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THE DIARY OF A SINGLE LADY READY TO BE MARRIED

Dear Future Husband, Come Soon.

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"To everything there is a season,

A time for every purpose under heaven:"

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

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DEDICATION

To the only One who can take conversations between Him and I and spring it into a book and a message for many.

I love You Lord, always and forever. Amen.

To single ladies trying to make sense of their journey. May this diary give you aha moments and spur on conversations between you and your God; conversations that bring you clarity, blanket you with His love and make you know you are seen and known by Him - here, right now in this season and time of singlehood. I love you.

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THANKSGIVING

My first thanksgiving goes to God for book ideas that spring from unconventional sources through Him. Thanks for the flow of thoughts that spring directly from your heart to me. Thanks for this book journey that makes me know you have indeed called me as a Scribe and Voice for the Lord through books, songs and the new media, I love you, I truly do. Not just because of the books *oh*, but you and I know you are Bae. Always and forever Bae, no matter what.

Second thanks goes to Goodness Weme Mercy for the brilliant book cover. You did such a good job Goodness. I am grateful. Thank you!

Third and final thanksgiving goes to you. Yes, you are reading this book right now. My dedication says it all. I hope I become your next favourite writer after now ☺

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REVIEWS

Massive revelations from God through His Daughter with this work... more grace to you in the name of Jesus, amen

The revelation, light of understanding shared by the Holy Spirit through this book on a core virtue or fruit of Himself; waiting, (long suffering, Patience) and the benefit in it and using the illustration of Jesus as He waits to be joined to His bride intrigued me, brought me further into realignment with God on some personal issues and also delivered me

No doubt most times without understanding, fellowshipping, daily guidance, the right circle of friends and comforting from God, this season can be very painful and temptuous especially as it relates to singlehood ,but thank God for this book, we can overcome, bear and know how to really on God; knowing that God is no respecter of any man. If He could do it For HF and we do the works she has prescribed here we also can prevail in such seasons

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Most times, it's the season of training, refining, pruning which in the long run would show forth the glory of God.it reminds me of the story and difference between Saul and David and the time between David being anointed as King and he being crowned as King.
Without training which is always the waiting period we would always make a mess of our calling and purpose.

I like the fact that the writer shows us with her own experience how and what we can be doing in the season of waiting. God's ways and timing is perfect and can be different from ours.

This is an incredible manual on how to completely trust on Him knowing that what had being spoken by Him must be fulfilled.

The book is one of Gods rods for this generation and generations to come, as long as Jesus tarries to break the evil horns of impatience, doubts, inability to discern times, seasons and move of God part-time that many suffer in the body of Christ and also to deliver many from all shades of carnality in the name

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of searching for the right one or saying body no be fire 🔥wood or stone.
-Charles,

Lagos, Nigeria

In this "open" book you have taken the courage to share what most Single Christians would rather keep Private, a longing for a soul mate.

However, there is an understanding I caught while reading this book, it's so new to me that I have held it so firmly with me. The thought of living a fulfilled single life brings another understanding that being single is a stage of life to be maximized and not avoided.

PH, you've given a whole generation of Christian singles a piece of God's heart.

As singles engage this book just like me they will learn more about Singlehood, I know they will also pray for heartfelt prayers for a glorious home built together with a godly spouse.

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Thanks for yielding yourself to the Holy Spirit ma.

-Abiodun Adeboye

Lagos, Nigeria

To be honest, when I picked up the book, I didn't think I will read it at a go, because I was physically tired but then I started and guess who couldn't stop till I got to the last page? Me ooo!

Firstly for me, it is how relatable the book felt. I literally felt like I was in a conversation with the author, the articulation of the points were so spot on.

Then the depth of this book, brief but deep. Linking everything to the word of God and helping you see reason to lean on God's timing.

The vulnerability of the author should be given on a 150%, the stories she shared, my God! So beautiful, so real and so insightful.

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I know I will definitely be reading it a second time very soon because it is that enjoyable and we just need to be reminded of these things every time and again.

If you are single and trusting that God will send you your spouse, you just might have some moments of anxiety and disappointment, get this book, it will help you understand many things.

I recommend it with my full chest!

-Pipeloluwa,

Lagos, Nigeria

People hide their diary, you know all those conversations that you really do not want others getting wind of but not Pastor Hephzibah Frances]]
If you are single whether male or female then you really have to read this book 👆All along I was just nodding my head as I read the book. You see in this journey of singlehood sometimes it seems you are the only one going

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through an issue until you read other people's story.
The way was able to articulate some of my thoughts and the convos that go on in my head is everything for me. I could picture myself in some of the lines of this book. Her honesty and bluntness in writing this book is amazing and comforting at the same time knowing that what is happening with me is not strange.
The book just gave me a better picture and made me make sense of the journey to marriage. Reading her interactions with God about the journey to marriage is refreshing and has strengthened my resolve to trust God too in this area of life.
The pages are filled with practical wisdom on how to wait right and wait well. I've been reminded that even while I wait, I should not fold my hands but to keep pursuing God's plan and purpose for my life and maximize singlehood to the fullest.
As usual, I have highlighted points that stood out for me which I would be applying.
Thank you so much ma Pastor Hephzibah Frances for continually being God's scribe, showing us the heart of the Father concerning marriage and singlehood.

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If you are a single Christian desiring marriage, wanting to make sense of the journey from singlehood to marriage then you need to grab this book. The gems found here would help you live your best life as a single while also looking forward to your marriage.

-Goodness Weme-Mercy

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INTRODUCTION

BOOK STORY

It was on Father's Day this year. I had celebrated my dad and brothers as Fathers and fathers-to-be but I kept feeling like something... More like someone was missing. It was my Future Husband.

I felt like He was supposed to complete that equation. I was away at a retreat alone with God and suddenly began to feel lonely. Now hold up... I RARELY FEEL LONELY! I mean it's.just.not.me.
My singlehood has been graced but this day had it for me.

Suddenly I heard God speak to me in a small whisper the title of a book; and this was the title *Dear Future Husband, Please come soon.*

I just chuckled and rolled over on the bed. *Shebi it's because I don't have work to do; I am lonely so you are giving me work* but I did begin to write and what followed is this book you are reading

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right here.

This book is a journal entry of more than 12 letters written by a single lady ready to be married.
The truth is that I have had a pretty good single journey. In fact, I feel like God went over and aboard with me.

He helped me live a single life with no jealousy or envying another person's season, walking in my purpose.

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Traveling nations with the gospel etc.

Gosh! God has been good to me

He said to me in March/April this year, "you have laid foundations in your singlehood".

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I have a clear call and a clear identity. I heard the Name God calls me. I have received love from the Father. healing for my broken places and an opportunity to serve both God and humanity in my purpose.

My life has been full of both the wilderness and Palace seasons of God bringing me into my destiny.

