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Dedication

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I WISH MY WIFE WERE DEAD

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I can tell you about the story of a pastor who opened an unexpected conversation with a young man he met. This young man was experiencing complete disappointment and confusion about the condition of his marriage. He had been married for a couple of years with kids but without peace and love. He spoke about the complete waywardness of his spouse that is continuously affecting everything at home. His home was broken and his life had become a failure. This wasn't the kind of marriage he hoped for. In pain he made an intriguing statement: *Sometimes I wish my wife were dead just so I will be free.*

After frequent encouragement, counseling and prayers things turned completely around. One-day, the young man shared his story with the pastor on how his marriage is completely restored and his wife had become a better spouse. Hallelujah!!! Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

You may be in a similar position with your spouse but your story can change for the better and you can get your home back in order if you will follow and trust God's instructions for your life in this book.

In another incident, I personally witnessed an expensively planned, celebrated and ordained marriage that collapsed only a year later because of lack of knowledge. The decision is always ours to make: to marry into evil or to marry into fruitfulness.

This book is specifically published for solving destructive marital situations or enabling couples to live above them.

From the beginning of creation, marriage has been a divine institution established by God, designed to reflect His image and bring knowledge and blessings to humanity. God's principle for marriage is rooted in love, unity, and mutual respect, and it is intended to be a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman.

God designed marriage to be a union where two individuals become one flesh, united in purpose, vision, and love. Marriage is not just a contract or an agreement between two people.

It is a covenant—a sacred, binding promise made before God; hence it surely has some spiritual repercussions or impact on the couples, families or the community as a whole. In a covenant, both parties are expected to be committed to each other, not just in times of happiness, but through all circumstances.

This covenant relationship is meant to reflect God's faithfulness to His people. Just as God remains faithful to His covenant with us, we are called to demonstrate that same faithfulness in our marriages. God has established specific roles for each spouse in marriage, not to establish inequality, but to promote order, peace, and harmony. The husband is called to be the lead servant while the wife, on the other hand, is called to support her husband. This submission is not a sign of inferiority but a recognition of the husband's role as the head of the family.

The core of God's principle for marriage is mutual love and respect. Each spouse is called to love the other with a selfless, sacrificial love, putting the needs and well-being of the other before their own. True love in marriage is expressed through action, communication, and sacrifice, always with the goal of honouring God through your spouse. When a union is built on God's principles, it becomes a foundation for growth, peace, and joy.

Marriage is meant to be a place of safety, love, and support, where both spouses can grow in their faith and in their love for each other, and where they can fulfil God's purposes together for God's glory.

In a nutshell, God's principle for marriage is designed for the flourishing of both individuals, institutions, business partners and even families as a whole with Christ as the ultimate example of how to love and serve one another. When we follow God's principles for marriage, we honour Him and experience the fullness of His blessings.

GOD'S PRINCIPLE FOR MARRIAGE

But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

—1 Corinthians 11:3

This scripture emphasises that: for a husband to effectively manage his marriage in a manner that can endure and overcome the trials of this world, he must fully acknowledge Christ as the sole authority over his life, guiding his decisions and actions.

A husband must have a revelation of Christ—know Him, embrace His mindset, and live by His example—to have any chance of achieving a marriage that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

Consider this analogy: when a person is employed in a supervisory role, they don't work based on their own desires but according to the directives of their employer. Your employer provides instructions, communicates their vision, and expects your commitment to fulfilling their goals.

By following their directives, success is achieved. Similarly, we fulfil God's expectations in marriage only by adhering to the principles and patterns He has established. Anything short of that makes your marriage a disaster waiting to happen with time.

As a counsellor, I have encountered countless husbands who approach marriage with their own ideas of how the relationship should function and look like. This self-centred approach has led to a significant number of Christian marriages either breaking down or being placed at serious risk of divorce.

To avoid unnecessary troubles, husbands must understand that God's model for marriage is based on the relationship between Christ and the Church. Anything outside of that divine template has no place in this divine union. Christ has already overcome all the schemes and deceptions of the enemy. His ways are proven, and they provide a foolproof foundation for building a strong, successful marriage.

If Christ can build His Church, prevailing against the gates of hell, then husbands can build successful marriages by embracing His ways, adopting His mindset, and applying His strategies.

Let me make this clear: unless a husband is willing to lose his self-centred identity and fully embrace the character of Christ, spiritual breakthroughs will elude his marriage, and the union will lack the blessings of God. God will not pour His treasures into a union built on a weak foundation. One of the greatest issues in many marriages is this: husbands who are meant to represent Christ in the union usually lack a revelation of Jesus' identity.

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place... —**Revelation 1:1**

If this revelation of Christ was not so important, God would not have given it to us. Understanding Christ reveals the mind of God for every area of life, including marriage. Thus, *things which must take place* after you marry. Husbands, consider the love Christ has for the Church: a love marked by forgiveness, selflessness, endurance, humility, submission, patience, mercy, and tolerance. These qualities "must take place" in your marriage after the ceremony.

When we see Him, we shall be like Him.
—**1 John 3:2**

If you're not walking in Christ's ways, you haven't yet seen Him and that is suicidal to your marriage. Start by seeing Him through His Word. Hallelujah!

Husbands, understand this: peaceful, successful marriages are not the result of luck or assumption. They are built by carefully following God's principles for sustaining marriage. The first principle is clear: *The head of every man is Christ*. If you're unwilling to accept this, do not go into marriage, because without it, your marriage will fail and suffer loss. Without a revelation of Jesus Christ, you will be living in the flesh, and as the Bible says, "*The flesh profits nothing.*" —John 6:63

If you resist God's Word or struggle to align your life with Him, you are inviting challenges not only in marriage but in life.

