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Throughout this book, you'll encounter stories and scenarios designed to reflect the realities of the concepts shared.

Please note that all names used in contemporary illustrations are either entirely fictional or have been altered to preserve privacy. While the lessons are real and inspired by true-to-life patterns, any resemblance to actual persons, living or deceased, is purely coincidental and unintentional.

These examples are used to deepen understanding and offer relatable reflections without compromising anyone's personal journey.

Thank you for reading with empathy and wisdom.

With love and purpose,

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INTRODUCTION

I have asked myself a couple of times why I have not yet published this book. Especially on occasions when I met an expectant wife, with whom I could share some understanding but was unable due to space, time, or opportunity.

However, I believe the words in the opening part of Ecclesiastes;

He hath made every [thing] beautiful in his time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

I started this work after my last baby turned six years old. Somehow, other things kept getting in the way until God said it was time to dust the scripts!

I have had the opportunity to read books on childbirth from a different perspective, as well as other child-related books on training and upbringing.

I yearned to know more about the other foundations of childbirth, and the knowledge and wisdom of going through the process.

As I pursued to know more, the Lord responded to my quest. That which I learned is what I believe that He has required of me to pass on to others.

This book will help prepare a mother-in-waiting for conception, bringing understanding and establishment of God's purpose in that phase of expecting conception.

It will show the expectant mother how to nurture the growing foetus, separating it unto God right from the womb.

Taking you through the rungs of gestation and leading to the climax of the last trimester with grace.

It's my unwavering agreement with the family reading this book that you will bring forth unto Joy, the gift of God in and through you, to the praise and glory of our Lord. Amen

Chapter One

WHAT ABOUT BABIES? (LITTLE WONDER)

Babies are the quintessence of existence. The arrival of a baby with God's grace and mercy assures an infant to nurse, a toddler to raise, a child to train, an adolescent to be established, and eventually an adult to stand and take over!

What a call to duty! Simply a divine order!
Every baby starts as a mysterious seed (A Little Wonder).

It is a fascinating, unknown, and unlearned process of procreation. An experience that leaves everyone who contacts it in awe and prone to nothing short of wonder.

This little wonder is latent and affects landscapes and horizons beyond imagination.

Little Wonder the pronouncements that the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent and a perpetual enmity shall ensue from the woman and her seed against the serpent and its seed.

The battle line was drawn on the seed and it's equipped under the authority of the Lord.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15

Investing time in prayers for the desired baby, in expectation, is responsible, given the conflict starts with the seed.

It is envisaged that parents will receive words of insight, direction and even correction about the precious seed who is becoming and emerging in God's quiver, to enable conformations in line with divine predetermined counsel.

I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5 AMP.

It is very vital to schedule prayer and confession times for the seed as much as, or even more than the routine medicals.

It is a disservice not to wait and seek God on behalf of our babies. If we do not want them to be entangled with the past or repeat those undesirable traits we have seen in our past, prayer is a key.

Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matthew 7:24-27

Our Lord was teaching about the parable of the house built on the rock and that on the sand, which is likeable to waiting on the Lord concerning our seed.

It's a process of building on the rock as it will be a product of the word of God, (applied and upheld).

The rain, floods and winds are not factors that can be controlled by or subject to us, God has ordained their seasons.

However, we can control the strength and stability of our houses by digging deep and ensuring a good foundation secured in God's plan and purpose from the womb.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by his grace. Galatians 1:15.

Little wonder the devil seeks to truncate the purpose from the embryo lest it forms, outgrows and overwhelms the enemy till he becomes consumed by it.

The Way of The Baby

*"The way of a baby in the womb knoweth no man except God"
Ecclesiastes 11:5*

The way of a baby in the womb remains a mystery (Little Wonder), but God alone knoweth his works, who himself created all things. Therefore, it is necessary to understand and relate with the baby through its maker (God).

They are like battle arrows.

"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the Youth" Psalms 127:4

He ordained them to serve in whatever order or formation He has mapped for them.

They are God's reward: preponderantly His reward, compared to human reward. They are His reward because;

- 1) God's (faith) in creating the first couple to become partners in the procreation mandate (Be fruitful, replenish, multiply).

A reward is an obligated response from where it comes.
God seeks fruits and the highest fruit he can get on Earth could be said to be the fruit of the womb that is dedicated to Him.

- 2) He was the one preoccupied with the fearful and wonderful formation of the foetus in the womb.

