

Fundamental Biblical Principles Of Marriage

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Gbile Akanni teaches that marriage is a divine, intentional provision from God designed to fulfill a spiritual mandate and bring completeness, not merely a remedy for sin or loneliness.

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Description

In this teaching, Gbile Akanni explores the fundamental biblical principles of marriage, emphasizing its divine origin and spiritual significance. He challenges common misconceptions that reduce marriage to a mere remedy for sin or loneliness, highlighting instead its role as a sacred institution designed to fulfill God's purpose. Drawing from Genesis and New Testament references, Akanni encourages believers to embrace marriage as a vital part of their spiritual journey and divine mandate.

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Telephone numbers 0703 03636 59 0703 76811 98 Email address lsmediaatlivingseed.org Or visit our website at www.livingseed.org Let us sit back and listen as the servant of God brings forth the Word of Life. A Father, we thank you tonight for you are the great physician. We thank you Father for wounds that have been inflicted out of ignorance, out of lack of knowledge, or out of hardness of heart, or out of lack of experience.

You come with the balm of glad to bring healing. Tonight Lord we ask pour the oil upon every wounded heart in the name of Jesus Christ. We ask Lord tonight bring your soothing word, the balm that releases pains and heals hearts and wards of disappointment.

This night Father I ask pour that balm into our lives and let there be healing, restoration. Restoration of hope, some have become hopeless about themselves, but tonight we restore those hope in the name of Jesus Christ. The excitement with which we started, the joy, the love that we used to have.

Father tonight we are asking thou the great physician, restore to us all that the canker worms and the palmar worms have eaten. Restore them in double food in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for hearing us.

Father as we go on tonight we ask that light will keep shining. And that the truth that sets men free will keep coming. Understanding will keep coming to us.

Thank you Lord. In Jesus Christ name we have prayed. Amen.

Genesis chapter 2. And I would like you to look one more time at verse 18. We read the whole of chapter 2 in the morning. But this evening we just read verse 18.

Verse 21. And go up to verse 25. Just for tonight and then we shall close.

And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him and help meet for him. 21.

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept. And he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof. And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman.

And he brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife. And they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife.

And they were not ashamed. May the Lord bring light into his world as we look at it one more time tonight. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen. You know that almost these passages, this particular passage had been quoted in different contexts in the New Testament. It had been quoted at various points.

It was quoted in Matthew, in Mark, in Luke when Jesus Christ spoke. It was quoted in Corinthians when Paul was addressing the matter of becoming one flesh. And how to make sure that the body is preserved.

It was quoted when we go far in Ephesians that our brother referred us to again this afternoon. This passage had been quoted all through scripture. And what was the reason for that? It was the reference point.

It was the original instruction. And so every time you want to speak correctly about marriage, about marital relationship, and you want to get it right, you've got to return to this point. You've got to go back to, so what was the instruction at the beginning? So you will notice that from one stage to another, everywhere you have gone to read, you'll find it being referred to.

Either it is quoted verbatim, or it is quoted as a reference, or as an inference. But whether it was quoted as an inference, or as a reference, or verbatim, it is pointing to the fact that the principles you find here is incontrovertible. It is pointing that if you ever want to experience God's purpose for your marriage, you must pay attention to this.

You must spend time understanding it. It is not something to rush. And even though we have married for many years, it does not stop speaking.

It's never obsolete. It's never outdated. The principles there are forever unfolding.

They are ever fresh. They are ever speaking. The principles there, they never, never become old edition.

Actually, there is no new edition at all. What God has said remained ever fresh, ever correct, and is applicable at all times. May I say that it is not generational.

That is to say, it does not end with a generation. From generation to generation, from every person to another, what God has said about marriage remains sacrosanct. It remains firm and permanent.

Nothing can be added to it, and nothing can be taken away from it. And as we begin to look at this, for today, I just intend that let's continue to deal with the fundamental principles that God has said at the very beginning. When God will take us further, we might begin now to take inferences of its application, of its implication, as we move on in our experience of matrimony.

May the Lord help us in the name of Jesus Christ. Two things that I want to bring back from what we said in the morning was that each one of us had a divine mandate for which you were born. There is a purpose that was proposed by God for your life.

And it is for that purpose that God has concluded that it is no good for you to be alone. So, we said in the morning that every marriage is actually established by God to fulfill a divine mandate. And that unless you fulfill the mandate, the divine purpose, for which you were created and for which you were recreated in Christ Jesus, and unless your marriage helps you to fulfill that mandate, you have not yet satisfied the longing in the heart of God.

And that whatever will be the role, the responsibility, and whatever else we need to do to flow together, don't forget that whatever distraction the devil has brought, it is only because he is afraid of what you are going to become for God. The devil is simply afraid of what you are capable of doing. You are a dangerous species to the kingdom of darkness.

And that is why he concentrates all his efforts, all his antics, to make sure that the Christian home is scattered. Or at best, let it just be something that they are just managing and they never get to the fullness of it. It's because should God achieve what he wanted to achieve in your life, I don't know how Satan, I don't know where he will face.

And I'm also trusting God that this meeting, being a beginning of something that God is going to break forth, Satan will suffer damage in the name of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of darkness will suffer damage because of our marriages in the name of the Lord. I would like to ask you to now follow me as we read this.

When the Lord said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him and help meet for him. When the Lord himself said, It is not good, it is not sufficient, it is not satisfactory that the man should be alone.

I will make him a helper meet, suitable, adapted, complimentary for him. When God said that, what does God have in mind? So tonight, I want to spend a bit of time. I know the time will not be enough, but I will

just start it.

And trust God that whether through the study, or whether the books that you are going to refer to later on, God will give you further help. But permit me tonight, I wanted to find out, I wanted us to explore. What exactly did God see? And he decided that the answer is marriage.

What was that thing that God said is not good for him to be alone? That God now saw that in order to bring fullness, in order to bring completeness, in order to bring sufficiency, in order to bring perfection, I will make for him a help meet for him. What is that thing that God is longing to add, to bring into your lives? And he had decided to bring in a woman. What is God's desire? What is God's objective? What is God's goal? What is God looking for? That he desires that this man, it will not be sufficient for him to be alone.

It is not satisfactory for him to be alone. Let me make for him a help meet for his life. I'm not yet going to deal tonight, with all the processes of how God made, and what the man said, and which we are going to be dealing with.

I'm trusting God that Bible study will keep LP, and other part of the seminars will keep LP. While the Lord will continue to guide us here. But the question in my mind is, what is it, that is making God say, it's not good for this man to be alone.