I have truly had a great single life. I have loved my journey but suddenly something has awakened in me. I'm over it. Even God Himself knows; and that's why He gave me a book title as ***The Diary Of A Single Lady Ready To Be Married.***

I am this book title and this book title is me. God truly has a sense of humor the way He does things with us and He gets reward and inheritance from the things He is taking us through in our own lives.

I am reminded by this book story that I am a priest so as I taste what the people feel, I am better able to minister to them.

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This book is God's way of reaching out to other singles like me who have had a great single life and are now ready to be married. He is letting them know that He loves you, He sees you, and He does not take for granted, what you currently feel.

How has your single journey been so far?

I want you to have your own conversations with God as you read this book, make your own decisions and come to your own conclusions just between you and your God as I have done through my diary.

I look forward to hearing from you when you are done reading.

I love you but Jesus loves you more!!

Lots of love,
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P.S: At the end of this book, you will find out that we are going to be having a hangout for mature singles both male and female ready to be married at La Tropicana Resort Lagos.
This hangout would be held on July 20th 2021. It is a public holiday. The hangout won't be free but it would be affordable and I truly cannot wait to meet you.
If you are interested in this hangout; we are going to have conversations for mature singles because I have found out that what we think of as singles ready to be married is different from singles at 17, 18 or 20. Our conversations are different so we want to give room to speak about the subjects that are important to us.

Interested in this hangout? Then please send me a WhatsApp message at +2347035539092
You can also please invite other friends for this.
God bless you.

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ENTRY 1

THE LONELINESS GAME

Sunday June 20th 2021

I felt lonely for the first time in a long time on Father's day this past Sunday. The feeling hit me like a ton of bricks and even I was shocked, amazed, flabbergasted… wait, hold up! Where is this coming from? I think it just means that I am on my way out of this singlehood for real. Like... me, the queen of doing God's will, feeling lonely and wanting my husband? Say what! This is both a miracle and an annoying feeling all on its own right.

First of all, before I get ahead of myself let me tell you how this whole lonely thing happened.

I was away at a retreat at Ibadan. I like to think I was having a great time with God, then father's day rolled around and I wished my father and brothers a happy father's day but right at that moment couldn't help feeling like

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someone was missing from the equation, which is you, my future husband. It felt like the bow wasn't tied on the whole father's day thing and I found myself wondering "guy, where are you?' like seriously? Don't you know it is time? Don't you know we have been on this faith journey for years? Like come already.

Now I will tell you why this is a miracle… I have gone from not even wanting to be in a relationship in 2012, to just wanting to draw close to God in 2013/2014, to just wanting to walk in my purpose in the years 2015-2017. The year 2018 when a pastor was speaking to me about marriage, I wanted to get married but I didn't think I was ready/I was afraid to even share my space with a man, afraid for my traveling ministry, etc. etc. and now this same me, was lonely and needing her own husband? What a miracle and testament of God's power to change a heart when the time is right.

Now, see this… I believe God Himself has taken me full circle on this marriage thing.

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1: To show me His own purpose for marriage. I will talk about that in this diary.

2: To heal and wean me off of my own ideas and brokenness from past relationships.

3: To prepare me as a wife for my husband.

4: Teach me how to wage war with prophecy.

5: Teach me how to wait resting in God for His own will and His own way.

6: Now I wanna shout it to the rooftop; I am ready, I am ready, I am ready, where are you dear future husband? I am ready… show up!

I wish we could wave a magic wand for the man to show up but we can't... Except we want less than God's best which I don't. And speaking about less than God's best, counterfeits have been coming my way in recent times and these are the worst. One says he wants to see me; I picked that call saying "Lord, keep me". I want to tell you more about these counterfeits but I have a speaking engagement on singlehood I agreed to take

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tonight and today, I was feeling really blue, like "God I don't want to still be in this stage talking about this stage". I am not tired of doing God's purpose; I am tired of doing God's purpose ***alone***. There is a difference. But let me come back to this for you tomorrow.

Dear future husband, if you are reading this,

Come soon.

Love,

Your wife.

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ENTRY 2

SAVE ME FROM MYSELF

Monday, June 21st 2021

So as I was saying yesterday, I got this invitation to speak to single women on being ***a purpose driven woman*** and before the meeting I was just feeling down. Why? Because when I accepted the invite I didn't think I'd still be single. This thing is crazy. Oga future husband where are you? The funny thing is that in the midst of all this, I've been getting counterfeits.

On May 8th 2021 I met someone who had helped me with my bags, then started talking about liking me, etc. etc. He said he was looking for a wife and had found me, I said, *wo*, lets pray. I don't think it's him because again for me, there is the issue of this other guy who I think maybe my husband (you will find out soon enough if its him) but I am not about to put hopes there so I indeed actually prayed but ah, I didn't feel like this guy is my

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husband. He still calls me and all, but most times, because I don't want to go down that road of trying to allow someone to follow me when I don't think there is anything there, I don't pick his call most times.

I met another one just last week that was also calling me. He said he wants to see me and discuss something with me. I said, *can't we talk on the phone?* I told him maybe we can see this weekend but I am already weary of it. It seems like: if a guy isn't my husband, I am not really so interested in all the small talk, *I am checking on you deal* and wasting my time. I am just really so tired of all these. I asked God for one man oh. I am not interested in knowing how fine I am from multiple men toasting me. *Ehen.* That's how I almost entered one chance of a married man last year because of this counterfeit thing. I will gist you this story next or rather *sef,* I will gist you two stories next on this horrible thing of counterfeits.

So, now, where was I?

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Yes, I was talking about how I was unhappy about the whole speaking engagement thing yesterday… So at the time I received the invitation for the speaking engagement back in May 2021, I said sure because oh, I wasn't even expecting I'd still be single by June 22nd 2021 but here I was on the day before the speaking engagement, not just single but now feeling lonely (as written yesterday) and almost hating every moment of it. I have never felt this way before in my life. If this isn't a sign that my single days are over, I don't know what else is. I am even thinking about the women that experience this as a regular each day. There is no way you can live your life like this; no wonder singlehood is so miserable for a lot of women (and men). I have only felt this way for such a short period of time and I wanna remove my mind and claw all the way out of it. God!

I am so glad I found purpose as a single woman (which was what I had been invited to speak on) otherwise; my current nine years

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single journey would have been a rocky road indeed.

Purpose has kept me sane with something to do; going about my Father's business. Purpose has kept me traveling nations and cities for God. Purpose has kept me writing books, blogs, filming YouTube videos, recording podcasts, working on my NGO, leading our ministry for women, counselling many, sharing, serving, serving and serving again. Purpose has kept me present in my season as God enlarged, expanded, prepared and got me ready for the one He has prepared for me. And purpose was what also saved me from the blue way I was feeling about the speaking engagement to singles even when I didn't want to be single anymore.