For thou hast possessed my reins thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearful and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance is not hid from thee, when I was made in secret and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."Psalms 139:13-15

Given the God factor in this premise, it is doubtless that God did the work, and man enjoys it.

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.Romans 4:4

To him that worketh is the reward and that of debt. Children are God's heritage. They should eternally be subject to him when rightly trained and guarded by the stewards/parents.

Little Wonder God ordained the vehicle of matrimony (sanctified abode) for His heritage.

It's the safe choice for the child, and the parents have become contractual beneficiaries, too.

Little Wonder.

Chapter Two

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTRACT

Childbearing or procreation is a God-man transaction with both parties in synergistic roles. Like every divine assignment, it involves faith, purpose, partnership, responsibilities, covenant provisions, and benefits.

Let's take a closer look at what the engagement entails;

1. PURPOSE:- God wants the believers to bear godly children that will fill the earth with His glory.

Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15 (NLT)

2. PARTNERSHIP:- This is mutually beneficial but not necessarily equal in rights or rewards.

A recognition that partnership with God does not and cannot put anyone on the same pedestal with Him, calls for you to humbly align with the terms in submission.

The following items are necessary for effective participation;

i) Timing - When you become a partner is the prerogative of God concerning the granting of conception. He chooses His vessels and determines the times and seasons.

To every purpose, there is a time and a season for everything under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1.

ii) Humility - Is simply taking your appropriate place in God's order of things.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

iii) Knowledge - you need the relevant information on the intended partnership and its modalities. Grace comes through knowledge.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2

The body of knowledge in the book of Genesis informs the basis for procreation, characterized by the threefold mandate: be fruitful, replenish, and multiply (Genesis 1:28).

- **Fruitfulness** (indeed) is the reward man gives to God, bringing forth a being that increases the divine presence. (This is the acceptable will of God).

- **Replenishing** is to ensure that the being that was brought forth is restored, redirected, and ultimately returned to alignment with the maker. (This is the goodwill of God)

- **Multiplication** is achieved when the replenished or restored beings are increasing in leaps and yields. (This is the perfect will of God).

It is welcoming and pleasing to God for mankind to be fruitful, bringing forth babies to the world, and even more honourable,

satisfactory, and advantageous (good) for those fruits to glorify God.

This glory is attained in the knowledge, understanding and application of the word of God as the building and capping block in raising the child

3. STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES - This is a duty you perform given the position you find yourself or occupy. Man's responsibility is that of a faithful steward, one who is supposed to manage whatever he is assigned.

Children are God's heritage. The period they remain under parental custody on Earth demands faithfulness and accountability to their maker.

Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.' Moreover, it is required in stewardship that a man be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:12.

As a steward, you would also need preparedness, the understanding of the peculiarity of care, oversight regulations and other resources which makes you ready for the job.

God never gives a vision without the provision.

'Who then is that faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing (Matthew 24:45-46).

4. COVENANT PROVISION - Being involved with a God assignment for which He chose you automatically qualifies you to enjoy His Covenant backup.

Every plan and purpose of God for execution through man receives the backup. This is the medium God employs to exercise His power and might on behalf of His subjects.

He is obligated to respond to your parenting needs, as you do to His, to preserve Him a godly seed. Ask for wisdom and strength.

'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.'
James 1:5

Chapter Three

THE PRIMING PHASE (PREPARATION FOR CONCEPTION)

The preconception period is the appropriate time for laying the foundation for all the desired experiences and manifestations.

The period can start from spinsterhood to young or advanced adult.

The saying:- prayerful preparation prevents poor performance is an all-time truth.

This prayer can be as brief as God, use me to bear children for your purpose on Earth, without any contradiction.

I must state here that you are not praying because you sense a hindrance or God is unwilling but rather functioning with the understanding that, **every heir of God called on assignment, ought always to pray. It is the spiritual culture and approach.**

On the other hand, the prayers could be an unfolding session of varying levels and degrees, depending on the leadings of the Holy Spirit, within.

It is a time to pray in the spirit and settle issues.

Through these preparatory efforts you will be able to:

- 1) Set the stage or divine mould which is the customized template for the expected baby. Taking time to pray allows the Holy Spirit to take the reign of the affairs.

"If any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away and all things are become new" 2 Corinthians 5:17.

2) Separation from the unwanted is achieved deliberately, through steadfast efforts.

The Lord typified this reality when He rebuked the devil (Matthew 16:23) through His command, "Get thee behind me, Satan".