In other words, what is the wife going to add? What is marriage going to supply? What sufficiency, are we going to expect in our marriage? In other words, how do I maximize, the benefits, that God saw, about marriage? When the Bible says, who so finds a wife, finds a good thing, and has obtained favor from the Lord. What is that favor itself? So, we want to explore that. The reason why I need to do that again, is that sometime we may assume, that you have understood, what is the full dimension, of God's provision.

The reason why God is providing this woman. The reason why God is adding this woman. The reason why God, has brought her into my life.

Sometime we may have a vague understanding, that well, it is for companionship. So that I will not just be, eating and sleeping alone. Sometime, we may reduce it to that.

Sometime, it might be reduced and say, it is for procreation. It's to have children. Which is wonderful.

But because, the purpose of God in marriage is beyond that. A lot of people did not understand that, so they think their marriage is not valid, because there is no child. Others think that they need to go and marry someone else, because the one they have, has not brought forth children.

And so they can't see the purpose. They say, what is she there for? So we want to study, if it's possible tonight, what is it, that God wanted to add? What is the particular advantage, of being married? What is God's goal and objective, for bringing the woman into my life? And the Lord God said, it is not good, that the man should be alone. I will make him, and help meet for him.

What exactly, is that thing that God is saying? First, first, the name that God called, the woman, gives an indication, of what it is purpose. What is the name that God gave the woman there? Eh? A help, that is meet. A help, that is suitable.

A help, that is fit. A help, that is complimentary, that is suited, and that is adapted. Whereas, when you go far, sometimes you go into the book of 1 Corinthians, and chapter 7, and you see, because Paul was

responding, onto the carnality of the people.

He was responding to people, who claim to be Christians, and they seem to be having spiritual gifts, but they can go and, somebody can go and sleep with his father's wife. So you see him, as if he was redefining the purpose. He said, if you can no longer hold yourself, go and do what? Go and marry.

As if marriage, is first of all primarily, to forestall sin. But I want you to remember, that there was no sin, when God said, it's not good for a man to be what? To be a loo. Marriage itself, listen to me, it might help, somebody who is incontinent.

Someone who cannot, have control of himself, but marriage does not deliver him, from sin. If you find that, you have not had victory over sin, and say, since this thing is troubling, let me just quickly marry. May I inform you very well, that marriage, never delivers anybody, from the sin of immorality.

It may reduce it, but it does not eradicate it. The reason being that, God's intention for marriage in the beginning, was not an antidote, for sin. There was no sin, when God brought marriage.

So, may I first note with you, that marriage, may presently have, a remedial effect, but marriage itself, is not a remedial provision. Ah, did you hear what I'm saying? Eh? Marriage itself, is not a remedial provision. It was an intentional provision, even when there is no sin.

When the man is living well, when he is at the height of spirituality, when he is living a life, that is in an unbroken fellowship with God, God will still say, it is not good for him to be alone. So, may I say to you now, that marriage, in its original intention, was not remedial. So, don't let anybody tell you that, it's because you are weak minded, that's why you needed a woman.

Don't let anybody make you feel, as if, it's because you are not spiritual enough, that's why you are looking for marriage. Don't let anybody even quote for you, and say Paul was a spiritual man, and he never married. Don't let anybody present it to you, as if marriage is for the less spiritual.

Don't let anybody define marriage to you, as if it is for those, who are not spiritual, and they are not serious about serving God. Don't let anybody present marriage to you, as it is what those who are distracted, from going to heaven, that's what they are looking for. Don't accept any of such definitions.

Even though Paul never married, are you hearing me? Even though he never had opportunity of marriage, he never made, abstinence, a doctrine. Am I communicating with you? He never made abstinence, a glorified doctrine. You will remember that what he said was that, for the present time, because of present difficulties, he was responding, to a situational challenge.

You will notice that why he said that to, the Corinthian church, when he got into Ephesians, did you see him being a great exponent, of marriage, did you notice that? And did you notice that, for him, the only picture, that every Christian marriage, should reflect, is the marriage, of the lamb, with the bride. He has lifted marriage to such a height, that he compares it, with the marriage of Jesus Christ, and the church. And he used, that same language, as if to show you, that, the biblical marriage, or the Genesis 2 marriage, is actually, a picture, an illustration, of what God, is going to talk about.

So let's quickly note, that marriage, is not remedial, is an intentional, provision of God. It is not for the weakly, it is not for the cunning, it is not for the adulterers, who are looking for a way of escape. You say okay, since we know that, you are like a dog, running after any girl you see, just marry one.

All of you that understood, you know that, just marry one, never stops it. Does it stop it? Talk to me please. It never stops it.

And if a man is not properly, delivered from sin, it can only complicate his marriage. So why, that remedial, I will not ignore it, because the word of God made it, as a remedial provision. But we don't want to settle, and reduce the whole, biblical concept of marriage, onto a mere thing, that only for those, who are careless, who are not spiritual enough, and who are not seeing the vision, of going to heaven, should get married.

When you are highly spiritual, and God wants to bless you, and favor you more, he will give you a wife. So permit me to first note that, marriage in God's original concept, is a height, of spirituality. Praise the Lord.

It is a height, of divine, divine purpose. So the first attitude, I wanted to correct, this night as I deal with, so what exactly, what is the benefit? I wanted to correct, that mentality of, I am just marrying you, because, because I have to. You know some of us, when we were growing up, as in the Lord, we grew up in holiness circles, and our heroes of holiness, they did not get this thing well, and their emphasis was to tell us, if you want to be serious, you want to be serious for God, all these women are fire extinguishers.