I asked God: what would someone who needs encouragement herself say to encourage others on their journey? What indeed? But somehow He filled my mouth with words and after the speaking engagement; I woke up the next morning feeling so intimate with God. Once

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again, He had reached out His hand and saved me by saying "I have something for you to do here and now. Be alert, be present, be awake to it" and as you give to others you would find yourself also being given to by me. So good!

Without finding purpose and being an active participant in fulfilling my own destiny, I could never have become the woman God had created me to become before the beginning of time. I could also never have been prepared for the man God has for me. Because through this journey of walking in God's purpose for my life, I have found myself being pruned, shifted, and molded into the character and person of a wife. I will never forget when God said to me in 2018, "it is time for your land to be married but pray for me to give you the heart of a wife". I had never heard it said like that by anyone before. The heart of a wife? What is that? But as I prayed, thus began God's hand and dealing with my character and heart to become a wife like I had never seen before (You can go get the audio CD on Preparation on how to be a wife here).

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I would dig into preparation on how to be a wife and my journey so far on that later on, but not on this entry.

I started this entry fully intending to share about my frustration at still being single, but I ended it by sharing on how God has been saving and still saving me from myself and counterfeits that don't want to let my marital destiny be great :-D

No matter what, I am still declaring that I shall not settle.

Counterfeits be gone!

Dear future husband,

Please come soon.

Love,

Your wife.

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ENTRY THREE

ON THE ISSUE OF COUNTERFEITS

Tuesday, June 22nd 2021

Hmm, I have stories to tell on this matter…

So when I was serving during NYSC in the year 2014/2015, at the beginning part of my service year, I started experiencing an influx of toasters. Some may be happy about this fact but I wasn't happy at all. Reason being that first of all, at the time, I wasn't open to relationships at all. I just wanted to love God. Those were also days of just discovering God's purpose for my life so I was pretty ruthless about doing what I was called to do and avoiding distractions. That was what I saw the toasting from left, right and center to be; just distractions.

It happened so much and too much, even married men were waiting to be in a relationship with me. Something had

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happened where this man in pretense that he wanted to help me with my business, took me to a place to eat and drink pepper soup and in the midst of sitting in that place I was just all of a sudden awakened to the foolishness of "what am I doing here?". I thought it was business stuff we were here for? Then he took me home and I found out he was married and was just thinking to myself: *what would his wife think or feel if she had seen you with her husband?* That was the straw that broke the camel's back.

I knew all these men were not my husband; they were just counterfeits trying to suck the living daylight out of me. I also knew that my NYSC year was not a year to be joked with as God was doing a lot in my life in that season, and playing with sexual sin would be a huge distraction to me. So this is what brought about my famous prayer "Lord blind the eyes of every man to me except my future husband".

I prayed that prayer with Prophetess Juanita Bynum's song on repeat "I don't mind waiting on you Lord" and I meant it. As a 21/22 year

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old then, I didn't want any man that God had not chosen for me and I didn't mind waiting for what God Himself had chosen for me. And as a 28 year old woman now, my stance is still the same. Dear future husband, I don't mind waiting for you to come; the only thing is hurry up!!!!

Lol. But not so lol.

Like really, come now, come soon okay?

Back to my topic… so I've dealt with this counterfeit thing before. So when counterfeits started coming my way this year, guess who was familiar with these kinds of dealings? Your girl. I was like… again abi? But this time it was different because I am actually ready to be married. Let's discuss how I know I am ready to be married later, yeah? But on the counterfeit issue, now it is worse because I actually wanna be marrieddddddd! Lol. And see how the devil is so sneaky?

Last year, there was a night a sister came to visit me and that night we saw a scripture in

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Judges 21 of how when the ladies danced men picked their wives from among them so as led we danced that night *ehn*, for our husbands. First thing that happened was that a 'married' man texted me at past 1am while we were dancing, saying 'hi'. I didn't know he was married at the time, I'd tell you how I knew later.

Then the next morning I met a 'playboy' guy on my street who struck up a conversation with me. He wanted my number but I didn't give it to him. Then in the evening I saw the guy again while coming back home. Some would say it was God but I knew it was satan orchestrating rubbish for himself. As if that wasn't enough I saw the guy again the next day and this time he saw me and actually now said maybe it's God doing it. I just 'eyed' him, smiled a fake smile and went my way. I would see him off and on later on but for me that was a forgotten issue.

The man who texted me at past 1am as we danced was an old acquaintance I had met in

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PH at one time. I didn't reply to his message because I knew that wasn't it but in a time of discouragement in waiting for my man of God, I replied to him and that was how he said he was coming to Lagos and we set a time to see. I asked God how far that morning and He only gave me a scripture:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.
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."

-Psalm 32:8-9

I went and it was a good outing, he was funny etc. but two things I found out: he was Muslim and he was also married with children! How I found out the married part was only God because I was joking about something about

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his hypothetical wife but discovered he went silent. I didn't know his surname before but he told me that day. I went back home, checked Facebook and voila, Mr. Man is married!!

I was like God. Who are you? Because I was joking about the whole marriage thing and it turned out to be true. That was when I realized God was really guiding me but still, I felt bad at my even going on that date with him because it was in a moment of discouragement I agreed to go. I knew there was nothing there.

Ah, what has satan not tried on this my kingdom marriage issue and choosing not to settle for less than God's best for me?

Dear future husband,

Please come soon.

Love,

Your wife.

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ENTRY FOUR

THE WAIT

Wednesday, June 23rd 2021

The hardest thing I've had to go through in this journey has been *the wait.*

I would have loved to see how I have fared so far on this from God's perspective but from my own perspective too, I haven't done so well.

I had a dream on March 31st 2021 where I was whining like a child, shaking my head over and over again because God asked me to wait for Him to come back and pick me for my marriage and I was so disagreeable to it but He didn't budge. After that dream God spoke to me with Lazarus' story in John chapter 11 where the Bible says Jesus came four days after Lazarus had been in the grave. Why did He delay? And He loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Why didn't He come immediately?

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Instead He stayed two more days where He was. Why would He do such a thing?

The Bible says it was because Jesus wanted God to get the glory through their situation (please read this from John Chapter 11 for yourself).

When Jesus finally came, Lazarus was dead and Mary and Martha were mourning without hope. Their only hope was that they would see Lazarus again on the last day so even when Jesus was saying "I am here now, don't worry" they didn't get what He was saying.

What they called for was to heal the sick. What Jesus finally did was to raise the dead. Which was greater?

So Jesus was telling me, "don't worry, I would come at the perfect time. It may not be your time but I will come. It may seem like the situation is already dead but when I come I would do such a miracle, your marriage would give God glory".

So I have resigned myself to a few things:

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1: This marriage is not for me. God has expressly told me its' for ministry. It's to bring Him Glory. There is a harvest for God to get here starting from my bridal shower. I will share that with you in my next entry.

