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Introduction

"Later the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision, "Abram, don't be afraid! I will protect you and reward you greatly." But Abram answered, "LORD All-Powerful, you have given me everything I could ask for, except children. And when I die, Eliezer of Damascus will get all I own. You have not given me any children, and this servant of mine will inherit everything." The LORD replied, "No, he won't! You will have a son of your own, and everything you have will be his." Then the LORD took Abram outside and said, "Look at the sky and see if you can count the stars. That's how many descendants you will have." Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD was pleased with him. The LORD said to Abram, "I brought you here from Ur in Chaldea, and I gave you this land." Abram asked, "LORD God, how can I know the land will be mine?" Genesis 15:1-8" (CEV).

The above discourse between Abram and the Lord set the trajectory for his journey of adventures in believing, walking in faith and finishing well.

You can be so thirsty for one thing that you look earnestly and continually to God to help you attain it.

It was the story of Abram, who said to God, "LORD All-Powerful, you have given me everything I could ask for, except children"

Abram had a desire to be fruitful, which no doubt was God inspired or given. This is a "Godcidence" because God himself sought a seed through whom He would bless the nations of the earth. Right there, was a convergence of desire and destiny.

Faith that fits draws the analogy of the faith that grows to match the desired, taking parallels from the life of the one who God acknowledged his faith as strong, in believing.

Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. His faith grew stronger, and in this, he brought glory to God. Romans 4:20

Abram had a need in his life which he fulfilled in his close walk with God. This desire and the quest is what this book posits as "The chase".

In the course of life, you would have one or more special needs that cannot be acquired off the shelf or would require a due and diligent process, even supernaturally, to attain. Thereby, taking you on a journey of faith and its attendant virtues or features.

Accompanying a quest through a faith chase comes with its conditions. The choices that frame our position, the cheques (promises), we get, the channels we have to take and the changes that we would have undergone to become the person we need to be in God.

The paramount goal is to get to the place where your authentic self reigns, with the authority that

Commands the lesser need called "things" to align and fill their spaces in compliance.

If you brag, brag of this and this only: That you understand and know me. I'm GOD, and I act in loyal love. I do what's right and set things right and fair, and delight in those who do the same things. These are my trademarks." GOD's Decree. Jeremiah 9:24 - MSG

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I [am] the LORD which exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these [things] I delight, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 9:24

This is the ultimate goal of God's pursuit, chase and completeness through encounters, where faith fits you into the mould of expected conformity.

Chapter One

THE CHASE (The quest or desire)

*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
Genesis 12:1*

*So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram [was] seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.
Genesis 12:4-5*

The above scriptures introduce us to the first recorded discourse between Abram and God.

Abram, continuous close walk with God, revealed one pressing need in his life, as revealed below:

But Abram answered, "LORD All-Powerful, you have given me everything I could ask for, except children. Genesis 15:2a (CEV).

This need sets up a plot for Abram's quest or chase, which is to become a father.

A chase is an earnest, near, desperate pursuit of what you desire.

In this context, a chase is an earnest, near, desperate pursuit of the LORD who gives and meets your desire.

Therefore, in the faith that fits, the pursuit will be channelled through faith that pleases the Lord.

Prioritising God's pursuit rather than things, to bring about the re-emergence of a tried and tested follower, whom things turn to follow.

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33 - NLT

The one thing I ask of the Lord— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.

Psalms 27:4 - NLT

This is the order of functionality in the kingdom of the Lord.

It's about the way, lifestyle or "modus operandi" of the believer.

How often do you hear the testimony of people sold out in the service of the kingdom, who are inundated with provisions?

Abram was one of several; Cornelius was another Whose need was salvation. The Lord, who knew what he needed, responded through the kingdom purposes he served.

*And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.
Acts 10:31*

The focus of Cornelius was a delightful pursuit of godliness.

We should walk and make remarkable imprints on the pages of the hall of faith, by the delightful expressions and experiences in the kingdom of God.

Learning how to delight in the Lord

Undoubtedly, Abram did not lose sight of his desires, while he followed through with the plans and purposes of God for his life. You shouldn't either.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring [it] to pass. Psalms 37:4-5

Below are some checks, through the delightful expressions of Abram.

- Leave behind Entanglements

The LORD said to Abram: Leave your country, your family, and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you. Genesis 12:1 - CEV

The one who will delight in God and be pleasing to him must hear and heed when and what to forsake.

So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own. Luke 14:33 - NLT.