He was prophetically excluding the devil from the future. This verse should be a prayer point or phrase with the same understanding or revelation, telling the devil to stay where he belonged, behind you. Neither beside, in the present, nor anywhere by your seed, which represents the future.

For the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me John 14:30

Does he or not? Because he surely cometh, but when he comes, what will he find even in your seed? Nothing but the mighty working power of God generated by prayers, hopefully.

3) You come into self-realization and awareness also, as the preparation prayers help you to connect more spiritual dots, as well as serve as a link to the future.

Call upon me and I will show unto you great and mighty things that thou knowest not.

If you reach out to God, He will extend his hand to you. Jeremiah 33:3

As often as we pray before events, whether marriage or conception. We need the Holy Ghost to help us prepare.

This is not to say getting pregnant cannot just happen. Sure, it does, and to a multitude, even without expecting it.

However, the disposition here is the point of intentionality as the redeemed and member of the army of the Lord, (the true born soldiers) involved in spiritual assignment.

For such nothing shall be 'casualized, not even childbearing.

I know of a lady who, during her preparation or prayer phase, had a moment during a time of worship, when she heard three names in her heart.

She further enquired of the Lord what they meant? And got a response that they were the names of her unborn children.

That also immediately brought about the Insight that she and her spouse would eventually be a channel of three offspring on Earth.

This chapter is not about receiving names but preparing for conception but there is no telling what God can do with a heart that is seeking him.

4) This preparation or priming phase, connects you to the sure word of prophecy.

We couldn't be more sure of what we saw and heard--[God's] glory, [God's] voice. The prophetic Word was confirmed to us. You'll do well to keep focusing on it.

It's the one light you have in a dark time as you wait for daybreak and the rising of the Morning Star in your hearts.

2 Peter 1:19 (MESSAGE)

A word received right in your spirit from God is a great weapon against any onslaught of the enemy. If we are ready to take upon

ourselves the yoke of prayers, we shall find rest in the yearnings of the soul.

Paul told Timothy to wage a good warfare by the prophecies that have gone ahead.

Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles. 1 Timothy 1:18 (NLT)

“The Priming” is a foundation-laying time; it is both offensive and defensive. It handles the past, present and future.

Here’s a word for those not privileged to have laid a similar foundation due to a lack of awareness or not having met the Lord earlier;

“spiritual foundations can be laid anytime from the moment of knowledge, revelation and or repentance.

Praise God.

Chapter Four

ONBOARDING PHASE (CONCEPTION/TAKE-OFF)

Take-off in the context of "A Little Wonder" is the onset of conception through gestation.

Having taken off, if you have had the opportunity for a well-laid foundation, happy are ye.

By now, you must be running with some words which you have received in the course of digging the foundation.

These are words meant to be proclaimed and confessed over and over again. As a doorkeeper watches over allocated property.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, [which] shall never hold their peace day nor night:

ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7

The main reason why some could become restless, fearful, anxious and doubtful when faced with pregnancy trials or peculiarities could also be due to the lack of a well-established foundation.

Some even burdened and yet put up a facade of never so well, while filled with fear within.

The enemy does put the pressure of foreboding or anxiety on women during this period of vulnerability.

Women will benefit from a good supportive network, encouraging words, and interrogations that unveil concealed concerns in this critical period.

The heart knows its own bitterness, and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his Joy. Proverb 14:10.

Some expectant mothers have confessed to these fears and have been helped out.

Adlyn was a first time expectant mother, whom I took interest in and got talking about her condition. Wherein she opened up about her fears and received liberating counsel and prayers.

Fear is a spirit and the issues that often generate them are not usually the ones covered by the routine antenatal visits.

It is necessary to lay out and expel fears by the word of God. Be careful who you listen to and avoid conversations that inject fear.

Watchful prayer and confessional are a necessary resource for the family in this period.

This should be managed by both spouses, more especially, the male partner, as it requires watching over the vulnerable in the home, the defenceless baby and mother who is prone to emotional, mental, and physical pressure.

Take-off time should be a period of watching to hear and see, what the Lord says:

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. says: Habakkuk 2:1

The watchman is a guard and protector, against onslaughts from the enemy.

The name of the LORD [is] a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverbs 18:10.

