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...But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not us. 2 Corinthians 4:7.

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vanity of vanities. Various questions propped up his mind, Life is so short! Life is meaningless! What am I living for? There is a vacuum in my life to be filled since all these years! Wealth and fame is void! Tears and anguish filled him and he remembered what a young lady in his place of work had told him about a loving Saviour and he found Him.

“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes’” James 4:13-14

Friend, life is full of fun and yet no man has ever been satisfied with it. What are you living for? Is it to acquire money, fame, wealth, position, women, certificates, and children and then forget your creator? Some even deny the existence of this great Creator, the Almighty God. Where will you spend eternity? There is life after this life.

Eccl 12:1 says “Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth” Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fears, trumpet will surely soon sound. There was a man who came into this world several years ago, He was God but he came in human form, Jesus Christ who suffered, died and rose again for your justification. He alone is the solution to the problems of your life. Accept him today, close your eyes, acknowledge your sins, confess and forsake all your sins and invite Jesus Christ into your life. You will become a new creature and your name will be written down in the book of life. With these steps you are assured of a tomorrow in heaven when the trumpet shall sound or when you die.

Live for God through Jesus Christ and your tomorrow here on earth and in Heaven will be secured. No one knows tomorrow but there is a tomorrow that is certain; eternity in heaven for all those who give their heart to Jesus Christ.

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Tade and John had dreamt of living out their lives in the world of pleasures. Both attended a prestigious University in Europe and thereafter got employed in an international company known for the production of electrical cables and the like. Not so long, they rose to the highest rank of their careers' ladder and had what it take to be termed wealthy and successful pair but without the personal knowledge of the source and owner of their lives. They had severally spurned the invitation to accept the reality of life.

Tade, being an adventurer had almost toured the whole countries in Europe while John, an ardent internet surfer prefers surfing and exploring the net. In one of his journeys to Iceland to enjoy his usual sinful adventures with prostitutes and riotous living, he was unlucky to be caught up with the volcano that erupted sometime ago and unfortunately was among the dead people.

John was devastated trying to recollect the good old days and life seems as nothing and

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DOLAPO MORONFOLU

A versatile Drama minister and a Christian actress. She is a dynamic, lovely and pretty daughter of God who had been serving God in the drama ministry for several years. She had played many roles in Christian drama and many gospel movies.



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WELCOME!

I am pleased to welcome you to the third edition of the DAUGHTERS OF DESTINY MAGAZINE. It's here at last! This magazine is an initiative of THE OVERCOMERS EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES, INT'L (www.overcomersdramafilm.org), a ministry committed to reaching youths through life-changing drama and films. Sit back, relaxed and be blessed as you read. God bless you.

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ABOUT US

The Daughters of Destiny is an Interdenominational forum for sisters. It is aimed at bringing out God's ultimate essence for them. Daughters of Destiny magazine feature true-life stories of ladies that have gone through various situations and how they handled the situations. It also includes powerful messages, practical talks, Singles in Diaspora, Skills corner, Health articles, Movie Show Reel and lots more. These will all be aimed at blessing the lives of ladies.

In this edition, various articles have been put together to bless you by women of destiny - singles and married. CELEBRATE JESUS is a column where Christian actresses, music ministers, word ministers and women are interviewed. We celebrate Jesus in these women who stand out in their areas of calling and profession. This edition features Mrs. Oludolapo Olanike Moronfolu, a versatile Drama minister and a Christian actress. We have a new writer for our Captivating stories, she is Abimbola Fayokun, she loves to write, to teach, encourage and motivate people to be the best God has ordained. She is the host of Circles of Love, a Christian blog site where you can find more stories.

We sincerely pray that the articles and messages bless you. We welcome contributions, comments and testimonies from single and married women. I would like to thank all our columnists and contributors who took time out of their busy schedules to write.

I want to appreciate my husband for his contributions, supports and understanding to the success of this third edition, I love you and God bless you sir.

I want to say a big; "thank you" to Omobolanle Kushimo and my husband who took time out to proofread and edit Issue 3. You will not miss your reward! God bless you.
Sit back and enjoyed this edition. Happy reading!
God bless you all.

Your Sister,
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When the Lord reverses the order.....miracles happens!

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the spirit of the Lord was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said "Let there be light," And there was light. Genesis 1:1-3(NLT)

In the beginning, in his order for creation, God created the light first after creating the heaven and earth. Light is essential for visibility, darkness cannot overcome it (John 1:5). God also ordained time and season for everything under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11) yet we can't see the whole scope of God's work from its' beginning to the end. Even though he is a God of order yet we cannot predict him for there is no impossibility in him (Luke 1:37)

