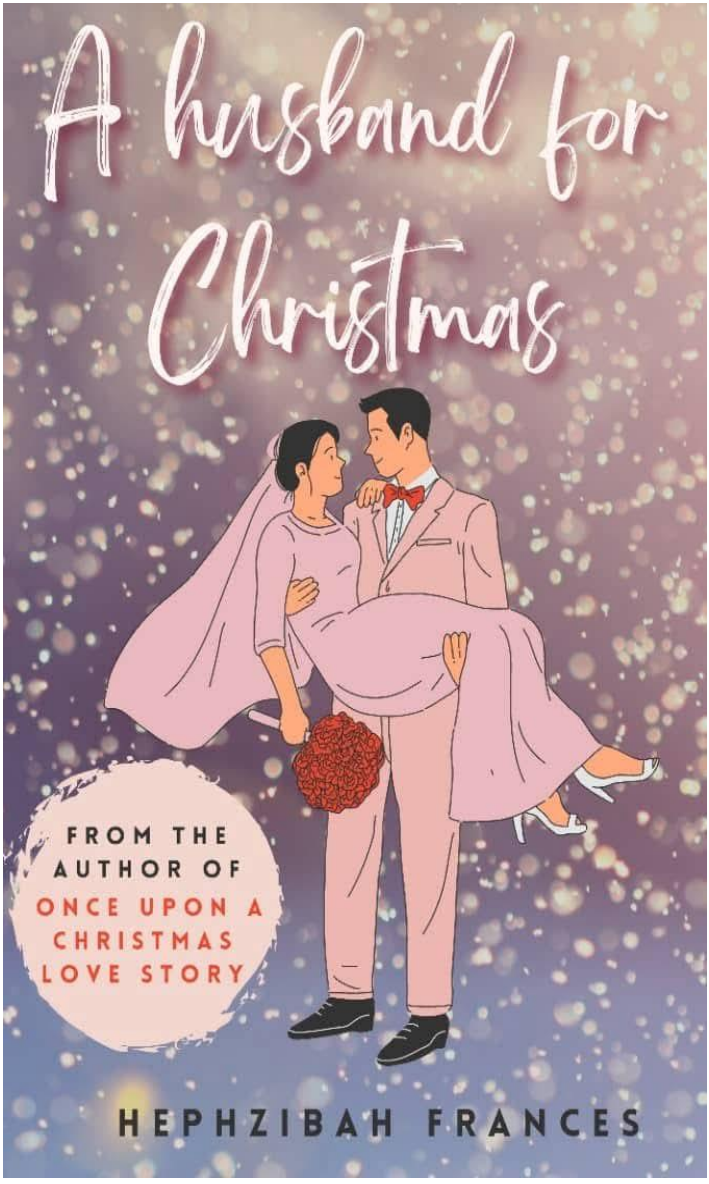

A husband for Christmas
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DEDICATION

For everyone waiting on God for their God-given spouse

INTRODUCTION

It's easy to believe God for something and He does it. We celebrate and think that is faith. But what if He doesn't do it? What if it looks like He has failed us?

It doesn't matter that we know He would do it, but when we trust Him for Tuesday and He comes on Friday, the pain and disappointment we feel is still real. We know He would do it, but when? And in the meantime what do I do with the pain and hurt in my heart? What do I do with the people who are low-key waiting for the “reward” of my faith? So if I do not yet have my reward in my hand, then what else do I have to show for my faith in God?

This book title was given to me in 2023 when my husband had not shown up yet. Now it's being released in 2024 when my husband, God promised me, has shown up and is here, but I remember the days of trust and faith from not so long ago - trust and faith with seemingly nothing to show for it. I have not forgotten and I pray I never forget the process God brought me from, into the fulfilment of the promise because this is the basis of compassion that powers the ministry for

singles and kingdom marriages God has brought me into.

My heart for singles is powered by my own life experiences, pain, and unrequited desire into the fulfilment of the promise God has for us. Not so long ago now, in Christmas 2023, the one sitting in pain was me. Today God has done it but we still have many singles like I was who need God's strength to believe in Him again for such a time as this. This book I hope will bring another angle to faith that will encourage your heart.