- **Walk in obedience**

Abram was seventy-five years old when the LORD told him to leave the city of Haran. He obeyed and left with his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions and slaves they had gotten while in Haran. When they came to the land of Canaan, Genesis 12:5 - CEV

Even when it was going to cost him the life of his son, Abraham obeyed.

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only [son]: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which [is] upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; Genesis 22:16-17.

- **Avoid Strife**

Strife blocks and dishonours

[It is] an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. Proverbs 20:3

Strife blocks the facilitator from the grace of God that should have been released if strife had been avoided.

When you strife with people because you have dishonoured God, you are robbed and deprived of what you could have enjoyed in the circumstances of honour.

As depicted in the following passage, Abram got what he let go of in avoiding strife.

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. Genesis 13:14-15.

Strife is an arsenal or weapon of the enemy aimed against God and the person who lets it.

You dishonour God by limiting the grace and ability of God to right a wrong and rather go at it in your flawed flesh and broken little arm.

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we [be] brethren. [Is] not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if [thou wilt take] the left hand, then I will go to the right;

or if [thou depart] to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it [was] well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [even] as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Genesis 13:8-10

- **Recognise God as powerful and just**

Strife doesn't esteem God as the almighty who He is nor as the just judge of all.

Abram understands, accords to and acknowledges God for who He is and, therefore, deals accordingly.

In his reverence for God, he referred to God as all-powerful:

*But Abram answered, "**LORD All-Powerful**, you have given me everything I could ask for, except children. Genesis 15:2a (CEV).*

Afterwards, during his intercession for Sodom, he referred to God as the judge of all the earth.

*That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: **Shall not the Judge of all the earth** do right? Genesis 18:25*

Let us understand that strife is a blocker. It's not a coincidence that on his journey to fulfilling the call of God on his life, the enemy showed up with strife.

He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat. Proverbs 28:25

[Let] nothing [be done] through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Philippians 2:3

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but [is] earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife [is], there [is] confusion and every evil work. James 3:14-16

● **Love and Selflessness**

Time and again we saw Abram rescued his nephew, Lot and did so even at his peril.

When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household.

Then he pursued Kedorlaomer's army until he caught up with them at Dan.

There he divided his men and attacked during the night. Kedorlaomer's army fled, but Abram chased them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.

Abram recovered all the goods that had been taken, and he brought back his nephew Lot with his possessions and all the women and other captives. Genesis 14:14-16.

● **Honor for God and His representatives**

When Abram saw and perceived the persons he encountered were divine beings, the Bible recorded how he received them and hastened to minister to them.

That is the act of a God chaser.

He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground.

"My lord," he said, "if it pleases you, stop here for a while. Rest in the shade of this tree while water is brought to wash your feet.

And since you've honoured your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey." "All right," they said.

"Do as you have said." So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, "Hurry! Get three large measures of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread.

"Then Abraham ran out to the herd and chose a tender calf and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it.

When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees. Genesis 18:2-8 - NLT

In like manner of recognition and reverence, any believer who understands faith ought to respond to divinity.

Recognize, revert and wait on the Lord.

Faith is neither acquisition nor accomplishment. It's a life that is pleasing to God, and going after Him.

Faith comes in a seed form. It has life and the capacity to grow, through nurture.

As you experience more of God, bigger things in righteousness are drawn towards you.

Consequently, your faith capacity expands to contain and accommodate the increases.

Faith is elastic and grows to meet and fit your capacity.

Chapter Two

CONNECTIONS

The relational regulations of the faith fitted life defer to the lordship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It governs the relationships we have with the Lord and his Church.

This was demonstrated in the walk of Abram, as it affected his company and community involving other people, be it family or friends.

Securing the frames by fastening at the corners or angles.

As Abraham is our case study of the God chaser, what were the conducts in relationship management demonstrated by Abram?

- **He was a family man and valued the marriage institution.**

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Genesis 18:19

Further down in the Abraham narrative, he sent for a good woman for his son and warned Eleazah, his servant, not to renege on the promise to do as was agreed.

[2] And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

[3] and I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

*[4] but thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.
Genesis 24:2-4*

He loved and respected his wife, listened to her and did not act untoward to her.

- **He was peace-loving and cherished relationships.**

Though he had what it took to outshine or outdo the Philistines, nonetheless, when they reached out to him he obliged them.

Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son:

[but] according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. And Abraham said, I will swear.