We had a wrong attitude, such that, whenever the thought of marriage, came to our heart, Lord, I am being tempted, I am going to backslide now, Father in the name of Jesus, in the name of, we fasted and prayed, to kill the desire to get married. Whenever we, whenever we, whenever we told someone, that, that we, I am feeling, he said, brother, let us pray for you. He is coming back again, my Lord is coming back again, he went away, and he promised, that he is coming back again, brother, he is coming back again, be ready, be ready, marriage will finish you, the Lord can appear any time from now, be careful, let us serve the Lord with one heart, do not allow any woman to enter your heart, eh? So we did not have correct perspective about marriage, and I found that, even when, such men enter into their marriages, it did not work, it did not work, thank God that, I am doing a meeting like this, and I am asking husband and wife to sit down together, and join hands, and be talking to one another, in the sanctuary, eh? In our own days, it never happens, what? Even if you want to smile to your wife, it has to be in the dark room, So that you will not be provoking others, to fall, we know you have already fallen into marriage, so keep your own inside the secret, that is why, for majority of time, they never walk together, the man of God is carrying his Bible like this, the wife is lost somewhere in the crowd, it was when they got back home, I said, how are you? She said well, I am praying, may God just help me also, and the sisters also were taught, never to expect, any care or affection, because, you will be hindering your husband, from being holy, you know those kind of things, that characterize our understanding, that's why when you go to churches in those days, you saw men sitting on this side, am I right? You saw women sitting on this side, why? Don't bring this kind of contamination to the sanctuary, if you are married, married at home, when you enter here, everybody should behave as what? On marriage, so that we can focus on the Lord, now, why do I need to deal with this tonight? It's because there are fundamental omissions, that we have imbibed inside our hearts, that will not allow, us to make the most, of our marriages, God himself is the one, that said, it is not good for a man to be alone, are you more righteous than God? Talk to me please, are you more holy than God? Are you more serious about spirituality than the almighty God? If he said something is not good for you to be alone, and what he decided to bring, is a sister, a woman, it means it's a good thing, it means it's what? It's a good thing, let us agree together that marriage is what? It's a good thing, and that marriage is spiritual, and that marriage, hallelujah, is very very completely compatible, with the highest spirituality, and that there is nothing in marriage, that is adverse to holiness, there is nothing in marriage, that is a hindrance, onto the highest level, of spiritual consecration, marriage is not a snare, marriage is not a trap,

marriage is a hell, am I communicating with you at all? Did you hear me very well? Oh my God, when God confronted me that he wanted me to marry, I said God now I know you don't want me to succeed, for two years I argued, I fought it, I said oh God, oh God, now I know, that Satan want to kill me, it doesn't matter, it took God, to begin to open my understanding and say, are you suspecting me? You mean I will offer you something that will kill you? I said if not, why is it that all the brothers that are spiritual, they ran away from it, and that began, the beginning, of God opening my eyes, that look at Genesis 2, look at what I said there, look at how I wanted it, and I pray, that there are some of you sitting here, I know you are trying to be spiritual, you are still looking at your marriage, your wife, with suspicion, if your wife wanted to really be a woman around you, if you want to call her around you, Sister, don't let the devil use you to stop me, such that we thought it is spirituality, to ignore our marriage, and our marital relationship, because we wanted to be spiritual, and sometimes we think, that it is seriousness, to show the brethren, that we are serious, by not seeing ourselves, wrapped up, with our wives, we made it appear, as if, the extent to which you can ignore, and neglect, your wife in the public, is the extent to which you are serious for God, all of this, that the misconceptions, about Christian marriage, who said it is not good for a man to be alone, so I wanted to know that, it is God himself, that knew, that something would be insufficient, something will not be complete, something will not be good enough, without the woman in your life, have I gone to that extent, and that it is not, because of sin, that God brought it in, it is because of a higher purpose, it is for you to become, whatever created you to be actually, that is why he was bringing her in, so the first thing I want to pray, is that the Lord will inject into your heart, a very deep understanding, a very deep appreciation, of your marriage, hallelujah, and a very great expectation, that it will actually make you reach the height, of spirituality, it will make you reach the height, of spiritual attainment, and fulfillment, of God's consecration, on your life, very, very necessary, do you think, I have communicated something to you, before I go ahead, can I go ahead, is what I am saying, does it make sense to you, is God using it to dismantle, some myths, some mysterious, reservations, that has made you to say, we are married, and I hear someone say, look, there is no marriage in heaven, there is no marriage in heaven, and I am going to heaven, you know what I have said, you know the meaning of that, you know it looks spiritual, but it is part of the misconception, I want you to know that yes, there is no marriage in heaven, are you hearing me, but your marriage on earth, is to make sure you get to heaven, am I communicating with you, we won't marry in heaven, because we don't need it there, but we need it where, here, a brother who is finding it difficult, to settle in marriage, studio one, I said, you are emphasizing marriage too much, you are emphasizing marriage too much, I laughed at him, I looked at him, I used the other eye, to look inside his eyes, I said, brother, because, number one, your own father's marriage, failed, and you have concluded, that it is better never to marry, because the one you saw, was a trouble, number two, all the sisters you proposed to, they said no, so that's why you are concluding, we are talking too much about marriage, is it compulsory, is it compulsory, excuse me brother, if you have a different problem, bring it out, let's settle it here, don't canonize your bitterness, don't make a doctrine, of your own frustration, come back to God, and say, Lord, why is it not working for me, if you were to ask me, I would highly recommend marriage, to you, because, God himself said, it is not good, for the man, to be what? to be alone, now he said, I will make for him, what? health, not trouble, not trouble, the wife, that God is saying, I will make for him, is what? is a health, not a problem, not a trouble, not a distraction, and not a detractor, this, I want God to, rescue, I mean, say to it in your spirit, that God, is not bringing a trouble, to your life, God is not adding a problem, to your life, God is not saying, this man, is too free, let me tie him down, to some certain problems, so when brother Paul said, those who marry, they will have trouble, in the flesh, you remember he said, something like that, in 1st Corinthians 7, he said, but I spare you, some of you, will pick that scripture, out of context, you see now, Paul said, they will have trouble, in the flesh, I'm not ready, to study that tonight, but when you go

