

Come

... let everyone who thirsts come, drink without price...

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Rest.

Join the let go crew!

Graced:
a baker's testimony.
How God is great at placing
icing on the cake





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Hey there!

That's basically what this maiden edition is - a 'hey there'. I'm sincerely hoping this mag will bless you in every way. And that all of us, together, may peacefully dwell in God's rest. Today, as you hear his voice...

Today, rest.

*Blow, blow, blow as the wind goes,
To and fro on a thin rod,
Back and forth with the slightest rush
Go, go, go till the brightness comes*

*One day, it's all about your works,
Another day, it's your lack of self control
This wind blows this way
The next the direct opposite
Whose report is to be believed anyway?*

*This wind blows, and that one roars
Whispers of fear keep you on edge
How long? O beloved, How long?
Till the wind of peace blows you to rest?
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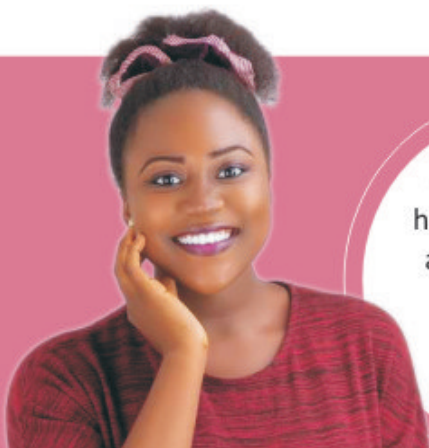
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We see our faithful father fulfilling his promises all through scripture and in our everyday life. A fav promise of mine is in Hos 14:4 where he sweetly says “....I will love them freely...”. If you’re from Ibadan as I am, you’ll most prolly share my affinity for the word “free”. But seriously, doesn’t it give you peace to know that God doesn’t need you to be or do anything to love you?

I mean, to whatever extent, we gotta at least try with people we love or even like. But with Christ he tells us to lay down every burden of trying to gain acceptance, he offers a love beyond compare, hushes the tired and agitated soul. We just might always try to earn it, but the anthem of his love remains “come, just as you are, and I will rest you”.

Our parents, pastors, even unbelievers will always have a thing or two to say about “how to gain God’s love and acceptance”. Even we ourselves may have those prerequisites hidden in our hearts and minds. But the Lord himself says that while we were yet sinners, not doing a single thing pleasing to him, he loved us. This explains the separation of his love from our actions.

You see, God’s promise of free love in Hos 14:4 was to Israel, his chosen nation at that time. They were under this system where God gave them love, or anything else based on how they performed. (I know, I don’t trust me to perform that well either). So, our loving father, having watched them struggle and fail so much, gave a promise. Of a son, who is love. He would eradicate the old system and allow any and everyone, Israelite or non-Israelite, good or bad, rich or poor to come to the fountain of himself and drink freely and with abandon (as much as you could ever want). This son happens to be filled with the fullness of God, with grace and peace and triumphant life. And truly, He came for us people. For YOU. And he asks for nothing in return. Friend, carry the consciousness of this ever-flowing fountain of love, and grace, forgiveness, peace and health everywhere you go. Cos it’s true. And free. And over you.



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God is faithful,
has been faithful,
and forever will
be.

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Jesus!

Whew! When you come to Jesus, you'll find you've basically come to be surprised. He's like that. Full of the most pleasant surprises. We often have our personal opinions of him which could be quite short-sighted, our "Zacchaeus' peep", but his beauty is in letting you see more of him. He'll smile and say, like he did to Peter, "launch into the deep". He is the deep.

Take, for instance, the life of Jesus. That would mean, on the surface, that precious time between his birth and death. But, Nay. The Holy Spirit through Apostle John tells us that on the inside of Jesus IS life. The book of Hebrews describes the nature of his life as indestructible. His life IS. Talk about living life! Hehehe. And this life in him is the light of men.

Light of men? How, really?

Light of men in the sense that a normal person has five senses, all of which are fine-tuned to the physical world. We touch, we hear, we see, we taste, we smell; but none of these can help us satisfy our innermost itch. The fact that man would use the term "sixth sense", is undeniable proof that he wants more. You see, we have our day to day share of oxygen, a few laughs here, a few goals there. But all of that, even at its best resonate ephemerality..... a gnawing sense of fading... .Scripture confirms that the things which are seen are temporal, transient. So we crave the things which are unseen, the eternal, the consistent, the more!

It's so easy to see how Jesus is the only one fitting to give us the life we crave....scripture says that God has set his seal of approval on Jesus. In the same chapter(John 6), Jesus affirms he is the bread that gives life to the world. Wow!

It all makes sense when you come to the understanding that life is fellowship with God - unbroken, unconditional, eternal - beholding the living God with unveiled eyes. Awesome!

And Jesus, our bread of life was well pleased to pay the full price for us to have his life inside of us. So, intentionally, on the cross, he switched places with us. On the cross, his beloved father turned away from Jesus so he could turn towards us and shower all the approval and love he has for Jesus on us. That is love friends!