And Abraham reproveth Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. Genesis 21:23-25

● **He demonstrated contentment and sought not personal gain, at the expense of others.**

And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

That I will not [take] from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that [is] thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion. Genesis 14:21-24

- **He was sensitive and saw the emissaries of God.**

He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood at a little distance from him. He ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the ground

And said, My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant, I beg of you. Genesis 18:2-3 - AMP

- **He did not falter in his God relationship and kept the Covenant in his household.**

Abraham was now a very old man, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. One day Abraham said to his oldest servant, the man in charge of his household, "Take an oath by putting your hand under my thigh.

Swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not allow my son to marry one of these local Canaanite women. Go instead to my homeland, to my relatives, and find a wife there for my son Isaac.

"The servant asked, "But what if I can't find a young woman who is willing to travel so far from home? Should I then take Isaac there to live among your relatives in the land you came from?"

"No!" Abraham responded. "Be careful never to take my son there.

For the Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and my native land, solemnly promised to give this land to my descendants. He will send his angel ahead of you, and he will see to it that you find a wife there for my son.

If she is unwilling to come back with you, then you are free from this oath of mine. But under no circumstances are you to take my son there."
Genesis 24:1-8 - NLT

So it was that Abraham never lost sight of what God expected of him, and **even till his last days, he followed through and involved his servant to help execute the task when age and strength failed him.**

The life of the one with a faith that fits is faithful.
The commands and instructions of God are given non-competing attention.

Relationships matter in faith that fits because it's a total package. It's about you, your Lord, your loved ones, and God's people.

This is where you get to lay up treasures for yourself and get credited with resources you need and will need. Just like Cornelius was caught up with doing good that ended up getting him what he needed.

Abraham was a man with a heart disposition that pleased God, given there were others during his time that were passed to get to him.

Abraham undoubtedly feared God, loved the people and was pleasing to God.
His kingdom accounts must have been buzzed with alerts!

[19] Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

[20] but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: Matthew 6:19-20.

[3] Talk no more so exceeding proudly; Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: For the LORD is a God of knowledge, And by him actions are weighed. 1 Samuel 2:3.

Faith that loves is elastic and stretches to fit. Without a doubt, our faith role model in this context was by every standard a humble and peace-loving man. One with whom God was pleased and blessed.

In the next chapter, we shall walk through how to issue your cheques against the resources you have been credited, such that they sail through clearing, drawing our allegory from the regular cheque, as we know it.

Chapter Three

THE CHEQUE (Drawing From The Resources)

We have established in the preceding texts that the life of faith that fits, matches, or suits a situation is one lived in the pursuit or chase of God, which prioritises and honours Him.

Faith is neither about acquisition nor accomplishment; rather, it's a path and a position.

Thus, faith positions you in the place you ought, and enables alignment for productivity. Faith serves as a GPS (Global Positioning System) that navigates you to the place and position of resources.

Delightful expressions in God sets one aright in the faith direction towards God. Anything contrary automatically turns or routes you in the opposite direction, away from God and His resources.

Inadvertently where God dwells, is resplendent with His resources.

The God chaser gets the cheque book because you have attracted resources and deposits.

[19] Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

*[20] but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
Matthew 6:19-20.*

Hence, being a God-delighting believer, you have laid up treasures and already secured access, as well as audience.

This is the premise on which the issuance or withdrawals can be achieved through your acquired cheque against secured deposits.

Your chase (earnest desire) should lead you to the place or point of godliness, which comes with Godlikeness. The attributes of Godlikeness include availability and abundance.

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Herein do we reckon with the God of recompense.
The one who is a rewarder of the diligent seeker.

*The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward
be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under
whose wings thou art come to trust. Ruth 2:12*

*May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings
you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for
what you have done." Ruth 2:12 NLT.*

Understanding the cheque usage

A cheque leaf, also known as a cheque form or slip,
serves as the medium for withdrawal of resources
from the kingdom treasury.

God is the issuer of the believers' cheques.

He controls the inestimable resources both of
heaven and earth, He is the El Shaddai.

*For every beast of the forest is mine, And the cattle
upon a thousand hills. [11] I know all the fowls of
the mountains: And the wild beasts of the field are
mine. [12] If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: For
the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. Psalm
50:10-12*

A cheque leaf displays the following essential elements:

1. Date: The date the cheque is written, and becomes presentable for payment.

2. Payee: The name of the person or business receiving the payment. (You)

3. Figure Box: The amount of the cheque written in numbers. (Determined by you)

4. Amount in Words Space: The amount of the cheque written out in words. (Same amount)

5. Payer's Signature: The signature of the person or business writing the cheque. (The blood seal)

6. Payer's Name and Address: The name and address of the person or business writing the cheque. (The Lord of Sabaoth/Recompense, omnipresent.)