Molly is a fictional character but I pray you find and see yourself in her, through her journals in this book as you yield your single journey unto the Lord.

Job 23:10 NKJV
[10] But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

Daniel 3:16-18 NKJV
[16] Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. [17] If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. [18] But if not, let it be known to

you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Hebrews 11:39-40 NKJV

[39] And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, [40] God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Molly's Diary Entry 1

I really started the year on a high. You can't say that this is a lack of faith, can you?

I specifically remember starting with "This is the year the Lord will be kind to you" shared in one of the prayers I followed for kingdom marriages. I believed. I truly believed. What went wrong? Where did I go wrong? Let me try to analyse my year.

I joined the fast and prayers in January…

Joined in February…

Woke up at night in March for the thanksgiving prayer time…

Gave seeds also in April and also in May. I gave to some act of mercy for some underprivileged and tied it to my marriage prayers of course.

In June I got tired a bit but still powered on with corporate prayers…

I started to prepare in July and August. I retook the Supernatural marriage course by Pastor Debola Deji-Kurunmi on YouTube. I bought the "preparation on how

to be a wife audio CD" by Hephzibah Frances and of course in September I re-did the 21 days' prayers for your future husband again.

I was getting tired in October but I felt egged on by the Holy Spirit not to give up. I interpreted that as: God will still do it this year. So what happened?

Molly's Diary Entry 2

What is faith?

Hebrews 11:1 ICB

[1] Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

But I did believe in something I haven't seen. I believed in God doing my marriage this year, so much so, I bought and sewed my wedding materials before my man came to me. I made my wedding gown in April, bought my shoes and purse in June. I made an invitation card with our dates still in June. I believed so much. But now it's the end of the year and nothing has happened. But God help me, I still believe.

Molly's Diary Entry 3

Last night I woke up to God giving me this scripture:

Isaiah 62:6-7 NKJV

[6] I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, [7] And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

What does He mean? Is He still telling me to pray about this matter? But it's December 21st for crying out loud. What husband is going to come to me by Christmas? I just want to rest. I can begin again in January.

But Faith is not limited by time Molly…

"Who said that?"

But Faith is not limited by time, Molly. It is I.

"But Lord, what do you mean by Faith is not limited by time?"

Faith is an action set in motion that transcends time Molly. It is a bit limiting to me to actually say your husband can only come to you at Christmas and so if he isn't here by that time, I have failed.

But I live in a region outside of time, Molly and when you operate in faith you also live in that region where Faith isn't in December or January, Faith is now. You've got to learn how to stand in faith till the end, and the end isn't a husband by Christmas; the end is when you hold the reward of faith in your hand and that is not determined by earthly time.

"But Lord, I have tried and I'm tired. Can I not just take a break here?"

But who is to say what your break does to the motion of faith? When you start a faith work in motion, you are essentially pulling things from the region of God into the region of men.

Isaiah 55:11 NKJV

[11] So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

You've set a word in motion from the heavenly realms that must deliver here on the earth and everything you do is meant to get that word to you as it transports from heaven down to you. The faith walk you've set in motion is a partnership between me and you. There are no breaks. What you do informs how fast it gets to you. So Molly, it's almost Christmas and your husband isn't here yet on earth physically to you but I'm saying to you, give me no rest. Don't walk in the realm of time; walk in the realm of God.

Molly's Diary Entry 4

Today the Lord asked me to praise through the holidays. I can't begin to tell you how difficult this is for me. Of what use is this, standing in faith when I still see nothing happening for me? Lord, do you delight in punishing me? If I've set a word in motion by my faith acts all year, shouldn't the word be here by now?

Lord, I really need some sense of what is happening. Something, anything to encourage me. I will wait by your grace but please show me something.

Meantime, I will obey you. So shekere praise, tonight we go again.

Molly's Diary Entry 5

Molly, I have people in this city praising me when they haven't heard anything from me. In the midst of seeming disappointment, still they praise.