Now consider Numbers 24:1–24, where the Prophet Balaam could not curse Israel because they were orderly camped according to God's instructions given to them through His servant Moses as their key for peace and order. Their safety wasn't secured through prayer or fasting alone but through their adherence to God's pattern.

In the same way, if you deviate from Christ's design for marriage, you leave the door open for the enemy to wreak havoc. Grace for success is available to all, but obedience to God's instructions is the only way to access and benefit from it.

Usually, when counselling couples who are facing marital breakdowns or stagnation, one common thread emerges: they have neglected their responsibilities and commitment to God's Word. Instead of acting according to the Word of God, they react to their spouse's behaviour, the storms of life, or according to their own emotions. Husbands, your love for your wife must not depend on her actions, reactions, or attitude. God's instruction for a husband is unconditional: *"Love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it."* The Church did nothing to merit God's love, yet He loved them unconditionally. So must you, giving yourself for her growth and safety.

When you walk in this God-ordained path, transformation begins. Even a wayward spouse can be drawn into renewal by witnessing the Christlike qualities in you. As scripture says, *"We all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."*—2 Corinthians 3:18.

For sure, a successful marriage requires steadfast adherence to God's principles. Husbands must embrace Christ as their head, walk in His ways, and lead their families with humility and love. A marriage rooted in Christ will not only withstand challenges but will also flourish under God's blessing. Amen!

A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY

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Stay with me on this: As a husband, I strive to live my life according to the revelation of Jesus Christ. I pattern my actions on what I see Jesus do.

Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. —John 5:19, NKJV

If your actions in marriage stray away from what Jesus exemplifies, do not assume that God will supply all your needs—He will not. God does not provide kingdom resources for the pursuit of human will and pleasures. His provisions are reserved exclusively for fulfilling His divine purposes.

Whenever we do not first submit to and accept God's Word as the final authority over our decisions and actions, we should not expect situations to surrender to us. Situations only bow to men who willingly submit to God's authority.

In the Gospels, one of the most striking examples of faith through submission comes from an unlikely source: a Roman centurion. This man, a leader of soldiers, understood the power of authority — not just in his military role, but in his relationship with God.

In Matthew 8:5-13, when the centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant, he demonstrated profound faith, saying:

But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it. —Matthew 8:8

The centurion recognized that just as he was under the authority of those above him, Jesus was under the ultimate divine authority— the authority of God. This revelation of authority and submission impressed Jesus so much that He said, *“Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.”* — Matthew 8:10.

The Roman centurion’s understanding of authority teaches us a powerful lesson: true authority is not exercised through personal will, pride, or domination.

Rather, it comes through submission to a higher authority. This principle was demonstrated not just by the centurion, but also by Jesus Himself.

Despite being the Son of God, Jesus humbly submitted to the Father's will throughout His life. In Matthew 26:39, as Jesus faced His imminent crucifixion, He prayed, *"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."* Jesus demonstrated ultimate submission to God's will, even when it led to immense personal suffering. His life was an example of perfect obedience, showing that true strength lies in surrendering to God's authority.

In a world that often values self-reliance and personal control, the example of the centurion and Jesus reminds us that the greatest strength comes from being under God's authority. When we surrender our will to His, we become vessels of His power, capable of leading with grace, wisdom, and peace. A man who is submitted to God will approach life's difficulties with wisdom, patience, and grace — not through force, manipulation, or control. His authority comes from being aligned with God, not from trying to impose his own will on the world around him.

Only when we humble ourselves under God's divine authority can we exercise true leadership, whether in marriage, in our families, or in any aspect of life.

Men who live by their own will, unchecked by God's direction, risk creating toxic and dysfunctional situations.

A man who is not submitted to God's authority lacks the spiritual grounding needed to lead.

Just as the Roman centurion trusted that Jesus could command healing, we too must trust that when we are aligned with God's will, we can navigate difficult and toxic situations. Problems and challenges only truly surrender to those who are under God's authority because His power works in and through them, not their own strength or will. We are not the ultimate authority in our lives — God is. It means saying, like Jesus did in the garden, *"Not as I will, but as You will."*

The story of the Roman centurion and Jesus is in contrast to the account of the seven sons of Sceva, who attempted to solve a spiritual problem using the name of Jesus without being submitted to His authority. They had no revelation of Him, and as a result, they were overpowered.

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.'

Also, there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

—Acts 19:13-16

The lesson is clear: problems, obstacles, and even demonic powers surrender only to men who have willingly placed themselves under the authority of God's Word because true authority comes through total submission to a higher authority. This was the very life Jesus modeled—a life fully submitted to God's authority.

May we not continue to be overpowered in our marriages and may your marriage not be beaten up and bruised for a lack of submission to God's Word. Choose to live under His authority, and allow His power to work through you.
Amen.

DON'T WAIT

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Don't wait for a special anointing service. The anointing is already present in His Word. Christ is our head, and until you are willing to accept the authority and governance of God over your life, Satan will freely wreak havoc in your marriage.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. —**Luke 8:43-44**

Consider this woman with the issue of blood—she didn't wait for an anointing or deliverance service. See that she came from the blind side of the anointing, not waiting for a special attention or service from the anointed but instead, she seized the moment and took hold of what was available: the hem of Jesus' garment. And it worked.