You see, the father-son relationship Jesus has with the father is sublime...it's the kind that would put an end to kid's rebellion. From the first day of creation when God said "light be", he had Jesus in mind. He knew one day the true light that dispels darkness, Jesus, would be given. In fact, all of scripture speaks of Jesus and shows off the Father's perfect symphony with Jesus. So it was fitting that when God makes me and you sons, we should be made exactly like Jesus. Romans 8:29 tells us this is our glorious destiny! Our journey to that destination is a lifelong one, a lifelong, beautiful one. A lot of people thinks it all began the day they received Christ, but no. Ephesians 1:4-5 tells us this predestination goes way back. Actually it says in verse 4 that he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world...that's massive.

So you mean to tell me when God said "light be" he actually had ME in mind?

Yup, exactly. And not just that, he saw and sees you exactly like Jesus - holy and blameless, even today, even at your worst.

If I had a vase that was the very symbol of my pottery mastery, and I chose to make exact copies of it, I believe it'd be absurd for me to

And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit. Eph 1: 4-5

expect the clay to go on taking the shape of the model. It's just impossible. So I'd take the clay and skillfully knead and mould, it would be a beautiful choreography. Yea, You're the precious clay. Jesus is the perfect model. The Father is the only capable potter, not you, never you. The Father's style is unique as expected, he has done this beautiful thing where he has hidden several images of Jesus in the bible, so that like the most interesting egg hunt, we continually find Jesus in all his beauty. He also placed his Spirit within us so he could be sure the process would run smoothly.

Oh, and the book of 2nd Corinthians tells us that we (yes, we, who have taken refuge by believing in Jesus), without any obstruction are beholding this very glory of Christ because, Jesus, when we put our trust in him, gives us this transcendent power to open every scripture, watch any anointed movie, listen to any anointed message or song, read any anointed book and therein see him face to face in all of his beauty and look exactly like him - from glory to ever greater glory! Halleluyah! Isn't this awesome, guys?

So we who are bored sick of looking at the mundane and transient, now have the glorious grace of setting our gaze on the things above and hold onto renewed hope that when Christ, who is our life returns, we will also appear shameless and blameless with him in glory. For as he is so are we in this world.

Jesus, our life

John 3:36 NIV

WHOEVER believes
in the
SON
HAS
eternal life...

Col 3:3

You died,
and your life is hid
(kept secure)
with
Christ in God

John 6:63

...My words,
spoken to you, are
full of the Spirit and
life

John 6:47

Very truly I tell you,
he who believes
(in me)
has ETERNAL life
-Jesus

Jesus

The Message John 1:1-14

The Life-Light.

The Word was first,
the Word present to God,
God present to the Word.
The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.

Everything was created through him;
nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him.
What came into existence was Life,
and the Life was Light to live by.
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;
the darkness couldn't put it out.

There once was a man, his name John,
sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light.
He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in.
John was not himself the Light;
he was there to show the way to the Light.

The Life-Light was the real thing:

Every person entering Life he brings into Light.
He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice. He came to his own people, but they didn't want him.

But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed
and would do what he said,

He made to be their true selves,
their child-of-God selves.

These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten,
not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.

The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.

FOVES

Christ, our wisdom, has been showing up this season so much more than ever before, folks! I mean, inspiration like never before been flowing upon his children like - wow! I'm sure you noticed too. Well, here's a lil compilation of some of our favourite stuff this season - plus a few throwbacks. Enjoy!

The cross

Tomi Favored



The gospel! Tomi sings: "The Spirit of the Lord says 'come'". Need I explain why I love those lyrics? You gotta love this testimony of Jesus.

Over and over

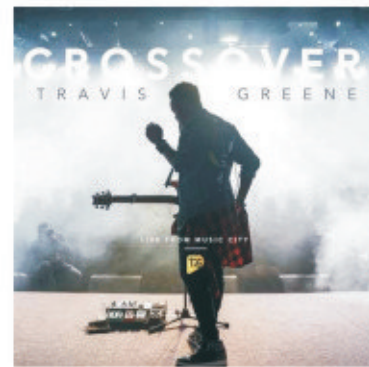
Olufunmi



Olufunmi lets God whisper his love to anyone who'll listen in this one. It's awesome.

Crossover

Travis Greene



With heart warming singles like "You Waited", this album, released on August 18th, is totally amazing.

Great God

Tasha Cobbs Leonard



This upbeat worship anthem from Tasha's new album "Heart. Passion. Pursuit." is surely a go to when you wanna put a dance on it! God's great!

You deserve it

JJ Hairston & YP



JJ Hairston & Youthful praise basically peeped into the heart of worshippers and expressed their contents with this simply beautiful song.

Preach

Fega Michaels



Rather radical, Fega - the hip-hop pastor presents the great commission in rhymes. Jesus is the real deal y'all.

Olowogbogboro

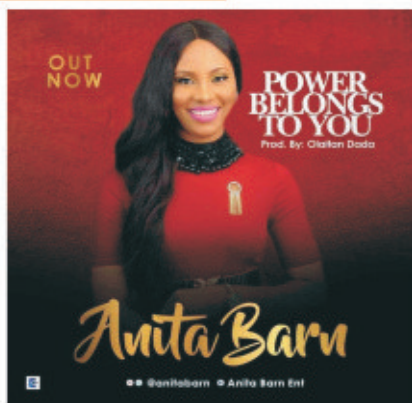
Nathaniel Bassey



Heralded by shouts of "Halleluyah", 'Olowogbogboro' brings us to stand in awe of the Father's mighty outstretched hand.

Power Belongs To You

Anita Barn



In sweet melody, the unequalled power of Jesus is praised in this song - "Power Belongs To You".

