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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to my mother Sarah Otieno who is my Heroine, My Bishop Samson Kenteyia, My Darling Wife Joyce Victor, My Siblings, Lucy Kakenya, and all My Teachers.

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The letter in this book was inspired by the true life encounters and the words of mum Sarah “My son work hard so that you don’t live a life same to that I lived”

ABOUT THE BOOK

YOU MUST LIVE is a book full of good life lessons with an aim of giving people hope for another chance to live, it is not just all about living but it all about living a satisfactory life. It teaches on good morals, courage to face life challenges, ideas on how to overcome life Challenges and building a generation of God fearing youths.

INTRODUCTION

Life is full of challenges being a youth of this generation is very boring and troublesome. Imagine you just have to live with the Heartbreaks, Poverty, Betrayal, Loneliness, Confusions that you are battling with just by overcoming. Imagine You are not having anybody to depend on but you just have to live! Imagine You have no one to Pay your School fees but you just have to live! Imagine the People you thought will Help you are the ones now hurting you! Imagine With all the papers you have you are still jobless! In life you just have to be strong and face everything with a aim to win. People may disappoint you, but The Bible tells us;

“The Spirit gives us power, love

and self control”

2 Timothy 1.7

“God’s Spirit Makes us loving, happy, peaceful,

patient, kind, good, faithful,

gentle, and self-controlled”

Galatians 5.22

CHAPTER ONE

THE HARDSHIP THAT MADE ME

I was born in a family of young couples and me being the firstborn with my two siblings everything become tough on my side. Dad bid as a good bye when we were young leaving us with mum only as our only hope. Mum had no Job, She was just left with a grass thatched house that was leaking and during rain we had to gather at one corner that was somehow better. The only job Mama could do was to burn charcoal, sell firewood, make sisal ropes for sell at least to get us something to eat.

Just like other young children were to be taken to school, Mum took as to the nearest school for our Early childhood Education. But unfortunately things turned upside down when the closest people who we were seeing us our protectors sent Mum away with an aim of taking away the less my poor father left behind. Helplessly Mum took us with some few clothes in a basin and “Mahanya” (Githeri without beans) to her mother our grandmother who was now to take care of us.

Being that Mum got married immediately after KCPE exams, The only option left was to go out to Kisumu in search of House girl job that she got successfully. We started life at grandmothers place and on reaching class five a certain elderly woman “Nyaramba” met me and told me “Victor you are a Man go back to your fathers home and Make everything right.” Her words lived fresh in me everyday and I one day made a decision took my younger

brother and we went back home. At home everything become hard and we had to skip going to school to make charcoal and fired that we sold to buy food, we sometimes had to walk with heavy loads of firewood on our head to Nyabondo for a barter trade, it pained me seeing my little brother crying because of the heavy firewood and long distance walk but I could not help and yes we had to persevere and live.

The death of my father lived fresh in me just because of the painful words people were attacking us with saying we were just going to die and follow dad. Their assumptions were that dad died of HIV/AIDS and the entire family was going to die too, days were counted for us and I still wonder if their counting is still going on. We live in a generation where people believe death can only be as a result of being bewitched or HIV/AIDs. What will we do? we must just live.

At class six level I was lucky to get employed to take care of cattles “Jakwath” as they call it. My payment was fifty shillings daily and that helped us get food. By this time mum was also struggling taking herself back to school to study fashion and design with the little money she earned and saved. A well wisher came who took me to Nairobi and promised to pay for my education, I remember praying just thanking God and promising bro big things, On a night I was to travel to Nairobi I had sleepless nights just seeing big things and smiling just alone. I travelled to Nairobi where I was received well and taken to TIBA JUNIOR ACADEMY, during this moment is when I experienced the Most funny moment of my life, I was taken to School with a short full of patches and “Ladies High Heeled Shoes”. This made the

whole class to laugh at me, when being asked on when I came to Nairobi by the class teacher I boldly answered “Tomorrow” and following thing I saw was the entire class laughing at me. But I took it normal since I was innocent. After two terms at Nairobi Everything changed to an extent I found myself in the streets of Nairobi with no one to help and that is when I remembered what we were taught in Sunday school that “cursed is a man that puts his trust in a fellow man.