The Word of God doesn't require a special occasion to produce results. What you have before you now is this book. It is God's instruction and wisdom from His word. Run with it. Note that when God needed to send Moses, He made use of what was readily available in Moses' hand; the rod. Likewise, you have a tool you will need for your marriage in this book. Act on it.

A Death Trap

During one of our usual Sunday services, God gave a Word of knowledge and a Word of wisdom to a pregnant young woman who, unbeknownst to us, had been experiencing confusion and conflict at home with her husband for some months. She had been suspecting her husband of infidelity and had harbored a secret plan to ambush and attack the young lady she suspected to be having this affair with her husband.

Then the Lord exposed her plans and also revealed what her plan will unknowingly ultimately lead to. The young lady she accuses and her sisters would fight back, beat her up, and cause her to lose her pregnancy. The devil also had his own plan to cause her to lose her life by this incident. This was a shock to everyone, but God knows the secrets of a person's heart.

For her, the word of wisdom that came to her was to abort the plan, go home, and apologize to her husband for her recent bad habits and reactions towards him while making peace on all fronts. This was a hard step to take for her, but she ultimately went forward with it. A few days later, I heard her testimony about how she made peace with her husband and how her husband in turn had also apologized for his role in the conflict and recent chaos at home.

Her marriage was restored, and both of them went on to live happily after this incident. In taking a step through what looked like a little advice that was available on a normal day, this pregnant woman saved her life, her unborn baby, and her marriage. Hallelujah.

Sometimes, we overlook how the greatest miracle—salvation—is received through something as simple as confessing Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who came to earth, died for humanity, and now has been made Lord over all things. As simple as this confession is, it brings the lost into eternal life.

Use the wisdom shared in this book. It might seem straightforward, but it is all you need to stir faith and action for transformation.

WHAT HAS YOUR RESPONSE BEEN?

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*W*alk by God's Word, and He will solve your problems and restore your home. Trust Him, for *"every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."*

—Hebrews 3:4

I live my life with the awareness of God's Word. Whenever I'm faced with challenges, my first response is this: What does the Word of God say in situations as this? How does God's word instruct me to live my life? Or What would Jesus do in this situation? Someone might say; *but we are not Jesus*. Yes, I agree, but Jesus is the one we look unto for the perfection of our faith just as He looks unto the Father.

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. ...those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

—Galatians 5:19-21

What has been your first response when you are put under pressure or when you are faced with shameful, uncomfortable situations in your life? Anger? Insults? Confusion? Violence? Condemnation? Hatred or bitterness? It will be the same towards your spouse. Usually, bad behaviours cannot be hidden under pressure.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.— **Galatians 5:22**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit so that we do not gratify the desires of the flesh.—**Galatians 5:25**

Ask yourself, what does Jesus think about my actions or the intentions of my heart?

His Word warns: *“Take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.”* —Malachi 2:15

It is not only sinful but also self-sabotaging to deal deceitfully, manipulatively, or violently with your spouse. Your responses in different situations towards your spouse goes a long way to impact your home. Your responses are an integral part of the building blocks you are laying. They will determine the kind of home you will finally get, whether one in chaos or one flourishing with peace and love.

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honour to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. —1 Peter 3:7

I prioritize what Jesus thinks of my behaviour over any satisfaction I will derive from walking in the flesh. If we are in Christ, we must not walk carelessly or foolishly. Instead, we must step into the light and walk in Him.

Choosing to ground ourselves in faith and in God's wisdom can guide us through these negative moments in a more peaceful and empowered way. Rather than letting emotions control our response, we can choose to respond with grace, understanding, and prayer.

Rather than reacting in panic, we can take a moment to pray, to reflect on, and speak through His word. In the face of betrayal, discomfort, or anger, the emotional reaction may be to lash out or retreat. But God calls us to respond in love, forgiveness, and peace, to seek reconciliation as echoed in Colossians 3:13: *"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone."*

WHO WILL GO FOR US?

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*B*eloved, do you realize that your marriage serves as an example for generations to come? The responsibility lies with you. Whatever your marriage reflects—whether Christ or chaos—will leave a generational impact, starting with your children or mentees and extending to the unbelieving world around you.

Many young people who grew up in broken homes usually continue to suffer the repercussions even in their own marriages. They end up with broken marriages too just like their parents. I don't know what you would want for your children and young people around your life but there is no doubt you definitely have a role to play in their future.

When younger couples look to your marriage, what fruit do they find? Life or death? Love or hatred? Selflessness or selfishness? Humility or pride? Submission or defiance? Christ or chaos?

God's desire is for us to become His testimony to future generations—soldiers who endured battles and overcame challenges to raise His banner high. I have witnessed countless Godly turnarounds in marriages where couples decided to abandon their own unfruitful ways and live by God's Word.

Yours can surely be the next. Hallelujah!

My life is an example to many because you have been my strength and protection. —Psalm 71:7

This is the testimony of David, and it should be ours as well. Heaven is asking: **WHO WILL GO FOR US?** Whose marriage will be that Godly example for young ones in generations to come?

Your marriage might not be perfect, but it should be grounded in God's Word. We must strive to reflect His love and grace in the way we treat each other, and it is this example that we should pass on to the younger generation.

In a world where the sanctity of marriage is often misunderstood, our unions should serve as a beacon of hope, showing young people the beauty of a covenant relationship that honors God.

Your approach to marriage should teach younger people that when Christ is at the center of marriage, it can withstand any storm. Hallelujah!!!