I have one right now facing a breakup whose first word after the break up conversation was "ese". Father, I thank you because your promise still stands.

If you praise me only when you understand, how is that faith or praise? Praise me into understanding.

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I once again woke up with those words two days ago. I have to be sincere about the fact that God has been so good with giving me answers. He has not left me confused for one minute. I thank Him for that but it also shows that if He can answer my questions so swiftly in this area, then He can also just bring me my husband like the click of a finger. So why isn't He doing this? Why aren't you doing this Lord? Instead of just giving me answers to my questions, why don't you just bring me the man? And let that be your answer to me?

Molly's Diary Entry 6

Molly, faith has a process and the fact that you don't see the end point yet doesn't mean that I am not here… with you. You will see me clearly if you are looking for me, you will find me.

The end point of faith isn't the fact that you have your husband, it is the fact that you walked with me. You heard my voice through the process, you felt my comfort, you heard my direction. I will never give you a thing outside of me. The point of the faith process is that you walked with me. So walk with me Molly, walk with me.

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Dear Father, I will walk with you. Just please hold me by the hand. It's so hard sometimes. It seems my desire for my husband overrides my desire for you. I'm sorry. I cannot place the gift above the giver. I cannot do this without you. You made me this promise and you know the way. Just please help me walk with you.

Molly's Diary Entry 7

Molly, the reward of your faith is me. It is not your husband, it's me.

My desire for your walk of faith is that you see me. It is not that you see your husband at the end of it all but that you see me.

If you do your faith walk so well, what would happen at the end of it all even when what you trusted me for came, is that you would see me. You would know me deeper. You will see me more clearly. The praise and glory will go to me. If the work I am doing in you in your faith journey hasn't produced this end process in you, then I cannot bring the object of your faith desire to you. I cannot in all clear conscience give you anything that will end up fighting for my position as first place in your life. I cannot give you an idol with my full chest. I will not do that to you Molly. I love you too much to do that to you.

So grow Molly, grow. Growth is what I desire as you walk with me. Every night you get up to praise me even when your husband hasn't arrived is a sacrifice of faith. That sacrifice of faith pleases me but it also kills

something in you. Every night you get up to praise me for what you haven't yet received physically, you are placing your desire in me. When the object of your faith comes, the process you have walked through will ensure that your desire is still placed in me. That I am the object of your faith, and not a man.

Molly's Diary Entry 9

Romans 8:32 KJV

[32] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

I woke up with these words spoken to me yesterday. As usual, '*Lord what do you mean'* was my question.

He told me He is still answering my question to make some sense of what is happening. He said He did not spare His son Jesus from me, so why won't He give me anything I want? In this case 'a husband for Christmas?'

I asked, then why hasn't he come yet? He said He wants my heart to be grounded in truth, in the truth of revelation because what happens when I receive gifts without revelation is I then won't be able to teach others how I got the gift grounded in revelation. If I am grounded in revelation, I can teach others how to also get the results I got from revelation. He told me He

wants me to gain a revelation of His ways and His love for me. He wants to give me not a husband for a Christmas but a husband grounded in revelation.

The way He said it to me was Christ Jesus was His greatest gift for and to me. Jesus His son was the gift that cost Him the most. He had literally slaughtered and given His son over to the hand and caprices of satan for me. He asked me to see His heart towards me. If He could do that for me, is it a physical husband He won't give to me?

I realise I've been carrying around some lies in my heart maybe as a result of waiting for so long for the promise with nothing coming to pass yet!

But my Father is showing me His heart towards me. That there is nothing He won't give me. Yes, I don't have my physical husband here yet but I have God's heart for me and I can trust His (God's) heart for me.

I can trust Him.

I can trust His heart for me.

Thank you Lord for revealing this to me.

