

THE DIARY OF A SINGLE LADY READY TO BE MARRIED (Series Three)

The Selection Process For A Kingdom Spouse

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DEDICATION

To God my Father, who brought His son to me.

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I thank my beta readers who went through this journey and publicity of this book with me. My graphic designer for the cover, Victory Kudabo, God bless you.

My husband, who I was on his back, back-to-back for his chapter in this book. Thank you for writing, praying, speaking over and being there for me babe. Thank you for telling everyone that cares to listen, "your wife is writing a book!". Haha, I love you my prophet - babe! God bless you!

And to God, my Father, who wrote such a story and made such a book possible, thinking of you as I write these words, has my face scrunched up in awe of you. You are definitely a script writer, a matchmaker. I see what you did Lord and your daughter Hephzibah is grateful! I love you Lord!

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REVIEWS

This book is a must- read for every single lady. I must say not just ladies but guys too ready to marry.

I say this because it gives you enlightenment and guidance on the selection and decision making process.

It also helps you pay attention to and prioritize what God is saying to you in your marital season as well as what He is saying in that exact time period, not just what He has spoken in the past, because God can change His mind or repent if a man or woman isn't in alignment with His will. He has other sons and daughters like David who will obey Him.

-Priscilla Asare

Ghana

The selection process for a kingdom spouse is a must read for anyone....

- Who wants God's will for his or her life.

* Who does not want to experience delay in waiting for one man or woman thereby making an idol out of a marital choice.

The book teaches one to fix his or her eyes on God and not on any man or woman. Pastor Hephzibah emphasizes hearing God as the most important thing in selecting a spouse.

Please do well to read this masterpiece because you will be glad you did. The book is anointed. I felt every word while reading it.

Thank you for birthing this book; many lives will be liberated through it.

The good Lord bless you and your husband.

-Blessing Okolie

Nigeria

Wow! This book!

For me It's so intense.

It was like I could feel your emotions all through. There are so many things to tell you *congratulations* for!

Thank you so much for the privilege to read this!

-Ruth Omle,

Lagos Nigeria

Reading *The Diary of a Single Lady Ready to Be Married* feels like sitting down with a close friend who isn't afraid to share the raw, unfiltered truth about the ups and downs of waiting for a kingdom spouse.

Hephzibah Frances doesn't sugarcoat the challenges—she's honest about the loneliness, the confusion, and the moments of doubt. But what stands out most is her deep, unwavering faith that God is in control of every step, even when things don't make sense. This book left me with a sense of comfort and reassurance that, even in the most uncertain seasons, there's a purpose in the wait. Hephzibah's journey reminds us that it's not just about finding the right person but about becoming the person God has called us to be in the process. Her story of healing from insecurities and past emotional wounds speaks to anyone who has felt broken or undeserving of love, showing that God's love is the ultimate source of healing.

-Joyce Kakii

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE:

1: You'd see us referring to one another as husband and wife in this book. Please don't get confused. That is because it's already sealed, but apart from that, we didn't want to use fiancé and fiancée in this book and then have to re-edit later. Since we know this book would be used as a handbook by many singles for years to come so we wanted it as it should be even in time to come. Amen.

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Thank you.

INTRODUCTION

ONCE UPON A TIME I wanted this straight journey to my marriage where God just told me and showed me THIS ONE PERSON and we make haste to enter into the kingdom marriage God has for us.

Instead what happened was that, as soon as I entered into a marital season, it was like a siren alarm went off and multiple men started coming at me (I'd be the gladdest when I finally get married and can add married to my social media channels so men can leave me alone).

I have always found an excess amount of interest from men distracting to me. I've always just wanted that one man I can commit to and block the rest out.

But God decided to take me through LESSONS AND WISDOM from the selection process for a spouse. First was the story of the guy I thought was my husband. I waited for him for four years at the end of which God was *like I am doing a new thing. Let that go!*

I had turned the guy into an idol where I felt it had to be him. It must be him. But human beings have wills too and can decide to not do what God wants them to do.

Now I'm in a place where God is opening my eyes to see my wrongs. People I never replied or gave attention to because I judged them from their appearance. Like Samuel I am the prophet who sees Eliab and thinks this is the one but the David in the Bush I wouldn't even consider. My heart has been made bare to me to see how I say I am spiritual but have many biases that can hinder God from truly bringing me the one He has for me.

I am repenting. Taking my corrections from the Lord. Learning a true and better way of judgement by the Spirit, being open & not closed to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the process of selecting a spouse. And I can say now that I wanted ONE MAN to just come at me as his wife. I wanted a straight journey but this meandering path like Samuel walking through seven sons before seeing David has been for me. God wanted to teach me some lessons just like He wanted to teach Samuel some lessons when He sent him to crown David as king (see 1st Samuel 16).

The selection journey is for me!

It hasn't been easy but I see how God wanted to teach me lessons, reveal me to me, refine my character and perhaps also give me wisdom for those who would come after me because I know that raising other kingdom marriages is a calling for me. We have seen many marriages spring out of the book "[Prayers for your future husband](#)" and we will yet see much more.

This book is the third in the series of "The diary of a single lady ready to be married". While the first focused on waiting on God and His timing, the second "31 & Horny" focused on maintaining sexual purity even while waiting and this third series will focus on the selection process for a kingdom spouse written from my own lessons and experience on the journey so far.

I sense that God would not want me to waste this time so into a book it goes so it can be preserved for the ones coming after me. I've got stories for days; stories God has worked on and worked through and they cannot go to waste. It is my prayer that you would find something in this book that would help make your selection process for a kingdom spouse easier.

**To Your kingdom marriage,
Lots of love,
Hephzibah Frances
Lagos Nigeria
March 19th 2023**

ENTRY 1

Today I acquiesced to a date with a guy I have dodged replying to his chats for months if not years. You might ask, why the change of mind Hephzibah? And I'd say I don't know, my eyes have just been opened to see the folly of a lot of my ways in the selection process of my kingdom spouse. And here is my story...

In 2018 I was introduced in a dream to a man. It felt like he would be my future husband. In 2019 I again had a clear vision of this man and what he does down to even his tribe and where he is from. I would admit I didn't see his face in this vision but in real life he fit his description down to a T. I just knew he was the one. It was further confirmed where after a prophecy in 2020 that I would meet my husband in the first quarter of that year, I ran into this man at church in what could have only been a God-coincidence. The only thing was, after that run-in we never spoke again. I would have dreams where he wasn't seeing me. I'd wake up and pray about it. In real life though, he wasn't even answering my messages at one point. All these happened over a time period of four years, from 2018 when I had the first dream of him till 2022.

I prayed for this man as the Holy Spirit led me to do, crying in intercession and weeping for mercy over him. I still feel bad when I think of the seeds of prayer I sowed, the wait and all that happened over those years, all for nothing. Because I felt God told me he was the one.

In September 2022 God led me to have a five-day prayer for spiritual sensitivity to know our kingdom spouse springing up from the book titled "Another way of knowing God's will about a potential spouse". You can get it [here on selar](https://sellar.co/m/HephzibahFrances) <https://sellar.co/m/HephzibahFrances> [and amazon](#).

On the last day as I prayed God told me two things. One of them was "I am doing a new thing". I didn't fully get what this meant till the end of December 2022 when He again said concerning my marriage that He is doing a new thing.

In January 2023 I found myself just again asking God to be sure, concerning this man I waited for, for four years, prayed and interceded for. Are you really sure Lord that I should move on?

He spoke to me with the word of scripture:

"But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me!"
-Ruth 1:11-13 NKJV

God was saying to me that it was not His desire for me to wait till this man grew up, that I was free to marry someone else He would bring my way. He didn't want me to wait anymore.

Thus with those words, I was set free from four years of tortuous wait for a man I believed was my husband plus I was plunged into the selection pool for a kingdom spouse but now with a new mindset.

ENTRY TWO

One of the most confusing things in the body of Christ is the question of whether there is a "the one" for someone to marry, without whom that person would have made a big mistake for life.

My experience with the four years waiting for someone who never materialized has taught me ***the will of God is a position that can be filled by anyone who is willing and ready to do God's will.*** God will not be stranded or held hostage by any one. We can't marry everybody but from the type of man we can marry, there are many men. This is so good so we don't make an idol out of a marital choice we want.

God told me from scripture, I don't want you to wait anymore. Would you restrain yourself from having a husband if you can't have this one? *No. Hephzibah don't do that.*

It also makes me think of Saul and David's story. God took the kingdom from Saul when he wasn't obedient to Him and gave it to David, a man who would obey and do God's will.

It is not unusual that people will struggle to obey God and do His will. God can give time for that person to submit but if he or she doesn't, God has sons, men and women like David who He can say *"this one will do my bidding"*. So in the selection process for a kingdom spouse, we must not delay ourselves in waiting for one man or woman. The important thing is hearing God's voice.

"And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

-I Samuel 13:13-14 NKJV

"Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

-I Samuel 16:1 NKJV

The same God who spoke to you at the beginning could be telling you '*no, this person has done so and so, has refused to obey me regarding you, let them go*'.

God can never be stranded about having a man or a woman He would use to bless your faith in Him as your kingdom spouse and we must fix our eyes on Him, not on a man.

Don't mourn when He says move on, just move on because He definitely has someone better for you and would do you well.

ENTRY THREE

"For I bring to you a David, a man of worship, a man in whom the passions of Christ are at work and alive and the ordination is for destiny".

- God to me, the year 2018.

I had gone to see pastor Debola Deji-Kurunmi when the Spirit of the Lord took over and said such clear prophetic words that included the one above. At the end of that year was when I had the first dream introducing the guy to me who I waited for, for four years.

That first dream came when I was praying for my future marriage but I still wasn't sure it was him so I didn't take it with a pinch of salt. Till subsequent dreams, clear visions and meeting him physically in a move that could only be God after a prophetic word had been given.

In real life, this guy really seemed to be a David. King David. He seemed to have a heart for God, was doing well in his career which he had diverted into as a response to God's calling, also had a good reputation among men as a kind man, etc. Plus, the scripture God had given me about him seemed

to confirm to me that he was a David, the prototype of the man God had spoken to me about.

But as I write this entry I'm stopping to wonder, if he was really a David, wouldn't he have obeyed God even as regarding the marital spouse God had for him? I cannot be sure but maybe this man knew God was suggesting me to him and he said no. A key thing about David is that God can boast that he will obey God; He will do all God bids him to do. But I also may have gotten it all wrong with my measurement yardstick for how to know a David. I knew how to identify a David that was already a king and doing well in the Palace, but what about a David that was still in process and in the Bush? Would I be able to identify him as easily as a David that's already in the Palace?

I ask myself this question because recently God presented someone to me that didn't look like David the king. He is a David in the Bush. But could I see him as perhaps the one God has for me without the glamour of the Palace... yet? Would I accept him if God says this is the one? Would I recognize him as the answer to my prayers even if his present self looks nothing like what God has told me? Can I identify his heart? Because this is actually what makes David a man chosen by the Lord; it's his heart.

"So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!" But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah."

-I Samuel 16:6-13 NKJV

David was hidden in the Bush. There are David's today that are hidden in the rubble of their present life situations. But would I recognize him when I see him under all the rubble?

God made it clear how He judges a man - He judges by his heart. Do I judge like God? Do I have the capacity to make the life decision for a spouse based on the heart of the man? And not the external factors?

Would I see, recognize and accept this man if God presented him to me? Or would I miss the opportunity of a lifetime because I couldn't see what God saw?

I need to renew my mind.

ENTRY FOUR

In September 2022 God had me lead a five-day prayer for sensitivity to choose a kingdom spouse, springing up from my book titled "Another way of knowing God's will about a potential spouse" (you can get the book [here](https://selar.co/m/HephzibahFrances) <https://selar.co/m/HephzibahFrances>).

On the last day of the prayers I found myself groaning in the Spirit, at the end of which God said two words to me. One was, "I am doing a new thing". The second was Acts chapter 10.

Acts chapter 10 talks about how God dealt with Peter's bias about taking the gospel to the gentiles. At first I thought, is God talking to me? Being "spiritually arrogant", I didn't think I had any biases on the inside of me. It felt like I was pretty submitted to God... until I was confronted with a man younger than me along with some other things I didn't expect. All of a sudden the scripture made sense to me.

Let me make you laugh here now. I actually had a 47-year-old man that was asking me out at this time. He had asked me about the age and sounded so worried about whether the relationship would work, I actually thought as I read this scripture that it would be good for this man to read it too because as for me, I'm good with biases that have to do with age. Haha!

But no, I wasn't good with this at all. And to be honest I had some issues with the 47-year-old man and 17-year age gap but it was an age older than me so it was a bit easier to swallow because I've always thought for the kind of calling I have, it would have to take an older man to mentor, lead and instruct me. The only thing was, I also wanted to be friends with my husband even though he is older than me. But to be confronted and presented with a younger man? This was nowhere in my radar at all. So my biases were pretty strong in this dimension.

I realized as the months went on and God began to little by little make sense of the lessons He had taken me through, that that scripture Acts chapter 10 was so apt for me.