STAY ON THE WAY

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*W*hat we received from Jesus transformed us, and it is that transformation we share with you for your profit. There is no other way. Jesus is the only way —John 14:6.

Many marriages fail because couples attempt to navigate through their relationships using their own methods rather than following the WAY Christ has set before us.

When the disciples faced hard teachings or challenges, they didn't try to find their own solutions. Instead, they asked for help to stay aligned with Jesus' instructions.

It is impossible that no offenses should come...
And if your brother sins against you seven times
in a day, and seven times returns to you, saying,
'I repent,' you shall forgive him. —Luke 17:1-4

Faced with this difficult teaching, the apostles responded, "*Lord, increase our faith!*" —Luke 17:5

One of the great errors in today's church is the undue pressure placed on women to submit to husbands who lack a revelation of Jesus Christ and are unwilling to submit to the WAY of His Word.

God calls husbands to nourish their wives with the revelation of Christ they have received.

Notice in *Ephesians 5:25-27*, the standard set for husbands: *just as Christ loved the church*. Christ's love is sacrificial and redemptive. A husband is called to reflect this same kind of love in his relationship with his wife. He is to nourish her spiritually with the word of God, leading her toward holiness, just as Christ does for the Church.

Marriage is a high calling, one that requires the pursuit of Christ first and foremost to lead another. But here's an important question: If a man does not know Christ himself, how can he expect to fulfill this high calling? How can he expect his wife to submit to his ungodly character? How can a man lead his wife the way God intends if he does not walk in the revelation of Christ in his own life? The Bible gives us a clear command to seek Christ first. Jesus Himself said:

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as
well.—Matthew 6:33, NIV

Before a husband can love his wife as Christ loves the church, he must first seek Christ above all else. This means a personal relationship with Christ through prayer, studying His word, and walking in obedience to His teachings. Only then can a husband be equipped to reflect the love of Christ to his wife in a way that honors God.

CHRIST OR YOU—WHO LIVES?

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Many marriages experience avoidable losses because one or both spouses are unwilling to submit their thoughts, decisions, and actions to Jesus' instructions.

When the Word of God says, *forgive*, I forgive. When Jesus instructs me to apologize, I do so as often as He commands. If He tells me to ignore or tolerate, I obey because I no longer live—it is Christ who lives in me. You must decide: Who lives—Christ or you?

The Apostle Paul understood this profoundly, writing: *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* — Galatians 2:20

As believers, we are called to live a life of obedience. Adam modeled disobedience; Christ modeled obedience. Broken marriages are often the result of disobedience. So, ask yourself again: Who lives—Christ or you?

If it is you, then you are living in disobedience and rebellion towards God's Word. It should always be Christ.

As husbands and wives, we cannot live as though we are without God's commandments. His instructions, as revealed through His Word, are for our safety and prosperity. If we are wise and humble, we will embrace them with joy. The Storms will come, but the strength of the one who lives in you—Christ or yourself—determines how you endure.

In this world, letting Christ live through you may seem foolish. But remember, at the end of the age, everyone will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Just as in the parable of the talents, the Lord will not accept excuses—He will only expect fruit.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

— John 15:16

Pray with me

Lord Jesus, help me to die to my opinions, emotions, selfish ambitions, and desires. Take full control of my life and live through me all my days. Amen.

MATTHEW 5, 6, AND 7

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The greatest gift I ever received was a Bible my wife gave me. It came at a time when my life was dominated by disobedience, self-centeredness, and pride. That Bible inspired my journey toward becoming more like Christ. Yes, like him. We have His DNA in His image but we are called to continue walking in His Word to be like Him and this is a journey everyone must personally embark on.

One day, while seeking to understand the teachings of Jesus, I read Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. The revelations in those chapters both fascinated and humbled me. Week after week, I returned to them, feeling as though my life was standing before Jesus and being judged. It was a blessing to be corrected now, rather than face judgment as an unprepared soul at the end of the age. The teachings from those chapters led me to embark on a journey of character transformation, striving to live by God's Word with the grace He provides through His Spirit.

The teachings of Jesus in Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7, are foundational principles for living a godly life and establishing order in our relationships. These chapters offer timeless wisdom that guides us in how to relate to God, to others, and to ourselves. In Matthew 5 for instance, Jesus begins with the Beatitudes, describing the attitudes and behaviours that reflect the heart of a true follower of Christ. These qualities — humility, meekness, mercy, purity, and a hunger for righteousness — are foundational for building healthy relationships. In Matthew 6, Jesus focuses on the importance of seeking God's kingdom first and prioritizing His will over our own. This teaching is vital in relationships, as it keeps our motives and desires in check.

Husbands, if there are principles you cannot live by, do not insist that your spouse follow them. Lead by example. Let your wife see Christ in you, and she will follow with time on your Godly life.

I recall counselling a young man and a lady. The man had many complaints about the woman and demanded immediate change, even though they had only known each other for five months. I explained to them, just as it takes time for us to mature spiritually, others also need time to grow.

Whether through prayer or counselling, every situation is subject to God's timing. Patience is a virtue. There are good things that must happen to us but they will not all happen at once or they must not all happen in a day. They will take time and we must learn to give enough time.

Now, to every couple, I highly recommend reading Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. These chapters offer a cohesive and profound understanding of how the kingdom of God works within us, our relationships, and our marriages. Here are some key teachings from the Sermon on the Mount:

- **Be the salt and light:** Live a Godly life that influences the world around you.
- **Be perfect:** Strive to be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.
- **Love your enemies:** Do not seek revenge; instead, love and pray for those who persecute you.
- **Do not judge:** Avoid judgment, or you too will be judged by the same benchmark you use.
- **Ask, seek, knock:** Persist in prayer, seeking, and trusting God.
- **Practice humility in prayer, fasting, and service:** Serve others in love.