Jesus

Ada Ehi



Jesus! Who doesn't love that name? Ada presents another beautiful tune followed up with a video that I personally enjoy.

Gracefully Broken

Matt Redman ft. Tasha Cobbs



This one here! - You gotta love the lyrics plus melody. It's something you can relate to. You know that gentle way Jesus rids you of you? This is it. It's the first single released from Matt's 13th album, 'Glory Song', featuring Tasha Cobbs who also sang a version that I can't stop listening to!

In all the earth

Iyonne



Wow! The freshness in the cover photo is a reflection of the song. Iyonne has this sound that's electronic and country. On this her debut song, we see Jesus' beauty mirrored.

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#throwback



Lovin' me by Jonathan McReynolds is that song you can have on repeat for hours. So easy to relate to and a candid reminder of Jesus' unrestrained love.



Those times when you magnify the petty things, the insignificant, he lifts you to share his view of his magnificent orchestrations. "The nations are like a drop in a bucket..." **Gravity** was beautifully orchestrated by Jenn Johnson of Bethel.



Oh! this grace-full song. "Stop stressing out to become all that God wants you to be. Rest and allow his grace to do the job..." this is part of what **Simpli Michael** had to say about this his song - **Lifetime of ease** which won't get old.

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Let the Spirit change your way of thinking



<http://blog.josephprince.com/category/praise-reports/>

There's a link to a section of www.josephprince.com with the most faith evoking, encouraging testimonies to the life giving power of Jesus. We all need such encouragement.



www.decibel.one

This is a digital magazine with amazing articles and stuff from Jesus conscious folks. You should check it out and get refreshed.

Did you know?

- ✂ The grace of God covers all your weaknesses and fixes your flaws - without your efforts!
- ✂ God sees you righteous every single day! (2 Cor 5:21)
- ✂ Jesus is madly in love with you (Songs of songs 4:9)
- ✂ It is Father God's good pleasure to give you his kingdom (Luke 12:32)

Restfull

Ever had a time when you just weren't sure? Like, you're finally learning that you're not saved, helped nor even healed by your self effort - prayers or niceness or whatever? And then it's like you don't know how far to go with "not trying"?

Well, maybe you haven't been through that. But, I, for one, have some experience in that area and I'll share in the hope that it'll help you. Well, the thing is few months ago - I was back at school, having 'rededicated my life to Christ' during the preceding holidays, with a resolution to hold on to my salvation this time - no going back. So, I started attending two churches- one on sundays and thursdays, the other on Mondays and Wednesdays. It was pure bliss to be sincere - those churches are word preaching churches, and boy, was I hungry for the word! All my departmental mates found out I was born again - I took every opportunity to say it, and yes, I got my lil share of persecution - my lecturer didn't see why I'd leave class early to go to church and he was quite open with his dislike of the 'church system' or something...

During this period, I shouldered the pressure that came with displaying 'christian behaviour' (I tried my best to show Jesus had really changed me). It wasn't easy. I survived.

Well, I started speaking in tongues around the second week after resumption, it was awesome! Later into the semester, I started praying for up to 2 hours at a stretch(yes, I timed

myself sometimes), and how I loved it when after some time on my knees, I felt my heart burn within me and could literally feel the rivers of living waters flow out of my belly. The Holy Spirit blessed my walk with Jesus so much, he told me of some of the great things Jesus would do with my life. It was all I had hoped for. And some.

But I had a problem, I was being oppressed in my mind: with all kinds of base thoughts - those types you can only share with Jesus. I got the wrong idea that it was one of the things I had to suffer as a christian, I was to blame for feeding my mind with junk in the past anyway . But I still wanted to be healed. 'Cos it was hindering me from praying well, I couldn't concentrate and I was feeling filthy. I fought it. It grew worse. I prayed. I cried. I endured.

Well, my best and most spiritual/religious semester yet ended and I returned home for my internship determined to "keep the fire burning". But as you probably already guessed I didn't and that's 'cos I couldn't. I wearied.

Now, three months into my internship, I've had days when I didn't get on my knees to pray, when I just meditated on scripture from my memory, when I actually watched some movies (Oh, I prolly didn't tell you I stopped watching 'em back at school).

And yes, it was frightening at first, I mean - that's what backsliding looks like right? But considering the pressure and guilt and worries that brought me to this point, I understand what Apostle Paul

meant by "I through the law died to the law". I can in the same way say "I through my self efforts died to my self efforts, and ONLY live a wholesome life by my trust in Christ's finished work".

Oh, and the Holy Spirit has led me to pastures of divine truths such as: "the zeal of the Lord will perform his purpose long after human will has died"*¹ He had me hear this because He knew I'd be scared God would prolly drop me for someone else if I didn't show enough eagerness to fulfill his purpose. But Abraham didn't receive the child of promise when he was still physically strong. And the child of promise is never born of human will/effort but of the Spirit of grace.

He opened my eyes to the book of Hebrews where all he asks is for me to rest in Christ's finished work.

He also blessed me with the book "destined to reign"*² where I got more established in the grace and love of God. He blessed me with messages like "let go and enjoy the vine life"*³ which assures me that no matter how far I might feel, as long as I have taken refuge by trusting in him, I am a kept branch in the vine that's Christ.