During this moment I got discouraged, I saw my dreams coming to an end and I could do was to live my life crying. I found myself back at home in the same village at Nyakach. I went back to my former primary school and decided to just be friend to my books. I could sometimes go to school hungry but I persevered till I did my class eight and mum took me to our village school and all I remember till today is seeing my mother cry and her words, “Victor My Son go school so that you and your family don’t go through what I went through.” I gave all my effort at form one mum managed to build us four sheet of “mabati” house though small but it restored our hopes. After form four now I was a man full of expectations, I got many promises of help from people but none of them worked out. Mjengo was the option left but how long was I going to be a mjengo man.

I then chose to join National Youth Service (NYS), a choice that many laughed at, many discouraged me that NYS is tough, that I am just going to be a sweeper and do sewage works. Being that I had made up my mind I joined NYS though it was no a walk in the park I fastened my belt till the end of my paramilitary training and that’s when I saw the

smile of Mama when she came all the way from Kisumu to Gilgil to receive his big boy “his man” She hugged me tightly and just said Victor God has done it. NYS molded me from a boy to a man, there I got many parents who would use the rod so that I could not get spoiled. NYS taught me to be hardworking, to be tough, to be a survivor in all circumstance and it filled my mind with lots of skills.

The other stage of life did not spare me to. It was time and I started thinking of having a family someday to come, I met heartbreaks, and I even sometimes experienced it hard that the only solution was to cry. I had no option but I knew I must live for the change and a new beginning.

CHAPTER TWO

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Everything on earth has it's ow time and its own season

ECCLESIASTES 3.1

I had one of my best friend “Ondigi” who was my classmate and most of the time we studied together, at a point in our life journey Ondigi met a girl when we were in class eight by the name Neema. Neema was coming from a well off family, She was the most beautiful of our age if I am not wrong, her dimples were so much eye stealing when she smiles and her color was just woow; I think Neema was that species that the learned fellows says was created in the morning when God was still full of energy.

Ondigi felt in Neema’s trap and I love you became there song, He went to an extent of writing Neema’s name on his school shirt. They promised each other marriage and being that Ondigi was saved he started preaching to Neema and most of the times I could see them discussing in private and even holding hands to pray together. Ondigi and books became big enemies; He missed classes to spend time with Neema at the Computer Room. At this moment me and other friends we become his enemies and he kept us away from his circle I believe it was his way of protecting his territory.

His performance dropped, his behaviors changed and when the teachers realized this he promised to change but this could not work since his interest for studies was long gone. He started being rude and even fought teachers. Most

painfully he destroyed the good relationship between him and his parents since his parents tried to warn him about the early relationship. Neema was his world and everybody else was an intruder.

So first a time came and we were to sit for our KCSE exams, Everyone around was busy in readiness for the exams. The time came and we did the exams and on finishing, it was time for everyone to say goodbye, we parted ways Neema left for Kakamega to her parents and Ondigi who was our neighbor remained with hopes of meeting Neema his “Love” days passed weeks passed and even the communication between them ended, a month later the results were released and the unexpected happened, Ondigi who was the most bright student scored an E and Neema scored a C+

Stories reached as that Neema was lucky to secure a chance at medical training college for a nursing course and our boy Ondigi was left just with an option of being a bodaboda rider around. This made him depressed most of the time and with the group around him he indulged in drugs. He got addicted to bhang and he lived the rest of his life regretting the time he wasted

Many youths fails to achieve their dreams just because they fail to understand the first things first say,, this has been a threat to the success of many youths, at school level the only theme that one should have is studies and studies alone. When you engage in boy girl relationship while at school it is automatic that your concentration will be gone, you are a student accept it and be a student, you can never build a

house by constructing a roof first. Lay a good foundation first for your life and others will follow.

When we look at the biblical support on first things first, we see Joseph who had dreams of being a great person. On his journey to achieve this Joseph met a lot of challenges, the people close to him (his brothers) even plotted killing him. But God still gave them the idea of selling him to spare his life, he met Potiphar's wife who wanted to sleep with him, Joseph gathered courage, tightened his Zip never to fall in her trap, his first mission was achieving his dreams. And with that discipline Joseph became the Governor.