Molly's Diary Entry 10

No good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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I heard those words as I once again cried to the Lord for this desire that seems unrequited. It seemed like I was begging God to do this thing for me, what have I done to deserve this unanswered prayer for a husband? And He spoke to me. I heard those words in my spirit. I Googled and sure enough here it is:

Psalms 84:11-12 NKJV

[11] For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. [12] O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

As much as the Lord is still helping me with my mind-set, still I find that pain has perhaps rooted itself much more deeply in me than I thought it has. Somewhere in my heart, maybe some 20-40 percent left, I still feel as

though the Lord is withholding something from me. But how can I be asking the Lord for an answered prayer when I don't believe that He would give it to me? I'm shooting myself in the foot for sure.

Lord help me. Pain and an unrequited desire are conditioning my heart to be something else before you. Help me to trust in you; in your goodness, love and care for me and to me. To trust in your kind heart towards me. Help me to trust in you that indeed you will not withhold anything good from me - including my husband - help me to trust you. Help me. Help me. Help me. Help me to trust in you.

Molly's Diary Entry 11

Molly, do you know how you'd know that I am with you? One of the ways is that you will hear my voice. You are hearing my voice right now; I am with you. I am not leaving you empty or alone, you are hearing my voice, you are hearing my wisdom. Listen to me.

Psalms 32:8-9 NKJV

[8] I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. [9] Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

Molly's Diary Entry 12

I admit to you Lord that this has been hard for me. I want to hasten unto the end but you want to teach me some lessons. What manner of faith is this? Faith that ends in you, not in things? I've never had this before but though you slay me, I shall come forth as gold.

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On this day I cried so much because I just couldn't understand why God would have me go through this path. I struggled so much. Why can't this be easy for me just as it is for lots of other people? Why should I be a specimen God wants to teach things to? But I realised at the end of my cry that it is a privilege to be taught the ways of God. It must have been the Holy Spirit giving me such an understanding heart of gratitude because I couldn't have had it on my own. Gratitude for being chosen to learn the ways of God not just the acts of God as He showed to the children of Israel. He can magically cause my husband to appear right now, nothing is too hard for Him to do, yet He chose to teach me to follow Him and not things. Lord, I'm grateful.

Molly's Diary Entry 13

Today's Christmas day and I still haven't received my husband for Christmas. Does this mean that God has failed?

I heard Papa Chris Delvan in a message saying that if we trusted God to show up on Monday and He didn't show up but showed up on Friday, does that mean He has failed? Because more often than not, that He will come is not in doubt, but 'when will He come' is what frustrates and keeps us down the most.

I read John chapter 11 where Jesus stayed two more days where He was and arrived four days after Lazarus was already dead. Why does He do that? Why would He come after when I needed Him to show up?

What is He doing waiting for this desire in my heart to die? Why would He wait for the time I trusted Him to elapse before He shows up?

I have all these questions in my heart and yes I did see, in John 11, how when Jesus showed up, it was to give glory to His name through a situation that seemed

dead. I know He is doing the same for me too but what I really feel Jesus is challenging me on is my faith in Him.

So what if I trusted Him for a husband for Christmas and my husband didn't show up for Christmas? Does that mean He has failed? Will I say that God has failed me just because He didn't show up at the time I wanted Him to show up? Who says that God is limited by time and space? Aren't there other days beyond Christmas? Does God not do and bring together love stories for people even beyond Christmas time?

People meet their spouses in June, July, August, February… really at any time of the year.

Has God failed me because He didn't bring my husband at Christmas?

I've come to a crucial crossroad in my faith that I must answer for myself.

I wanted a husband for Christmas and God didn't bring him to me at Christmas. But He assured me that He is here with me, He encouraged me to continue believing in Him and praising Him because it is already done. I have the quiet assurance in my heart from the Holy Spirit not to worry. I have all these things shown to me

by God but for the physical manifestation of what I want at the timing of which I want it done.

Does this mean that God has failed me?

What do you think should be the answer to this?

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Hebrews 11:36-40 NKJV
[36] Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. [37] They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— [38] of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. [39] And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, [40] God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

I started writing this book last year 2023. At the time I was in a relationship I thought would lead to marriage, then that relationship broke up at the last week of November, just about a month before Christmas. So I spent my last Christmas grateful to be with family (since I'm a missionary usually in a different nation at that time) but also healing from what looked like a “failed promise” from God.