back, to read it in its context, you will know that, he was not talking, that marriage itself, is a trouble, he was only saying, that a man, that is married, has the responsibility, of caring for his wife, and I want to tell you that, caring for a wife, is not a trouble, hallelujah, bearing responsibility, for that which has been a help, in your life, is not a trouble, is a mere, correct, responsibility, and so when you go, into the New Testament, and you go to Ephesians, you will hear him say, let him do what, love his wife, let him nourish her, let him cherish her, is that what the Bible said, when you use the word, nourish, cherish, do you cherish trouble, you are not answering me, do you nourish problem, so which means, if he was to love, if he was to cherish, if he was to nourish, it means, it is something good, it means, it is something admirable, so I hear God say, I will make for him what, a help, meet for him, may the Lord, help you to come to that understanding, even tonight, that this marriage, is God's help, for my life, is God's help, and I wanted to know that, whatever it is, that you invest, or whatever you do, whatever demand, if there was any demand, that your marriage, is bringing upon you, it is not a trouble, it is because, it is a help, it is a great help, and it is not just ordinary help, it is a help that fits, it is a help, that suits you, it is a help, that actually helps you, praise the Lord, a help, that is fitting for him, so can I say to sisters, sisters, I am sure that by tomorrow, when, we will have that seminar on, on being the help, that you are supposed to be, I will not need to preempt, what God will be saying to us at that point, but let me just tell you, that God never called you a trouble, God never called you a consumer, are you a consumer, did you come to eat him, talk to me, you came to eat him up, answer me now, what did God send you for, as a help, a help, is someone, who has capacity, to contribute, a help, is someone, who comes to, alleviate, somebody's difficulty, who comes to take, part of the challenge, and relieve the other person, so that what they were to do, can be done better, and faster, a wife, the way God, is describing the wife, is not a consumer, is not a liability, is not a pit, is not someone, that you are pouring in, like a basket, and nothing shows, God said, I will make for him, a help, so that he can accomplish, what I have said for him, hallelujah, am I communicating to that point, so what is this marriage for me, what is my wife to me, is the help, someone whom God has added, to take part, of my body, the wife is not the one, that I carry, she has not come to add, to my load, she is not a bandwagon, she is not one, who comes to slow me down, she is not the one I am dragging, if there was something she is, she is the one, who says, leave that aspect, I will carry it, so that we can move quickly together, she has come to contribute, virtue, not virus, hallelujah, so you hear that, whenever God wants to describe, a correct woman, he said, have you seen a virtuous woman, not a virus, I will make for him, a help, that is meet, that is suitable, that is adapted, that is complimentary, for him, hallelujah, hallelujah, she is not a competitor, she has not come, to compete with you, am I communicating, God did not say, I will make a competitor, an antagonist, an opponent, for him, no, what did he say, I will make for him, a help, that is complimentary, that is suitable, he does not come to compete with him, so you don't need to conquer her, she is not here to oppose you, so you don't need to conquer her, you win against opposition, but this woman is not an opponent, hallelujah, so the attitude of defense, that several men have, you don't give everything at once, you must give something, in case something, almost every culture, they have that native wisdom, you don't open the hole of your stomach, to a woman, you don't tell them everything, why? something says, she may become, a traitor, she may become an opponent, she may become a problem, she may become a trouble, so have some defense mechanism, and I can imagine some of you, you are still operating a defense mechanism, if I tell my wife, what I aim every month, that's how she will use, to do what? to collect everything, I don't tell her, if she needs money, I will say, okay, how much do you need? I just give her, because if she knows what I have, she will plan me out, she will collect everything, so I have to use common sense, you know why? because the picture, that you have, is of an opponent, a consumer, a competitor, one that has come, that if you don't take time, she will just pull you down, why do you have to have such a person in your bosom? ah, it's necessary, she is a necessary evil, a woman is someone you

cannot do without, but is the problem you have to carry, such kind of aberration, of what God established, has made many, even though you are a Christian, even though you go to church, but I can see these issues, inside the mind, and I can see not only for the man, even the woman also, say ah, are you talking of man? his eyes may be appearing on you today, when he has taken everything, he will go somewhere else, you don't show him everything, you better get something going, in your own village, put it in your name, nobody knows tomorrow, native wisdom, even though when he says I love you, you look at him, are you sure? that is why, there are certain things in you, that he does not know about, and you are so clever, that even though you have money, whenever your husband is around, there is no money, I don't have anything, are you not the husband? bring something, the husband says, my wife is always saying, there is no money, what of the one that you are collecting, which one? don't be on your children, I spend everything, if you are a husband, be a husband, bring out the hand from the pocket, that is how to show that you are a husband, am I going to be spending money to husband? so once in a while, you will just surprise your husband, when you come out with something, a beautiful dress somewhere, as you are wearing it and coming out, the man says, where did you get it? where we used to get it? if I wait only on you, I will only be using blue, on my old dress, when did you buy something for your wife? I have to know how to plant things, I don't want anybody to litter me, what is the reason for this? a wrong conception, of what God says, it is good, something makes you feel, I cannot relax in this man's hand, because, nobody knows tomorrow, God will uproot, all of those, strange plantings, that is in the heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, if God, does not uproot it, even though we are speaking about, great principles here, sometimes they tell you, we thank God, we thank God, Sister Shady is lucky, not all men are like that, not all men are like that, even my own husband is a pastor, but he is not like that, use common sense, everybody should deal with their own, the way you know him to be, may God help all of us, and I see you, touching somebody and say, my sister, use common sense in this matter, what they are saying, they are saying it, but don't let them put you into trouble, what you are keeping, keep it well, God is going to uproot, all of those strange seeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, because as long as it is there, as long as it forms an underlay, it does not allow biblical principles, to thrive, it does not allow what God wants to do, to be done perfectly, so permit me now to go on, I said, what God said I would make for him, is what? A help, what kind of help? Help that is meat, help that is suitable, help that is adapted, help that is complimentary, help that would be help, hallelujah, so if we take, the scripture from there, let me now explore, for tonight, I'm just exploring, and as I'm exploring, I'm praying, that the Holy Spirit, will handle, this issue, some of you will need to, confess, bring that insight out, and say, until now, my wife, even though I laugh with you, I am not fully, relaxed, I have shown you everything, but not everything, I am with you, but there's a reservation, somewhere, I am talking with you, everything I said, but there's some deeper things, that I'm holding, the last time I told you about my salary, the way I quickly saw you calculating, made me to say, then the extra allowance, she will not know about that, otherwise, she will finish me before I know it, whenever she knows I have money, that's when she will start arranging, she will bring this one, she will bring this one, so you have also learned to say, you know there's no money, everything we have is what we have, let's just manage, why? because something the heart says, we are married, we must be careful, we must apply common sense, but God, who himself sees the end from the beginning, he said, I will make for him, when I came to understand that, God said, I will make for you, a help, meat for your life, something changed in my heart, something immediately, I remember that it took me an all night, to argue with God and say, the reason is because, where we were brought up, even in the fellowship, every brother that fell, we always blamed the wife, if a brother gets married, and he became lukewarm, surely our message is about the woman, we are always going to confront the woman, if a brother was very zealous, before he marries you, are you a fire extinguisher sister? God, if there was an opportunity, to listen to the messages, that we were