7. Cheque Number: A unique number assigned to the cheque by the bank or issuing house. It helps with tracking and accountability. (A kingdom-delineated instrument).

8. Bank Name and Address: The name and address of the bank where the cheque is drawn. (Heavenly and earthly places, glory in Christ Jesus). Hallelujah!

9. MICR Code: A magnetic ink character recognition code used for processing cheques.

These elements ensure that a cheque is valid, secure, and can be processed efficiently by banks. Therefore, these same items constitute the validity of your cheque slip, in this analogy.

While all the items listed above are explicit and known, the date, signature and MICR Code, will be further explained below.

DATE:

The date is in the present and now. Faith is now. The date is the moment you saw the promise as possible and received it as performed and already yours.

When and where you were, at that moment you realised God's promise has come to you in your quest, and you see it as yours for the taking.

God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him, which means we are qualified to receive from God, having been delightful in Him.

You put a date on your cheque the moment you asked, believe what the Lord says to you, and receive it.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

The good news is that your cheque is signed and sealed (ratified) by the blood. God has given us a blank cheque that is already signed

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

[21] and having an high priest over the house of God; [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22

It's up to you, how much you can draw, which is determined by your deposits.

Keep in view that a signed cheque can be dishonoured if your entries are incorrect or if you have subjected it to manipulations and cancellation of figures as a result of doubt or uncertainties. Howbeit, we are admonished to do better;

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For him that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways. James 1:6-8

Doubt denies and deprives you, while it limits God to be who He ought to be in your situation. Therefore, hold no doubt.

THE MICR CODE;

This is a parallel or symbolic representation of the systems and principles that are communicated in the processing of your cheque.

It contains key details about the cheque, including:

- Bank code (identifying the bank)
- Branch code (identifying the specific branch that is linked to the bank).

- Cheque number (identifying the particular cheque leaf as valid).

What is a code?

It's a designated word or phrase chosen in place of another word or phrase to communicate an attitude or meaning without stating it explicitly.

This is a means to validate that you are entitled to the transaction

Herein this analogy, the cheque MICR bears witness to your authenticity and authorisation to present a cheque at the kingdom resource centre.

Therefore, the three basic code of the MICR in this context of kingdom transactions would mean, by equivalence the following;

The Bank

- A realm of provision in the kingdom for all that have been accepted through salvation, into the commonwealth. It's a place of riches and glory, governed by the father, by whom all the families are named.

*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
Ephesians 3:14-15*

- Who validates the witness code of this domain?
- The father.

[7] For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 John 5:7

The Branch

This is your designated place in the body of Christ. The branch is your place of assignment where you are present, prioritising the purpose of God in and for your life in a given space.

This witness code confirms that you are where you should be, according to God's purpose.

This is not for the proponents of you don't need to do anything to be blessed or provided for by God, your father. That is the basic and I believe every child in the family deserves that.

However, this withdrawal is not for basics. It's for the ones who are seeking much more and want to do exploits.

Even a child will never continue to be fed and catered for endlessly. It's not a place to be.

This transaction is for those who because of exercise have moved from milk to to strong meats

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
Hebrews 5:14*

Consequently, where you are assigned and posted is your concern.

It is required of stewards over God's assignment to be faithful just as our saviour and the example of Moses as a leader.

*Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. [2] He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.
Hebrews 3:1-2 NIV*

The reason Heaven will vet your withdrawals is to ensure it's done for your particular assignment, is because any resource accessed outside of responsibility will be misappropriated.

Sometimes, such misappropriation or abuse of resources can affect the heart and standing of the vessel.

As a result, those withdrawal requests outside of jurisdiction or assignment would not be honoured or cleared.

- Who oversees this validation record? By now you should already know;
- The Son

Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.” Hosea 6:3 NLT

Jesus said:

[7] Then said I, Lo, I come (In the volume of the book it is written of me,) To do thy will, O God. Hebrews 10:7

The call to be a people of purpose and priority cannot be more urgent.

This call is being attacked by worldliness, humanism, and comfort-seeking above sacrifice. They end up causing dishonoured cheques. This gospel was birthed by and is sustained by sacrifice.

The popular saying I used to hear as a new convert over three decades ago, still holds. “ God started His church the way He wants it, and still wants His church the way He started it”. Selah.