To fulfil the role of the watchman, It will be good to observe the following:

1) Watchfulness;

Praying in the spirit and alertness, watching thereunto with all prayers and supplication for the saint. Hallelujah

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:18

2) Confessions

Here are some scriptural confessions, with the foundation or reference chapter and verse, written as behind the confessions:-

The Lord is at work within me both to do and will of His good pleasing. God will perfect that which concern me. Philippians 2:13

I am persuaded that this which I have committed unto God He is able to keep. 2 Timothy 1:12

I delight myself in God, I have committed my desires unto him, and he is able to bring it to pass. Psalm 37:4-5

This baby dwells in the secret place of the most high with me and we abide under His shadow. No evil shall befall us neither shall any plague come near us. Psalm 91:1,10.

Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me. God is he who sanctifies my body within me. Psalm 103:1.

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

Nothing shall cast my young before it's time. Exodus 23:26

I have in me children of wisdom and favour no blemish, skillful Children. Daniel 1:4

Wise children and righteous that will bring us Joy. Proverb 23:24-25

Great Child or seed I have conceived. Job 5:25

This baby shall respond to the call God has separated it from the womb. Galatians 1:15

Notwithstanding I shall be saved in childbearing, if I continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. 1 Timothy 2:15

3) The Holy Communion

The ordinance of the holy Communion is observed in remembrance of Christ's redeeming sacrifice and to show (reinforce) the Lord's redemptive death till he comes.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us: for it is written cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Galatians 3:13.

Therefore, it is befitting to appropriate this blessing and draw on the full provision of redemption in conception.

It should be taken as often as possible during this period, and more so at crucial points.

- * It serves as a seal
- * It signifies a new beginning
- * It symbolizes Covenant
- * (More insights on the Holy Communion was detailed in my book “**Covenant Core**”)

4) Seeds: (specific, targeted, named -gift or acts) It is called directed - targeting what you give to do a particular work for you.

It worked for Hannah 1 Samuel 1:28, 2:21

It worked for other believers in contemporary times

Remember all thy offerings and accept thy burnt sacrifice and grant thee according to thine heart and fulfill all thy counsel. Psalm 20:1-3

5) Honor the Lord

Seek and serve with honour in your heart, and let the Lord honour your heart desires.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes. And he shall not destroy thy fruits of (fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field). Malachi 3:11

6) Appropriate the Blood: it is only by the Spirit of God that we can access or identify and lay hold on some of the provisions of the shed blood of the lamb.

The word of God says, there are three that bear witness on Earth the blood is one of them. It seals your redemption and it speaks. It is the blood of the everlasting Covenant.

The blood to God represents our eternal redemption and to Satan, his destruction and defeat.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11

Always appropriate the blood over you and the baby. Draw the blood for the boundary where you perceive the need to do so.

With a heart full of its revelation - proclaim to principalities, the blood of Jesus.

It has a paralyzing effect on the enemy, more than we can ever imagine. The blood works.

7) Be up-to-date with information: During onboarding, which is a time to know more about your growing baby and how to care for the baby, seek access to the best resources.

8) Keep A Balanced Stance: this is simply putting in place all necessary tools - spiritual tentacle, as well as the natural/physical tentacles on stand/guard.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Ephesians 6:13-14

9) Let faith be coupled with works and ensure to do all the needful, that is humanly possible within your space.

Even so, faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. James 2:17-18.

10). Sing songs of deliverance: Praise the Lord Always and for what he has done, what he is doing, and will yet do.

To the chief Musician, A Song [or] Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. Say unto God, How terrible [art thou in] thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. Psalms 66:1-3

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. Psalms 27:6

10) Remember Others

Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should. Hebrews 13:1 (CEV)

Sow seeds of prayers for others in your condition. They need it as much as you do, and the favour goes around.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2.

It is noteworthy that as you give, it will be given back to you.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

God, who knows, causes men to pray on your behalf, especially in the time of need. I have found myself quickened to pray for expectant mothers.

Eventually when I met such persons or got to know of their condition as at the time I prayed, they were indeed in need of the prayers.

Some were in labour, or most often at the point of birth.

Let us look out and care for others, in all ways, by spiritual (prayers) or natural (physical care).

Regrettably, on occasions when we do not yield properly to prayer promptings for ourselves or others, the resulting feedback is not preferable.

I believe God counts on us, and He can put a demand on us as Covenant partners.

11) Maintain the right company

The importance of a good support system cannot be overemphasised. Be surrounded by the right people and enjoy the equilibrium of a peaceful horizon.

12) Be Thankful: Everywhere, Every time, let all men leave up holy hands without wrath or doubt.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm [and] Song of David. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh

come. Iniquities prevail against me: [as for] our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away. Psalms 65:1-3

In summary, engage in these activities during takeoff or onboarding.

