Psalm 127:1 [KJV]

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

In the medical world, before you go for surgery, a good doctor will always seek a second opinion. When they find a tumor, they will have to find out if it is operable or should simply be targeted with chemotherapy or radiotherapy. They will not rush into surgery because it could instead pose a greater risk than the current one. Likewise, good leaders should seek a second opinion from God over and above that of the experts before making decisions. On many occasions during his reign, David inquired of the Lord. This made him an incomparable leader.

1 Samuel 30:8 [KJV]

And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

1 Samuel 23:2 [NKJV]

Therefore David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" And the Lord said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah."

God will help you avert a lot of calamities as a leader when you make a habit of consulting and inquiring with Him first. It will also help you maintain the glory of God upon you as a leader.

Proverbs 3:5-6 [NKJV]

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

When a leader loses glory, they begin to attack those that are not a threat to them. That is what happened between Saul and David. David had killed a giant for Saul and for Israel.

Why then did Saul want to kill him? It is because Saul had lost his glory as a leader and had began to act stupid. David was the most valiant soldier Saul had. He fought a giant who had defied Israel for forty days, with a stick and stones.

1 Samuel 17:45–51 [NKJV]

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with

sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."[48] So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. [49] Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe made a similar mistake in the way he handled his then deputy and now current president, His Excellency Emmerson Mnangagwa (2018).

Mnangagwa had served Mugabe as chief of intelligence, Vice-President and in many other capacities for so many years. He was Mugabe's right-hand man! Then all of a sudden, President Mugabe turned on him and attempted to have him arrested. You cannot do that! A closer look at Zimbabwe will show that for a whole year before Mugabe was deposed from power, he started fighting churches within his country. Usually, when a leader turns against God and His people, that leader is on their way out.

The same fate happened to King Saul in Israel, when he attacked and killed the high priest along with all the priests of God. He wiped out Nob, the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, because they refused to collaborate with him to reveal the whereabouts of David.

1 Samuel 22:17-19 [NKJV]

17 **Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and kill the priests of the Lord, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me." But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to**

strike the priests of the Lord. [18] And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod. [19] Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep—with the edge of the sword.

That was the last straw. When Saul needed to hear from God, God refused to speak to him and shortly after that he died in battle.

1 Samuel 28:5-6 [NKJV]

[5] When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. [6] And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.

Jesus while teaching his disciples told a parable of an unjust judge.

Luke 18:1-8 [NKJV]

**1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,
2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.
3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'
4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,
5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "
6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.
7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?
8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"**

That judge did not fear God and neither did he regard any man. It shows us that the honor of man starts with the fear of God. The only reason why that judge finally decided to avenge that poor widow was because the widow feared God.

When you look at the story of Moses and Pharaoh in Egypt, you will notice how Moses never addressed the Pharaoh by his first name, in spite of the fact that they were raised together. When people fear God, they will respect authority, because they know it comes from God.

President Mnangagwa decided to treat former president, Mugabe with dignity even after all that he endured at the former's hand. This is a sign that there is some level of the fear of God in him.

The same can be said of President Nkurunziza in Burundi who did not eliminate former presidents, and has let them live peacefully in the country, even though they are vocally critical of him. This is not common in Africa.

Usually, in countries where power is captured by military force, the former president has to flee the nation or risk being brutally killed by his successor.

However, whenever people have the fear of God, they tend to have an automatic humility about them.

Many nations are in trouble today because there is a generation that neither fears nor knows God. That is normally a recipe for disaster.

> **Proverbs 30:11-14 [KJV]**
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> **11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.**

I believe if we raise a generation of God fearing people, they will have respect for authority. As long as people do not fear God, they cannot have any regard for authority. You may beat them, jail them and even kill them, but they will still revolt against you.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 says,

"This is the conclusion of the matter… fear God…"

Matter is what all material things comes from. Everything that was created has matter. Therefore, that scripture means that if you want to have the raw material to create substance, fear God. With the fear of God, you will have the souls and hearts of men to build the nation and generation.

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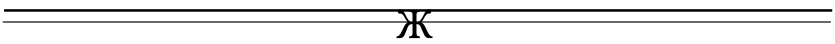
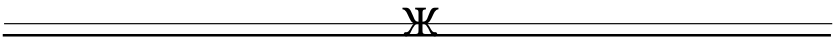
Unfortunately, the matter we are using to build things today is spoiled because it is made out of rebellion. The stuff we are using to build our people is damaged, yet we want to train them to become angels. If God could not convert fallen angels, then what makes you think that you can turn a thief into an army commander?

You are wasting your time in giving him training without first changing his heart, in order for him to become a new creature.

The difference between Saul of Tarsus and the Apostle Paul was in the fact that he saw Jesus and was converted.



The fear of God must be the guiding manuscript for all social, political and entrepreneurial leaders.



If the people of a country fear God, that country most probably will not experience bloodshed because the fear of God tends to life.

Proverbs 19:23 [NKJV]

The fear of the Lord *leads* to life, And *he who has it* will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 10:27 [NKJV]
The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Psalms 19:9 [NKJV]
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Psalms 25:14 [NKJV]
The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Proverbs 1:7 [NKJV]
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 8:13 [NKJV]
The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

Proverbs 9:10 [NKJV]
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Psalms 34:11-16 [NKJV]

11 Come, you children, listen to me;I will teach you the fear of the Lord.12 Who is the man who desires life,And loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil,And your lips from speaking deceit.14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,And His ears are open to their cry.16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Apart from the One true and Living God, all other gods demand blood sacrifices in their worship. When a person comes from a background of bloodshed in their worship and then they find themselves in a high ranking position such as that of a head of department, they will bring that bloodshed with them to their position.

As a result, the nation will have a lot of blood spilled because a high office in the land has a bloodthirsty spirit reigning over it. It is important that we keep our people away from that spirit of shedding innocent blood.

Developed countries have gone as far as ensuring that the abattoirs there are automated. They know that if a butcher slaughters animals frequently, their value for life seems to wane. We cannot entertain the shedding of innocent blood.

Where the fear of the Lord has not taken root in Africa such things as tribalism take centre-stage. Tribalism is one of Africa's achilles' heels and it causes division and strife, yet the scripture tells us that where unity is, God commands a blessing.

Psalms 133:1-3 [NKJV]

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard,The beard of Aaron,Running down on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

When you study the Chinese, you realize that they operate as one people, therefore, tribal differences are trivial to them.

The children of Israel came from twelve different tribes, yet you never see tribalism affecting them today. But when it comes to Africa, a person being Ugandan is not enough, we have to know which part of the country they come from. Our tribalistic tendencies are a challenge to our own progress.

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The absence of the fear of the Lord also causes people to operate without wisdom, for the Bible says, **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." [Proverbs 9:10].**

It never stops to beat my understanding why African leaders keep on travelling abroad for their medical care.

Why don't they instead build medical facilities back home and import doctors here, if we feel it is too hard to train our own? By doing so, billions of dollars leave the African continent to sustain foreign economies.

It is flabbergasting! Every African leader needs the wisdom of God. This begins with the fear of the Lord and love for the people. The absence of the fear of God in leaders is the number one factor that causes their fall.

David cried over Saul when he died. He said, **"How have the mighty fallen!"** The mighty fall because they no longer fear God. The authorities must turn to God.

> **2 Samuel 1:20-25 [NKJV]**
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> **[24] "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you in scarlet, with luxury; Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. [25] "How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain in your high places.**

MONEY

The way people relate with money has also been the undoing of many African leaders. In Africa, when a rich man dies, it is unfortunate that his wealth footprint usually dies along with him, especially if he was ungodly.

This happens because most of the time, the rich man fails to raise a successor for their business.

In the event of death, those managing his wealth, who are usually friends and associates and not necessarily family members, could easily take advantage of the situation.

As a pastor, I have dealt with the issue of money, assets and estates when death of the head of a family has occurred. In one incident, the associate of the deceased wanted to take 75% of the family estate and leave the widow and children with only 25%.

I understand that this is a frequent occurence in most African countries in that business associates of the deceased take advantage of the bereaved families. That is why I address the issue of how people relate with money and their families while they are still alive.

If such corruption is practiced at a national level, the entire nation and even future generations suffer the consequences. When Dr. Milton Obote [Executive Prime Minister of Uganda 1962-1966] fell out with Sir. Edward Muteesa [President of the Republic of Uganda 1962-1966], the country never remained the same.

In fact that 1966 crisis paved the way for Idi Amin to take over power in Uganda. Because Idi Amin was so close to President Obote when he ousted Mutesa, he took notes and when the opportunity presented itself while Dr. Obote was in Singapore for a Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting [CHOGM], Amin declared himself president of Uganda. When relationships are broken, whether in government, business or in marriages, a generation suffers, resources are mismanaged and nations are crippled.

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A few months after Congo's independence, their former colonial masters had Patrice Lumumba, the president, assassinated and had Mobutu instated as president in his stead. Since then, Congo has never really settled. They were greedy and thought *this is it,* but instead, brought a curse on themselves. The point is that if your actions are built on greed, they can work against you.

When God told Abraham that his descendants would go to slavery in Egypt, Abraham should have inquired why. Perhaps God would have showed him the greed which his descendants would have had to do away with. That way, Joseph's brothers would not have sold him and Israel would not have had to go down to Egypt. Just by futuristically dealing with the greed in his family, Abraham would have altered the course of history.

We must fight the spirit of greed. It is what caused man's fall. Adam and Eve wanted more than God had given them; more wisdom, more knowledge and more God-likeness, yet they were already like God.

Genesis 3:6 [NKJV]

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

The spirit of greed is what gives birth to all the corruption we see in the world today. Joseph's brothers sold him to Egypt because of greed.

Judas betrayed Jesus because of greed.

If Africa will be delivered from bondage, we must resist this spirit of greed. In fact, greed in Africa is spelt with a capital 'G'.

> **Luke 12:15 [KJV]**
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> **And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

When President Mugabe failed to work with Mnangagwa as mentioned earlier, he was ousted from power by the latter with the help of the army. Mugabe ended up losing more than he would have if he had handed over power amicably after grooming a successor. Once such strong relationships are broken, disaster is normally the unfortunate result.

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The 400 years of bondage and the subsequent deliverance that God promised Abraham was God's way of revealing to him that their relationship was going to last for perpetual generations.

Genesis 9:8-12 [NKJV]

[8] Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: [9] "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, [10] and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. [11] Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." [12] And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

Genesis 17:3-7 [NKJV]

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

Deuteronomy 7:9 [NKJV]

"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

The 400 years of bondage that Africa has endured since 1619 reveal a lot. The slavery that Africans endured was only a re-activation of their own [Egyptian] acts of slavery against the children of Israel [which was also 400 years]. We also know that slavery in Africa was exacerbated by Africans selling their own fellow Africans to the Arab and white slave traders.

We can now see this happening again in places like Libya - Africans selling fellow Africans into slavery. We have also seen Africans being sold into "sex slavery" after being deceived that they were going to work decent jobs overseas. However, on arrival in the foreign lands, they realize that they had just been recruited into a sex trafficking ring by fellow Africans. Once there, they cannot easily escape because they have to refund the air ticket money that was loaned to them to go for work. The only way they can refund the money is by getting involved in this sexual slavery or prostitution. Many have died there at the hands of ruthless and heartless fellow Africans.

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When the Lord was delivering the children of Israel from the 400 years of slavery, He said He had remembered His covenant that He made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob **[Exodus 2:24-25]**. Relationships can determine how long you stay in bondage or how quickly you get out of it. The relationship between Laban and his nephew, Jacob, tells us how the former had turned him into a money making scheme.

Genesis 31:6-7 [NKJV]

6 And you know that with all my might I have served your father. 7 Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me.

All relationships must be anchored in God, otherwise those not hinged in Him will not last. Every relationship God establishes and gives to us should be looked at as an investment.

CHAPTER FIVE

ADHESIVE BONDS

Bonds of wickedness

Isaiah 58:6 [NKJV]

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?

Bonding means to be securely joined to something else especially by means of adhesive substances, heat or pressure. It also means to be joined by a chemical bondage laid in an overlapping pattern so as to form a strong structure. That is why it was very difficult for the children of Israel to break free from the Egyptian *bondage* they were in.

The first time God's people interacted with Egypt was when Abraham's wife, Sarah, was taken by Pharaoh and God intervened to rescue her **[Genesis 12:11-20]**. The relationship between Egypt and the children of Israel officially started when Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream **[Genesis 41:1-41]**. However, what began as a godly relationship and a divine partnership ended up with the children of God becoming slaves for over 400 years. God had to intervene in order to set them free.

It seems that whenever it comes to issues of peace, security and the protection of the Hebrews, only God can save them. It appears that Egypt always had an upper hand on the Israelites. Egypt always stood as a safe haven for the Hebrews, dating far back to the days of Abraham and all the way to the time of the birth of our Lord Jesus.

> **Matthew 2:13-15 [NKJV]**
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> **13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod**

will seek the young Child to destroy Him."
[14] W hen he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, [15] and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

These kinds of relationships are usually glued together by a certain chemistry. It is not easy to break away from them without the right formula. In the case of Israel's bondage to the Egyptians, that chemical bondage could only be broken by God.

Genesis 12:11-20 [NKJV]

[11] And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. [12] Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. [13] Please say you are my sister, that it may

be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."[14] So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful. [15] The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house. [16] He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.[17] But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. [18] And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? [19] Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way." [20] So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

We can see that bondage has a pattern; it is not simply ropes and chains around one's hands. There are patterns that have persisted from one generation to another. They can be traced from the generations of your grandparents, parents, your generation and if they are not broken now, they could even move over to your children. The bondage becomes part of your genetics. The word generation comes from the root word *gene*.

Gene-Ratio is the word that is of interest here and it actually deals with blood. If your bloodline is susceptible to or has ever had a connection with bondage, then you need deliverance from God. If you have ever been connected to the bondage of witchcraft, religion, human sacrifice, philosophical inclinations, you definitely need deliverance. It will take God to deliver you. This is what we see with the Hebrews. The *Gene-Ratio phenomena* is frightening.

Can you imagine! Jesus ended up going to Egypt thousands of years later, a place where Israel had been delivered from! Were there no other countries to which Jesus could flee? Of course we know that in His case, God is the One who gave the directive to Joseph to take Jesus and His mother to Egypt **[Matthew 2:13-15]**.

However, for most people, this becomes a pattern. This is especially true in instances where God has a unique purpose for one's life and He wants to use them to deliver others. Satan will always try to lay a web of bondage in order to cause you to find yourself retracing the same footsteps as those of your predecessors. Even when you try to escape it, deny it or hide from it, the bondage will try to grab hold of you. It attempted to catch Abraham when he went down to Egypt during the famine in Canaan. God had to intervene to rescue him and his household. This same pattern was visible in his son, Isaac's life. He nearly went down into Egyptian bondage when famine hit, had God not forbidden him.

Genesis 26:1-3 [NKJV]

1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.2 Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and

your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

As for Jacob, Abraham's grandson, he ended up going down to Egypt with his entire family and died there.

Genesis 46:1-7 [NKJV]

1 So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"And he said, "Here I am."3 So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. 4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes." 5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 So they took their livestock and their

goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him. 7 His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

Joseph had already gone into Egypt ahead of them as a slave, who enventually became the Prime Minister.

Psalms 105:1-2, 16-22 [NKJV]

1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord!Call upon His name;Make known His deeds among the peoples!2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;Talk of all His wondrous works! …..**16 Moreover He called for a famine in the land;He destroyed all the provision of bread.17 He sent a man before them—Joseph—who was sold as a slave.18 They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. 19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord tested him. 20 The king sent and released him,The ruler of the people let him go free.21 He made**

him lord of his house,And ruler of all his possessions,[22] To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom.

I think you notice a pattern here. Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and his brethren and then the entire nation of Israel, all ended up in Egypt. Isaac was the only exception. Even those who survived the bondage like Abraham nearly got caught up in it, had God not intervened in their situation.

The other thing about bondage patterns is that they can only be broken by eliminating the entity perpetuating the bondage. For the Hebrews' freedom to be realised, the firstborn son of Pharaoh had to die because he was one of the main reasons why the Pharaoh of the time insisted on keeping the Hebrew slaves. He was trying to secure his son's future. The young Pharaoh was going to need to build his own cities. and he thought that it would have been a tragic mistake to release the labor force that would ensure the actualization of that great dream. Herod had to die before Jesus could return to Israel because bondage is an adhesive as mentioned earlier.