Jesus's sermon in these chapters is a timeless guide for living in obedience to God.

Pray with me

Father, in the name of Jesus, open the eyes of my understanding and reveal Your wisdom and guidance through Your Word. Lead me as I seek wisdom for direction in all relationships. Amen.

I NEED SOME TIME OFF

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This might be difficult for many husbands to grasp, but I say, *"Whoever has come to the revelation of Jesus Christ should be able to boldly approach their spouse and say, 'I think we didn't start our relationship on the foundation of Christ. Let us begin anew, grounded in His Word.'"*

God has called us to be stewards of everything around us. If a person cannot manage what has been entrusted to them, Satan will step in and manage it for them. Nothing should be left unattended—your children, your business, your health, or your marriage. Remember, it was when men slept that the enemy had the opportunity to sow weeds among the wheat. It seems to me that for a Christian, Satan does more damage by sowing tares among the wheat than by uprooting the wheat altogether.

When men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

—Matthew 13:25-26

Do not take time off. Stay, watch, and pray.
Hallelujah!

Many are in the same predicament as the first man. God's instruction to Adam was to till the ground, be fruitful, and multiply. When they gave room to the devil, they lost their peace and inheritance. Without a revival in our hearts, many will fall into the same trap.

The statement, *I need some time off*, is not from Christ. Unless there is physical violence or a threat to the life of one of the spouses or both, never ask for "time off," else you risk collapsing your marriage. It is a statement straight from the pit of hell, and I'll show you why. Does Jesus ever ask for *time off* away from you or the church?

When we look to the example of Jesus and His relationship with the church, we see a profound model of love, commitment, and sacrifice. Jesus, as the bridegroom, is fully committed to His bride, the church, even through times of failure, sin, and misunderstanding.

The model for marriage is Christ and the church. Anything that cannot exist in that relationship should not exist in your marriage. If it does, Satan will find a way into your home.

What many couples fail to realize is that every *time off* is actually a *time in* for the enemy to sow more tares. For this reason, Jesus says, *I will be with you till the end of time* —Matthew 28:20. Stay with your spouse and let the Word of God bring change.

If you are offended at home, take your heart to the Word of God and handle the issue according to your relationship with Jesus. Don't allow offense to take root.

If you do, it will bear fruit by the time you come back together. Satan is already at work when you're apart. Even if you make peace, another spirit would have entered your home, one that was not previously there. Don't leave your land unattended—stay on it daily and till it.

Pray with me

Holy Spirit, I struggle with overcoming offenses, and I humbly ask for Your help. Guide my heart to maturity, where I can live beyond the impacts of offenses and learn to love fully, including loving my spouse as Jesus does the church. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

THE ERROR OF THINKING YOU SHOULD BE ACCEPTED THE WAY YOU ARE

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The kingdom was given to a man and his wife—Adam and Eve. I once heard a young man ask a pastor, "*If marriage is so important, why didn't Jesus himself marry?*" The pastor responded, "*Because marriage is not important to Jesus but rather men*". That is not true. Jesus is waiting for His marriage feast. As I write, He is waiting for His bride and His relationship with the church is only but a shadow of what is to come at the end of the Age.

The scripture says in Revelation 19:7, "*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.*"

For me, except you are a eunuch, I recommend marriage to every young man.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.

Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but
how can one keep warm alone?

— Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Now, wife, let us focus on Revelation 19:7 as quoted some few lines above. I need to show you something important. —It says, "*His wife has made herself ready.*" Notice that it was the wife who made herself ready, not anyone else. No one else could do this for her. If you didn't understand this before, then you have the revelation now. You may not have been able to make yourself ready for your marriage due to personal, cultural, or social influences, but you don't have to remain the same. All things under Christ must change in preparation for His coming or for fruitful service in His kingdom.

Some couples argue that If you love them, then you should accept them as they are. Jesus does not expect you to stay the way you are. When you first came to Him, He accepted you as you were, but now His Word commands that you be transformed into His likeness to serve Him acceptably after receiving His mercy and grace. We are called to serve God in a manner fitting for His holiness.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. — Hebrews 12:28

2 Timothy 2:20-21 echoes and explains this further, saying: *"In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honour and some for dishonour. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonourable, he will be a vessel for honourable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."*

There are quite some lessons to learn in these scriptures. We can see that it doesn't matter which kind of vessel you are—whether clay, wood, silver, or gold. We were all accepted into God's great house and given grace to cleanse ourselves. Each of us has been given grace for personal transformation, and God expects us to make use of it to prepare ourselves for His divine purposes in marriage.

According to the scripture, cleansing is done by the vessel itself—not by an outsider. This doesn't mean others don't have a role to play in our transformation, but rather communicates that the first and most important step depends on us: our willingness to recognize our flaws and consciously give ourselves over for guidance and for personal growth.

Don't wait for your spouse or a prophet. Start applying God's Word to your life. Let go off bad attitudes and invite Godly virtues into your heart.

When you let go off pride do well to also invite the spirit of himilty. Invite christ-centeredness to replace self-centeredness. The spirit of self-control and patience to replace lust, anger and impatience. Love to replace jealousy, hatred, envy and evil desires. Hallelujah!!!