preaching, or hearing in the early 70s, I feel sorry for the women, if a sister dresses too nicely, things have changed, when you wear dresses, with many colours, and you are looking nice, you want to cause, your brother to fall? is that why you are wearing a dress? why can't you wear a plain dress? if it is blue, if it is green, let everything be green, all this embroidery you are doing now, is it so that a brother can notice you? are you a Jezebel? the reason is because, there is a fundamental misconception, in the heart, and for a long time, we have never understood, that God, did not discard the woman, our strongest message was that, the man did not fall, it is the woman, it is the woman, that satan tempted, the man never fell, it was the woman, sister, don't let the devil use you, that's our message, that's our message, you may wonder, why I am dealing with it, it is because, one of the attitudes, that has not made men, to settle properly, and savour, their marriages, to the fullness, is because of this underlying, mythology, that has no biblical basis, that was only built on fear, of failure, and it is what, we are going to be dealing with, when we come to the matter of, total acceptance, this, is now bones, of my bones, flesh, of my flesh, she will be called woman, because she is taken, out of man, out of me, praise the lord, praise the lord, are you hearing me, are you hearing me, brothers are you hearing me, may god give you understanding, to go to the full extent, of knowing, that this woman, that god has brought into your life, is the one that was ordained, taken out of you, and for this cause, shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave, to his wife, and they too, shall become one flesh, and there are no more two, but one, if the lord said, who so finds a wife, who so finds a good thing, and has obtained favor, from the lord, what is that good thing, now go with me, to the Ecclesiastes passage, that we have referred to, again and again, chapter four, let's read Ecclesiastes chapter four, and, if you get there quickly with me, you will read from verse nine, the lord said, two, are what? are better, than one, why? because, they do what? they have, a good reward, for their labor, they have a good, and more satisfying, reward, for their labor, what is the old priest saying? that actually, you can labor very well, as a man, single, but the reward, you are going to get, is small, but if two, that have been joined together, to become one, are laboring together, the bible said they do what? they have good, reward, so when god says, it is not good for him to be alone, god simply says, no matter how he works, he will never have, a good reward, for his labor, his overhead costs, will always be higher, than the turnover, he will be sweating, but he will be bringing, very little thing home, no matter how hard, working he is, he will be limited, in his reward, so when god says, it is not good, it is actually not even good, for your reward, it is not good, for your output, if you want to see, greater result in life, go together, hallelujah, hallelujah, even if you are, doing business, I pray that god, will convince you, that if, your wife, will make, her contribution, even if it is just that, quiet suggestion, and sometimes what I describe, with women is that, sometimes they don't see, the way forward, but they know how not to go backward, are you hearing me? they may not see, the way forward, but they know how to block, leakages, how terrible can you be a man, who is always fetching water, into a leaking vessel, you are working hard, but before you settle everything has leaked away, but the woman has eyes, to see little little details, so many many times, what you hear your wife say, with some time, offends us, that your wife is always sounding, a note of caution, how many of you have seen that, that you will see that your wife, all the time you want to move, he says be careful, have you thought about this, you say no, why are you always thinking negative, it is not negative, she is only saying, maybe you have omitted this, maybe you did not know, this will happen, maybe you did not think like this, and sometimes because you don't understand, you don't value that help, you think that she is a disturbance, let me go and do what I am doing, but usually, it is after you have done what you are doing, and it has scattered, you come and say, actually, I would have told you, he says, if you have told me, I would have told you, that this is this, this is that, it is not that I don't want you to move fast, it is that I want you to move well, two are what? better, they have what? a good satisfying reward, for their labour, brother, sister, I want you to know that, it is better for you, to be together, two of you, if you

decide to walk separately, your reward, even when you now bring it to combine, it will be nothing, can you agree, with God, that two are better, than what? than one, before I go away from that line, I want you to note, that you know, as we are finishing this morning, and as I saw you praying together, my heart was overwhelmed, I said, oh God, how wonderful will it be, if matrimony begins to work, the way you want it to work, we cannot predict, what you will bring down, from heaven to the earth, because of your agreement, do you know what the Bible says, and if two of you, shall do what? shall agree, as touching, as touching anything, they will ask, have you read that before, my father in heaven, we do what? we do what? we give it to them, I found that, God has established, two of you, as the basic, agreement, partner, for collecting, everything that heaven, is keeping in store, how I pray, that this issue, of two of you, agreeing to pray over, one issue together, I pray that, your eyes will open, to see that, the prayer you pray by yourself, alone, maybe it is good, but I hear God saying, it is not good, I pray that, you will understand, the mystery, of these two, that are better, than one, as if God is saying, let me give you something, that which cannot fail, that which cannot be disappointed, if two of you, shall agree, as touching anything, I don't want to bore you with stories, but I want to tell you, many many, things that appear impossible, if I could get myself, and sister Shadi to agree, and we kneel over the matter, and say father, is as good as done, is as good as what? As done, it will happen, is a covenant, that God makes with couples, if two of you, shall agree, as touching anything, so when brother Emmanuel took us, to read first Peter chapter 3, in the morning, and he says, husbands, dwell with your wife, according to knowledge, so that your prayer, will not be hindered, because she is also, a joint heir, a co-heir with you, of the grace of life, because she is your partner, in receiving the grace of life, immediately my understanding, was that, I have a joint account, in heaven, and every time I am signing a check, when I present the check, they will take the check quite alright, then they will go and check, signatories, they see my own, they say this is a regular signature, but there remain another, controlling signature, if that one was absent, what do they do to checks, whose signatures, are not regular, what do they do, to such a check, they say, RTD, what is the meaning of RTD, return to drawer, they don't honour such a check, because the second signature, is not there, may the lord, help you to understand that, you can disagree with me, and I pray, that you don't disagree, but if you disagree with me, over a matter, that I'm holding God's hand for, it is not bad, it's not as bad, if she did not disagree with me, if she is the one, who agree and say, signed, I will be polite, to you, I will greet you, so that you will not, be behind me, I will beg you and say, brother don't worry, if it is the will of God, you will see it come to pass, I will no longer talk to you, about the matter, I will go and talk to the person, whose signature, is a controlling signature, your signature, is not controlling, with me, is controlling with your wife, it is her own signature, that determines, whether answers is coming from heaven, for me or not, that's why, that one I have to carry along, may the Lord help you, don't be over nice, to brethren, and be wicked, to the one that has the second signature, of your account, you do hear me, you are not hearing me, I said don't be over nice, to outsiders, when you have not, secured the signature, that will authorize, your consignment, from heaven, the biggest, disharmony, that hinders prayer, of course, the disharmony between brothers and sisters, all over hinders prayer, in a manner, but the one that hinders prayer, permanently, is the disharmony, in your matrimony, brother you are not going anywhere, if she is not with you, it was your help, and I pray that you will, take it seriously, in the name of Jesus Christ, for if they fall, look at the second matter, why God says it's not good, for you to be alone, for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow, but woe to him, that is alone, when he does what, God, does not want me to fall, God is not interested, in the downfall, of any one of us, and what he decided to do, is to plant, is to bring that help, to your life, who can lift you up, who can forestall, your fall, but if I say woe to him, who is alone, woe to him, when he falls, when a man is, appearing to be standing, his aloneness, may not look dangerous, until he falls, until he stumbles, and there is no one, to help him up, when they will be helping us tomorrow, to talk