Your assignment and the place of administration remain a priority, in this kingdom of our God and Lord.

The Cheque Number

The serial number on every cheque is an essential identification that it belongs to the bank and domiciled in the named branch.

Moreover, the uniqueness or specificity of every cheque is differentiated by the exclusive number assigned to the leaf.

This uniqueness of experience signifies that as believers we must own our encounters and narratives in the kingdom walk.

The Holy Spirit leads us in peculiar paths that are unique to us.

While the bank and branch identities could be similar, the unique cheque number remains exclusively the reserve of one particular cheque leaf.

The Holy Spirit confirms that we are processing requests that are consistent with our dealings in him and, therefore, have followed the leadings He gives to arrive at our requests.

- This validation record is managed by the
- Holy Spirit

14] For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14

Just as demonstrated in the scriptures below:

[1] And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Luke 4:1

[27] And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Luke 2:27.

These witness codes and their criteria play vital roles in the endorsement of our payout or withdrawal cheques if they will be cleared and sail through or bounced or moribund.

This is why faith is not a sprint but a marathon. You have to remain humble and in submission to the Spirit of God, to live the life of faith that pleases God.

Thus far, your cheque is ready to be cleared when the MICR Codes, verify the compliance of the code representation on the cheque leaf viz:

The Bank code - You have deposits and good balances, that match or exceed your presented sum (**The father**) himself acknowledges you are a beloved child in whom He is well pleased.

The Branch code - That you have remained faithful in the place of assignment. (**The son**), himself as the pattern or example, moderates and validates this code.

The Cheque code or number - That you have followed or obeyed the peculiar Rhema or leading

of the Holy Spirit regards your request. (**The Holy Ghost**) moderates and validates this code.

Having passed your clearing procedures with divine due diligence, you can continue to the next chapter in the faith.

Chapter Four

THE CHOICES

(The wait for the cheque clearance)

Having already checked the boxes to clear your cheque, what do you do while waiting for the process outcomes?

We are dealing with a crossed cheque that cannot be immediately cashed over the counter nor transferable to a third party.

The crossing of the cheque ensures security and protection for the holder.

This is very consistent with the protective nature of our father, who wants to ensure you get what belongs to you, and nobody else.

The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

[9] but they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Isaiah 62:8-9

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

[20] but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: Matthew 6:19-20

Choice is about a way, course, or direction of thought or action.

There are choices you need to take between the time your cheque is presented and when you eventually get credited.

You need patience with thanksgiving, abounding in faith with hope, peace and assurance.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:13

Processing or clearing days can be quantified by kingdom standards because days are not measured here, as it is in the world.

That said if you do not have discrepancy issues or entry errors, and your MICR is verified, it's fast and now.

Otherwise, there would be a need for re-entries and re-presentations.

Either position would require time, but shorter or longer, respectively.

Therefore, **whichever path of processing you have to go through to come out on the other end, remember the goal is you, not the funds.**

Be grateful for the care and intentionality of the Saviour for you.

Let's walk through some of the scenarios of what your choices during this waiting period might look like;

★ The Patience Pathway

Choosing the patience pathway is an intentional optimism with the resolve to simply “wait on the lord”.

The patient waiter is not in doubt whether the Lord will come through for us or not, but with assurance and perseverance, expects His arrival, knowing that though He tarries, the “vision” will take place.

For the vision [is] yet for an appointed time, but at the end, it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3

Let's do our best to know the LORD. His coming is as certain as the morning sun; he will refresh us like rain renewing the earth in the springtime. Hosea 6:3 (CEV)

But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:4

Patience is a path the Lord orchestrates to accomplish a thorough work in us. So we can become true, tried, and tested.

Patience will be attained when some things become eliminated, such as hastiness, selfishness, criticism, distraction, competitiveness, etc.

While other virtues would have been added or acquired such as prayerfulness, watchfulness, God-dependence, thankfulness, attentiveness, focus, and confidence, amongst others.

Patient by: (Merriam-Webster):

- 1: bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint
- 2: manifesting forbearance under provocation or strain
- 3: not hasty or impetuous
- 4: steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6. And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and patience godliness;

7. And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8

Patience is an attribute or virtue that God works out in us through sustained forbearance over a period, to become more like Him.

The goal of the workings of patience is Christlikeness or Godlikeness.

★ The Process Pathway

While you wait, other things are ongoing.
The process is a series of actions or operations continuing towards an end.