Matthew 2:19-21 [NKJV]

[19] Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20] saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." [21] Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Because the Hebrews were enslaved by Africans in Egypt, Africans also found themselves going into bondage many years later; for they had bonded themselves to that spirit. Slavery is like a nuclear bomb. When it goes off, it disperses shrapnel outwardly from the blast radius. That is why, if you know your gene-ratio is in the Son of God, then it places you in the cluster of world changers. Leaders should watch out for the following;

- **Your dreams:**

  It was Joseph's dream that landed him in Egypt as a slave **[Genesis 37]**.

- **Your destiny [anointing]:**

  It was Moses' **destiny** that landed him in the arms of Pharaoh's daughter.

  Exodus 2:1-10 [NKJV]

  [1] And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. [2] So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. [3] But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. [4] And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. [5] Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. [6] And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." [7] Then his sister said to Pharaoh's

daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" [8] And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. [9] Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. [10] And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

- **Your Promises:**

  The deliverance that the children of Israel experienced was the result of the promises God gave to Abraham in **Genesis 15**.

  Genesis 15:13-21 [NKJV]

  [13] Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four

hundred years. [14] And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. [15] Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. [16] But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." [17] And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. [18] On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying:"To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— [19] the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, [20] the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, [21] the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

- **Your Mission:**

It was Jesus' mission that took Him to Egypt.

Egypt represents the world system and it will do everything possible to bind anybody with its chemical glue.

Today we see chemicals manufactured in laboratories. Religion has a lot of similarities to this. It creates an adhesive between itself and man, which makes it hard for people to break away from it. On the bright side, adhesives do a great job in joining elements together while at the same time making it very difficult to unglue or separate them. A good example is with floor tiles: it is very difficult to remove them from the floor once they have been glued there by adhesives.

The adhesive of bitterness, jealousy and envy turned the Hebrews into slaves in Egypt. It took more than 400 years to break it, but when Moses arrived, it was broken by the power of God.

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Adhesives have a way they attach or glue materials together and make it almost impossible to separate them without causing damage to the attached materials. This was the case with Israel, when they departed from Egypt after 430 years of bondage. The Hebrews kept rehearsing their Egyptian experience and whenever they faced a challenging situation, they began to long for the things they left in Egypt.

Numbers 11:4-6 [NKJV]

4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat? 5 We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

Exodus 14:11-12 [NKJV]

11 Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of

> **Egypt? [12] Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."**

The soul-tie of that relationship was so strong that it took generations for it to be broken. So for bondage to be broken, those soul-ties have to be broken first.

Surprisingly, it seems that in terms of governance, politics, direction in leadership and economics, many African nations seem not to have a clear idea or strategy of what they really want. Where they do, they lack the will, determination or tenacity to implement these things. Many African nations have short spells of development and then a few years down the road, the same old traits of bondage take them back down again.

In stark contrast, nations like Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia got their independence after many of the African nations had gotten theirs, yet those nations are in a different league altogether today. Singapore's statistics today are staggering in comparison to those of African nations.

She got her independence from the Malaysian Federation in 1965, three years after Uganda got hers and two years after Kenya. This nation has a surface area is 719.2 sq km with no major natural resources except fish and deepwater ports. Her population is 5,469,000 with a Gross Domestic Product [GDP] of USD 504.9 billion [2017 est.] and a per capita income of USD 90,500 [2017 est.]. Singapore is 100% urban. She has no gold, diamond or oil deposits. In fact she has 0% income from agriculture, 24.8% income from industries and 75.2% income from the service industry. Singapore's port is one of the world's busiest in terms of tonnage handled and with a per capita GDP equal to those of leading nations in Western Europe.

In comparison, South Africa which boasts of the strongest economy in Africa, with a surface area of 1,219,090 sq km, and greatly endowed with natural resources such as gold, chromium, antimony, coal, iron ore, manganese, nickel, phosphates, tin, rare earth elements, uranium, gem diamonds, platinum, copper, vanadium, salt, and natural gas, has a population of 54,841,552. South Africa's GDP is USD 757.3 billion [2017 est.] and its per capita income is $13,400 [2017 est.].

That makes Singapore's nearly 7 times stronger than that of Africa's strongest economy.

When you compare these statistics with those of Uganda which received her independence three years before Singapore [1962] and even helped Singapore financially at one time, the disparity is like daylight and dark. Uganda has a surface area of 241,038 sq km and a population of 39,570,125 people [nearly 5 times that of Singapore]. Uganda is endowed with some natural resources such as copper, cobalt, limestone, salt, arable land, gold, and large deposits of oil have been discovered. Uganda is a fertile, well-watered country with many lakes and rivers.

In spite of this, Uganda's GDP is USD 91.5 billion [2017 est.] and the per capita income is a paltry USD 700 [2017 est.].

This means on average a Singaporean earns 38 times more in income per capita than a Ugandan and that difference has happened in just over 50 years. Something is definitely wrong somewhere in Africa. It is clearly evident that the greatest challenge we have is to break the bondage that has held Africa captive throughout the ages.

When God appeared to Moses to send him to deliver His people from bondage, He spoke to him through a burning bush. Why? Because fire has the ability to destroy adhesives. 400 years was quite a long time; the Israelites had already assimilated into Egyptian society and it was not easy for them to break free from that bondage completely. Even when they went out, only two people from that generation of men and women that were above 20 years old when they departed from Egypt, were able to cross over into the Promised Land - Joshua and Caleb. The rest of that generation died in the wilderness, and it was their children, most of whom were either born in the wilderness or were too young when they left Egypt, who went into Canaan.

Deuteronomy 1:34-39 [NKJV]

34 "And the Lord heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying, 35 Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked,

because he wholly followed the Lord.'
37 The Lord was also angry with me for your
sakes, saying, 'Even you shall not go in
there. 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands
before you, he shall go in there. Encourage
him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.
39 Moreover your little ones and your
children, who you say will be victims, who
today have no knowledge of good and evil,
they shall go in there; to them I will give it,
and they shall possess it.

Deuteronomy 2:13-18 [NKJV]

13 " 'Now rise and cross over the Valley of
the Zered.' So we crossed over the Valley
of the Zered. 14 And the time we took to
come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed
over the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight
years, until all the generation of the men of
war was consumed from the midst of the
camp, just as the Lord had sworn to them.
15 For indeed the hand of the Lord was against
them, to destroy them from the midst of
the camp until they were consumed. 16 "So

it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people, [17] that the Lord spoke to me, saying: [18] 'This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab.

Africa has been glued to debt, civil unrest, violence, disease and many other ills. It will require more than a campaign or a voice; it will take the hand of God and a deeper understanding and revelation to know that freedom is here.

As the 400 years are coming to a conclusion, one cannot help but anticipate a good report. We have witnessed it in some countries of Africa; Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe and others. We are beginning to see a driving force - a new spirit to break poverty and cause new change in development and the landscape of production on the African market. We are seeing a shift to improved science and technology as well as the development of infrastructure, while at the same time equipping Africa's young productive force. This has to be multiplied a million times from the highest offices in the land to the local hamlets, cathedrals and to worshipers under trees until everybody sings that one song, that deliverance has arrived.

God is ready, the young generation is ready and I believe the older generation is ready too to hold their walking sticks and march out of bondage on the lane of freedom that will see Africa free from debt, witchcraft, tribalism and nepotism. Africa will see itself as one people with a great God-given destiny of becoming the first and not the last, the light and not darkness, to give something to the rest of the world that they have never seen. Africa has given yet it has been ripped off. However, Africa is about to give to the rest of the world, the power of freedom, the power of life and of leadership, as it was in the days of Joseph in the Old Testament, when Africa fed the whole world.

It is time for Africa to improve on her economics, agriculture, quality of life and in all other areas. However, this is going to require a lot of effort from Africans, to believe more, plan better and work harder.

In **Psalms 114** we are told of something phenomenal that happened when the children of Israel were leaving the house of bondage.

Psalms 114:1-4 [NKJV]

[1] When Israel went out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language, [2] Judah became His sanctuary, And Israel His dominion. [3] The sea saw it and fled;Jordan turned back. [4] The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like lambs.

Israel became God's domain, and so God had to come and lead because without Him taking over, the Hebrews were not going to get out. They were too scared to leave. Generations before them had lived and died in bondage. As they marched out, they saw the shanty houses in which they had lived for generations and couldn't believe what was happening to them. The further they walked out of Egypt towards the Red Sea, the more they realized that they were leaving behind a super power. It seemed too good to be true. They had never been that way before and it was very difficult for them to venture into this new unknown territory.

The invisible chains that have bound Africa for centuries are going to be the hardest to break.

The bells of freedom are sounding in every country through music, ideologies, writings, education, and through a high level of communal participation in the campaign for bettering lives. Everywhere you go across Africa, it seems that the bells of liberty are sounding louder than they have ever been heard. It seems that the God-effect of multiplication in all aspects of life is taking shape.

There is no doubt, therefore, that this is the time for Africa to realize that she is about to walk a journey she has never walked before. It will be harder; people may have to pay more taxes than before, they will give more to God and to charity, but all this will lead to their freedom as a people.

I see an African continent free, delivered, anointed, prosperous, full of love and giving to noble causes around the world. For too long, Africa has been portrayed as needy through her emaciated infants surrounded by flies on their faces, and this image has been used to push the envelope and fulfill agendas of many organizations indiscriminately. The tide is turning and Africa is going to reverse that norm and begin to advertise herself with a different image that will leave the rest of world astounded.

The 430 years the children of Israel spent in bondage were extremely difficult, but the 40 years they spent in the wilderness were some of the toughest. People were bitten by serpents because of their rebellion and many died there. In fact an entire generation died in the wilderness and missed out on God's plan for their lives.

Hebrews 3:7-11 [NKJV]

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

Whenever you are getting out of a bondage that has held you captive for long, you must brace yourself for the truth.

You must brace yourself for where you are going, else you die on the way. You must believe that this is your time, else it passes you by.

Therefore, this calls for a change in mentality. We must recognize that this is the time that God promised and we should embrace it.

Our generation is the one to free Africa. Whatever dream our forefathers never fulfilled is going to be fulfilled by us and we will be its beneficiaries.

The Bible says that, **"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land." [Isaiah 1:19]** Much of Africa has never enjoyed the good of the land. Someone else has been enjoying our climate, cocoa, diamonds, and oil, but very few of those resources end up enriching the Africans; instead, they have enriched other nations. That is coming to an end. It is imperative, therefore, that Africans cooperate, lay down their egos and corrupt tendencies in order to build a continent that will glorify God. They will become a beacon of light and an encouragement to the downtrodden of the earth that anything can come out of the dungeon and rise to the mountain top.

Africa must let go of its pain
and embrace forgiveness.

Political liberators such as Nelson Mandela, Patrice Lumumba, Sir Edward Muteesa, Ignatius Musaazi, Jomo Kenyatta and Julius Nyerere longed to see this day coming.

They wanted to see it in their generation but they did not, because the timing was not right and God's prophetic timetable of 400 years had not yet been fulfilled. It has now come upon us and we should stop the wishful thinking. We should resist anything that holds us back.

Moses, the vessel that God used to bring deliverance to the children of Israel, not only stood in the office of a prophet, but also in that of a priest. Likewise, the Church of Jesus should brace itself to be used of God diversely in the emancipation of Africa from bondage. Our Sunday pulpit should be geared towards this freedom and liberty through Jesus Christ.

Prosperity through hard work, the blessing of the Lord and living according to the word of God should be taught. The patterns of bondage are breaking every second, every moment, of every day. Africa must let go of its pain and embrace forgiveness.

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Africa has been known to produce some of the world's best athletes. When our hands are free, we will fight. When our legs are free we will run. Our heads must be lifted up even as scripture declares, He is the lifter of our head. He trains our hands for battle and our feet to dance for His praises.

Psalms 3:3 [KJV]
But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Psalms 144:1 [KJV]
Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

Africa must learn to be free to think, reorganize herself and be able to hear the voice of God. For a long time, Africa has had her head buried in the sand because our hands had been tied behind our backs.

Someone has been thinking for Africa where decisions pertinent to Africa are decided in capitals outside the African continent. It is time for Africa to raise her head and determine her own affairs and set up establishments of her own.

It is a shame that Africa still has customs restrictions within the continent and requires her people to move with permits and obtain visas in order to cross borders within the African continent. This must stop.

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CHAPTER SIX

CONFRONTING AFRICA'S CHALLENGES

God created the sun and moon to give light to the earth both by day and by night.

Genesis 1:16-18 [KJV]

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

However, we know that the moon does not produce light on its own, but simply reflects light from the sun.

When God created light, He separated it from darkness and He called the darkness night and the light day. However, to further combat the darkness, He created the moon to light up the earth at night.

Night seasons will always come, whether to a person's individual life or to a nation. To carry a country through those seasons, a country must have serious projects in place. It is those projects that help light up a nation in its night seasons. I personally believe that our God is more than able to lift us up out of every terrible situation and challenge we may be faced with. However, it is important that we do not despise those challenges, but approach them with resolve.

Everybody that God has ever called or promoted had to become a fighter or was involved in a conflict of some sort. I think the reason why Adam and Eve lost their first battle was because they underestimated the snake.

Those who do not underestimate their adversaries stand a greater chance of being victorious over them. For example, we are told of a battle involving nine kings in **Genesis 14,** in which Abraham's nephew, Lot was taken captive along with the king of Sodom.

When Abraham realized that his nephew had been captured along with the kings, he decided to arm his men and go to war to rescue the members of his family that were in captivity of the enemy.

Genesis 14:14 [NKJV]

Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

He did not go for negotiations, he went for war because he knew that whoever captures that many kings is out for nothing short of war. We also see the same with David; he never underestimated his enemy, Goliath, the Philistine giant.

Similarly, we cannot underestimate the challenges that face Africa today. The bondages that have held Africa over the years must be approached with the knowledge that as small as they may seem, they have plagued us for centuries.

Therefore, Africa must change her approach to these challenges if we will have viable solutions. For instance, the African Development Bank must come in strongly to do just that - fund the development of Africa more than it has ever done. Africa shall have to build financial intitutions which have unique and specific mandates like merchant and farmers' banks. Where they already exist, they need to be given the leeway to function under their mandates to the fullest. Things like government bureaucracy, red-tape, corruption and nepotism must be fought with everything in us. Wastage and patronage must be dealt a death blow. Businesses in Africa must also develop a new work ethic in order to be more productive and be able to compete globally. It cannot be business as usual. Africa should get to the level where she prides herself in creating multi-millionaires from all sectors.

The reason everyone yearns to work for the United Nations is because it pays well. There is need for African companies to generate a winning culture. For too long, Africa has been content with being on the receiving end - always expecting to take from others. She has to change to a giving mentality.

Luke 6:38 [NKJV]

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Africa must build a healthy, educated and determined population. To realize this, we must pursue peace and formulate a new and correct ideology on money. We must become frugal in our financial ideology, and build the mentality and capacity to become the lender and not the borrower, for the borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7 [NKJV]
The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

Deuteronomy 28:12 [NKJV]
The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Acts 20:35 [NKJV]

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Africans must determine to pursue a better life. This can only be perpetuated by creating an atmosphere where freedoms and rights such as the freedom of worship, freedom of expression, right to education, better healthcare and liberty for all can be exercised.

In order to break the Egyptian spirit of bondage off Africa, it will call for great mobilization.

Our human and financial resources need to be put together for Africa's benefit. Africa must stop rejecting independence. We must love freedom more than anything else. Liberty is the firm doorpost on which the mighty doors of development and prosperity hinge. Where the Spirit of God is, liberty is too. We must study and develop the greatest commandment of God, which is loving God with everything as well as loving our neighbor as we do ourselves.

Matthew 22:35-40 [NKJV]

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Africans must learn to be good neighbors. As we prepare to become the continent of the future, Africans must realize the fact that we are lagging behind the western world in many aspects. This realization will result into motivation which will replace mediocrity.

