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Introduction

Between May 1st and 2nd 1981, I had a very remarkable encounter with God in a vision. I saw a parade of suffering masses, agonising for rescue. The sight was so terrible and even more so was the sound of their cries, groanings and wailings, which made me feel their pangs and pains in my being.

I also began to sob and cry. Then the Lord said to me, "But from the beginning it was not so!" God did not create man for suffering and agonies; His product was tampered with and corrupted. What I saw in that vision was not the original creation of God, but the oppression of the devil, which is what we see all over the world today. It manifests in sickness, disease, shame, nakedness, and barrenness. But thank God there is a way out!

The vision ended with God saying these words to me:

"The hour has come to liberate the world from all oppressions of the devil, through the preaching of the Word of faith, and I am sending you to undertake this task."

The Word of Faith is therefore the guarantee for the liberation of all mankind. ***Hebrews 1: 3*** says:

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he

had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

So, your predicament is not above the Word of God, no matter its source.

Barrenness is a spiritual issue which traverses geographical, economical, and social barriers. It defies most scientific approaches. This problem has reduced many civilised men to crawling into huts and hamlets, in search of a solution.

The answer is actually nowhere else but in Jesus. That was why He said, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" ***(Matt. 11:28)***. Jesus has the answer to the problem of barrenness. Nobody else would have been audacious enough to invite everyone, except the One into whose hands God has committed all judgement (Jn. 5:22).

The invitation is to all who are tired and do not know where else to turn. It is for those who have wept in search of children, but are still hoping for their miracle. If you are in this category, Jesus says to you, "*Come and learn of Me.*" He knows that many people have prayed for you without results. But now He says, "*Come and learn*", *because,* "*You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*" ***(Jn. 8:32)***.

In ***Revelation 3:7***, it is written:

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Jesus is the One that opens and no man shuts; when He shuts, no man opens. He opened the womb of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth, and many others in contemporary times. So, there is a key in His hand with which He opens closed wombs and when He opens, not even the devil can shut them! ***Isaiah 43:13*** says:

Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

When God is at work, no force can distract or stop Him. He is still at work today, opening up the wombs that the devil has shut. If He did it so cheaply for Rachel, He is still the same God today and will do the same for you!

It does not matter for how long you have searched for a child, or how hopeless the doctor's diagnosis appears. ***Genesis 18:14*** says, "*Is anything too hard for the Lord?*" If your answer is "No", then you are on your way to receiving your miracle! However, in case you are in a situation in which you are not too sure if it is too hard for God or not, He supplies the answer for you in ***Jeremiah 32:27:***

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

So, your case is settled! God who could look at a 100-year-old man and his wife of 90 and ask, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" is strong enough for you to settle down with. Think about it, the Bible calls Him the Omnipotent God! In His hand is all the powers of heaven and earth. He sits upon the circles of the earth, doing what He pleases.

That same God says that your case is not too hard for Him to handle. So, rejoice! However, He says something very prophetic, "*...At the appointed time, I will return unto thee, according to the time of life*" ***(Gen. 18:14)***. That is to say, "In nine months time, I will visit you."

I believe that God will keep His appointment with you. He will erase your disappointments of old and turn your captivity through this book. All you have to do, however, is receive the teaching as a babe; because God has chosen to reveal His mysteries to babes, but has hidden them from the wise and prudent. So, open up for an encounter and you will not miss your time of visitation!

Chapter 1

Created To Be Fruitful

At creation, God initiated a covenant of fruitfulness with man. He said to him:

...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
Genesis 1:28

Immediately those words were uttered, everything man needed to make him fruitful was deposited inside him. What God said at the beginning is still in force today, and nothing can tamper with it. He said to the fishes:

...Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas...
Genesis 1:22

The waters are still being filled with fishes, in spite of all the fishing expeditions going on around the world!

It is that same God that commanded man to be fruitful. You are not created to be barren. You are by design a very fruitful being. No biological reason should be strong enough to keep you from having children if it is your desire, because fruitfulness is your right by creation!

God will not tell you to be what He has not made you to be. Therefore, when He said, "Be fruitful", it means, "I have made you fruitful, so go and multiply to the degree you desire."

The Origin Of Barrenness

When God blessed Adam at the beginning, it was not only him, but everyone that was to come after him. So, you were there in Adam when God made that pronouncement. That is why you can plug in and receive your own miracle right now! And I see it happening for you!

Notice also that not only was Adam blessed, but God did not make provisions for his healing. This is because man was created in God's image, immune to any form of sickness. All he needed was food for the nourishment of his body, not for drugs. Man was complete at the beginning. In like manner, there was no mention of barrenness at the beginning; therefore, no provision was made for its cure. So how did barrenness gain entrance into humanity?

Sin

After God established the covenant of fruitfulness with the man He had made, the devil came, tempted him and he fell. With his fall, the plan of God for fruitfulness was corrupted. Sin came along and with it barrenness. That is why barrenness is a natural thing with sinners. Until the sin problem has been dealt with, no sinner can be free from barrenness.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
Romans 5:12

The plague of barrenness came into the world as a consequence of one man's sin. When Adam and Eve fell, a curse was placed on them in ***Genesis 3:16:***

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

The word "sorrow" does not just mean the sorrow of labour during childbirth, but also that many will weep and sorrow before conception.

This was the case with a woman in our church who was barren for 15 years.

In her testimony, she said:

"It is a breakthrough! Fifteen years of barrenness broken, by the power in the anointing oil! There was nothing I didn't do medically. I even left the shores of Nigeria for England, all in search of a child. I did test tube, I did GIFT (Gamete Intra Fertilization Transfer), but no result.

I came back to Nigeria frustrated and dejected. Then I was not born again, I was a miracle seeker. I didn't know the Word of God.

I was invited here in February 1997, for the Breakthrough Seminar. I thank God for that opportunity, because it was then I discovered, after hearing the Word of God from the Bishop, that I had been a miracle seeker. I discovered that there was no power in seeking after miracles, that it was only when one knows the Word of God that one can have a breakthrough.

I bought some of the Bishop's books, including, Dynamics of Holiness, Anointing For Breakthrough and The Mystery Of The Anointing Oil. I settled down with the books and thoroughly read them.

After the Breakthrough Seminar, I also attended the Breakthrough Night, where we had an encounter with the seven spirits of God. We were anointed with the seven spirits of God, and there and then I knew I was pregnant!

That night, God used the Bishop as a point of contact. I had a dream and in that dream, I saw the Bishop with a beautiful child. He said to me, `Do you love this child?' I said `Yes', and he said, `Let's have a prayer of agreement.' It was a dream, but it has become a reality.

We had a prayer of agreement, and behold, in March, I discovered that I was pregnant! Last year was our year of double honour. March was my birthday, also in March, I celebrated the conception of this child! Here am I, with my miracle baby, Joy!"

This testimony is a proof that for barrenness to leave, sin, the root cause, must first be destroyed.

The Curse Of The Law

Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
Deuteronomy 28:18

Another major source of barrenness is the curse of the law. When Moses laid before the children of Israel blessings for obeying the laws of God, and curses for disobedience, barrenness was listed as one of the curses. That is why that Scripture says, "Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body..." meaning, "nothing will come out of your body" because it is cursed.

When a man is not born again, there is no way he can obey the laws of God; so he is automatically under the curses of the law. His may not be a case of barrenness, but that of headaches, body itches, or any of the other plagues catalogued in Deuteronomy 28 from verse 15. Thus, as long as you are not born again, you live perpetually under the curses of the law, and can be afflicted at will.

A 42-year-old curse of barrenness was hanging over a brother's Family and another had low sperm count. But the moment the curse was broken, they were delivered.

"I got married in 1995 and since then, we've been believing God for the fruit of the womb. On April 21, 1997, my mother called me and told me of a particular curse in the Family. She said we should pray that it would elude us. I Immediately told her, `Tell everybody I will be the first person to break that curse.' I knew who I am — a covenant child. I remember that was the day the Breaking The Curses Of Life teachings began in church, by divine arrangment.

About a month before my mother told me this, on March 4, there was a powerful impartation here in church. I came, very pregnant with expectation that day, because while inviting people for the programme, the Bishop had said we should bring anything that was barren around us. The way he made the announcement, if I had any barren dog or any other pet at home, I would have brought them for the service that day.

Whenever the barren are called out to be prayed for in church, my wife would always ask me if I came out. But I would tell her no, because God had not called me barren. I don't usually go out when the barren are called out, but on that fateful day, I was so pregnant

with expectation that I went out. I knew my wife and I caught something that day.

The curse in the Family is that every first born of the Family never gets married. If they do by any chance, they never have children. It had been on for 42 years, we don't know who placed it and why. All I know is that I was the seventh victim. I looked at the Family lineage and saw my other older relatives, those who were not married and those who were married and didn't have children. One particular one is so pronounced; she has been married for 17 years with no child yet.

Four days after the Breaking The Curses Of Life teaching ended, my wife began to feel funny. She went to the hospital and was diagnosed pregnant! She delivered on December 5. She had a baby boy David Oluwasegun Folorunsho."

Idowu, L.

"We got married in June 1994. We wanted to have our child immediately, but my wife did not take in.

There was a Breakthrough Seminar in April 1996. I came to Lagos in May from Port- Harcourt, where we live. I was led to buy the April Breakthrough Seminar video tapes. On getting to Port-Harcourt, my wife and I watched it.

In that tape, the Bishop revealed something to us. He said, `Whatever the cause of not having a child is, it is a curse.' He went on further to say, `You don't pray over curses; rather, you curse them in the name of the Lord.'

We had undergone several tests and was told my wife was okay, but that I had a low sperm count. The Bishop in the tape specifically mentioned that it was a curse and that what was to be done was to curse it in the name of the Lord. That was all! We anointed ourselves and prayed. That same month (May 1996), my wife conceived and this is the baby."

Olabinjo, L.

Barrenness is classified among the curses of the law, but the good news is that there is hope for you, if you are born again!

Satan, The Enemy

At creation, when God blessed Adam, He gave him dominion over all the earth. Adam was the god of the world, he was absolutely in

charge. But when he fell, he sold his birthright to Satan and Satan became the god of this world.

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.
2 Corinthians 4:4

When Satan came on the scene, as God's arch-enemy, he was determined to corrupt the beauty of God's creation; so he began afflicting and oppressing humanity. All the evil you see in the world today and everything short of perfection are the handiworks of the devil. That was why Jesus said in ***Matthew 19:8:***

...But from the beginning it was not so.

This means that the horror of barrenness and all other woes of mankind evident today, are traceable to Satan.

As I mentioned earlier, man was created a healthy being. But when the enemy took over authority, he corrupted man's nature and man became a victim of sickness, disease and barrenness.

Therefore, that state of unfruitfulness is not biological or hereditary, but satanic! It is the work of the enemy. God tempts no man with evil (James 1:13); rather all good and perfect gifts come from Him. Just as a spring cannot bring forth both sweet and bitter waters, God cannot be loosing you if He is the One binding you. He is not behind that barrenness, it is clearly an oppression of Satan.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this...
Matthew 13:24-28

That is the devil at work! I believe that Adam was spiritually asleep when Eve gave him the fruit to eat, because there is no record of any form of resistance on his part. When he ate the forbidden fruit, he gave Satan access into God's beautiful creation. Therefore, everything contrary to God's original purpose for your life is the work of the enemy.

Barrenness is satanic. It is not scientific. Scientific treatments can rarely handle it. For instance, we have been told by medical science that before a child is produced, the female egg (ovum) must be fertilised by the male sperm cells (spermatozoa). But we find in the Word of God an instance of supernatural conception, when Jesus was to be born. The Bible simply says,

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God"
(Lk. 1:35).

There was no mention of a male sperm cell meeting a female egg. Jesus came alive contrary to biological theories and laws.

It is also a well known fact that Sarah had passed the age of menopause. The Bible said that it had ceased to be with her after the manner of women (Gen. 18:11); yet, Isaac came forth. Therefore, Christ is the answer to the crisis of barrenness.

See how Satan bound this daughter of Zion:

"Before I came to this church, I had had two pregnancies. In the two pregnancies, the babies died in my womb in the ninth month, after bleeding. The doctor then advised me not to be pregnant again, that I might die if it happens again. I told him that I had already decided to stop even before his advice.

But when I came into this church, I began to hear diverse testimonies. And the Bishop will always say, `God is not a respecter of persons.' I said to myself, `Oh, me go get belle.'