To choose the process pathway is to embrace the pilot of one, surrendering to his navigation.

But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Habakkuk, one of the prophets of the Bible enlightens us on how to follow the Lord, in the verses below:

O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! [even] cry out unto thee [of] violence, and thou wilt not save! Habakkuk 1:2

Then the Lord responded:

Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for [I] will work a work in your days, [which] ye will not believe, though it be told [you]. Habakkuk 1:5

This response ought to frame our belief structure as we seek the Lord, simply assured that He is doing a work that we might not yet see, but will astound us.

After the Lord replied him, he continued:

[Art] thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. Habakkuk 1:12

- **Recognize God;**

As the scriptures declare him to be. Let this period be characterized by the acknowledgement of God's glory and might.

You can take the word and declare it just as captured in the Bible. "Thou art from everlasting o Lord" Give Him His flowers of praise.

- **Acknowledge God;**

For who you know him to be, according to the word, and not what the situation or enemy projects him to be. " God is faithful".

- **Settle it in your heart;**

Only good will come out of this process and not a disappointment.

Just like Habakkuk said, "We shall not die". He revealed optimism. God is moved more by that over pessimism.

Accept the corrections;

That God would bring to you. Be it for your action or inaction, or how your beliefs need to be adjusted, and possibly your utterances. Embrace and fix.

- **Separate yourself;**

To a vantage point or position where you can seek the face of God to understand what exactly He wants you to hear.

As for Habakkuk, it was a watchtower. It could be your normal routine prayer place. The important note here is the need to make out time, at a place.

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, Habakkuk 2:1a

- **Watch to see :**

God speaks, not necessarily instantly or once, or in a predefined mode. The message of God will be communicated in ways and media He considers appropriate or fit.

You are the one that has to be positioned to receive the transmission. So, it might be in written word, sound, non-verbal, pictures/images, perceptions etc. Only watch out, be sensitive and on alert.

.....and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer/reply: Habakkuk 2:1b

This clearly shows the communication will be a dialogue, i.e. both ways. When He talks to us, we are expected to respond to Him.

Unequivocally, what a believer will hear from God would be in the form of one or all of these, at various times.

- Who He is, his nature, character and attributes. You are assured of who He is.

- What He has done before, replete in nature, history and testimonials. He reminds us of his faithfulness.

- What He can do, as revealed in the word. He would work a marvellous wonder.

- What He will do for you
Incredible stuff will be done for you!

- What is expected of you?
Find your watch tower and commune with Him, stand doing His bidding.

Whatever you hear, as long as it is from the Spirit of God, it will elicit joy, peace, and optimism in you along with the presence of God and, consequently, your praise to God.

Anything contrary would mean you either didn't hear correctly or at all.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: But let them not turn again to folly. Psalm 85:8.

- **Write it down;**

It is only reasonable for a mortal man to capture what an eternal God says, to be able to keep track.

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:2

This habit can not be overemphasized when we are posed to hear God. He speaks by His eternal nature. It's when you keep going back to what you received that you start fetching or drawing out more, thereby understanding better.

This undertaking serves a dual purpose of empowerment in that it will uphold you as you keep returning to it in trying times.

While additional content brings clarity and understanding when read in context. Such content has also helped me to be able to share with you what I write in most of my authored books.

- **Wait for the results;**

There is no better way to put it than simply saying: WAIT patiently.

For the vision [is] yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3

- **Stay humble and still;**

Do not have an opinion about what God is doing; rather, have a revelation.

God is always faithful.

*"I, the LORD, refuse to accept anyone proud. Only those who live by faith are acceptable to me."
Habakkuk 2:4 (CEV)*

- **Be in faith;**

That is a sobering reminder not to judge or be moved by what you see. God works from the invisible to the visible, not the other way around. So, while you are not yet seeing, He is working.

Of Abraham, the word says;

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: Romans 4:18-19

Habakkuk says;

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither [shall] fruit [be] in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and [there shall be] no herd in the stalls:

18. Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Habakkuk 3:17-18

- **Rejoice in the Lord;**

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

Joy is a fetcher. It's a potent tool to use in the kingdom to draw out treasures of salvation. It's just befitting to maintain your joy and not allow the enemy to rob you.

The real theft or robbery in this realm is in the intangible things like joy, peace, love, etc. Never of physical or tangible stuff. This is because the intangibles channel the tangibles to us.

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Habakkuk 3:18

The LORD God [is] my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' [feet], and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments. Habakkuk 3:19

*** The Pruning Pathway**

But he knoweth the way that I take: [when] he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10.