Information shows that the Kampala - Entebbe Express highway cost US$ 9.2 million per kilometre, whereas in countries such as Australia, such a road would cost about US$ 5.4 million per kilometre.

Africa's costs of road construction per kilometer are way higher than those of the western world.

This is because the developed countries have invested in innovation and have purposed to award contracts to competent individuals. Africa must also embrace new technologies.

Most African countries have some of the best policies [on paper], but that is as far as they go; many never get implemented. There is a glaring lack of serious leaders on the continent. Only a handful of leaders are positioned to do work for the glory, honor and posterity of Africa. This must change.

When the children of Israel were getting out of bondage, God used particular people as champions of their liberation. The Holy Spirit was on Moses to lead them out and on Joshua to settle them in the land of promise. Just like Joshua, the young people in Africa today are thirsty for liberty and the opportunity to participate in leadership.

Therefore, they must be guided on their role and potential. They must not be manipulated or brainwashed, but educated on the importance of peace, unity, security, finances, health and prosperity.

Most immigrant communities tend to assimilate into the societies where they have emigrated, especially from the second generations onwards. You can see that a lot with children whose parents emigrated to foreign countries either when they were still very young or before they were born, that they tend to assimilate into the mannerisms and traits of those societies. They begin to speak the language of their new homeland, their accents change as well as their mannerisms. If that new society where they have relocated lacks the basic fundamentals that can safeguard their wellbeing and human life, then the vices that are prevalent in their adopted homeland become their new way of life.

This same scenario is what happened to the children of Israel. They were in Egypt for 430 years, [which is eleven generations] of living in a society that butchered and flogged human beings, and were exposed to coarse and demeaning language. This ultimately affected the Israelites' way of life, perception and mentality. A slave mentality got hold of them, a mentality of servitude and of being downtrodden. This slave mentality developed over a long period of time and was passed on from one generation to another.

It was not easy to break it off the children of Israel.

Many of them were freed physically but they were still slaves mentally. As a result, many of that generation that was delivered from bondage by Moses did not make it into Canaan because their mental bondage had not been broken. They had a grasshopper mentality.

Numbers 13:31-33 [NKJV]

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants [the descendants of Anak came from the giants]; and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Psalms 95:8-11 [NKJV]

[8] "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, [9] When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. [10] For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.' [11] So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

Therefore, if we are going to develop a new mentality in Africa, we must focus on patterning ourselves after the Word of God, renew our minds with it and do what it says.

Romans 12:2 [NKJV]

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Civilization in Africa was seen in many ways and through the behavioral attributes of its people.

The Baganda people of Uganda, for example, were not permitted to marry from the same clan. This was planned so as to avoid incest and other 'uncouth' behavior like we see in society today. They also had their gods, although these were introduced much later. The story of the origins of the Baganda has no connection with witchcraft at the beginning.

Legend has it that the Baganda are descendants of Kintu and his wife, Nambi who was the daughter of Ggulu [literal translation to mean heaven]. Kintu lived on the earth alone with his cow, which he tended lovingly, while Ggulu, the creator of all things lived up in heaven. From time to time, Ggulu's children would come down to earth on a rainbow to play. On one such occasion, Ggulu's daughter, Nambi and some of her brothers encountered Kintu. Nambi was fascinated with Kintu and felt pity for him because he lived alone. She, therefore, resolved to marry him and decided to return to heaven with him so that she could ask for her father's permission and blessing of the union. Ggulu blessed their union but advised them to leave heaven secretly.

He warned them not to return to heaven no matter what.This admonition was so that Walumbe, one of Nambi's brothers would not find out about the marriage until they had left, otherwise, he would insist on going with them and bring them misery [*walumbe* means that which causes sickness and death].

While they were descending back to earth, Nambi realized that she had forgotten to carry along millet which her chicken would feed on. Despite Kintu's protest to her return back to heaven, she did not listen to her husband, and leaving him on the way, she returned to fetch the millet. When she reached, she took the millet, but unfortunately also met Walumbe who insisted on going to the earth with her.

When Kintu and Nambi settled down on the earth and had children, Walumbe went to Kintu's home and asked him to give him one of his children to help him with some chores in his [Walumbe's] house, which request Kintu declined. Walumbe was furious and that very night, he killed Kintu's son. When Kintu went back to heaven to report Walumbe's actions to Ggulu, He rebuked Kintu, reminding him of the original warning which he had disregarded, but Kintu blamed Nambi for their failure to heed the warning.

Ggulu then sent another of His sons, Kayikuuzi, to the earth with Kintu so he could try to persuade Walumbe to return to heaven, or if necessary, return him by force. On reaching earth, Kayikuuzi tried to persuade Walumbe to return with him to heaven but Walumbe would not hear of it. Kayikuuzi had to capture Walumbe by force, and a great fight broke out between them. Walumbe escaped and disappeared into the ground and Kayikuuzi went after him, digging huge holes in the ground to try and find him.

If you related this story to the Bible, you could easily see the connection. Kintu was Adam, Nambi was Eve, Walumbe was Satan and Kayikuuzi could represent Jesus. The story of the origin of Buganda has no inclination to witchcraft or pagan worship.

Whoever colonized and enslaved Africa gave the people a mindset shift. Africans never lived in trees; they built grass-thatched houses for themselves. Kintu and Nambi reared domestic animals and grew crops for their sustenance. Africans were not savages. We were civilized and lived in communities before the colonialists came to distort our image for their selfish gains.

The Baganda even had midwifery in their culture and their midwives would help expectant mothers to deliver their babies in banana plantations. The reason why the midwives preferred the banana plantations as their labour wards was because of the advantages the suckers had as restraint posts which were gentle on the mother as well as the smooth banana leaves for cushioning the expectant mother and her newborn baby.

This all goes to show that Africans were not ignorant and uncivilized as had been portrayed in most circles. Those who enslaved them did their utmost to rob them of their achievements in order to control and subjugate them. For eleven generations, all the Israelites kept hearing was that they were no good and simply second class citizens. They were subjected to the harshest mistreatment ever. This conditioned them to having a mind of mere survival as opposed to having success.

Africans must overcome this survival mode conditioning we have been placed under for a long time, and triumph over the invisible chains of mental slavery. These invisible fetters have blinded so many Africans and made them believe that they will never make it in life unless they go overseas.

Going overseas is not wrong, especially if the motives are right. Unfortunately, quite a number of Africans believe that nothing good can come out of their countries and that they can only succeed when they relocate to another country, preferably, a western country. That is mental bondage and deception.

Slavery was already in existence as far back as Abraham's going down to Egypt to flee the famine that was in Canaan. When Abraham was leaving Egypt he was given bond servants and maidservants.

Genesis 12:15-16 [CSB]

15 Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh, so the woman was taken to Pharaoh's household. 16 He treated Abram well because of her, and Abram acquired flocks and herds, male and female donkeys, male and female slaves, and camels.

Genesis 16:1 [NKJV]

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

This reveals a subtle practice that perhaps had culturally been accepted as a norm in Egyptian society. Some of the things that Abraham was given by Pharaoh while in Egypt were male and female slaves, one of whom was a maidservant called Hagar. It is noticeable that in Abraham's household, though there were servants and herdsmen, there was liberty to the point that Lot's herdsmen could have open disagreements with those of Abraham without fearing retribution. They behaved like free men, not slaves.

I believe the reason why God told Abraham to listen to his wife, Sarah and send the bond servant [slave girl], Hagar away was not because she was going to destroy his family, but because God hates slavery. Could you imagine, Sarah wanted to steal Hagar's child? Isn't it what slave masters do, they grab whatever you have toiled for?

Genesis 21:9-14 [NKJV]

[9] And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. [10] Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for

the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac." [11] And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son. [12] But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. [13] Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed." [14] So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.

Hagar is the mother of the Ishmaelites, who in the future bought Joseph from his brothers and sold him to Egypt.

Genesis 37:23-28 [NKJV]

[23] So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was

on him. [24] Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.[25] And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry them down to Egypt. [26] So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? [27] Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. [28] Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Egypt eventually took over Abraham's seed - Joseph, and ultimately, the entire family of Jacob relocated there.

Exodus 1:1-6 [NKJV]

[1] Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: [2] Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; [3] Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; [4] Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. [5] All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons [for Joseph was in Egypt already]. [6] And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.

Even Potiphar's wife seemed to have full knowledge that Joseph was a Hebrew, as can be seen from her accusations against him. You see, when you finally stand up to oppressors, they start spewing false accusations against you.

Genesis 39:11-14 [NKJV]

[11] But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, [12] that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left

his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. [13] And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, [14] that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

There seemed to have been a nationwide campaign to repatriate the seed of the man who left Egypt [Abraham]. It is as though there was a war already between these two nations. Actually, the Hebrews were an abomination to the Egyptians according to scripture.

Genesis 43:32 [NKJV]

So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, FOR THAT IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE EGYPTIANS.

Can you imagine?

Genesis 46:31-34 [NKJV]

31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, 'My brothers and those of my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. 32 And the men are shepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.' 33 So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, What is your occupation?' 34 that you shall say, 'Your servants' occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; FOR EVERY SHEPHERD IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE EGYPTIANS."

The two nations [Egypt and Israel] seemed to be on a collision course, that was bound to happen sooner or later. God even warned Isaac not to go down to Egypt like his father, Abraham had. There was a reason why.

Genesis 26:1-6 [NKJV]

1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.2 Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "DO NOT GO DOWN TO EGYPT; live in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

It is important to note that those who want to enslave you don't do it in a single generation.

The slave masters' strategies were laid out for many years, decades and even centuries. It is a deliberate pursuit, generation after generation, time after time, relentlessly until they win over and control you.

Exodus 1:7-10 [NKJV]

7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; 10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

It is rather inconceivable when the scripture says that there came a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph. How could this have been? Joseph was a former Prime Minister who did the following things;

1. He was in charge of all Egypt.

2. He managed all of Pharaoh's resources.

3. He moved the Egyptians from villages to cities.

4. He brought the Hebrews into Egypt.

How could it happen that there could have been a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph? How could you forget such a man, unless someone deliberately altered the history? It reminds me of a movie "Race," where the runner, Jesse Owens, was a black man but no body could tell the truth or give credit to him for his wins because he was black. Similarly, the world was not told that President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the US was cripled. He had polio but that was only made known after he was checked into rehab soon after he won his third term election. Had that fact been disclosed earlier, all handicapped people would have had the inspiration to vie for success instead of wallowing in pity. Those who desire to control others can never allow that to happen.

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Joseph had a dream while he was still in the land of Canaan in which he and his brothers were tying up bundles of wheat. That dream in addition to other things, was foretelling Joseph's future involvement in mass agriculture.

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I believe God could have used Canaan to fulfill Joseph's dream and save the world from the coming famine, but the house of Israel could not walk away from their shepherd mindset. As such, he had to be sold to Egypt in order to secure the world's future.

When God is showing you sheaves of wheat to save the world, you cannot do it while your mind is still stuck with sheep. The mindset is not a matter to be taken lightly. In order for Africa to walk and stay out of bondage, we must change our mindset. The children of Israel could not go beyond the limitations of their mentality.

Isn't it a wonder that it was they that built the great pyramids, yet in their minds they were glued to the perception that they were only slaves?

To break the slave mentality, we have to engage the word of God and prayer.

The wrong mindset does not permit you to think about your potential and the greatness you can achieve, but it locks you in a specific way of thinking that doesn't see any other thing.

Many Africans have succumbed to the wrong mentality that we are the slave force of the world. This is wrong. We are not the slave force, we are the labor force, and a laborer is worthy of their hire. [**1 Timothy 5:18**].

We see this same scenario played out in the Song of Songs, where the black race is forced to work on other people's vineyards while their own is neglected.

Song of Songs 1:5-6 [KJV]

5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Black people are generally known for doing hard labour and odd jobs around the world. So in order to break the slave mentality, we have to engage the word of God and prayer. To change the mindset of a people, something powerful must happen to the mind. The Bible tells us to renew our minds with the Word of God **[Romans 12:2].**

The Security of African Governments

For Africa's democracy to be sustained, its leaders have to be willing to seek good counsel. Where there is no counsel, the people fall, but in a multitude of counselors, there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14 [NKJV]
Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 20:18 [NKJV
Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

Proverbs 15:22 [AMPC]
Where there is no counsel, purposes are frustrated, but with many counselors they are accomplished.

When God spoke to Abraham, He said among other things, **"...I will make you a great nation..." [Genesis 12:1-3].** He was really talking about a nation with good governance.

God spoke through Isaiah about a nation that Jesus Christ would bring - a government.

Isaiah 9:6-7 [NKJV]

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

When this scripture mentioned the government being upon His shoulders, it was referring to Jesus. Jesus is the government of God, therefore, if you do not get closer to Him, it is difficult to understand government.

God, the Father is God over nations while Jesus reveals governments. Governments always want to secure themselves, but like scripture asserts in the book of Psalms, they labor in vain without the Lord's help.

Psalms 127:1 [NKJV]

Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

In every government there is a ministry of labour. The ministry of labour and that of works are not mutually exclusive. There is a saying that goes, *"One day of favour is worth a thousand years of labour."* God blesses the work of our hands, and one of the ways God blesses you is by giving you favor.

Labor is the most painful experience a pregnant woman goes through before she gives birth to her child[ren]. In the unfortunate event that she loses the baby, the trauma she goes through is unimaginable, especially after experiencing so much pain during labor.

Those who labor to build or keep anything without the Lord do so in vain. It was not supposed to be pain-vain, rather pain-gain.

One day of favour is worth a thousand years of labour." God blesses the work of our hands, and one of the ways God blesses you is by giving you favor.

Since the scripture says that the government shall be upon Jesus' shoulders, it is prudent that nations endeavor to lean on His shoulders.

By being on the shoulder of Jesus, you automatically get closer to His ears and head and it becomes easy for you to know and understand His mentality.

Jesus is not just the Savior of mankind, He is also the best C.E.O, President, Chief Justice and Friend ever - He is the best in everything.

If you hinge your partnership and government on that truth, you will be able to build a stronger greater nation. Jesus, the Living Word is the Author of everything. Without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:1-3 [NKJV]

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:16 [NKJV]

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

One of the great leadership qualities Jesus possessed was a profound influence on people. He could find people and just tell them *"follow me,"* and they would.

Matthew 4:18-20 [NKJV]

[18] And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. [19] Then He

said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." [20] They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

As an African leader, you must be able to inspire people to follow you in the right direction. African leaders should be able to give people direction, so that when the people follow them, they will do so knowing where they are going. The people whom Jesus called had responsibilities of their own, yet they were willing to forsake all that they were doing at the time to follow Him. Some of them were married, as was the case with Simon Peter. Simon had a fishing business along with his partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

Luke 5:8-11 [NKJV]

[8] When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" [9] For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; [10] and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." [11] So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

We know that Matthew was a tax official before quitting his job and following Jesus after Jesus called him into ministry.

Matthew 9:9 [NKJV]

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

We also know that Luke - author of the gospel according to St. Luke and the book of The Acts of the Apostles was a medical doctor.

Colossians 4:14 [NKJV]

Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

People are willing to follow a leader as long they can be assured that the leader knows the direction and destination he or she is taking them. Once that aspect is missing, trouble is bound to ensue. It becomes much easier for people to stab their leaders' backs if they are not sure that the leader is taking them to the right place.

Coups, wars and instability in governments happen because the so-called leader began to take for granted their leadership role, and abandoned or forgot to stay true to the written down vision.

Jesus knew where He was taking us. He said He was here to take us to our Father, having prepared mansions for us upon arrival there.

John 14:1-3 [NKJV]

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also..."

As a visionary leader; president, Member of Parliament, teacher, C.E.O or whatever capacity you may hold currently, that is the ultimate question; do you know where you are taking the people you lead? If Africa has ever faced a crisis, it is the one of the scarcity of visionary leaders.

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I believe for one to be a visionary leader, they must possess the following attributes that were drawn from the word **LEADER**;

L: Every leader must have something they **Lean** on for support that is greater than themselves. Leaders must examine themselves to discover what it is that they are leaning on. In addition to personality, education, intellect, wealth, authority, power, self-worth, psychological tenacity, ethnicity and influence, a leader must have something supernatural to lean on.