So, when in March last year the Bishop told those seeking the fruit of the womb to come out, I came out. My husband told me, `Do you remember what the doctor said?' I said, `Doctor is not my God. Don't you hear different testimonies here?' The Bishop prophesied that day, saying, `This pregnancy you are going to carry, you will carry it and will not know that you carried any pregnancy; and on the day of labour, you will not have pain, you will not have labour.' I claimed the prophecy.

When I was due to deliver, I just woke up at about two o'clock in the morning and began to feel funny. I went to my husband and told him I was going to have my baby. He was surprised. I told him that the Bishop had prophesied that no pain, no labour.

We trekked down to the hospital, and I was even faster than him. On getting to the hospital, we met two nurses. My husband said, `No doctor! Who is going to deliver you?' I said, `Not these nurses. It is

God.' And to the glory of God, under 30 minutes, I put to bed! I wanted a baby girl and I got one!"

Omosogie, D.

Your Redemptive Rights

The coming of Jesus signalled the restoration of beauty to man. ***Psalm 149:4*** *says, "...He will beautify the meek with salvation."* So, you are no longer a man or woman to be pitied, but a creature of envy. If you have been saved, know that your beauty has been restored spiritually. All you have to do is to make it real by the operation of your faith.

It is true that because of the curse of God on man at the beginning, many have had to weep to get children. But when Jesus died, God saw the travail of His soul. And because God was satisfied, He averted the curse.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
Isaiah 53:10-11

The price for your barrenness has been fully paid. You have come under the atoning blood of Christ, therefore you are free from barrenness.

Romans 6 : 14 says: *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

So, sin cannot have dominion over you; and if it cannot, how much more barrenness, which is a consequence of sin.

Also, note that redemption does not only include freedom from sin, but liberty from the curse of the law as well. When Jesus was crucified, He nailed your barrenness to His cross, and blotted out all things contrary to your fruithfulness by His blood. He redeemed you from the curse of the law, so that it has no legal hold over you any longer.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit

through faith.
Galatians 3:13-14

Now that you are saved, you need to understand that you were buried with Him in baptism, so you can rise with Him in resurrection. That means you are totally set free from the plague of barrenness.

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
Colossians 2:12-14

When you are born again, the power of Satan over you is broken. Jesus, by His death, destroyed him that had the power of death Satan. And not stopping there, He also seized all his powers. So, Satan has no power left in him; all he uses to hold you bound are subtlety, devices and wiles.

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
Colossians 2:15

Jesus completely triumphed over Satan; and that He did for you! That is why he said, "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*" ***(Matt. 28:18)***. When you give all that you have to somebody else, you definitely have nothing, while he has all your things. That is how it is with Satan; Jesus took over everything he had, so he has nothing left with him but tricks.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.
2 Corinthians 2:11

However, Satan is so established in the art of deception that he seeks opportunity to trap God's elect. I remember one day, just before I got married, Satan whispered to me, "Now that you have gone about setting others free, let me see how you will have your own children." But I told him, "Satan, you will be surprised, I won't even pray about it." I could say that confidently because I knew better than him.

God says if I serve Him, then He is committed to bless my bread and water, take sickness away from my body, disallow me to be barren

or suffer miscarriages and cause me to fulfil the number of my days (Ex. 23:25-26). I understood God's provision for my liberty, believed it and walked in the reality of it, so I could boldly say, "Let God be true and any threat of Satan or biological assertions be a lie!"

Please note, however, that until you are born of God, you cannot overcome the devil. Without a doubt, we have an enemy who is busy attempting to undo all that God has done. But when we submit to the laws of redemption, we can undo all his works in our lives. Therefore, until a man is born again, he does not have a stand in God that guarantees his victory on the earth.

In 1985 in Kaduna, a Family had been to many places in search of a child. The head of the home, in his testimony said, "Finally, we settled with Christ..." They had been unsteady previously, but when they settled down with God, He settled their case.

There is a wicked and cruel god of this world, whose mission is to oppose God and His creation. But when you surrender your life to Christ, a covenant between you and God is established, causing God to put a stop to the devil's activities, bringing the crises in your life to an end. Consider this Scripture:

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
1 John 5:4

You will overcome, in Jesus' name!

Chapter 2

Your Covenant Guarantee

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.
Exodus 23:25-26

There is a platform you can stand upon and commit God to bless and keep you from the plagues of miscarriage and barrenness. That platform is the covenant. It is the most potent force in the world of the spirit, and a stronghold in the conflicts of life.

A covenant is a contract involving two or more people. In this case, it is between God and you; with God as the covenantor and you the covenantee (as the beneficiary of God's covenant). From Scriptures

we see that God keeps covenants. He is constant, whereas man is variable.

He says in ***Psalm 89:34:****My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*

The issue of fruitfulness is also one of such covenants. That is why when God was pouring out blessings on His people, He committed Himself to their fruitfulness when He said:

Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.
Deuteronomy 7:14

God was saying in essence, "I know that there is a force of barrenness at work on the earth, but because you belong to Me, you shall not be barren neither male nor female." That is God's covenant package for your fruitfulness. It puts you on God's priority list, mandating you to receive a child before any other person. He said, "Thou shall be blessed above all people..."

As long as you are a child of God, you are entitled to children on the basis of the covenant. Fruitfulness is not reserved exclusively for few lucky people, because as far as God is concerned, we are a people of equal destiny. We all are equally entitled to the benefits of the covenant.

Don't all your children have equal access to your possessions? Whatever you own is available to all your offspring equally. That is precisely how it is with God. Nobody is luckier. Understanding is the difference between somebody the covenant is working for and the one it is not working for.

You need a working knowledge of the covenant to enjoy its full benefits. It is quite possible to be serving God without receiving any rewards. Remember how it was with the elder brother of the prodigal son. He was a hard worker, but an ignorant one. Everything that belonged to his father was his by right, but he did not know what accrued to him, so he kept toiling without results.

Many Christians are like that today. They do not know that when you are in covenant with God, you are unbeatable; because applying yourself to the terms of the covenant commits God to act on your behalf. It compels Him to step into your situation and you know that nothing can withstand His presence. Mountains, hills, rivers, seas, etc., cannot withstand His presence. That is why I said earlier that the covenant is the most powerful force in the world.

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Psalm 114:1-7

The Terms Of The Covenant

A covenant has terms which must be fulfilled before certain attendant benefits can follow. It is not a promise you claim in prayer, or a desire you enforce by fasting; it is a covenant which must be practised.

A group of people entered into a covenant with the Lord in 2 Chronicles 15 and encountered rest on all sides. From the account, we discover that they did not need to cry, confess, pray or fast to enjoy the rest of God. They only needed to enter into the covenant.

...For a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.

2 Chronicles 15:3, 5, 12,15

They entered into a covenant with God and He gave them rest round about. That will be the lot of anyone also, who cares to sign in for the covenant of fruitfulness. God will give him or her rest from barrenness!

Understand that on His part God has set the stage for your fruitfulness. All you are required to do is to discover your part in it, and the power to realise the benefits will be delivered to you.

Consider the great man of God, Kenneth E. Hagin, who said he has not had even the slightest headache for over 60 years! He is over 80 now, yet he is still strong enough to preach at meetings regularly and also drive his car himself! That gives you an idea of the validity, infallibility and immutability of the covenant. The covenant he is standing on also guarantees supernatural provisions, divine health, long life and fruitfulness (Ex. 23:25-26).

God is eternally committed to all His covenants; He does not break or alter them. I remember when I discovered the covenant of abundance from God's Word, I knew without a doubt that I had escaped the clutches of poverty. I positioned myself for that covenant, and it began to work for me.

What fired me up in my search for God's provision for abundance is contained in Jeremiah 33:20-21. When insight dawned on me, I shouted, "I've found it!" I saw how strong the covenant could be. I saw that except you can stop the day and the night from exchanging positions, you cannot cause God's covenant to fail. Therefore, as long as the earth remains, God's covenant (of any kind) is in force forever!

Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.
Jeremiah 33:20-21

That means that no matter the satanic obstacles on your path to fruitfulness, God's covenant, which is superior to all oppositions on the earth, is your eternal guarantee for children! What are the factors that make the covenant of fruitfulness effective?

Consecration

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;
Psalm 92:12,14

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
Psalm 112:1-2

God's Word makes it clear that righteousness or consecration provokes God's blessings. The fruit of the womb is among those blessings. Every blessing of God is reserved for the righteous, those who are walking with God in integrity and truth, those that fear the Lord.

Therefore, it is time to return to the Lord in truth. You cannot be running after one herbalist somewhere and expect to enjoy God's covenant of fruitfulness. That is why Jesus said you cannot serve two masters at the same time; you cannot be in two places at a time.

Jesus is the only way, not one of the ways. He is the door of the sheep, through which a man may enter and find pasture.

Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
Psalm 16:4

Many people have undertaken risky and frustrating journeys, all in search of children. The devil takes advantage of them. But until a man or woman finds his place in Christ, he can never be free from crisis. You are only cheated when you are living outside your father's house. Remember the prodigal son? Until he returned back home, he had no hope.

Friend, there is a covenant package that guarantees your fruitfulness; but it is only for the sons of God. Consecration is the foundation for the covenant to work in your favour.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
2 Timothy 2:19

God's foundation can never be changed. It always has been and always will be; and whosoever builds on it is sure of a future of fruitfulness in God. The testimony below is a proof of the veracity of the covenant terms of consecration.

"I got married in December 1990, and expected to get pregnant, but did not. Then I started going from one herbal home to the other, spending a lot of money, but to no avail. In 1994, my busband took me to Living Faith Church, Abuja, and we started worshipping there. I then rededicated my life to Christ.

In October 1995, the senior pastor announced that there would be a Special Class for every married woman that desired the fruit of the womb. The programme lasted for six weeks, though I joined them in the fifth week, on November 21, 1995. The pastor laid hands on everyone of us after the message. And finally, on November 28, 1995, the pastor declared the last day of my barrenness. I believed God and claimed it. People of God, today, I am a proud mother of a special baby boy!"

Anunobi, E. O.

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to

come.
1 Timothy 4:8

So, godliness affects all areas of your life. It grants you access to the profiting realm of life. It procures positive changes in all areas of your life.

Once the sin barrier has been dealt with, you freely step into realms of fruitfulness. God does not ask anybody to seek Him in vain. He wants to cleanse you and beautify you, because the ultimate of holiness is beauty.

Service

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.
Exodus 23:25-26

When you genuinely serve God, you commit Him to your welfare. As a result, He ensures you are never reduced to the point of begging. Since you are all out for Him, He won't stand by with folded arms while you languish in sickness. He will not let the devil plague you with barrenness or miscarriages. In fact, by entering into a covenant with God, He ties Himself by an oath to ensure that you reap your reward.

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:
Hebrews 6:16-18

We see two immutable forces at work in a covenant God and His oath. As far as God is concerned, both Himself and His oath carry the same degree of force, they weigh the same. Therefore, once you fulfil the condition of being in service to God, you have committed Him to bless and make you fruitful.

"And ye shall serve the Lord your God" is a decree. When you comply with it, then "he shall bless thy bread, and thy water... there shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land..."

Jesus said: *He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.* ***John 12:25-26***

It is time to follow after God. Once He is your focus, goodness and mercy will be scrambling after you.

Take the story of the Shunammite woman in ***2 Kings 4,*** for instance. She devotedly cared for Elisha the prophet and He said to her:

...About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son... And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
2 Kings 4:16-17

When you are in service, you are entitled to a reward, and ***Psalm 127:3*** says:

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

So, if you are a steward in God's kingdom, this is your hour for rewards! God has a plan to distinguish between those that are serving Him and those that are not. As you serve Him, He will definitely distinguish you.

Chapter 3

Get Rid Of Those Obstacles!

God's greatest heart's desire is that your miracle gets to you. But there are some major obstacles or stones which must be taken out of the way first before that can happen. These impediments are also devices of Satan to hinder God's intervention in your situation. I will identify them and once you are able to successfully roll them away, your testimony is guaranteed.

Unbelief

Unbelief means a lack of belief or faith in God or in His ability to make you fruitful. It always places a limit on God, because God cannot go outside HisWord to help you.

His Word says, "*According to your faith be it unto you*" ***(Matt.9:29).***

We see this happen in Jesus' ministry:

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.
Mark 6:5

Jesus could not do mighty works in His own country because of their unbelief. It stood on His way as a mighty obstacle and would not let Him have access to the people. Likewise, until the stone of unbelief is rolled away from your heart, your miracle cannot reach you. Therefore, it is time to get out of unbelief and to enter into faith. Remember, faith guarantees victory.