2: I am the one God wants to bless, that's why He asked me to wait, so He would be justified in blessing me lavishly with what He is about to give to me. Remember how God told Abraham in Genesis chapter 15, God told him He would give his descendants the land but not at that moment because the iniquity of the Amorites was not ripe enough to dispossess them from the land. That tells us that God has to be found just when He judges. The Bible says for your shame and your trouble you shall have a double portion. God has to be judged right to give you a double portion, meaning you have to have gone through the shame, trouble and pain for you to get the double portion. So my trouble with my long wait for God to perfect my marital promise was God's set-up so He could be found just to bless me.

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He wanted to bless me, that's why He had me wait.

3: I can't force God to act. It's either its time or it's not time yet. Don't get me wrong, I have a role to play in preparation as there were times when God told me expressly I didn't have the heart of a wife, asked me to work on my health and also asked me to work on my business but also when I came to March 2021, I was ready and saying now Lord, now but God was saying "not yet".

4: There is a right way to wait. I can wait resting in God or I can wait agitated and anxious with no peace. I get to choose which I would do. In the months of May/April 2021 I wavered a lot through these divides. There was a point in time when I was so anxious about what God was doing or not doing concerning this matter. Because when He spoke to me, it felt like right now so what's up? Not to talk about how my past disappointments also came to play. I kept thinking about how I had trusted God before in the past and it didn't

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come to pass, how am I sure this won't be a repeat of the last times? My core issue was trust; I did not trust God to do me well and that also in return caused a lot of hang ups in my relationship with Him.

Can two walk together except they are agreed? I wasn't agreeing with God and consequently my walk with Him was suffering with me being at the worst end of it all; sucked of joy and peace.

The way I got out of this was to daily go back to God in prayer, worship and praise. This became a lifeline for me. I couldn't function without ***daily*** trusting God through thanksgiving and prayer that He knows what He is doing with and in my life and He is in control. So good! This was and continues to be the lifeline for my heart.

So I have been conditioned by God into a state of waiting orchestrated by Him. I'm still learning, asking Him if there are any areas of my life I still need to pay attention to and walking in faith too. This faith is causing me to

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buy a wedding gown even before I see my husband. And gosh I would tell you this story maybe in volume two of this book.

For now, as I write this entry, I am at a place of peace waiting on God for my marriage to come to pass. That doesn't mean I am not excited about meeting this man.

In fact, dear future husband,

Please come soooooon!!!

Love,

Your wife!

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ENTRY FIVE

THE STORY OF THE PROPHETIC BRIDAL SHOWER

Thursday, June 24th 2021

So God gave me/us (the ministry I lead) an awesome testimony last year 2020. He gave us a free house He had promised us two years prior. The promise seemed like it was delayed and then it came to pass suddenly! In less than ten days we had a house for us to live in and also do ministry in. God was and is still awesome!

Immediately I moved into the house, God started laying dreams on my heart. One of these dreams was to use this ministry house as a free open door to ladies to use for their bridal shower.

As I was sweeping the house, that still small voice said "yours would be first". Say what!

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I verily accepted it! And along with it, a God-given idea for our ladies who would be attending that prophetic bridal shower. I want women who have been having obstacles to their marriage come for that bridal shower and see God do amazing things for them. I want testimonies of miracle marriages for these women who would come for that bridal shower both onsite and online. I even know what it would be called, ***Ripe marital promises prophetic bridal shower.***

Every step of my journey God has used to give Himself glory. The book ***Ripe marital promises*** arose last year when God began to speak to me about women who were receiving prophecies about their marriage but going to sleep on it. God showed me a ripe apple on a tree representing when promises from Him are ripe but they need to be plucked. And the process of receiving our promises is what the Bible calls "wage a good warfare with the promises that have gone before you" (please see 1st Timothy 1:18).

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So God began to show me these things as I went through my marital journey and I know it is because He wants to reap fruit and a harvest from it and that fruit and harvest would start from my Ripe marital promises bridal shower. (By the way, you can get the FREE course on ***processing your marital promises*** here).

So right from this bridal shower, even before we get into the marriage, we would be giving God a harvest from my union.

My traditional wedding I'm praying to God to give us the souls of men since we would be having people attend who I have not been in touch with from my father's and mother's side. We would literally have worship and altar call and a discipleship session to follow up those who give their lives to Christ.

My wedding is a Holy Ghost/Joy party. I have asked Jesus to please come and not just send the angels.

My heart, I must say, has been recalibrated by God as to the purpose for the marriage He is

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giving me and I daresay that this was done while I waited. God was working on me.

Do I still want my future husband for companionship etc.? Of course yes. That was what started this diary but I also want him to come to me for the kingdom work we have to do for God. We have work to do for the Master. And I find out that this is what the wait does to us; it purifies our motives and renews our minds. You can even almost say, 'Lord, I am thankful for the wait'.

Jesus showed me a different perspective to waiting and I would share this with you next since you may also be a single lady ready to be married who's currently reading this diary, it may help you.

And if you are my husband and you are reading this, I am at a point where I am reflecting and I see what God is doing in and with my life during this journey to meeting you. I am thankful for it but still…

Dear future husband,

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Please come soon.

Shey you understand how one can be satisfied in God, taking lessons but still eager for the outcome? That's where I am. I am still and so eager for our marriage… like!

PLEASE COME SOON… SOON.. SOON OH.

Love,

Your wife!

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ENTRY SIX

WAITING LIKE JESUS

Friday, June 25th 2021

It was last year the Lord revealed something to me and gave me insight about how by *waiting*, I was simply partaking of something Jesus is partaking of even now. Do you know that Jesus is still waiting for some enemies to be put under his feet?

"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."'

-Acts 2:34-35

He has ascended to heaven, won the victory over them but still, there is a time for the final victory when satan and his minions are made totally silent on that day. And Jesus is waiting right now till this is done.

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Do you know that Jesus is still waiting for the wedding supper of the lamb where He would be joined to His bride at the end of the age?

"And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."
And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
Then he said to me, "Write: "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!"' And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

-Revelation 19:6-9

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Jesus is still waiting; waiting for us, waiting to be joined to us at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

He is waiting for us as we get ready, washed with the water of His word. And when we get married, He 'loans' us to our spouses here on earth, teaching us about Himself through our union, while still waiting for the time when we would become His bride alone at the end of all time.

HOW JESUS WAITS

And He is not waiting complaining about it; He is waiting perfectly still and safe in the knowledge that that time will come. He waits in the knowledge that this has already been certified by His father, it's all a matter of time. Time. Time. That dreaded word.

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"He told them, "you don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business.."