to sisters, on how to be the help, that God wants you to be, they will be helping you, to discover, that part of your help, is to make sure, that he doesn't fall, and that if he is falling, your hand is by his side, like this, to do what, to lift him up and say, you will not fall, why is it not good, to be alone, God said, I don't want you to be alone, so that in case, you fall, someone is there, with a caring hand, to do what, to lift you up, and because, you will not always feel warm, a time comes in a man's life, when he will need heat, say again, if two lie together, then they have heat, but how can one, be warm, alone, the warmth of fellowship, the warmth, of assurance, the warmth of encouragement, the warmth, even of sharing, when sometimes, the wind of life blows, there is one, that cuddles around your life, and keeps you warm, but all I'm doing tonight, I'm just simply exploring, if the Holy Spirit were to give us permission, I will begin to look into some details, that will be okay, but tonight, as you will join me in prayer, and what is the final point there, he said, he said, a two-fold, look at that, he said, if, if one prevails against him, what will happen, two, shall do what, shall we stand in, and a three-fold cord, is not quickly broken, God was bringing this woman, that, in terms of warfare, in terms when the enemy, want to prevail against you, you have resisted, and resisted, and said, yes I will get you down, how wonderful will it be, that that sister, or that your husband, springs up, and say no way, and you join hands together, and the two of you, you withstand the enemy, and before you know it, God, the third cord, comes in, and says no, a three-fold cord, is not easily broken, while we are looking at our marriages, I really pray, that the real issues, that God wanted your marriage to, to actually bring forth, you will not just be, scratching it on the surface, don't just think that, hey this is my wife, I marry her so that she can cook, so that, no, were you not cooking before, eh, and if it is for cooking, why don't you go to Bucataria, one of the things I discussed, that when I have gone to all these hotels, I found that, many, many hotels, their chief chef, is always a man, I was wondering that some men, actually know how to cook better than women, so it couldn't have been for cooking, there's something more than that, and you are going to start, praying with me tonight, and say God, the reason why you have released, this woman to my life, what you have brought, me into this brother's, life for, I want to maximize it, thank God that some of you have married, and I don't think you are quarreling, but you have not done more than that, she is with you, but you never really, maximize the agreement, in the place of prayer, as to begin to see miracles, she is with you, but you are still running alone, some of you are falling, but she does not even know, as to be able to help you, some of you, what I hear is that, if I tell my wife now that I am falling, she will look down on me, so what did you now decide to do, you decided to fall alone, and you are crawling, under the problem, and sometimes I say sister, I never know, he never told me, we stumbled at someone, who went down, when I wanted to query, I said sister, where were you, that this is happening to our brother, and you didn't cry out, he said, ah, did I know, did I know, he was so clever, even the one that I discovered, it was after fasting, and prayer, brother let me tell you, God brought her in, so that if you fall, she can lift you up, it is not after the devil, has finished battling your life, and your wife is coming, when he is not bringing medicine, after death, that is not the purpose, of this relationship, God is saying, it is not good, that that man should be alone, I will make a help, there are all, the areas of help, that God will begin to open, your eyes to see, but for me tonight, we are going to stop, to say Lord, what you have, packaged in marriage, what you wanted, this, this coupling, to contribute to your purpose, help us to see it, and maximize it, I have been in this thing, for many many years, but more and more, as I studied the word of God, I see the mystery of marriage, and I am realizing that, for a man, that God has given a woman, and a woman that understands, the purpose of marriage, eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, it has not entered the heart of any man, what God has in store for you, even though, for 25 years, you have only scratched your marriage, on the surface, you never understood that, it can be much more, it can be better, it can be deeper, you marry quite alright, but heaven is asking, of what benefit, is this brother to the earth, despite the woman we gave him, you know when landed on Naba, this afternoon, oh my God, I feel like

crying, afresh, you know what touched me, as our brother was reading, and he said something, which because of time, he did not expand, he said look at a woman, a woman of understanding, a woman of virtue, a woman, you know they described that woman, in several superlatives, but was now under a man, who is churlish, is foolish, a man who cannot maximise anything, can you imagine that, he has such a woman in his house, and administration is scattering in his hand, he has such a woman, in his house, a woman that will forestall his fall, a woman that will forestall that man's death, a woman that knows how to manage the store, and he will build all your friends for you, and will make a good name for you in the neighbourhood, but such women are wasted, such women are hindered, such women, this is how they did, they put their leg on their neck, did I tell you to do that, don't claim that you know more than me, excuse me brother, what did you know, that sister has an insight, that insight is not to overthrow you, is to help you, is to raise you up, is to make you what God wants you to be, but you have not maximised it, maybe I should make one quiet confession, one day, because you know, though we married and we have enjoyed marriage and all of that, one day the Lord opened my eyes and said, the capacity in this woman that I brought into your life, you are yet to tap it, suddenly my eyes opened to see, what she can do, what she has the grace of God to do, to contribute, to contribute, if she is properly motivated and mobilised, I have a treasure, so sometimes I just wake up and say thank you, thank you father, thank you for this one that you gave me, and she is willing to contribute all that grace into my life, without wanting to put her name, she will do everything and sign for me, and it is still in my name, and I say God, how can I frustrate such a grace, you know, so what I also decided, I said, father, I am going to give her enough room to maximise her capacity, I want to give her space to be the best, when she has done all she knows how to do, there will still be a room inside of me for her to do more, that was my quiet decision, I said God, it will never be correct for this sister to become a dwarf, because it was me she married, it will never be correct for her to be cut short, because me that she married had no room for her to operate, so I began to pray for myself, Lord, enlarge me, so that out of me, something good can come out, and she will be the best, and she is not a threat to me, even if she decides to do anything, no matter how big and bogus, there is room inside of me for her to move in and out, and of course when she finishes it, she will still bring it and say, is it correct, and I say yes, I think you should go ahead, I want to pray with you tonight, don't let this provision of God in your life, don't let it be damaged, don't let your wife die with a grease in her stomach, don't let this great investment that God has brought into your life because of where God wants to carry you, don't let it become, you know what happens to muscles, if you don't exercise your muscles, what happens to it, it wastes, it dies out, don't let this woman become thin and dry and narrow, because you are not giving her space to exercise, there is much more in your marriage than the superficial thing you have done so far, and I'm longing, and this is my cry tonight as I stop with you, I'm longing that both your marriage and my marriage will bring profit to the kingdom of God, I am praying that these sisters that are looking, are looking, ordinary and superficial, because nobody has proud them out, that God after this meeting, the kingdom of God will benefit from your marriages, and Satan will suffer damage because of what God will use the two of you to accomplish in the name of Jesus Christ, I am praying tonight that that thing that God saw that makes him say, it is not good for this brother to be alone, may it become manifest, may God himself say, now I am satisfied that I gave him a wife, I am satisfied that I showed him this see what the two of them have brought into the kingdom of God, oh, I am happy with their matrimony, may the Lord do that, may God take you away from the peripheral issues, lesser things, where did you look at me like that, I was coming, you did not even come to greet me, when I was sleeping, you did not cover me with a blanket, may God just help you, may the Holy Spirit show you the bigger picture, may God help you to understand the gravity of your matrimony, may the kingdom of God actually benefit because it was you, God gave that sister a marriage, sister, may the Lord rejoice that this brother's potential had been