Text: 2 kings 3:1-20

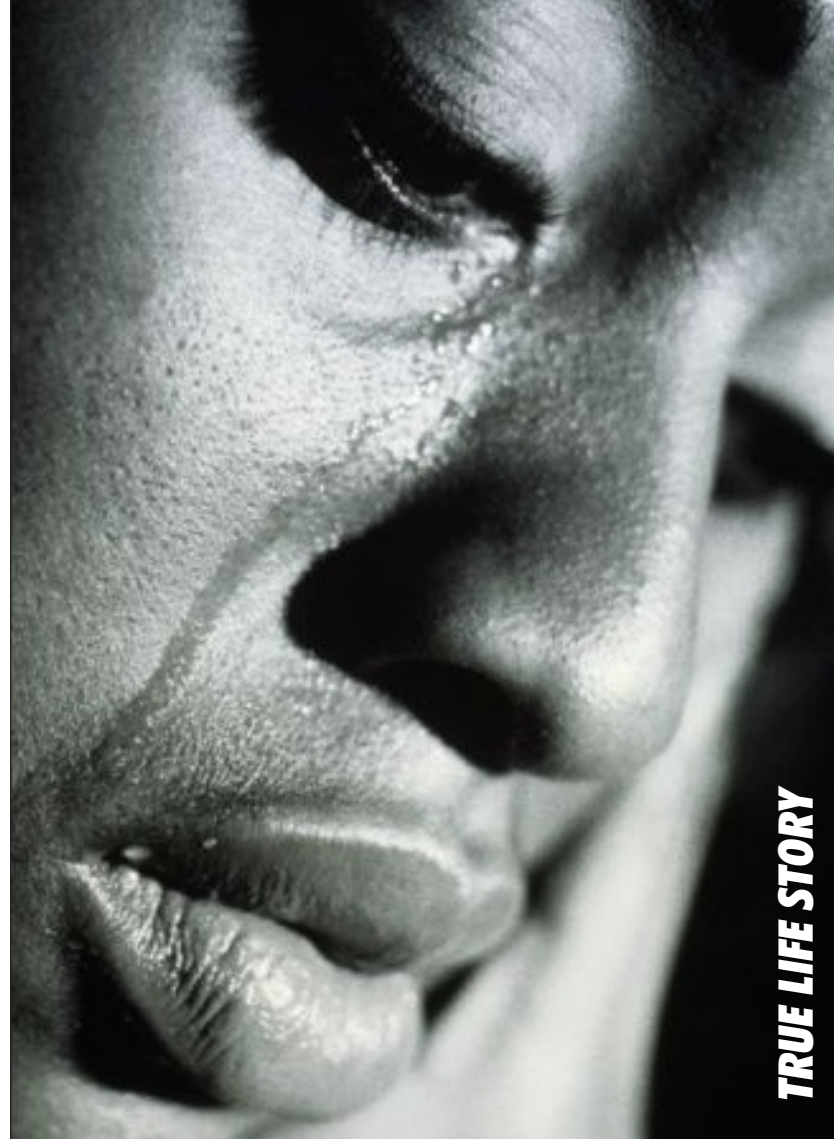
Elisha the prophet of God was contacted by King Jehoshaphat of Judah and King Joram of Israel who suddenly found themselves in a dilemma: they had no water for them and their animals in the midst of battle. As the harp (a musical instrument) was played, the word of the Lord came to Prophet Elisha. What a way for the word to come, not in the place of prayer but amidst sweet melodies to God, this shows that God's way of speaking to us are diverse. He can speak through a powerful evangelical drama or film, worship, and of course in the place of prayer; he can speak anywhere he chooses to do so. And this is what the Lord says: This dry valley will be filled with water! You will see neither wind nor rain, says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves and your cattle and other animal. 2 Kings 3:16-17.(NLT)

The next day about the time when the morning

sacrifice was offered, water suddenly appeared! It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere. 2 Kings 3:20 (NLT) What a wonder! No wind, no rain and yet water filled the whole place. The natural order of things was suspended; usually there should be a wind, a gathering of clouds and then rain. That was the wonders of God and the fulfillment of his word through Prophet Elisha (who inherited a double portion of Elijah's anointing). Prophet Elijah after declaring that there was to be no rain for three and half years told King Ahab (in 1 Kings 18:41) that he can hear the sound of abundance of rain. He sent his servant to look out for the gatherings of the wind and at the seventh time, there was just a little gathering but out of this there was a mighty down pour. In the case of Prophet Elisha, the order was reversed by GOD himself. Today, God will reverse orders for things to work in your favor.

Sarah is one woman in the bible that God reversed order for, in the beginning God said to man and woman "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and the entire animal that scurry along the ground" Genesis 1:28(NLT) Those were the words of God to man, the very first. God did not put a limit to man's fruitfulness not even in age. He gave men the insight into science but he is not a one-way traffic God. He can start a process right in the middle and end up with the first step as been the last. Sarah was close to 90years when the word of the Lord came forth that she will have a baby. She laughed because physically, she was too old; well advanced in years to birth a baby. Biology says an average woman reaches menopause at around 45years which means among other changes her menstrual cycle ends; no

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TRUE LIFE STORY

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released; seconds later she saw a lady come out of the car, walking towards her. "Hello Judith" the lady said. Judith stared at her and she couldn't recognise the face. "Hi, I'm Alex" the lady said. "Alex!" Judith said confused. "Your pen pal" Alex said. "Oh! I thought you were a guy" Judith said, embarrassed. "Oh no! I get that a lot with the name" Alex said.