But Lord I thought this and I thought that…

I thought I made the right choice…

I thought you had answered me just as I wanted, a husband for Christmas with a wedding either in December or January…

I thought... I thought... I thought…my questions were a lot. But something strange was also happening to me right in the midst of my heart break and seeming failure from God. When I would pray, I would hear so clearly in my heart, "it is done. Your husband is here". But I wasn't seeing anything physically but I also couldn't deny the response I was getting from the Lord. His voice was loud and clear. I was led to praise Him even when I was in pain from the broken relationship, I would praise and rejoice with *shekere* praise jams from pastor Tony Rapu on YouTube.
I remember a day when I was in pain because I was trying to see if we could still reconcile and here was this guy ignoring my messages. I held my heart and said "God, I am in pain" and yet again I felt, 'take your tambourine and praise me'. So I did. In pain but praising God. Not long after those praise times was when the word began to come to me that it was done, but still I saw nothing physically.

I remember being at a conference in December 2023, and again I felt that sense all around me, "you will be married soon". I felt it would happen so soon, maybe

January even (I was that radical in my belief in God) but still nothing and no one popped up physically… yet.

In January these words started to come from the Lord to me:

1 Samuel 25:35 ICB
[35] Then David accepted Abigail's gifts. He told her, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words, and I will do what you have asked."

I received feedback things were done way back from December of the previous year even though in the physical it took another eight months before my husband showed up. Please read our love story in our book "The Selection process for a kingdom spouse".

In all that time I learnt that the faith God was requiring of me wasn't just faith that ended in the fulfilment of things, but Faith that trusted in Him to do what He has said even when I had not received the promise.

I learnt that the true measure of my faith in God isn't when people start to celebrate what my faith has birthed. But what if my faith doesn't birth anything on the earth? What if I brought forth as it were, just wind? Would I still call God faithful to His promise?

Hebrews talks about those who's faith birthed miracles but also talked about a people who were treated so badly but still didn't receive what they had been

promised. They died without receiving the promise but it wasn't for nothing, it says God was planning something better so their faith would only be complete together with others.

Hebrews 11:40 NIV
[40] since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

When we wait for God at a particular time and it seems He didn't show up at that time, the matter of faith and God bringing the desires of our heart to pass is dependent on a lot of factors. In this case for a husband, there are so many other things that come in to play. There is your husband himself at the other side of the equation that God is working on. There's location, schedules, meeting points and readiness of the both spouses to sort as God works all these things out. So sometimes it may seem like "oh I didn't receive the promise at Christmas (or at any other time you thought it would be) but this scripture makes us know that God had a better plan; that your promise would be made perfect with others together. In this case, with your husband together with you.

You do not know what that looks like so you would need to exercise faith in God's word He has given as feedback to you (in my case, it was "it is done, go in peace"). You would need to exercise faith in His heart for you (no good thing would He withhold from you).

You would need to exercise faith in His ways and person (that the Lord has never failed anyone and would not start with you). All these processes of faith does not seemingly deliver the promise to you in your hand (a husband for Christmas) but it is faith that wins the test.

As God told Molly, the reward for your faith is not the thing you trusted in me for coming to pass. The reward for your faith is me.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 NKJV
[23] Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; [24] But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

The reward of your faith (if done well) is that you now know the Lord in a way you've never known Him before. If you receive a husband for Christmas but do not come away with an experiential understanding of who your God is, then that would not really be faith in God, that was faith in you glorifying that you have now received your husband. How does that bring glory to the Lord?

As much as the path of faith can be painful, it is for our own good because if we do not go on a journey with

the Lord like this, then how can we really say that we know the Lord?

I thought to explore another side of faith in this book, faith that seemingly ends in unrequited desires (for a husband) but if this happens, will you still trust that you know the Lord, and though He may not have come at Christmas, He would never fail and He would still come?