Choose to be tested, tried and found true. However you have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will reveal the strength of your faith. Tested as fire and purified, yet your faith is far more precious than mere gold.

When your faith remains standing through many trials, it brings much praise, glory and honor to the Lord.

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. 1 Peter 1:8 NLT

Chapter Five

THE CHANGE

(Accomplishment)

All my appointed times will I wait, until my change comes. Job 14:14b

At the end of the day, it's that you have become the person of God, to the glory of the Lord, which is the real gain.

Check the boxes, become:



Patient



Sensitive



Faithful



Stronger



Meek



Loving



Selfless



Pleasing



Courageous



Temperate. Etc.

The quickening of a rhema word sent in response to our cries or pleas is never intended to be magical.

It is usually a word in season which makes it liable to be accomplished within a period.

Therefore, the fulfillment of a promise tends to be incremental rather than incidental.

So we are ushered into a phase of accomplishment that begins spiritually and invisible, nonetheless known to you.

Activities that take place in this period may include redirections, separations, repentances, reconstructions, reconfigurations, renouncements, rebirths, etc.

Given that the word quickened is the pre-determinant of the eventual outcomes, it is only a question of time for you to see the required result as long as you keep faith by neither doubting nor giving to disrepute, rather giving thanks and reaffirming your belief and conviction.

This is the comfort of the spiritually awakened because you know that things are shifting and burdens are shattering.

What do you do if;

- **No Physical/visible changes?**

Allowing thoughts that nothing is happening is a bait or enemy's trap to avoid like a plague.

I recall a situation with a dear mentee who was desperate for a transfer on her job, so she could go and join her husband in another city shortly after being newly married.

It so happen that months went by, and no obvious progress or response was seen. Typically, she had pulled the possible strings and flexes. Promises were not showing up.

Then she gave me a call and vented her frustration and pessimism after trying for so long.

Understandably so, right?

Be that as it may, it was the approach of the undiscerning and unpersuaded.

I could sense the negativity was not going to help. To that effect, I scolded her for the utterances and pointed her to the promises of God's faithfulness despite what it looked like.

I counselled she should make a redress by repentance and tell God she was sorry for how the issue had been handled, without any credit to God or affirmation of His faithfulness regardless of the obvious.

She agreed to do so that night. Thank God for her humility and responsiveness.

The next day at work, she got her transfer letter as expected. Bam! I got a phone call immediately!

There and then I thanked God and rejoiced with her, acknowledging that her attitude blocked what was in the offing or coming to her.

It was a lesson in trust for her and a reassurance to me. The Lord we serve always keeps the end of His deal.

Changes are always taking place forward or backward, in us and our circumstances..

- **When Changes Seem Worse?**

The situation where things seem not to be improving is a great trial and temptation to the faith we have so upheld.

In the book of Exodus, after God sent word to Pharaoh concerning the deliverance of His people, their labour increased, but it did not hinder their deliverance as promised by God.

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2. And Pharaoh said, Who [is] the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. Exodus 5:1-2

And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, 7. Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8. And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish [ought] thereof: for they [be] idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go [and] sacrifice to our God.

9. Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words. Exodus 5:6-9

Increased opposition after the declaration or proclamation of God's word is a sign that the tables and tides are shifting, more so, in your favour and hence the reaction.

The Apostles on evangelistic missions faced opposition more when they got busy fulfilling the mandate. The same for the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet the targets or people got more benefits.

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. Matthew 14:22

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. Matthew 14:24

Then Jesus came into the ship and the game changed.

And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. Matthew 14:32-33

- **When Changes are Contrary**

★ Reach out to God for help.

★ Maintain a thankful attitude

In the face of contradictions always be thankful because;

Be Thankful

- Give thanks because the situation will provide the opportunity to experience God's power you know He is faithful.

- God has gone ahead of you. He is the all-knowing God, and so before the incident, He has the figures, the facts and the finality.

- He is also the one with you throughout and in the midst of the situation to uphold and sustain you. So be thankful for that presence.

- Be thankful because of your hope and expectation which is a sure anchor. Maintaining joy in things with Thanksgiving.

- Give thanks because you know the victory is yours and the testimony is sure. The Bible says blessed be the Lord who always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus in all things making manifest through us the savour of the knowledge of Christ.

- Give thanks because this is working for your good.
- Give thanks because God is committed to see you win.