"Be good when get out there, ok?" Warder Lisa said to Judith. "Hmm" Judith said quietly, as she held the small box containing her most treasured possession in the world; which contained her tennis shoe, dairy, a pair of jean and a cardigan. "Alright then, Judith" Warder Lisa said, opening the wide huge Prison gate "I don't want to see you back here" She said to her, smiling. Judith reluctantly stepped out of the gate; fear and uncertainty settled within her. She was leaving the only place she did called home after been sentenced to fifteen years in prison for murder; even the breath of air didn't seems like freedom to her, it was strange and different to the one in the prison. She stared at the long stretch of road before her and had no idea which way to turn. She had been transferred from the Foston hall in Derby to the Holloway prison in London five years ago to spend the remaining time left in her sentence. She watched the people outside the gate who were glad to see their families been released, they wasted on time getting them into their cars and drove off. Few minutes, Judith was left standing there all alone, she noticed a car still left and wondered if they were also still waiting for their loved one to be

"Hmm, what are you doing here?" Judith asked looking around to see if any inmate were left to be picked up. "Are you waiting for someone?" She asked. "No, I'm actually here to pick you up" Alex said smiling. "What!" Judith said surprised. She wasn't expecting anyone to come for her, after all, the fifteen years she's has spent in prison, she's never had any visitor to come see her, except few years ago when she started to receive letters from some pen pals but the only one who had continued to write her was Alex. Although, she had ignored the first few letters and never replied but Alex was persistent, writing almost every months to ask about her welfare, what she was doing and her plans when she comes out. After few months, Judith had taken interested in her letters and looked forward to each one every months, even though she still did not reply her, Alex had not given up but continued to write her with stories about the outside world; she also told her a lot about God and his wonders which Judith had not given thought to. Now, for Alex to have thought to pick a total stranger who was jailed for murder was unbelievable to her. "What!" Judith said again staring at her. "I realised you may need a ride back into town

so I thought I might as well come pick you up” She said. “C'mon, let's get going” Alex said to her offering to take her box which Judith held onto tightly.

“Alright then, I'll be in the car” Alex said, walking back to her car.

Judith hesitated at first but found herself following behind her; after all, she had no one in this world that had cared enough to pick her up; her own mother had out rightly disowned her after she stabbed her husband to death.

They drove quietly in the car for few minutes, Judith wanted to ask Alex why she had come, what her motives were but she was too overwhelmed by the pictures and people on the street, she had gone to prison at the age of fifteen and seeing a lot of changes was different to her; although once in a while, they had been privileged to watch TV, use the internet and read newspapers back in prison but nothing compare to seeing them in real life.

“Would you like to eat anything before we drive down to Essex?” Alex asked.

“What!” Judith said, after been jolted from her thought.

“I asked if you would like anything to eat before driving to Essex.” Alex asked again

“No, I'm ok. Thank you” Judith said to her. “How do you know I lived in Essex?” She asked, curiously.

“Well, I read your story” Alex answered “Hope, you don't mind” She said.

Judith chuckled. “Uh..Why would I? Anyone is privileged to that information and I'm sure they will take so much interest and pleasure in a fifteen years old accused of murder” She said angrily.

“I'm sorry; I just wanted to get familiar with you?” Alex said

“Why?” Judith said confused. “Why would you? Is this like a charity organisation or what?” She asked angrily.

“No...” Alex responded quickly. “I just took interest in your case after reading an article about you few years ago” She said.

“Interest! What are you? Mother Theresa!” Judith said. “You know what, stop the car” She shouted. “I actually don't know what I'm doing here, I'm not want your pity and I'm not case you can study for your own pleasure” She shouted has she tried opening the car which Alex quickly parked to the side of the road, Judith immediately got out and started walking.

“I'm not sure why you are angry but really, I'm sorry if I said something wrong. I was only trying to help” Alex said, trying to stop her from walking.

“I'm not a case study!” Judith shouted

“I know” Alex said. “Please, I understand this is

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strange but trust me, I only want to help you.

Alright, why don't I drive you to your house or if you want, you can stay with me few days before you settle down” Alex said.

Judith stood there staring at her. At that moment, she realised that she actually had nowhere to go, her mother's place was not an option; she couldn't even understand why she was angry at the only person who had taken time to speak with her all these years and willing to help her; somehow within her, she felt connected to Alex after all these years she had read all her letters, but a part of her was not ready to trust anyone.

“Alright, I'm sorry, you know.....” Judith apologised.

“It's ok, I understand” Alex said.

The rest of the journey back to Alex's house was in silence; she avoided speaking so as not to agitate her. She showed her to the guest room and made her dinner to eat in the room. Judith wanted to take a shower but wasn't sure if she was to ask for permission or not; all her life, she's been told of what to do and when to do them; even to go to toilet, she's had to ask for permission. She lay back in bed staring into the ceiling thinking about her past.

Judith had lived with her mother all her life before the whole incident. Anna, her mother had been a single parent, struggling to take care of her, in fact she had to drop out of school to take up a full time job to sustain herself and her daughter, and it's been one job to another just to meet end means. Anna had tried dating so as to have a Man to look after them but no one was willing to marry her with her child except for Segun. From the first day they had met, Anna had told him that she had a fourteen year old daughter; she was tired of giving her all into a relationship and they end of dumbing her because of the fear of taking up another man responsibility but Segun was different, he wasn't bothered by this, in fact, he had proposed to Anna four months after that and ended up marrying her. Anna had been so happy about this, finally she was somebody's wife

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The WORD TODAY



more release of fertile eggs to be fertilized. However, the God of heaven reversed the other and she had a baby as the Lord had decreed. Genesis 21: 1-3.