1. Watchfulness
2. Confession
3. Holy Communion/Covenant meal
4. Offerings
5. Engage Covenant Acts
6. Appropriate the Blood
7. Be informed
8. Balanced Stance
9. Songs of Deliverance
10. Remembering Others
11. The right company
12. Be Thankful

Having gone through onboarding, starting with watchfulness, you would have seen and heard quite some security and strategic updates.

During one of my pregnancy onboarding, I received some intelligent reports, one of which was a scripture that revealed the gender of my baby, inferred from these words impressed on my heart in the book of Isaiah 60:4b

..... thy daughters shall be nursed at [thy] side.

This came before I had a foetal scan, and when I eventually did, it was a confirmation.

Various updates can be accessed during this period, some of which could be prophetic expressions concerning the future and purpose of your “little wonder”.

The intensity or degree of prayer would vary from person or family to family subject to the prodding of the Holy Spirit in your heart as necessitated.

For instance, in my third conception, I did pray the most. It was also the period that I had heard about a lot of pregnancy mishaps in other homes.

Satan knows how to play pranks. He also flashed negative pictures across my mind to inject fear. So I knew it was time for intensive praying.

The church I attended also prayed from time to time for the expectant mothers.

No wonder for this particular pregnancy, I heard many more updates concerning the pregnancy. It was this same baby we commanded the umbilical cord to be detangled from the baby’s neck and not to hurt, after the medical report revealed the situation.

The things which we have heard with our ears, that our eyes have seen and we have handled with our hands of the word of life the same write we into you, is still our truth.

Seamless and pleasant pregnancies are attributable to God. It feels good to be able to look back and see how it went and return the glory to God.

A Song of degrees of David. If [it had not been] the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; Psalms 124:1

If any man be in Christ he is a new creature old things are passed away behold all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17.

The blessings of the Lord maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow to it.

After all is said and done, you should be prepared at this stage and ready to land. Well done!

Chapter Five

LANDING PHASE (READY FOR DELIVERY)

You have come this far, definitely prepared. God, who has been your help and has become your song, will do valiantly on your behalf.

All bags packed, and like the athletic race mantra, “on your mark, get set,” (smiles).

Being alert with a readiness to move characterizes this phase.

Let your mind dwell on positivity and meditate on scriptures that promise deliverance and salvation.

Some words or scriptures of focus at this stage would include:

The LORD is my strength and song and has become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. Psalm 118:14-17

This is a period of great focus when your heart should be fixed - trusting in the Lord.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: Isaiah 26 3-

LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. Isaiah 26:12

Let the word of God dwell richly in you, confessing it at every opportune moment.

Be inspired by the testimonies of others that you know. Remember stories such as Elisabeth's.

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. Luke.1:57

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke.2:5 - 7

Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. 1Timothy 2:15.

And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. Exodus.1:19

You will be so strong like the Hebrew woman that ere the midwives came, you would have brought forth, whether this was the truth in the days of the Egyptian midwives or not, it is worth believing God for it.

(God will do a quick work in you)

Before you travailed, you would have brought forth; before your pain came, you would have delivered your baby. Who hath heard such a thing?

Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Isaiah 66:7 – 8.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they [are] the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them

And whatsoever you need and ask of the Lord, before you call he would answer and while you are yet speaking He will hear. Isaiah.65:23 - 24

Sarah said all that hear shall laugh with me, so also all that hear of you and your baby's birth will laugh with you. (not at you) Genesis 21:6

You will return home with singing and everlasting Joy on your head, you have obtained gladness and Joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away from before you. Isaiah 51:11
Resist fear (starve it) and feed your faith.

Fear is expecting the devil; faith is expecting God.

Keep the scriptures in memory, observe your rest, consult with your obstetrician, but depend on God.

You are on a safe boat, with God as the captain!

Having babies without midwives is possible but not without God.

The God that helps the birds in the air and animals in the field, women everywhere, even those estranged from this Covenant, which we all enjoy in Christ Jesus, will do much more for you. Amen!

He that spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him, also freely give us all things. Roman 8:32.

Expect great and marvellous things. Even if there was a negative medical report, expect the supernatural and turn around by the power of the word.

So go into the birth ward expectant to see the performance of God's promise.

What he said he will do in his word is what He will do.

No matter the negativity that might have been mentioned in the course of your antenatal routines or from the medical personnel.

