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I AM MORE THAN THIS

INTRODUCTION

The account of creation in the book of Genesis chapter one clearly describes the awesome and magnificent working power of God. Order was restored, life started and systems were put in place from just one word... *Let there be light!*

From this declaration, God's unlimited power gave birth to several others and still does up till this moment. Therefore, from the revelation which God has given, you must dig deeper for other potentials for your manifestation, see yourself the way God sees you and step out with expectations.

CHAPTER ONE

MAN – CREATION OF VALUE

“Then God said, let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

God created man in His own image and likeness. From the dust of the earth, God breathed into man’s nostrils and he became a living soul. He created us to have dominion on earth. It is a curse for man to be dominated by anything in this life. God must have said in His mind, “You don’t know who you are, and you don’t know what you can do.” So God blessed them. In effect, He was saying; “I’ll tell you what you can do.” And He said, “Be fruitful and multiply.”

You must understand that this same God was at work in the beginning. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

In the course of creation, God looked at the darkness and saw possibilities in it. All God did was to call out these possibilities He had invested in creation. Though it was dark, God saw the potential for light. God said, let there be light and there was light. If the light was not there, it would not have shown up, but it did simply because the potential for light was right inside the darkness.

God created other things until He came to the crown of His creation, Man. Man was the best of the very best, the reason for the whole creation experience. God said, “Let us make man in our own image.” In other words, “He will be a creator like us, who will have potential and unlimited ability like us. God made man, but man had no clue why. Until he was told what he was capable of doing, he did not stand the chance of being the

best he was designed to be. God said to him, “BE FRUITFUL!” Why? Because He knew the potential He put inside man. Man had the ability to multiply.

God would never have said this if the potential to accomplish it had not been invested in man. God said this because man had been given the potential to dominate, create, rule and ‘go over’ in this life. He said man should rule over the work of His creation.

It does not matter how hard, how tough or how rough it has been, you have the potential to ‘go over.’ And you will ‘go over’ your present challenges. God will lift you beyond your current limitations today.

You have the potential to succeed.

CHAPTER TWO

YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES

The interesting thing about God is that He sees things the way they are. But beyond that, He sees them the way they could be. And all through the scripture, God was always speaking to the potential He saw in people.

Let us examine the first set of people God named and the names He gave them.

“This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.”¹

The root word Adam in Hebrew is MANKIND. God looked at Adam and Eve, He saw them the way they were - a man and a woman. But beyond that, He saw the potentials inside them, so He did not call them what they were but what they would be – MANKIND. He saw the current over seven billion human beings on the face of the earth today. Thus when He looked at them, He named them by what they could be. God knew if you shook hands with Adam, you were shaking hands with billions of people because we were right inside Adam’s loins. The seed, the potential, and the capability were right inside him. So God called them what He knew them to be based on the potential He had invested in their lives. He called them based on what He had created them to be.

Potential is unused ability, latent power, what could be that has not yet been. God sees you the way you could be and I am convinced that you are more than you are today. God will help you to attain the heights He designed for your life.

There was also a man called Abram. God saw him in the midst of idol worshippers and called him out. God looked at him and probably thought, “This man is not supposed to be wasting away among his kindred. He is more than this.” He said to Abram, “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.”² When God called him out, He also promised to give him a son. You know what? God changed his name. He changed Abram’s name to Abraham, which means ‘father of many nations’. God looked at Abram, a man who did not have a child, a man who was barren, whose wife was barren and said: “I have made you a father of many nations.”³

In the history of ancient Israel, when Rebecca, the wife of Isaac -- one of the nation's patriarchs, was pregnant, the pregnancy was difficult. She was sick most of the time. She prayed and cried out to God and God gave her a revelation that there were two nations in her womb⁴ God is interesting. How can you call two babies yet unborn two nations? But that is His style, to call things the way they could be. So God does not just call you what you are today but what you could be. God speaks in terms of potentials. After the two nations were born, the parents made a mistake. They named one Esau because he was hairy. But there should be more to a man's destiny than having hair on his body. The second boy was struggling with the first one, contesting for the first position. He held the leg of his brother, and came out second.

Their parents then looked at the circumstances of his birth and called him Jacob, which means a deceiver, a schemer, a clever man or a cunning man. They made the mistake of naming him according to the circumstances of his birth and not according to his destiny. He heard the name "Deceiver" all his life until when he had an encounter with God who would not allow destiny to be destroyed.

Jacob became desperate in prayers because his brother who had vowed to kill him was waiting for him at home. Then at the brook Jabbok, God carried out a surgical operation on Jacob. He touched the hollow of his thigh.

"Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, 'We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him. So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies. And he said, 'If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape.'"