Mary is another woman in the bible who had a biological reverse. Biologically, for conception to take place there must be sexual intercourse during a woman's fertile period (Ovulation). Once fertilization takes place, the woman's monthly cycle stops and pregnancy is confirmed in most cases. Mary was a virgin who had never known any man; not even the man she was engaged to, as many sisters do today which is against the law of God. A woman is expected to remain sexually pure till marriage. I wonder what biological state Mary was when the word of the Lord came to her that she will conceive and birth a child. She asked the angel how this can be and the angel replied 'with God nothing shall be impossible'. Mary did not help God to achieve his purpose but she believed the word of God and said let it be according to thy word Luke 1:38. She believed the word of God and it worked for her against all biological facts. If you will see his wonders in your life, you must believe his words because what he says he will do.

In our world today, I have seen the wonders of God as he reverses orders, I am a living testimony. I have heard powerful testimonies too and even met women for whom God had reversed biological orders. A woman miscarried a pregnancy and went into the hospital for the evacuation which was done successfully, only to discover some movements in her womb two weeks after. She eventually delivered a baby boy few months later. Another woman who was declared to have no womb carried a pregnancy successfully and gave birth. A 55-year old woman gave birth to a bouncing baby boy through vaginal birth after several years of waiting. Also, another woman who had no pregnancy symptom, negative pregnancy tests, no body changes gave birth unaided by anyone. Those are some of His wonders; I can go on and on. When God is at work, he can do all things, changing the order to bring glory to his name. He is a miracle worker who specializes in doing the seemingly impossible. Just believe in his word only, obey him and he will work for you. Your testimony is next!

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and Segun had taken the burden of caring for her and her daughter.

Judith's nightmare started when one night, while her mother had gone for a night shift at work, Segun had come into her room late in the middle of the night. At first, Judith thought she was imagining things when she felt someone pulling her duvet cover away from her only for her to open her eyes and finds her step father standing right in front of her. She wanted to scream but he covered her mouth with his huge hands; she tried to scratch him but he was too powerful for her. I tried screaming in between his hands, but her throat closed around the sound.

“Keep quiet” He said.

Then, she felt a sharp object against her neck. He had a knife.

“Please” Judith cried. “Please, don't do this, don't hurt me” She said in tears, trying to stand up.

“Be quiet girl” He whispered in the most annoying voice.

Then, he pushed her back into bed, his hands to her mouth and showed her the knife again.

“You know I can hurt you, in fact, I can kill” He said jeering at her “But if you are quiet and do as I want, then I won't” he said

He took his hands away from her mouth and started to take off her night gown... DoD

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OF THIS STORY IN OUR NEXT EDITION

ENCOURAGEMENT

Believe the unbelievable
Achieve the unachievable
Conceive the inconceivable
And succeed at the unsuccessable
Nothing is impossible
Nothing is unattainable
Everything is possible
If you work to be unstoppable
Time is the lock
But patience is the key
When we strive to do our best
We always take the lead

Life is full of obstacles
And stumbling blocks ahead
But if we keep our mind focused
The path will be smooth to tread
Dedication is what it takes
Inspiration is what we make
Encouragement is all we need
To believe, succeed, and achieve

By: Nakyda Ervin DoD

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WELL BEING

.....I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health....

Well being can be simply defined as being physically and mentally fit and healthy. A lot of factors contribute to this state of wholeness. Nutrition and exercise are major factors among others such as weight balance, general body check-ups, etc. Women in Christ are not exempted from a need to be and feel healthy. Understanding the importance of health will also make us to be conscious of certain things and be efficient home keepers.

NUTRITION

Nutrition is the supply of materials (food) required by organisms and cells to stay alive. Carbohydrates supply between 50%-60% of the energy required for humans but they are not only the important elements needed by the body. Other nutrition elements are lipid, protein, vitamins, minerals and water. A well-balanced diet should contain adequate amounts of protein, fat, vitamins, minerals, carbohydrate and water.

The Institute of Medicine recommends that adults seeking a well-balanced nutrition get 45% to 65% of their calories from carbohydrate, 20% to 35% of their calories from fat, and 10% to 25% of their calories

from protein. Carbohydrates are grouped into two major categories: Simple carbohydrates such as glucose and fructose found in fruits, berries, honey, etc. and the complex carbohydrates which are found in whole grains, and many plant-based foods.

●Minerals: People whose intake of food is varied and well thought out, with a well balanced diet will in most cases obtain all their minerals from what they eat. Potassium, Chloride, Sodium, Calcium, and Iodine, are among the key minerals essential for human.

●Vitamins: Eating a well-balanced diet which should typically include fruits and vegetables provides an individual's vitamin requirements. Our bodies cannot synthesize (produce) enough or any of it. So we have to obtain it from our food

●Protein: Protein is found in every cell, muscle and tissue of our body and is also present in many of the foods that we eat. We can easily find it in milk, egg, beef etc.

●Water: The major sources of water for the body are fluid intake, food intake, and oxidation of foodstuffs by the body. Water is lost in urine, feces, perspiration, and expired air and should be made up for.

●Lipid: Lipid includes molecules such as cholesterol and triglyceride. These are obtained from certain oils and fat and should be taken with a lot of professional counsel.

All of these elements provide the major energy for us, enhance our immunity, promote the human body's metabolism and strengthen our immune system. Basically, they keep our body going.