There is possibility you can overcome the lust that is keeping away from achieving your goal, the devil is a liar and his plan is to bring Confusion, to Destroy and to totally kill. He brings confusion to your life by making you hate the First things First Rule and destroy you totally by separating you with your destiny helpers. Paul after seeing all the plans of the devil he cautions us;-

“Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to Him as a living sacrifice, Pure and Pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.”

Romans 12.1-2

Put your house in order and success will always be your story, always know yourself and what you need, at what time

do you need it, how urgent to you need it, how are you going to get it and who is going to help you get it

Have time discipline, plan yourself well every moment you wake up. Always remember every second and minute passing you are growing old. Avoid wasting much time on useless things you have the potential and all the requirements to meet victory.

Only a faithful Farmer will understand the seasons, prepare the land at the right time, plant at the right time, weed at the right time, add good nutrients to the land and harvest, but a lazy farmer will always sleep and he realizes it's late he plant without preparing the land and lives the rest of his life complaining and blaming others. Nobody is to live your life for you. You must Live.

CHAPTER THREE

DO NOT CHANGE TO MAKE THEM STAY

This has been the cause of failure and depression in many people's lives, it is a problem that is finishing both the poor and the rich.

We had a challenge some days back with our neighbors, being that we were left empty handed when my father died they expected us to live the most miserable life ever. When God started answering our prayers through the hard work we were doing they started speaking spreading stories everywhere that we have joined "Illuminati" This didn't make us to stop working hard to achieve our dreams, their words never changed us but it even encouraged us. Let your surrounding not change you to fit in it.

Many students becomes victims of peer pressure because they accept changing to be accepted by others, they become part of immorality just because everybody is doing, They smoke because they want to be accepted by others,

People are regretting their marriages because they faked everything to be accepted, be your original no matter how hard it might be. Only the stupid will walk naked because people are walking naked. Are just going to eat cow dung because you found another person eating?

There was a girl Kemunto who was brought up in a Christian family, she was saved and well mannered, her dress code was good and many parents around admired her. When Kemunto joined University she found herself in another world. Life over there was just a small heaven. Being that

she has been under the control of her parents since childhood she was not that exposed, at this moment Kemunto was to live alone freely. Her first day in the environment she met a lot of friends who showed us every corner of the institution and it was good. It reached a time to now know each other deeply as friends so she paid them a visit and surprisingly all of the ladies had men in their rooms that they were living together with. A lot of questions disturbed Kerubo and her friends didn't hesitate to get her a man. She turned down their choice but later because of their pressure on her she gave in, She changed her dressing code and even stopped attending church services since her man needed time with her.

After a short period of time Kemunto was introduced to Bashes and alcohol was now a normal thing to her. Before the end of her first semester Kemunto become pregnant, all this happened and she was to blame herself since she agreed to be changed forgetting the good morals from her parents.

Many good youths suffers so much regretting there live in colleges because they followed the trends of college.

I just want to bring this picture to your mind, just try imagining your first day at school be it Secondary, College, Technical Training institutes and others. During the admission some were brought by parents driving big cars, some even came driving their own cars but poor you the best thing you had was just a metallic box or just a small bag carrying the little your parent could afford, you were so ambitious and promised your parent the best, you were innocent and clean then why are you going to allow then

change you to an extent you forget your past, your suffering siblings and parents?

You are not alone in that dilemma, remember Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego, they were also youths just as we are, they also faced this same dilemma, they were asked to stop living a Godly and enjoy the royal meals and drinks but they chose to just eat vegetables and remain pure, they never wanted to please the majority but to remain faithful to God. Likewise Joseph did not change to make Portiphas' wife happy. In life a times you just have to stand firm and protect your integrity. If words were to change people, Job could have changed during is painful moment.

I wish I had a means of getting into the mind of youths of this generation to just install this permanently in them. I always feel the pain when I see so many youths going astray because of lack of knowledge. Every moment you are to make a decision just reflect where you are coming from and where you want to go in life and it will help you make the right decisions always. God placed everything under human control and yes you can.