Jacob was still calculating with his brain, depending on human effort. This had been his problem all the while but he now remembered to pray. And God answered his prayer. God identified his root problem; his name. God asked him, "What is your name?"⁶ He said, "Jacob;" the deceiver, the cunning one. God said that was the problem; the potential people had been speaking to inside him had been the negative one. God declared that Jacob was more than that. He spoke to his positive potential.

"Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."⁷

They called the young man Jacob and he accepted it. He believed it. The day God would change his destiny; God looked at him and said, “As crooked as you are, as terrible as you have been, as deceitful as you have been, I still see glory in you. It must have been because of my investment in you that the devil went after you so bad, but I can still see something in you and I will bring it out. From today, nobody should call you Jacob. You are Israel, a prince with God.”

As long as you call yourself what people call you, you may never become what God wants you to become. For example, they might call you a clerk, a messenger or nickname you poor boy. If that is how you also see yourself, you may not attain the height God has destined you to be. For as long as the “blind” people around you, who cannot see what God has invested in your life call you names to bring down your self-esteem, and you accept it, you may find it difficult to live the life of excellence that God has designed for you. You must remember that the scripture says you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.

Today, in some developing nations like Nigeria, you may hear the slogan, “The common men are suffering.” Do not accept that as a reality in your life. God’s word does not call you common; you are a treasure, you cannot be found just anywhere. God is unique. Everything God made is original; it is what the devil makes that is common and fake. You are not common. Yes! The fake is much more in the market than the original. But you are special. You are original.

Dear reader, God is speaking to you today. You may have failed an examination over and over again, but God is looking and smiling at you. He says you are a success.

This is the word of the Lord to you this day. You are a success. It does not matter how many times you have been refused, denied or failed. You might even have been an addict to drugs, alcohol, sex or prostitution. You may have also committed abortions. God is saying to you today, “You are my treasured possession, my creation of value.” God is seeing the potentials He has graciously invested in your life and He is saying, “You are blessed”.

CHAPTER THREE

GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

There was a prostitute in the ancient times called Rahab. She lived in Jericho and when Israel was about to take over Jericho, God led the spies to her house or brothel. She was wise enough to hide these spies who were God's representatives. She let them down in a basket over the wall. God saved her and her family when Jericho fell. By the time they wrote the genealogy of Jesus, her name was there. She was the great great grandmother of King David.

You may ask the question in your mind. Can that come out of a prostitute? That is God for you. When He created her, He did not put the gene of a prostitute in her. It was the devil who came to corrupt the potential that God put there. God looked at this "prostitute" and said, "This is still good enough for me because no matter how hard the devil tries to ruin her life, the seed of greatness is still there. And what I put there, the devil has not been able to destroy. She is still good enough for me to make a great great grandmother of David."

If the devil has messed up your life, you must realize that it is because God has put gold inside you that the devil is after you. And God is going to help you discover that gold.

God sent Prophet Samuel to Jesse's house. God told Samuel, "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."

Can you imagine that happening in Jesse's house, a remote place down in Bethlehem? Samuel filled his horn and went to the house. When he got there, he asked Jesse to bring out his sons because God said there is a king among them. Eliab was called first. He was tall, handsome, and square-shouldered with rippling muscles. He was like what we would call, "Mr. Bethlehem". But God shocked Samuel that day, He rejected Eliab.

"For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

In other words, it is not those who look like it outside who always get it, it is those who have it inside. You may look like it but you may not have it. And if you do not have it, you do not have it.

They paraded all the sons of Jesse but no one passed God's test. Then Samuel asked Jesse if he had another son. He said he had one more but he was in the bush keeping sheep. Samuel asked to fetch him. He said, "... We will not sit down till he comes here."⁵ Only God knows why they put David in the bush. I cannot even understand why Jesse did not remember to mention him as one of his sons. There is the possibility of David being born an illegitimate child because there was no mention of his mother's name. And to cover up the shame, he was kept in the bush. When they asked Jesse about his sons, he would bring the proper sons and hide this one who seemed to be a fringe benefit from another woman. However, when David showed up, God spoke to Samuel, "Arise, anoint him: for this is the one!"⁶ Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him.

God looked at this young shepherd boy and saw royalty in him. This may be your story today (and there are a lot of people like this who may not look like it outside). But God is saying, "You are the person I want; I have put the potential inside you. You are my candidate for lifting. There is a seed of greatness inside you."

God is going to speak to that seed, He will anoint it and you will rise out of obscurity to become a celebrity. God, who put potential in man, will cause you to rise. All the human beings around you may not recognize your potential. Sometimes, God puts singing ability in people, and the first time they sing, you want to send them away. People may even discourage them by trying to talk them out of the music career to try other things. But the person still feels like singing, so he will try and try until the gift is expressed.