-Acts 1:7a, MSG

He understands that times and seasons are held in the hand of the Father and when we wait, we are waiting for the Father's time; when we get that timing correctly, things happen because we have aligned with the timing in the heart of the Father. This may be the hardest thing to accept for us but for Jesus, it is a foregone conclusion because He is submitted to the will of the Father. He knows that if He waits ***in God,*** someday God would share with Him when the timing would be. In our natural sense, as we spend time with God in the waiting, we just begin to sense that *'I am about to get married"*. It then becomes, not us forcing a time on God but God now sharing His heart on the timing of our marriage with us and this is sure to happen because it is now proceeding from the Father's heart and timing to us as against the one we try to force that

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doesn't happen, then we blame God… but He didn't tell us that it would be that time in the first place anyway. Jesus understands all this while He waits for us to become His bride at the wedding supper of the Lamb.

And while He doesn't wait complaining about the whole thing, He waits interceding for us before God's throne. This is such a picture of a true bridegroom. He waits and says "Father it may not be time yet for us to be joined together in marriage but I am going to keep interceding for them to be made and prepared into the kind of bride I want them to be".

"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

-Romans 8:34

Can we wait like Jesus? Knowing that as we wait, we are only being brought in to taste a measure of His life seeping into our lives?

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Can we wait trusting in the timing of the Father while also preparing ourselves to be revealed as His bride ready for union with our spouses? Meaning we don't wait idle, rather we wait while saying "Lord what do you need me to work on? Please work on the areas of my life that are out of alignment in God".

Can we also wait while praying for the one who would become our spouse? Praying that God would prepare their lives for the journey ahead of them? Praying that God would help them with their destiny and purpose walk in Him? Praying for help in their lives even before we meet them? Interceding for them as Jesus intercedes for us while He waits for us?

Can we wait like Jesus?

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ENTRY SEVEN

THE FAITH WALK

Saturday, June 26th 2021

So I was at this vigil from last night where God had called for singles to dance and rejoice because He was causing swift joining of their union with their spouse. We were to dance before God because it had already been done, the title deed had already been given to us by God and all we needed to do was rejoice. I couldn't help feeling like, 'hey! This is what I have been doing all year". I kid you not.

My marital journey is a crazy long journey in its own right and it has taken me four volumes of a book I have been writing since the year 2017 titled, *'Getting married without a groom'* to chronicle it all. The book would be out from volume one when I get married and you should watch out for it because it's a whole ministry on its own.

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Now, this book was one I started writing in 2017 when God began to speak to me about my marriage, chronicling the journey of the prophetic word. Through ups and downs and 'failed' wedding dates I had set for myself (timing is God's business). I can't help but feel like my marriage would bring so much harvest for God, because what I've gone through has given me such wisdom through the years on the marriage issue, it's crazy.

So finally, in February this year, I had a dream where God told me "Jehovah has prevailed'. The battle has been won and He told me to rejoice. All of a sudden I couldn't pray anymore about my marriage, I could only dance and rejoice before God and I am still at this stage of crazy faith that calls a thing done before it sees it done.

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

-Hebrews 11:3

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Through faith I have called as done what has not been revealed to my physical senses. I know like I know my name that I am about to get married. It is not a knowledge revealed to me by sight; it's a knowledge revealed to me by God and God is a Spirit so my Spirit has caught what He has already called done as done. It's only a matter of time for the physical to catch up with what God has already done.

I literally feel like God has given me a gift of faith about this thing and when I meet my husband it's going to feel like I already know him because I have touched and handled him and our marriage in prayer too many times to not know him when he comes. Faith has already intertwined our spirits together; bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. This is crazy but it's real. It's something I am currently living.

I am not ready, not because of my age but because I have literally ridden through this journey of faith in God's promises for my marriage with God, praying and praising and

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declaring His word, so much so that the word has changed me. I have become the wife and woman for the job of helping my husband as his wife. I wasn't like this when I began, the word has tried me and I am happy to say that I have come forth and I am still coming forth as gold.

Let's talk about preparation for what God has prepared for us next.

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ENTRY EIGHT

ABOUT TO WED

Sunday June 27th 2021

Today after church, I found myself going for a class on communication between couples/intending couples. The class coordinator/pastor spoke to me afterwards, asked if I am in a relationship and I said no but I am about to get married. He was so ecstatic as he said to me, "the best time to prepare is before you enter the battlefield. Your marriage will work". I said, 'amen!'

My preparation on godly marriages started in the year 2013/2014 when God introduced His purpose for marriage to me. It was then I knew for the first time that God joins a man and a woman together in marriage because He has an assignment for them to fulfil in marriage. It was such an eye opener to me.

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But my main preparation began in the year 2018 away at a retreat with God while reading a scripture in Isaiah 62:4:

"You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married."

And God said to me: *'it is time for your land to be married. Pray for me to give you the heart of a wife'* so I prayed for this.

Then in 2019 God took it further and said He wanted to work on my character. I went through a process in God where the Holy Spirit was burning away everything that didn't look like Him. I became more hospitable, calmer, loving, forgiving etc. and I started to cook without seeing it as a tiresome work. This became my biggest testimony till date because I don't know how the Holy Spirit did it. When

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I used to live with my brother I used to have clashes with him because I would literally forget to cook or eat and I would just work and work; my brother would ask me, 'won't we eat in the house?' In my mind I would be like, *go make your own food.* In 2018 after I prayed for God to give me the heart of a wife I realized that I could go to the market and cook, thinking of everyone at home without selfishness on my part. Kitchen chores and keeping the house clean became like second nature to me. I was amazed and I am still amazed at this.

Next was in 2019 when we had ***Prayers for your future husband challenge*** and a seven day fast for ourselves as wives. On one of those days as we prayed, suddenly the Holy Spirit started praying for healing of our hearts and minds. At this time I had been out of the relationship where I had two abortions for almost ten years. I felt like I was doing well, only for the Holy Spirit to literally drag out old wounds I thought were gone and place His healing balm over them. At the end of prayer I

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felt like I had been to a healing spa by God. I felt clean and whole. I felt like now, I can give my love whole to another man, not in pieces.

The next thing God did for me on the agenda was to give me an Isaiah 6 encounter with God where God revealed my calling to me in a clear call by 4am on a certain night in November 2020. I have been in ministry and doing the work of God for five years prior but this was a night where I heard God say to me "I have called you, I have chosen you to be my voice to the Nations". It was such a holy night. I also was led out on a retreat in October/November 2020 where God told me I want to make you into the woman I have created you to be before the beginning of time; Deborah. Rise up and become her. I had never experienced such clear and clarified words from the Lord on my calling before. He also opened doors to the Nations to me making me know as a surety that I have been called as an Apostle/missionary to take God to the Nations.

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I believe God did all these to cement me in my calling before God, so I could know myself because as I did that, then and then only could I know who the man God has ordained to walk with me would be. God didn't want my destiny and calling to be negotiated on the altar of marriage but that marriage would help me fulfil what he has called me to do. He wanted this conversation on the table before I married anyone so I know who I am and what I am saying to the man is my calling and that calling cannot be negotiated on the altar of marriage.