I Hephzibah Frances had a lot of biases in my heart, hidden places God had to work on by letting the light of His word shine through. The Holy Ghost had to go ahead to work on

me by the word otherwise when my husband came, I would not be able to recognize Him.

"The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?" Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."
-Acts 10:9-20, 24, 28-29, 34-35 NKJV

"And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."
-Acts 10:15 NKJV

(Please read the whole of Acts chapter 10 and 11. It would do you good in your selection for a kingdom spouse).

ENTRY FIVE

I realize in a way, that every man God had ever sent to ask me out had a purpose.

"And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him."

-Genesis 2:18-20 NKJV

When God decided it wasn't good for Adam to be alone, His first port of call was not to bring Adam a wife but He brought him animals to see what he would name them. He brought the animals to test Adam's discernment. I have always worried and been almost angry at the fact that men would just start popping up when I would pray for my kingdom spouse. It

would seem like a siren call went out calling all these men to come to me with none looking like what God had said but it was all for a purpose.

Instead of being frustrated with the discernment journey God was taking me on, I should have quietly and in humility learnt the lessons that God was trying to teach me. ie, *Hephzibah how strong is your discernment in me? How accurate are you in discerning men and naming them according to who they are in my sight? Would you "mistakenly" name a mentor for your husband? Would you name a business partner your spouse?*

I remember this friend I was getting close to in 2018, I prayed about it and the dream I had was of him giving me a business solution. Now I understand that dream.

Would you name a mere acquaintance your spouse?

Much as I may want the selection process to be a straight road, there are a lot of lessons God wants to teach me by allowing multiple potential spouses to come to me.

Would I name them right or name an animal my spouse? I must trust God to see as He sees in order to make accurate

judgments, so much so that what I name, that would be its name as it is in God's heart also.

"But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

-Hebrews 5:14 NKJV

"But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful."

-Hebrews 5:14 TPT

ENTRY SIX

Every time I go on a date, I go asking the Lord to go with me, open my eyes to things I wouldn't see on my own and direct me to make the right decisions.

I'd share four stories here of how things have worked out so well for me in helping me in the selection process for a kingdom spouse.

The year was 2015 and I was a youth corper at Ekiti State Nigeria. I had a man I had met at church asking me out. We went on a date. As we sat and talked, his phone began to ring repeatedly. He didn't answer but later told me this story of the person calling being a lady he had borrowed money from, he had promised to pay back but she won't let him rest (one thing this prayer does is make these men be so sincere by saying the whole truth so I can make better informed decisions). Something rang a red flag at me but I put it down and kept going. After all anyone can be in dire situations even though I don't personally borrow money for my own needs. I'd prefer to stay hungry than do so. But to each his own

right? Well so I thought until a few days later this guy asked to borrow money from me.

Well, people can be in hard places but to do this to someone you just met, you were asking out who hadn't even said yes to you? Coupled with the event from our date? This borrowing money thing was definitely a character issue for him.

The second date this praying before I leave worked for me was with this man I met at Port Harcourt in 2017. In 2020 he messaged me he wants to see me when he is in Lagos. I ignored it at first because I knew it wasn't him but at a time of weakness in my waiting journey I replied. We set a date to meet up. I remember asking the Lord if I should go on that date and his response was:

***"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye."
-Psalms 32:8 NKJV***

I understood it to mean he was going to go with me and so I went.

We had a nice time talking. I wasn't sure he was interested in me until he made one inference to him checking me out, asking me to spend the night at his hotel room (and he knew I was in Ministry oh. To his credit, he was checking what I'd do. If I said yes, then yes. No then no pressure). As we gisted for me to take a vehicle back home, I jokingly made reference to him being married. I noticed he went silent but I waved it off. Only for me to get back home, checked him out on Facebook and saw he was married with four kids! Wow! That was the day I was afraid of my prophetic nature because my reference to his marriage was a joke but indeed God was leading me with his eye on me.

The third incident of God leading me when I go on dates was this guy that messaged me he was convinced about me as his wife in 2021. The morning we set up to meet, I woke up at 4am with the Holy Ghost declaring no more delay. I thought "what is going on?".

Long story cut short, through a twist of fate I and this guy were not able to meet and it brought out a taste of a very ugly character in him. In the words he used to speak to me, everything reeked of a man who would be verbally abusive if I married him with a lot of character issues. The "no more delay" the Holy Ghost was declaring was because if I entered that relationship it would make my journey longer. Amazing way God interprets things for us. You would think it meant,

enter this relationship now, no more delay. No, it meant, do not get in, this would circumvent my plan for your life.

The last instance was a few weeks ago. I had been introduced to a guy I was seeking the Lord about, then had to leave where he was and come back to Nigeria. Then I had another date with a long-time admirer on a certain evening. That same evening our ministry team members were praying for the ministry. One of my team members calls me to say God gave her a word for me.

The word included God saying I had choices before me with similarities (guess what? Both men even had the same names I kid you not!) And God was saying I should seek him, watch and pray and be able to make the right decisions. He also asked me to go read my past journals of things he had told me about my husband and I would find the distinct factor that would help me choose right.

I still went on that date (my flesh was tired of the whole waiting thing and God didn't stop me from going) but His word helped me clear my eyes as I spoke to the guy, to find out if it was him or not (and it wasn't him because the guy had a problem with the kind of ministry God had given me. If I married him, I would lose my faith as the warning from God said. It wasn't going to be a good path at all so I relented and closed that chapter).

I have realized that God would lead me on this selection of a spouse if I want to be led. The Holy Ghost is with me even on the dates I go to and He would speak with me so long as I'm ready to listen.

If you want to be led by God in the selection process for a spouse, God will make sure He guides you.

I've seen this too much to doubt God on this matter.

ENTRY SEVEN

So I went on the date I spoke about from the first entry in this diary. The guy was nice, polite and was looking for a wife. If my marriage was a "normal" marriage without a kingdom dimension to it, this guy would be a good guy to marry (speaking from what I could pick up from our interactions). He is an Igbo guy, parents are dead, he is a Christian, a business man that has work in hand he is doing, and is praying for a wife.... But I felt no spark on my inside. No kingdom spark that is.

I told him I do ministry, he said that's good, it's the work of the Lord I'm doing right? But that's not all. I am a missionary. I travel for the gospel A LOT! Is this something God has groomed you as a husband for? Not every man can be my husband. Can you be a husband to such a woman? I couldn't even have this kind of conversation with him, all we spoke about was on the natural plane. For someone whose marriage does not have a kingdom perspective to it, this might be a good fit but not for me.

All in all, it was a good date. The guy treated me well, I was tempted to settle for the ordinary but I have not waited so

long for this. God hasn't brought me this far to forget what we were waiting for. A man with the grace to steward my calling in God. I, through the help of the Holy Spirit, must not settle for less. Else, the only thing that would be heard of me was the Hephzibah that was a powerful woman in God before she got married. God forbid.

ENTRY EIGHT

There is actually a situation I have with someone. I know. It seems I'm always getting into these things but I promise this isn't by choice. My journey just seems to have so many crookedness in it and each is for a purpose.

So I met this guy on my last mission trip and I can't get him out of my head. It seems like he might be the one but I'm afraid. Afraid because he opened conversations with me but never committed to anything with me. We were in a talking stage.

Talking stage at this stage of my life?

But so we were, trying to take things slow. But then feelings started catching up with both of us. I asked the question and he drew back because of some certain things I am not free to say here. I understand where he is coming from and still feel he may be the one but... I found out I still have trauma from the last guy I waited for, for four years who never showed up. What if this guy is like that?

First of all, through this process with this guy, God has been healing me. I have found thoughts of "what if this guy doesn't accept me creeping up and then God would say "I am not the rejected one". I have turned that to a song crying and singing "I am not the rejected one. My husband commits Himself to me as a bridegroom commits Himself to his bride" (please see Isaiah 62:4&5). God keeps speaking over me saying "no, the man I have for you will do all my pleasure concerning you. He will accept you and love you as I do you".

I've found broken pieces of my heart resurfacing into the open as I relate with the situation with this guy. The last few weeks have actually been intense for me.

I've found myself impatient. What if this guy takes time to think and then never comes back? I have found myself saying "I am not waiting for a man ever again". Yes, that's correct but that's also been said from the trauma of my past experience with waiting on what God has said when it seems like He has someone in mind for me.

As I lay on the floor, praying, worshipping through this season of selecting a future spouse, I see this brokenness seeping out of me in God's presence and all I can cry is '*heal me Lord!*'

ENTRY NINE

I AM NOT THE FORSAKEN ONE

When I would pray about my marriage last year 2022, I would get a leading to read a book titled "***The supernatural ways of royalty***" by ***Kris Vallotton***. It's a book that takes you on a journey of finding your true identity in God, out of the prison and into the Palace.

At the time I read the book I was struggling with serious identity issues. My name Hephzibah God gave me is not just a prophetic name but a name that tells of my story. I have struggled with rejection issues all my life. I have always felt like the forsaken one, the one others do not love, the one who won't get chosen for love, no one would pick, no one may marry etc. I have struggled with abandonment issues, with thinking and feeling that people would always leave me etc.

Even with God beginning to do a healing work in me, when I met this guy I spoke about above, who I felt was "the one", these issues started to come out. I'd feel maybe he would stop messaging me soon. Maybe he will stop liking my posts on Instagram and that means he has lost interest in me. Maybe

he would choose someone else. I even went as far as checking out his ex on Instagram (because I knew her), dealing with insecurities of all sorts.

I took these to prayer as I got to know this guy, asking God to heal me of these things. I was not as broken as I was before but I was still broken and I needed God to fix me. I cannot go into marriage this way, no matter how good and godly the guy is, this would spell issues for us. I was praying one day about this when I started to sing "I am not the rejected one". The Holy Spirit just took over and started singing that over me.

"You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, And your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you."

-Isaiah 62:4-5 NKJV

Another version says ***"you shall no more be called rejected. Your bridegroom will commit himself to you"***.

I sang that over and over as I cried and the Holy Spirit washed healing over me.

I realize in this selection process for a spouse, through it God is teaching me a lot of things. God is bringing things about me to the surface. God is healing me of baggage - things that cannot go with me into my marriage. God is purifying and purging me. He is teaching me discernment and how to choose a spouse with Him as my guide. There is so much He is doing I would have skipped if He had answered my prayer by giving me the one man who just came with a proposal on his lips for me.

God is wiser. Always wise with the routes and roads He makes us take on the journey of our lives. He is not wicked. If we sit and really think about it, we would see that all the Father does is for our good (including the route He makes us take on the way to selecting a kingdom spouse). It is for my good.

"The punishment you brought me through was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me your ways."

-Psalms 119:71 TPT

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes."

-Psalms 119:71 NKJV

ENTRY TEN

THE RIGHT MAN

On January 30th 2023 I had an urge to pray for my future husband. As the author of the book titled ***Prayers for your future husband*** which was written from one such urge in 2016, I was familiar with this tug on my heart.

I set out to pray at about 11am, just praying in tongues when suddenly the Holy Ghost took over and my prayers changed from just praying for my husband to praying for the kind of man I needed.

The Holy Spirit distinctly said God should send me a man for the call. I am a missionary of the gospel called to the Nations of the earth. I travel the nations in an apostolic mandate to preach God's gospel to different nations. Yes, I am professionally a lawyer and also an author and publisher as a business but my core call is as a voice for the Lord to the nations of the earth. God has called me to speak and be His voice and one way I do this is by being a missionary of the

gospel for Jesus Christ. My life is not normal. God has invested so much in me and it is important to Him that the man He gives me can steward this call so it doesn't die on the altar of marriage. God's hands are on me and He needs to preserve what He has put in and upon me and the only way to do this is to merge both my call and my marriage so the two are not separate from one another. My marriage becomes a means for the fulfilment of the call and the call subsists even in the marriage but the right man who can steward the grace of God upon my life so it doesn't die is key.

For this reason, God is careful with me and my marital story. I can't marry anybody. There is a certain kind of man who can have the aptitude and grace for the way I'm called. Not everyone can do or take it.

The warning God gave me at the date I went weeks back, He said if I make a mistake I can literally lose my faith. That guy wants to travel to Canada but it's just for the sake of escaping Nigeria. Plus, when a man starts asking me *"what would you do about your children with the way you travel? What about if your husband is busy also etc.* I already know it's not him". I had a dream some years back where when I told my husband I travel for ministry; his response was he won't stop me but even travel with me if need be.

In that dream I asked him questions based on three of my insecurities at the time and he answered them like they didn't matter. He had been built for it.

Previously, I used to tell men I was a lawyer and author when they asked me what I did. Now I boldly say I am a missionary from the start. No hiding nothing. So you know whether or not you can handle it.

Most of these men want the Hephzibah without the responsibility for what I carry. You remember the first redeemer who wanted Ruth's land without taking responsibility for her. They see the glory, the strength or character etc. in me, say I will make a good wife but do not have what it takes to handle the full responsibility of the full woman I am.