The Age Factor

Another obstacle the devil places before people to hinder them from receiving their desired miracle is age. He lies to them, "It is too late, you have passed the age of childbearing. Your case is closed." But that is a lie! Remember what

Genesis 21:2 *says: For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.*

Therefore, age is not a relevant factor in your quest for the fruit of the womb. God visited Sarah as He had said. He did unto her as He had spoken, not according to the thinking of the people or what the people said. This insight should help you attack all distractions of hell. Anytime Satan comes to harass you with your age, ask yourself, "Am I as old as Sarah? If God could do unto Sarah as He had said, and visit her as He had spoken, then He will do mine, my age notwithstanding."

Hebrews 1:3 *says: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

What determined Sarah's fruitfulness was not the state of her womb or Abraham's age, but the efficacy of the spoken Word. This is because God upholds or controls all things by the Word of His power. Once you receive what He has said, you become capable of subduing every other contrary thing.

Let me give you a practical example:

"I was here last year for the last Feet-washing service of the year, trusting God for the fruit of the womb.

Precisely three months before my wedding, I stopped menstruating. After my wedding, I went to see the doctor. The first doctor said, `Madam, I am sorry you'll find it difficult in taking in.' The second

one said, `Sorry, without menstruating, ovulation cannot take place. Without ovulation, you cannot get pregnant.' He then said, `Tell your husband to get between 10,000 to 100,000 naira ready, and I will carry out different tests to know exactly what is wrong with you.'

Initially, I began to run from one hosptial to the other, seeing gynaecologists. Later I got hold of one of the Bishop's publications, You Shall Not Be Barren. The first paragraph I read said, `There is no biological reason that is strong enough to hold married couples from getting pregnant, if they want to.' I held on to that. He further said, `The Bible says, be fruitful and multiply', and I said to myself, `Menses or no menses, I am getting pregnant?'

At the last Feet-washing Service in 1996, I came here and was sitting under the canopy. The Bishop said, `Today, the devil will see you and will cry. Today, we are going to disgrace the devil and give God a serious dance.' I was really prepared. He further said, `Matthew (the song leader), come and lead us in worshipping God in the Ijesha dialect.' The talking drum was playing full swing and I began to dance.

When it was my turn to wash my feet, I dipped my feet inside the water and said, `Enough of barrenness, enough of unfruitfulness. Today, menses or no menses, I am getting my baby. I am coming here with my baby at the last Feet-washing service of the year in 1997.' After that, I began to dance as if I was in a competition. My husband wasn't at the service, so when I got home, I told him, `Our baby is ready' and he said, `Okay'.

In January, I went to the hospital to see my doctor. I told him, `I am pregnant.' He said, `Okay, let's carry out the most accurate test, which is the blood pregnancy test.' But the result was negative. I went home and told my husband, and he said the doctor didn't see well.

In February I went back to the hospital and told my doctor, `Check me again, I am pregnant.' He said, `Madam, I don't mean to frighten you. I don't think you can be pregnant. I am sure it is because of your menstrual cycle. It is either you have PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease), ectopic pregnancy or the ovarian cyst is still disturbing you'.

But I said, `Doctor, I cannot have any of these diseases.' He said, `Why are you so sure?' I said, `Because there is nothing like that from Genesis to Revelation.' He said, `Madam, go and do a scan again', and I went.

By the time I got to the scan doctor's door, I began to shake. The doctor said, `But woman, I have scanned you before.' I said in my

heart, `God don't make me a case study in this hospital.' The man placed his scanning machine on me and said, `Woman you are pregnant'! I began to cry. I asked, `Doctor, how many months pregnancy?' and he replied `eleven weeks and four days'. Today, I have my baby in my hand a bouncing baby boy!"

Olowosuko, A.

What God says is always the final command. It is what determines what happens, not the condition of your womb or extreme age. Age is definitely not a relevant factor in the covenant of fruitfulness. All you need is His Word!

Consider for a moment Elisabeth, the Sarah of the New Testament. The Bible says, "*And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they were now well stricken in years*" ***(Luke. 1:7).*** In essence, they were both very old. Although Elisabeth had counted herself out, what God said prevailed over the age barrier.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.
Luke 1:13, 36-37

You must come to a point of agreement with God. As far as He is concerned, you do not have a special case. The fact that we can refer to Sarah's case, as the oldest woman to conceive and bear a child, means your case is not special at all!

Sarah was 90! In fact, she said, "*...Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.*" ***(Gen. 21:7.)*** If God could visit her, He will also visit you, in Jesus' name.

I often say humorously that your case will not make waves in heaven, because they already have the case of a 90-year-old woman who had a child. So when God does yours, it will fall into the category of "regular event", not a headline event. It is time to cast down all imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, who is the anointed Word of God.

Oppositions Of Science

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so

called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith...
1 Timothy 6:20-21

Scientific discoveries and approaches have stood between many people and their miracles. When you hold onto them, according to the Scripture above, you lose your victory to the doctors. "Oppositions of science, falsely so called," simply means that whatever report science gives you concerning the state of your body is false. The truth is the Word of God.

A doctor put his equipment on my hand and said, "Ah, you have high blood pressure." I said, "Not me!" He said, "Read it for yourself." But I replied, "I don't need to." Then I told him humorously that we both were touching the equipment, so maybe the equipment read both our blood pressure as one! I never took a tablet for high blood pressure, as my blood pressure is normal!

That doctor would have succeeded in transferring high blood pressure to me, if I had allowed him.

A leading gynaecologist diagnosed a woman to have fibroid. But she stayed at home and kept anointing her abdomen in simple faith until the time of delivery, refusing to go to the hospital for surgery. But we were privileged to see the "fibroid child" in church when she came to testify! I then thought to myself, "Science would have slaughtered this child!"

Many innocent men and women have found themselves enslaved to scientific facts and scan reports. In the school of faith, science is not a friend, but an enemy that must be confronted. You may be like that woman who had been barren for 15 years and had done all types of highly sophisticated tests, yet nothing worked for you. But the good news is that there is a solution in Christ Jesus.

You can lose contact with God when you are overly devoted to the facts of science. The facts of science are fallacies which do not go together with the truth of God's Word. For instance, you go for a test and the diagnosis says fibroid. You return home and announce to your husband, "I have fibroid"; it then becomes your inheritance, your private possession. By repeating it often, you are buttressing and reinforcing the doctor's diagnosis and so it stays put in your body.

Be persuaded that science is not a friend, but an enemy that must be confronted. It deals with facts, while we live by faith; it is in no way superior to faith.

After the birth of my first son, my cousin who is a medical doctor came to the house one day, looked at the baby and said, "Brother

David, your son has jaundice." I replied, "My son cannot have jaundice." That got him very angry, so he said to me, "Look at his eyes." When I would not, he said, "Okay oh!" That ended the matter.

Do not let the enemy take you for a ride anymore. As long as you are born again, know that you belong to a better and stronger covenant, so your life should be more colourful.

You must avoid putting your trust in scan tests and x-rays; they are destroyers of hope and tighten the noose round your neck. Stay with God and believe His Word. After all, the One who made man should know how best to sustain him. Science is always opposed to the truth, so do not submit to its authority.

Tradition And Philosophies Of Men

...Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.
Matthew 15:6

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
Colossians 2:8

When you agree with tradition, you make the Word of God ineffective in your life. To hold on to tradition is to miss the truth. Tradition can be defined as a tale, belief or practice handed down; it is also a long-established belief or custom.

Philosophy is the investigation of the nature of being, knowledge of the causes and effects of all things, reasoning, etc. It is dangerous because it robs you of your inheritance. Many people are yet to receive their miracles because they listen to philosophies of men.

One tradition that has prevented many from being fruitful is that bleeding stops after conception. So, the moment a woman begins to bleed after conception, she believes the pregnancy is lost. But one of my daughters in the Lord bled for four and a half months after conception, yet she gave birth to a baby boy at the fullness of time.

Tradition says, "When you see blood, the baby is gone"; but the truth says, "Whatsoever the Lord doeth, it shall be forever. I will work and who shall let it? When I open the door, who can shut it?"

Sometime ago, a woman came to me, shivering. She said she had had a miscarriage. When I asked her how she knew, she said she had been bleeding. So, I asked her, "What do you have inside, a baby or blood?" She looked at me and smiled. I added, "If I cut

myself now with a razor blade, what will come out?" She said, "Blood." So I asked her, "Have I then had a miscarriage?" She laughed. I then told her, "It's a lie of the devil, you don't have a miscarriage." With that, she left and the pregnancy was supernaturally sustained.

God says, "You are pregnant now!" It will amount to an insult to rise up tomorrow, and because of some slight bleeding, you say, "I don't think I am pregnant." The report you choose to believe will determine your outcome.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? ***Isaiah 53:1***

When my wife told me that she had had a miscarriage when she was pregnant for our first son, it was not a question of how she felt. That was not an issue, because I knew better than that. I did not flinch!

Hear this: in spite of whatever blood you see, your baby is intact. The blood you see is not miscarriage, you are the one who gave it a name. If a man cuts himself with a razor and blood starts coming out, does it mean he has had a miscarriage? Is it blood you are pregnant with or a child?

That you see blood has nothing to do with the child in your womb. What you see is just excess blood looking for a way to flow out. The gifts and callings of God are without repentance. He won't make you pregnant and cause you to lose it again. Children are a blessing from the Lord. Whatever God has blessed people with, He doesn't withdraw.

Everyone who ends up having a miscarriage was informed by this erroneous traditional view. Bleeding, as far as God's Word is concerned, is not the same thing as a baby. Do not lose your miracle to tradition.

Another form of tradition or philosophy of men is when some people may call you to ask, "How can you keep saying that you have a baby when there is nothing?" When you say by faith that you are pregnant, they say, "Stop saying that. You have been saying so for the past four months. Where is the pregnancy? How have you been feeling? Any vomitting? Do you feel dizzy in the morning?" If you say, "No", they then conclude, "You are not pregnant."

God's Word says, "Beware, lest any man rid you of your inheritance..." There are some who can quote all manner of philosophies, but who don't know the truth of the Word of God, so they are robbed of their inheritance.

Destroying All Alternatives

God is a jealous God. He will not share His glory with any other person or thing. He won't share it with anything in your house (like an idol) or anything under your pillow (like a charm), all for the purpose of getting a child. Whatever else you put your trust in acts as a hindrance to His divine intervention.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
Exodus 20:3-5

For you to enjoy God's favour, it is very important that you understand His jealous nature. God will not share His glory with graven images. Therefore, as long as He does not have your full attention, He backs out of your case.

People of the world claim that the Bible says, "Heaven helps those who help themselves." But that is a philosophy of men; it does not hold water with God. The anointed Word of God says, "*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help*" ***(Ps. 121:1)*.** God hates double dealing, you are either all out for Him or not (James 1:6-8). It is time to destroy all alternatives, before they ultimately destroy your destiny.

In His omnipotence, God does not refer cases that come to Him to anyone else; He is well able to handle all that come to Him. He is always up to any task, no matter how impossible it may appear. It is therefore foolishness to look to any other source, because God is more than able.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.
Psalm 62:5

Some people have not been able to secure God's intervention because they are banking on their financial ability to secure sophisticated medical assistance. For some others, their trust is in their relations, who are reputable gynaecologists; while another group of people put their trust in witch doctors, who give demonic children. But until you destroy all alternatives, you may never see God in action.

The reason the devil presents you with alternatives is so that you can lose touch with God. Some time ago, God said to me, "You have

two eyes, can you make one to look up and the other to look down at the same time? As long as you are looking to any man, do not claim to be looking unto Me."

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. ***Psalm 34:5***

Those who rely on God are never stranded. God is a covenant keeper; He has not changed. When you believe His report, He reveals His mighty hand to you. You must destroy all the alternatives you are relying on, and stay with God until your answer comes.

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

Alternatives are great enemies of faith. They render your faith ineffectual; and until faith is in place, you cannot expect to secure divine intervention. Therefore, it is time to destroy whatever alternatives you may be relying on for a child, and put your trust solely on God.