EXERCISE

According to the Online Dictionary, exercise is a body or mental exertion, especially for the sake of training or improvement of health. Also, according to the American Heart Association, exercise can be defined as a subset of physical activity that is planned, structured, repetitive and purposeful in the sense that improvement or maintenance of physical fitness is the objective. There are several forms and kinds of exercise.

The 3 major kinds of Exercise are:

1.) Aerobic exercise: It overloads the heart and lungs by making them to work harder than at rest. Examples are aerobic dance, swimming, etc.

2.) Anaerobic exercise: They are short-lasting, high intensity activities where the body demand for oxygen exceeds the oxygen supply available". Examples are heavy weight-lifting, running, intense biking, etc. The main purpose is to build power and strengthen the

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muscles.

3.) Agility training: It is any activity that has to do with body balance and co-ordination. Examples are figure runs, ladder drills, cross over etc.

These can further be divided into:

- Strength or Resistance exercises
- Flexibility exercises
- Balance exercises
- Cardiovascular exercises

All these also varies on the level of intensity. They can be light, moderate or vigorous.

Benefits of exercise

- It strengthens the body's different muscles
- Reduces high blood pressure and improves the circulation of the blood
- Improves the quality of sleep
- Improves mental health issues
- Reduces the risk of heart diseases and cardiovascular problems, cancer, diabetes and stroke
- Reduces the risk of osteoporosis
- Reduces obesity and
- Improves the mood and helps you to live longer

As daughters of Zion, lots of things run through our mind: our career, partners and spouses, and family among others. Our maker put all these in our lives to make us healthier on daily basis and not otherwise. Among all these therefore, be reminded that according to 3 Jn1:2, He delights in us living healthy that he might be glorified. He therefore gives us wisdom for good living. Live well and stay blessed.

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ASCENDING flight TO GRACE

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Background – what was your growing up like?

Quite wonderful, though not without the usual challenges

How did you meet Christ and when?

Through a neighbour who suddenly took special interest in my family. She would check on us every other day trying to introduce Christ to us and this was around 1987. I gave my life to Christ then, although I backslid for sometime because I didn't understand much of what it meant to be born again as at yet. Later at the university, I kept having encounters with Christ that I couldn't resist until I finally decided to yield all to Him.

Marriage, when and how?

I had a little delay in this area not because I didn't have suitors but my level of knowledge and understanding of God's leading made me a little jittery. But we thank God for His mercies. During my service year, I came home once and my husband-to-be as at then saw me. He couldn't propose then



since I was in a relationship, which later broke up. After the relationship broke up, he came up and asked for my hand in marriage. I delayed him a bit because I wanted to be very sure he was meant for me and after series of confirmation from God and God's people, we got engaged. We later got married on the 27th day of December, 2003 having been through all the counseling sessions and scrutiny from the marriage committee of my church (Jubilee Christian Church International, Abeokuta).

Acting, how did you come into it?

I started out while still in the secondary school with ewi, iroyin kayefi, recitation, and so on. After my conversion, I got attracted to the drama group. Infact that was the first group that got my attention. I discovered that there was something in me that was seriously in love with acting although I was on the choir too. I did a little bit of acting in the Christian Union (CU) drama group at University of Ilorin. But after attending the mount Zion institute of Christian Drama, a fire jumped on me that I have never recovered from and since then, it has been from glory to glory.

What is the secret behind your adaptability to different types of roles in movies? Teachability, sacrifice, willingness to develop my skill, inquisitiveness and most importantly, opening up to the work of grace through the Holy Spirit.

Mention some of the movies you have featured in?

Storms of life, enemy of my soul, ta lo le gbagbe?, majemu ikoko, ipile, lawful captives, nigbati mo wo fin, ta lo ba o se?, the reason, ile ominira, tactics, ekun ikoko, asepano, something to hide, ojo ola,

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gate keepers, clash in oruland etc

Why acting, why not something else? Primarily calling, secondarily interest.

What is the most challenging role that you have played so far and the challenges you face as an actress and also on locations?

There is no aspect of acting (even when playing minor roles) that is not challenging and that's where the excitement is. Any role that doesn't challenge a drama minister is an indication of trust in the arms of the flesh. It is the Holy Spirit that helps us through any challenge that arises.

What is the difference between make-believe and reality?

You see, as an actor/actress, your passion for acting is revealed in the way you play your roles. You must be able to make people know that you are also being ministered to. This is rated in how the film is received. Though several times we switch roles, the people will only be ministered to when it is real to them. They display emotions according to the trend of the movie because to them, it is reality not just a film. But when you act and your passion is not felt, people will term that film 'make believe' and nobody wants to believe a 'make believe'

Are films real? Films are real. It is a living organism not just something abstract. This is why lives are transformed and destinies are molded through films.

What is the role of your husband in your acting ministry; Supportive? Supportive is an understatement. I always jokingly say that if I come back to this world and found myself in the drama ministry, I will choose my husband again. I doubt if there is another man that can be as supportive as he has been to me over the years.

And please a word for single sisters in ministry:

Just two words; trust and obey. Any one that will trust in the Lord and will be willing to always obey will get the desired results.

Is there joy in acting for Christ? Is it fulfilling, rewarding and encouraging?

Of course yes. There is joy. Joy is a major ingredient of every successful enterprise. The bible says "because thou served not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things...Deuteronomy 28: 47-48.