In this time of preparation God also spoke to me about my body and business/wealth. He started to teach me how to make and use money judiciously as a steward for God. I remember one day while we were praying about marriage, God instead told me a business service to go to work on. And another day while praying with a sister on my marriage, that night He gave me a dream on two things He wanted me to work on.

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"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

-Revelation 19:7

The prophetic word had come and the prophetic word was true but God wanted me to be prepared and be ready as a bride that can be presented to her King.

Most of the time we wonder, but God said I would be married and it hasn't happened yet… Yes He said it and His word cannot be broken but the announcement of a prophetic word like marriage would always lead us first of all into a season of preparation, getting ready for what has been made ready for us. I am glad I went on this journey of preparation with God. This Hephzibah Frances is not the same Hephzibah Frances from the year 2018. I still have a long way to go but whoever my husband is would be getting a great deal in me.

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God has worked ***in*** me. This man is a blessed man.

My king, God loved you too much to just give me as a raw material to you. I still need some grooming and I know the training to become better never ends, much more so in marriage but oh, you would be getting a good deal in this Frances. Too much grooming has gone on from God in me for you. I am grateful and thankful to God for what He has done in me. It was hard going, waiting and waiting and thinking 'God what's happening' but as I typed this in retrospect now, I saw what was happening and it's crazy how I am so at peace with it... God was making me ready for you. I love you.

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ENTRY NINE

MY BODY IS STILL ALIVE!

Monday, June 28th 2021

Konji shall not kill me.

Gosh! My hands mistakenly touched a part of my body as I prepared for bed last night and I felt the *zing* that said 'my body is still alive!"

What wonderful news!

Oh my God:-D

I think I was ovulating sha, and that's why my body was so sensitive but still it was a thing of joy to me. I am ready for you between the sheets. I kid. I kid you not. I am smiling as I type this.

You know, one of our prayers in the ***Prayers for your future husband book*** is to pray for our sex life with our husbands. I have prayed for this and even written a journal for you to read and hold me to it when we get married, that I

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will not withhold my body from you. Truly, I want to enjoy sex and love making with you. I want to give you my body unreservedly and unashamedly. They say men love sex so much; well, I wanna love sex with you so much too. Really... I want to have a great sex life with you; fulfilling and satisfying for the both of us. My body is yours and yours is mine.

I have been celibate for almost ten years now but with the way my body felt last night, it's not because my body isn't working oh, God has just been so good with helping me stay pure but we marry and we unleash! Haha! And so shall it be in Jesus name amen! May my sex drive and eagerness for you be kept in high levels continually in Jesus name amen!

I don't want to write too much about this now because ain't no one wants a situation on their hands. I have been delivered from masturbation and sexual addictions and I am not going back so let's leave this here like this.

Just know this; my body is yours as you are mine. I will not withhold my body from you,

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my lawful wedded husband when we are married, So help me God in Jesus name, amen.

"The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

-1st Corinthians 7:3-5

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ENTRY TEN

I HAVE BEEN PRESERVED

Tuesday June 29th 2021

In June 2018 I woke up on the morning of our ministry, The Women At The Well eight hours tongues session to hearing God talk about the right arm of the Lord that does valiantly and accomplishes wonders. I knew God was up to something that day.

We began the prayers later on and God said we should cut it down to three hours so no one would say *it's because I prayed for eight hours* and so take the glory only God should receive. While praying, a sister of ours who came after we were done with the three hours thinking we would be there for eight hours, asked us to pray for her even though we were done praying. She asked us to pray for speed. So we prayed and ended up just fellowshipping for the last few minutes together with one another. I still have pictures from that day.

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All of a sudden, things began to happen quickly. Two sisters from that day had their husbands just saying "we wanna marry you *now, without delay*". And so in November and December we celebrated two marriages in the ministry directly that could be traced to that prayer time we had in June 2018.

I blessed my sisters, I was ecstatic and excited at what God had done with and for them. Never did I think that God was doing me badly by blessing people who had come to drink from the well He had given me to serve at. It was all a matter of time.

Today, I realized that God has really preserved me during this waiting season. I have been preserved by God from a dirty heart and stinking emotions. I have blessed women who got married and shared their testimonies from using my book ***Prayers for your future husband.*** Last year I personally know of two testimonies from women who got married from the Prayers for your future husband challenge we had. Never did I think that God

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wasn't doing me well. Never did I feel cheated. Maybe it is because God gave me an understanding about this in the year 2019 which was the only time satan wanted to input dirty emotions in me concerning God blessing others with their marriage from what He had led me to do. For context, I once went to an event where a lady met me and told me she and about 12 friends were in a group where they used my book ***Prayers for your future husband*** to pray for their husbands. They were single then and now most of them have gotten married. I felt nothing; no envy, nothing. I was just ecstatic and excited at God because I didn't know how powerful this book was. I just wrote it and all of sudden the testimonies from it were mind-blowing.

God would periodically lead me then to do what we call prayers for your future husband challenge, for 21 days praying and praising God for our marriages and we would see miracles! In the year 2019 He asked me to do it again and satan was trying to lie to me that I won't get blessed but others would get blessed.

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Then God showed me a scripture in 2nd Timothy 2:6 that said:

"The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops."

And He showed me that when He asks me to do something in ministry, by principle I am actually the first one being blessed. And I experienced this because I had a lot of obstacles spiritually in my marriage journey; every time I would do ***a prayers for your future husband challenge***, (the challenge is a 21 days prayers for your husband, marriage and home). I would get a spiritual breakthrough and deliverance. So God was actually working in my own life, it wasn't just on the same timeline as others which is fine because we all have different times and seasons as set by God in each individual life. Getting married is not a competition. It is not a race where everyone is striving to make it to the finish line, That is not of God.

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So God taught me all these and preserved my heart, will and emotions from evil. He kept me safe, clean and pure on the inside of my heart so satan didn't have an entrance here to sow evil seeds. I have prayed for others from my heart to meet their own spouse, sowed seeds as led when God asked me to do so for their marriages and rejoiced with all my heart for them. I may not have been able to attend some weddings because of the nature of my traveling ministry but my heart was glad for them and this is exactly how God wants it to be on our journey to our own marriages.

This "God when" we see on social media seems to be a joke but it actually has its root in envy and comparison. Thank God when others celebrate their marriages, look for ways to serve, and give. Pray for them and leave it at that. "God when" even jokingly is a reaction that says "when is mine because this person is now getting married" when we should just thank God with a clean heart for them and move along. Except God is trying to stir your heart for what He can do which is what He did

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with me in the year 2019 where in a space of a week or so I was told testimonies of sisters who had just been called up by their husbands and were on their way to being married quickly. I was in a space where I had given up on God for my own marriage so I knew He was sending me these testimonies of what He has done so I could open up the conversation with Him again. It wasn't in envy, it wasn't in comparison, it was God saying "look what I am still doing today. Do not give up on yours. Talk to me and let's go on your own journey together".