For that reason, I will wait. I cannot crash and burn my call on the altar of marriage. I had decided to myself years ago that marriage wasn't mutually exclusive to my calling. Both of them can subsist with one another. But this man has to come from God's throne. Which leads me to an encounter I had with God last week I'd share next.

ENTRY ELEVEN

Sis Fikayo Adeyinka had told me last year 2022 that for us women called by God, we can't marry just anyone. Our husbands have to come from God's throne handed over by the hand of the Lord to us. Because our marriage has a certain kingdom dimension to them that not every man has the capacity to carry or handle. And if I don't feel God's leading to a man, then drop it.

This came at a time when I was actually almost considering going the route of dating sites online. Now don't get me wrong, I know many have met their God ordained spouse that way, but for me, my decision to go that route would have been because of anxiety and *"just trying it out"*. I didn't get any nudging from God to do so. And now that I think about it, God had always given a clear word to me which was ***"you will meet your husband in the line of your assignment"***. He had been saying this from way back 2018 that the way I'd meet my man of God is as I went on the way of doing my God given assignment not by seeking him out for myself.

Because come to think of it, who would marry a woman who says right off the bat, *"hey, I am called to be a missionary to*

the Nations of the earth. Take it or leave it, I cannot sacrifice my calling on the altar of marriage. We will work on it but for me to stop doing what God has called me to do because I married you? Leave it. And if you can't deal, bye".

Not every man has the capacity to deal with this. As it is, it is either he travels with me or deals with the long lonely hours when I have to go. Either way he pays a huge sacrifice for my call.

I don't have the clear roadways yet but I do know that because of the radicalness of my call, I can't just do anything. It's the call. The calling of the Lord. It restrains me. It's put me in a corner where only the Lord can sort me out when it comes to my marriage and so it is meant to be.

ENTRY TWELVE

I have been dealing with a lot of fear in the current situation-ship I am in. Once again it feels like I know someone is my husband with multiple confirmations and clarity... and this time we actually have a relationship/friendship with one another where we talk, pray and he likes me... but doesn't want to commit to a relationship with me.

I'm a bit confused by it all. Or was confused till I said to God to do what He wants to do by Himself. I mean I didn't meet this person on my own or by my own calculations. I met him strictly as a God ordained coincidence.

God has told me from the scriptures that I didn't start this in the flesh so I can't end it in the flesh. That he isn't committing yet... at the time I want him to do so doesn't mean I should manipulate him to do so with words or egging him on etc.

But I do find myself flagged by this nature of some men... because this guy wants to talk to me, pray with me etc. All the while without committing in a relationship with me. Is it that men truly do not get it that a woman's emotions can quickly rise for a man she speaks to every day? Do they really not get it that it's impossible to be so close and yet have

no form of commitment for a woman really? A woman wants to feel secure. I do not feel secure spending my time with you, having feelings for you etc., with you not committing to me.

Yesterday I told God this isn't what I want. This isn't what I asked you for. This isn't what I signed up for. Because me and this guy have been talking every day this week and also praying together. Why would I be investing my prayers into someone who hasn't committed to me? Who I am not sure would be my husband? When he has said nothing of the sort? And saying I love you and I miss you. Tomorrow he can come out with a wedding card and say "I thought we were only friends".

Why do church brothers do this? Don't they know that doing this without commitment is toying with a woman's heart? It may be unintentional but it gives the same result where the woman is hoping for you to say a word and take things to the next level but you are content to just spend time talking to her, asking her to commit her heart to you without committing to her. No... I told God I don't want this yesterday. Broached the conversation with the brother after praying and speaking to God about it.

I'm not in a hurry or in a haste or worried about this. Only God as He said can complete the work if truly this brother is my husband. I am listening to the voice of God for what to do and what to say per time. I truly felt like raising it with him yesterday and we will see what comes out of it.

"Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"

-Galatians 3:3 NKJV

"Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain?"

-Galatians 3:3-4 NIV

I have learnt something from my journey so far. I can do nothing unless the Lord does it. So we wait for the finishing of what the Lord has started. In Jesus name amen.

ENTRY THIRTEEN

My own insecurities play out sometimes.

I have worried about whether this guy would love me. I have been worried when I didn't see his likes anymore on my Instagram posts. Maybe he has lost interest?

I have been unwilling sometimes to have hard conversations with him. So that he won't think I'm too much for him? But through this season with this guy I mentioned in the previous entry, I see God working in me. Exposing my past insecurities and not letting them go anymore without dealing with them.

One day in the midst of these situations I had an encounter with God where He called me a wife and said my husband has found me. I found God calling me to make me know *'hey you are a wife! You are a wife! You are a woman who a man will find and cherish and want to be with.'*

I have struggled with identity issues for a long time, feeling unloved, feeling unwanted, feeling not chosen etc. I see God wanting to heal me of all this baggage through this selection

of a kingdom spouse situation. I have found myself doing things I shouldn't be doing and it's all because somewhere on the inside of my heart, I am insecure.

I am not hiding these areas from myself and God. I am seeing them and wanting to counter them with God's truth about me.

Here are a few scriptures that have meant much to me and my healing from these past wounds in this time.

"Your children will commit themselves to you, O Jerusalem, just as a young man commits himself to his bride. Then God will rejoice over you as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride."

-Isaiah 62:5 NLT

My husband will commit himself to me as a bridegroom commits Himself to his bride.

"And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

-Isaiah 62:12 NKJV

I, Hephzibah shall be called sought out, a city not forsaken.

"You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, And your land shall be married."

-Isaiah 62:4 NKJV

I am NOT the rejected one.

"The king fell in love with Esther far more than with any of his other women or any of the other virgins—he was totally smitten by her. He placed a royal crown on her head and made her queen in place of Vashti. Then the king gave a great banquet for all his nobles and officials—"Esther's Banquet." He proclaimed a holiday for all the provinces and handed out gifts with royal generosity. * * *

-Esther 2:17-18 MSG

My goodness! My husband is in love with me, more than any woman around him. He has set the royal crown on my head and called me his wife! I am the chosen, preferred and favored!

ENTRY FOURTEEN

Yesterday, I told my spiritual parents I met someone. He is younger than me, there is nothing yet but there may be. We are just talking.... Just the whole stuff surrounding it.

His reply later on was that he doesn't think this young man is the one for me. I asked why? He said as a travelling minister, I need someone mature and settled, not someone who I have to believe in faith with from the very basics.

Thankfully, during the last two months of wrestling with God, He had told and given me His word concerning this. Even before the man himself in question told me he wasn't so good yet financially, I had thought about it.

The Acts 10 scripture God gave me is really a life saver. Even if this guy ends up not being my husband, the work that word has done in me is amazing.

I do not believe that the element my husband must have is money in order to help me with my ministry. I believe from what God has shown me about him, the most important thing

about this man is that ***he is someone who can walk this path of destiny with me.***

My calling is radical and requires radical obedience to God. What God is looking for in my husband is willingness and obedience; a son who is after His heart, who will do all His will no matter what that will is even if it's to travel nations. leave our comfort zone etc. just to do the will of the Lord. A man who can partner with me in this call of destiny.

This is the one element God is looking for in my husband.

"And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

-Acts 13:22 NKJV

This is the one distinct element in my husband - obedience to God. No matter what it is. His heart for God. I have found it now.

It was disobedience that tore the kingdom from Saul and drafted David in.

***"And when He had deposed him, He raised up David to be their king; of him He bore witness and said, I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart, who will do all My will and carry out My program fully. [I Sam. 13:14; Ps. 89:20; Isa. 44:28.]
-Acts 13:22 AMPC***

This man may be young but if he is a man after God's heart who obeys God no matter what, that is all I need.

God said He will give me the distinction in my husband. I believe he is making this clear to me now. My husband is a David and this is the key of David; obedience to God. This is the distinction.

This man is a man who obeys God. Whose heart beats for God and will do anything and go anywhere God tells him in obedience, just like me.

The Acts 10 scripture warning I received from God in the beginning is everything. I don't know what this man I met will do. He hasn't asked me out yet; I don't know if we'd end up together but the lessons here are a lot.

There is a strengthening of my desire to do God's will through the word God gave me.

For me not to refuse what God is offering and not to use my own mind or bias to judge and make decisions for who my future spouse is.

The key component of this man is he will and can follow me anywhere in obedience to God. David. A man after God's own heart.

ENTRY FIFTEEN

April 15th 2023

But he is so young. He doesn't seem mature enough to carry me and my ministry. He doesn't have any money. He seems so young and afraid. Is this really the man God has for me? What possessed me to tell him I am willing to follow him and grow with him even though he doesn't have any money? Am I really ready to do this? Why did I say that? This guy doesn't look like it at all. Could he be the one? I have to pray. But now the ball is in his court. Let's see what he says after telling him this.

Can this man really be my husband?

ENTRY SIXTEEN

April 19th 2023

I am putting this entry down just in case this man ends up being my husband which I think he very well will.

So I met this young man in Tanzania the last time I went there for a mission trip. We've been dancing around one another, just talking, praying sometimes when we have needs we tell one another about etc. He is also in the Ministry. There has been nothing between us but I sensed right from the start we had a lot of "energy" between us. Like attraction etc. I asked and he admitted yes he has feelings for me etc. but had a fear that was stopping him from engaging with me on that wave length. The fear of money. He is not so good in finances now so he is afraid to start a relationship leading to marriage.

Well, before he even said this I had asked myself if I can go with this man if he doesn't have money.

The truth is I have been so worked on by God. I know I have FAVOUR in my life and I am called by God. He is called by God. By FAITH I know we CANNOT lack.

I also know that we can band together in faith and prayer and plan together for the future God has for us. We can pray and God will tell and give us the key for our finances and income etc. I told him that I am willing to build and plan with him if he decides and agrees to walk the journey of faith together with me.

I don't even know where that conviction came from. I wasn't afraid. I meant it and will do it if he asks me to marry him.

Well, I feel I want to chronicle our conversation we had last week Friday (April 14th 2023) just because it will be good to see how this plays out in the future if this young man ends up being my husband. He looks nothing like it by the way. He is one year younger than I. Not the older man I thought I'd end up with. He is in ministry but just starting out. He loves God. Prays a lot. Is humble. Has a teachable spirit, misbehaves a lot oh but is quick to apologize and thinks nothing of saying "forgive me". I actually like him a lot. A lot. There's both the right amount of attraction, banter and humor between us when we converse as well as prayer and fire and spiritual stuff. I am attracted to him. It's not just about fire and it's not just about attraction. I really like this guy but let's see what happens.

Here is our conversation about him speaking about money and my response to him in case this helps you also make a decision outside of the fear of "he or she doesn't have so much money".

[14/04, 21:52] E P. S: I don't have any preparation like finance and other thing for what i need so I think it's better to remain silence.

*[14/04, 21:54] Hephzibah Frances: Same issue of money? You think I had not thought of this before you even said it? *but I had decided I will not reject a man God gives me because of money*. We would rather plan together and stand in faith together and sort things out. I had already decided in my heart I'm not rejecting any man God offers me because of money*

[14/04, 21:55] Hephzibah Frances: The problem is you putting it on yourself and assuming an answer

[14/04, 21:56] Hephzibah Frances: That's why I said you base your decision on what you want, not on money or ministry or anything else

[14/04, 21:57] Hephzibah Frances: Because if we talk about ministry two people God put together actually does more good than one person running alone.

[14/04, 21:58] Hephzibah Frances: Is this God? Is this what God says? The big men of God we know today do you know how they started with their wives? Didn't they have a beginning? A starting point?

*[14/04, 21:59] Hephzibah Frances: If you are ready to walk the journey of faith and planning together and growing *together*, I am. There is always a starting point*

[14/04, 21:59] Hephzibah Frances: But as I said, it depends on what you want

*[14/04, 22:00] Hephzibah Frances: If you come as you are and be honest. Oh I don't have money etc but I want you. This is what I want. If God tells me accept E as he is and plan with him for the great future I'm leading you to *I will not reject you**

*[14/04, 22:01] Hephzibah Frances: This is something I already decided before you even raised any issue of money. You think God had not been working on me? I refuse to make marital decisions based on what the world thinks. God leads me. God directs my decisions. And if he says *this one is the one* whether men think it is or not I already gave him my *yes* to the man He chooses for me.*

[14/04, 22:02] Hephzibah Frances: It's left for you. The ball is in your own court. If you want to hold on to what you think is "issues" I don't see it like that.

[14/04, 22:02] Hephzibah Frances: But as I said it depends on you. But this above is my stance I had given to God long ago. I won't be giving my yes to just you. I would be giving my yes to God. He is wiser.

[14/04, 22:04] Hephzibah Frances: But I will not reject you because of money. If you are honest with me, and God says Hephzibah, go with E. We can pray and plan and grow together. That's my answer to what you are saying.

[14/04, 22:05] E P. S: Let me pray and then i will share my friend.

[14/04, 22:09] Hephzibah Frances: If you decide let's grow together, I'm willing. If you will grow with me I'd grow with you. Go pray. No Problem.