The Feeling Of Hopelessness

For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
Ecclesiastes 9:4

When you are born again, God, by covenant, guarantees you a living hope on all issues of life. He is the Vine and we the branches, so, to be joined to Him is to be joined to the living God; therefore, we are not hopeless. One thing the devil does is to try to convince you of the hopelessness of your situation. But you are not hopeless.

Hebrews 11: 1 stresses the importance of hope in obtaining results.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith gives substance to hope, and that process results in victory. When hope is missing, faith cannot produce. Let me illustrate it this way. Before a child can be born, a man must give substance to a woman. Hope can be likened to the woman and faith the man. No matter how powerful a man may be, there is no way he can have a child without a woman. In like manner, faith without hope cannot produce.

Look at ***Hebrews 11:2-3****: For by it the elders obtained a good report.*

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Faith results in good reports. It is also the tool for framing any battered life. But to do that, your hope must be intact. Once you lose hope, no matter how hard faith tries to deliver a good report to you, it cannot. Thus when you stop hoping, you have started losing.

Everything the devil does is to destroy your hope. So he tells you, "Every doctor has tried and you too have tried, so forget about it. Having children is not everything. Afterall you are going to heaven." All those are tricks aimed at stealing your victory, because those who have children are also going to heaven; so do not settle with the status quo.

The devil also attempts to destroy your hope by arraigning before you all the negative medical test results, all in a bid to make you give up. But do not give up, because God will do a new thing in your life. As long as the Vine is alive and you are connected to Him, there is hope for you.

Remember how He visited Sarah:

And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
Genesis 18:13-14

You may have been mocked by neighbours and even relations. But at the time appointed, God will put your Isaac in your hands. And that time is now!

Abraham, against hope, believed in hope, according to that which is spoken ***(Rom. 4:18).***

The Word spoken to him sustained his hope. When you hang on to what God says, hope will keep bursting forth from your inside.

Look at your present position and place it side by side with God, and you will discover how cheap it is to walk into victory.

The answer to barrenness is not with doctors, scientists, philosophers or traditionalists. Nobody knows the works of God, neither does anyone fully understand the mystery of procreation.

Your answer is with God, who has autonomy over the works of creation.

As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
Ecclesiastes 11:5

Just as that woman who had been barren for 15 years encountered Christ, destroyed all her alternatives, settled down with knowledge and was visited with a child, the same will be your portion, in Jesus' name. God cannot change and with Him is no respect of persons. As long as you rid yourself of all the obstacles mentioned in this chapter, you are sure to encounter your own miracle! God is on your side!

Chapter 4

The Knowledge Factor

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
Ephesians 1:22-23

From the above Scripture, it is abundantly clear that all things are under the feet of Jesus. These include all demonic installations, satanic strongholds, witches, wizards and all diabolical powers. God has put all things, including your case, under His feet; not under nature or medical science, but under Him.

John 5:22 tells us that *the Father judgeth no man, but has committed all judgement unto the Son.* So, the Son is absolutely in charge of the affairs of the world today.

1 John 5:7 calls the Son (Jesus) the Word of God.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Since Jesus is the Word of God and all things are under His control, it means that all things are under the control of the Word (Heb. 1:3).

When you become a member of the Body of Christ, all things that concern you are no longer under the control of satanic or biological forces, but under the Word of God. That means, once you have the Word for anything, you are in control in that area. For instance, if

you receive the Word on fruitfulness and begin to operate by it, you have the upper hand in your conflict with barrenness.

Years back, God showed me a mystery in ***Revelation 5:1-5***:

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

I saw from that Scripture, that until the Book (the Bible) is opened, the tears of mankind will continue; until the Book is opened on a particular issue, that issue remains closed. Therefore, you must strongly desire the opening up of the Word of God to you on the issue of fruitfulness, if your captivity is to be turned.

It Is The Instrument Of Change

Enduring changes are results of Word encounters. Remember that God's Word is settled forever (Ps. 119:89); so it has the ability to produce lasting changes in your life. You can have definite changes in your Family, finance, ministry, etc, when God's Word on any of those areas gains entrance into your spirit. The same is true in the area of barrenness. As you dwell on God's Word concerning fruitfulness, the power in the Word begins to effect definite changes in your body, making it possible for you to conceive.

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.
Ezekiel 2:2

God's Word is also self-anointed. The unction upon it has transforming power. It transformed a once impotent man. In his testimony he said:

"In 1986 I noticed that I had not been having normal erection. I considered this as nothing, so I told no one, not even my parents. At this time, I was in my second year in the university. I was in this condition till after my NYSC. That was when my parents got to know and from then, we tried all sorts of sources, seeking for deliverance.

I had to travel from Kaduna to Nimo in the east, to seek for cure. In the process, it was the mercy of God that saved me from being used for rituals. In the church I was attending then, so many things were given me to use, including black medicines. So many thousands of naira was spent on orthodox medicine too.

This was my situation until April 1995, when I first attended Living Faith Church. At this time, I was still on my injections. I bought a cassette titled Provoking God's Blessings by Bishop David Abioye. After listening to the message, I went to the bank, withdrew 15,000 naira out of the 16,000 naira I had in my account, and brought it before God, for the painting of the Dominion Sanctuary going on then. I used the offering to provoke my healing.

Then one day in October, I came to the church premises with the injections I still had at home. I prayed to God and even had the opportunity of sitting on the Bishop's seat, declaring that since my pastor, Bishop David Abioye, was not impotent, I had nothing to do with impotence, and backed it up with the following Scriptures: Matthew 15:13, Isaiah 53:4-5 and Deuteronomy 7:14.

When I got up from the seat, I went out and broke the injections and trampled upon them, declaring that I would never use them again. And to the glory of God, I regained my normal erection in the same month, October 1995!

Bishop David Oyedepo, the Presiding Bishop from Lagos, was around to declare the Faith Convention open. After his message titled Curse Warfare, he called out all those believing God for children. I went out with the other children of God and he prayed for us and pronounced God's blessings upon us.

To the glory of God, in the month of fruitfulness (February 1996), my wife announced to me that she was feeling like she had conceived, though she was still having her normal menstruation. On February 22, 1996, we went for a pregnancy test and the test turned out to be negative. I told my wife that they could not detect the pregnancy at that stage.

After that, I knelt down before God and anointed the result. Thank God for the teaching Bishop Oyedepo gave us on The Law Of Nature And The Law Of The Spirit. With this teaching in my heart, I declared the result as the result of nature, and that the law of the Spirit says the pregnancy was there. We went for a second test, which again was negative.

All the while, my wife was having her menstruation and yet having all the signs of pregnancy. But when we did the third pregnancy test, it was confirmed that my wife was pregnant and that the

pregnancy was about 10 weeks old! Since then the pregnancy has been growing, waxing stronger and stronger."

Olusola, S. A.

God's Word is commissioned to make a change; and this change comes as a man gets in contact with revelations by the inspiration of God. I am not talking about going to the Word for information, because information alone cannot effect any change. I am talking about contacting revelations that can produce definite changes in your position.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.
2 Corinthians 3:18

The glass being referred to is actually the Word of God.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
James 1:22-23

You are able to see God through His Word, in the same way you look into a mirror to see an image of yourself. And as you behold Him in the Word, you are changed from glory to glory. Revelation in the Word is that supernatural force that can bring about changes for the better in your life.

One day, after settling down to read the entire book of Psalms, I knew that certain powerful changes had taken place in my life. That evening, as I ministered to a couple who had been looking up to God for a child, something simply burst forth from me and the man fell to the floor and began to roll around on the carpet, saying, "I didn't know it was for me." That revelation ended the issue of barrenness in their lives.

If any revelation you claim to have received is not changing you from glory to glory, you need to beware of it! God's Word is inspired to produce profits.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
2 Timothy 3:16

Programme Yourself Out Of Barrenness

A computer has various programmes, also called software. Without this software, you cannot run the computer. Software is defined simply as a set of instructions written to solve a particular problem. Just as we have computer software, I believe we also have covenant "software", which are covenant facts written to solve particular problems. Until these facts are in place, problems will remain.

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

A man of God rightly said, "I have converted all my problems to programmes." Meditating on these words, I came to the conclusion that one can programme oneself out of any problem in life, including barrenness, no matter how difficult the situation may be. By using covenant "software", you can convert barrenness to fruitfulness.

The following are instructions to guide you:

Get Hold Of The Word

Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.
Luke 11:52

Most people have a bunch of keys. Each key in any bunch is designed to open a specific door; not just any key will open any door. And just as it is in the natural, to every born again Christian, God has delivered a bunch of kingdom keys. Each of these keys have also been designed to open particular doors.

Many people who are locked in today can easily be free, if they care to locate the appropriate key to their particular problem. God's Word can be likened to a bunch of keys. However, your eyes need to be opened to the specific key in the Word of God that can open the shut doors of your life.

For instance, there is a Word that guarantees your fruitfulness. All you have to do is locate it and you will have your answer in your hand. This is very vital in handling oppositions, no matter how tough they may appear. Your responsibility is to discover what God is saying in His Word about that situation; because until you do, the obstacle remains.

The edge we have above the challenges of life is that we are operating the Word, which is from above; and whatever is from above (the Scripture tells us) is above all. Therefore when you issue orders from above, all forces below must obey you.

It implies then that without a sound understanding of the Word of God, you are handicapped in your conflict against barrenness. The Word is the way to victory!

Luke 5: 4-7 tells the story of some fishermen who toiled all night without results. Their situation remained the same, until they received a Word from Jesus.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

That frustrating situation ended when they applied themselves to the dictates of the Word. **Look at this testimony:**

"I was here at the WMI (Women Ministry International) meeting in 1995. I came in full of troubles. I was looking for the fruit of the womb and my home was virtually torn apart then.

At the meeting, Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo said, `God will reach out to all that call on Him.' Another pastor also said, `Be full of joy.' I came to church another day and the Bishop said, `If you know what God has taught me, you'll have anything you want.' So, I set my eyes to know more, saying, `Lord that which he knows, I must also know.' Because of this, I enrolled for the April 1995 WOFBI course.

After that I said, `This Word is God's. It is true and must come to pass.' I then opened the book of Genesis and began searching. By the time I got to the book of Psalm, my son was already here! His name is Temidire. God is ever faithful!"

Lawale, Y.

This is where the journey to fruitfulness by the Word begins. So, you need to settle down and find a personal solution to that particular problem of barrenness staring you in the face.

Meditate on the Word

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
1 Timothy 4:13, 15

This next step calls for pondering on the Word until faith is released. Many times we assume that once a discovery has been made in the Word, faith is in place. But faith does not jump on anyone, it is consciously cultivated, and often times it is through the process of meditation.

This process of meditation is missing in many lives, so it appears as if the Word is not working. Many people have read until they are red in the face, yet things remain negative, because they have not pondered on the Word until faith is released.

For instance, when you come across this Scripture what do you do?

Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.
Deuteronomy 7:14

You can spend some time plumbing the depth of that Word until you are certain of God's covenant of fruitfulness. Then you take your place in it. It is not just reading for the sake of reading or as if we are in a competition; it is getting to the profit realm of the Word of life, and that requires meditation. Look at these three Scriptures.

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. ***Hebrews 4:2***

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.
Joshua 1:8

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
Psalm 1:1-2

Until you begin to meditate on the Word, you may never know what is yours by right and what actions to take to come out of your predicament. Meditation opens you up to heaven's counsel.

The process of meditation can also be likened to the process of digestion in the human body. Food that is not digested is of no value to the body. In like manner, God's Word undigested through meditation is worthless. The reading of the Word is the level of information, but the digestion of the Word through meditation produces revelation.

Having digested the Word, it gets to your spirit-man with ease. Remember that ***Romans 10 :10*** says:

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

So faith occurs in the heart. But it cannot get there without meditation. It is meditation that takes the Word from the surface to the inside.

Present Your Case To God

Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.
Isaiah 41:21

God expects you to present to Him reasons why He should step into your case. Where do you get the strong reasons from? From the Word of God! When you are assured from His Word that children are your heritage in God, go to Him and present your case in line with your discoveries.

God is the judge of the whole earth, and just as you will not find a lawyer going to court without adequate preparation for his case, it is folly to think you can get away with unpreparedness when you come before God. My point of emphasis is not the length of your prayer, but its content.