And a times, I get carried away and start focusing on me again, but time and time again the Holy Spirit leads me back into his rest, convicting me of my righteousness which is based ONLY on trusting in Christ's finished work. And by believing in my unbroken relationship with God, the forgiveness of my sins - past, present and future, and Jesus' love for me regardless of what I do, I have been made free from every mind oppression and now I know the truth that as a Christian my portion is far removed from oppression*⁴.

And on days when I haven't even prayed a "serious" prayer, I feel the Holy Spirit setting my heart on fire still, and when I do not feel it, I know he is still with me and loves me 100%. For free.

So now I let the Holy Spirit help me rest - 100%. 'Cos I know when He sees rest, He sees faith. And that's his good pleasure.

You help me come to the end of myself. My efforts could never measure up anyway.

I'm grateful for your strength activated in my weakness ... for you'll hold on to me when I can't hold on.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" - 2nd Cor 12:9

*starred

- *¹ A quote from a timely message by Pastor Austin Ologbese that I had the privilege of hearing while visiting The Breakforth! Church
- *² Destined to reign! A great book by Pastor Joseph Prince. It strengthened this heart of mine.
"...those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!" Romans 5:17
- *³ Under the same title, this sweet message along with a host of others is available on *JosephPrinceOnline* Channel on Youtube. Take advantage. 😊
- *⁴ "...You shall be far from oppression for you will not fear..." Isaiah 54:14



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 What : Arch- in training by day,
 baker by night
 Who : Child of God 24/7
 Status : Graced!

Graced

*A dream in my heart, A goal in sight.
The Lord on my side, Who can stop
me now?*

*"Commit your ways to the Lord, Trust in
him, and he will act"*

Here's the testimony of a graced baker.

Enjoy.

How it all started...

Well, I've always taken interest in the art of baking. When 2014 came around, having concluded my secondary school education in 2013.. the time was right, so I launched out.

The journey so far...

Nothing short of grace! Increasing grace upon exceedingly abundant grace. Kipsy's confectionaries

has exceeded my expectations. It's all thanks to Jesus, and in him I'm assured in him of an even brighter future.

Training...

Ever continuous I'd say. I initially attended a 6 months training with an NGO. After which I attended another two weeks training with a different Confectionary School. Then a 3-day cake covering school

somewhere in between. Also a number of other physical and online trainings.

Challenges...

Obviously, school and work aren't best of friends. There are days when I have to produce many drawing sheets for a particular project at school and then there's an urgent cake order on hand, and both deadlines keep eyeing me menacingly...It takes sleepless nights a times. And then there's those times when a new tool is on the market, my heart screams "yay!" but my pocket yells "no", I've learnt to make sacrifices, trust God and watch him work. And then again there are those other times when I've got a 100 things to do but feel like doing exactly zero... but then I think of all those faces that won't wear smiles if I choose to be lazy, I snap out of it and receive fresh oil to conquer. And Please don't even get me started on those days when the cake designs just refuse to cooperate....

Reminds me of Mrs. Yitkyim's cake...

Oh, yeah. You must've read my heartfelt #bakerschronicles about that one. I tagged it "brokenness to fruitfulness". So this cake was due the same day as an examination slated for 11:30 am. Owing to my busy schedule, I had to finish it up a day before. So I had it all figured out- I would prepare the fondant at noon, and complete the job at night (that was an unavoidable sleepless night). Anyway, afternoon came and I started feeling 'oh so adventurous'. So I decided to try a fondant recipe I had learned online. It turned out good. Evening came and it was time to literally wrap it up, and then it happened! The fondant wouldn't lift without tearing. Several attempts, and it just wouldn't budge. So, carefully and prayerfully, I tried it one more time and bam! it worked. Overjoyed, I began smoothing it up, all the while thinking of the exam I wasn't particularly ready for yet. And then the worst happened - the fondant tore all the way down! I was officially hysterical - the night was far spent. Well, a mother's intervention and a freshly made fondant later, fruits appeared from that brokenness. That cake didn't just stop at being beautiful, it made it to one of the biggest insta cake blogs in Nigeria (Cakebakeoffng). Much as I'd love to say I can hold it down in such stormy situations, I really can't, my stay is in my favourite scripture.

Favourite Scripture?...

Yeah. Joshua 1:5 and Hebrews 13:5, they both assure me of one thing- that God will never, ever leave me nor forsake me.

So Mrs. Yitkyim's is the "red-letter" cake?...

Not really. I can't really pick a particular one, I've grown from grace to grace.

...I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Joshua 1:5

Crazy customers...

Hehehe... I like to call them "interesting customers". So many of them, I tell you. Some so difficult, some so rude, some ridiculously inconsiderate. But then, "the customer's always right", plus we all have our "days". So I just laugh it off most of the times.

One of such experiences?...

Since you mentioned Mrs Yitkyim's earlier, you definitely know how beautifully tall it was. Well, this lady calls and says she wants a cake just like that. And I'm like okay, here's the price. She then went on to say she actually didn't want something expensive and slashed the initial price by three in an attempt to bargain. I was so upset. It was all I could do to be polite to her. It's funny how people want great cakes but want to pay puff-puff prices.

The person of grace...

Jesus. His love is especially great for me. My life is a testimony of him being at the center of it- for me to lean on when I'm weak and discouraged. Just as Travis Greene will say "when my back was(is) against the wall, he made(makes) a way and my breakthrough showed(shows) up!"

Favourite thing about being a baker...