In the book of Proverbs, God cautions us not to lean on our own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5-6 [NKJV]

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths

You must always have a greater force on which you lean. It is what gives you resolve, strength, power and ability. All leaders in the Bible had a force upon which they leaned and it was their fallback whenever things went wrong. Some people lean on committees, boards and set-up structures, but the Bible has already given us its standard; we should never lean on our own understanding.

Man, being frail, should always endeavor not to lean on his accomplishments, but on the supernatural - the wisdom of God.

L also stands for **Love**, and love is the greatest commandment that God gave to us. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This law of love summarises the whole law and the prophets and those who don't love do not know God, because God is love.

Mark 12:29-31 [KJV]

[29] And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: [30] And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. [31] And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

1 John 4:8 [KJV]
He that loveth not knoweth not God;
for God is love.

L also stands for **Life.** You must value life. Without having value for life, it is easy for you to order troops to go and shoot at people at the slightest provocation. It becomes easy for you to ignore their rights and become a dictator. When you value life, you become a **Light** to a generation. A leader must be a light to the nation.

The leader should be a shining light for all to discover who they are, what they need to do and also see where they need to go. That is the essence of being a light. That is why the Kenyans called Mzee Kenyatta, their first Head of State, '*Kenya-taa'* translated to mean *Kenya's light*. It is important that our leaders become the light to the people they lead. Nelson 'Madiba' Mandela became the light of a revolution. Julius Nyerere, first president of Tanzania is sighted as one of the icons that were a light for post-independence Africa.

It is unfortunate that many of the people that we can look to as a continent are deceased. We need our leaders today to shine bright for the generation. If most of the examples we have of shining lights are those of dead people, we are in big trouble as a generation.

There are living leaders that could be placed in the same category of shining lights as the leaders of yesterday. However, we should not be quick to give them as examples because of the tendency of many good leaders *"running out of oil."*

Jesus called us the light of the world, therefore, by virtue of that declaration, we should let our light shine for the world around us to see the glory of God.

Matthew 5:14-16 [NKJV]

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jesus was talking about the Church leading the world so that when we shine brighter, everybody can begin to see their way out of trouble.

There must be oil in a lamp in order for it to provide light. When leaders break the law, society becomes lawless. When leaders misuse money, the nation becomes corrupt. When a leader's life does not shine, the nation is in darkness.

Proverbs 29:2 [KJV]

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

When leaders break the law, society becomes lawless. When leaders misuse money, the nation becomes corrupt. When a leader's life does not shine, the nation is in darkness.

E- Excellence.

We must deal with the '**Elephant** in the room'- the issues in society that everyone is aware of but nobody wants to discuss; corruption, nepotism, intolerance, poverty, illiteracy, xenophobia, immigration reform laws and the likes. Leaders must have a spirit of **Excellence**.

Daniel 6:3 [KJV]

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

As a leader, you are the **Encouragement** that society is waiting for. People are looking for that leader who encourages them.

At an ocassion, your presence should carry with it the same significance as the purpose of organising the event. You do not just attend an event, you are the **Event**. People should know that you are available for them when they need you. People are willing to pay taxes, but they do not want governments to steal from them. The people you lead are not looking for entertainers in their presidents or leaders, they are looking for men and women who will lead them into their destinies and to a life of greatness and fruitfulness. They want **Exemplary** leaders. They want leaders who will reach out their hands and pull them out of whatever rut they may be ensnared in.

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Leaders must first discover and know the strengths of the people they are going to work with before appointing them on to their support team.

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I believe leadership is [besides giving hope to society] mostly **'Engineering'** society out of its misery and into a better life. One of the things that engineers do is build bridges, and great leaders bridge people from poverty to prosperity.

A: Leaders must pay **Attention** to detail. They should never be detached from the people they lead. They must constantly **Attack** the enemies of peace and stability; yet **Act** gracefully, with tolerance, allowing common sense to rule the day.

When leaders **Acknowledge** their mistakes, they receive overwhelming reconsideration and forgiveness from those they lead. Those being led usually perceive that as sincere and genuine.

Hiding, sugar-coating and covering up issues never saves a leadership, instead it sinks it.

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A leader must function as the commander of an elite force [army]; exhibiting professionalism, excellence, self-discipline

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Leaders must also allow competent people to come on the table and get involved in helping them lead. The Bible tells us that where there is no counsel the people fall, but in a multitude of counselors there is safety **[Proverbs 11:14]**. Leaders must have people with an **Apostolic Anointing** on their leadership teams.

They must first discover and know the strengths of the people they are going to work with before appointing them on their support team. It is courting disaster to appoint one into a post where they are weak instead of where they are strong. Our Lord Jesus taught us to pray this way, **"And do not lead us into temptation…" Matthew 6:13 [NKJV].**

It is not uncommon to see African leaders appointing people merely for political reasons. They are only given that particular position to solve a political situation, or to appear inclusive of everyone. In doing this though, they do not realize that by appointing weak leaders, they hamper the nation's progress and growth, and hinder the nation from achieving its full potential.

Every leadership must strive to be **A+ performers**. Therefore, those in government leadership positions must be placed where their strengths are over and above average.

The best examples of leadership are always revealed in armies because the army has a way of revealing one's strength. Promotion in the army comes because of one's abilities. If an army is professional, it will not promote an individual simply because they are the son of a captain. They will even honor the dead upon their heroic contribution.

So, a leader must function as the commander of an elite force, exhibiting professionalism, excellence and self-discipline before the army character can be reflected in those they lead.

D-The Bible tells us to be **Doers** of the word and not just hearers.

> **James 1:22 [NKJV]**
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> **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

People do not want to hear leaders tell them what they are going to do, they want to be shown what they have done, period! Service delivery has failed many African leaders. They may have brilliant plans, ideas, intentions and ideologies, but service delivery has been their *achilles' heel.*

Leaders must **Deal** with the **Details.** It has been said that the devil is in the detail, but I say life is in the detail. Wisdom is in the detail, intelligence revolves around paying attention to detail. Cases are resolved because someone went deep enough to unearth the mystery.

Leaders are also there to give **Direction**.

Whether we like it or not, people want to live in a **Domain** [their own world]. Leadership must create domains.

In the digital arena, before you can have a website, you need to first secure a domain name. People love to have what they call their own.

Leaders must understand the power of speaking faith statements over the people they lead. They must **DECLARE** by faith what they want to see in their nations.

> **Job 22:28 [NKJV]**
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> **You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.**

Leaders must be **DONORS.** They must donate that which causes them to function and keeps them alive. They must replicate their leadership *DNA* in the lives of the people they lead.

Since Africa's existence, she has had great and exceptional business icons and kings but they never shared their *blood* or *DNA* with anybody. As a result, it looks as if nobody carries the gene of the likes of Patrice Lumumba in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Samson was a great and powerful man who fought and defended Israel but there was no other breed like him.

When he died, everything about him died with him. In spite of all the greatness, influence and global admiration Nelson Mandela had, when he passed on, xenophobia erupted in South Africa. He was a great man with a high level of tolerance. Unfortunately, he never 'donated' his blood or DNA. He forgave his tormentors and reconciled them with his people, but the minute he stepped down from the presidency, the nation began simmering with all manner of ills that were contrary to all the ideals he stood for.

Good leaders like H.E the president of Uganda therefore, must donate their blood.

The thing about donating blood is that it is drawn from living persons, not the dead. It is also transfused to living individuals.

R: Leaders must **Research** thoroughly before they embark on any assignments.

They should research the root cause of the problems they face. As leaders, we have to research from the Bible - to know what the word of God has to say about something before implementing it as policy. Otherwise, agenda driven lobbyists will end up influencing your policies, forcing you to approve that which could curse your world and take the people back to a place that God is trying to bring them from.

As leaders, you must also **Recognise** your fellow leaders; the people who are helping you to achieve greatness. You must be able to recognise the enemy of your people. A good leader should not ignore the law of recognition.

Leaders must **Reach out** to their peers. They must **Rise** above their mistakes and challenges. It is not productive to counter a challenger with extreme force.

Leadership is not only about a show of force in which you obliterate those who hold a different opinion from yours; it is about maximizing every opportunity for the betterment of the people that you lead.

Leaders should never be afraid to be **Rich** [plentiful and abundant, pleasantly deep and strong]. Leaders must use **Reconnaissance** [good intelligence].

At the end of the day, the world will either consider you a leader of **Renaissance** or of recklessness. Leaders are like **Runners** with a baton which they are supposed to pass onto the next leader, without whom it is impossible to finish the race or mission.

Since leaders are meant to be a reflection of the law, when they break or abuse it, society becomes lawless. When they misuse money, society becomes corrupt.

> **Proverbs 29:2 [KJV]**
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> **When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.**

That is why God's judgement came down heavy on King David when he took Uriah's wife. God responded with death. He knew that if that act was not judged and corrected causing repentance, the entire Israel would have been contaminated with the evil [See **2 Samuel 12**]. Imagine the entire Israelite force using it as a benchmark.

> **Galatians 5:9 (NKJV)**
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> **A little leaven leavens the whole lump.**

Self-destruction happens because leaders forget that the bar is raised for them and that they are being graded at level A++ and nothing less. It is all about performance and productivity.

> **James 3:1 [AMPC]**
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> **NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers [self-constituted censors and reprovers of others], my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation].**

The first test that Daniel and his colleagues were faced with was for them to look better than their peers. They refused to eat of the king's food because they feared it would defile them. Because of this,they were tested for ten days on a vegetable diet, after which they should have been looking as good as their peers who were being fed on the Babylonian diet. After the ten day test, the Hebrew boys looked ten times better than the other young men.

Daniel 1:8-16 [NKJV]

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs. 10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my

head before the king."[11] So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, [12] "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. [13] Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants." [14] So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days. [15] And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. [16] Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

Leaders forget that they are being compared to other leaders by their electorate [based on the past, present and the future]. The moment one is sworn into leadership, comparison begins. It is the reason nations evaluate their leaders a few weeks into office.

In the U.S. and a few other nations, a leader's performance is rated after their first 100 days in office. Based on this assessment, the world actually projects a leader's future performance.

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Leaders are like anchors to a ship. An anchor is a heavy object attached to a rope or chain that is used to moor a vessel to the sea bottom. It helps support the ship and gives it stability. An anchor provides confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation.

A ship's anchor is dipped into an unknown destination in search for something to hold onto. Therefore, when gushing torrents, tumultuous waves and storms are raging, hitting the ship, it is the captain [anchor] who is going to be looked up to for the next course of action for the stability of the ship and safety of all those onboard.

Peoples' hopes rest on the ship's *anchor*. The anchor holds and saves the ship and its cargo for the next day. The leader who cannot hold society together is comparable to that anchor that cannot hold anything.

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During Joseph's time, the Pharaoh had a dream in which God was forewarning him of the future. He mentioned seven years of plenty which would be followed by seven years of famine. However, the number of the years of famine were cut in half because Pharaoh as the leader was wise. After he heard the word of prophecy, he inquired from Joseph what should be done.

When God speaks, we need to inquire. If we do not inquire, the possible consequences will become reality. Every leader must know that an imminent danger holds potential consequences, but it can be averted through wise counsel.

Pharaoh together with Joseph and the Egyptians took heed to the Word of God and as a result, stopped the imminent danger which would have wiped them all out.

They managed to grow food that could feed and sustain the whole world, so that they don't die because of the famine **[Genesis 41].**

In order for Africa to get and stay out of bondage, we must heed God's word. It is the word of prophecy that will be a guiding light in times of uncertainty, therefore, we have to be attentive to hear God when He speaks.

> **2 Peter 1:19 [KJV]**
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> **We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

After the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea into the wilderness, Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came to meet him.

When he saw how overworked Moses was as a leader, he advised him to expand his team of leaders. He knew that it was impossible to lead two million people the same way you lead a household. Had Moses not recognised God's counsel in his father-in-law, he would not have been effective as a leader and would have burnt out really fast. It is the responsibility of a people, but even more so, a leader, to discern what God is saying at each particular time.

Exodus 18:13-23 [KJV]

13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. 14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? 15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God: 16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do

make them know the statutes of God, and his laws. 17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. 18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. 19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: 20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the

burden with thee. [23] If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

REDEEM THE TIME

The nation of Israel has managed to grow by leaps and bounds because they are the people of God. In just 70 years since their return to the Holy Land in 1948, they have attained to the level of being one of the most powerful nations on the earth.

In a year, there are 365 days, which is 52 weeks. Most people make time to go to church on Sunday for a two hour church service. That means that for many Christians, the number of hours a year that they are at church is 2 x 52, which is 104 hours a year. Now in a year, there are 8,760 hours. God has given you 8,760 hours a year, but most Christians do not even give Him a tithe of their time a year. 104 hours divided by 24 hours in a day gives you 4 ½ days in a year.

When you look at how most people allocate their time every year, you will find that for a person who works eight hours a day, five days a week, they give to their work about 2,016 hours a year, if you factor in holidays and vacations.

Divided by 24, that gives you 84 days of work in a year.

You have more blessings in the presence of God than you do outside of His presence.

If a person sleeps for the recommended 8 hours a day, they spend [8 hours x 365 days a year] 2,920 hours a year, sleeping. Divided by 24 hours a day gives you 122 days of sleep a year.

If you put all that time together, out of 8,760, you will have a surplus of 3,824 hours. During that time, we are neither sleeping, working nor worshipping. Divided by 24 hours, gives you 164 days a year doing any other business. Why do some leaders in governments then have a problem with people of God using some of those 3,824 hours to meet and spend time in prayer before the face of God?

You have more blessings in the presence of God than you do outside of His presence.

The reason why people are poor is because they do not know how to redeem and manage their time. There are two things in the Bible that are redeemable; life and time. Jesus redeemed our lives, but we must redeem our time.

> **Ephesians 5:15-16 [KJV]**
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> **15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

The failure to manage your time can alter very many events in your life. Just as the decision to drink your salary away at the bar can affect the livelihood of your family for the whole month, your decision for Jesus altered your destiny forever. Having decided to follow Him, your future is secure. You can talk to heaven directly and be heard and answered. This goes to show that just a few changes to our lifestyle, especially with regard to management and allocation of our time, can change our lives.

The reason why people are poor is because they don't know how to redeem and manage their time.

A day has 24 hours. If a person goes to work for eight hours and sleeps for the medically recommended eight hours, it means they have eight more hours left in their day. That remaining 8 hours is a person's individual time. We as people of God choose to give that time to God. It is our time, and we are giving it to God. A person has a right to use their time the way they choose to. Africa must begin to use time wisely because it is very central in our deliverance from bondage.

Africa's deliverance from the different bondages that have held her through the years is not just hers but for the whole world. The first slave ship that landed in America from Africa did so in 1619 AD. The year 2019 will mark 400 years since that event happened.

God promised Abraham that He would set his descendants free after a 400 year bondage in Egypt.

Genesis 15:13-14 [KJV]

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Since the book of Genesis, God has been speaking. He has been communicating with man and the collection of the records of God's communication with man is the Holy Bible. However, there was a period of time between Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament and Matthew, the first book of the New Testament during which God was silent. That period happened to be 400 years long. From this, we learn that the number 400 is significant. It marks the breaking of the curse and the setting of God's people free.

Scripture teaches us that curses are broken and destroyed because of the anointing.

Isaiah 10:27 [KJV]

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.

This is evidenced in the Church today, as many have been delivered from different yokes and bondages through the anointing and ministration of servants of God by the Holy Spirit. God spoke to Esau through his father Isaac, and said that for his brother's yoke to be broken from his neck, he would have to have dominion.

Genesis 27:40 [KJV]

And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

The African yoke was inherited for years, passed down from one generation to another.

It may not be our generation that enslaved the Hebrews, but for long we have paid the price for the sins of our forefathers.

> **Numbers 14:18 [KJV]**
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> **The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.**

God told Abraham that, *"...I will punish that nation and plunder it..."* because they enslaved his descendants. Africa has been plundered so much since then, and even as we speak, it is still being plundered by opportunists, colonialists and so many others. A case in point is the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since the 1960's, the United Nations has occupied Congo but still, that country is among the poorest in the world, in spite of the vastness of their God-given natural resources.

God's word is true. He promised punishment for the people who would keep Abraham's descendants in slavery and to date, we see the consequences all over Africa.