It is my prayer that we all are able to answer this question for ourselves in the affirmative.

God delights in our ever experiential growth in our knowledge of Him. That He won't fail us. He has never failed anyone who believed in Him in all the thousands of years before us and would not start with us now.

Job 23:10 ESV
[10] But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.

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BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS AND REASONING

To aid you in getting the fullness from this book, I have added a Bible study question and reasoning section. You can read the scriptures attached, answer these questions yourself or with a friend or group of singles. It would actually also be fun with others.

Each Bible study section is done as a companion with each of Molly's Diary Entry. So you can read the diary entry then use the Bible study in addition to it.

You can also have a journal to write down your answers by your side as you go through the study in addition with your Bible to read the scriptures recommended for each section (compulsory).

Hope this Bible study blesses you and clarifies your thoughts and faith in God for your kingdom spouse.

Molly's Diary Entry 1

In Molly's Diary Entry 1, she outlines a list of things she has done and taken part in through the year that should guarantee her a husband for Christmas.

- Have you at any time come to a point in your faith where you feel because you have done this and done that, then what you were believing God for should have come to you?

God says:

Isaiah 64:6 NKJV
[6] But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Matthew 5:44-45 NKJV
[44] But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, [45] that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

We must be careful not to do what we do as an exchange for God blessing us. Yes, we partner with God in our faith actions and can be led to do certain things, but they aren't the reason why God is good to us. God is good to us because He is good.

- How can you refocus your mind to not be one of a trade and barter situation with the “good spiritual faith actions” we carry out for God to do what He said He would do?

Molly’s Diary Entry 2

Hebrews 11:1 ICB
[1] Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

- What is your definition of faith?

- Do you sometimes struggle with believing what God has said when you haven't seen it with your eyes yet?

- How can you deal with this struggle of believing what you haven't seen… yet?

Molly's Diary Entry 3

Isaiah 62:6-7 NKJV
[6] I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, [7] And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

- How has it been still interceding and praising for something that hasn't come to pass yet?
- Are you still on your watch giving God no rest until He does what He has said to you or have you fallen off track?
- If you have fallen off track, what steps can you take today to get back on track with staying at your watch until God does what He has said He would do for you concerning your marriage and your husband?

Molly's Diary Entry 4

Romans 4:16-22 NKJV
[16] Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the

seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all [17] (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; [18] who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." [19] And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. [20] He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, [21] and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. [22] And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Abraham praised God even when it didn't look like God could achieve the promise with the kind of dead body he had. His proof of faith was his praise and thanksgiving to God and scripture says God accounted it to Him for righteousness.

- Can you praise God even when the circumstances prove to be impossible?

- Have you been praising God through your faith journey to the altar? What is stopping you from doing so?

- How can you build a system of praising God for what you do not yet see?

- I will praise at …… every……

Molly's Diary Entry 5

I Corinthians 1:27-29 NKJV
[27] But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; [28] and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, [29] that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Molly struggles with understanding what God is saying to her because she is clouded by what she wants now.

- Are you also this way with God on your faith journey to the altar?

She desires that God brings her husband rather than give her understanding of the faith process.

- What is your current struggle with how God has been speaking to you about this matter of your marriage?

- Can you decide to trust what He is saying rather than reach for things you know nothing about?

God's ways are not our ways and sometimes He indeed chooses the foolish things to confound the wise.

- What does this mean to you as regards your faith walk for your spouse?

Molly's Diary Entry 6

Hebrews 11:1 ICB
[1] Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

- Can you also be real with God like Molly was here?

- What's your greatest struggle right now in walking with God concerning hearing His voice in things you do not yet see?

Molly's Diary Entry 7

Jeremiah 9:23-24 NKJV
[23] Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; [24] But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

- Have you yet come to the point where God is the object and reward of your faith and not a husband?

- How can you get into believing this truth from the Lord?

- How can you rewire your faith to believe in God as your reward, not man?

Molly's Diary Entry 8

The reward of my faith is you Lord. It is you. Not a man. It is you. - Molly.