Baking, normally is a joy, but there's that euphoria that comes with realizing a particular design. It's like "Kipsy! thine hands made this."

Biggest cheerleader?...

Mum. Most definitely mum. She has supported my baking dreams right from day one. Plus she helps out with cash too.

Other passions?...

Music. I'm either listening or singing. It's way up in my list of motivations. At the moment, I'm into Ada and Solomon Lange.

But a little bird told me you excel at 'slaying' as well...

Hahaha... I was definitely gonna get to that. I sooo love taking pictures. And God's children reflect his beauty right? Though plus sized, I've modelled for a couple of businesses.

The future lays ahead... uncertain?

Uhm. I'm almost done with my first degree(BSc in Architecture here in University of Jos), just a semester to go - yayy! I'm currently working on my final year thesis. But I wouldn't call my future uncertain you know. I believe anyone with a skill has a bright future. More importantly, I know him who holds the future loves me - He who began a good work is faithful to complete it.

Our lives are testimonies...



"I was graced with Grace. Simple. We've been friends for 10 years now. 10 years I'm grateful for. A friend indeed. She learned to bake from me. And now she's the CEO of Dees Prime Pastries."

...He paid for good friends Ps 38:11



"In recent times my tentacles have spread to Bauchi, Abuja, Adamawa and Maiduguri. Orders from other states. It's been a great year for Kipsy's Confectionaries".

*...He enlarges our coast
1 Chron 4:10*



"She does great things like her heavenly father" - Umukoro Faith Rabboni

"O boy, your cakes are just too fine. How you find such creativity in new cakes in a short while is what mesmerizes me the more.." - Jasper Onyekuru"

"I've been having this notion that Kibapi will be among the guys that will prepare the cake we would use in heaven for the marriage supper of the lamb! I don't know if she's multi talented but she's super talented." - Theophilus Kalu

...We prosper! Ps 1:3

*...Exceedingly, abundantly
Eph 3:20*



"Vision 2020? Hahaha. Though there's no prospective candidate at the moment, I assure you that the vision is very clear and not blurry." (Vision 2020 is an inside joke about her wedding)

"God is faithful, has been faithful, and forever will be."

...He maintains our lot Ps 16:5



"The training I organized was a dream come true- a token to empower youths to be useful to themselves and to the society. It gave me a great feeling of fulfillment."

Coding...1,2,3:

Scope Creep!

"Help me allow You to make TODAY great."

This morning, as I typically do, I was going through my daily prayer points.

When I got to the prayer point above, I said it, and then said it again and again, each time with different words and inflections to really "pray" it. You know what I mean: what you do when the prayer leader calls out a one-line prayer point in church, like "Lord, have mercy on me." I mean, you can't keep saying the same thing over and over. It gets monotonous quickly, and that's how people (read: Ronke) lose concentration.

Anyhow, I digress.

As I continued to pray and expand on this prayer point in the Spirit, at one point, I said:

"Help me allow You to make my LIFE great."

My brain's first reaction was:

Scope creep!

A little backstory: I work in a software development company and boy, do those guys love/hate that phrase.

Scope creep is when a client requests that more functionalities be added to an already planned (and sometimes already being coded) piece of software. Computers are pretty dumb and have to be told everything. Hence, the reason programmers protest when scope creep happens.

Every new feature needs to be coded and coding is not as simple as its name. It is expensive and time-consuming.

So imagine if God was bound by the same limits that programmers are.

When I changed the timeline in my prayer request from "today" to "lifetime," instead of being met with shouts of "scope creep" and estimates running into hundreds of thousand of dollars, I got the peace that comes from being heard, accepted, and answered.

Now that's what I'm talking about... 😊

Philippians 4:6



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Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Philippians 4:6-7 Amp



If your bf or gf orders a whipped cream cake for you, marry them!! If it's your wife or husband remarry them!!! The reason is simple: they love you more than you know #loveinacake #Kipsyconfectionaries #morecakesplease

Dear Jossite, you do not have to read for exams before you pass, **JUST EAT CAKE** and be happy! Last last you can't kill yourself na! #someadvice #Kipsyconfectionaries #morecakesplease

It is the baker that knows where the fondant hurts!! #Kipsyconfectionaries #morecakesplease

Life is as wholesomely tasty as cake, take a slice after another! #KipsysConfectioneries #moreCakesPlease

Cake is the only answer!! Who even cares what the question is? #Kipsyconfectionaries #morecakesplease

Verily I say unto you, no meeting is complete without cake #Kipsyconfectionaries #morecakesplease

LOVE.

Darkness was pure without disturbance,
Matter was yet to be created as nothingness roamed freely,
The great king sat and watched as he longed for children other than his son.

After brooding for days,
He made his decision to create this jewel and with His great might stretched out the sky,
With his unfathomable wisdom, concealed the gates of the sea and formed land.

Nature came to being,
The trees waved at his passing,
The ocean clapped at his beauty,
He was kind and loving,
And nature was pleased to be his.

But this great king wanted more than this,
He craved for sons to be made kings,
He yearned for a Kingdom with us in it,
He desired that we shared in this awesomeness of His...
So he made you and me (man)

Watch this, prior to your creation,
He only spoke words and things came to be
But for you,
Trinity came together to create a masterpiece. (you)

But somewhere along the line,
Someone changed your perspective,
Diverted your attention from Him to you,
And you, you fell.