The whole gist of the matter is I assured him if he comes as he is, I will not reject him because of money. We will plan and pray and build and stand in faith together. He said he is going to pray and will come back and share with me. Let's see what happens.

ENTRY SEVENTEEN

MAY 20TH 2023

So it has taken this long to come back to this diary but life has been going on. First of all, the young man shared above was taking too long to get back to me. I remember waking up from a dream I'd post perhaps below or in the next entry, after which the Holy Spirit said "ask him this question again" and I did. He again stalled till I had to ask again a few days later telling him I am in my marriage season and I am not going to be waiting for any man.

He finally came back to say *he doesn't have finance now so he doesn't need to be in a relationship, I can be free*. My first response was ***thank you Jesus!*** Then I became a bit mad because why have you been reaching out to me almost daily for the last four months, wanting to even pray daily with me if you know you had nothing in mind? Why were you just being a time waster? And you wouldn't have said this if I didn't ask and force you into a corner?

I told him next time to not deal with a woman's heart this way, wasting her time.

Then I felt the Holy Spirit tell me to forgive quickly and move on.... move on.

Thankfully I had been sharing details of this journey with a sister called Salma and she had told me the word God gave her on me making sure I wasn't stuck on one guy as the selection process didn't have just one man's name on it. Any man who fits the bill can make it but the selection process is for me to make an informed choice with God's help. This whole situation was another lesson in God's selection process.

What did I learn from it?

Stay away from time wasters when you are in your marital season!!! Honestly this guy though a Christian was acting so crookedly with me! I mean how do you talk with a lady almost every day, admit emotions for her, even want to be praying with her every day when you know that you had no intention of something more? Do men really not know that there is a certain kind of behavior you cannot do with a lady? Even if the lady is a woman of God?

This is how ladies enter into things like this, maybe are not courageous enough to define things and end up seeing the guy's wedding pictures later on and the guy would say "I didn't ask you out".

If you are a Christian guy reading this, please do not do this with a lady. Don't twist hearts and play with emotions this way. That the lady is Christian and you think "oh we are just praying together" doesn't mean you can take advantage and twist her emotions. I almost felt used by this guy because at one point he wanted to be calling me every day to pray for him when we weren't more than friends. Why do that?

In the world they would want to sleep with you without marrying you. This one wanted prayers only a wife would make for a husband (prayers with me at 3am daily???) under the mask of *"you are a woman of God pray for me"* along with a lot of hidden motives in it.

God save me!
I've seen a lot!

Just help me choose the RIGHT MAN to marry. Please help me. Bring this season to an end! I have learnt the lessons you are trying to teach me. Just help me Lord! In Jesus name amen!

"You are pure toward the pure, but toward the crooked, you are tricky."

-Psalms 18:26 CEB

ENTRY EIGHTEEN

Sunday, May 21st 2023

Dodoma, Tanzania

For some reason I can't stop thinking about my husband today. Specifically, I think it's about this guy G I met at Dar es Salam at the beginning of May 2023. I have been wrong before so I don't want to peg anything on this but I wonder.

But today I find myself thinking of my man of God. Thinking of literally him asking to see my parents next month in June (something about a dream I had years ago that's coming back to me now). Thinking about a quick marriage in August and having a honeymoon that doubles as a travelling mission trip for the first time.

Thinking about God giving me new joyful and joy filled experiences which was the subject of my prayer today that God would give me my Isaac. I found myself thanking God so deeply today for providing my Isaac.

What is this?

Is this God's Spirit feeding and filling me with thoughts of what could be? Filling my imaginations of what He intends to do?

These thoughts are beautiful thoughts I must confess and if they happen as so.. as my heart desires I would be so joyful! This would certainly cause laughter to flow out of me.

What a good God we serve!

"And the Lord visited (Hephzibah) Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me." She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."
-Genesis 21:1-7 NKJV

ENTRY NINETEEN

AUGUST 10TH 2023

Kigali, Rwanda

Every time I write dates like in the book of my journey to my marriage, I find myself being frustrated with time moving on and seeing nothing.

Well, it hasn't really been that I've been seeing nothing but no man has gotten a "yes" from God so far. It is frustrating to say the least. How long can and should a marital testimony go on for? This is too long... it's taking too long... it's too long since I'm tired of it.

I know it's time. The only thing left is the right man.

I've said a lot of 'no' the past month of July. The G I wrote about up there wasn't the one or a whole situation that happened that made it not happen... the person(s) I got a proposal from I didn't think they were the one.

Honestly this thing is frustrating for me and I want it now. Now is even worse because I know God is saying yes now is the time. So where is the right man?

Anyways I came here to write about a scripture I got on the whole choosing a spouse thing but writing the date up there just had me hissing in real life and pouring out my frustration... honestly I'm frustrated with this matter. Sick of it. Tired. Over it. Done.

The right man please Lord. Send the right man!

Let me calm down and come back and share the scripture I really wanted to share.

For now, I'm done.

ENTRY TWENTY

Friday, September 22nd 2023

Kivaa (close to Embu) Kenya

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!"

-Psalms 84:11-12 NKJV

During the month of July, we had 31 days of prayers at midnight, sowing prayers for one hour nightly into our marital homes. I led those prayers for other women even though I was also praying for myself.

At the end of the month, after the last day of prayers, I was having my own time with God when I heard the Lord speak back at me with the scripture above. He said "no good thing

would He withhold from them that walk uprightly". He wouldn't withhold my husband from me.

"Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

-Matthew 7:9-11 NKJV

The Lord was telling me that my husband is a good thing and as it was in my relationship with Him as my Father, He cannot withhold my husband from me.

This happened at the end of my trip to Tanzania as a missionary. I had thought my husband was in Tanzania so I was actually leaving Tanzania with confusion in my mind. Lord did I miss it or what? Because I actually had a proposal in Tanzania but I prayed and didn't feel right about it. It was hard but I left it behind.

There was someone else I thought may be the one but he wasn't asking me out.

I left for Rwanda still praying about the issue of my husband. I remember sitting on the floor on the day I did the entry above (I'm writing this a month later after clearing my head. Lol) I sat on the floor crying and saying to God "I am ready". Then it felt like I should invite one other man I thought could be the one for an event but he said no to the invite. Okay. No problem. But I thought, where could this man be? Who is the right man?

My Birthday rolled around in Kenya September 6th 2023 and I literally was getting two proposals in one day.

What the heck was this Lord? Another confusion? This journey has been long and men still were asking me out left, right and center. How do I make a choice for a godly spouse?

... And when it finally happened, I didn't hear through a dream or something. This was how it happened....

ENTRY TWENTY-ONE

Thursday, October 19th 2023

Karen, Nairobi Kenya

When I finally knew who my husband was, it wasn't through a dream or anything.

But before I tell you the process, I need to tell you the dream I had when I was in the midst of choosing a spouse.

My dream:

22nd April 2023

It was my traditional wedding day and everything was ready. But I was confused about the man to choose. Dad brought one matured man named Andrew. Ready and older than me then I chose one very young man who the way he ate the food offered him without cause to anything else. scattered the plate etc. I was worried.

Then there was a young man named David seated in another room. A medium aged man wearing white. For some reason I

thought he was named David. And I also knew he was around 35 years old. I didn't see his face, our eyes met but I was confused and stepped out. My trad was going on, the ladies were dancing in my dad's parlor but I hadn't showed up with my husband yet.

Then I saw mama Misan who convinced me it's better to choose the more mature man called Andrew. He was mature and would take care of me... she said I should be fast so we can meet up with the trad wedding. I passed my asoebi girls who had sewed their dresses and were dancing in and I thanked them. Wondering if we would do the white today too or do it another day so we can invite everyone or only do the trad today.

As I hurried to where Andrew the older guy was to tell him I chose him I saw him under the covers on the bed answering a phone. I told him 'I chose him let's go for the trad' but he held my hands, wanted to put his hands under my breast and said let's do sex before going. One sex. I said but we are about to get married. He said yes but he wants this first. I said I am a Christian I haven't had sex for 11 years. He asked, "Why is my belly big etc. if I haven't had sex". I said "that's just how my body is". I was so disappointed that what I had chosen was behaving this way.

I said no in the dream. Found myself saying no out loud in real life and I woke up.

Then the other middle guy in white in the other room named David. I didn't talk to him.

What does this mean?

Mama misan is my mentor pastor in real life.

Interpretation from a minister I shared with.

It describes 3 experiences towards your choice.

The first is what you desire/spec. Unfortunately, if you go by your desires/spec, you will pick a man unbecoming and unfitting of your status and reputation.

God doesn't want you embarrassed.

The second is the options that come from respected counsellors.

*They will choose based on outward appearance and logic.
God will not be the one leading them.
Don't heed.*

*There is God's choice- the David signified that.
Now your prayer should be I receive God's David for me.
We meet, we connect.*

*The wedding ceremony signifies that it's time for your
marriage.
God bless you love.*

*Your prayer should be you meet and connect with God's
David for you.*

Indeed, God had told me years ago that my husband is a David - beloved of God. This dream signified that.

It also explained what I had been going through with multiple proposals. It was so bad at a time I would get two proposals in one day. Back to back satan just trying to play with my mind bringing counterfeits my way. Every time I'd go back to God, pray and I'd get a no.

The one that was so confusing was, because I had been spending so much time in Tanzania, I felt my husband would be from Tanzania. I truly believed that was it because how am I going to settle in the land if not through marriage? These were my thoughts.

I did get a proposal from Tanzania, I prayed about it but the answer I got was like a glove. A glove has to fit the hand... this guy said he loves me etc., but something wasn't fitting. Intellectually we weren't at par. It felt like I was always going to have to dumb down to explain some things to him. We really couldn't have a friendship at a mental level. It wasn't just about ministry, what about personal connection and rapport also? It wasn't fitting. But it was also the most confusing "no" I had to say to a proposal because here is a ticket to being in Tanzania yet I said no. Tanzania, a nation I believed God has for me. How will I settle here if not through marriage then?

I said no and packed my bags and left Tanzania at the end of my mission trip in August 2023.

Where, oh where is this man? Where is my David?

ENTRY TWENTY-TWO

Tuesday, November 21st 2023

Damongo, Northern Region Ghana

I came back from East Africa (Kenya) on November 1st 2023 to Accra Ghana. I came because I was going to have a ministry meeting but also because there was/is a young man I was/am in a relationship with. Though right now, I'm not so sure what's happening and if we are still in a relationship but I feel led to chronicle how I/we got here because someone may need this in the future.

So around my birthday September 6th 2023, I really wanted my husband to show up for real. I went to church and told God I wanted my husband to show up and be with me on my birthday that week without delay. God answered and said it was done and there would be a connection.

On my birthday one of my Ghanaian friends I had met five years ago when I went to Ghana for ministry wished me a happy birthday. The next day September 7th 2023 we began just a "joke" kind of conversation with me asking him why he

was still single. I remembered he was in a relationship when we met, what happened?

Then he said the relationship didn't work out and he is still single. He asked me if I was dating also and I said no, though I was dealing with multiple proposals because I was in my marriage season. We left the conversation off there, I slept off, he slept off. I should mention though that when this happened, that night I had just finished giving God praise for my husband.

At 2:50am that night after we left our conversation I suddenly woke up. God wakes me up at that time some nights so I thought I was being awakened to pray but the next thing was this guy's message came in. And we just found ourselves talking about five years ago when we met, he said he was actually attracted to me, etc. And that was how we spoke till morning.

I was wondering, what just happened here???

The next morning was September 9th 2023. We continued talking. Someone else had asked me out that day and in our chats I told him this. He said someone else was trying to enter his lane and I said I didn't hear him ask me out or anything. The next thing he calls me and asks me out, proposing to me as marriage is the goal. I was astounded!

What!

I asked him if he was serious, he said yes. And then began the torture and confusion of trying to find out if he was the one or not.

First of all, he was the first person I felt when I would think about it "*I can marry this guy*". I had never really had willingness for anyone before. I'd feel this way then I'd get confused and afraid all over again. Also I realized I was never afraid about whether he would support me and my ministry or not. He had been consistently supportive for the five years I had known him, hosting me, connecting me with contacts when I came to Ghana, sharing my flyers and doing publicity for me etc. Etc. So I wasn't afraid about ministry but I was afraid about other things... his relationship with God, whether we could walk together, is he the one? etc. So at a normal time without fear, I would feel like "yes I can tell this guy yes" and he was the first person I was feeling that for in the midst of a whole lot of proposals but then I'd get afraid again. This continued even as I kept praying and asking God for answers.

One particular day after we had had three nights of prayer at our ministry, I told God I wanted an answer today!

That day a sister of mine from Tanzania sent me a VN saying she was praying that morning and saw my face when she

wasn't even thinking about praying for me. She told me the message God has for me today is, he appreciates the fact that I didn't want to move unless I got approval from Him about a spouse but He God is not a "*forcer*". He doesn't force us to do what we don't want to do. He doesn't say "I'm calling you to get married to this person", what if you don't like this person? But he puts the characteristics of what we want in a person so when we see them we see those things and know what to choose. And also we can check "do you like this person?"