You were called by grace, through faith, to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ, so that you can bear fruit that will remain. This applies to all relationships, especially marriage.

Situations don't change—people rather have to change for the better. Yes, challenges will remain, but you must mature and rise above them. Marital challenges will persist until we die to self-centeredness and align ourselves with God's Word. 1 Corinthians 15:36 says, "*What you sow is not made alive unless it dies.*" God will not bless and give increase to what has not yet died to the flesh.

Pray with me

Father, I come humbly but boldly before Your throne of grace. According to Your love, grant me a heart that enables me to continually give myself to Your Word, so I may be renewed in both mind and actions. Amen.

SUBMITTING YOURSELVES ONE TO ANOTHER

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*I*t is God's will that we grow in the grace and humility of submitting ourselves to one another.

Submitting yourselves one to another out of reverence for Christ. — **Ephesians 5:21**

This isn't about dominance or control; it's about partnership. Marriage is not a battleground, but a sacred union where both spouses come together, recognizing their strengths and weaknesses. When we submit to one another, we invite each other into a space of love, respect, and understanding.

Imagine a marriage where both partners are committed to uplifting one another, where each person's voice is valued, and where decisions are made with the intent of benefiting both. As a couple, our love is a reflection of Christ's love for the church—selfless, sacrificial, and full of grace.

It requires us to set aside our egos and embrace humility striving to listen attentively but with discernment, to honour each other's opinions with respect.

Spouses are not slaves, especially wives. Husband, your spouse is a joint heir with you in Christ. This is true the other way round too. Many husbands love to hear the scripture say, "*Wives, submit to your own husbands.*" However, they often shy away from discussions that encourage them to submit to the voice or counsel of their "godly" wives.

We must understand that if God, in His wisdom, has given you a helpmate, it is because He has invested certain resources in that person that are vital for your life. You will never receive this help without submitting your heart and ear to their voice. If your wife is unable to hear from God, help her through prayer because it will cost you. Husband, love your wife, but also learn to listen to the wisdom she offers. True love does not seek to be first or to control; it seeks the place of service. Hallelujah!

Now Wife, kindly listen, "*A son honours his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is my honour? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?*" says the Lord Almighty. — Malachi 1:6

Let me help clarify this: *“A wife submits to her own husband.”* The mark of a wife is not the engagement ring, wedding ceremony, or marriage certificate—it is submission. Just as honour is the mark of a son, submission is the first sign of a godly wife.

You should love your husband, as Christ loved you, but that love should lead you to submit to him as the leader of your home, irrespective of his shortcomings. If your husband has weaknesses that affect your faith, pray for him, encourage him with wisdom, and give God time to work on him.

Understand that your husband sits in the position of Christ in your home as the caretaker instituted by Jesus. He is the authority in your marriage, and dishonouring him is dishonouring Christ. When a wife submits to her husband, she is honoring God’s structure for the home. Now, this submission should not be seen as a weakness or a sign of inferiority.

On the contrary, it is an act of faith, trust, and respect. A wife who submits to her husband above all others is not abandoning her worth or her voice. Rather, she is embracing the role God has designed for her, trusting that her husband, under God’s guidance, will lead the family with wisdom and love.

But what if the husband is not walking in God’s ways? What if he does not live up to this responsibility?

The Bible does not leave us without guidance. In these challenging situations, we are called to seek wisdom from God, pray for guidance, and, if needed, seek counseling.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."* If a wife finds herself in a difficult marriage, she must remember that she is never alone. God is always there to provide the wisdom and discernment needed to handle those trials with grace and dignity.

The submission we do not give our own husbands is fake/pretense if we give to our pastor, our employer or any other authority. We must do our best to not in anyway create a political home or two heads at home. God will recognize only one; the head He put as leader.

Now, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Hallelujah — **Ephesians 5:24**

Pray with me

Lord Jesus, I submit myself to Your authority and ask that You remove every spirit of pride, ego, and insubordination from me. Please grant me a heart that can submit to Your word and to the authorities You have placed over my life. Amen.

THE DIVIDED HOME

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ne thing is certain: *"A house divided against itself will not stand."* — Mark 3:25

Unity is one of the cornerstones of a strong marriage. No couple should be divided because no one marries his enemy in the first place—only the devil is an enemy.

Consider this: *"The Lord came down to see the city and the tower the sons of men had built. The Lord said, "Behold, the people are one, and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do. Now nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."* — Genesis 11:1-6

There are simple secrets to a successful marriage. This scripture teaches that unity—oneness—ensures success in all things. In other words, division is a sure foundation for failure. Unity will break through boundaries and lead to accomplishment and God Himself knowing this very principle, used division to halt the Tower of Babel project saying, *Come, let Us go down and confuse their language, so they will not understand each other.* — Genesis 11:7

What most Christians are unaware of is that division is prohibited even in the kingdom of darkness, but Satan has mastered the use of it as a weapon against God's people. His strategy is to cause division at every level—within churches, between pastors and congregations, between husbands and wives, and even between children and their parents. But beloved, we should understand that Jesus does not take sides and we too must not allow the enemy to cause us to be divided to any one side outside Christ. He calls for those who will come over to His side. We are only safe when, as a couple, we willingly stay united in the Lord. Hallelujah!

Stay with me on this because God has a question for you; *"Can two walk together unless they have agreed?"*
—Amos 3:3

I believe we both know the answer: Nothing a couple does will prosper if they are not in agreement. God doesn't want us to just tolerate or entertain the company of each other but rather needs you to agree on purpose. When two people agree on something, they invest their hearts to make it prosper.