You fell from the Truth,
Made your dwellings in lies,
Drowned in the ocean of sin,
Lost your identity.

But for you, he'd do anything...
In a bid to restore you,
He poured his wrath on his only begotten,
Christ took up the cross.

I'll bear this cross, till my shoulders burn;
So he prayed on Gethsemane's stumps,
But if thou wilt, let this cup pass over thine son;
So he prayed on Gethsemane's hill

Not my will Lord,
But thine will be done,
In blood soaked skin and sweat pores torn;
He begged for strength to love you more.

Not my will Lord,
But thine will be done,
So, he said his dying words,
Hanging on Calvary's cross.

Not my will Lord,
But thine will be done,
He stank of sin and iniquities wrong,
He took your place and paid it all...

Behold!!!
What manner of love,
The father has bestowed upon us,
That we be called the sons of God...
(1John 3:1)



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Real talk with *Apostle Paul* **100**

Galatians 6
Paraphrased by Ibk

If anyone among you falls into sin, you who have been well fed with the gospel of grace should get him back on his feet by gently extending grace towards him. And be careful to rest in same grace while at it, so you don't get carried away by the "magnitude" of such sin nor begin trusting your own "righteous abilities", thereby falling into same temptation. Allow grace to extend and abound over everyone's weaknesses, thereby showing love to one another as the Lord commanded. Because, if any one while trying to redeem his bro from the sin that has him bound begins to focus more on how great the sin is, rather than how much greater the remission of sins that Jesus bought for us is (where sin runs deep, grace runs deeper), he is deceived and he falls away from grace.

Don't get self confident so fast guys. The real test is in receiving the abundance of God's grace and having utmost confidence in the forgiveness of all sins even when faced with the worst, imaginable kind of sin. So, consider your life: when you're not doing so well, that day when you lose your temper, when you say the wrong things, do you still believe that you are the righteousness of God in Christ? Or do you run off to make amends so you can "feel righteous" again? Have you received the abundance of God's grace so much so that you can extend it to others? Consider this, you'll begin to see you don't have much to boast of after all.

Therefore, acknowledge in deeds and words those who bring you the gospel of grace. Who make sure you obtain God's grace. Don't get carried away, God himself doesn't get carried away from this truth:

It is what you sow that you'll reap. If you sow to your flesh by trying to please God with your good works and self efforts, you will most definitely from your flesh reap a manifestation of the exact opposite- a harvest of corruption! (It's a law guys - see Rom 7:21). But if you keep receiving faith by listening tirelessly to the gospel of grace (teachings that unveil Jesus and reminds you of your righteousness by faith), you're sowing effortlessly to the Spirit! And that's when you can naturally bear the fruits of the Spirit! You'll from the Spirit reap unbroken relationship with the

Father, a broship with Jesus that spans all eternity!

But this is not a day's thing peeps. I encourage y'all to relentlessly hear and preach the word of grace because at the perfect time, God will himself pour out the harvest of righteous fruits we desire. In the same vein, as the Lord enables you, extend grace to all men, especially those who are your bros in Christ.

I believe you see by now (at least by the urgency of my tone in this letter) how important this message is. It's only those guys who wanna boastfully pretend to be doing really great by their self efforts who will burden you with fulfilling the ten commandments and trying by self efforts to please God. Yea, they'll sound noble and smooth, even smart, but they're actually only trying to escape ill treatment and isolation. They'd rather keep up with those ignorant people who refuse to acknowledge Jesus' sacrifice as ultimate. Those people who think of such a free gospel as unbelievable, and worthy of as much

insult as they can come up with, the faithless! These burden-placers, funny enough, are themselves failing horribly at keeping the law (a good number don't even try!). But no, they won't submit to the righteousness by faith in Christ, which is what the law itself points to. They're therefore filled with condemnation, which they'd love you to partake of as well.

God forbid that I succumb to such foolishness. I will continue to boldly declare to you the message of Christ's finished work on the cross (which is the symbol of God's great grace) without compromise - and I just do not care what the world has to say about that. The reason is simple: Doing good things, keeping the law, looking good before men; all this amount to nothing before God. What counts is a new way of thinking activated by hearing the gospel (of grace). Peace and mercy be upon all who let this truth guide their walk with God, who therefore are the beloved people of God.

Say with me "Henceforth, I refuse to allow the pesterings of any condemned individual get to me, because I fully receive the finished work of Christ as mine". (Therefore, my works are also finished).

And may the grace that effortlessly oozes from Jesus serenade your life, submerge you, and shape your fellowship with God. Amen.

*Sin will not
have dominion over you,
for you're not under law
but under grace*
Rom 6:14

Unguarded

or

free?

So, you're doing well, spending a couple of minutes daily listening to the message of grace, finally getting the "hang of it". But then some questions seem to be lurking somewhere at the back of your mind, waiting to make prey of you the next minute you're off guard...or is it just me? Well, here are some of the likely questions:

So Jesus' sacrifice was enough to get me in God's good books when I got saved. How about afterwards? How do I conduct myself to keep him pleased? Do I hold my breath till the next time I fail? Live life like I'm walking on eggshells? When next I'm faced with a decision how do I choose the right thing without doing what the law says? How can I be sure I won't end up being the worst criminal the world ever knew if I really let go and stop trying to fulfil the law or do the right thing? What would clip my rebellious wings?....