Now that question of "do you like this person" God had asked me when I told another sister to pray about the proposal. I was hearing it again here. I thought, what a Father Heart God has. What He is saying about choosing a spouse sets me free. What a Father God is. What a Father. I cried that day in freedom and got my "yes". Yes, I do like this person.

I intended to give this guy yes on September 15th but I was confused again. On Sunday September 17th I was in church and the Holy Spirit gave me this scripture:

Romans 8:14 TPT

[14] The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit.

I felt I needed to tell him yes that day so I did and we officially started dating. But that same night someone else was trying to get My attention to propose to me again and I became confused. I woke up the next morning saying to God I was tired of how something would happen and my conviction would shift again. I began praying for God to speak to me.

God took me to Acts 1 and how the Apostles asked God for clarity for a man who would replace Judas.

Acts 1:21-26 NKJV

[21] “Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, [22] beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” [23] And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. [24] And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen [25] to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” [26] And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.”

These men needed a man who would take part in the ministry with them. They acknowledged that God knows the heart of every man and they don't but after praying and asking God for what man to choose, they ended up casting a lot and choosing by themselves without waiting for God's answer. The result was Matthias. But God's answer was in Acts chapter 9 which was the Apostle Paul. God spoke to me from that Acts chapter 9, Paul's story and also Ananias conversation with the Lord regarding Paul.

Acts 9:10-19 NKJV

[10] Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." [11] So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. [12] And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." [13] Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. [14] And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." [15] But the Lord said to him,

“Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. [16] For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” [17] And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” [18] Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. [19] So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.”

When God spoke to Ananias about Paul, like me, he had objections. I had so many objections to this my Ghanaian friend. He didn't look like it. He hadn't even entered my mind. I moved on five years ago. He wasn't an option. But to my objections God said "this man is my chosen vessel" just like Paul.

That answer settled me for the time being, enough to go into the relationship with this man, and it was beautiful for a time but my doubts would crop up again in full, enough to almost break us up.

What happened?

ENTRY TWENTY-THREE

Tuesday, November 21st 2023

As the relationship progressed, it was so beautiful. This man was sure and certain about marrying me which is something I've always wanted. That my man would come to me, certain of his conviction about me. I didn't want to cajole a man or anything.

We almost even made plans to have a civil wedding in Ghana but my dad said no, we should have our traditional marriage first. So I visited him in Ghana (along with having a ministry trip) and I saw some things that made me afraid. Is this man really one I can be in a relationship with? Can I marry this man like this? I was afraid. I told him there were certain things I can't and won't do. Looking back now, I made it sound like I was breaking up with him. And so oga reverted back to he wasn't sure he would be marrying me or certain about us any longer. He had to think about the issues I had raised to be sure whether or not he could make it. It was such a twist I actually thought we had broken up or he had broken up with me and won't say but was hiding under the guise of "I'm thinking about this". For me when things aren't clear or defined I can get into all sorts of thoughts.

I prayed and got some scriptures for myself.

Ruth 3:8-13 NKJV

[8] Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. [9] And he said, “Who are you?” So she answered, “I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.” [10] Then he said, “Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. [11] And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman. [12] Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. [13] Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until morning.”

Boaz was given the offer of Ruth and he had to make a decision about her. This man also would have to make his own decision about me. Even though it was such a painful twist from something that felt like it was going so well, still he has to make his own decision whether or not to take me as his wife

as Boaz did when confronted with Ruth. In chapter 4 the first relative with the offer didn't take it but Boaz did. If this man was like Boaz, he would also receive me unto himself.

Second scripture:

Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV

[18] Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. [19] Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. [20] But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. [21] And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." [22] So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: [23] "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." [24] Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him

his wife, [25] and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus."

I don't know if this scripture was for me or this guy as he was also thinking about me but I'd say more of it for me. Even with all my worries about what I had seen, I feel God was still saying like He said to Joseph, go with this guy.

The final scripture was from the scripture God had given me about my relationship choice last year. I was praying and this came up:

Acts 10:9-16 NKJV

[9] The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. [10] Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance [11] and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. [12] In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. [13] And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." [14] But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." [15] And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call

common.” [16] This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.”

I also am like Peter saying to God "I have never eaten anything unclean. And God said to me "don't say it's unclean. If I've cleansed it, it's clean and good enough for you".

I again had a sense that this guy is my husband which is strange because even when I was so afraid, I would look at him and know, simply just know that hey, this guy is my husband.

But as for now I don't know where we stand. He would have to tell me if we are going on or not. In that regard, I am trying to keep my heart safe. So even if I sense that this is my husband, he has a choice. He can choose not to go on or not. And I'm a woman. I'm not the one to extend a hand of proposal to the man. He has to do that by himself. So much as this seems painful, that a relationship that was going well is here at this uncertain stage, let's wait and see what happens. Whichever way I do know I'm getting married. Let's just see what God will do because this my marital story is now seeming like a movie. Who is this man I'd marry at last etc.? I just want this to end. I'm ready for it to end. I want the suspense to end and let me enter into my kingdom marriage, get settled in my own

home and move on out of this season of life. The lessons are enough and can last a lifetime.

Lord help me to move on out of here in Jesus name amen.

ENTRY TWENTY-FOUR

Thursday, December 7th 2023

Lagos, Nigeria.

Heart break!

But I survived!

I can't say so much for now, I'd come back to write later when I can.

But ALL THANKS TO THE GOD who keeps us from "unnecessary" regrets. Amen.

ENTRY TWENTY-FIVE

Monday, December 11th 2023

Where I am right now and an email I just sent to a spiritual leader I asked for counsel.

*P... Good afternoon ma.
I trust you are well.*

First, I have to say that my God loves me. He does. I want to almost screenshot what I was just writing, I was listening to SMC and jotting down "concerning this matter I need an answer Lord" and your email came in. Thank you Lord so much.

How are things between us?

So last week I had messaged him if he was willing, I was willing to work on us and I still believed there was a purpose to God bringing us together. God had done such a healing work on me (not us. I was the one who attended KGA conference) through KGA conference over that weekend (which is another testimony I'd maybe share later) I could see all the ways that even I was wrong. I apologized and told him

I was willing to work on us if he was willing as I could see the matter really shouldn't break us up if we were willing to change and adjust.

He replied on Thursday and said he hadn't changed his mind on the discussion we had had and wanted us to be friends. "If it be God's design we would be together. God would work it out but for now he wants us to just stay friends respectfully".

I should say I was gutted and confused. Very confused. So does this mean I let go totally...

Today what I needed answers for was because someone else is asking me out, God has made it clear it's my marriage season, I just don't know why this "making of a choice" seems to be such a hurdle to cross. Someone else was asking me out and I was just like God, please help me, let it not be that I am holding on to the old guy. Are you really saying to move on and that there is no hope with that guy based on the answer he gave me to remain friends?

So who is David then? (The promise God gave me)

I have to have an answer. Why did things go the way they went with this guy then?

I literally was in this space talking to God when your email came in. Saying I have to have an answer based on revelation knowledge.

I must also say that I woke up this morning from a dream of you talking to me, talking about how things stress us and it doesn't mean we should let go and also saw others talking to this guy I had the issues with. But I was saying to God "could that dream be just my own mind? Because I still feel like working on things? Or are you (God) trying to say there is still hope if we listen?"

These are my questions and thoughts and saying to God I have to have an answer...

ENTRY TWENTY-SIX

Thursday, January 25th 2024

Lagos, Nigeria

I just want God's will for me - David. That's all I want.

ENTRY TWENTY-SEVEN

Thursday, March 21st 2024

I have to marry God's man for me. I can't miss it. I have so much God has put in me, I cannot afford to marry the wrong man. I can't miss it. I can't. So much rests on this, so much. I'm in the middle of a transition and marriage means a lot. It has to be the right man. God hasn't spoken about these other men and there is a reason why. I cannot marry the wrong man. I can't. This is my decision today. I don't just want to be married, it has to be a man - the man who is God's gift to me for the call. Because of the call. I can't miss it. Lord help me.

ENTRY TWENTY-EIGHT

Saturday, May 4th 2024

Lord, who is this man??

This man you say is around me; who is he? Who is my husband?

I find myself wanting to know **now**. Lord can this be revealed please now. I don't tire.

ENTRY TWENTY-NINE

Thursday, May 23rd 2024

Shebi na only one man I go marry at the end of all these? What is this with multiple proposals???? I'm tired!!!! On any given day especially in this period I am getting more than one proposal or” I want to get to know you better” from serious men also. I don't tire!! It's frustrating!! Lord, I want to get out of this please!! Who.is.this.man???

I don't want to post publicly so let me come and rant in this journal.

I don't tire Lord!! Who is this man?????

ENTRY THIRTY

Monday, June 10th 2024

I just realized that I had never journal led how I knew that God was saying to me to let go for the past guy I dated. I just jumped to “who is my husband” without mentioning how I came to peace with the fact that this guy isn't the one for me.

So during the time when I was confused; would this relationship be restored or not? I prayed. Prayed. Prayed. Forgave. Was willing to even accept him back if he came back because God was teaching me how to love at the time.

At a particular time, I just wanted to know, do I forget this guy or hold on? I prayed. God spoke to me and said “Replacements”. He said Saul was replacement for David, Jesus was replacement for Adam, Matthias was replacement for Judas. If I will be honest when the break up first happened, as I praised God He had said to me:

Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19 NKJV

[12] Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

[15] But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

[17] For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) [18] Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. [19] For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."

What Adam couldn't do by His disobedience, Jesus did by His obedience.

He had also said to me at another time;

I Corinthians 7:15 NKJV

[15] But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

Let him depart in peace.

I don't know why even with these I still wanted Him to speak and He did. After telling me about replacements the final time, He started speaking to me from everywhere about David replacing Saul.

I saw it in scripture:

Acts 13:22 NKJV

[22] And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

I heard it in someone's testimony of how God gave her her spouse and God's word to her was ***“after He had removed Saul, He gave them David”***.

I heard it in pastor Poju's message talking about when a man leaves, a new man sent by God is around the corner.

I heard it on Sunmisola and Yinka Okeleye interview with Sunmisola talking about God telling her to let Saul go and receive David.

I heard it even today again in a message I was listening to of God telling Samuel to stop mourning for Saul and go and anoint David. I am not mourning anymore, I'm just trying to say that when I asked God to make His will clear to me, God responded with an overabundance of answers. My God is so good!

Now I am waiting for David. My David God has promised me to show up. And I will know him because the God who spoke to me before still speaks.

ENTRY THIRTY-ONE

Monday, August 12th 2024

Kigali, Rwanda

I met my husband! I met David! The man God promised me... and he is my man right now! I mean right now!

How do I even begin writing this journal? I'm short of words! How do I put into words what has happened over the last two weeks... one week even? Where do I start from? But write I will with God's help because this story is not for me. This story is for others who must marry the man God has for them.

So let me see, tomorrow I will trust God to write the right words.

ENTRY THIRTY-TWO

Thursday, August 15th 2024

When God does something for you, how do you begin to write or share about it when you lack the words to speak?

We've been praising God, fulfilling our pledge to come back and thank Him when He does my marriage and the first night I just found myself weeping with no words. God is faithful, has been faithful and is still faithful.

How do we share what the Lord has done for us? Where do we start from? What do we say??

HOW I MET MY HUSBAND MR BOATENG

ENTRY THIRTY-THREE

Wednesday, August 21st 2024

In April 2024 I was in Ghana. This trip was the hardest mission trip I've ever had in my walk with God. For some reason, satan wanted me to deny not the Lord or my salvation, but to draw back from His plan for my life.

I was very depressed and discouraged. The head was when I was coming from another region I had gone for a meeting to Accra and my bus had come in at night. I was logging my heavy bags to the guest house I was to stay in then realized that we - I and the helper for ministry we had there - didn't book a room. It was almost midnight, I was exhausted, hungry and grumpy. I told God, "is this what you promised to those who serve you?" I don't even have a place to stay. No one to receive me. I'm tired... Hungry and the only reason I left my house in Nigeria is to do your work. Is this how you treat those who serve you? I was in pain. So pained. And that was when the almost suicidal thoughts began. It felt like Elijah saying Lord let me just die. It felt like this calling was a burden I couldn't draw back from God on. I felt so much pressure on me that night to say no to God. Not to my salvation but no to this call. It felt like something, more like satan was pressing on me to say to God "I retreat. I can't do this anymore". The thought

came to say maybe when I get back to Nigeria I should dust off my law gown and go back to court. Abandon this missionary call to the Nations.

My heart was so pained. I cried. I spoke to the Lord, is this the reward you promised me for the year 2024? That trip was hard but the Lord helped me. Instead of saying *no, take your calling*, I put on praise and by an act of **will** I danced to the Lord. I praised God in the midst of pain. I won the test **by God's grace**.

My journal of that day...

For the first time in a long while, I think I'm considering not showing up for a ministry meeting tomorrow

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My heart is heavy. Is this what I signed up for with the Lord? Why so much suffering? This was actually what I was afraid of that I said I didn't want to go on another mission trip with the way I am feeling.