One of the greatest ways in which Africa was plundered was through slavery. As mentioned earlier, the year 2019 will make 400 years since the first slave ship from Africa landed in America to kick off hundreds of years of suffering for those African slaves and their descendants. It is my belief basing on different rhema and prophetic words that the Holy Spirit has been giving us throughout the 77 Days of Glory revival, that Africa will get out of that 400 year bondage, just as the descendants of Abraham did. We are going to see leaders that we had never heard of before rise from Africa. Businessmen and pace-setters shall rise from Africa more than we have seen before, because when the yoke is broken and destroyed, there is freedom.

John 8:36 [KJV]

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

As a result of the breaking of the yoke off the entire continent, we shall see freedom for all the people of Africa, even those living elsewhere. All black people came from Africa.

Many South Americans have their roots in Africa as well. Wherever people of African descent are, whether they were taken during slavery or they migrated abroad for one reason or another, we are going to see the freedom of a people like we have not seen before. Wisdom for witty inventions is going to fall upon the people of Africa. Wealth will spring up from their houses.

As an African, you will be able to achieve things that have eluded you for years, and you will do so with greater ease than ever before. There is going to be an explosion in the African education sector because of how much African invention has come up.

The tide is changing for Africa. The Bible says that the people who sat in the darkness, have seen a great light.

> **Matthew 4:16 [KJV]**
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> **The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.**

The Time Is Now

God told Abraham that his descendants would be in bondage, but that they would be delivered after 400 years. However, they stayed under Egyptian oppression for an extra thirty years. I wonder why they stayed under oppression longer than they were supposed to. Was it because Egypt was too good for them? Was it because they had good homes there? Or perhaps Egypt had developed a great working relationship with them. Whatever the case, the children of Israel stayed in Egypt for thirty years more than they were meant to.

> **Genesis 15:13-14 [NKJV]**
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> **13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.**

They were supposed to leave the bondage of Egypt after 400 years according to God's timetable, but instead they left 30 years late. I believe two major factors contributed to this delay. One was the fact that the Israelites themselves had become complacent and seemed to have accepted the situation they were in and resigned themselves to it. It was in the four hundred and thirtieth year that they finally began to show desperation when they began to groan and cry out to God so much that God heard their cries and decided to intervene.

Exodus 2:23-25 [NKJV]

[23] Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. [24] So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. [25] And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

Exodus 3:4-10 [NKJV]

4 So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come

to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. [10] Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

It is not enough for God to see our suffering, for He sees it. He is all knowing and all powerful, but He will not intervene in our situation until we ask Him to. Repeatedly, He says in His Word that if we are to receive from Him, we have to ask.

Jeremiah 33:3 [NKJV]

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

James 4:2 [NKJV]

"….you do not have because you do not ask."

Matthew 7:7-8 [NKJV]

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

When Israel cried out to God, He heard their cry and remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Can you imagine? The promise He gave them was that after 400 years, He would get them out of bondage. They did not get out until after 430 years because He had not heard from them for 30 years. It is possible that many of us are where we are today, and not where we are supposed to be because we have become complacent, stopped crying out to God and until He hears our cries, nothing will change.

Proverbs 1:32 [NKJV]

For the turning away of the simple will slay them,And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

Exodus 12:40-41 [NKJV]

[40] Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. [41] And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

The second reason why the children of Israel stayed an extra 30 years, I believe, was because the person God had raised as their deliverer, Moses, was not yet ready. Remember, God is a Spirit and He cannot operate on earth without human instrumentality, because He Himself said that He gave the earth to the children of men. Men are in charge here, not spirits. So no spirit can operate on earth without an earthly body.

Psalms 115:16 [NKJV]

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

In this case, Moses was the man God had chosen, but Moses acted presumptuously and missed God's timing. When Moses was 40 years of age, he had already discerned the mind of God that he had been chosen to deliver the children of Israel from bondage.

Acts 7:23-25 [NKJV]

23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. 25 For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

Moses decided to take matters into his own hands and killed an Egyptian and started to arbitrate between his brethren, yet he had no message and no anointing to do so at the time. He had the call, no doubt, but the combination of the lack of a message, the anointing and the fact that he was operating outside God's timing, meant that he was bound to fall flat on his face. And he did.

He tried to do it in the flesh and ended up in the backside of the desert for another 40 years of spiritual boot camp before God could use him.

The lack of competent people and people of integrity can either cause a mission to be frustrated or to fail altogether.

It is worth noting that according to God's prophetic time table, Israel was supposed to get out of bondage 10 years from the time Moses killed the Egyptian, and he would have been 50 years at that time. Unfortunately, because of his acting presumptuously 10 years earlier, he had been forced into exile in Midian where he had to undergo extra preparation and had to receive an encounter with God, get anointed, given a message and sent before he could return to deliver the children of Israel. In the meantime, the children of Israel were forced to wait an extra 30 years while God's man was being prepared.

Some people are still in bondage today because those God has assigned to them for their deliverance are not ready. That is sobering!

Genesis 15:13-14 [NKJV]

13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Forty years later, when Moses was 80 years of age, in the 430th year of Israelite bondage, God appeared to him on Mount Sinai.

Acts 7:30-32 [NKJV]

30 "And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. 31 When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him,

> **[32] saying, I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and dared not look.**
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> **Acts 7:36 [NKJV]**
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> **He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.**

So we can see that a combination of factors can contribute to when we get our deliverance or if we ever get it. For Israel, they missed their timing because of complacency and because the person God had chosen to spearhead their deliverance was not ready.

We must determine not to spend another minute in sickness, in poverty or in any of the bondages of the past.

The lack of competent people and people of integrity can either cause a mission to be frustrated or to fail altogether. Also the lack of hunger for change can cause the status quo to remain longer than necessary. The enemy also uses the spirit of confusion to keep people in bondage. He sows seeds of division among people so they can fight each other instead of unifying and rallying behind the cause of deliverance.

Mark 3:25 [NKJV]

And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

We must determine not to spend another minute in sickness, in poverty or in any of the bondages of the past. I believe that one of the major reasons why the children of Israel stayed in Egypt for thirty years longer than necessary was because they were divided. They had failed to rally behind a leader, such that even when Moses saved one of them from an Egyptian, the very person whose life he had saved turned against him the very following day.

Exodus 2:11-15 [NKJV]

11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"n15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

Acts 7:22-29 [NKJV]

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. 25 For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. 26 And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' 27 But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?' 29 Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

Moses ran away from Egypt too soon. He did not wait for God to deliver the final blow so that Pharaoh sets the children of Israel free.

When he killed the Egyptian, he had started a series of events through which God would deliver Israel, but because of fear, he ran away. Instead of killing the Egyptian, he was supposed to kill the real thing that had kept the children of Israel in bondage. He was supposed to kill the spirit of procrastination, religion, witchcraft, jealousy, envy and unbelief. You have to kill everything in your past that is contrary to and hinders you from reaching your destiny. Kill what you have got to kill.

> **2 Corinthians 10:4 [KJV]**
>
> **For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;**

Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and he could not take it. He knew that they had to get out of there. Just as Moses saw that sign and knew it was time to get out of bondage, the signs are clear to me today.

God is releasing resources that we have not seen before; resources that are greater than gold, silver, diamond and other things that the world considers precious. The people of Africa had better position themselves for what is coming. We must get rid of laziness and take up strength in order to be able to carry the wealth that the heavens are releasing to us in this uniquely prophetic time of deliverance.

Isaiah 35:3 [KJV]

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

The chains of bondage are breaking away. This is not the time for Africa to feel old. You have to feel young again because the Spirit of God makes age irrelevant. This same Spirit was on Caleb when he declared that at 80, he was stronger than he was at 40 and was ready to take his possession.

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Joshua 14:7-13 [KJV]

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God. 9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God. 10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord

spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. [13] And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

Isaiah 40:31 [KJV]

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

No matter how old you are, you can still take up strength and go out to possess your possessions. There are no age limits in the kingdom of God.

CHAPTER SEVEN

EDUCATION

The spirit of procrastination

For a while in Uganda, certain sections of society have propagated the narrative that our education system has a problem, but I beg to differ. It is not that our education system has a problem, it only lacks funding. As a result of this lack of funding, teachers are paid poorly. Many of our children's teachers are not passionate about education. As a result, our children are taught how to pass an examination, but many of them are not equipped in handling challenges and providing solutions for Africa's development.

Education is like a seed.

The good teachers who are passionate about being educators have to juggle teaching at many schools in order to supplement on their little income. If our governments fund our education system, we will have a crop of Africans that come up with solutions to many of Africa's challenges. Suffice to say, a good education system is based on three things; God, family and human rights.

Proverbs 9:10 [NKJV]

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 22:6 [NKJV]

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Education is like a seed. As we all know, a seed does not improve the soil, it simply reveals its quality. The soil should be able to take the seed planted in it to another level. It should have the proper nutrients for the growth of the seed.

Where it isn't so, fertilizers can be applied to make the soil better. Similarly, we need to invest in our education system much more in order to make it better.

If more than 2000 years ago, the Ethiopian eunuch knew how to read, why is it that today we still have Africans who are illiterate?

> **Acts 8:26-28 [NKJV]**
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> **[26] Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. [27] So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, [28] was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.**

The rate of illiteracy on the African continent is alarming.

We need to find solutions that will help us in creating our own world. Our strategy lies in having unique leadership and in education.

Most foreign interests in Africa are agenda driven.

If somebody is of value to you, you try to add value to them. If your car is valuable to you, you clean it up and try to keep it looking good. If your home is valuable to you, you give it a fresh coat of paint whenever you see it beginning to look worn. Value should not only be added to goods, it should be added to people as well. God sent His only Son from heaven, not to create new people, but to add value to those already here. What makes most children fail in school is the fact that parents take them to schools which value the school fees from the student more than the students themselves. Parents do this because they cannot afford the tuition and standards of a "better school," yet they want to add value to their children by according them an education.

Africa needs to value the future enough to add value to our education system. We cannot expect our help to come from foreign nations.

Most foreign interests in Africa are agenda driven. Our brothers and sisters from outside Africa have no interest in helping us if it does not serve their agenda. Africa's help must come from within. When you take a close look at current global events, you will notice that the spirit of oppression against Africa is still prevalent. It may be subtle, but it is comprehensive. The methodology of imposing task masters over a particular people and using them as slaves has never left the world. The ideology of slavery is and has always been to keep a particular people oppressed for the advantage of another. Whether it is Spain's control over Central and South America, or England's control over India, the idea of one people claiming superiority over another is still here today.

India, for example, is a nuclear power and is one of the world's emerging economies on the cutting edge in technology, but the evidence of British influence in India is undeniable. In fact, many of India's millionaires actually live in England.

Foreign aid has never been the answer to Africa's problems. We welcome the help, but more than that, we need to cultivate the culture of solving Africa's problems from within Africa.

RESISTING THE IDEOLOGY OF SLAVERY

Psalm 119:89 [NKJV]

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

God's word is pure. Unfortunately, colonialists and slave masters manipulated the Bible to weaken the people whom they intended to colonize or enslave. The slave owners in the United States used verses such as, **"Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God." [Colossians 3:22]**

They emphasized this scripture, citing themselves as the masters and the slaves as the servants in that context. What they did not teach is that the Bible also advocates for resistance.

James 4:7 [KJV]

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

If alcohol, drugs, sexual impurity and the likes have been your masters, you should resist them. You need to know to whom you should submit and whom you should resist. The Bible teaches resistance. How for instance, does a minority manage to control and even suppress the majority as was the case of Egypt [minority] dominating the children of Israel [majority] **[Exodus 1:7-12]**? They do this by attacking the psyche; they use your morals against you, teaching you that as a 'good man,' you are not supposed to fight back. They remind you that Jesus told us to *turn the other cheek,* **[Matthew 5:39]** and then when that kind of teaching settles in, they begin to oppress you. Jesus taught about turning the other cheek during Roman oppression. I believe the reason why He taught this was because he did not want the oppressed Jews to fight back with no witnesses to see that they were not the first offender.

If you are slapped on one cheek, let the offender do it again so that you have witnesses and a stronger case.

Dictators, cult leaders, slave masters and manipulators twist the scripture to weaken the people they desire to oppress. They prey on good morals to weaken their victims so that the victims do not do what the oppressor would have done if the roles were reversed. They twist truth to achieve their own selfish goals. They subject you to a spirit of self-condemnation.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 [NKJV]

[1] Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. [2] But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

When the first slave-traders came to Africa, they caught us by surprise. They came with money, with gifts and with guns.

The Africans were not prepared to put up a resistance. It is almost as if these events and happenings were inevitable because of mistakes made by our ancestors. People find themselves victims of circumstance because their predecessors did not look ahead to prepare for the challenges to come.

The greatest challenge for a leader today is to prepare for future generations. It is not enough to secure for yourself a future, you must prepare for future generations as well.

> **Proverbs 13:22 [NKJV]**
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> **A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.**

The spirit of slavery is a highly charged demonic spirit through which the devil operates. In the Garden of Eden, the snake was very talkative while manipulating the woman. However, when God came and started asking questions, all of a sudden, it became extremely quiet. This shows us that we can silence the devil and his demons simply by being in the presence of God **[Genesis 3:4-14].**

If we let God speak through us, our economies, our lives and our institutions, no devil will dare raise its voice to us. But as long as we are on our own, the devil will twist God's Word to us like he did to Eve and Adam. We cannot twist God's word or underestimate what He is doing this season concerning these 400 years. It is time to sound the alarm because we cannot stay another night in bondage.

The oppressor already has an upper hand in the realm of the flesh. The only way you can defeat him is by overcoming him in the spirit.

Moses had tried to bring about the deliverance of the children of Israel through violence by killing an Egyptian oppressor but that did not work. Violence has never been the answer. Non-violence is one of the greatest weapons against an oppressive enemy. Jesus left heaven and came to the earth in human flesh. The idea was that man had the chance to fight against the devil in the flesh. However, we all see what the devil did to His body. From this, we learn a very important lesson; you cannot fight a spirit in the flesh.

The oppressor already has an upper hand in the realm of the flesh. The only way you can defeat him is by overcoming him in the spirit.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 [NKJV]

4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Our weapons are not mighty in themselves, they are mighty *through God*. This shows the need for us to find God. The stone with which David killed Goliath was mighty because he attacked the giant in the name of the Lord.

1 Samuel 17:45-46 [NKJV]

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the

name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. [46] This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Jesus did valiantly at the cross and in the redemption of man because everything He did, He did through God. Samson managed to weaken the entire kingdom of Philistia, not just because of his hair, but because of God. People tend to underestimate the power of God. They usually dig up their own evil side in order to fight evil. Unfortunately, evil cannot overcome evil. If you fight evil with evil, you end up with a much worse situation than you had to deal with in the first place.

Romans 12:21 [NKJV]

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Truth Weapon

The devil's strength is based on our ignorance, but Jesus said that we shall know the truth and the truth will make us free.

> **John 8:32 [NKJV]**
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> **And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

The problem is, many people do not want to hear the truth. Man has basic needs; food, water, clothing and shelter. The oppressor only manages to opress because he maintains control over those basic needs of man; food, water, clothing and shelter. The starting point for us to resist the spirit of slavery is when we start having control over our own food, water, clothing and shelter.

Non-violence is one of the greatest weapons against an oppressive enemy.

When God created man, He put him in a garden and commanded him to replenish the earth.

> **Genesis 1:28 [NKJV]**
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> **Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [a]moves on the earth."**

The garden in which man was put had an abundance of the basic needs we have mentioned. With those needs met, man was well equipped to replenish the earth and subdue it as per the blessing and commandment he had received from God. Similarly, as long as the basic needs of food, water, clothing and shelter can be met, Africans will not continually export themselves as labor, sometimes to places with life threatening conditions.

The conditions here may not be as comfortable and fancy as those in foreign countries, but they can be built and improved upon.

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Today, we do not have slave trade to the degree we had hundreds of years ago, but we see people voluntarily taking slave trade routes to Italy, to the UK, to the US and different places around the world. Slavery has more or less returned. The world is faced with the problem of human trafficking, yet many of those being trafficked actually go voluntarily.