Do you know one common string that runs through all those thoughts? It's that I am VERY convinced of my inability to do the right thing. Is that a totally bad thing?

Could this be how the Apostle Paul felt when he asked the million dollar question: "who will save me from this abject inability to do right?"^{*1}

His answer: "Thanks be to God who through Jesus Christ has saved me from the inability to do right... who has made it such that there is NOW (this second, this minute, the next hundred times I fail) no condemnation for we who are in Christ Jesus"^{*2}. This means that Jesus' sacrifice doesn't just cover a single day, but a million lifetimes and more! For as long as there's a NOW!

So let's be practical...

We are all prone to failure. That you confessed Jesus as Lord doesn't mean you received a superpower that enables you to always do the right thing. No, you will fail. As long as we live in this physical body, you and I will fail. So our conviction about being unable to do right doesn't have to be a totally bad thing. In fact, it should be our ticket to rest. Jesus, the only man who ever was and will be able to fulfill God's law(s), already did that - for you and I.

That we might live supernatural

As you must have noticed, your consciousness of our inability to do right doesn't stop us from doing the wrong thing after all. You could as well be saying "There I go again, I'm going... going... gone" (oops!) This is why as often as the Lord helps us to, we should exchange that old consciousness dog the consciousness of Jesus' super-ability. That's what being a new creation is all about, that's what faith is - a Jesus (rather than self) consciousness! That's what pleases God. And as Galatians 5:25 illustrates: "Since we initially became God's beloved sons by faith, let us also continue walking with him (every minute) by faith". Faith in Jesus' finished work initiated us into God's inner circle, we stay up there simply continuing to do same. We live the supernatural life - from faith to faith.

When next you wonder about being "unguarded"....

Remember, that no one can by fulfilling the do's and don'ts of the law please God. Trying doesn't even impress him. All of that in fact hinders faith^{*3} and the Bible plainly declares that it's impossible to please God without faith^{*4}. Those do's and don'ts

were given that your inability might be plain to you, that you might with open arms embrace Jesus' super-ability.

As Jesus said "sacrifices and all that human effort stuff done under the law you haven't desired. Here I am to give my body on the cross which is your perfect will"^{*5}. Our part in this will is to believe our righteousness because Christ bore our sins.

Today, when you remember that Jesus paid surplus for your freedom, rest.

Galatians 5:1:

For freedom you've been set free, stand fast therefore and do not again submit to a yoke of slavery (the law).

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*1 Romans 6:24

*2 Romans 6:25 - 7:1

*3 Romans 5: 14 NIV: "For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless"; Gal 5:4; Gal 3:11-12

*4 Hebrews 10:5-10

*5 Hebrews 11:6

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Faith is a leap into the light, not into darkness

It is a leap out of the unknown and into the known, out of not knowing Christ Jesus into knowing Him. Believing is like a child standing where it is not safe, but without any fear because his father is waiting to catch him. He falls on purpose to be caught. Each of us is important to God. We are far more important to God, than all the stars of the universe. He wants us to trust Him totally. He made us, and will take pains with us. Faith allows the Lord to see us through until we rest in Him. Please, read it again. The Lord will bless you. **REINHARD BONKE**

-from his facebook



Step forward:

BOLDLY!

If God, the father were to give you a pep talk right now, what do you think it'd be about? Your finances? How you could be a better you? Hakuna Matata?... That poor workout plan you wanna subject to indefinite suspension? ... ☐ At least you can be sure he won't be telling you about how you've been asking him for too much lately... Nah...

But really, I've found something that He's so passionate about saying to us... It's something he uses his utmost to encourage us about... it's basically all he's been saying all our lives and even before... and it's what he continues to say. TODAY.

You see, God speaks and makes and keeps promises, he's faithful like that. But then, there is only one invitation he has left open for several years (and I mean several) and he had planned and concluded all that pertains to it even longer. He paid the bills for it in surplus. He publishes (continually) news of it. All the promotional materials bear his promise (sworn by himself) as endorsement. And like that wasn't enough He made an oath concerning it, with a precious, indestructible soul as the lifeline... Wow! All of this just so the invited would be courageous enough to step forward?

Why would we need all this encouragement and what is this place we're invited to anyway?

Well, "the place" is HIS rest. Not just rest. HIS rest.

Oh yeah?... Like anyone needs encouragement to rest... Peeps be slobbering around every chance they get... ☐

Yeah, you're right. Since this rest is one we need

supernatural encouragement to enter, shouldn't we pay a closer attention to it? *grabs 3D glasses ☐

If you take a closer look at the book of Hebrews (trust me it's an interesting one), you'll see it's more or less a persuasion. An argument. I love how the case is laid out brilliantly. The plot is perfect! We see in the first chapter God the father saying a holler to human race, introducing himself through various messengers. The funny thing is all this messengers practically had the same message. Different characters, different sets, different theme songs but one Director - behind the scene, orchestrating greatness. All of that drama and drag was and is a prologue... an introduction... till the real thing appears.

When the real thing finally appeared (Jesus) - oh you should read the director's description of him, the glowering, deliberate remarks-

"The SON is the radiance of God's glory, the exact representation of God's being, he upholds the whole universe with his word of power... let all God's angels worship him... Your throne, O GOD, will last forever and ever... You rule in righteousness... You'll easily roll the earth and heavens up, since your great hands made them in the first place..." Beautiful stuff!

