



Great acts of God are preceded by great obedience

Up until March 2016, I was just an ordinary woman living an ordinary life, doing nothing really worth mentioning. Even though I was well aware of what talents and gifts God had given me, I used them mostly when an opportunity presented itself, and I made no great effort to step forward and initiate much. When **The Apple of His Eye** was conceived in my Spirit, this was triggered by a memory of something that had happened 7 years prior, in 2009. I remembered an incident when God had showed me as clear as daylight what one of my gifts were (and that is engaging with women in any way that empowers them and leaves them better than they were). When this memory resurfaced, I was filled with great sadness and remorse. I could not believe that I had known for at least 7 years what God had called me to do, and I had done nothing about it all that time. I could not stop crying and continually asked for the Lord's forgiveness, as I had clearly been disobedient.

I cried so much, and in that very instant, I made a vow. I said to the Lord, that from that moment on I was going to do what He has called me to do, and when opportunities arise, I would step up. At that point I still believed that my work is to show up when women had gathered and give a teaching or two and carry on. One of the reasons I had not acted on my talent for all those years was because I was waiting for someone to create and give me an opportunity. But that was not happening and my dream was just slowly dying. On this day In March, it became clear to me that my work was not to wait for someone to prepare the platform for me to take centre stage, but that I must create the platform for others as we reach women. That was a big revelation to me and because I knew there was no going back to the disobedient person I was, I made a commitment to God that I was going to do this, whatever it took.

One of my weaknesses up until that point was procrastination, to a point when a great idea would just simply die down. I immediately shared the commitment I made to God with 3 people that are close to me so they could hold me accountable. I had reached a point of no return. When I made the commitment and started moving as the Lord directed me, I saw the hand of God simply orchestrating everything to His own outcome. I know that now, from my very own experience, that having faith is to trust God at His Word. Trust where God is taking me even when the picture is not very clear. As long as I know for sure that the vision was from Him, I can trust Him to bring it to pass. I needed to take the first step in the darkness, not knowing what the next move will be, and then God showed me that He is God. He will take care of His own work, as I am simply a vessel.

So, what calling of God have you been postponing? What lies of the enemy have you believed? What is holding you back to pursuing what God has placed in your heart? So be encouraged and know that, whatever your fear is, doesn't stand a chance when you do whatever God tells you to do. There is no reason to be afraid.

Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”

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