Fulfilling because when you see people getting born again through these movies and pointing to your film as an

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instrument, your fulfillment knows no bound. There is cash reward, kind reward, prayer reward and several other kinds of reward we get from people that have been blessed through our ministrations. Yes, for the same reason it is encouraging.

Final world for the singles:

I have no other advice than the one that the Lord Himself has given in Prov 3:5-7 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the LORD, and depart from evil". And I pray that God's mercy will prevail over our lives in Jesus name. Amen. DoD



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SINGLE SISTERS

Ruth 1:22 'So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.'

The story of Ruth as a single woman who had chosen to follow and be bound to the Lord will be a blessing to us as single ladies. You may not have met Ruth but you sure have met Sade, Chidinma....and YOU! I am so pleased to meet you today. The Holy Spirit will have us learn from this single lady: Ruth who had become bound to the Lord and was returning out of her own country to another. Ruth obviously had challenges that we can identify with even today. We will look at some in this edition.

a. Her identity:

Ruth 2:5 "Boaz asked the man in charge, "Who is that young woman?"

Ruth 2:6 "The man answered, "She is the foreigner who came back from Moab with Naomi".

Ruth was a Moabitess in Bethlehem. She was a Moabitess who had met with the Lord through her mother-in-law. However, she was in a land where the ways and culture of the people was not what she had known for the most part of her life. Although, she was now separate from Moab and had chosen to go with Naomi, she yet was called a MOABITNESS: a foreigner.

One challenge single sisters have to deal with in their new locations is identity. Questions like "who am I? Who do I want to be known as? Will I want to be seen as a "CHRISTIAN"? What reputation do I want to

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"...He calls you my pure and undefiled one"

bear? Do I trade my JESUS CULTURE and take on society culture so that I will be accepted?" It doesn't stop at just you many times; it progresses on to 'what do people call me?' 'I want to be called a "Bethlehemite" even though I really am a Moabitess. I want to look like, talk, and act like them'.

2Co 10:12 "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

Sister you are unique! The scripture above tells us that comparisons only produce one thing: FOOLISHNESS. Your identity is this; the daughter of the King of nations: your Lord! Do you know how much inheritance you have walked into as a daughter of the king? Tribe, nation of origin, and the many things that look really "cool" do not define you. This is what defines you sister irrespective of where you are located: the presence of the Lord that you carry!

Exo 33:16 "How will anyone know that you are pleased with your people and with me if you do not go with us? Your presence with us will distinguish us from any other people on earth."

The presence of God in you is what gives you identity. Therefore please do not lose it, keep it. The pure wisdom of God in you teaches you how to (like Brother Paul) become all things to all men without displeasing God, that many may by you come to God and not blaspheme His name.

b. Company:

Ruth 2:9 "watch them to see where they are reaping and stay with them. I have ordered my men not to molest you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and drink from the water jars that they have filled."

Looking for and getting Godly Company (especially people like us, with whom you can forget about all the phonetics!) is another issue Godly sisters face. However, Boaz's action here is a type of what the Father does for us. He sets us in homes (Psalm 68:6). Many times we just need to be open to receive the people of different color and race God sets us with. Ruth overcame. She was a Moabitess and may have felt queer among the other women initially, she however left her comfort zone and set out to be with the godly women with whom she could be SAVE AND NOT MOLESTED!

Ruth 2:22 'Naomi said to Ruth, "Yes, daughter, it will be better for you to work with the women in Boaz' field. You might be molested if you went to someone else's field."

Do not keep wrong company, remember Dinah. The Lord rebukes even kings for your sake and orders them not to molest you. However, do not walk out of His covering. Be wise!



c. Income/job:

"Ruth 2:2 One day Ruth said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields to gather the grain that the harvest workers leave. I am sure to find someone who will let me work with him." Naomi answered, "Go ahead, daughter."

Getting a honorable job; a good source of bread on our table is also another challenge single ladies have a lot of times. Ruth went to pick from the fields. She was not too exalted to be responsible. It is needful to say that as long as that job God provides you helps you make honest gains, it is not ridiculing.

Some of us may however have delays with getting a job, look up to your source, the El-Shaddai, He will set bread on your tables and guide you into fertile lands. Never submit to the pressures to exchange the Lord's temple (your body), your gifts, Grace, callings and the dignity that God has endured you with for mere bread. Remember Esau, he sold his birthright and the Lord said he was a profane man (Heb 12:16). He sought it with tears and never found it. Joseph however waited, Esther waited and in a strange land, God gave them thrones!

Many societal cultures that negate the word of God (homo-sexualism, co-habitation, infidelity before marriage, nudity, and many perverted ideas of man called liberty) which are quite peculiar depending on our different locations are

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A few words that readily come to mind when you think about singleness are 'alone', maybe, 'unattached'. A single person is one that is not 'coupled' with another in a marriage relationship, not attached (although they could possibly be in a courtship). As it is a preamble to marriage itself, surely it must be a thing of joy to be single and waiting. It should be a period of active-joyful expectation and not a time of patient-inactivity.