CHAPTER FOUR

DRINK FROM YOUR OWN CISTERN

15 Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well.

16 Should thy springs be dispersed abroad, and streams of water in the streets?

17 Let them be for thyself alone, And not for strangers with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed; and rejoice in the wife of thy youth.

(PROVERBS 5.15-18)

Here briefly I just want us to see what is good about water, (water brings life, it gives life to people, animals, plants and water is also essential in construction of our buildings.

Why does the bible refers to sex as water? (it brings life, it gives life to a marriage; it builds a family)

When water is poisoned or contaminated it can kill by causing things like typhoid like wise sex is not to be contaminated it is a good thing but can be bad when used wrongly. Sex actually is not a bad thing as assumed and it was ordained by God.

Sex can be contaminated with STD's or AIDS and the end result may be sickness and even death. It is a call for us as youths to abstain till marriage and when the right time comes God will give you the right person, and the bible talks of the right person who is your and your alone not a community wife.

Many people nowadays are walking VCTs just by looking at somebody's appearance you perform a quick test and rush to the act then later you live a life of regrets.

My grandfather calls it monkey game, you find him/her on this tree now the next moment he/she is on another tree with a slogan "Maisha ni Yangu, Sipangwingwi". My friends don't be this careless you have a great future and many people are looking on you. I just quote for you my Mama's words that "JIPENDE".

There was once a girl by the name Triza who was very much friendly and beautiful and we were together with her in a training where only youths were involved, it was a six months training and youths came from different parts of the country. During the training period Triza managed to give more than 15 boys HIV/AIDS just by giving them cheap sex, looks are very deceptive. We are encouraged to get One right Partner at the right time and enjoy water of your own cistern. The water of your own cistern will always be fresh and safe for your consumption. Having this in mind will help you settle in every thing you are doing knowing that when the right time comes you will enjoy.

Sex has boundaries that God gave and the boundary is Marriage, the boundaries are not to imprison us but, but to protect us and to give us true love and a full life so that sex, like water, can be beautiful and powerful and used for our good.

Many get victims of the phrase; "I will marry you" any one who thinks of marrying you is never going to ask you for sex to prove love, sex is not a proof of love but a water that should be drunk by the rightful owner of the Cistern.

CHAPTER FIVE

IMMORALITY IS NOT CELEBRITY

Youths of this generation measures celebrity with the number of girlfriends and boyfriends they have, it is an act that has made many youths to walk away from their road to destiny. Just as said before you can never serve two masters at a time. Immorality is one of the devils tools that he uses to finish the youth generation. Youth are very energetic and for the growth of a family, church and society they play the bigger role.

I just have some questions that I want us to think about;

1. Must you wear clothes that exposes your body for you to be a modern girl (lady) or modern boy (man)?
2. Must you smoke bang for you to be recognized in the society?
3. Must you wear mini-skirts or cross dress to be a celebrity?
4. Must you post pictures you took naked to get many likes?

With all this questions you can start rating yourself. Social media is good but very dangerous for you if you are going to follow the bad side of it,

Many people are getting into immorality just because they want to remain relevant as content creators but later it doesn't end well with them and around you you can name some or you know some.

You are beautifully and wonderfully made by God just put on your decent clothes and you will still be loved. Cover your body for it is to be seen by one who is worth it.

Drug abuse will never make you a celebrity but it contaminates your body and makes short your period of living. Stay away from them if you want to live.

Today men are seeing cross dressing as a fashion, as a man you even pierce your ears and even apply make ups are you not seeing the way the devil is taking control over you? Just be simple and decent and everything around you is going to be well, nobody is going to employ a man wearing skirt, sleeveless and those many make ups

Posting your naked pictures is not going to make them love you, they are just wondering how cheap you are, They just going to lust at you, enjoy their moments with you and later dump for there is no normal person who is going to marry you with such, nobody will like such immoral people to be a parent to their children.

The New Testament talks much on calls to holiness. Consider the following scriptures

- ✓ 1 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7.1)
- ✓ 21 if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus:
22 that ye put away, as concerning your former

manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt
after the lusts of deceit;

23 and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your
mind,

24 and put on the new man, that after God hath
been created in righteousness and holiness of
truth

(Ephesians 4.21-24)

- ✓ 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in
sanctification.