How am I feeling?

Like God has done me bad, wrong. Is this what I get for serving God for nine years straight? No home. No marriage. Moving from place to place for the gospel, travelling at night, getting into another city and not even having a room to stay for the night? And also at my last funds at hand? How long would this go on for exactly? How long, Lord?

I cannot deny that I feel bad tonight. Very bad. Very bad. My heart is teary and in pain. I feel left out. I feel like I'm going around in circles with this with God. Where is my reward? Where is my reward? What am I doing with my life? Is this the way God deals with those who serve Him? What is my reward? What exactly is my reward? Is this it? Carrying and lugging my bag from one city to another at past 11pm at night? At my last funds and still coming to not having a place to sleep? And then I still have another ministry meeting tomorrow? Why exactly am I doing this?? Why exactly??? I feel so sad and I

really don't have words to write how I feel on my missionary's journey anymore.

I'm tired. And if this is the way it is going to be, I don't want this anymore. I don't have any joy right now in service.. I'm only here in Ghana in plain obedience to God..I'm afraid every hour that I may draw back from this all if care isn't taken.. is the grace for this gone? Did God really send me to do this? Or perhaps I sent myself?

All I know is that I don't feel good about this anymore. And I cannot go on serving this way feeling short changed..I told Him I will serve Him but please take away the way that I feel. This constant feeling of disappointment and wanting something I don't have. Take it away. Its robbing me of the joy of service. I cannot go on this way. I cannot. Lord, I can't.

12:02 am

Written at Oyibi, Accra Ghana

ENTRY THIRTY-FOUR

It's funny how the above journal was written a few **four** short months before I met my husband. What if I indeed gave up and turned back from serving the Lord? When part of my reward was tied to my service to the Lord?

Psalms 118:13 NKJV

[13] You pushed me violently, that I might fall, But the Lord helped me.

In that time period I also had a young man, a Ghanaian I had been connected to the previous year who we were friends with but also kind of still in the talking stage. I was supposed to meet him but things changed at the last moment. I remember God saying to me that He was leading me even through the redirections. So I took my bags and came back to Nigeria after the mission and ministry work ended for that season.

I also remember having a dream of delay in that season and I might have been tempted to think the delay was of me not being able to meet this Ghanaian young man and maybe it was but all it shows to me now is how God used it for my good. This young man seemed like kind of “the one” but he wasn't. He was a music minister (my husband is a David, a worshipper.

Even though God told me worship isn't singing, but a life lived in obedience to God), had a child (I had had a dream of perhaps my husband may have a child), had a job (screamed security), loved God (or he seemed to love God to me). The only issue was this guy was a joker who wasn't ready to commit (after I got engaged he messaged me asking to date months after I had moved on from this talking stage going nowhere) and he wasn't my husband anyway.

So I came back to Nigeria depressed and discouraged. One day I was talking to God, sat on the floor and found my Bible opening by itself to this scripture with the heading that said “to the elect lady” ...

2 John 1:8 BOOKS

[8] Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

God had promised me a reward at the start of the year and He was warning me to be careful so I don't lose out on it. Looking back now, never had I been so pressed to abandon the calling...to give up and tell God “I take back my yes from you, I can't serve you anymore”. Never had the pressure been more intense than then. And it was that intense because it was the last test before the reward!

But the Lord helped me! Mercy helped me to not give up. In the midst of intense pressure by satan, the Lord Himself showed me mercy and helped me stand strong! My praise, thanks and total adoration belongs to Him!

THE INTRICATE JOURNEY TO MEETING MY HUSBAND

In that same April 2024 when I was in Ghana, someone had followed me on Instagram. I was looking to get into Universities in Ghana to speak to youths so when I saw his follow and checked his page and noted he was a lecturer in a university, I was intrigued because that was exactly where I wanted to go but I was at the end of that trip at Ghana so I didn't follow up. I don't think I even followed him back.

In July 2024 as I was about to go on another mission trip, yes another mission trip after the first one where I was so discouraged - God had revived me in the months following and reemphasized to me His clear vision for my life again, yes my calling is to go to the Nations of the earth to preach and share God's word - I remembered this young man who had followed me in April. It was just like a flash. I couldn't even remember his name, I had to search my followers one after the other because I knew I could recognize him when I saw his username or something. I did recognize him as I searched through my followers. I sent him a message about who I was and how I was about coming to Ghana and wanted to reach out to youths and teenagers etc. He received me and introduced me to his

pastor but then he wasn't in Cape coast as I thought, he was in a region called *Sunyani*.

Now, the only reason I felt I was passing through Ghana was because I checked flight tickets from Nigeria to Kenya which was really my destination but I saw the flight tickets were cheaper from Accra so I decided to go from Accra. But as I thought about it, I saw this scripture:

Acts 8:40 ESV

[40] But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

So it felt like even though I was going to fly from Accra, before getting there I could preach the gospel in all the Nations surrounding Accra. So I stopped over at Cotonou, then stopped over at Burkina Faso still on missions and having meetings, preaching God's word etc. before finally getting into Ghana on July 18th 2024 from Burkina Faso. All these details are important because my journey wasn't a straight journey at all but for me to meet my husband where I met him must have really been totally orchestrated by the Lord with each step I took. His divine direction was hidden in obedience to the leading of the work of the preaching the gospel in the nations of the earth God had put in my heart.

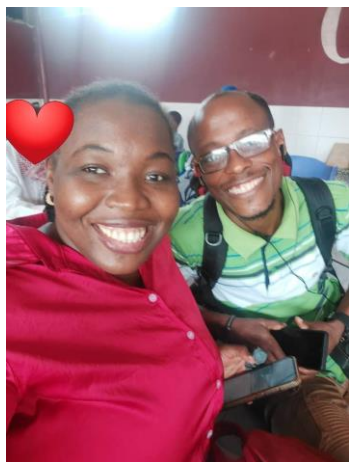
The young man at Sunyani got back to me when I got into Accra and we agreed I needed to get to Sunyani to see his pastor etc. So we fixed the date I would come. I was going to travel on July 20th from Accra to Sunyani. I had travelled to a region called Obuasi before and the buses left Accra at any time of the day so when I was told the number of hours Sunyani was from Accra I assumed they also travelled anytime during the day. So because of this I went to the park early. If I had known they travelled only early in the morning and then at night, I wouldn't have gone to the park as at the time I went there. All these timing and timeliness are important.

Please stay with me.

I needed a travelling bag that day and a young man who had helped me carry my bag went with me from store to store till I found a travelling bag to buy. Then he went with me to the transport company to get my ticket, followed me to the waiting area when I was informed I would have to wait for at least four hours before leaving Accra because the buses were leaving at night. I sat at a particular seat without really noticing who I was sitting beside (even though to be honest, looking back now, his face was highlighted to me and I sat beside him because he stood out to me, I don't even know why) then prayed with the young man who helped carry my bags, gave

him some money and then we said our goodbyes as I prepared to wait my time till my bus leaves the station.

When the man who helped carry my bags left, I shifted forward a bit to arrange my bags and the man sitting beside me also helped me arrange my bags well. I thanked him and that began a conversation between us. He asked what I do, I thought a bit, “do I tell him I'm a lawyer or tell him I'm a missionary?” I decided to tell him I'm a missionary and that began a deeper conversation between us with him telling me he is an evangelist who also enjoys ministry “out there”. He was actually going to Burkina Faso for some people and young children he had met there on a previous visit. We shared a lot, I even told him my angelic encounters. I found myself being uncharacteristically open with a “stranger” ... well that's not so true because on my mission trips God connects me to strangers as family but I shared so much with him it was strange. But when it was time for his bus to leave, I didn't think too much of it; in fact, I took some pictures of us together because I thought this would be the last time we would see one another so we should have memories of the day.



Our first picture together. He said I was seeing men as trees. That's why I didn't recognize him as the one... haha. My discernment was wrapped up in his hair cut!

Something strange happened though, when his bus was about to leave, he came back again to say goodbye to me... I thought that was strange. Then I also thought his keeping in touch with me afterwards was strange. He would check on me in the morning, check on how I was doing, he was also actually calling me daily but I wasn't picking his calls because I was busy and also to be honest, I thought it weird that he was keeping in touch. I didn't think I wanted to keep in touch with him or continue a relationship of sorts. I was okay with just once in a while saying hello and hi etc. and bye. In fact, he was even trying to call me on video call... ah! I wasn't picking. Now I know it was because he sensed something between us, then I wasn't sure if he was interested or it was simply because

I was a missionary in a foreign land. God gives me favor and people are kind to me all the time when I travel for missions (and I thank God for that)

Where God caught me though was with my heart for His work. I needed a venue for a meeting I was planning to have at Accra so that was the cinch for keeping in touch with him. I asked him if he knew a place I could use and he said to call him so we discuss the matter. Lol. Even that sef I thought hmm... because I had not been picking his calls but was replying his chats. Couldn't he just chat back in reply about the venue? But I just called him because I needed help. Lol. The hook was still ministry.

He mentioned maybe being able to use their church and said he would speak to his Apostle about it.

He came back to Accra and was asking me when I would be back. I told him I wasn't sure and then when I was sure I told him I would be coming back on so and so day. The day after I came back or so, he sent me a message asking if I would like to come see their church auditorium. Well, *na me dey find venue* so I agreed to go. He sent me that message on July 29th 2024. I agreed to meet up.



Now I must say this. I had my eyes fixed on someone else I had earlier met, thinking maybe this could be my spouse. I liked the person and could tell this person loves God genuinely and this person also had said he has always felt the call to the Nations... and I genuinely liked him. So when I came back to Accra, that night, I began talking to God about this person as I would do for all people who I was considering could be or not be... This person hadn't asked me out though, it was just me liking them and wondering if they could be the one. As I made to pray about it and call their name before God to ask "is this the one?" The Holy Spirit suddenly took over my prayer and started praying for ***the transcendence of God's will***. I had to check the dictionary for what transcendence means.

*My dictionary says transcendence means, case of a **Superior excellence**; **supereminence**.*

Supereminence means the state of being supereminent.

Supereminent means Superior to or notable above all others; outstanding; supremely remarkable.

So this was my prayer that night. The next day I found out this guy had eyes for another and this was my answer to whether he was the one or not. I had prayed and God had made it clear it wasn't who I thought I liked.

Two days after this I believe, was when me and my husband met up at his church. But at this time I had no interest in him at all. In fact, I remember telling our ministry helper Priscilla that this Reverend (I saved his name as Rev Boateng on my phone to tell you how I didn't have my mind on him at all) had asked me to come to see their church auditorium but whether it was an excuse to see me I didn't know. If it was then sorry for him because that's not on my mind at all.

So we met at his church to see his church auditorium as he said. *coughs*... this was the second time we were meeting since the first time at the park; he on his way to Burkina Faso and me on my way to Sunyani.

ENTRY THIRTY-FIVE

Monday August 26th 2024

The day of our meeting to go see his church, we met up at Circle Accra Ghana. He was trying to direct me to go to the church directly but just decided to come to me at Circle. I thought that was caring of him.

After going round and round, missing where I was, we finally met and talked all the way in the *trotro* to the church. I actually thought he came with a car. See me oh! Because he said “we are coming to pick you”. Lol. I had to swallow my ‘thought’ and *jejely* followed him into the *trotro* which ended up being fun in a way because then I got to see the city with him describing this place and that to me and mixing with the people.

We got to the church and he started introducing me as a missionary to everyone. The people staying and selling stuff around the church, the admin team, and also to a fellow Reverend at the church. That Reverend was the one who said “why would God make a missionary and a Reverend meet?”. This was after we told him how we met at the bus station. I didn't pick on that as my mind was totally on ministry and I

was looking for a venue for the meeting we wanted to have for women and teenagers.

We got to the studio in the church, I also had been looking for a way to record some songs so I was making inquiries for what I needed to do etc. My mind was totally on ministry. Now, when we met, I was also kind of looking for whether we would still have the kind of rapport we had at the bus station. Whether we would still flow as people who weren't strangers and we were. He started telling me about his family, battles he had fought in prayer etc. Then he told me about his daughter. I need to admit that I had checked his Facebook profile before and saw that he had a daughter so this wasn't news to me but I nodded my head and asked questions, how old she was etc. Now, you may wonder about why I wasn't surprised about the fact that he had a daughter. On April 18th 2024 I think I must have had another proposal or proposals... I wasn't sure which but it drew me to prayer. I remember that day laying on the floor and praying for God to show me who this man is. I had received a prophecy that the man was around me so I kept asking the Lord who is this person around me that I don't know? Show me. Tell me.

First the Lord gave me a scripture about Abraham, the man who God had chosen.

Genesis 18:17-19 NKJV

[17] And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, [18] since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? [19] For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

Then as I prayed I slipped into a deep sleep and had a dream.

In that dream I was with an old classmate who had married a man who had children in real life. Another friend was saying the children weren't hers but they are her husband's and that the man was truthful to her. Another girl came and was then asking me if it is okay to marry a man with a child. I said:

1: If he is honest to me about it.