Do not be moved, do not waver, keep trusting in the Lord, rest assured that what he has promised He is able also to do.

Likewise, that which you have committed into his hand be persuaded that is he able to keep it onto that day.

Faithful is he who has promised, who also can do it and perfect all that concerns you.

Congratulations to the baby, the mother, the father and, of course, all the members of the family.

Look out for the day that the Lord has made for you and you will rejoice and be glad in it.

All that hear shall come and rejoice with you, nothing else but to rejoice with you. Praise the Lord!

Happy landing!

Birth Testimonies

As much as possible I have tried to put to words Spiritual experiences, witnesses and assurances.

I am persuaded that our walk with God can be worked out.

We are not to be happenstances or spectators. The Bible says, work out your salvation (with fear and trembling).

It is possible to work it out; anxiety, fear or an attitude of fate should be strange bedfellows with the godly woman.

I have remained gratuitous for my pregnancies, as they were quite convenient, and I attribute it to the grace which I received.

The last event before one of my birth encounters, had been an antenatal check up at the hospital less than twenty-four hours to delivery.

I was cleared and scheduled for the next week's appointment; you just keep going for the routines, isn't it? My due date was still two weeks ahead, as estimated.

On getting home from the hospital that same day, I started having contraction pains.

By the next morning, when my husband was off to work, I told him to make arrangements so we could go to the clinic, because of the symptoms I experienced.

At about noon, he had arranged with a family friend nearby to drop me at the clinic, and we rode and conversed on the way to the clinic with no apparent signs of delivery.

Shortly afterwards, I was delivered of my baby.

My husband called to say thank you and, at the same time, break the news to our friend who had dropped me off. He was too astonished to take it and came straight back to the hospital to behold the new arrival.

This friend of ours claimed I was too calm on the way to the clinic, which was rather strange, compared to previous knowledge or information of similar circumstances.

This incident became a testimony and talking point for our family friend, and we were grateful for the opportunity to give hope and shift the narrative, in our little way. Praise God!

For another delivery the doctor, particularly, commented about how the baby popped out.

It was such a beautiful and strong baby. The doctor observed that the vigour with which the baby bounced out, with little or no push, was remarkable.

On another occasion, when it was time for one of my baby births, I saw my senior pastor's wife earlier in the day and told her I was sensing birth moves, and she prayed with me.

Afterwards, I sat in a get-together through the contraction symptoms. When it increased, I called my doctor that I was coming soon. I continued at the event, had fun discussions, laughed, ate and drank with friends.

Later into the night, I arose from the hangout straight to the hospital and gave birth shortly afterwards.

My friends were amazed, wondering what kind of person are you. You mean you were in labour throughout that event?

Well, I felt contraction pains, but I was not “under” the pain. If I had not been at the fun event, I would probably have checked into the hospital earlier and lay in bed with my attention likely focused on the contractions going through me.

I believe life must be maintained and lived as much as possible, even as an expectant wife or mother.

By now you can guess, I dressed and looked as best as I could still. The testimony was that I even looked more beautiful as an expectant mother.

That is and should be your testimony too.

Some of my friends believed God for the grace I enjoyed; this, I believe, could be one of the reasons the Lord impressed me to write this book, “A Little Wonder”.

It's more than a write-up; it's an impartation for grace. Pregnancy-related anomalies were not tolerated in my body, like excessive cravings, swellings, spitting, etc.

I could hardly tolerate such and I sought for the grace to overcome them. Some attempted to show up, but I received grace to quench those darts. As you continue in confessions and speak to your body, it should respond to the word.

I must add that I was not self-made. I believe others prayed for me. My husband for one, pastors, parents, friends and families. This I say because I believe the best, and I also trust God to supply all my needs (including extra prayer covers). More so, I have watered/prayed for others, too.

One of my prayer points was to be alerted to and enabled to do the right things at the right time. I trust the same for you too.

Congratulations on the arrival of your baby.

Chapter Six

THE WAITING WIFE

Waiting is not a trivial issue, I admit, particularly with certain persons, and (traditionally) in certain parts of the world.

If you are trusting God for conception, be rest assured of the manifestation, sooner or later, because your anchor is in God's mercy. Amen.

Here are some of the measures that would help navigate this season for you:

1) Be in Agreement

You are encouraged to be in agreement with your spouse regarding how you will go about handling the wait every step of the way, in areas that require either or both of your involvements.

2) Both spouses should ensure their covering is in place.

The Bible says in the Psalms “God is our covering in the days of battle”.