(1 Thessalonians 4.7)

- ✓ 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us
as seemed good to them; but he for our profit,
that we may be partakers of his holiness.

(Hebrews 12.10)

- ✓ 14 Follow after peace with all men, and the
sanctification without which no man shall see
the Lord

(Hebrews 12.14)

- ✓ 11 Seeing that these things are thus all to be
dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to
be in all holy living and godliness,

(2 Peter 3.11)

CHAPTER SIX

YOU CAN BE THE CHANGE

God gave us that power to overcome every situation of our lives, there is no need of living depressed because of the status of your family. Being born poor was not your fault but living poor forever will be your fault and you will regret it forever.

What does the Bible says :

No temptation comes our way that is not normal to Mankind and in every situation God provides a way out. You are the one who is going to change the story of your family. Your parents are known for

- Selling charcoal
- Selling firewood
- Mama Kibanda
- Working for other people in farms
- Jua kali.

Every thing about you has been less,
children are being born and given example
by your family poverty.

I know of many who made this declaration and indeed they brought back hope to their families. Just with faith declare this with me

“I AM THE CHANGE”

Believe in yourself, dying or committing suicide is not going to help your situation. Let me tell you, I reached a point

where I had no job, no one to depend on and everybody around was now seeing me as a beggar but through hard word God blessed me. It might not be today or tomorrow but in God's appointment time you going to achieve. All your trials might seem not profitable to you by now, you can be an artist, doing businesses, or having your degrees but you are still struggling with poverty, just trust the process it is going to work some days.

What does the bible speaks about this;

17 For though the fig-tree shall not flourish, Neither shall fruit be in the vines; The labor of the olive shall fail, And the fields shall yield no food; The flock shall be cut off from the fold, And there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in Jehovah, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength; And he maketh my feet like hinds' feet , And will make me to walk upon my high places.

(Habakkuk 3.17-19)

You are going to dine with great kings not because of your grades or level of education but because of the grace of God over you. Just remain disciplined, focused, hardworking and God fearing.

The Sunday school teaching “The fear the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom” is still valid. Solomon knew very well that all He needed was wisdom and he asked for it. Every moment as you pray never forget to ask God for wisdom

Wisdom will help you to;

- Understand your status

- Accept your current status
- How to change your status
- Have discipline

7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom; Yea, with all thy getting get understanding.

(Proverbs 4.7)

Rise up be strong and know that you must live. “Be the change”

CHAPTER SEVEN

AT THE END OF EVERY DARK TUNNEL THERE IS LIGHT

Life is full of dark tunnels and during this tunnels your friends may stay away from you, your family may reject you, your pastor may not understand you and even the church may fail to understand you. Look at the story of Job,

Here we see all the afflictions that job suffered, Job was a rich man and a good servant of God, the devil tested his Jobs faithfulness to God by bring sufferings to Jobs life. All is wealth were swept away by Calamities and all his children also died, Job remained with nothing and his friends thought he wronged God. Most surprisingly Job's wife who could have been there for him during this tough times Laughed at him and asked him to leave God and die.

With a quick understanding at this moment Job became useless to his wife and of no good but worth death.

Situations come in life that may sometimes makes you useless to everyone and you may be left alone helpless. You may curse the day of your birth just because of pain, people may see you as a sinner because of your afflictions, you might be just a smelling creature but I love the faith Job had;-

6 For affliction cometh not forth from the dust, Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

7 But man is born unto trouble, As the sparks fly upward.

8 But as for me, I would seek unto God, And unto God

would I commit my cause;

9 Who doeth great things and unsearchable, Marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, And sendeth waters upon the fields;

11 So that he setteth up on high those that are low, And those that mourn are exalted to safety.

12 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty, So that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; And the counsel of the cunning is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the day-time, And grope at noonday as in the night.

15 But he saveth from the sword of their mouth, Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth:

Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He will deliver you in six troubles; Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he will redeem you from death; And in war from the power of the sword.