The real thing didn't come empty handed of course, he brought the stuff all of eternity had been waiting on. Yep, all. He brought, as Heb 2:3 describes it "such a great salvation". I like the writer of Hebrews, he actually asks "how great would be our foolishness and how dearly would we pay if we were to ignore such?" He advises that we pay CLOSE attention to this salvation so we don't drift away.

Sit tight friends.

Heb 3 introduces an invitation. The invitation. The Holy Spirit is deliberate. He'd have us see how important this is. Some scenes are replayed that we might learn how badly it went for those who'd previously rejected this invite. He named their sin: he called it unbelief, he said that was disobedience.

Heb 4 introduces hope afresh. Tells us the invitation is as good as new, and the only passcode is BELIEVE. He tells us we have a perfect example - even father God himself who after labouring for 6 days, on the 7th entered the place of rest. We who believe skip all the six days of efforts and striving and simply join him on the cruise of rest. Wow! He tells us that God is watching, not to see anything else but if the word of the grace of God you often hear meets with faith in you.

"Aye, Aye captain. We believe, so we stay on board"

I like Heb 5: it speaks of when the perfect man lived in an imperfect world.. when weaknesses my Saviour beset. How He learnt to patiently, always put in a good word for you and I to the Father. I love how it says Jesus prayed and cried and screamed when he was tempted (in every single way). I like that it didn't say I have to do same. A sweet word was introduced in Heb 4:16 it's called CONFIDENCE. It says when I come across temptations now, I can be cool, confident that I am his anytime. I don't have to scream and fidget. Verse 14 speaks of my confession at such times which should be something like "I am the righteousness of God In Christ. Not by what it looks like but by what Jesus did on my behalf" I understand that Jesus lives to present such confessions to God on my behalf. They're accepted. I'm blessed.

The latter part of Heb 6 shows how determined God is to have us seize the hope/confidence set before us. Read this: *Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind.*

So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. (NLT)

Here's the oath God swore when Jesus was going ahead as the source of our eternal hope of salvation:

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever'. (Heb 7:21) Please notice the choice of words. See the consistency.

Much as I'm over watering this beauty down, here's the promise that the Lord would have us build our confidence/boldness on. The hope that will keep our minds sane and our future bright. The new covenant:

*This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach every one his fellow or every one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest. **For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.**"*

Note that all the other promises rest on this one clause: "I will be merciful toward their iniquities and I will remember their sin no more". Daily believing this is daily logging into his rest. God however, knows how hard taking this in would be having been born into a consciousness of sin and judgement. Therefore, he wants you to daily (a step at a time), throw caution to the wind, step forward and seize this hope. Daily. That your sins-past, present and future are forgiven and your iniquities remembered no more. It's his endorsed plan. Let no one tell you otherwise. Glory to Jesus!



As you might have noticed, we, Christians are actually miracles. Not self made, determined individuals living by a set of rules, but miracles which the Lord himself performs. Observe the way our paths lead to him, our souls find rest in him, and his glory rubs off on us, you'll understand why he says we'll be called "oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified".

Ok, so the point is we're sons, we're heirs, we're God's growing plants and we definitely need all the water we can get. The water of the word. A dear pastor uses the word 'SONlight'- the light Jesus alone gives. We need messages and stuff that's chock full of Jesus and his finished work. Col 3:10 says the new self Jesus gives us is renewed in the knowledge of him. So we find ourselves -our true selves as we dig into Jesus.

With this in mind, we should run and be refreshed by messages that unveil Jesus, not those ones that tell us what we're doing wrong and should be doing right. If you gotta mentally brace yourself before listening, that's prolly not the message for you.

Jesus loves you and today, everyday, he wants to reveal his beauty to you. In it is your life. Come on put your gadgets to good use friend. Your internet connection too. 🧐



Grace is a teacher, save the rigid, boring curriculum. It's a flow. A connection.

Your heart, Jesus.

In the book of Isaiah, God promised "your sons shall be taught of the Lord and great will be their peace", the book of Titus tells us "his grace has appeared to teach us".

*John announced that:
Grace came, through Jesus.*

Enjoy the rest and peace that comes with the preaching of Jesus - the message of grace. When you stop trying, you start being.

Rest.

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Hey there - again.

I hope you enjoyed reading through. But if you're like me and you skimmed through to the end first, then feel free to go back and devour. Lol.

I'm really grateful you got your hands (or eyes) on this mag and I pray the Holy Spirit blesses you through it. If there be any tackiness, anything you found problematic, pardon me. It's just the first volume, I hope we together live (and not just exist) through many, many subsequent versions.

If you're along with me logging into the "let go life" as my mentor calls it, let me share your experience. You could mail me at the above address. I'd gladly share mine in boring details.

Anyway, I'm grateful to you, dear reader, and every one who contributed to this mag, the Holy Spirit being a head-liner. Cheers!

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If you wanna join the league of sons and heirs, you can say this prayer below:

Lord Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice for me on the cross. I believe and receive the forgiveness of all my sins because of your blood shed for me. From today, I reign in life through the abundance of God's grace and the free gift of righteousness given to me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

If you said this prayer, Jesus loves you and has made you eternally righteous. He'll take care of you, you're his responsibility now. Please continue listening to the message of God's grace. You could send me a mail and I'll send you some helpful resources. Stay blessed.