While you are praying, God is asking, "Am I committed to her fruitfulness?" That is why you must know what the Word of God says about your situation. Once you do, present it to God, with full assurance that He has heard you.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
1 John 5:14-15

Confront The Situation

After you have spoken to God about your problem, face the opposition and address it! Barrenness has withstood you this long because you have been waiting for God to do something about it. But you are the one to speak to it. ***Mark 11:23*** says:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall

not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Until you address barrenness, it will not move. The law of the spirit demands that you speak to it. You can present your case to God with as many Scriptures as possible, but if you do not address the mountain, it will remain in place. It is time to say to it:

"You barrenness, you have no right to be here. I curse you from the roots now!

You fibroid, I challenge you now. Be uprooted, in Jesus' name!

You blocked tubes, low sperm count, introverted uterus, be healed now, in Jesus' name."

Speak to the particular situation, addressing it by name. ***Matthew 17:20*** says:

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Therefore, you can bring down those mountains by the Word of faith in your mouth.

Announce Your Victory

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
Proverbs 18:21

Having challenged the mountains, you now have the final say in the conflict with barrenness. What you say will determine whether you are justified or condemned. By the words of your mouth, you can frame your world (Heb. 11:3). Therefore at every point, you are either framing or shattering your world by your words.

If you say, "I cannot be barren", barrenness will be taken care of. But if you say, "I have a miscarriage", it becomes yours. Without declarations, the task is not complete.

Watch Your Actions

God weighs actions! If your actions are contrary to your declarations, you have cancelled your miracle. After Hannah got up from praying, she took bread and her countenance was no longer sad. Speaking prophetically in ***1 Samuel 2:3,*** Hannah said:

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

Don't say, "I am pregnant", and look sad. That way, though you are saying the right words, but your action is causing people to read the contrary on you. God weighs your actions before He delivers your miracle to you. God must see that you actually mean what you are doing, before He releases your blessings to you.

Refuse To Quit

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
Romans 4:20

The next vital step in programming yourself out of barrenness is a refusal to quit. Having located a particular Word upon which you are standing, you must refuse to stagger. The Bible says concerning Abraham, that he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. In essence, Abraham refused to quit.

Think on this: is your God able to handle your case? If He is, you have no reason to shift your ground. You often hear doctors confess in cases too difficult for medical science to handle, "It will take God." This implies that God is man's last resort. God never refers a case elsewhere; He is the God of all flesh and no case is too difficult for Him. So when you come to God, you have come to the final point of call, and He will not disappoint you.

Let me state categorically that the Word of God is something the devil has no answer to. Once it gains entrance into your heart, you have gained control over the forces of barrenness. Hebrews 1:3 says that God upholds or controls all things by the Word of His power. So the Word is what you require most to handle barrenness.

By the Word of God anything that is missing in your body can be replaced, because all things were made by the Word, and without it was nothing made. The Word has creative abilities, and I see it creating your miracle baby!

In conclusion, it is important to reiterate that there is more to victory than prayer. Knowledge is the master key that guarantees victory over barrenness. When you contact liberty by knowledge, it is liberty indeed.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
John 8:32,36

This is the point where many people miss it. They are dying on their knees, whereas they lack the light required for victory. The only weapon darkness respects is light "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (Jn. 1:5). Therefore, you are not in control of barrenness until you are in touch with the Word that puts you in control.

Chapter 5

Your Faith Access

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
Mark 9:23

Quite a number of people have seen from the Word of God their rights to having children, but they have not been able to receive them. Why? Faith is your access to God's blessings. That is why ***Hebrews 4: 2*** says:

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

It is one thing to have the Word and a different thing to mix it with faith inside you. Until the Word discovered mixes with faith, your desired blessing cannot be delivered to you. Think of the great blessing of a child received by Abraham and Sarah; their miracle came as a result of their great faith. In spite of its seeming impossibility, by stepping out of unbelief into faith, Abraham crossed over from the realm of impossibilities into that of possibilities. The faith realm is the possibility realm of life. In it, all things are made possible.

That is why I know the state of your body does not matter. If you will simply come out of unbelief into faith, all things will become possible to you.

One of my daughters in the faith contacted her miracle, despite the fact that one of her ovaries had been removed and the other one badly damaged.

"I got married in December 1988. Before this time, I was privileged to have sat under the teachings of Bishop David Oyedepo in Kaduna, before coming to Lagos. Over a period of time, I was

brainwashed with the Word of God that says none shall be barren in the land, nor cast their young. So, with that Word and many others, I was too sure that I couldn't be barren.

In January 1988, before I got married, I had a fibroid operation, in which my right ovary was removed and the left one turned inside out, because the fibroid had started affecting it. The doctor told me then that it would take the grace of God for me to have a baby.

When I eventually got married I did not take in immediately, but I did not remember the operation at all, having been brainwashed with the truth. I was too sure of having children and I refused to look anywhere else for help. I stuck to the truth that I had known.

At the church's eight anniversary celebration (Victory Celebration) in September 1991, I was selected as one of those to be ordained as a deaconess, so I travelled to Kaduna with my husband.

As soon as we got to Kaduna, we headed for the service and sat at the back of the sanctuary. The Bishop was preaching on the anointing oil that day. He said, `As you are seated, imagine Jesus Christ pouring oil on you, and see your yoke being broken and leaving you.' I could see barrenness leaving my body. It was so real, that I knew something left me. I was very happy that night, because my husband and I had actually gone for the ordination reluctantly.

On Saturday the programme continued and the Bishop preached on wisdom. He said wisdom requires that we stick to the truth that we have known, no matter what we may be going through. I added another truth to the ones I knew before and was glad to have gone to Kaduna.

On September 22, the Bishop was preaching, and in the course of the meeting, he said the Holy Ghost told him to remove his garment, anoint and pass it round the congregation, that whatever we believed God for, when we touched the garment, we would have our miracles. He called it the eighth year anniversary gift.

When the garment got to me, I touched the oil on it lifted my blouse and touched my stomach with it. I was too sure that I had received my miracle that day. I wrote at the back of my Bible, `Today, September 22, 1991, I received my miracle of fruitfulness.'

And exactly nine months later, precisely on June 17, 1992, I had my baby boy! As if that was not enough, on January 2, 1993, when my baby was just six months old, the Bishop invited the pastors and their wives to dinner. At the end of the dinner, he held my hand and asked when I wanted my next baby. I replied that I was not ready yet. But he said, `This year you are having another one.'

I got home and told my husband. He laughed, but I told him that the Bishop had said it, that he had better believe it. Before we knew what was happening, I became pregnant again and on January 27, 1994, I had our baby girl!"

Bamgboye, V. O.

What faith does is to draw virtue from the Word.

When the woman with the issue of blood touched the helm of Jesus' garment, virtue flowed into her body, delivering her miracle to her. Jesus is also the Word of God. So, if you touch the Word right now with your faith, the virtue in that Word will flow into your body, bringing about a miraculous conception. This happens because God always backs up His Word. Whenever a man stands on the Word, God has no choice but to bring it to pass.

Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.
Jeremiah 1:12

Faith is our lifeline in the kingdom. Without it, it is impossible to please God; and until God is pleased your miracle is not on the way. Faith is also vital, because by it, the elders obtained a good report.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.
Hebrews 11:1-2

So you do not obtain good reports without faith. It is what makes good any negative report of the doctors. Satan knows the value of your faith; he knows that when it is in place, he is helpless. So, he attacks it.

Jesus revealed this when in Luke 22:31-32, He cautioned Peter, and informed him that Satan desired to have him and sift him like wheat. But He went on to say, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not..." The devil was gunning for Peter's faith, because if he could get at his faith, he would have been able to destroy him. Remember that the Bible says, "The just shall live by faith." Therefore, to get at a man's faith is to kill him. Faith is it!

What is faith? Faith is not the mental assent of "I agree". Rather, it is standing on a discovery made from the Word of God. It is not just, "God will do something." It is saying: "I have God's commitment on this subject, and I know He cannot lie; therefore I believe it is done."

Faith is not, "I know God can do anything." It is true that He can (even the devil believes that), but it goes beyond that, to allowing

the Word of God direct and control you. Faith is not a gift, it is a product of discovery. For instance, when you see that the curse has been lifted and know that everything contrary to you has been nailed to the cross, you can begin to celebrate your victory on the basis of insight, because the battle is over.

Faith is not passive, it is an active living force. Consider when God told Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country...unto a land that I will shew thee"(Gen. 12:1). It is written that Abraham departed. By departing in accordance with the Word of the Lord, Abraham showed that the Word had taken control of his entire being. If it was mere agreement, he would have sat down to begin to organise his departure, little by little. But the Bible says, "And so Abraham departed." That is faith!

Look at ***Hebrews 11:1*** again:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

It implies that there is an evidence of faith. There are pointers to the presence of faith. The following show when faith is present.

Faith Speaks

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
2 Corinthians 4:13

The spirit of faith demands that you speak what you believe. What you cannot speak, you do not believe. Therefore, faith is not valid until it is spoken. Faith is expressed in words; not just those you speak to people, but the words you speak to yourself as well. Your words either count for or against you, that is why Jesus said:

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
Matthew 12:37

Until a man is taught to speak right, he never gets much out of life. It is the correct use of words that makes life meaningful. Your tongue must be taught to speak fruitfulness or else you remain in barrenness. This is a major factor in the operation of faith.

For instance, I was not the only person who believed I could have a tension-free marriage; but I was among the few who declared it. In fact, I kept announcing it before I got married, until many people got

angry; but I could not be stopped. Today, I can boldly declare that I have one of the most successful marriages ever!

Friend, the law of faith demands that what you believe with your heart, you speak with your mouth (Romans. 10:9-10). Your answer will not come until you openly and unashamedly announce it to the hearing of friends and foes alike! The brother in this testimony did just that and he reaped the harvest of fruitfulness.

"Early last year, the Bishop announced that all expectant fathers and mothers should bring their baby things to church. He said God wanted to bless people with children. We obeyed the instruction and brought our baby clothes in faith.

The clothes were anointed and the Bishop declared, `It is done.' He also said whatever sex we desired, we should receive same. My wife joined faith with me and we desired a male child. Immedately after the proclamation, I took the Word of God raw and swallowed it all. I declared to my wife, `The Bishop said it is done, that means it is done.'

Three months after, people started coming to give testimonies concerning the fruit of the womb, but my wife was yet to conceive. I believed strongly in my mind that it would definitely come to pass. Exactly nine months after the proclamation, my wife missed her period, and five weeks later, she decided to go for medical check-up. The doctor told her there was nothing inside her; but she argued seriously, that she was pregnant, because God had already declared her pregnant.

The doctor was confused and decided to carry out two medical examinations at a week's interval. At the end, he still said my wife was not pregnant. My wife rejected the report. The doctor now sent for me, tested me and said I had a low sperm count and could not impregnate a woman. I just laughed and rejected the statement.

We left the hospital and relaxed for some extra months. When the pregnancy became obvious, contrary to the earthly doctor's report, we went to another hospital to register and there, the pregnancy was confirmed. To God be the glory, my wife put to bed a bouncing baby boy on July 23,1996, exactly as we desired!

Ever since God opened the womb of my wife, till the time she delivered, it had been favours galore. All that we needed to take care of the baby are being given to us. These include the baby's cot, clothes, everything one can imagine. Till now (August 16, 1996), I have not used my money to buy anything. God has just been supplying everything miraculously!

The baby was named David Oluwadamilola Babaseyifunmi Ogunkoya. All my Family members were astonished to hear that my wife delivered, because they had abandoned us."

Ogunkoya, S. A.

See why you need to speak only what you believe:

Words Are Seeds

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
Luke 8:11

Every farmer knows the importance of seeds. Without a seed in the ground, every effort done in the farm is useless. In like manner, the other things we do, like worship, service to God with our time, money and energy could be classified as the ground- clearing process. None of these are, however, equal to harvest. What guarantees a harvest is the quality of seed sown.

The Word of God is "The Seed". Until you learn to speak it forth out of your mouth, all the other efforts you may be making towards getting a child are a waste. There are many committed Christians suffering today, who have no business suffering at all. But because they have not been taught the right way to speak, they remain in slavery.

Please note that the words you speak are as much a seed as the Word of God, because you are created in God's image and likeness. If what God spoke with His mouth at creation came to be, whatever you say with your mouth will come to be.

...He shall have whatsoever he saith.
Mark 11:23

The Words you speak are seeds awaiting harvest. When you speak miracle words, your harvest is sure to be a miracle. That is why ***Genesis 8:22*** says:

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

This calls for sensitivity on your part, so that you do not lose out to the devil. For instance, the fact that as a woman you saw some blood should not make you say, "I have a miscarriage." In spite of whatever blood you see, your baby is intact. The presence of blood is not an evidence of a miscarriage; it is you that called it a miscarriage.