CHAPTER EIGHT

FREEDOM: AFRICA'S ANSWER

Freedom is not an item that is given; it is an idea that is believed. We must preach freedom to the world. We must tell Africa that the days of slavery and bondage are over. People must prepare to come out. For Israel, it was easy to grasp the concept of freedom because they were in a physical bondage. All they had to do was get out of Egypt and move to Canaan. Our circumstances are different because the bondage is not physical. Africa's freedom from bondage requires an awakening and total transformation of the mind and the way we do things. There is a need for us to hear God every step of the way. We must be identified with God the way the Israelis were when God said, "Let MY people go."

Romans 12:2 [NKJV]

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Exodus 9:1 [NKJV]

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

It is important that we are free, before we can effectively preach freedom. When Jesus walked into the synagogue and said, **"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me..." [Luke 4:18]** there must have been people there who had also been present when he was being baptized by John and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.

Luke 4:16-18 [NKJV]

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath

day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, *To* set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Matthew 3:14-17 [NKJV]

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Our message shall be believed easier if we ourselves live it. It must be evident that we are free. In Africa today, we have many people who tell us stories that they have never experienced themselves. For example, if a person reads the scripture, **"If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray…" [2 Chronicles 7:14]** many times, that person is addressing you while excluding themselves. Many of the people speaking to Africa are speaking words which do not affect them. They are like Pharisees, laying burdens on people, which they themselves cannot lift a finger to move.

Luke 11:46 [NKJV]

And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

The world will not be persuaded to believe in our God merely by the words we say, they will believe when they see the results of our actions. We must be what we preach - be doers of the Word.

> **James 1:22 [KJV]**
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> **But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

Many who read the Bible tend to think that the disciples were poor men, yet when you closely study the scripture, you find that it was not necessarily so. One of them was a doctor, the other worked for the revenue authority and others owned fishing businesses.

It is not simply about us coming out of the 400 year bondage, it is about coming out permanently.

Jesus spoke what He was. When He said, **"I am the way, the truth and the life," [John 14:6]** He was not just making political speeches that excluded Himself, He was speaking about what He actually was.

After the children of Israel left Egypt, the only time in scripture that God told His people to go back there was after Jesus' birth, so that His parents could protect Him from Herod's onslaught **[Matthew 2:13-14].** All other times in scripture, He stopped them from going down to Egypt. It is not simply about us coming out of the 400 year bondage. It is about coming out permanently.

> **Isaiah 31:1 [NKJV]**
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> **Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the Lord!**

God has to deliver Africa because while the foreign slave masters may no longer be here, many Africans are still enslaved by their own politicians. Oppressive policies, corruption, tribalism, poverty and such have kept Africa in slavery long after colonialism.

To fight slavery, many Africans have left their home and ended up in exile. Evidently, this is not the solution to Africa's problems. The solution for Africa is in God.

It was the same thing for the children of Israel; Moses had to be anointed to even attempt to bring them out of bondage and oppression. People who think they can liberate you without God on their side are joking. Only the Son of God, Jesus, can make us free indeed.

> **John 8:36 [NKJV]**
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> **Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

One of the biggest questions for Africa today is the question of economics. Africa is trying to industrialize, so that we begin to produce commodities from right here at home. This will help cut down on our expenditure on imports and will also help in boosting our revenue in export. However, my question is, to whom are we going to sell? Since many of the other producing countries sell to Africa, where does Africa plan to sell her produce? We will have to create our own markets.

Africa's answer is not merely in factories and things we can do in the physical. Our answer is in God. The same God who said that a people would be in slavery for 400 years was the same One who delivered them after the 400 years elapsed. He is our only help.

Psalm 46:1 [NKJV]

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

God has many ways by which He can cause the deliverance of a people. The way Moses fled from Egypt is not the same way left Egypt with the children of Israel. Africa must yield and listen to the voice of God. It is He who will give us the creativity and ideas we will need in order to get out of where we are and go to where we need to be. He who put the diamonds, the oil and gold in Africa knows best how Africa can use this wealth to make its people wealthy.

People who think they can liberate you without God on their side are joking. Only the Son of God, Jesus, can make us free indeed.

Isaiah 48:17 [NKJV]

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

By the grace of God, I am an advisor to different high level leaders and as such, I have the privilege of reading documents from different state offices so that I may weigh in on solutions to tackle national challenges. Our governments are seeking experts to provide solutions to problems that are deeper than the experts can dare exhaust.

The experts can only carry us so far, even still with plans that would sometimes take decades to fully execute. This is not so with God. He gave Moses just a phrase to use in dealing with Pharaoh. He said, "Let my people go." He did not tell Moses to get involved in political negotiations or arbitration. When Moses obeyed God, the children of Israel were set free.

While Moses attempted to negotiate with Pharaoh, saying, "Let my people go *that they may worship God in the wilderness…"* Pharaoh said, *No problem. Go worship, but leave your children and your property here with me in Egypt*. Whenever you try to maneuver as an expert, you complicate what is meant to be really easy.

Exodus 4:22-23 [NKJV]

22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel *is* My son, My firstborn.
23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.

Exodus 5:1 [NKJV]

Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.' "

It is the same God who has kept us and held us, that is delivering us from the 400 year oppression.

He has the best plan for Africa's deliverance if only Africa will trust Him. He said, **"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 [NKJV]**

Every plan has a cost and God is well able to fund His plans for us. Most of the time, plans are slowed down from fruition because of the lack of funding. Our God's resources are limitless, so His plans for us have the best funding ready, straight from Him.



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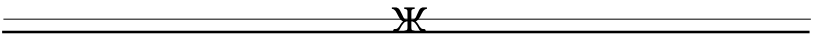

Moses was only able to mobilize 2,000,000 people and have them ready to leave Egypt in one night because he was operating with God's resources. The Exodus was fully funded by God and was not limited by the earth's resources.

Everything seemed to cooperate and align for the sake of the deliverance of the children of Israel. There was no internet, no loud speakers and no current communications technology, yet they were able to move as one. Ever wondered how? The answer is very simple; Moses spoke the word of God and the children of Israel obeyed. Obedience to God's word plays a major role in the work of total deliverance.

Jesus is the Word that came down and dwelt among us. God gave us the Word so that in Him, we have everything we will ever need. Things we do not have now, we can easily get because we have the Word of God. We can now claim all the promises in the Word by faith. *We are the head and not the tail, above only, and not beneath.* What the slave-master spirit has done is convince us that what we read in the Bible is not meant for us, but for someone else. This is absolutely false! God's promises in the Bible are for us and our children to enjoy. His promises are yes and amen. **[2 Corinthians 1:20]**

THE GOD OF BLESSINGS

Our God is the God of blessing. We have seen Him bless entire nations. When God delivered Israel from Egypt, He blessed them. He promised Abraham and his descendants a blessing.

> **Genesis 15:13 [NKJV]**
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> **Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.**

Jacob lived his whole life in pursuit of the God of blessing, and when he found Him, he was given the name Israel.

> **Genesis 32:24-29 [NKJV]**
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> **24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day**

breaks."But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"[27] So He said to him, "What is your name?"He said, "Jacob."[28] And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."[29] Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray."And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

Satan does not want people to get a hold of the blessing because he knows that when we are blessed, we shall be able to do more for God.

God cannot give us a curse in disguise. Africa has a lot of resources; our weather, our ecosystem, minerals and other natural and human resources, but without the blessing, we will not be able to utilize those resources. The writing is on the wall. We need to be the people that will come out and stand to be used of God to bring about economic emancipation and stability for Africa.

Proverbs 10:22 [NKJV]

The blessing of the Lord makes one rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.

A country like Uganda has a unique history. Twice we have had our army wiped out. The Kings rifle army that ushered in independence was wiped out by the Tanzanian invasion of 1979. Afterwards, the Uganda army which was commanded by the late Major General David Oyite Ojok was also wiped out in 1986 by the National Resistance Army [NRA]. To see that today, we have a strong and professional army that is participating in peacekeeping missions all across Africa, goes to show a great recovery from catastrophe.

When we say we are 56 years old as a nation, it is not entirely accurate, because we have had to rebuild from scratch a number of times. If one would calculate how much money has been lost in the change of guard alone, it is in the billions of dollars. Africa cannot continue moving in circles, rebuilding from scratch or re-inventing the wheel after every number of years.

When you trust God, He not only gives you a miracle, but He makes your miracle a wonder

When you take a close look at the story of the baby Moses, it is evident that God was orchestrating things behind the scenes. How did it just so happen that as Moses was placed on the water, Pharaoh's daughter was going out to the river for a bath? The timing couldn't have been more perfect. It should give you confidence that when you trust God, He not only gives you a miracle, but He makes your miracle a wonder to the world.

The Blessing of Rest

Man has been given so much more time than most of us put to use. The Bible tells us that we must labor to enter into God's rest

> **Hebrews 4:11 [KJV]**
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> **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.**

According to the Oxford English dictionary, the word rest means 'to cease work or movement in order to relax, sleep or recover strength.' Why does God want us to rest? Jesus said, **"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on…" [Matthew 6:25 [NKJV]**

He said, *"Such things are what the heathen are concerned about…"*

Jesus in saying this did not mean that God's children are not supposed to work. On the contrary, He meant that we need to work, but more than that, we need the blessing of God over our work.

China as a nation has existed for a very long time. They were colonized by the British and later, by the Japanese. However, after hundreds of years, we are just beginning to see China emerge as an economic power. Even still, many in China are still living beneath the poverty line, depending on state sponsorship.

Europe is another example; they have been here for hundreds of years, colonized the whole world and done so much for the prosperity of their nations. However, today, most of Europe is in debt.

One would think that since they have been at work for this long, they should not be facing the challenges they are facing today. Well, being at work for long is not necessarily the answer. Work has its place, but work without the blessing of God is futile. It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich and He adds no sorrow with it **[Proverbs 10:22]**.

Proverbs 8:10-11 [NKJV]

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; 11 For wisdom is better than rubies,And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

Proverbs 8:17-21 [NKJV]

17 I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. 18 Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver. 20 I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, 21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.

Work versus Job

The spirit of slavery is the same spirit that attacked Adam in the Garden of Eden. God created Eve so that she could help Adam, not so that she remains subservient to him. Likewise, our dealings with other people should be for the purpose of helping them, not being enslaved by them.

> **Matthew 23:11-12 [KJV]**
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> **11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**

God created man to work. He never talks much about jobs because jobs have a tendency to enslave people. There is a huge misconception of the difference between work and jobs. Many people drag their feet to go do their jobs yet Jesus came that we may be free indeed. Work, on the other hand brings forth a blessing, for God promised to bless the work of our hands.

Deuteronomy 28:12 [NKJV]

The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Proverbs 14:23 [NKJV]

In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

Genesis 2:15 [AMP]

So the Lord God took the man [He had made] and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it.

By the time God gave Adam work, he already had a garden. If a man does not identify his garden [field], then he cannot work. That is why he will most likely just go for the next best thing which is *jobing*.

The reason why people do not do a good job at their places of work is because they are working in a garden that is not theirs; that is what a job is.

Solomon said, **"Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." - Song of Solomon 1:6 [KJV]**

There is a desire in every man to have his own field - a place where he can use his strength to serve the Lord and make his mark on the world. Man needs a field from which he can fulfill his purpose on the earth.

The knowledge of the fact that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit enables me to serve the Lord with all my strength in the field of my expertise.

When Jacob began to work while at his Uncle Laban's place, he received a revelation from God on how to determine the kind of animals that would be born by placing sticks in water.

Genesis 30:37-39 [KJV]

37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. 38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before

the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. [39] And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

The secret of multiplication already ran in his family but Jacob had not been using it in Laban's house.

It was only after certain of the sheep were offered to him as his pay that he began to apply his knowledge.

He applied this knowledge because of the transition from jobing to working. Jacob began to work when Laban gave him a stake in the enterprise. He began to give his best and from that point on, he started growing and prospering. The only way you will give your best is if you have a sense of ownership; if you are no longer just doing a job, but you are working to make sure it works. When you do that, you will prosper.

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The reason why the more developed nations are the way they are is because the people who are leading them have a sense of ownership. They know that that is their place and therefore, they develop things for themselves, to bless their people. To them, the rest of the world is secondary.

They know that they and their children are the users of those products, that is why they make them with excellence. If someone knows that they can be thrown out of office the following day, even after having tirelessly labored without reward, they will hold back; they will not give themselves entirely to what they are supposed to do.

Jesus did all that He did because He knew that He was doing it on His Father's behalf.

John 4:34 [NKJV]

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

There must be a higher calling – a higher purpose than simply getting the job done. Africa may never out-produce the rest of the world, however, if we apply ourselves to work and not just do jobs, we shall be able to attract more direct foreign investment than ever before for the prosperity of Africa's people. The most that a job can give you is wages, yet work is limitless because with it come blessings.

Deuteronomy 28:12 [KJV]

The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Over the time that Laban employed Jacob, he changed his wages ten times. This, I believe, was because Jacob was hired for two reasons.

1. So that he could look after Laban's livestock
2. So that he could produce a larger labor force for Laban

Laban did not care one bit about Jacob and his family. You can imagine, he did not even intervene when Jacob started having kids with his wives' maids. Why? Because Laban was more interested in the labor force that Jacob could produce for him. To him, Jacob was a mere producer of a *human crop*.

People can change your wages if you are simply jobing, but they cannot change the blessing that the Lord puts on the work of your hands.

People can change your wages if you are simply jobing, but they cannot change the blessing that the Lord puts on the work of your hands. Jacob's life was all about the blessing.

His brother wanted to kill him because of the blessing and that is why he ran to Laban's house. Instead when he got there, he was given a job in which his wages were changed time and again.

Genesis 31:6-7 [KJV]

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. 7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

Africa does not need wages, we need the blessing. We must believe God, for it is He who will bless our work. With the blessing of God operating in your life, things will clear up and you will live as you are supposed to, as a child of God.

Proverbs 10:22 [KJV]

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

What was Abraham's job? What was Job's job?

We don't see them doing jobs and yet these men were immensely blessed. There is no fairness in jobs because the people who do the least often earn the most, while those who put in the laborious hours earn the least.

In fact, if a boss is romantically involved with a young lady in a corporation, she will get all the favors that people who work harder and are more qualified are supposed to get. She will travel with him everywhere, yet those who would be more effective on those trips are left behind. With jobs, there is no fairness, while when we apply ourselves to work, we can be sure of operating under the blessing.

God said we could work for six days and rest on the seventh. If we run our lives like that, we will be richer than anybody else.

We must step out of the colonial type of education. It is amazing that one can study to become a Veterinary Doctor, yet they do not even have a goat to rear, because they expect to get a job on somebody else's farm. Jacob was a chef: that is how he managed to steal the birthright from Esau – he cooked something. However, when push came to shove, he landed a job where he had no expertise, but still managed to raise a breed of strong animals in a way that was not known before.

Who taught him about animal husbandry? God! We have been taught that if a person is a professional teacher, all they can do is teach.

Yet there is so much more that a person can do with their abilities alongside being a teacher. Bees extract nectar from flowers and use it to make honey. Nobody buys nectar from flowers, but bee keeping is highly profitable. The reason is very simple; bees work. As a matter of fact, there are bees in a hive that are called *workers*.

It is upon to us to take what we have and develop something great out of it. Again, God blesses the works [not jobs] of our hands.

> **Deuteronomy 28:8 [NKJV]**
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> **"The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**
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> **2 Thessalonians 3:10 [NKJV]**
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> **For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.**

Money is created out of work. You go to a particular salon because the hairdressers there do good work.

You buy a good product because of the work that went into it, not just because of the job that the person who made it did.

A good work ethic is the key to successful wealth creation. Political parties use the job creation platform to seriously advocate and converse for votes. Africa currently needs to deal with work ethics so that we may be able to create good paying and long-lasting employment both locally and internationally. Just like the children for Israel were in high demand in Babylon, for this same reason, our young people can go abroad because they are in high demand.

African leaders in government must focus on preparing everyone to succeed, instead of skilling just a few to employ. I think because of his work ethic, Moses was able to survive in Midian.

The reason foreigners come here and get jobs and succeed is because they have good work ethic. Government keeps talking about job creation, but the need to match up and bridge the unemployment gap with the fast growing population is only satiable with God.