Marriage requires sacrifice. We make many sacrifices to marry, and in the same way, we need grace to maintain that marriage by bearing the demands of unity and abiding in God's word and love.

God's ultimate plan is to bring people into unity with Himself. When we reach the level of "*The Unity of the Brethren*," we will experience God's blessings, and Satan's weapons will not reach us on that height.

"...that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." — **John 17:21**

Beloved, do not allow Satan to sow division into your union. It is a killer that breeds failure. Strive to maintain a strong bond with your spouse.

True Financial Freedom

The issue of division is a matter that affects many marriages—especially in today's world where individualism often overshadows unity.

There are many married couples who, despite their love and commitment to each other, will never build a house, own property, or experience true financial freedom together. Why? Because they are financially divided. Each one clings to their own money, their own resources, their own ambitions, forgetting that in marriage, they are called to become one.

But true financial freedom is not about having a lot of money or assets but rather having financial peace, security and support from your spouse.

When God ordained marriage, He designed it to be a partnership where the two become one in every aspect of life—including finances.

But many couples, sadly, forget this calling. Each one wants to hold on to their own, to be independent in their financial decisions, and as a result, they miss out on the power of togetherness. The lack of unity in their financial life leads to missed opportunities, unfulfilled prophecies, and a strained relationship.

Again, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 reminds us: *“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.”*

The strength of marriage lies in partnership. When both spouses work together toward a common goal—whether it’s building a home, saving for the future, or simply managing day-to-day expenses—the rewards are far greater. Not only do they experience financial success, but their bond grows stronger as they learn to trust, communicate, and share responsibility.

The spirit of sharing is essential to a thriving marriage. Jesus said in Matthew 19:6, *“So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*

In the same way, no financial division should separate what God has united. The spirit of sharing doesn't just apply to material things—it extends to time, effort, and plans.

Many times, couples operate out of fear. Fear that if they give too much, they might lose control or independence. But the Bible tells us in *Philippians 4:19*: “*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his in Christ Jesus.*” Trusting God with our finances, and with our marriage, brings peace and provision. God's plan for your relationship is one of abundance, not scarcity. If both spouses trust in His provision, there is no reason to fear sharing and building together.

I encourage married couples to reflect on their financial unity. Are you building together or building walls between you? Are you working as one flesh, or are you dividing what God has joined? Remember that in unity there is strength, and when two work together with God at the center, they will see the fruit of their labor in every aspect of life.

May we learn to build together, to share together, and to walk in the fullness of what God has called us to be—as one.

Pray with me:

I stand in the authority of Jesus and declare, by His blood, that every divisive spirit in my home or marriage is judged today. By the power of the Holy Spirit in me, I invite the spirit of unity and oneness into my heart and home. Amen.

BITTERNESS—THE GREAT KILLER

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See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.

— Hebrews 12:15

Bitterness often stems from small offenses or misunderstandings that grow into major issues. It is one of the most dangerous and toxic weapons against any relationship, especially when fueled by unforgiveness. Couples who fail to discuss their issues openly are more likely to harbour bitterness.

Unfortunately, after a few years of marriage, some couples no longer like each other because of unresolved bitterness. Often, they stay together only because they need something material from each other. Offenses perceived as a small, quiet seed, bitterness can take root and blossom into division and harmful thoughts, eroding the foundation of love that we work so hard to build. It can stem from unresolved conflicts, unspoken hurt, or unmet expectations.

When we allow these feelings to linger, we create a wedge between ourselves and our partner, opening the door to evil thoughts.

As with any plant, if bitterness is allowed to grow unchecked, it will yield a harvest of chaos. It clouds our judgment, distorts our perspective, and ultimately breeds division, making it incredibly difficult to connect with our spouse in meaningful ways. Our personal struggles with bitterness don't merely affect us; they can impact our partner and the entire fabric of our relationship.

In my experience with counselling couples, I have found that bitterness can result from misunderstandings or even assumptions and people who struggle with bitterness are likely to struggle in other areas of life too because bitterness causes blindness.

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

— Matthew 6:22-23

Here, the eye represents the heart. If your heart is bitter, your whole life will be darkened, and you will be unable to see the good that God places around you.

When you are bitter toward someone, everything they do seems to upset you, even without reason.

According to Hebrews 12: 15, bitterness defiles. It not only troubles individuals but defiles them. It makes people unclean before God. If you have been living with bitterness, ask the Lord to forgive you and cleanse you through His blood. But first, forgive and let go.

When someone tries to deal with bitterness on their own, Satan will whisper perverted scriptures that justify their feelings. It's a hard trap to break free from, and it can affect entire communities or nations. The only way to overcome bitterness is through forgiveness, just as Jesus always did. Walk in selfless, forgiving love, and seek what is good for your partner; nurturing openness, proper communication, and Christly love towards each other.

In dealing with the seed of bitterness, never wait for the offender to apologize, because they may never do so. Learn the secret of instant forgiveness— forgive as soon as you are offended, whether the offender asks for it or not.

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar.

First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. — **Matthew 5:23-24**

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

— **Matthew 6:14-15**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. — **Ephesians 4:31** _____

Hallelujah!

GET OUT FOR THE BLESSING

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Now the Lord said to Abram, "Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house. I will take you to a land that I will show you." — **Genesis 12:1**

The promise of blessings in marriage is both a prophecy and a promise, but it comes with a condition. It is not an automatic certainty; it requires obedience. Every prophetic word is a call to action, and this one is no different. From the above scripture, we can draw two key lessons.