Jeremiah 9:24
***24] But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these* I delight," says the Lord.**

In Molly's Diary Entry 8, Molly finally admits to God that the reward of her faith is him and not her husband.

- Can you also do this too?

Molly's Diary Entry 9

Romans 8:32 KJV
[32] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

- What do you believe about God's desire to give you all things and withhold nothing from you?

- Do you truly believe that God isn't withholding anything from you?

- Do you believe in God's heart and desire to answer your prayers for a husband?

- Why or why not?

- Excavate the beliefs in your heart about God's heart for you because they can actually be a blockade in receiving from the Lord.

- Why or why not do you believe in God's desire to give all things freely to you, including your husband?

Journal them below or in a journal close to you.

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Molly's Diary Entry 10

Psalms 84:11-12 NKJV
[11] For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. [12] O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

- How do you reconcile this scripture with the fact that you do not yet have your husband with you?

- What does this tell you?

Molly's Diary Entry 11

Isaiah 30:21 NKJV
[21] Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.

- Have you been hearing God's voice as regards your desire for a husband?

- What was the last thing He said to you about this matter?

- If you haven't been hearing His voice, what can you do to position yourself to seek Him to ensure you are still on track with the giver of the promise?

- In what ways does God speak to you?

Molly's Diary Entry 12

Psalm 56:8 ESV
[8] You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?

In Molly's Diary entry 12 she admits that she has cried so much about this matter of wanting a husband though she has decided to trust in the Lord but still, it isn't easy for her.

- Are you also bare with your emotions with the Lord about this?

- Do you believe that the Lord cares for you?

Know that the Lord cares for you and when you cry He doesn't stand aloof. Scripture says He keeps your tears in a bottle.

Know that the Lord cares for you so be open before Him about your emotions, everything you feel. Be open before Him. He cares for you.

- How are you going to be bare with the Lord about you desires and heartaches in waiting for your husband from now on?

- How can you make the Lord your friend on your waiting journey?

John 15:15 NKJV
[15] No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

- Do you share with the Lord everything you feel? That's one way to make the Lord your friend on your waiting journey.

- What are your plans to do your waiting from now on with Jesus as your friend? What can you do differently to make this possible?

Molly's Diary Entry 13

John 11:1-7 NKJV
[1] Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. [2] It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. [3] Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." [4] When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." [5] Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [6] So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. [7] Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

Please read the entirety of John 11.

- Like Molly you have to answer your questions of faith here.

- Has the Lord failed you because He didn't send you your husband for Christmas?

- Has the Lord failed you because you didn't get married this year as you thought?

- What is the Lord doing when He seemingly delays in coming to us at the time we thought or wanted Him to come to us?

- What can you do as you wait?

- Do you still believe Him if He comes after your time?

- What is the true measure of (your) faith in God?

- After reading John chapter 11, do you believe God has failed you on your faith journey for your husband? Why or why not?

A FEW THINGS

1: If you are single and in Lagos Nigeria I would love to invite you to please join us for a singles meet up on Saturday December 28th 2024. We don't want you to go out of this year discouraged. This will be a time of encouragement for us all in God, also a time of eats, banter, love and joy! That you are waiting doesn't mean you should be sad. Let's end the year on a great note and begin a new one on an even greater note.

Send a WhatsApp message to +2349056897647 to hang out with us.



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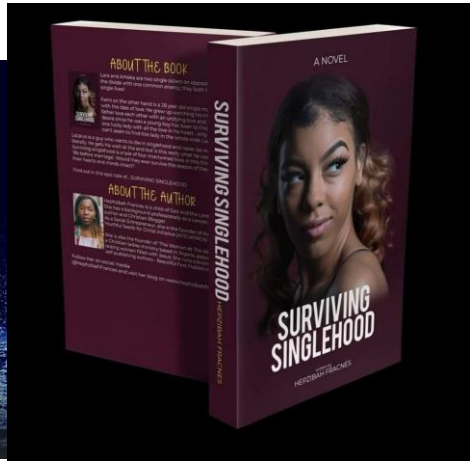
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