permanently and wonderfully released because you have contributed the grace of God into his life, may you pray tonight and this is the prayer now, may you stand in prayer, first you will pray for yourself, but the second part of the prayer will be to join hands again and say, God, you brought me into the life of this brother to make him arrive at his destination, God, everything that is dormant in me, that is yet to be released, release me, release me for him, release my potential for his growth, release my wisdom for him, release the grace of God in my life for this brother, for this my husband to become what he was meant to be, Lord, release me and the brother, you're going to hold that woman and say, Father, not on account of my narrowness, will she dry up, everything that you have packaged in my wife, Lord, enlarge me, so that she can find space to manifest the highest of your grace in her life.

Do you think that prayer is meaningful for you tonight? Do you think you would like to join me to pray that prayer? Please rise up, let us pray. Rise up. Father in heaven, what you said is not good.

What you saw, what you saw that makes you say, it is not good for me to be alone and you decided to go to and bring this woman to my life. I will not gain less than it in the name of Jesus Christ. Take your time and pray.

Take your time tonight and pray. Holy Spirit, please keep working. All the misconceptions, all the delimitating doctrines, all the attitudes that has locked our potential in, that has made us only to touch the periphery in our marriages.

This night, oh God, by the outworking of your Spirit, uproot all of that. Uproot all the misconceptions. Uproot all the superficial customs.

Traditional understanding that reduces the woman to a mere tool for cooking. That made men to be generally afraid of maximizing the grace of God in their wives. She's not a competitor.

She's not here to consume me. She's not here to cut me short. She's not here to overtake me.

She's here whatever capacity she has. Her intelligence is not a threat. Her capacity is not a threat.

Her wisdom is not a threat. Ah, my God. Her meticulous capacity to do things well is not a threat.

It's a help to me. Lord, I stand before you tonight. I will not frustrate the grace of God.

I will not repudiate the grace of God. I will not make nonsense of this grace of God. I will not make empty.

I will not make void this favor that you have brought into my life in the person of my wife. I will not make nonsense of it. Oh, God.

Father, give me passion. Passion for her glory. Passion for her knowledge.

Passion for her cherishing. Help me, Father, to be passionate that the best of her will break forth in the context of my life. Lord, can you pray your prayer? Can you pray your prayer? Sister, Sister, what are you reserving yourself for? What are you reserving your wisdom for? God gave you grace to do something.

Why are you so limited? Ask God tonight, release me for him. Release my capacity for him. Release all that you have put inside of me for this assignment to be accomplished.

Deliver me from this cautiousness, this narrowness, this littleness, this withdrawal. I must be my best in my marriage. I will be my best for this man.

I will be my best. My sister, I want you to know that there is something in you that you have not yet released. There is much more in you.

Marriage is not meant to cut you short. Marriage is not meant to calm you down. Marriage is meant to release your capacity so that in blessing, you will push your husband to the gates.

You will help him to arrive at the gates among the elders. Lord. Lord.

Lord. Lord, I'm asking that this superficiality of many marriages, this emptiness, this, oh my God, this lightness, as if we just married to manage until we die. This night, oh God, I'm asking release us.

Release our capacity in these marriages so that, oh God, two actually will be better than one. Thank you, Father, tonight. In Jesus' name, we have prayed.

Now, can you now hold your husband and hold your wife? He said, you know, I have been asking you to do this consistently. Consistently. And why am I asking you to do it consistently? It's because maybe you've not prayed like this since you married.

Maybe you have just married and all you did was, let me just, let's not just quarrel, let's just be together, let's just live together, that's all. That's all. The passion for your husband's fulfillment has not caught you yet.

The passion for the capacity of grace in your husband and your wife has not done on you as to allow him to be released. Pray now. Pray passionately.

Husband, be praying for your wife. The Bible spoke about Isaac who entreated the law for his wife as at the time the wife, they say, was barren. When that man interceded, the woman did not only have a pregnancy.

The Bible said, two nations were inside her womb. She has capacity to bring forth two nations. But for twenty many years, she was barren.

Because the husband is not passionate in releasing her. Pray right now and say, Lord, I stand as the husband of this woman. I want you to release her.

I want you to release her. Her glory will not be my threats. Her progress will not be my threats.

Her development is not going to be my threats. She's not my competitor. She's my help.

Release her. Pray. I say, O God, release my wife.

Everything she knows how to do, let me not be the narrow valve. Out of my fullness, let her receive grace upon grace upon grace upon grace. Are you a narrow man? Tell God, I must not narrow the growth of this woman.

Now, while your husband is praying for you, sister, I want you to hold your husband tightly and say, Father, as you have contributed me to him, he must get to the gates. He must get to the highest. Everything that heaven ordained for my husband to become.

Lord, I decide tonight not to reserve my strength, not to reserve my capacity, not to reserve my prayer life, not to reserve my wisdom, not to keep anything back. I release all. I release all.

Ababa. Ababa. Ababa.

Ababa. Ababa. Ababa.

Lord. Lord. Release me for him.

Enlarge me for her. Lord, is there any narrowness Is there anything that is still in my life? Is there anything that is not letting my wife become the best she could be in life? Tonight, oh god, enlarge me. Take away my narrowness.