The First Lesson: You Must Leave Your Father's House.

To begin the journey to your promised land, you must leave your father's house. In marriage, the promised land represents a place of blessing for your union. However, we must recognize that any negative attitudes, worldly behaviours, or ungodly patterns inherited from our families will undoubtedly hinder our progression or impede our speed in this journey.

Your father's house symbolizes any unholy or unrighteous baggage in your life—whether learned from the community, friends, school, workplaces, or inherited from family. Let go of overconfidence in your abilities and self-reliance, and instead, put on Christ alone. Do not bring your family's unhealthy patterns into your marriage.

When Abraham was asked to leave behind everything he knew — his home, his family, and his comfort — to follow a path into the unknown, His only certainty was that God Himself would guide him to the land, which only He knew. He had to leave behind things that had shaped His past, including his family's habits, ways of thinking, and even the generational patterns that could have hindered his walk with God.

This moment was an invitation to a new life, one where Abraham would need to humble himself, trust in God's guidance, and break free from the old to step into the new. God was not only guiding him toward a new land but also toward spiritual growth and transformation.

Every family has its dynamics, values, and sometimes even dysfunctions. Whether it's a pattern of conflict, pride, communication struggles, or unhealthy expectations, these can affect the way we approach relationships.

When entering marriage, it's essential to recognize the impact of these inherited patterns and be willing to leave them behind.

When we marry, we are not only building our lives together; we are also building a new legacy. Just as Abraham's descendants were meant to inherit the promises of God, our children (if we are blessed with them) will inherit the legacy we build through our relationship. If we continue to carry unhealthy family patterns into marriage, we risk passing them on to the next generation. But if we choose to break free and build something new, we create a foundation for a healthier, stronger family.

As Isaiah 11:13 says, *"Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, and those who harass Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, and Judah will not harass Ephraim."* It is God's will that the past will not follow us into our marital homes. Hallelujah!

Proverbs 21:9 reminds us, *"It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome spouse."* Wife and husband, make a conscious effort to leave behind anything from your past that could harm your marriage. Walk in the newness of life that Christ has given you. Do not create an uncomfortable or uninhabitable home for your spouse.

In 2 Corinthians 6:14-17, we are warned: *"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.' Therefore, 'Come out from them and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.'"*

Beloved, I say to you: Do not be unequally yoked with unrighteousness. Come out of it and be separated unto a righteous life that glorifies your Father in heaven.

The Second Lesson: You Do Not Know the Land.

Only God knows the land which he promised you. This means you must humble yourself and be taught by the Lord. Only the Word of God knows the location of your blessings. He has the map, and for your own good, it is critical that you stay close to Him for direction. Marriage is not just about joining two people but also leaving the past to focus on God as your purpose and that will demand humility. Humility in marriage means being willing to change and grow by God's instructions.

Jesus told Peter, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."*— John 21:18

To receive God's blessings, we need to humble ourselves and allow another to lead us to where we may not want to go. God's blessings are often found in places the flesh does not desire to be. As a spirit, God's blessings will come when you allow Him to guide you on a spiritual journey.

Psalm 25:9 says, *"The meek He will guide in judgment, and the meek He will teach His way."* God will often direct you down certain paths you do not wish to take, including calling you to submit to someone He has chosen to guide you. You will need meekness to follow Him. Spiritually mature couples will allow Him to lead them even when it is difficult, uncomfortable and not making sense but immature couples often struggle with this.

Many marriages do not enjoy God's blessings because the couple refuses to submit to the voice of the Holy Spirit as their guide. Instead, they rely on their own understanding or turn to others who themselves do not know the way to the promised land.

Remember, Jesus said, *"If a blind man leads another blind man, both will fall into a ditch."*— Luke 6:39

Do not choose a blind man to lead your home—whether that blind man is you or someone else. Learn to let God's Word lead the way.

Like the marriage feast at Cana, the wine in your marriage may have run dry, and you may have resorted to damage control. But from now on, stop trying to live without the wine! Let a *"Mary"* lead you to Jesus—He is the only one who can bring new life to your marriage. Marriage is like navigating the sea: you cannot reach your destination without a compass. Jesus should be your compass—He is the only one who knows the land He wants to show you.

Stay with His Word, allow the wisdom in this book to make a headway in your heart.

Pray with me:

Lord Jesus, I surrender my life, my marriage, and my family to You today. I declare that I crucify the flesh on the cross with You. By your blood, I nullify every covenant outside of Christ that is affecting my life or my marriage negatively. In your name, I trample upon scorpions and serpents in my home, and I evict and dismiss every satanic squatter from my marriage.

From today, Lord Jesus, please guide me and help me to change from my former ways so that my life and marriage will enjoy peace, love, and fruitfulness to Your glory.
Amen.

Enjoy your union!

Challenges are a part of long-term relationships, but they don't have to lead to lasting conflicts. Sometimes marriage might feel like stepping into a storm that threatens to consume you, leaving you wondering if you can ever come out of such a whirlwind. However, instead of resigning yourself to a life of unhappiness, it's essential to be reminded that even in the darkest times, growth is possible. This book explores and uncovers the hidden forces that can undermine a marriage, often without us realizing it, including the difficult realities, unresolved issues, toxic patterns, and unmet expectations that can turn what should be a loving partnership into a battleground. Drawing on biblical wisdom and real-life experiences, this book challenges readers to examine their own roles as potential accomplices in the deterioration of their relationships. Do not marry into evil; read this book.

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