I believe that the fact that a woman bleeds has nothing to do with whether she is pregnant or not; it does not tamper with the child God says is in her womb. Blood and child are not synonymous. It is not blood that you are pregnant with, but a child. Whatever blood you may be seeing is nothing but some excess blood looking for a way out of your body!

When my wife was pregnant with our first child, I travelled and on my return, my wife said to me, "I had a miscarriage." I replied, "It cannot happen! Can I have my food please?" There was no further discussion and no opportunity for explanations. In fact, there was a prayer meeting in my house that very day, but there was no mention of that incident nor request for prayers for it. The remarkable thing is that the pregnancy was sustained and the baby was born nine months after. That is the power of declaration at work!

Therefore you must be careful what you say, because God is not a respecter of persons. Until you understand the mystery behind the words you speak, you may never receive your desired blessing. Whatever you encounter in your tomorrow is a function of what you say today.

It is time to say to that mountain of barrenness, "Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea"; and it shall be removed. But if you look at it and say, "You are so heavy" or "You are impassable," it becomes too heavy to be surmounted. Whatever you say to the mountain is what it obeys.

Some years back, we were in a meeting in Bauchi. We ministered to a woman who was called barren and she went back home and announced to her husband, "I am pregnant!" And it was so!

Your Words Commit God

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:
Isaiah 44:26

God is committed to doing whatever you say, He responds to your words. Remember when Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses? They were simply having a discussion, but God heard them and responded (Num. 12:1-4). God does not respond to prayers alone, but also to the words of your mouth.

Remember how the children of Israel lost their access into the promise land because of the words they spoke ***(Num. 13:31-33).*** Their reaction to the report of the ten spies got them into trouble.

Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,
Numbers 14:28-29

So, you must watch what you say, even under pressure, because it could be the reason why you are still in the prison house of barrenness.

God's commitment to give you whatsoever you say makes what you speak stick. God stamps it and writes the date you spoke it down, making it unchangeable.

The Angels Are Moved By Them

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?
Ecclesiastes 5:2,6

When words come out of your mouth, the angels pick them up as instructions and act on them. They have been mandated to minister to you as an heir of salvation, and part of their duties is to respond and perform your demands (Heb. 1:14).

Take your messenger in the office, for instance. Can you ask for a cup of hot tea and he gives you a cold glass of coke? No matter how hot the day is, what you ask for is what you will get! That explains why you say, "I have fibroid" and it is so, because the angels act on what you say. Once it comes out of your mouth, they ensure you have what you say.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
Proverbs 18:21

Oppositions Bow

Your words are also weapons for crushing all manner of oppositions. If you are in God's service, you have a covering over you that forbids lack, sickness, barrenness, miscarriage and premature death (Ex.23:25-26). But here you are, you serve the Lord and have been married for several years and are still believing God for a child. What you should do on the basis of that Word, is to tear down all the oppositions of hell standing on your way to fruitfulness.

Children are your entitlement, but until those strangers hear your voice, they will not fade away from their hiding places. Oppositions will not bow until they hear from you.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.
Psalm 18:44-45

There is an angel mandated to take you to your place of destiny. He knows that there are oppositions on your way, which he must cut off, if you must arrive there safely. So, as you speak, you move him to level all your oppositions.

But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.
Exodus 23:22-23

Many Christians are too silent to be victorious! They close their mouths, even with evil encroaching on their territory; so it keeps gaining ascendancy over them. But the louder you talk, the more of God's manifestations you experience.

You are not food for the devil, so he should not continue messing you up the way he is doing now. By virtue of redemption, he has no legal access to you. The provision for your liberty is on ground, but you take delivery of it by the words of your mouth. Jesus said:

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.
Luke 21:15

Faith Acts

Faith does not only reflect in the words of your mouth, but also in your actions. Faith has evidence. If faith is there, it shows in your looks, walk, statements you make and your countenance. Without corresponding actions, there is no evidence that faith is in place.

Hannah said prophetically, "*Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed*" ***(1 Sam. 2:3)*****.** She had experienced this dimension of faith practically. In chapter one of first Samuel, Hannah was being provoked by her fruitful rival. She initially reacted to her situation by weeping and refusing to eat. But after her encounter with God at the temple in Shiloh, the Bible says:

And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.
1 Samuel 1:18-19

God weighs actions, to ascertain your faith. When your actions are negative, it betrays your lack of faith. That is why ***James 2:18*** says: "*...Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*" Once you claim to believe a particular Word of God, there must be a corresponding action that backs up your claim, or else it is a dubious claim!

Child-Like Faith

...Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 18:3

The blessings of the kingdom are for those who have become as little children, not for the complicated and analytical. It is for the simple in heart, people who will declare, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it!" It is those who agree to stick to what God says in child-like faith that are guaranteed fruitfulness.

Many Christians are too complicated and sophisticated for the simple Scriptural solutions to their problems. God has chosen the "*Foolishness of preaching to save them that believe*" ***(1 Cor. 1:21).*** And the foolishness of God is still wiser than the wisdom of men.

That is why you must hang on to whatever He says in His Word with child-like faith. ***Colossians 2:10*** says, "*And ye are complete in him...*" That means, in spite of the Doctor's report, witches or wizards, nothing can tamper with your completeness. As long as you are in Him, you are complete! So, begin to shout it out loud:

"In spite of the devil, I am complete!

In spite of my feelings, I am complete!

In spite of the Doctor's report, I am complete!"

You are complete! Whatever makes you feel less than complete is a trick of the devil. If the doctor says your sperm count is low, ask yourself how high Abraham's was? In the case of Mary, the mother of Jesus, the issue of sperm did not arise, yet Jesus was a perfect child!

If God says you are complete, that is what you are! All you require to be pregnant is light from the Word of God. The angel who appeared to Mary said:

...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
Luke 1:35

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Therefore, when you believe the Word, the power of God overshadows you, placing a holy "thing" inside you. You need child-like faith to believe this.

All you need for your miracle is to be convinced of your completeness in Christ. Doctors may have said that you are not complete enough to have a child, but from God's Word we see that you are connected to a complete Vine, so you cannot be an incomplete branch! As a matter of fact, you are so complete that you have become an agent of completeness, able to bring liberty to others.

Let faith rise up in you right now, because it is the guarantee for your miracle. It determines whether you will ever be a joyful mother or father. Faith is what triggers off a performance from heaven. "*And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord*" ***(Lk. 1:45).***

Chapter 6

The Overcomer's Mentality

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
1 John 5:4

You must possess a peculiar mentality, if you must overcome barrenness. I call it the overcomer's mentality. It could also be called victory consciousness. Until you have it, you could well remain in bondage to Satan, a victim rather than the victor you were created to be.

You Are A Child Of Destiny

Firstly, it is important to note that you are not here on earth by chance. God designed a definite programme for your life even before you were born. That makes you a child of destiny. The very fact that you are saved today is not just a function of the message you heard, but is rooted in the mystery of predestination.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
Romans 8:29-30

You are saved because you were separated unto salvation from the foundation of the world. The ultimate of your calling is in glorification. There is nothing glorious about barrenness. That is why I know that God's ultimate for you is fruitfulness.

Know Who You Are

The second point you must note to possess an overcomer's mentality is the truth of your new status in Christ. ***Isaiah 8:18*** says:

Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

That means as a child of God, you are supposed to walk in the realm of signs and wonders on a daily basis. This is quite unlike the unbelievers, who may enjoy mercy "crumbs" here and there, like the Syrophenician woman (Mk. 7:25-30).

New birth translates you to another realm of life. Whereas you were once flesh, now you are spirit; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (Jn.3:6). This is why you are referred to as a peculiar people. However, if you do not know who you are, you stand to be cheated and robbed. You are not meant to suffer like the rest of the world. God has chosen you to show forth His praises on the earth; He has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light (1 Pet. 2:9). ***Psalm 82:5-7*** says:

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

God says, "Ye are gods." By this you must understand that you are not permitted to die like men or fall like one of the princes. People of the world may suffer miscarriages and barrenness, but it is not your lot as a child of God; it is not in God's programme for you.

By virtue of your new birth, you are seated in Christ in heavenly places, far above all the troubles natural men face; you are above all principalities, powers, rulers of this world and wicked spirits operating in heavenly places (Eph. 2:5-6). You must not see yourself as a mere man, but as a spirit being, though in the likeness of men. You must see yourself seated on a superior throne, far from where barrenness reigns.

This understanding must be firmly rooted in your heart. You are not here on the earth to be afflicted, you are meant to rule in the midst of your enemies. We are in an age where we will be teaching principalities and powers a lesson by the manifold wisdom of God. Therefore, no form of oppression will have access to your person any more!

Note that it is not that we are seated with Christ in heavenly places, but in Him. Since all things have been put under His feet, so also have all things (including barrenness) been put under your feet. Once you succeed in grasping the reality of this truth, you can tell Satan to get lost! He will no longer be relevant in your life, because you are far above his domain. Possessing this superiority complex enables you put Satan where he belongs. These are not stories, but divine mysteries.

It was with this consciousness that I could defy Satan when he said to me, "Now you have gone setting others free, show me how you will have your own children." This is what having a superiority complex is all about. I could not imagine me being barren. Where I am seated forbids it! But that is the same place you are seated, so no oppressor or tormentor should have access to you. The end of satanic harassment has come in your life right now!

We are in the era of saviours arising out of Zion and you are one of them. It is time therefore to look at barrenness and put it where it belongs under your feet. We are entering into times of strange manifestations of the sons of God, but before you can save others, you should be able to save yourself.

And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.
Luke 4:23

Jesus has put all things under your feet, it will be an insult if you are still under all things. He has caused you to be seated in Him far above occultic forces, witches and wizards, etc. Don't put yourself under, you are meant to be above! Once you allow these words to gain access into your spirit and you begin to respond to them, you will cheaply enforce your position in the spirit world, and discover how wonderful life can be.

Whatever has a name is under your feet. Barrenness, miscarriage, fibroid, low sperm count, blocked tubes, are all names. You can name and nail them to the cross, because their operations in your body are illegal. You do not approach these things in a beggarly manner, but with a determination to bring them to book!

With an overcomer's mentality, everything will respond to your authority. You will cease to be a prayer project in the church, rather you will become the prayer victor, looking for the barren people to set free.

The Place Of The Mind

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
Philippians 2:5

Most miracles Jesus performed were largely as a result of the use of His mind. He always knew what to do (Jn. 6:6). His mind was so fertile, that it became the foundation for the signs and wonders witnessed in His ministry. And the Bible says you have that same quality of mind (1 Cor. 2:16)!

A sound mind is one of the greatest gifts we have from God, but it is what the enemy attacks the most. Once he is able to get at your mind, he has got you. You cannot receive your miracle without your mind being attuned to the miraculous. The Bible tells us how Abraham received his miracle:

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: ***Romans 4:19***

In essence, Abraham's mind did not consider his age as an obstacle to his miracle. He closed his mind to all the negative factors, including the deadness of Sarah's body. Rather, he was strong in faith, giving glory to God. It is when you allow your mind to consider the negative factors that you begin to stagger at the promises of God.

Your miracle cannot become a reality, until your mind is able to accept it. What it sees and accepts will shape your destiny.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
Proverbs 4:23

That is why the devil would rather have more blind minds than blind eyes. He knows that until you see your situation as hopeless in your mind's eye, it is not so. The enemy has succeeded in trapping many Christians through their minds.

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.
2 Corinthians 4:4

The attack is on your mind. The devil brings together all the negative reports in your situation, to challenge all your claim of knowing God's Word. His approach has not changed from the time of Eve. He is still asking, "Yea, hath God said...?"

You may be believing God for a child, and the devil comes up to you and says, "What of the scan results and all the tests that are negative? Don't you remember that you have been diagnosed as having multiple fibroids?" All the devil is trying to do is use occurrences and situations to upset your faith.

However, if Satan cannot get at your mind, he can't get you. For many, their minds are major obstacles to their fruitfulness. They are bound in their minds and have no hope that what God has said can come to pass for them. They have accepted barrenness as their lot in life.

The story of the Shunammite woman is told in 2 Kings 4. Whenever Elisha passed by her city, she prepared a place for him to spend the night. Not stopping at that, she built a small guest chamber for him, where he could spend the night. Moved by her concern for him, Elisha asked her, "...What is to be done for thee?" Interestingly, although she was barren and advanced in age, she did not say she wanted a child. As far as she was concerned, her case was hopeless and closed.

