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LOOKING UNTO JESUS (hear my story) PART 1.

Hebrews 12:2(KJV)

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Why looking unto Jesus? Because when you look around you and on you, there is little to inspire you. If you turn your eyes to the people, they point to your mistakes alone and you feel very discouraged. I learnt from experience, listen to my story below....

I was a very young minister when I learnt of looking nowhere except unto Jesus. I had founded a church, no wife (as is always the norm for those who start churches), no money, only vision. I needed people to tell me YEEES it's possible but non seemed very convinced or I wasn't looking convincing enough. I was given very good examples of those who went before me and failed, suddenly a feeling of not being good enough and not being able began to dawn in me, the little fire in me got doused. At one meeting, I was told I needed to work on myself, do repentance and consecration, and ask God to change me because I wouldn't be usable by God in such a state, I did welcome it, I was desperate for approval from men, I took the advice, with the hope that one day they would say " well done, you have repented enough, you are now a man of God."

I became preoccupied with correcting my flaws instead of marketing my strength. I would wake up every day looking at how I could correct the wrongs on me. When I looked in a mirror all I could see were things to correct and not things to enjoy. I started to daily build my life around my weaknesses, I wanted them all gone. My prayer was always for God to help me, I felt like a helpless failure trying to do very holy thing. I wanted to be like the other 'good pastors' who were well spoken of. When I sought advice, no one could relate with my circumstances...some would say we started churches in our offices, I didn't have an office, some in their houses but I didn't have either, some had started with their families with the pastor's wife doing the singing and

pastor's kids helping in some way, I wished I had at least a wife...Some managed to convince me that I had rushed...should have waited to at least have some few things in place. It made sense. I had rushed. I felt sorry for myself.

Whilst I was in this state of feeling unworthy and unable, set on the futile trajectory of men, Jesus appeared to me while I was sleeping and said a scripture to me. *Matthew 11:29-30 (KJV)* Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

What touched me from that scripture...was the phrase "learn from me" it kept on being repeated in my spirit until I discovered that I was fixing my eyes on wrong things...on people. I had to change, I turned that day and said Jesus I am your student now...I want learn from you. I didn't know before that Jesus wanted me to learn from him.... I cried, I regretted all the time I spend looking for man's approval, I didn't know the Lord himself wanted to teach me by his Spirit. Ever since that day I never looked back. My eyes are fixed on Jesus.

Jesus said my yoke is easy and my burden is lighter. People's yokes are huge and heavy, I chose the yoke of Jesus because it's lighter because he helps me. Man's standards are too high and too unbearable. If you can relate with this story, why wait? Remove your eyes on men and put them unto Jesus, you won't be hurt again...take your eyes even away from your spouse, put them entirely on Jesus. Oh, what a good Lord is our savior Jesus Christ, he rescued me from trying to please men. Hallelujah

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LOOKING UNTO JESUS (PART 2)

Acts 10:38 (KJV)

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Look at the mission of Jesus. He came to solve many problems. He is remembered for doing good, healing the sick and everyone who was possessed by the devil, for God was with Him. That is why we are always looking unto Him. People look up to those who solve their problems.

Every person is remembered for two things. The problems they solved and the problems they created. You choose which side you want to go. Jesus is remembered for doing good. How are we going to remember you? Wherever you are today, you can solve certain problems there and you can also create problems but choose to do good, choose to solve not to create.

Do you know that in every position you have in society, be it at work, family, church etc, you are a deployee of God and you must solve their problems? Some have been given responsibilities even in church to spear head certain developments but instead of solving the problems there, they begin to create more. Same as at your workplace, you were hired because they had a problem and were looking for someone to solve them. What have you done?

Look, you are honored and paid for the problems that you solve. The more the problem you solve the more important you become, the more you are paid. More money goes to people who solve the biggest problems of the company. It's very sad that a few of us will be remembered for all the problems we created for the departments we worked in, even for the families they married in. Some men have caused so much pain in the families they married into, and they are now a negative case study for the generation to come. Some women also have been source of problems in the families they are married in, every problem has their name written on it.... but you can change that by identifying small problems that you can also solve.

Identify the problems of wherever you are, think of how you can solve those problems. When you do that, then you will be honored and become very important. You can't be important in anyone's life without being able to solve their issues. People who go about solving problems of humanity are called HEROES. You can be a hero in your own right today, take up the challenge

and solve that problem. You have complained about it, wished it away but the only thing you haven't done is to try to solve it.

Amen

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