My rigidity. Release it. Release This is my rigidity.

If there are doors, I must open me. Deliver me. Clear it.

Thank you, father. Thank you, father. Thank you, father.

We cannot go further than this. People think we have arrived but we know that's a greater yonder Lord, answer this prayer tonight. Release Release us.

Thank you, father tonight. Thank you. Thank you, lord.

Thank you lord. Thank you lord. Thank you Hallelujah.

Thank you lord. Thank you. Thank you.

Now, in your life. could take me higher than where I am. but some of you because you are always threatened.

You think that if she's exposed, she will overshadow you. It's because you are narrow minded. Now, lift up your voice to god.

Lift up your voice to god. Allow your husband to lay hands on you now. to say lord, I call forth every deposit of grace.

every capacity that this woman is able to bring forth. I call it forth from this night. I know it is for your glory.

and I know it is for my good. rather than keep her narrow. thinking that submission is narrowness.

Lord, I want you to allow me to release my wife. things that seem to be muddled up in her. Bring it forth now.

Give us strength to conceive. Give us strength to conceive. to bring forth.

for years. I've only made her. just like that.

Do it lord. Do it. Oh god.

Do it. Oh god. Do it for my wife.

Do something more for my wife tonight. I'm calling forth inside of her. The multiple grace.

The multiple dimension. that she thought she has come into. I break it.

Oh god. capacity to enter from one degree of glory to another. And as I pray like this, oh god, I do it.

I release all your daughters. in the name of Jesus. in the name of Jesus.

in the name of Jesus. Lord, do it. Lord, help me to nourish.

I want to nourish this life. I want to I will nourish this woman. So In Jesus' name we are prayed.

Listen, our brother began in the afternoon and said, Husband, providing Christ-like leadership. And what is it? The Bible says, A smoking flax, it will not quench. The lame feet, it will not turn out of the way.

Sometimes because your wife's fire is still very smoky. It is irritating your eyes. And you have no patience to blow it up to become fire.

You rather quench it. The last time she led prayer meeting, because she didn't lead it where you quickly took over and said, You don't know how to do anything. And you shut her down.

Up to now she has lost confidence even in leading Bible study. Because you don't believe in her. You have quenched her.

She is so timid and she feels so shy. Because you've never allowed her. She couldn't make mistake before you.

You waited for her to be perfect before she can operate. Nobody comes out like that. Tonight you are going to now pray.

All my impatience with my wife. All my harshness. All the time that I quench that smoking flax.

Because it looks as if it is irritating. Tonight Lord I repent. Increase my patience.

That from tonight you will give me a large heart to be patient until her glory boils forth. Until her capacity, her potential comes out. Deliver me from harsh words.

Many times you spoke harsh words because you could not tolerate her rising and falling. You made her to feel as if she is good for nothing. Tonight I want you to particularly pray.

I withdraw all such empty words. I withdraw all those impatient activity. Enlarge my patience.

Increase my perseverance. This smoking flax I will not quench. This lame feet I will not turn out of the way.

I will be patient to see her grow. I will be patient to see her become the glorious woman you want her to be. Lord help me tonight.

I know you know what you are praying about. Please open your mouth and say God I take responsibility. To be a leader not a quencher of fire.

In Jesus name. Amen. Wives I want you to pledge to God.

Now I know why you brought me into his life. Now I know that all that you have put in me is for him. Is to help him be the best.

Not to keep criticizing his loopholes. Not to keep looking at what he did not do well. I saw those loopholes because I was meant to compliment him.

So you are going to pray a prayer. Lord from tonight. The readiness to fill up his gaps.

The readiness to labor quietly even in the secret place. For his progress. I enter into it from tonight.

It's not about my personal pleasure now. I'm not here to consume him. I'm here to contribute to him until you can take him to the gates.

Open your mouth and please pray. Say that from this night my prayer life for this brother. For my marriage will take a new turn.

Everything that can make him to do right. Whether he's in business or he's in preaching. Wherever he stands.

Lord I'm trusting you. That whatever you're putting me for his life. Let it be released.

I will reserve nothing. I will keep nothing back. All that you're putting me Lord.

I invest it on his growth. Lord help us. Thank you.

In Jesus Christ's name. We have prayed. Amen.

Lord have your way. What you want to do with this couple's retreat. Nothing will come short of it.

Either too many people have married. But they have only scratched the peripheral of their matrimony. Many have only existed.

They have not aggressively pursued their mandate. Many only marry to maintain each other. So it looks as if the purpose of marriage.

Is just to struggle to maintain to stay together. Tonight Father. As you shine the light upon this matter.

Take us to the next level. Release the momentum of our matrimony. Some they are looking back and say I saw for 25 years.

I only tried to keep a woman. I only made effort so that we don't scatter. Almost every week.

We had to just maintain fences. Tonight oh God. As you speak vision into our marriage.

As you speak purpose into our matrimony. Set us on fire in the name of Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit.

What I'm asking you to do. I don't even know how to express it. Beyond the way I'm saying it now.

But you that understand the cry of my heart. Release these couples. Release their capacity.

These two that are better than one. Make it manifest. For the advancement of your purpose on earth.

Make it manifest. Please Lord. Uproot all the underlining.

False. False perspective. All those native wisdom.

That strangulated what you created. Uproot it tonight in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus please step into these lives.

Sometime it is all because we lost our step with you. All because we missed it. All because the savior is no longer in his place.

Come and take your place tonight. As this life surrender to you. Please take your place.

Lord. We know what we are dealing with may need meticulous help. Send us help.

Even when we meet people that can speak into our lives in counseling. Give us help. We don't want endless discussion.

We just want you Lord to put your finger on our case. And finish it tonight. Some of you are sick because of this matter.

Some of you have entered into a kind of hypertension for this matter. Lord I'm asking. Release them now.

Reverse that disease. It came because of this bitterness. As you remove the bitterness.

Crash, crash this high blood pressure. Bring it down to its normal. In the name of Jesus Christ.

I'm praying that tonight. The healing virtue of the Lord. Will flow through you all.

Thank you. As we go out now. Please go with them.

When they have opportunity of reconnecting together with their partner. Let it be a new story. Let it be a fresh beginning.

And that on this ground. In this bitterness resort. Every bitterness will be buried.

There shall be a resurrection of love. A resurrection of affection. A resurrection of vision.

A resurrection and impartation of spiritual gifts. And the grace of God be released upon your lives afresh. Thank you Father.

In Jesus Christ name we have prayed.

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