Job Creation

Our governments have recently been encouraging people to create jobs. Well, that doesn't change much because after you create a job, somebody else will still need to look for that job. The solution is in encouraging people to put themselves to work, job or not. A single law school, for example, can produce hundreds of lawyers a year. However, at the end of five or ten years, some lawyers are big while others are struggling, yet they all graduated from the same class. Why? The answer is very simple; one lawyer works, the other one *jobs*.

I have eaten so many samosas all over the world, but there are samosas you taste once and you know you will never eat them again, while there are others which you want to try over and over again. They are all samosas, but some are worked on while for others, the person who made them was just doing a job.

We must transition from simply doing things to producing products. Doing that is what will attract buyers and turn us into a competitive market.

Africa produces the best hardwood in the world, but it is amazing that the best furniture does not come from Africa. We actually have to import furniture into Africa. Why do we struggle like that? It is because we do not put ourselves to work.

Work eventually creates jobs. I will give an example of athletes. How many people can feed off one man's work? You will find that one athlete can provide work for doctors, trainers, the people who print the kits and so many more. However, if the player has the mentality of playing football as a job, they will retire broke. I have seen people who have been employed for all their lives and come to the age of retirement, but just couldn't retire because they had no work to do.

Just two years after requirement, they begin to look around for another job. It makes you wonder what they had been doing at their jobs for the decades of their employment.

It is amazing that a president can be toppled but still want to return to politics. Why is this so? It is because being a president was just a job to them.

Poverty uses jobs to create a permanent mentality of slavery among people, but work frees them to do a lot of things. Work puts you in a position to create jobs just like the athletes we mentioned earlier.

I do not understand why people who serve God would eat, live and sleep badly. The Church ought to put up houses for its people; we must build health centers, schools, recreational facilities and provide vehicles for our staff. We need to put in the work.

I know a family where both the husband and the wife were very busy, and as a result, their children were left unsupervised and they would go hang out with the neighbors' children. The neighbors used to invite a lot of other chidren over to their house and one day as the children were at the neighbors' house, one of the girls was raped.

Because the parents were busy with their jobs, they only found out about the rape when their thirteen year-old girl was in her fifth month of pregnancy. If they had not been too preoccupied with their jobs, this probably would not have happened. If we do not create a Christian environment for our children, we will end up regretting what becomes of their lives tomorrow.

Proverbs 29:15 [KJV]

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Because of the working conditions in Africa, we have suffered brain drain for a very long time. To fight this, there must be a people who put their heads together to work out solutions for Africa's debt, poverty, sickness and disease. Isn't it amazing that most of the people who do research on diseases that ravage Africa are not Africans? When faced with a problem like disease, we are supposed to turn it around for profit, and not to flee from it out of fear. We need to begin exporting solutions to the problems facing the world, and that requires us to graduate from just doing our jobs to doing work.

That is exactly what Jesus did when He was faced with the cross. He turned it around for the glory of God. As a result the whole world is coming to Jesus; He has more followers than anybody else in history.

Hebrews 12:2 [KJV]

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Among all the plagues with which God struck Egypt, the plague of frogs stands out to me quite conspicuously.

It came about because Pharaoh had refused to let the children of Israel go.

Exodus 8:1-8 [KJV]

[1]And the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. [2] And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: [3] And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of

thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs: 4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants. 5 And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. 6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord.

Just as the frogs and most of the other plagues that eventually led to Israel's deliverance came from the Nile, Africa's deliverance must come from within Africa. Pharaoh cried to Moses, asking him to remove the frogs.

By that time, Pharaoh had got to know that these things were the result of the hand of God at work, and only God could remove them. At Pharaoh's request, Moses promised that the very following day, the frogs would be gone, and indeed, they were.

Africa's deliverance is not from afar off. It is right here in Africa. All we need to do is address a few things that are holding us back. Among the factors hindering Africa's prosperity are; Arrogance, Ignorance, Procrastination and the lack of determination.

Everything that God did to Pharaoh, He did to show him His love for him and for Egypt. God neither hated Egypt nor Pharaoh. Otherwise, Egypt would never have existed in the very first place, or God could have wiped them out entirely like He did Sodom and Gomorrah or the other nations that He wiped off the face of the earth. However, God preserved Egypt, which shows that although they were punished, it was out of love.

Hebrews 12:6-7 [NKJV]

6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

God loved Egypt so much that He even sent His Son, Jesus, there for six years to be protected and raised there when it was not safe for Him to be raised in his home country.

Matthew 2:13-15 [NKJV]

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." 14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

> In everything in life that we have gone through, God is demonstrating His love for us. The reason why we must be born again is so that we see the kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost**.**
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> **Romans 14:17 [NKJV]**
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> **for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

African leaders must also determine to not only pursue prosperity but to work for the posterity of their nations. They must leave their nation with a **DEED;** a will that stipulates the future of the people of the nations they lead.

Any family leader who does not leave a deed creates havoc among their family members that remain behind. Abraham is one leader who made sure his family was not left in chaos after his death. Before his death, he made sure Ishmael, the son he had got outside the will of God through Hagar was

gone out of his home **[Genesis 21:8-14]**. Later on, he called all his other children that he had got from his marriage to Keturah and gave them gifts and sent them away.

> **Genesis 25:6 (NKJV)**
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> **But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.**

And then he gave everything else that he had to his heir, Isaac.

> **Genesis 25:5 (NKJV)**
>
> **And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.**

He also made sure that Isaac was married to a wife gotten from his relatives before he died.

Genesis 24:1-4 (NKJV)

[1] Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. [2] So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

And God gave his servant Eliazar favor and he was able to get his master's son a wife from Abraham's relatives.

Genesis 24:48-51 (NKJV)

[48] And I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. [49] Now if you

will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left." [50] Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you either bad or good. [51] Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken."

Abraham also made sure that he had a burial ground purchased and deeded to him where his family could be buried.

Genesis 23:7-18 (NKJV)

[7] Then Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth. [8] And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your wish that I bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and meet with Ephron the son of Zohar for me, [9] that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he has, which is at the end of his field. Let him give it to me at the full price,

as property for a burial place among you."
10 Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of
Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered
Abraham in the presence of the sons of
Heth, all who entered at the gate of his
city, saying, 11 "No, my lord, hear me: I give
you the field and the cave that is in it; I give
it to you in the presence of the sons of my
people. I give it to you. Bury your dead!" 12
Then Abraham bowed himself down before
the people of the land; 13 and he spoke to
Ephron in the hearing of the people of the
land, saying, "If you will give it, please hear
me. I will give you money for the field; take
it from me and I will bury my dead there."
14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying
to him, 15 "My lord, listen to me; the land is
worth four hundred shekels of silver. What
is that between you and me? So bury your
dead." 16 And Abraham listened to Ephron;
and Abraham weighed out the silver for
Ephron which he had named in the hearing
of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of
silver, currency of the merchants. 17 So the

field of Ephron which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, which were within all the surrounding borders, were DEEDED [18] to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

This is the place where both Abraham and Sarah were buried.

Genesis 25:8-10 (NKJV)

[8] Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. [9] And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, [10] the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.

This is the same place that Isaac, Jacob, Leah and all Jacob's children were buried.

Acts 7:15-16 (NKJV)

15 So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. 16 And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.

By Abraham getting the title deed of that land he was ensuring that his descendants would never be pushed around by crazy relatives or land grabbers in the future and that protected his offspring from a potentially chaotic situation. African leaders must borrow a leaf from this example.

If the state of the nation is left to presumptuous interpretations regarding her investments, wealth and health, then the leader of that nation did her people a great disservice. It does not matter whether it is a democracy, chaos shall ensue. Take for instance the United States of America, when J.F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Because of the deed element, there was no leadership gap because the Vice President, Lyndon Baines Johnson stepped in immediately. The will of the government is within its constitution and the constitution must spell out all matters pertaining to the nation's wellbeing.

Unfortunately, in many African countries such as Libya and DRC, we have seen that it is hard for the country to continue to thrive after a leader dies or their political party is removed from power. This is because the leaders run the country as personal property and the entire system of government depends on that one individual to function. Once he dies, or is removed, the entire system collapses. To avoid such situations, constitutional governance should strongly take hold in Africa. People must respect the constitution that is in place.

Leaders also have the power to decree and declare blessings over their people. In Bible days during the construction and dedication of Solomon's temple, we do not see the high priest praying a blessing over the people but rather the king who released a blessing over Israel.

1 Kings 8:12-15 [NKJV]

12 Then Solomon spoke: "The Lord said He would dwell in the dark cloud. 13 I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever." 14 Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. 15 And he said: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled it...

Leaders should desist from thinking that their word does not matter unless it is said in the political arena. They should stop politicking and start declaring and decreeing blessings upon the people they lead. Their message should be sincere and clear enough in order to drive their people from a place of discomfort to a place of tranquility.

A handful of African leaders have been good at doing this and have not been so concerned with saying only what people want to hear.

However, the majority of leaders, unfortunately, are held captive by political correctness - the tendency to want to tell the people what they want to hear - so as to receive applause and then call it a day. When crisis arises in the future, they are at a loss on what to do, and are unable to face the situation head-on because they started off by wanting to appease the people.

I look at the American leaders with amazement. I am sure the reason why the policies they articulate in their speeches nearly always end up getting implemented is because at the end of the day, they end with blessing the people. They always end with the words 'God bless America.'

> **Romans 13:1 [NKJV]**
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> **Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.**

All leadership authority comes from God. Leaders in Africa must understand that they are not in the positions they hold because they are superior, better

or because they were born on a unique day from everybody else. They have to understand that God bestowed upon them a special grace to lead His people to their destiny. What He has done for the western countries, He wants to do for Africa as well. For quite a long time, African countries and their leaders have not understood this.

CHAPTER NINE

TOTAL DELIVERANCE - THE MISSION

No one disputes the fact that slave trade involved so many people, including the Africans themselves. Before the white slave traders came, the main stakeholders of slave trade in Africa were the Arabs. The infiltration of Africa's mainland by western powers like Britain and France paved the way for slave trade to flourish even more. Later in the 1800s, slavery was abolished. However, even after it was abolished, the descendants of the slaves in Europe, America, the Caribbean and many of the places where they were shipped off to are still living there todate. Interestingly though, we do not see the descendants of the slaves who were taken by the Arabs.

We know for a fact that they took our people as slaves, but we do not see the descendants of all those people in the Arab world as we see them in the rest of the world. What happened to those slaves? Where are our people?

We have received different reports of oppression, torture and even murder of Africans living in the Arab world. This matter must be addressed head on because it is not new. While the slaves in other parts of the world were oppressed and tortured, there are traces of them in those parts of the world - evidence that they lived there. Those who were taken to the Arab world seem to have been totally wiped out. This goes to show us that there was so much more about slave trade than the simple buying and selling of people as commodities. There was gross wickedness attached to it and it is unfortunate that it was participated in by people from almost all ethnic groups.

In order to break that terrible demon and its effects therefore, it is important that we all repent of this terrible evil because we all participated in it in one way or another.

The chains that were used to enslave the Africans in those days were not just physical; they were spiritual and psychological, self-inflicted as wells as foreignly imposed.

This is the kind of 'cocktail' that was shaken together and given to Africa to drink. In order to accomplish the mission of totally delivering Africa from bondage and breaking the chains of slavery and its effects off Africa, we must also break the spirits of religion, foreign aggression, denial, tradition and tribalism.

A mission is birthed from a vision. Many missions have been rendered impossible because the participants in those missions did not have what was necessary to pull the missions off.

Giving must become an African culture.

I believe not all the taskmasters over the children of Israel were Egyptians. Some were Hebrews who were turned against their own people, either voluntarily or by force.

When Pharaoh ordered some of the Hebrew midwives to kill all male Hebrew babies at birth, they had the sanity to reject this outrageous order, taking upon themselves a mission to preserve the lives of the Hebrew babies, which mission could put their own lives at risk.

Exodus 1:15-17 [NKJV]

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; 16 and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

Africa must unite on the mission of eradicating poverty and corruption. As long as we are disorganized, we cannot overcome these ills.

Even if we increased taxation, we would not see the results of development and better service delivery because we would only be collecting all this money to put it in a bag with holes. We must plug the holes of corruption in Africa. When that is done, then we can be sure that the monies collected from our people will do exactly what they are meant to do.

With that in place, we do not even have to increase the burden of taxation upon our people. We can appeal to their good will and generosity and from that, we can collect a surplus of resources that can go a long way in making the lives of Africa's people better.

When people contributed to the National Resistance Army bush war in Uganda, the fighters had plenty of food and support from the local populace and this sustained them as they went along for the entire five year period they were fighting in the bush. This was all possible because they were able to mobilize support and because the people were generous and willingly gave to the cause, with only promises to hold on to from the bush fighters.

If Africa could only make up her mind to stop borrowing money from foreign entities; IMF, EU, World Bank or other wealthier nations, and rallied all her people to this cause - to self-support by say donating only $10 each per month, that would be approximately $14bn each month. $100bn is sufficient to do much of what Africa needs to do in order to create a quality life for her citizens.

Giving must become an African culture. We can move away from charging and get into giving. We must find an alternative through which we can create wealth. Some countries have managed to develop through taxation, but it never seems to be enough. There is room for options and another conversation concerning revenue generation in Africa.

Have you noticed that churches rarely go bankrupt? They build infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, estates and just keep going. I believe it is because they don't depend on levying taxes, but on the generosity of the people.

Divine Strategy

The whole world got a piece of Africa through colonialism, but we now see Africa being divided by commerce. In most parts of Africa, the problems there began way before the colonialists ever set foot here. For Africa to occupy her position in the world, we need to undergo a process of **Transformation.**

The transformation process requires certain tools and strategies to aid it. Some of these are human resource, political and military strategy, and the greatest of all - divine strategy.

When you employ divine strategy, you have the advantage of divine wisdom, supernatural power and grace. The reason why the entire creation anxiously awaits the manifestation of the sons of God **[Romans 8:19]** is because as sons of God, we have the supernatural ability to avert calamity even before it strikes, like Joseph did for Egypt. This is the most sure way in which we shall be able to re-address the imbalance on Africa's part.

Our fathers thought that independence would balance out the years that Africa lost and help us catch up with or even surpass the rest of world in certain areas.

They were especially hoping that because of our self-governance, this would be achieved, but it did not work. Some Africans thought our answer lay in politics or military coups, but it never did. It bothers our minds that a nation like Singapore, which is three years younger than Uganda, is so far ahead of us in terms of development and service delivery. In order to effectively re-address the African imbalance, we should have an open mind and explicitly discuss such issues. We must examine where we have gone wrong and resolve to make it right. With the help of God, we will be able to reach an understanding of what we must change and how.

The British colonized Uganda in the 1860's, but later on in 1894, signed a treaty to make Uganda a British protectorate. That notwithstanding, Uganda remained divided and the 1962 constitution is a testament to that division. We must re-address the imbalance in order to save Africa from mistakes she can make today, because we are being divided again by commerce, confusion and backwardness.

Africa's population is growing very fast. Current estimates reveal that our population is approximately 1.2 billion people. That means we are just a couple of hundred million shy of China and India, the world's largest populations.

Those countries are industrialized, educated and are now considering space exploration for their vast populations. They have taken hundreds of years to get to the levels of development and technology that they are at today. Therefore, we have to re-address the imbalance that is causing Africa to lag behind in many of these aspects. For many places in Africa, security and peace have been elusive and democracy is still a dream. What is basic in many countries in the rest of the world is still scarce in Africa.

Africa is still borrowing from her former colonial masters in order to build her roads, hospitals and other infrastructure. We are still limping and leaning on another's shoulder in order to meet our budgets. There is a gross imbalance in that we have independence, but we are not independent. Although elections may be held, there is need to continue nurturing and nourishing democratic systems which are still in developmental stages. We have education but have no jobs for our educated people, hence the continual brain drain.

We can speak the languages of the world, but this has not produced for us strength in negotiation which would lead to development.

Few African countries have a decent GDP or income per capita. Africa is ravaged by diseases for which the cures are in our very vegetation. How can we struggle with diseases that our ancestors were able to treat hundreds of years ago? It is sad that we have to get grants from abroad in order for us to be able to immunize our children against diseases. A case in point is the malaria treatment in Uganda which costs between 50,000 - 150,000 Uganda shillings for one to fully recover. That, in addition to the changes in nutrition and other factors, one needs about USD 100 for treatment against malaria. Uganda's per capita income is USD 700 [2017 estimates]. It is obvious the kind of financial straits that individual would be in. It becomes very challenging; we need divine solutions in order to solve Africa's problems.