She had lost all hope, so it did not reflect in her countenance that she needed a child. Not even the prophet Elisha knew. Her mind had closed the case, her longing for a child had ended. It never occurred to her that God could revisit her case. But God's favour found her.

And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son... And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
2 Kings 4:16-17

One cardinal function of the mind is thinking. Thoughts are so powerful that you are either made or marred by them; but seldom are you left neutral. What you think of your circumstances ultimately determines what happens. Some people's negative thought is the greatest obstacle to their miracles.

Many believers are yet to have their miracles because they speak positively about their situations but think negative thoughts. God cannot be mocked. As a matter of fact, your thoughts and words weigh the same before God. He responds to the thoughts of your heart just as He does to the words of your mouth.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
Ephesians 3:20

The woman with the issue of blood said within her ,"If I may but touch the helm of his garment, I shall be made whole." And that was it, she encountered her miracle! That woman had a miracle mind. She thought her way through to her miracle. What are you saying within yourself?

You need to be able to bridle the thoughts of your mind, if you want to become a joyful mother or father of children. Never conclude that your case is impossible. Don't erase your name from the list of people God will visit this year. Therefore, keep your heart, guide it aright, for out of it are the issues of life.

When we were to have one of our children, the doctor said the baby was in a breech position. All I did in response was to turn to my wife and say to the baby, "Child, turn" and I went home. My wife told me later that as soon as I said those words, labour ceased and the baby turned. Only miracle thinkers command miracles at will!

Christian are often beclouded by thoughts of impossibility, that they remain victims of circumstances. They claim to live in a world of realities. But nothing is as real as the Word of God. It is time to put your confidence in God's abilities.

Watch Those Imaginations!

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
Genesis 11:6

Imagination is the springboard for manifestation. Imagination can be defined as an act of forming images in the mind. It is a function of the mind. I believe that rather than heaping all the blame for the

circumstances of your life on Satan, you should look inwards; because it is not until you imagine barrenness, miscarriages or fibroids that you have them.

Whatever you imagine can't be stopped. If it is good, it will come your way and if it is evil, it will definitely come to you too. The thoughts of today manifest tomorrow; it also means that where you end tomorrow is determined by what you imagine now.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
2 Corinthians 10:4-5

There are strongholds holding men down in the area of their imagination. These are informed by such things as doctor's reports and philosophies of men or tradition. But no matter the calibre of the doctor, if what he says is contrary to the knowledge of God, you must cast it down. That also includes scan or x-ray reports, every high thing. Remember that all that your eyes see and your ears hear are only temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal (2 Cor. 4:18).

You must fight all negative reports and cast down every evil imagination, using your weapons of warfare. All those reports contrary to the knowledge of God are coming from the devil; he introduces them, waiting for you to receive them. The moment you do, a power goes to work to establish them in your life. Until you accept the lies of the devil, he cannot enforce anything on you.

The same is true of the Word of God. Whatever it says that you receive automatically releases heaven's forces to effect it in your life. We see what imagination is all about in ***Genesis 13:14.***

And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

When God was establishing the covenant of greatness with Abraham, He said to him, "...All the land which thou seest"(Gen. 13:15). This was certainly not referring to the seeing one does with the physical eyes, but that done with the eyes of the mind. It follows therefore that whatever truth you discover in God's Word and form an image of in your mind, no matter how seemingly impossible it may appear, you can have it; because it is what you see that you get!

For example, there are some single people who are already wondering whether they will have children or not after marriage. It is right there in their minds and they claim God revealed such to them. But that is not true. Negative imaginations are traps of the devil to get people stranded. Many people have been ruined by their imaginations, while others have been lifted and exalted. The choice is yours!

Everyone is confronted with negative imaginations, but you need to be smart enough not to let them remain with you. God speaks and likewise the devil; but you require alertness or sensitivity to decipher when it is the devil speaking and to act against it promptly. That is why the Bible commands us to prove all things (1 Thess. 5:21). Mental warfare is very important. Its result is the deciding factor between good and bad, success and victory, fruitfulness and barrenness. You have a job to do, but I see you making it.

Renew Your Mind

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
Romans 12:2

God's prescription for victory in mental warfare is mind renewal. Your thoughts and imaginations must be in line with His own, if you are to make it. And there is no greater instrument for renewing the mind than the Word of God. It is able to flush out all negative imaginations and give you a new thought pattern. In Philippians 4:8, a comprehensive syllabus for a successful thought life is outlined:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Possess An Overcomer's Mentality

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
1 Corinthians 10:13

This verse outlines certain definite steps to possessing an overcomer's mentality.

Despise The Situation

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man...

To be able to overcome that situation you are confronted with, you must despise and see it as common. There is nothing peculiar about it; you do not have a special case. When you imagine that God could look at a couple of 100 and 90 years and say to them, "At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son" (Gen. 18:14); it then becomes a sure indication for you that God will surely return to you also and that you will have a son.

If God could address Abraham's situation with such audacity, then you can be sure that He will do what He has said to you. This should make you look down on that problem. Until you can despise your problem, you can never be in control of it. Say out loud, "Low sperm count, you are common," "No ovaries, you are common", "No womb, you are common." You can only be in command of things that are common to you. For instance, it is impossible for a sergeant in the army to give orders to a captain! Similarly, you cannot command what is superior to you.

Many Christians have made mountains out of their mole hills, so they spend all lifetime trying to climb the mountain. In a bid to secure sympathy, they expand and exaggerate their troubles, making them appear very special. As a result, they are unable to handle them.

However, nobody has a special problem; many are just suffering under special ignorance! Perhaps you have been told that you can never have a child, for whatever biological reason. Please note that there is still nothing special about that. The same negative report has been given to many people who defied them, and today have their own children. So, yours is common!

What you should keep doing is reminding yourself that if God could give Sarah a baby when she was 90 years old, then nothing can be too hard for Him.

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?
Jeremiah 32:27

God Is Faithful

...But God is faithful...

It is God's faithfulness that causes Him to take over the battles of life from you. ***First Thessalonians 5: 24*** says:

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

On the premise of this Scripture, ask yourself, "Can God do what He has said?" If your answer is in the affirmative, then your miracle is definitely on its way.

God cannot deny Himself; whatever He has said stands. He is not a man to lie or the Son of man to repent. God will not turn around to deny what He has said. So you can count on Him and bank on His faithfulness.

Ask Him, "Father, is it true You did it for Sarah?" He will answer, "Yes, I did." Then you ask Him again, "Was it You who did it for Rebeccah, Rachel and Hannah?" When He answers, "Yes, it was Me", you then go ahead to tell Him, "Remember now oh Lord, Your covenant of old with Abraham my father. I am connected to that covenant by the blood of Jesus, and it guarantees me fruitfulness. Remember now, oh Lord, that my Isaac is expected this year!" That is all you need.

From Isaiah 43:26, we see that God expects to be put in remembrance. I often say humorously that if we as humans need to be reminded of our appointments, how much more the Almighty God, who oversees the affairs of the entire universe! Perhaps that is why He says, "Put me in remembrance."

It Is Not Above You

...Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able...
1 Corinthians 10:13

As far as God is concerned, you can handle that challenge. God's faithfulness ensures that what you are not capable of handling won't come your way. For instance, would you ask a child in primary school to solve a mathematical sum meant for a maths undergraduate? No, you won't. This tells you that likewise, God will not allow anything above your capacity to come your way.

First Corinthians 10:13 can be paraphrased to read, "I trust you, My son, that thing is not above you. You can deal with it. Stop crying, it is not an issue. You are in command, you are in control; so go ahead, move forward!"

With every temptation, God makes a way of escape. So there is a way out, a way to deal with that situation of barrenness. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." (Jn. 14:6). Don't forget that Jesus is also the Word of God. It therefore follows that what God does is to show you the Word that will get you out of that situation.

This is the overcomer's mentality, which you must possess to receive your miracle. Remember, that situation is common, not strange or above you. You can bank on God's faithfulness, for there is a way out. When you locate the way out, you march gallantly into victory!

Chapter 7

Take It By Force!

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
Psalm 66:3

The language of victory is force. It is the most respected and widely understood language in the world of the spirit. Without power, victory is not guaranteed. The enemy will not submit to you because you are shouting, but through the display of power.

God is omnipotent. He is all-powerful. And if He is your Father, it means that you are a creature of power. ***John 1:12*** says:

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Your translation from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His own dear Son imparted power upon you. It took power to get you out of darkness into light, and it will take power for you to free yourself from the clutches of barrenness.

Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power (Rom. 1:3-4). And He said, "*As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you*" ***(Jn. 17:18).*** Therefore, your declaration as a son must also be by power. It should thrill you to know that new birth has brought you out of the realm of weakness and corruption, to the realm of power.

It is impossible for you to take what belongs to you without a demonstration of power. If you are a man plagued with sterility, have it at the back of your mind that your Father in heaven is Omnipotent. That means you, the son of His love, cannot be impotent. You just cannot be! It is time to come to this realisation, so you can stop running helter-skelter like some others who do not know who they are.

You should have a clear picture of who you are a creature of power, not a prayer project. God has invested enough power in you to make

you check barrenness out of your life. In fact, barrenness should be afraid to approach your gates!

As far as God is concerned, by virtue of your new birth, you are a man in command. Just like Adam whom God blessed and gave dominion, you are born to be in control. As it was with Adam, that everything obeyed his words, every situation of life is compelled to obey your voice! Take your place in redemption and stop celebrating the devil; he is not your problem. We see in Luke 10:17-19 that even before the disciples received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the devil was subject to them. Therefore, to be baptised with the Holy Ghost, and still claim that it is the devil tormenting you is a shame.

You are too loaded to suffer the kind of harassment you are suffering, and it is frustrating to God too. Arise to your redemptive responsibility and watch yourself dominate barrenness! God said concerning Jesus in **Matthew 17:5**:

...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Based on the declaration of God the Father, everything had no other choice but to hear Him. Now that new birth has conferred sonship upon you, everything is also compelled to hear you, including barrenness. Everything will respond to the command you issue forth from your mouth. And just as nobody dictates to the wind its direction, it means now that you are born of the Spirit, you too have become a dictator in the midst of conflicts (Jn. 3:8). You have the authority to make things happen the way you desire.

Friend, you have been restored to a place of dominion; you can give it expression through the words of your mouth. It is time to stop the threats of miscarriage, sterility, blocked tubes, etc., by releasing the power in your tongue. God has given you a mouth and a wisdom, that your adversaries cannot resist or gainsay (Lk. 21:15). All you need to do is to release the wisdom of God (the Word of God) through your mouth and watch your enemies submit to you.

Give Him Praise

Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.
Isaiah 54:1

There is tremendous power in praise. It is the believer's cheapest access to supernatural intervention. Exodus 15:11 says that God

does fearful things in praises, because praise moves Him into speedy action. It is God's ordained strategy for victory.

In the days of Jehoshaphat, when Israel was confronted by the armies of nations with military might incomparable to theirs, it is recorded that Israel did not know what to do. So they invoked the might of God against their enemies through praise. As they began to sing and praise God, the Bible says:

...The Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.
2 Chronicles 20:22

As you praise God with a loud voice and in a dance, He will set ambushment against barrenness on your behalf. You can hand any battle over to God via praise. See what happened in verse 25:

And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

The result of that praise warfare was a release of blessings. The Bible tells us that God never changes. It therefore means that if we will care to do what they did, God will repeat what He did in their situation. Your praise will secure God's intervention and cause Him to release your baby to you, just as He did for the sister in this testimony:

"Exactly a year ago, the Bishop declared July as our month of praise. He also declared it as our month of release, because the Lagos church was seven years old.

We were here for the Breakthrough Night on July 26. I had been looking for the fruit of the womb and whenever my period came, it was with pains. That night, the pains came again and I said to it, `You came for your destruction.'

That night, the Bishop said we were going to praise and dance, so I determined within myself that the pains must go that night. I was sitting outside that day and as we began to praise and dance, singing praises to God, the man next to me said, 'Madam, are you a soldier?' I said, `No. I know what I'm doing. I want to contact something here tonight.'

The pains disappeared that night and I came out to share the testimony. Then the Spirit of the Lord declared through my mouth

that I was pregnant that night. The Bishop later came up and said, `That lady that came up here, I tell you, she is pregnant already.' And lo and behold, I became pregnant and delivered two bouncing baby boys!"