2: Can I love them like my own child?

3: The way I see it, we were called bastards and God made us his children. If God did that for me, who am I not to do it for another?

There were other parts to the dream at the end, then I woke up.

When I awoke from that dream I remember being so confused because what I was asking God for was totally different from what He had shown me. I asked him to show me my husband then He showed me a question and answer on something I wasn't even thinking about. I almost posted it in the group of women I lead praying for their future husbands and marriages but I ended up not doing so. Because I was wondering, is this someone's question to the Lord or something?

But then I wrote it down in my journal and went my way. What began to happen though, was that when men came to me who had children or a child, I realized I wasn't averse to it anymore like I was before. At the very beginning of my journey, a man having a child wasn't even something that entered my mind. In fact, one of the men who had children who had come to me, that was a strike against him but after this dream, I realized I was no longer averse to it. Two men came who had children and I took it in stride. That argument had been answered with the dream even though I didn't know why God gave me such a dream but subconsciously, something had been dealt with on the inside of me.

2 Corinthians 10:5 ESV

[5] We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

So when he said he has a child, nothing in me rose up against it. Instead I asked about her, her age etc. When he said how old she was, I asked him how old he was when he had her. He said he was 35 years old now and had her when he was 26. My heart beat at that because I knew the dream I had while I was in Tanzania of my David, my husband is around 35 years old. My heart started to beat at that but of course I gave no outward sign of it. Two of these things God had told me about this man I could see already.

1: He is 35

2: He has a child

I had earlier put together clues of what my husband would be like as God showed them to me.

The clues included;

My husband (written June 28th 2024) from my journal.

•I bring to you a David, a man of worship, a man in whom the passions of Christ are at work and alive and the ordination is

for destiny. That choice to go with the man I have ordained for you will literally be confronted by war but I will stand by you. I will be exalted in the midst of you and I will make you a voice that will never go silent.

- A man of wisdom who will steward my calling correctly.

- He may have a child

- Around 35

- We may be in different Ministries/living in different places (this was a part of the list because I also had a dream where I was saying that a man and a woman may have two different ministries or live in two different places but the marriage will work because it's based on 100 percent support and love for one another despite being in different places).

- Acts 13:22: God has testified about him. He is a man after God's heart and he will do God's will.

- He is a man of obedience.

I put together these details and clues God gave me about this man because one of our ladies - sis Amarachi - in our prayer group spoke about Pst Paul Enenche doing this, writing down

everything about the woman God had shown him as his wife and when God brought someone who fit every one of those things he knew it was her. So I wrote them all down in a book.

Time to leave the church now and the Reverend convinced me to come see where he stays. I didn't want to because the guest house I was living at Accra was far from that area but I kind of knew the day isn't over yet so I went. We continued talking and gisting all the way. Gisting about God, our angelic encounters (which was a key part of our first conversation at the park and I didn't know this man actually has a whole thing with learning about God's angels etc. and that day I spoke so much about my angelic encounters I was wondering why I was so open with him about these private things. It must have also been a confirmation to him or at least a trigger in his mind about me).

We gisted all the way to the house and continued gisting when we got there and continued gisting as he made me food, our conversations just kept flowing from one end to another end etc. Then he leaned over one time and said first, *"I have a strong conviction"* then he held himself back from completing it and leaned over again, looked at me and said *"you will marry a Ghanaian"*. I said amen or nodded my head or something and kept talking. Now I know the "prophetic word" he gave

was referring to himself but I still wasn't sure if he was interested in me or not. He was playing things so cool.

Also within our conversations he asked me, have you ever thought about Dubai? And as usual with me being so open with him, I started to talk about how God had promised me Dubai in 2020 after I released one of my books titled “Surviving singlehood” and then in 2021 an angel had dropped a Dubai coin on my lap (no kidding, I was in church, someone called my name, I turned back to say hello, turned around again and there was a United Arab Emirates coin on my lap and I still have it in my bag till this day). And then while I was in Uganda last year August 2023 after prayer and God speaking about how my husband is here, He suddenly started saying “remember Dubai, remember Dubai” over and over again.



The Dubai Coin an angel dropped on my lap at church in 2021.

I told my husband these things that day simply thinking maybe he was asking for missions' schedule sake. It wasn't until the next day I realized how this was all part of the story. The person he was referring to when he said “you will marry a

Ghanaian was himself” but he didn't want to show his hand so early.

On my own part I was already sensing something I didn't want to admit. As I walked on the road home that night, trying to talk to God about this man I had met with things seeming to just be clicking together, I didn't know so much what to say but I was troubled. I was so troubled I couldn't sleep until the early hours of the day. I was tossing and turning, chiefly because I kind of knew already but I didn't want to hear what God would say to me about it. What if he said yes?

ENTRY THIRTY-SIX

I was worried because in my head I didn't think I was attracted to this guy. I laugh right now because come on, we were so connected, our conversations were flowing, and the pull and draw between us was undeniable but still my rational mind was saying "I don't think I'm attracted to this guy".

I said to God, "Lord, would you make me marry someone I am not attracted to?" and He replied to me immediately with scripture, "my commandments are not burdensome". I had to search for and read it in different versions.

1 John 5:3 ESV

[3] For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3 GNT

[3] For our love for God means that we obey his commands. And his commands are not too hard for us,

1 John 5:3 DARBY

[3] For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.

He was saying to me that His commandments and His will is good for me. His commandments aren't hard or grievous and if this is what He wants me to do, it won't be burdensome on me like a heavy load. His will is good for me. His thoughts of me are of good and not of evil to bring me to an expected end.

I didn't have too much time to dwell there though, because it was time to get ready to see Mr Boateng again.

ENTRY THIRTY-SEVEN

The previous day when we met, I spoke about doing ministry with teenagers and young people so he used his contacts to try to get us to get into Accra Academy. So we met up there to speak to the head teacher and chaplains in charge of the school fellowship. After that we then went to his house because he promised to cook me Ghana Jollof and he did.



The Ghana Jollof...he added plantains because I wanted them.

While we were on the way to his place, he finally opened up to me that he had started a process to go work in Dubai. His visa was out, and he was just waiting for the flight tickets and going ahead to go. He said he decided to be open with me about it.

After eating he took me to his prayer altar where he showed me his passport etc. he was praying over and continued to tell me about the Dubai details. He was speaking to me about this and as I looked at him, suddenly I just **knew** that I would marry this guy. I knew that I knew I would marry this guy, somewhere settled in my heart was this thought but of course I didn't say anything to him. I played it cool and we went back to the sitting room.

He went outside and later came in to say his neighbor had asked him who I was and if I am His girlfriend. He laughed and said he told him no, that I am a missionary. Well, at this time I wasn't sure if this guy was still a Reverend to me or if he had something up his sleeves. I could feel what was happening between us even in my denial but he hadn't said anything about it. So I said to him, 'if that's the case, that I am not your girlfriend, then I am free to consider anyone at all who is asking me out right?'

Immediately he said “no... I am getting to know you..no..no” (we still laugh about this today because there was a way his face was). “No my dear, I am getting to know you” lol.

So I said ‘okay, but I haven't heard any question and if there is no question then there is no answer to give’.

That day also I had met a Ghanaian uber guy who gave me a lift and I thought he was just being caring to a stranger. But at the time I and my husband were having this conversation the uber guy was calling to ask me where I was, and if he could take me to the guest house where I was staying. I honestly felt the uber guy was just being helpful since I meet strangers who are kind to me on mission trips all the time. But my Mr Boateng must have seen through it because he was reluctant about letting me meet up with the guy to take me to my guest house.

Then he sat me down and said let him just be open with me. He wants to start a family in unity with me. In other words, he just proposed directly to me. This was the second day after we met again after the first time we met at the park. July 31st was 12 days after we met for the first time on July 20th and he was so convinced about this. He wants to start a family with me, he believes I'm his wife. Everything!

I was surprised but not so surprised.

1: Because I had actually asked God I wanted a proposal from my husband on or before July 31st and I had actually been on a fast as led by the Spirit of God praying for ***speed***.

2: Because I could see everything happening even though my mind was in denial. Right from when he said he was 35 + hearing about his daughter + seeing this man of God with a heart for God + seeing how he accepted my call and is almost the same + seeing how he cares for me (my husband had said the first time he cooked for me and I made to clear the utensils from the table, *“Let me take care of you”*). It spoke volumes to me as a strong woman) + seeing the connection and flow. I already knew that was up, I just wanted to hear him say it. If you have read my book [“Lessons from my situationship adventures”](#), you know how serious hearing a plain clear proposal is.

Now the proposal is here. What am I going to do about it?

ENTRY THIRTY -EIGHT



Now the proposal is here. What do I do about it? I tossed and turned and tossed and turned all night. I already knew the answer. It was clear enough. Every word that God had given me in the past as I prayed about my future husband was in this guy exactly. What was I going to do about it?

I must mention that days before I met my husband, while praising God after a sexual temptation (which you can read in 31 & horny here at <https://sclar.co/m/HephzibahFrances>

God had told me “I have brought him to you” (you know God speaks what He does as though it is already done). Immediately after he said that I had a proposal from a man in South Africa. A Nigerian. And then the ex-came back who I didn't even tell I was in Ghana but somehow he messaged out of the blue to meet up... but I prayed about it and knew this wasn't it; God promised me a replacement so I didn't even go to see the ex as he asked because I felt I didn't want to open that door. The counterfeits still reared their heads up until the end.

Now what was I going to do about Mr Boateng's proposal? This guy was serious. I knew his answer and knew this was it but somehow I was still dragging my feet.

We were to meet up two days after the day when he proposed. I tossed and turned all night in bed. He went to the school alone to submit the application letters to speak at the school for me and even that spoke to me about him also. My husband I knew from what God had told me would not have an issue with my calling as a missionary which is something out of the ordinary but he would be a help and support to me in it.

We met the day after this free day where we didn't meet up with one another but before then he was already talking about us as an item and me as his wife etc. His conviction was and

still is rock solid about me which is something that I prayed for over the years.

That my husband will not drag his feet about me.

***He will not dilly dally about me once he knows I'm the one.
He will not hesitate to receive me unto himself as his wife.***

His conviction will be rock solid about me

He will move in haste to receive me as his wife just as Boaz did with Ruth. All these things we declared in prayer over and over again as we prayed with the women I lead over their future husband's and marriages (you can join that group here -

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GLShvTsYwAz22J1OFYydtG>)

Every one of these single prayers were answered.

HOW I TOLD HIM YES

ENTRY THIRTY-NINE



When we met again two days after he proposed, he was already talking in future tense with me in it... and even though I wasn't saying anything, you could slice the connection and pull between us with a knife. Oh where was the “Lord I don't think I'm attracted to this guy” now? We were drawn to one another like moths to a flame. In Fact, you should read “31 & horny” to see how some people were fleeing from sexual temptation. Haha. God put everything together as a package.

I am not sure I intended to tell him yes that day and I am not even sure what we were speaking about because we were going

from conversation topic to conversation topic so quickly and we still do the same today; make five hours pass by so quickly just talking (God gave me my own friend) ... but then I said to him *"I'd tell them I'm taken"* or something like that. He nodded his head and I said *"take that as a yes to you"*. He hugged me and smiled so hard. I could tell that this matter was finished. I am home.



MY HUSBAND'S OWN STORY

ENTRY FORTY

I met my Rebecca through a remarkable series of events orchestrated by God. As Abraham, Isaac's father, sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac from their relatives in Mesopotamia.

I was always praying fervently to Elohi Ab (The God my hope) to help me meet my Rebecca. Yahweh and his Angels being so good my prayers were answered.

I was travelling to Burkina Faso on a mission and at the bus terminal going to get my ticket, this lady was with her luggage coming to get tickets as well.

I bought my tickets and went for a juice, when I returned there was space beside her. I greeted and kindly asked her if she could arrange her luggage so I could also get space to sit on the chair beside her at the waiting area at the terminal. She was like, okay and I asked her her name and her destination.

In Fact, I was so spiritually sensitive that I heard the voice of an angel whisper into my ears ***“that's her”***. I took a look at

her from head to toe and I was not attracted by what she was wearing or her stature.

But I heeded the voice of the angel of God that whispered into my ears.

I had been praying for guidance and asked for a sign to identify the right woman. When I met Rebecca, who was Hephzibah Frances the daughter of Mr Isaiah Okoro, I knew she was the one chosen by God for me (discernment).

(Please see Genesis 24:10–22).

When I got to Burkina Faso, I still kept in touch with her while praying fervently for more revelation about us from Yahweh and his Angels.

I had an emergency call that my mom's sister had been admitted to the emergency ward at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital at Accra-Ghana so I had to return from Burkina Faso to see how best I can help her.

Meanwhile while I was in Ghana I was still communicating with my Rebecca at Sunyani in Brong- Ahafo region of Ghana.

Finally, when she arrived in Accra Ghana, I went with her to the Accra Academy senior high school to speak to the administration for a teenagers' program with the students on campus.