Africa needs to address the problem of famine. It is one of the oldest reasons for migration in history.

Genesis 12:10 [NKJV]

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.

If corruption, nepotism and famine are not dealt with, Africa will remain lagging behind the rest of the world, and foreigners will continue to plunder her of her great wealth.

Africa needs dedicated people who will stand in the gap; people who will make sure that what needs to happen is enforced. Dedication is one of the ways we shall reverse the imbalance in Africa so that we can develop current and future leaders.

There are very few countries in Africa in which the citizens contribute to the healthcare system. Many of those who have means prefer to send their patients abroad for treatment. That does not help in the development of Africa's healthcare systems. On the contrary, it takes from and depletes even the little trust that the general population had in it. We must be dedicated to the growth of Africa and make sure that we build or revive working systems that are beneficial to Africa's interests.

Africa must go through the transformation process. The greatest areas of transformation for any society, but especially for Africa are the following:

1. The Church

The spirit of man must be challenged and encouraged before any lasting transformation can take place.

2. Communities

Communities are the places where people live daily and interact with their nation. There must be initiatives in place that encourage [even enforce] the change that we want to see.

3. Commerce

This is a critical area because the state of people's pocketbook is a great influence in their decision making. National economics must make sense to the people of that nation.

Transformation will be inevitable if only we can firm up these three areas as listed below;

1. Media
2. Education
3. Patriotism

Africa needs a strategy for the rise of this great continent. Our systems must be strategically synchronized. We must make our systems work.

We should develop our interstate roads and railway linkages for quicker and better delivery of goods and services. We are a viable market that can be self-sufficient. Therefore, the access to our markets and neighbors has to be eased. Industrialization and synchronized systems must be put in place to boost African trade, for Africa.

In order to address the imbalance in Africa, we must look Africa in the face and ask her where she wants to be in the future. We must admit (not live in denial) that we are under-developed, divided, and have a tendency to do things in extremes. Extremism does not help because it only creates divisions, which are a major reason for our crippleness.

Solving Africa's problems is comparable to a brain surgeon who has a tumor in his brain. He cannot operate on himself, yet the operation must be done. This is why, above all, we need divine intervention. Yes, it is true, we have to play our part, but considering how far back we lag, we need to move with supernatural speed.

Psalms 121:1-2 [NKJV]

[1] I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? [2] My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

African countries must begin to embrace the idea of raising their own money for Africa's development.

If for instance $100 billion were to be put together, it is a good place to start to build programs across the continent. If financial problems are not delt with, you have barely solved anything.

There are countries which are making great strides in the direction that Africa needs to go. For example, South Africa [until they were clouded by xenophobia], Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania which has put up a very strong front against corruption under President Magufuli. These nations are making strides in the right direction. The challenge, however, is in the fact that they are not in it together, hence reducing the impact that they would have if they were working together as a block.

> **Ecclesiastes 4:9 [NKJV]**
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> **Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.**

Nevertheless, there is a beacon of light that you can still look up to and see hope.

The west has managed to keep the hindrances to development like corruption and incompetence at bay to a greater extent, because they know that as an official, you cannot steal from or cheat yourself. There is good reward for hard work. The principles of a good godly life still stand.

The USA for example was built by puritans on godly principles. The colonialists only went there later on, but found God and the freedom of worship already in existence. The puritans ran away from Europe and found a new place which became their new home. They lived there with the Native Americans and shared Thanksgiving and lived peacefully before the colonialists came.

If I can live with you securely without fear of you stabbing me in the back - if we can have unity of purpose, whether Ugandan, Nigerian, Namibian or Tunisian, we shall see growth across the great continent of Africa.

We must be noble. Cabinet ministers must be able to hold their counterparts accountable without waiting for the press. Our leaders' actions must trigger the press.

Unfortunately, most of the time, it is the press that triggers investigation and accountability.

Patriotism, which is the love for God and country should be groomed in Africa. In order to do this, we need to develop the African ideology, because you cannot be patriotic without an ideology. The lack of correct ideology is holding Africa far back. Ideology is developed from the history of the people. No one knows our history more than God does.

The responsibility to deal with the spirit of poverty rests on preachers, not politicians, because it requires the change of the heart of man.

The key is in nobility among the people of Africa. Nobility comes from patriotism [the love for God and country], which comes from correct ideology, born from correct theology [the understanding of the relationship between God and man.] Therefore, the starting place is God.

Psalms 127:1 [NKJV]

Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it...

I remember a few years back, South Sudan received their independence from Sudan.

It was the youngest nation on the earth with goodwill from all over the world. They were the fastest growing economy in Africa. However, just a few disagreements among their leaders plunged them into civil war which got so bad that the people began to eat leaves as food for survival.

We had to mobilize food from here at our ministry to take to the starving people of South Sudan. President Museveni flagged the trucks of food off from Uganda and President Kiir received us over there, but thugs wanted to steal the food on the way. We had to have military escort to protect the precious food. The war and famine alone managed to cast the fastest growing economy in Africa at that time, to the ground.

The solution is in the strategy mentioned above, from God all the way to nobility. The solution to poverty is in preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus came to preach the gospel to the poor.

Luke 4:18 [NKJV]

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor;

The responsibility to deal with the spirit of poverty rests on preachers, not politicians, because it requires the change of the heart of man. I have no idea the means by which China, Europe and other countries developed, but I believe the solution for Africa is in God. It is He who will give us good speed in our development.

Deuteronomy 8:18 [NKJV]

"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

The world has been giving us grants for our development, but the answer for Africa's development is commerce – trade - business, and ofcourse, God.

Jesus said when He was twelve years of age, **"I must be about my Father's business.**" [**Luke 2:49**] Jesus' earthly parents had come to Jerusalem with the necessary sacrifices and offerings for the feast, but they were ready to leave with nothing. Jesus refused to leave with nothing. It is not good business to leave with nothing.

He remained behind to do the Father's business so that His investment [offerings] would have a profitable return – the salvation of the world. The answer for Africa's development is business.

CHAPTER TEN

EPILOGUE

Africa has the youngest population in the world. What must be done by the current holders of power [geo-political, religious, civil, financial, educational, and so on] at all levels, is they must create cast-in-stone protocols, methodologies and democratic cultures. These should ensure that Africa stops *bleeding*, breaking up and going bankrupt.

Africa has got some of the most spectacular scenic sights than any part of the world. Its velocious waterfalls, rainforests [in Congo], weather, landscape such as the Rwenzori mountain, Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Southern African Kalahari desert covering parts of Namibia, Botswana and South Africa, amazing and unique wildlife such as the mountain gorillas of Uganda, lions - the kings of the jungle found in Zimbabwe and the Kruger National Park of South

Africa, zebras, elephants and Kenya's phenomenal Masai Mara wildebeests, the list is literally endless... are all breathtaking.

Africa is also endowed with great flora and precious minerals. Yet, in spite of the above, Africa is still struggling with poverty, confusion, starvation and disease. Why?

Can Africa hear the screams of the vegetation, the beckoning cracks of mined precious stones being wheeled out by road, rail, water and air? Does Africa hear these silent pleas from these valuables wondering whether improvement and value addition cannot be done right here at home? Instead, they are being auctioned out to the highest bidder. Perhaps the waterfalls are not loud enough. Maybe the equator should respond with a change in the equatorial temperatures, extreme enough to cause Africa to snap out of her slumber in which she has fallen.

What hinders Africa from becoming what she is purposed to be? Whose voice are we going to hear and when? Is it the voice of nations that are rejecting us from migrating to their lands, thus making a mockery of us? When will Africa wake up and decide that this is our time to build our countries?

You know, there might be differences between major European countries, but there is no question about whether they are planning on invading each other - because they are not.

My challenge is, when are we going to wake up as Africa and begin to do that which is good and purposed for us? Africa still has situations where the leaders take advantage of the people they lead. When the leaders are in need of medical treatment, they fly abroad, yet that expense can be used to put up a hospital here at home. African leaders need to take the obvious steps required for Africa's freedom from bondage. In developed countries, they tuck their children in bed, not worrying about waking up to a coup d'etat the following morning.

I believe the chaos in the world today, especially in Africa is what one would refer to as birth pangs. Something profound is about to happen.

Finally, my fellow Africans and those who dwell within her borders, since independence to date, the million-dollar question is, are you satisfied with the way things are? If yes, then I have nothing to say to you.

If not, then what can you and I do differently to change this? We cannot wait for solutions to come from abroad. We must have help from above. There is something you and I can do.

Food for thought;

1. Africans MUST stop killing fellow Africans. Wars must end. There must be a total ceasefire. People must have the fear of God.

2. Stability and tranquility is the prescription for development and progress.

3. Democracy must be nurtured, protected and allowed to flourish at any cost.

4. Working hard and smart is key especially when dealing with poverty and making new innovations.

5. There is a need to work with global partners in development and ensure that mutual trust and integrity drives this (cooperative) venture.

6. Economic integration will uplift all our people and national investments in Africa.

Governments should ensure a common interest which will further brotherhood and Pan-Africanism across Africa.

7. Africa's central banks should evolve into reserve banks of Africa; development banks in Africa must be investment banks. The issue of interest rates must be dealt with seriously and expeditiously. It should be given serious consideration in favour of improving household incomes of Africa's people. High interest rates are stifling African innovations and inventions.

LEADING WITH VALUES

Dialogue versus Demonstration

Leaders across the political or ethnic spectrum in Africa must strive for dialogue more than the strategy of demonstrations.

The word demonstrations in the first six letters spells the word *demons*, while for dialogue, the first four letters spell *dial* – to call, to pass on what is on your heart or what you know.

Oftentimes, those in power create a 'buffer zone' around themselves which is almost impenetrable. Many of them are too hard to reach, and are *too powerful to be advised*. This is a breeding ground for dictatorship and is the cause of conflicts that have bedeviled Africa.

Mr. Mark Bennioff [Time Magazine] said at the inauguration of the Shimon Perez Innovation Centre in Tel Aviv, that dialogue is to talk and to listen.
Please, dear African leaders, learn to take a deep breath, ask yourself before any action is taken, *What do I really want?*

This is what I call leading with value.
The moment you get into the power seat, lead all for a better society. If you lead with value, you will create a force that will drive the nation with innovation. Innovation is driven by technology, which is supported by science, and science is based on academia, great industry and market. All these are the result of peace, tranquility and nationalism.

Doing this will create a new culture, far different from the traditional cultures we have been accustomed to and are so proud of. Traditional culture is great but has been misused by wrong elements in our societies to divide and imperialize masses. A case in point is the Hutu and Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, the Zulus and Khoisans of South Africa and others who suffered at the hands of such opportunists.

The Bantu speakers all share their ethnicity; Baganda, Banyankore, Banyoro, Batooro, Bakiga, Bafumbira and many different tribes all have the same roots. However, if one group condescendingly thinks itself higher than the others, then that will be the beginning of their own destruction. Tribalism and nepotism must be fought, defeated and eradicated.

Whoever practices these vices must repent and transform. If you are practicing such ills, you are destroying the concentration of the best brains that would have liberated Africa and the human race.

Israel has become a world centre of innovation. They learned that if you desire good progressive results, you must focus your resources, not spread them out. Israel is a small country geographically but the concentration of the best brains, the desire for survival and ambition driven excellence have made it the innovation centre of the world.

Eric Schmidt, [a man who has in the past, invested 360 million dollars in Israel] said at the Shimon Perez conference that we must reveal the problem, but paint the solution, thus scale to the sale. In other words, we must be technical, reliable and readable. Dear leaders, we must not settle down, but must fulfill the demands for a fantastic Africa for all.

To lead with value is to challenge those we lead by challenging ourselves with facts and truth about every challenge we handle.

This will require you to;

1. Stick to your principles
2. Stick to your vision
3. Stick to science

1. Principles

Principles will never divorce or abandon you. Instead, they will bring wisdom by which you can be able to lead the people to a place of greater potential and prosperity than you found them at. A principle - driven life is a standard for all to follow.

Principles turn *frogs into princes* and mere men into great leaders. King Solomon is a perfect example. He became a peacemaker, prospered Israel and made it a jewel to the nations. You need to know your principles - your faith, your passion, your work, etc.

2. Vision

What you see is what it is. You must have a vision. If not, you and the people you lead will not only lose out [be deposed or removed], but perish, with no legacy, no remembrance, no footsteps for anyone to follow. This what happen to Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga, Idi Amin Dada and the likes.

On the other hand, everyone wants to be associated with such icons like Nelson Madiba Mandela and Koffi Anan, because they were men of vision.

What is your vision for yourself, your family, your nation, Africa and the rest of the world? This is a pertinent question you should ask yourself. The two Pharaohs in Egypt are a great example of visionary leadership; the *Joseph Pharaoh* and the *Moses Pharaoh*. Their visions for themselves and for Egypt were totally different. The first one made Egypt the food basket of the world, saved lives and made Egypt rich. All the money in the world came to Egypt; people were moved out of subsistence farming to industrial living in cities.

The Moses Pharaoh's vision on the other hand was myopically based on ethnicity. As a result, he lost the glory, the defense, the armies and chariots of Egypt, his own son and the next generation of leaders. Since then, Egypt never recovered. Vision is very important. What do you see?

3. Science

Science to me is the management of everything and anything that has life. Political science is the management of society, military science is the management of weaponry and defense systems. Biology, physics, mathematics, etc. are all sciences.

Ancient Babylon reached a stage at which its existence was threatened and they knew that their answer lay with understanding science. They, therefore, brought in children from Israel who understood science to help with this. They went for Children, because whether treated well or badly, children will not hide the truth. Babylon needed science.

Daniel 1: 3 [KJV]

[3]And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; [4] Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to

stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

You need science with ethics because unethical science has a dark side to it. The Biblical story of Noah reveals a lot of ethical science. There is mathematics - the size of the ark, architecture- the design of the ark, zoology and biology – dealing with animals, birds and insects that came into the ark, agriculture – planting of the vineyard, the making of wine thereafter – chemistry and even the prediction of rain and floods, 40 years before – meteorology.

In order for us to produce the best, we need to concentrate on strengthening families that will build strong communities, which in the end will give us great academia, talents, gifts, etc.

Leading with value can easily be explained by, [if I can borrow the words of] Jack Ma [Ali Baba] when he spoke at the inaugural of the Shimon Perez Centre for Peace and Innovation, having 3Qs – Intelligence Quotient [IQ], Emotional Quotient [EQ] and Love Quotient [LQ].

IQ [The Brain]
We must acquire knowledge. As Africans, we must know the truth about ourselves. We are lagging behind. We have a lot but seem to live with nothing, and yet world over, people are using the little they have to live big. Therefore, all of us in Africa must consider the following;

1. Refocusing our vision.
2. Repurposing our strength.
3. Reforming our hearts.

EQ [The Heart]
The Chinese heart is to make China the greatest nation ever. We all know the American heartbeat. Israel's heartbeat is to use innovation to realize peace. What is the African heartbeat?

LQ [The Spirit, Love]
God is love. God is a Spirit. What spirit do leaders have? Do you as a leader see Africa developing or dying with you? Let the message go out there to all Africans: Find your passion, make it your profession. You will never have to look for jobs, you will always have work. God blesses the work of your hands.

Lastly, I believe by now, all of us are aware that governments are limited, and those in power sometimes run out of ideas and solutions.

There is one fundamental truth about democracy. It is based on the government of the people for the people by the people. Communism, socialism, capitalism, Marxism are all designed to improve people's lives.

The above and more can only work or fail based on human input. We should aim at building strong communities based on the best of all approaches.

In Israel, they have got the Kibbutz. These are communities that work together, invest and earn together with a socialistic framework but a capitalist ideology. They have created jobs, become productive and bettered society, one community at a time. Communities must rise up and come up with solutions instead of waiting for governments to provide each and everything. We cannot let our children be strangled by unemployment when as a community, we can organize ourselves. I propose that we take a self-realization search for every community, see what we are best at, what is unique per community, and concentrate and invest in that.