Do you see how God always invites us to go on our own journey with Him?

Our journeys in every area of our lives are unique to what God has set in place for us before the beginning of time. It is unique to Him and to us and as far as God is concerned, no matter how you see someone's own story and cry out "God when", you are on a journey with Him. You and Him alone and the sooner we recognize this, then the more our journeys

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can be more peaceful, as we celebrate with those who rejoice, pray for them, love up on them and then mind our own beeswax on our journey with God!

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

-Romans 12:15

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ENTRY ELEVEN

PLEASE GOD, DON'T MAKE ME GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN

Wednesday, June 30th 2021

This morning I picked a call from a 'potential toaster' and heard the ``where are you'' etc. type of conversation guys usually make when they are trying to get to know you. I answered the question but at the same time rolled my eyes at God as if to say 'please don't let me go through this again'.

So I also met someone last month who was trying to get to know me and I found myself not wanting to pick calls etc. So I asked myself, 'is it that I don't like to be wooed or something is wrong with me?'

I think the answer is that, I won't call myself an intellectual but there are certain conversations I don't want to have and certain conversations I

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want to have. People have said 'any man that comes, just don't turn away from them, give them a chance, at least get to talk to them and know them and that's how you know if there is a potential there or not'. Granted, I am doing that but at the same time I haven't found what I am looking for from these conversations. And this isn't pride but there is a prophecy over my husband's life. There is a man that God has spoken to me in my ear before now. If this is him won't I know him from the sound of his feet and the words of his mouth? Because out of the abundance of his heart his mouth would speak. Yes, I want someone who would love me but I am Deborah, a woman called to the Nations. I know our conversations should revolve around our calling and God's purpose for our lives. I don't want to give myself to someone who would make me crash and burn my call. God forbid. I want to give myself to someone who can father what I carry. I don't mind submitting to him but in my submission I want to know that both I and God's purpose for my life are safe. I want someone who can father me, prune me, make me better, improve

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and increase me better than I am now, even though the road to that may actually show all of my imperfections first as I journey with him. I am not afraid of that. I will explain better what I mean by this.

I stumbled onto Frances and Charles Hunter's love story (a man and woman who lived years ago before me but whose love story I feel God is using to show me what I and my husband can be). I was impressed about how from the beginning when Charles met Frances, he wasn't in ministry but she was and he didn't know he would be her husband, but God had given him a heart for her work. He was praying for her and supporting her even with his finances right from the start.

I also want my Charles Hunter. Someone who God has given a heart for my work and calling right from the start. I know my calling is not an easy one; I am called to travel the Nations and only a son can carry this work. God has a son prepared for me. One who is a shelter from the storm and a hiding place from the wind and

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streams of water in a weary land. He is my husband. I am not interested in the toasting of others and I really don't want to go through those small talks again. It's such a waste of time. I know what I want and I won't settle for less. So even as I talk to them and make an attempt to be of good character and not snub them etc. Lord, I just seriously want only my husband to come. It's what I asked from the beginning. This one that I am finding myself praying for discernment and picking up calls from multiple men just to ascertain if they are the one is not nice.

Dear future husband……!!!!

Please come soon!

Love,

Your wife.

"Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, And princes will rule with justice.

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A man will be as a hiding place from the wind,
And a cover from the tempest,
As rivers of water in a dry place, As the
shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

-Isaiah 32:1-2

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ENTRY TWELVE

I GO ALWAYS PRAY FOR YOU

Wednesday, June 30th 2021

> ***"(I) do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:"***
>
> ***-Ephesians 1:16***

Dear future husband,

When I think about how God started me out in praying for you in the year 2015 when I had not even met you… yet… I am awed at how amazing God is. When I was just a babe in Christ and didn't even know the work God had cut out for me and you in the world, still He led me to pray for you. Almost as if He knew (of course) that the only way we were gonna make it is through prayer; only by God's own way.

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I didn't even know anything about the purpose God had called me to fulfil and what He was interested in doing with our marriage, I just knew I had to pray and it was a strange thing then but not so strange now. For example, while writing this diary I have been drawn to pray for you and even today too. It seems the only connection we can have right now is in and through prayer and I am happy, eager and willing to do so. I also want to know you. I want God to tell me details of your life, your calling, your purpose, what He has encoded on the inside of you. I want Him to reveal you to me beyond and above what you reveal to me about yourself. I want to know you as God knows you so I am going to the source. Maybe I will do another challenge of praying for you with my book Prayers for your future husband which was actually birthed out of a midnight prayer for you in 2016. Lots of women have already started drinking from our union even when it was still a budding vision upcoming on the earth. What magic would we create for God on the earth when you come then? This is my passion and desire; for God. All for God,

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My marriage, our marriage is to do the will of the Lord on the earth.

Yes, I will love you, I already love you, I want your companionship and I want to do life with you but the fruit from our union must be for Christ Jesus. In many ways, that's the only reason why I am really marrying you. For Jesus, only for Jesus.

I will share with you later on the pictures God has been painting to me from His word about the bride and the bridegroom.

I love you. And my love for you causes me to bow my knees to God on your behalf, praying for you, knowing that my prayers for you would be released as answers to you even though I may not be with you yet.

I love you

Love,

Hephzibah Frances,

Your wife.

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ENTRY THIRTEEN

I TRUST YOU LORD

Thursday July 1st 2021

So yesterday I was on Preston and Jackie Hill Perry's page where she shared about the journey to getting the son she is currently pregnant with. How God told her she was going to have a son and the last baby they had turned out to be a girl and Jackie said she trusted God so much she just couldn't believe it. Or did I or did I not hear God correctly? She said it wasn't the child that was her concern but God's voice.

God didn't I hear you say I will have a son?

I can't reconcile what you said with what I'm currently having now, what's up?

More than anything, Jackie said that was her issue. And I can relate with it.

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For me, it's not really just a marriage; I do not just want to get married to a man... for me it is God's promise to me. God's word; and when things don't work out like you thought it would according to what you were told; it threatens your relationship with God. That - more than anything else is where the true issues lie.

I was impressed by how Jackie and her husband are now having another baby when they didn't think they would have one and it's a boy. *God's plan.*

Could it be that ***how*** we think it would happen is not always God's plan?

What if God's word is true (which it always is) but the way we thought it would be isn't *God's plan?*

What if it's the exact same word but a different way in than we thought it would be?

He always says His ways are not our ways. So what if our issues are being drawn out of being out of sync with His way?

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I think of times when I thought I would have a straight path and then a curve is being thrown on the journey. Not nice at all but with a lesson embedded in it. What is God trying to say to me?

Sometimes we want to just go from A to B directly when God has actually placed a lot of alphabets between the A and the B. The journey would still take us to B but with a lot of curves in between. Isn't this always sometimes the way God works?