O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. Psalms 140:7

Covering here is spiritual submission to a higher/church Authority.

When facing challenges or complexities, the believer cannot afford to stray into the fields like an orphan.

True to test, your spiritual overseers would and should be available to walk with you, through it all.

Hannah showed reverence, recognition and respect for Eli, even when he thought of her as a drunk.

Apart from spiritual coverings, we should also acknowledge and appreciate other authorities in our lives because there is a multiplicity of covering, and God would use any channel he finds fit to meet you.

3) Avoid vices and vanities

Do not play with strife and envy or any bait of the enemy. You cannot afford to open yourselves up, but to fence one another and be a hedge to each other.

4) Ask God questions to help you understand what is happening concerning this situation. He has said, None shall be barren.

There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. Exodus 23:26.

Is it God's sovereignty, like a baby Samuel or Isaac? Then you have been honoured in waiting. I would say congratulations and receive grace.

It is on record that in waiting, something significant and remarkable evolves.

In certain instances, God orchestrated the wait. In others, it could have been a case of all things working together for the good of the "lovers of God."

God is still in the process of making out of a waiting womb.

However, if God has not ordained or orchestrated the wait, but rather your past or circumstances then stand up against it.

I would, therefore, say it is in line for the waiting couple to seek God, Ask questions, and receive answers as to why they wait.

If it's anything that you need to deal with, ask him to show you the way out and the wisdom keys to apply.

In Genesis 20, Abimelech's act of touching the Lord's anointed and taking what was not his, led to barrenness over his household.
- Restitution and a prophet's prayer was the way out.

Sometimes, you might need to repent concerning issues that are standing against you.

Other times you need to know whose prayers you need. Abimelech needed Abraham's.

So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare [children].

For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah. Abraham's wife. Genesis 20:17-18.

Sometimes it is the one whom we have transgressed against that releases the blessings. I have heard instances of waiting persons who went to ask for forgiveness from ex-boyfriends/girlfriends they maltreated and rejected their unwanted babies.

If it is a medical issue and nothing seems to be coming through, trust the Lord to come through for you.

5) Complimentary Kingdom keys

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

If the clouds be full of rain, they empty [themselves] upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou knowest not what [is] the way of the spirit, [nor] how the bones [do grow] in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both [shall be] alike good. Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Engage diverse approaches towards your pursuits, such as;

- Vows or pledges as inspired.

- Givings

- point of contact seed

- Faith/Prophetic acts, e.g. buying baby things in anticipation.

Hope maketh not ashamed there are many testimonies in this regard.

Do what comes to your heart, because you have prayed.

6) Husbands pray for your wives

He should lay hands and prophesy, following as the Spirit impresses.

And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she [was] barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. Genesis 25:21

7) Maintain gratitude

Give thanks and appropriate the sacrifice of the Lord and ensure you maintain your Joy. Be thankful for the life you have, your spouse, hope, support, etc. It takes grace, but His is sufficient.

8) Renew your Strength by asking for supply

When you feel weary or tired, ask for strength.

Go back to God and ask him to minister to you. Trust Him to give you a word for the now, loaded with hope and joy.

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

9) Keep the right faith-based company.

Remember faith comes by hearing the word of God, not of men. Watch out for faith killers, ponder the path of your feet.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
Proverb 4:26

Do what you can within the ambits of faith to stay afloat
The angel (Gabriel) in the book of Luke, told Mary behold, your cousin Elizabeth she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. That was a message given to kindle hope and sustain expectation.

10) Above all put on the shield of faith

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Ephesians 6:16

11) Do not settle for less

No matter the report you have been given, as long as you do not accept or receive it. It is subject to change.

For with God nothing shall be impossible Luke 1:36-37

*** A changed report**

A dear elderly woman waited for five years and afterwards had a baby girl. Only for the medics to pronounce it a stillbirth. It was wrapped up and kept away from the mother for the next action.

The mother watched from her bed, the said stillborn all covered up and prayed from the depths of her heart.

Hours passed by as she waited to be discharged and go bury her dead, but she kept staring at the wrapped baby, and suddenly, she noticed a twitch in the clothing around the baby.

She screamed to the hearing of the nurses to come and see.

Hurriedly, they came and did what they could. Lo and behold, she who was termed dead was alive. I was that baby!

The Lord has long been with me, satisfying me with a long life. To show his salvation to the world. Amen.

12) Keep holding on

Hold on to the word God has given you, maintaining a receptive mode to God and inclined ears.