I remember this boy in my high school who just woke up one day and began to practice on the tracks several months before the inter-house sports competition. Even though he did not have any track records, he involved himself in several months of rigorous training. When the competition came for 100 metres, the boy breasted the tape first to the utmost shock of everyone. With time he became an outstanding phenomenon in sprint events. People thought he did not have it but God had already put it in him. The boy just cultivated it and the potential blossomed. Today, everybody else around you may not believe in what God has put in you but there is something God put in you that no devil can steal from you. As soon as you locate it, you rise to stardom. However dark Africa may be, there are stars on this continent, and you are one of the products God will use to bring light into this darkness.

God looked at Adam and Eve and called out what He knew they could be. "Go ahead," He said, "Be fruitful", because He saw inside them fruitfulness. "Multiply", He said,

because he saw potential for multiplication. He saw power, dominion, and authority inside them. I declare to you today that God is going to touch something in your life that will bring out his best in you that will benefit your generation and give you the key to your breakthrough.

There was the experience of Gideon, an ancient Israeli judge. He was threshing wheat in the winepress, which ought not to be. One should crush grapes in the winepress to release fruit juice and thresh wheat on the threshing floor of the farm. But Gideon must have secretly harvested the wheat in the night and carried it to the winepress to hide from the Midianites, Israel's oppressors at the time. The angel of the Lord showed up and said, "You mighty man of valour!"⁷ Gideon denied the potential of a deliverer that God had invested in him and queried the angel on why the enemies had invaded their land. But God insisted, "Go in this might of yours."⁸ Though the man was afraid and hiding, the angel ignored what the man was saying because he was sent to talk to the potential inside him, to challenge him out of fear. Though he was afraid, Gideon had the potential for faith. He was behaving like a coward but he had courage in his heart. He was running away from the problem whereas he was actually the solution.

And I declare to you now that the very thing you have been running away from, you will turn around to conquer it. And the difference will be that God is going to speak to the potential inside you. The poverty, lack, failure and insufficiency that have harassed you so much will give way. It is so interesting that the same problem that has pursued you is what God has given you solution for.

God does not allow a problem to come towards you for which He has not put the solution inside you. So the angel was sent to speak not to the Gideon he saw, but the man inside. "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valour."⁹ God saw potential. He saw greatness. But by the time He told Gideon to go, he was giving excuses. "I am from a poor family and I am the least in my father's house." He brought out all the negative credentials and reasons why he could not do the things God was instructing him to do. Sometimes we can behave like Gideon, but the good news is we are more than this. The devil may have conspired with human beings, negative situations and circumstances to beat down and downsize your dreams, but the truth is, the original one God gave you is the one He gave you potentials to accomplish. Sometimes, because of situations and circumstances, we keep on reducing the size of our dreams. We allow the size of our sufferings and problems to determine the size of our dreams. For example, if you are trusting God to supply a certain amount of money and the more you pray the tougher

things become; after a certain period of time, you may reduce the amount you are asking for. But God is saying to you, “Dare the situation, and keep on believing, you are more than this.”

CHAPTER FOUR

YOU ARE MORE THAN THIS

It is interesting to note that in the scripture God appeared to people who failed; and when He tried to reveal to them the potentials inside them, they found it difficult to understand.

Every child in our environment grows up with a dream in his heart. Some want to become Engineers, Lawyers or Doctors. They go through school and after graduation the reality of life sets in; slaps them in the face and shrinks their dreams and aspirations. The devil takes advantage and brings desperation and frustration into their lives. The devil takes this advantage to mess them up. Some write examinations at different levels over and over again. The problem is, there is the tendency for them to begin to measure their lives by their failures.

God, for example, came to Moses who was a murderer and a fugitive in a foreign land. Someone who was ordained to be a leader became a shepherd, running after sheep. Then God showed up through a burning bush but Moses tried to lecture Him. He said, "I think you made a mistake in your choice, don't you realize the assignment will involve preaching, and I have to talk? But you know I am a stammerer and slow of speech." But God said, "I am the one who made the tongue and if you don't have the potential to speak with clarity, I could not have asked you to go for me."¹ The one who put the potential there is the same person who calls. People around you may know your story and write you off but God is the one who knows your destiny.

God looked at a murderer (Moses) and appointed him the Senior Pastor of the church in the wilderness despite the fact that there were others who seemed better than him. For example, his brother, Aaron was not a murderer; neither a fornicator nor adulterer. But God looked at a murderer and thought, "It is true the devil has been trying to mess up your life. In fact the devil was so afraid of your destiny that he killed all the children who were born at the same time as you." Moses was the only one in his age group because Pharaoh had killed the rest. God said to Moses, "Everybody around you called you a murderer but the potential inside you is not for the bush. It's too much for sheep. You will still lead. You will lead a whole nation." God therefore knocked out all the arguments Moses had and put him back on course. God sent Moses back to Egypt where he secured deliverance for the Israelites.