I think of our ministry Nations trip we had at the last part of the year 2020. We scheduled three countries; Togo, Cotonou and Liberia. Togo had no problem. Benin Republic had no problem but when it came time for Liberia, I missed my flight three times and had issues with changing my currency. Finally, on the way to the airport the last time and trying to change my currency again directly from my bank account as I didn't have cash at hand and no way of withdrawing from an ATM in another country, I had posted in a group and

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was directed to a Naira land post which then directed me to a market at Togo. I asked my host and he didn't know the market. We thought that we would be able to change the currency at the airport but it wasn't to be. I went to take a bike to a mobile money place which couldn't help me and on my way back to the airport the bike I took missed his way and took me into another route. We found out we were on the wrong route, I stopped another bike and decided to ask him if he knew the market I saw on the Naira land post and that was how he took me there and I was able to change my currency from a "mistake" the first bike man had made by taking me into another route.

I ended up missing my flight again, taking a road trip to Accra and traveling from there to Liberia.

Why the roundabout trip then? I still ended up in Liberia but the route there was different from the straight and easy one I thought it would be but God spoke right from the start

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that He was going before me to make my crooked places straight. That word was still true but was applied through crooked paths indeed.

I think of how I needed money to come back from Liberia before Christmas and God said He had done it but it hadn't arrived yet. I rested and told Him *I trust you,* stayed in Liberia over the holidays at a house He provided. He gave me my last ministry engagement on the night before He opened a flight and provided the money for me to travel, which was another testimony on its own. I got into Nigeria on December 31st which was His perfect timing because at the start of the whole miracle trip (I knew no one in these countries God arranged the connections at) He had said through the mouth of Pst Segun Obadje, that at the end of the year I would be counting my blessings. December 31st 2020 when I was on the flight coming back to Lagos was, "God you are faithful. You are a man of your word. And those that put their trust in you shall not be put to shame".

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He wanted me to end my year that way and also start the New Year that way on His faithfulness and commitment to keep His promises to me. It was a game changer for me.

So I think of all these and I realize that sometimes with God it is a timing issue and His plan. And even through the zig-zag paths to the fulfillment of the promise, He is speaking. Always speaking. Embedded in the story is His voice speaking loudly. His ways are not our ways but He is there and if I trust Him, it would all work out according to the way He – not I – want.

It may not be my perfect timing but it would be His perfect timing.

So yesterday I told myself and God: I have decided to trust you. In this marriage matter, you do not lie. You cannot lie. It's impossible for you to lie. 3am in the morning, I found myself again saying to God, 'I trust you' and I do. You cannot and will not lie.

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"Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

-Luke 1:45

"..Then you will know that I am the LORD, For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me."

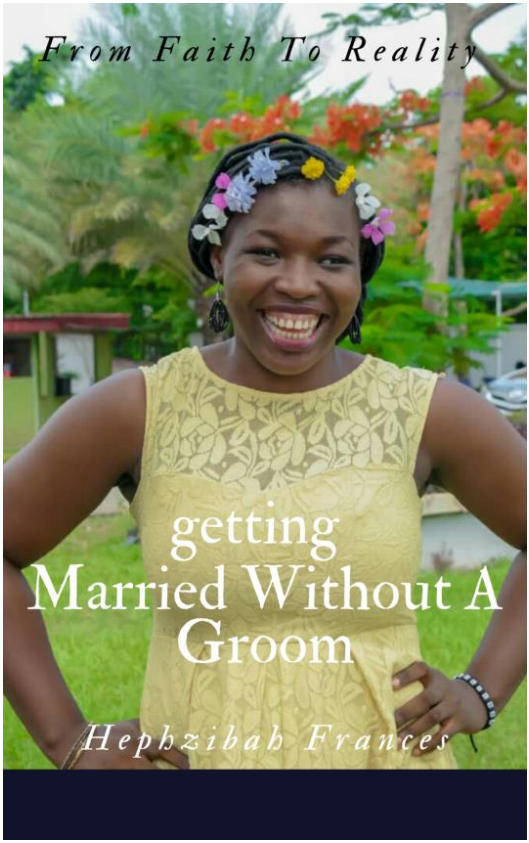
-Isaiah 49:23b

"...it is impossible for God to lie,.."

-Hebrews 6:18

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"As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him"

-Psalms 18:30, NKJV

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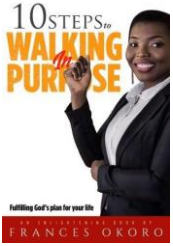
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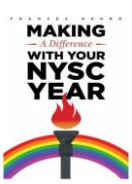
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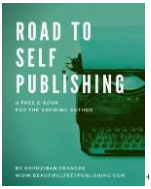
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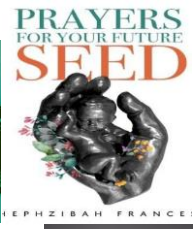
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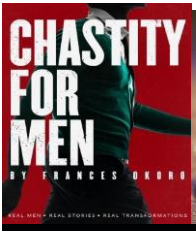
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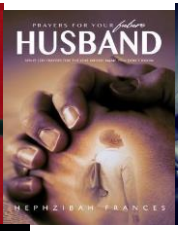




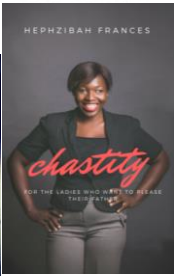


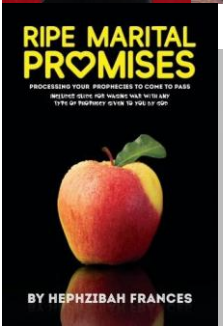










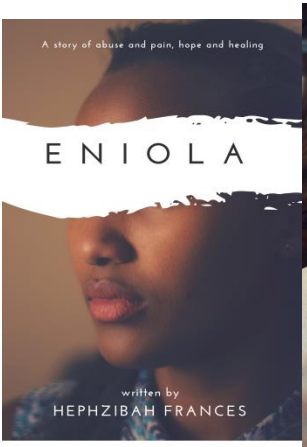




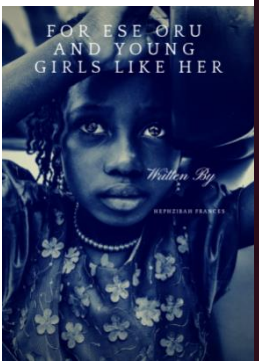


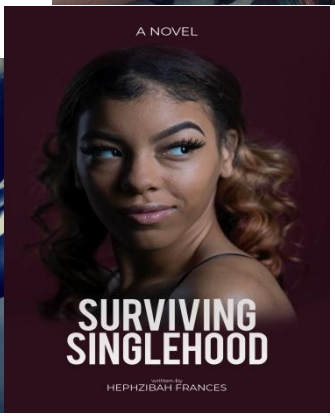
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