The truth is, a lack of Thanksgiving will steal your joy, and corrupt the process. That is the devil's attribute personified. Thanklessness.

The Unwavering Consequence

No matter how massive a rock is, if you don't stop striking, it will crack and eventually crash.

Consequence, according to Merriam-Webster, is something produced by a cause or necessarily following a set of conditions.

*When clouds are heavy, the rains come down.
Whether a tree falls north or south, it stays where it falls. Ecclesiastes 11:3*

So, you have to be intentional about your pursuit or purpose and go at it unrelentingly. Putting into it all the measures inspired by the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

As believers, we can learn invaluable lessons from the experiences of others, just as the Bible teaches us in 1 Corinthians 10:11. The story of Abraham is a powerful example of how faith and obedience can earn us a good report with God:

What does Scripture say?

"Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Romans 4:3 - NIV

Abraham's faith and actions caught God's attention, earning him a commendable record and credit. Similarly, by prioritizing your pursuit of faith and obedience, you can receive a good report from God.

You, too, can earn records or good reports by prioritising God in your pursuit or chase.

It is your report of faith that pleases God and not your requests for things.

A sure way to a fulfilled desire is to delight in the Lord (commit to doing what the Lord wants or instructs), and become who He wants you to be.

God testified about Abraham's character and faith, saying that He knew Abraham would command his household to follow the Lord's ways. We, too, can earn similar testimonials as we live out our faith in obedience to God's will.

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Genesis 18:19

Welcome to life that transforms and pleases.

It's A Wrap

- I always round up my books by giving opportunities to readers to make a life-transforming decision, which I did some decades back, and has helped me this far, by simply taking the prayers below;

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit
Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. Your word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You.

I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be the Lord over my life according to (Romans 10: 9-10): "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation".

I do that now. I confess that Jesus is the LORD, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved!

You also said in your word;

(Luke 11:13) - If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Therefore, I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I believe I shall forthwith, speak in new tongues, according to your word in; (Acts 2:4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive not in your language but in the language that was given to you by the Holy Spirit.

You have to use your voice. God will not force you to speak; don't be concerned with how it sounds; it is a heavenly language. Continue with the blessings God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You will never be the same.

Find a good Church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it.

Become part of a church family who will love and care for you, as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected. It increases our strength in God, and it is God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to communicate with God daily, through prayers, and read your bible to grow.

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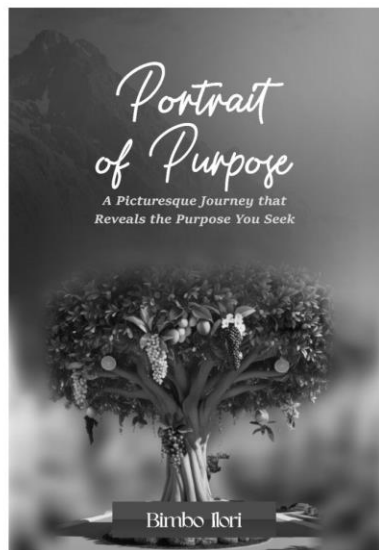
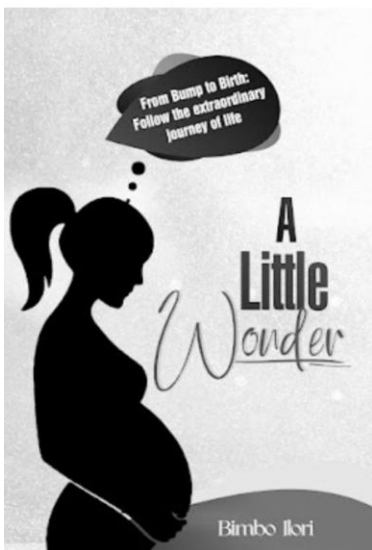
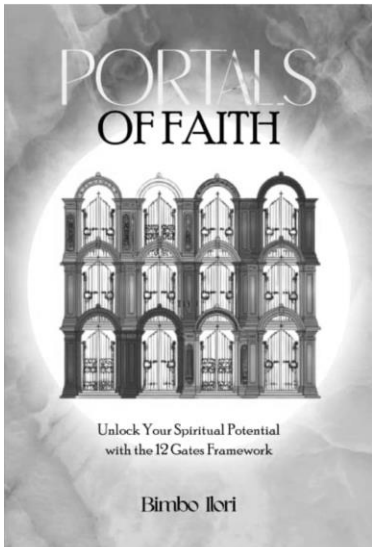
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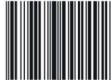
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