Because God is not a man that He should lie nor the son of man that He should repent. Hath He said and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken and shall he not make it good. Number 23:19

And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken/promised. Genesis 21:1

What has God said to you specifically or promised? The precedent revealed in the Bible verse above is that He will make it good.

Also note that the one word received should uphold you, given the principle of manna, it is such as will sustain for the appointed period.

If you feel weary or thirsty, go back to God, who will yet give you a word in season, to refresh your soul, quench your thirst and make you buoyant

Join me to say this prayer.

Heavenly Father, I thank you for your grace and mercy through Christ Jesus. Lord, I thank you for your willingness and ability to grant the desires of my heart. I praise you for your loving kindness.

Jesus, you are my very present help and our high priest who is touched by our hurts and weaknesses. I lay hold on your unfailing Love concerning my desire for fruitfulness.

I thank you for opening up for me, every shut door and making a way for me to bear fruits in my body.

I receive cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ from every deadness, and I receive from you, oh Lord my God, my salvation.

I thank you for my babies, for they are your reward, In Jesus' Name (Amen).

CONCLUSION

The Lord has great plans for our offspring more than we do as periodic stewards or custodians.

They are an essential part of the kingdom's agenda of expansion and dominion. It matters to God how they are formed and brought forth.

We have gleaned through God's mind from the scriptures that have been shared through the contents of this book.

Grace has become available because of purpose. He who has begun a good work will finish it.

We will wrap it here with these words from the book of Psalms:

Thy wife [shall be] as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, [and] peace upon Israel. Psalms 128:3-6

Shalom Joyfuls.

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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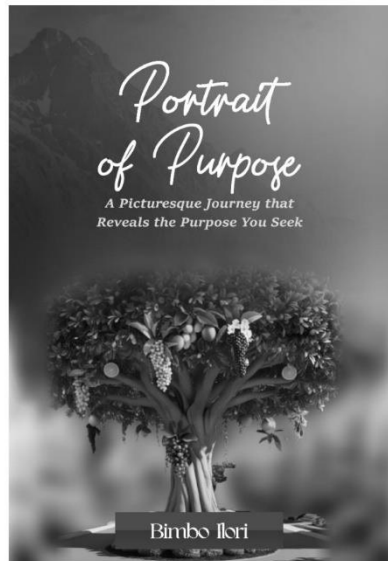
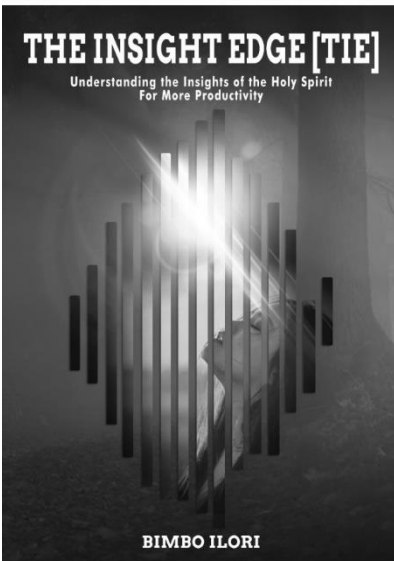
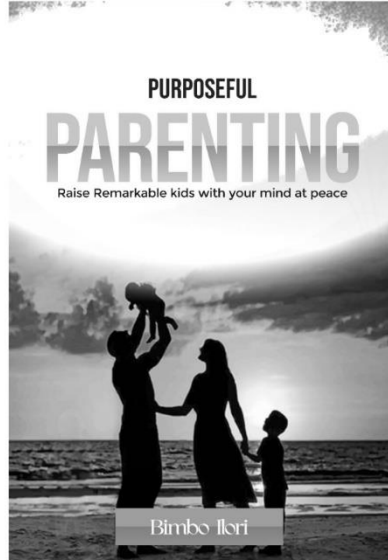
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A Little Wonder is a self-help book that helps women walk through the rungs of becoming mothers.

It will help prepare a mother-in-waiting for conception, bringing understanding and establishment of God's purpose in that phase of expecting conception.

It will show the expectant mother how to nurture the growing foetus, separating it unto the LORD right from the womb.

Leading to the climax of the last trimester with Grace.

This book walks a you through childbearing, from desire to conception, gestation up to maturity, and delivery. It highlights faith principles to navigate the journey. It also gives counsel and guidance to the wife who is experiencing delayed conception.

I am persuaded that this will be a resource of great value to you.



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