You might have failed examinations before. You may have experienced setbacks and have concluded that there is no way out. But there is a way out of that predicament. Something inside you is saying that you are more than this situation; you can handle this present challenge. You might be at a stage in life currently where it seems as if the dice is turned against you. I declare that you are more than this. The word of God says; “While we do not look not at the things which are seen...” 3

In other words, we have made a choice to go against the tide and sail to victory. We choose to see the supernatural turnaround God is bringing our way. You might be down today, even financially impoverished and it may seem as if there is no way out, but you are more than this. See the magnitude of your God as One who is strong in the midst of your battles.

When Jesus was choosing His disciples, He did not make His choice from the seminary or Bible school of His day. In fact, when he met Simon, Simon was a failure in the fishing business. He looked at Simon and his associates while they were fishing and said; “These people are more than this”. He declared that He would make them fishers of men.⁴ He looked at Matthew, an ex-custom officer and saw an apostle. 5. By the time Jesus brought out their potentials, they had testimonies. At one time they had to defend themselves before the religious elite of the time, after Jesus’ departure. The council members looked at them; realized they were ignorant and uneducated men, but concluded that something had happened to them because they had been with Jesus.⁶ Jesus took a band of nobodies and, after three years, turned them into reputable men. This is because He did not see them the way they were, He saw them the way they could be. He looked at fishermen and saw miracle workers. He looked at Simon, whose name means a reed that is unstable and saw in him Peter the rock. On the day of Pentecost, after the Holy Spirit came upon him, the Peter in him came out courageously and preached a powerful sermon that got 3,000 people saved.⁷

Despite his moments of failure, Jesus gave Peter a dream which He nurtured to maturity. God is saying to you today, I will pull out the ‘you’ inside you, so that the barrier, limitations, and stagnation around you can be broken.

A man called Jabez was named by the circumstances of his birth. He had been tied down to the negative confession that his name was. He called on the God of Israel that instead of the limitations around his life, God should enlarge his coast and God granted his request.⁸

You might be thinking about your own present predicament right now, but something is telling you, you are more than this. Just like Jabez, you can cry out to God today.

“This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.”⁹

The poor here is the one who needs God’s help for lifting. Irrespective of your present status, you can make a decision today not to downsize your dreams. Do not ask questions like, “Why is my own situation like this?” as many do. Instead ask, “How do I get out of this present level and step up into the greatness God has designed for me in this life?” God will say something to you. He could not have said, “Be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth and have dominion,” if the potentials were not there. So, arise and get out of the unnecessary routine and traditions that have bogged you down. Get out of stagnation. Get out of the ruts. You are more than where you are now. You might have experienced setbacks, failures, and rejections. But each time these things come staring at you in the face, you should look at them squarely and say no! You must refuse to accept these limitations as final. Brace up and say to yourself again and again,

I AM MORE THAN THIS!

Go out there and give life another shot.

You will succeed!

WORKSHEET

1. What have you been named that has weighed you down like Jacob?

a.

b.

c.

Add if you have more

2. What experiences have made you lose confidence in yourself or believe you have no potential or bright future/destiny?

a.

b.

c.

Add if you have more

Say this continuously to yourself, facing the mirror for the next 14 days, until it becomes a habit. This is based on the research that whatever habit one does every day for 14 days becomes a habit and eventually a lifestyle, resulting in success or failure. Hence the phrase, decision determines destiny.

I am born of royalty.

I am not common because God who created me is unique and He does not make trash. Therefore, I am peculiar, in a unique class of my own.

I am a success. I attract success. I attract helpers of destiny and repel stealers of destiny. I am meant for the top. I will reach the top. I am more than I am now.

I choose to see myself rising out of obscurity to become a celebrity.

Though I am currently..... I know I AM MORE THAN THIS.

Hey, watch out for me. My generation and those yet unborn will be glad I came. I am going to fulfill my destiny. I am sent tomy world.

Look at 'me' very well.

The 'me' you are seeing today, the 'me' that you know now will soon die and another 'me', the original 'me', will resurrect.

Watch out for me!

4. Identify just one thing that is in your heart to achieve that practically everyone has told you is impossible.

a.

If it is more than one, kindly state all.

5. Like the young chap that started to practice before the inter-house sport, identify 7 things you can do to realize that dream/goal in your heart.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

If you have identified more, kindly state all.

6. Questions are answers. Instead of asking,
“Why is my own situation like this?” as many do.

Ask,

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Quotable Quote:
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