The life cycle of a butterfly comes to mind when I think of the Christian singleness. To the outside world, the larva while in its cocoon; a protective silk case, appears lonely, dry, restricted, sometimes ugly, hard, isolated, and unattractive. In this state, you hardly see movements and the incompletely formed insect appears stagnant- the whole process could take several weeks. However, in that tiny cocoon, one of God's greatest transformations occurs and we eventually see the emergence of the butterfly, beautifully arrayed in some of the best colour combinations no 'ankara' designer can match.

Christian singles are sometimes misled by people in or out of the body of Christ who portray singleness as a thing to loathe and a state to be escaped from at all cost. In the efforts of this 'good-willing people' to 'encourage' singles to look forward to marriage they plant doubt, dismay, despair and sometimes depression. You are, sometimes, made to see yourself as someone that ought to be pitied and not celebrated. Some singles stop attending seminars and workshops to avoid the 'shame' attached to attending yearly with no evidence of progress (i.e. the initiation of a courtship). The single Christians then begins to consider themselves as second-class citizens, and anxiety sets in. (The butterfly-in-making begins to seek a premature exit from its cocoon).

However, in scriptures, we see a different perspective. We have examples of people who were single and yet content. They got married eventually and maintained an undying service to God (e.g. Isaac, Mary, Joseph). Some were single and content throughout their lives (e.g., Daniel, Paul).

Be content with the cocoon while you are wrapped in it, for it is an essential pre-requisite to your glorious exit into marriage. Actually, enjoy your cocoon while it is, for once you are out, you are!

Now you may ask; "What must I do, while I wait?", "How do I make my existence count for much, while in the "cocoon"?" Let's go back to the beginning.

Before God gave Adam, the first single man, the bone of his bone and the flesh of his flesh, He gave him tasks. Adam was asked to care for the things that matter to God. All of God's creatures were put in Adam's care as God's representative on earth. Adam was not waiting in the corner for his 'consolation' (his wife), he was busy. It was never mentioned that Adam was desperate for a wife (although I am sure he had the longings that are common to all men), neither was it mentioned that he was dissatisfied with the state of singleness in which he was. He fellowshiped with God and learnt what it meant to please God.

Take your eyes off of yourself, your needs, your longings and your desires. The fantasies are just illusions and distractions from the devil aimed contending with God's purpose for your life. Burn the romantic novels; destroy everything that seeks to make you a slave to despair and depression. Set your heart on God, His desires, His pleasures, and His delight- those are bigger, and of more eternal benefit.

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what you carry is your choice

saved today. Jesus made a right though painful choice but it was the best and it was the will of God Matthew 26: 36-41

"Every choice you make has an end result." Zig Ziglar
God gave to each human being the power to choose: so we choose between evil and good in our decisions in life.

"Refuse the evil, and choose the good. [Isaiah 7:15]"
To refuse the evil might actually look foolish to the world but it's the wisest thing to do with God. As wives and mothers to be, we need to be able to discern between the good and the bad at every junction of decision. The Holy Spirit who should be your senior partner will be the one at those junctions to tell you what to do but it's only if you possess him and allow him to direct you.

Rachael is a typical example. She came out at the right time to meet her husband-to-be whom she didn't know as at then (Genesis 29; 6-12). Though Laban tricked Jacob yet Rachael became Jacob's wife and a mother at the time appointed of God. The Lord favored Jacob and was by him while he worked with Laban, her father through tough times and made him rich. Even though he was tricky yet God kept them.

However with all the goodness of God Rachael had enjoyed she was soon to start making critical choices. Rachael didn't have children and could not be a mother early. In response to her plight, she gave Jacob her slave girl to bear children for her. She was too hasty to wait for God's appointed time. I believe she must have doubted God so she went after her own 'gods' to have children because of the situation in the home with her sister Leah.

I don't know what you are passing through now that you are about to or already making an alternative for God. Those alternatives are not original let God help you in that situation. Let him give you the original. Where are the women who do not mind waiting on God like Hannah, Elizabeth and Mary? She needed faith and spiritual insight to understand and see what God was preparing for her: a seed of destiny; Joseph.

Rachael eventually couldn't leave those idols, she was so attached to them that she stole her father's as they left ... Genesis 31:19. What are you so attached to that you cannot leave behind for God: habits, friends, worldly things, affairs, associations or attractions?

It's exciting to be with you again on this 3rd edition. The Lord has been faithful and he will ever be, he however seeks from us our own faithfulness. He demands our attention in all we do and needs our heart so that he can lead us to be the wives and mothers he wants us to be in life. It takes the help of God without which we can do nothing but he leaves the choices to us.

On this edition we will be shedding more light on choices. We all have the freedom of choices and the complete package of their consequences as well. Our choices are a part of us and they affect our destiny either positively or negatively. They determine our destiny. Use that power to choose in the will of God and He will surely direct your path in life.

"Every choice moves us closer to or farther away from something. Where are your choices taking you in life? What do your attitudes demonstrate that you are saying yes or no to in life?" Eric Allenbaugh.

Jesus was praying at a time close to his death. He had a choice to quit in the process of our redemption, his will cried out to opt out because he was in agony and pain but he let the will of God overrule his will. That was the best choice he made if not we will not be

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If she had an understanding of the destiny seed in her and the power of God she won't have carried those idols. If she had believed in the God of the whole Universe or had known the consequence of carrying the idols; death, she won't have carried those idols.