"Before you find a wife, find your calling, so she will fit into your calling"

Yahweh and his Angels being so good to me, my Rebecca fitted into my calling.

"When there is a man to pray there is a God to answer"

The manifestation of Yahweh and his Angels in my ministry was so great that my conviction and expectancy was sure because Yahweh and his Angels had revealed to me in my dreams about my Rebecca as I kept praying fervently for more signs about our compatibility.

She brought revival into my life (my prayer partner, playing mate and soul mate).

She also plays the role of an accountant in my life.

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I'd like to expatiate a few things I saw/looked at that confirmed to me that she is my wife.

One is these words: *“Before you find a wife, find your calling, so she will fit into your calling”*

As a prophet, my call is to speak God's message to His people, and my spouse plays a vital role in supporting and partnering with me in this ministry. When it came to making a choice for a spouse, my call was at the forefront of my mind. I had to be sure that she would fit into my call.

Here are some ways my wife fits into my call as a prophet:

- 1. Intercessor:** She can pray for me, my ministry, and those I serve.
- 2. Confidante:** A trusted partner to share my heart, burdens, and revelations.
- 3. Advisor:** Offer insights and perspectives to help me navigate complex situations.

4. Ministry partner: Collaborate in ministry, using her gifts to complement mine.

5. Support system: Emotional support, encouragement, and strength in challenging times.

6. Accountability: Helps me stay grounded and true to God's word and calling.

7. Mother and helper: Raising our children and managing our home, freeing me to focus on ministry.

Remember, my wife is not just a helper but a co-laborer in God's kingdom, and her role is essential to my success as a prophet.

I also had to look for signs of compatibility as we related with one another.

These were some of the signs of compatibility I saw in my wife as a prophet of God:

1. Shared spiritual values: She resonates with my prophetic calling and supports my ministry.

- 2. Emotional intelligence:** Empathetic, understanding, and able to handle the emotional demands of my prophetic role.
- 3. Spiritual maturity:** Grounded in faith, able to discern and navigate spiritual challenges.
- 4. Intercessory anointing:** She prays fervently for me, my ministry, and those I serve.
- 5. Prophetic gifting:** She possesses complementary prophetic gifts or insights, enhancing my ministry.
- 6. Unwavering support:** Encourages and stands by me, even in challenging times.
- 7. Humility and submission:** Recognizes my prophetic authority, yet maintains her own identity and gifts.
- 8. Flexibility and adaptability:** Able to adjust to changing circumstances and ministry demands.
- 9. Wisdom and discernment:** Offers valuable insights, helping me navigate complex situations.
- 10. Love and respect:** Demonstrates unwavering love, respect, and admiration for me and my calling.

Recognizing these signs in my wife is a testament to God's divine orchestration in bringing us together for His purposes.

Finally, The Angels of Yahweh revealing dreams and visions to confirm my wife as the chosen one is a remarkable testimony! And it may also have some wondering what the dreams were.

Here are some dreams and visions that were revealed to me:

1. Seeing my wife in a prophetic setting: A dream or vision where I saw my wife standing beside me in a prophetic context, indicating her role as my better half in ministry.

2. Receiving a specific name or word: An angelic message revealing my wife's name or a specific word associated with her, confirming her identity as the chosen one: my Rebecca.

3. Visions of unity and harmony: Dreams or visions depicting me and my wife united, working together in harmony, and building a strong foundation.

4. Symbolic representations: Visions of symbols, such as two becoming one, intertwined trees, or united flames, signifying our union.

5. Prophetic declarations: Audible or inner voice declarations from the angels, affirming my wife as the chosen one.

6. Scriptural confirmations: Dreams or visions where specific Bible verses or passages were highlighted, pointing to my wife's role in my life.

7. Seeing my wife's spiritual gifts: Visions of my wife operating in her spiritual gifts, confirming her calling and anointing.

8. A sense of peace and confirmation: A deep inner peace and confirmation from the Holy Spirit, reassuring me of my wife's identity as the chosen one.

Hear me brethren, these dreams and visions are personal and unique to my experience but they can also help you in interpreting what God may be saying to you about a potential spouse. Hold them dear, and may they continue to guide and strengthen your relationships.

ON OVERCOMING PERSONAL BARRIERS AS REGARDS PHYSICAL ATTRACTION vs GOD'S LEADERSHIP

I mentioned I wasn't attracted to her stature or what she was wearing the first time we met and I think I must expatiate this for others in a stage of choosing a spouse to understand how I navigated this.

With Overcoming barriers in choosing a spouse God has for you it required me to:

- 1. Surrender:** Let go of personal preferences and trust God's plan.
- 2. Prayer:** Seek guidance and wisdom from God.
- 3. Self-reflection:** Identify and address personal biases and flaws.
- 4. Seek counsel:** Get wisdom from trusted spiritual leaders or mentors.
- 5. Discernment:** Develop ability to distinguish God's voice from personal desires.

6. Patience: Wait for God's timing and plan to unfold.

7. Faith: Trust that God has someone better than you can imagine.

Attraction can play a role, but it shouldn't be the sole deciding factor.

Consider:

1. Character: Aligns with God's values and principles.

2. Shared values: Common beliefs, goals, and vision.

3. Spiritual compatibility: United in faith and spiritual growth.

4. Emotional maturity: Capable of healthy communication and conflict resolution.

5. Mutual respect: Valuing and honoring each other.

Remember, attraction can grow and develop over time. Prioritize a deep emotional and spiritual connection, and attraction will follow. That's what happened to me with my

wife; as my spirit recognized her, my emotions and body followed. God is wise and He includes these in the equation so there is no need to fear but they must not lead you in your choice of a spouse; His Spirit should.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE is one of the most important components of choosing a spouse.

In walking with Yahweh and his Angels, growing to hear God's voice requires dedication, patience, and a willingness to deepen one's spiritual connection.

Here are some steps to help you:

1. **Pray regularly:** Set aside time for consistent prayer, seeking guidance and wisdom.
2. **Study the Bible:** Familiarize yourself with God's word, as it's a primary way He communicates.
3. **Meditate and reflect:** Quiet your mind, and listen for God's gentle whispers.
4. **Seek solitude:** Find quiet time to focus on your spiritual journey.

5. Listen to Christian teachings: Attend sermons, workshops, or online resources to enhance your understanding.

6. Join a community: Connect with fellow believers for support and encouragement.

7. Practice discernment: Develop your ability to distinguish God's voice from your thoughts.

8. Be patient and persistent: Growing spiritually takes time, so stay committed.

Remember, hearing God's voice is a personal experience, and it may manifest differently for each individual. Keep an open heart and mind, and trust in your spiritual growth.

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I will advise all the single searching gents and ladies out there to pray fervently for the spirit of Yahweh to help them in discerning and making the right choices.

Hear me brethren, the main motive of marriage is geared towards companionship.

Please kindly pray these prayer points with me for the spirit of Yahweh to help you in making the right choices in selecting a spouse.

(1) Dear Heavenly Father,

In the quiet of my heart, I seek Your presence, asking for Your divine intervention in my search for a life partner. Like a ship guided by a lighthouse, let Your light guide me towards the person You have prepared for me. As the potter moulds clay, shape our hearts to complement each other in love, understanding, and purpose.

(2) Grant me discernment to recognize the signs You place before me, patience to await Your timing, and strength to walk away from connections not meant for me. May Your peace envelop me, turning anxious thoughts into prayers and fears into faith.

(3) In this journey, I lean on Your wisdom, knowing You see beyond what I can. Let the foundation of my future relationship be built on mutual love for You, becoming a testament to Your grace and mercy.

Amen.

(4) Heavenly Father,

In the garden of life, where Your love blooms in myriad forms, I seek the wisdom to discern the weeds from the flowers. Grant me the strength, O Lord, to resist the allure of relationships that do not glorify You or lead me closer to the life partner You have chosen for me.

(5) Like Daniel in the den of lions, help me to stand firm in my faith and values, unwavering in the face of temptation. Guide me with Your Holy Spirit, that I may see beyond fleeting desires and remain focused on the eternal love You promise.

(6) Let Your word be the lamp unto my feet, illuminating the path away from entanglements that cloud my purpose and joy.

(7) In moments of loneliness or doubt, remind me of Your everlasting presence and the divine blueprint You have for my life, including a partnership that honours You.

(8) Strengthen my heart to wait patiently for what is good and true, trusting that in Your perfect timing, You will bring into my life not just a partner, but a soulmate who reflects Your love and grace.

Amen.

(9) Heavenly Father,

In Your wisdom, you crafted the fabric of love that binds two souls in unity. Today, I come before You, seeking Your grace and guidance as I prepare my heart for the gift of a committed relationship. Lord, make me an embodiment of Your love, patience, and kindness.

(10) Guide me to understand the depth of commitment, teaching me to navigate the waters of emotions with grace and humility. Instill in me the virtues of forgiveness, understanding, and empathy, so that I may enter a marriage not just as a partner, but as a true companion and friend.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

Sometime in May as I cried to the Lord about the proposals I was having, He first of all spoke to me and said through scripture:

John 10:8 ESV

[8] All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

Because I was worried as to whether I was missing it by saying no to all these good God guys coming with proposals (they were born again good guys). He reassured me by telling me “none of them who had come so far were the one” then He said “I will simplify the matter. I will make the matter simplified” (May 29th 2024). He said He will make it so easy for me to know who David is.

I believe the clarity I received and the simplicity of knowing who my husband is at the end was directly linked to these words God said to me.

God can simplify the matter of choosing a spouse so it's no longer confusing nor is it hard to discern who your spouse is.

It can be very clear to the both of you just as it was to me and my husband that ***this is it***. In the place where there is no confusion but just clarity from above.

But I must mention that the game changer for clarity is a heart that is willing to do God's will. Remember I mentioned my eyes were on someone else and not my husband? The Spirit led prayer for ***the transcendence of God's will*** was my saving grace and by God's grace I wasn't stuck in my ways. I really wanted His will even though I had my own thoughts about who this person was.

Also, know that God is faithful. Before I left Nigeria I actually saw a ring with a stone on my finger and the Ghana flag as I prayed. I mentioned it to my prayer partners but didn't mention the ring. I only mentioned that I saw the Ghana flag and told them to pray along with me for what God was saying about Ghana on this trip, etc. I wasn't sure if the ring and the flag had something to do with each other.

But I do know that God gave me a word as I left Nigeria. He said:

Joshua 21:45 ESV

[45] Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel (Hephzibah). had failed; all came to pass.

I held on to this word with all my heart. The way that God spoke also brought faith so much to my heart. When I got to Cotonou (I was at Benin Republic and Burkina Faso for ministry before going to Ghana) I rejoiced with the word with all of my heart. It felt like, yes God has done it! It is done! Not just marriage but every promise He had made me is done. And so it was.

In fact, as I write now I remember way back that month of May when God told me He would simplify the matter. I woke up one morning hearing the words “Congratulations” with pastor Sola, a pastor that prays over me calling that same day and giving me the scripture above.

God is faithful!

This is what I have learnt, our God is faithful and when it is time, ***nothing can stop it now!***

Be encouraged!

The battles I fought in prayer, the twisted journey and detours, what seemed like delays, pain and shame were for my good.

What the Lord has done is perfect!

Psalms 18:30 NKJV

[30] As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

God told me my story will bring hope to many. That's my main motive for sharing this book and our story. I pray that in your own journey, you are encouraged, strengthened and full of hope. If God can do it for me through a lot of obstacles... if God can bring me and a man together literally across nations, He can do the same for you.

[Your spouse can be from anywhere.](#)

Stay trusting God.

He will not fail.

He cannot fail.

He will not fail ***you***.

This is my testimony!

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Thank you.

Till next time we meet again at the pages of another book (I hope you would take a look at my other books and browse through others to be blessed). Stay in faith in God.

He never fails!

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Ecclesiastes 3:14 NKJV

[14] I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it, that mean should fear before Him.

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And please say a word of prayer for our home as you go. That the Lord Himself will keep us in unity and His purpose alone over our lives will stand forever in Jesus name amen! And also please pray as led for us.

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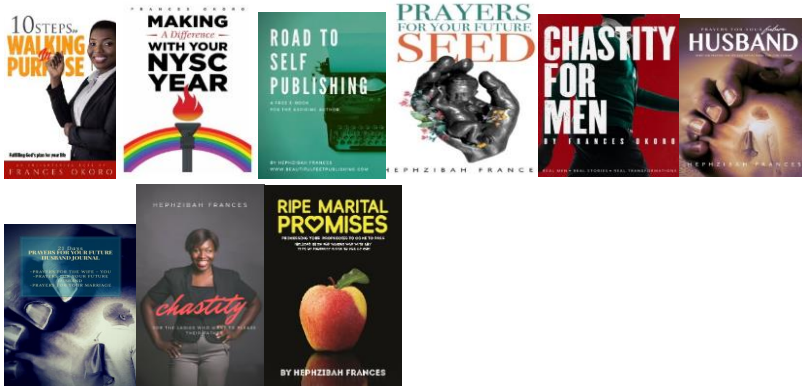
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