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When the Israelites were about to enter Canaan and Jericho stood as an obstacle, they tore their walls down "...with a long blast and a loud shout." They stirred God up and He dealt with their enemies. Through praise, Israel moved God on His throne to step into their situation. He is still the same God. You can move Him into speedy action by your high praises.

God said, "Be fruitful" because you are fruitful. Everything that makes for fruitfulness is in you. Whatever is missing in your body will be replaced, in Jesus' name. All the negative things which doctors saw inside you were not planted by God. That is why they will be uprooted. Jesus has come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly (Jn. 10:10).

I command the strangers in your body to fade out of their hiding places, in the name of Jesus! You have been called barren, but God has called you a joyful mother or father of children. Your name has changed! The menstruation you saw last is the last you will see for the next nine months. So, congratulations!

Proofs Of God's Faithfulness!

Our God is faithful! He has already established a covenant of fruithfulness with His people: Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.
Deuteronomy 7:14

And ye shall serve the Lord your God... There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land...
Exodus 23:25-26

Like all covenants, there's God's part and man's part. If you fulfil your part, God is eternally committed to do His. He cannot deny Himself and, *"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly"* ***(Ps. 84:11).*** The Bible says, *"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."* ***(Ps. 127:3.)***

So, if you are His child, then you are qualified to have children, as many as you desire; for, "*He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.*" ***(Ps. 113:9.)***

Below are some testimonies, proofs of God's commitment to you. Just as these people got their hearts' desires, so also will you! God is on your side!

Hebrew-style Delivery!

"My wife and I had been believing God for the fruit of the womb for over three years. At one of the Breakthrough Seminars held last year, the Bishop blessed our oil and said it was for quick works. On getting home, I anointed my wife and the next month, she missed her period!

Sometime along the line, she had a miscarriage. I came to church and the Bishop said the miscarriage was mere excess blood. I picked that word and didn't bother anymore, though the bleeding lasted for one month. After it stopped, the pregnancy continued to develop.

When she was six months pregnant, she went for a scan, which she repeated about two weeks ago. She came back home crying. The scan showed that there was a healthy foetus in the womb, but that it lay in a transverse position. I said, `It's a lie, it can't happen'. I tore the report into shreds and went to the hospital the following day, as the doctor wanted to see me.

The doctor said to me, `Bro. Jerry, I know you are a Winner, but I have to tell you this. Your wife would have to undergo an operation in two weeks' time, because she would deliver on February 21.' I immediately told him it was a lie, that I was a covenant child. I asked him how much the operation would cost and he said about 30,000 naira, that I should go and prepare for it. I told him all I was going to pay was 2,500 naira and at worse 3,000 naira.

I went home, picked my tithe and AGIP booklets and paid my December tithes and AGIP, which I hadn't paid because of my trip to the village in December. After the payment, I had my peace.

My wife went for antenatal a week later and the doctor said things were getting alright. On February 4, the day the Breakthrough Seminar on multiplication started, my wife was in church. On getting home, she told me, `The Bishop has said everything.' Two hours later, contraction started and she went to the hospital by herself the following day.

I had gone to work that day and was sent for and informed that my wife had put to bed. On getting to the hospital, I paid 3,000 naira,

the amount I had earlier told the doctor I would pay for my wife's delivery!"

Ikechukwu, J.

`My Sister Is Pregnant...!'

"I attended the Victory Celebration last year. In one of the services, the Bishop called up those desiring the fruit of the womb. I have a sister who had been married for five years, but had no child. She and her husband live in Gabon. I was so moved in the spirit and didn't know what to do. I wished my sister were present at that service.

But immediately, the Spirit told me to rub the floor of the sanctuary with my mantle, on behalf of my sister. I did that, and when I got home, I brought out her picture, placed the mantle on it and anointed it. I then tied the anointed picture with my mantle and left it for one month. Throughout that month, I kept prophesying over the picture, saying, `You shall not be barren. Be fruitful and multiply.'

Just last week, we received a message from Gabon, that my sister is pregnant and will deliver in the next two months! I thank God!"

Ebubechukwu, E.

Anointing Breaks The Yoke!

"After having my first son in 1991, I had series of miscarriages, about four times. I was tired and the doctors also became tired of me. I didn't know what to do. I took in again and about the third month, I started bleeding again. I went back to the doctor and at the end of the day, he said, `Woman, there is nothing I can do about it. I have to evacuate you on Monday.' I went home confused.

I had been a believer for so many years, but now I started asking myself, `Am I not serving a living God? Is there no Elijah in this our time?' And suddenly, I rememberd Bishop David Oyedepo of Winners' Chapel.

I became worried and told my husband that I must get to Winners' Chapel. I was convinced that by merely seeing the man of God, I would be okay. I didn't know anything about the Breakthrough Night (the Winners' monthly all night service), but on February 20, 1997, my husband and I decided to look for the church.

When we got to the church, I was shocked by the crowd I saw. It turned out that the Breakthrough Night was holding. I said to

myself, `Today is my day.' During the service, I was bleeding profusely, and had to make frequent trips to the toilet to clean up. This bleeding was as a result of fibroid I had for 10 years.

That night, the Bishop said that day was the first time people would be anointed seven times. I knew it was really my night. As the anointing oil was passed round, instead of anointing my head, I rubbed it on my tummy. After the sixth time, I had to go to the toilet, because it seemed as if something was upsetting my tummy. There, I noticed the bleeding had ceased. I was shocked!

I was supposed to see the doctor the following Monday, but I decided not to keep the appointment, because I wanted to disprove him. When I got to him on Friday, he was furious with me for not coming for the evacuation on Monday. I told him to scan me again.He initially refused, but later agreed. While he was doing this, I heard him say, `What is happening? There is something like a baby in your womb!' He also could not find the fibroid. Praise God, I had my baby boy in October 1997!"

Jupo (Mrs.)

Yoke Of Barrenness Broken!

"I attended last year's Hosanna Night (July Breakthrough Night) with my wife. For four years, my wife and I had been believing God for the fruit of the womb.

We came here, believing that God would do it for us, because we had been hearing and seeing what He had been doing in other people's lives.

That night, the Bishop said we should put whatever was giving us concern in writing and dance the dance of victory over it. My wife and I did so and really believed that God had done it that night, because I was filled with a strange joy. And to the glory of God, my wife took in the next month!

Meanwhile, three gynaecologists had told us that my wife's womb was blocked, and that she could only take in after a surgical operation. But the Word of God told me, `Don't worry, she will take in', and she did.

Yesterday, to the glory of God, my wife delivered a bouncing baby boy!"

Amali, A.

`I Delivered My Baby Safely...!'

"I got married in May 1996, and since then, I was anxious to have the fruit of the womb. In July last year, at one of the services held, the Bishop called for those looking for the fruit of the womb. I was one of those that came out; and he breathed into our mouths. That was it, I became pregnant!

The man of God also prophesied, saying, `Your Isaac shall be born this year (1998).' I began to confess this to myself, because I wanted a baby boy.

In January this year, I met the Bishop at the airport and he said, `When will you be due?' I told him April. Lo and behold, I delivered my baby boy safely on April 24!"

Adebayo-Aluko, J. (Mrs.)

`…Gideon In My Hands!'

"My husband and I joined this church in March last year, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. For two years, we had believed God for the fruit of the womb.

At the Hosanna Night '97 (July Breakthrough Night), the Bishop declared, `This night, we shall praise God in our dance.' I positioned myself and danced like I never did before!

That night, I had pains all over my stomach, but I continued dancing. When I got home that morning, I went to the toilet and passed out blood. This happened about six times, and that was it! Today, you can see me standing with Gideon, the son of praise, in my hands!"

Ugbala, S. (Mrs.)

Bundles Of Joy!

"I got married in December 1994, and after the first year, I got pregnant, but lost it. From then, I did not take in again. Also, I had this spirit of fear that held me captive all these years.

I joined the Winners' congregation in April 1997, with a hunger and thirst for the Word of God. I enrolled for the WOFBI June '97 Special course, where I was taught the undiluted Word of God. As I keyed into all that I learnt there, I was delivered from that spirit of fear.

Also, the pastor who counselled me, encouraged me with a word from Exodus 23:26, which says, `There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren in thy land...' She prayed with me, that if I got pregnant again, nothing would tamper with it.

I then searched through the Scriptures, for Words concerning fruitfulness, and I chewed and swallowed them. I also prophesied to myself, saying, `For my shame, I shall have double!' And I began to believe the Lord for a set of twins. On the last day of the WOFBI June Special course, the Bishop laid hands on all of us, and I again reminded God that it must be twins!

At the July Breakthrough Seminar, the Bishop made an altar call for all those who wanted the fruit of the womb. He said that just as God breathed into Adam and gave him life, he would breathe into us, and that whatever was dead in our wombs would come back to life. And in accordance with the word of the man of God, that same month, I became pregnant!

During the pregnancy, I went for a scan, and the technician said, `Madam, your baby is doing fine.' I said, `No, my babies are doing fine.' He insisted that the baby was doing fine. But I said, `No, my babies are doing fine. Check that scan very well.'

He did the scan again and screamed, `See the second one!' My doctor who was also in the scan room, and is a believer, said, `Ebele, you called forth the second one.'

Also, during the delivery, the Lord was with me and everything went smoothly. In fact, the second twin came just five minutes after the first. And here are my bundles of joy Esther and Faith!"

Eruchalu, E. (Mrs.)

Five Years Barrenness Destroyed!

"I was married for five years and believed God for the fruit of the womb. For two and half years, I had a very bitter experience. I thought I was pregnant, but it wasn't so. It was counterfeit. I had this big stomach for two and a half years, with something that kicked inside me like a baby. Today, it will appear, tomorrow it will disappear. It was also very painful.

Thank God, the Lord delivered me at the Anointing Service in November 1996. I began to bleed and vomit all the horrible things I ate in dreams when I carried the evil pregnancy. This lasted six weeks.

During the July 1997 Breakthrough Seminar, the Holy Spirit told me, `Go to church' and I obeyed. Towards the end of the first service, the Bishop said, `God told me today is for the fruit of the womb. Those looking for the fruit of the womb should wait for the second service.' So, I had to wait for the second service.

When they told us to come out, I almost went back to my seat, because thousands of people came out. But I patiently waited and as the Bishop breathed into me, something cleansed me and I became pregnant.

The devil was mad at this and attacked me for four months. I bled, but I told the devil, `This time you won't rob me of my blessings. My body, you can't disobey the commandment of God to be fruitful and multiply.' Before, whenever I get such attacks in the dream, I would start bleeding and would normally lose the baby. But this time around, I refused to give in and lose the baby. I was tired of being termed barren. I also refused to use any sanitary towel because I knew I was pregnant.

I had my son on April 22, 1998. I named the baby Isaac as soon as I conceived of him, not knowing that this year would be called our Year of Laughter. I said, `This is Isaac and God has made me to keep house.' Not only that, God has proved it by the kind of blessings that have come our way through the baby. He is a child of blessing. All manner of blessings have been flowing in since I had him. I am so dazed by God! There is nothing my baby doesn't have! God has really blessed my Family and has brought laughter into my household!"

Odugbesan, M.

Pregnant After 6 Years!

"About six years ago, I had my first child and since then, I have had so many miscarriages and other problems associated with childbirth.

At the 1997 Victory Celebration, the Bishop said those who desired the fruit of the womb should place their hands on the ground and place them on their tummies. I didn't want to obey this instruction because of the health problems I had been through in the past. Besides, my husband and I had agreed that we won't have any other child.

However, a friend who sat beside me shouted at me, `Put your hand on the ground! Let your husband be a liar and let God be true!' I obeyed and that very month, I got pregnant! Here is the product of the Victory Celebration!"

Oyeniyi, O. (Mrs.)

Fruitful After Five Years!

"September last year was my fifth wedding anniversary. The Bishop began to teach from Leviticus 19:23-25. He said that the fifth year is a covenant year with God and that one could ask God for anything, if you had walked consistently with Him for five years.

I said, `Lord, I've been married for five years, and I know that in these five years I've been consistent with You. If according to Your servant, the Chinese bamboo grows to 90 feet in the fifth year, let that word come to pass in my life.'

That was it! In October, I missed my period, and behold God blessed me with this baby in June this year!"

Gbuji, A. (Mrs.)