Ruth chose to carry those idols with her to their destination even though she didn't know where they were heading to. She cherished it so much that she lied to the owner: her father, while he searched for it. Genesis 31:34-36. Consequently, a curse of death was placed on the thief (Rachael). She definitely felt smart thinking no one saw her but God did. She forgot that the all seeing God detests idols in his camp. I don't know what you have with you now, yours might not be a physical hand-crafted idol, it could be thoughts, deeds, actions, habits or lifestyles that do not delight God.

Dinah was a daughter of destiny just as you are. God had plans for her future; to be a wife and mother in his will at his appointed time but her thoughts was for the world. She left her camp and was defiled. The Holy Spirit would have warned her but she never listened and that was the end of her story. You will never be forgotten in Jesus name.

Lots wife was another bitter example. They were all instructed not to take anything out of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord guided them out but she carried Sodom in her heart. She couldn't just leave it behind. She didn't carry any physical thing but her heart carried it. She looked back because that was where her heart was, instead of looking up to the mountains, their destination and to God. She was instantly destroyed: turned into a pillar of Salt.

Wives and mothers of tomorrow you will not be destroyed. Don't carry the past with you. Don't carry that sinful life with you. Don't carry those bad habits with you.

What are you carrying in your heart that is an abomination to your maker? God is set to make you new, let him lead you to his destination for you. He knows your future. Let go and let God. You must fulfil that God given destiny on earth therefore you must allow God to direct all that concerns you. Proverbs 3; 5-8 says

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to your body, and strength to your bones."

You have just this life to live, live it right. Make the right choice to carry God with you instead of those idols of the heart and you will see him helping you in life. Ruth made the right choice and she fulfilled destiny despite her sorrowful past. The lord is interested in your case. He wants you to be the wife and mother he desires. He wants you to always yield to the Holy Spirit in the issues of life. You will need him as you journey in life. He wants you to carry him in your heart all the days of your lives. It's your choice: choose who will occupy that heart of yours today. Your heart is precious to God!

"Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold." (Proverbs 8:10)

"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver" (Proverb 16:16)

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: Therefore choose life." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

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"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. (Rom 12:2)" Christian families are entrusted with the great task of showing the world how the home is supposed to be: we are the salt of the world, and a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden.

Leaving home for a foreign land should not be seen as a challenge but an opportunity to show Christ, love and good examples to others around us. As Africans (especially Nigeria like I know), our culture is one that supports the home structure as written in the bible. This includes parent-children relationship which is full of respect, responsibility, love and discipline. Most cultures outside of our shores are not like ours; they are either adulterated or completely neglect the God-ordained order in the home.

Our home and relationship should depict us as Christians, just like we cannot hide our accents that when we speak it shows who we are and where we come from. We should not neglect our moral and spiritual standards for transformations that negate the word of God. We are to uphold our vigilance and persistence in raising our children. We also need to help them understand their godly uniqueness and positive difference in the society we are.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Pro22:6). Parents should lead by example. They need to respect and not look down on each other so as not to send wrong messages to the children. When they do this, they gain their children's confidence and love. Also, children should be engaged in chores. We, as parents in Diaspora should not spoil the kids by not training them in domestic activities, simply because we have the money and the necessary machinery in place. We never can tell the situations the children might find themselves in the future; therefore, it is required of us to train them adequately. Parenting should be out of love and not of pride. It is not what

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we want them to be but the plans of God for their lives that matter. Remember that we are just custodians of God's heritage (Psa 127:3-Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward).

Discipline is one aspect that many parents in Diaspora fail. We tend to forget how we were brought up by our own parents simply because we have changed location. Spare the rod and spoil the child, a meat not well fried will rot in few days. Pro 22:5 says "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him". We as parents should not hesitate to use the rod when it is necessary. The Western world while avoiding child abuse tends to neglect discipline and this in most cases is evident in the imbalanced teenagers and adults produced. The use of the rod should not be often as kids tend to develop resistance towards it; nevertheless it is a godly form of chastisement. Parents should also talk to their children more and always be their friend, build a friendly relationship with them and they will tell you all you need to know.

Parenting is a spiritual thing and should be viewed in a spiritual manner. Let's always pray for our children that they will never deviate from God's principles and expectations from them. And we should always remember that the place we reside is not to dictate how we raise our children. Trust God, and He will continue to lead and direct us.

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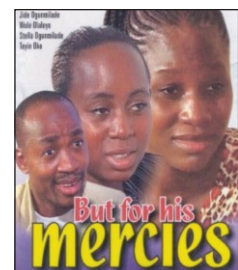
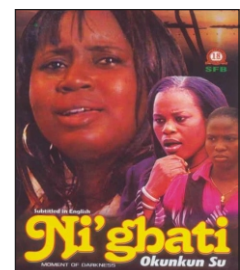
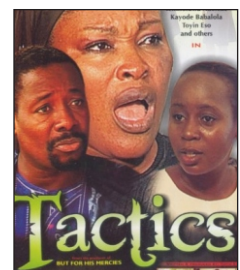
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targeted at harassing the purity and tenderness of Godly singles who are passionate for God.

However, be of good cheer, keep your identity: the presence of God, and He will set you on high because you have set your love on Him. Ruth pulled through and she overcame: she was grafted from nothingness into the lineage of our Christ! You will overcome too for God is continually at work in you.

Stay pure, submitted to God, blessed and rapturable!

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