(Job 5.6-20)

In this hard moments of life God watches over you and He is surely going to deliver you. Everything with a beginning must have an end, challenge comes our way to make us strong. At night you can cry but in the morning you are going to celebrate.

Sarah and Abraham lived a childless life till late stage of their marriage, but God blessed them with a child and through the child God made parents of Nations. Borrow this faith of Abraham and heart of Job and you will live at peace, you will be called names because of your situation, people will even take everything that belongs to you, you might sometimes go without food, you might sometimes lack school fees and even good clothes to put on but I encourage you with the less you have wake up every morning take a bath wear your clothes and try again.

22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all mine ordinances, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out.

23 And ye shall not walk in the customs of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, you shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am Jehovah your God, who hath separated you from the peoples.

(Leviticus 20.22-24)

As long as you are going to live a life that pleases God, He promises a future full of sweetness (Milk and Honey), You will Possess great things of the land.

CHAPTER EIGHT

WHO IS YOUR FRIEND?

Who is your friend? This is the question that is going to design your future, a proverb supports this by saying, “birds of the same feather flock together.” You hung around with great minds you automatically become great and smart, you hung around with lesser minds you likewise expect a lesser life.

How are you going to get the good friends now? The best answer for this question is all about the values that you are going to attach to your life. Imagine putting a bucket of “Matumbo” on a table, After some few minutes the table plus the bucket will be full of flies, you remove the bucket from the table the flies will follow. Likewise to friendship, people will come to your life depending with the values you attach, in anything you do in life you will need people, in studies you need friends who will help you, at work you will need friends too. This friends plays a very key role in your life, some are destiny connectors others are destiny destroyers. For David to survive in the palace he needed a friend who could help him. Jonathan became his best friend and Jonathan even saved his life when the king plotted to kill him.

I Samuel 20

1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?
2 And he said unto him, Far from it; thou shalt not die:

behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he discloseth it unto me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father knoweth well that I have found favor in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.

6 If thy father miss me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of Jehovah with thee: but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me if perchance thy father answer thee roughly?

11 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, Jehovah, the God of Israel, be witness : when I have sounded my father about this time to-morrow, or the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send unto thee, and disclose it unto thee?

13 Jehovah do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do thee evil, if I disclose it not unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and Jehovah be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the lovingkindness of Jehovah, that I die not;

15 but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever; no, not when Jehovah hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying , And Jehovah will require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said unto him, To-morrow is the new moon: and thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send the lad, saying , Go, find the arrows. If I say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this

side of thee; take them, and come; for there is peace to thee and no hurt, as Jehovah liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the boy, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way; for Jehovah hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, Jehovah is between thee and me for ever.

24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat food.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side: but David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul spake not anything that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow after the new moon, which was the second day, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem:

29 and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favor in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he is not come unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of a perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own shame, and unto the shame of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground,

thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore should he be put to death? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast his spear at him to smite him; whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to put David to death.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no food the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not anything: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of Jehovah, saying, Jehovah shall be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed, for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city

David was saved and managed to escape by the help of a friend, for you to live peacefully you need the Jonathan kind of friend who will help you and who will be true to you, a friend who helps you search for girlfriends and boyfriends at the time you should be studying is a destiny killer. A true friends will not introduce you to drugs, a true friend will not encourage you to hate your parents, a true friend will not take you to Pubs for a bash.

This has always been my prayer and being that you have read this book and understood everything, make this be your prayer to ;-

Psalms 25

- 1 A Psalm of David. Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in thee have I trusted, Let me not be put to shame; Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Yea, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame: They shall be put to shame that deal treacherously without cause.
- 4 Show me thy ways, O Jehovah; Teach me thy paths.
- 5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me; For thou art the God of my salvation; For thee do I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness; For they have been ever of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my

transgressions: According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me, For thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah.

8 Good and upright is Jehovah: Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in justice; And the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah, Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth Jehovah? Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; And his seed shall inherit the land.

14 The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him; And he will show them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah; For he will pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: Oh bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Consider mine affliction and my travail; And forgive all my sins. 19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for thee.

*Arise and shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the
Lord has risen upon you*

Isaiah 60.1