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Issue 1

EMPOWERMENT FOR A FRESH START

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God is the custodian of power, and He is ever ready to release His power to every desiring child of His. When this power is released to you, you break forth on every side.

Empowerment for a fresh start talks of the release of divine ability to restart a thing, a vision, a dream, a relationship, or a project after you have met with a hiccup. This hiccup could be a difficulty, an opposition, a disappointment, a resistance, non-result, etc.

Many people have been stuck to a place after a failed attempt on something. When you understand how to bounce back despite your setbacks you position yourself for a great future.

After God created the earth, He was face to face with darkness; the earth was void and also formless. He had to start the job again after the Holy Ghost appeared on the scene. (Gen.1:1-31)

You also can move up from your initial setback and have your dreams fulfilled. By the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you cheaply overcome every obstacle and begin to go forward in life just like God. Genesis 1: 3, Zachariah 4:6

The case of Isaac as highlighted in Genesis 26: 15 – 23 was an intriguing one and it give us a sound example of a man that would not stop until he realized his dreams. When the well he had inherited from his father was confiscated from him, he dug another. After

digging this new well they confiscated that again. This continued until all his enemies got tired and left him. If you have failed before get back and try again. You do not go up until you know how to have a fresh start. This year I want to challenge you to be ready to start afresh in your business, career, family, finances, etc. Your failure is not your epitaph. Rise up like that prodigal son and give it another punch this year.

You would like this story of Thomas Edison. At sixty-year, he suddenly received a call that his laboratory that had all his life work had been razed by fire. When he got to the scene of the incidence, he looked at the razed laboratory and smiled and said "Thank God all our mistakes have been buried." That never stopped him, few months after that incidence he invented the phonograph. You have not failed until you are tired of starting afresh.

WHY PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO START AFRESH.

1. DISCOURAGEMENT OF PAST FAILURES AND DEFEATS

Many have thrown in the towel because they had failed before; they got discouraged and gave up, never bothering to start afresh again.

2. THE FEAR FACTOR

Many people would never start afresh because of fear. They always imagine things going on the contrary, and therefore restrained themselves from starting afresh. But do not forget that several great people you see today had had to start afresh. Remarkable examples are Ray Kroc who

started what is now the biggest eatery in the world, McDonald's at 58years after failing as a salesman; and Colonel Sanders who retired from the US Army at 65 years with almost nothing, and had to restarted in life by starting what is now the world second largest eatery, Kentucky Fried Chicken using his mum's recipe.

3. PRIDE

Many people do not want to start small and they end up not starting at all. The scripture says, "Who hath despised the days of small things?" If you are too proud to start small, you will be too big to be blessed by God

4. A LION IN THE STREETS SYNDROME

Proverbs 26: 13 This is the dread of a non-existent force. Many people stand in the place called safe until they become unsafe. They keep on complaining about the problems that do not exist until they miss every opportunity in life.

5. NO MAN SYNDROME

Many kept complaining about the absence of people to help them out instead of moving on with whatever God has birth in their heart. Please note that if you keep waiting for people you will wait forever without starting anything. John 5: 7

6. WRONG THINKING

When your thinking is not a progressive one, you cannot go forward in life. Do you know that starting afresh is not going backward?

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INSPIRATIONAL

A BAREFOOT Ulysses and His Incredible Journey

He possessed a five-day supply of food, a Bible, and *The pilgrim's progress* (his two treasures), a small axe for protection, and a blanket. With these, Legson Kayira eagerly set out on the journey of his life. He was going to walk from his tribal village in Nyasaland, north across the wilderness of East Africa to Cairo, where he would board a ship to America to get a college education.

It was October 1958. Legson was sixteen or seventeen years old, his mother wasn't sure. His parents were illiterate and didn't know exactly where America was or how far. But they reluctantly gave their blessing to his journey.

To Legson, it was a journey derived from a dream- no matter how ill conceived – that fuelled his determination to get an education. He wanted to be like his hero, Abraham Lincoln, who had risen from poverty to become an American president, then fought tirelessly to help free the slaves. He wanted to be like Booker T. Washington, who had cast off the shackles of slavery to become a great American reformer and educator, giving hope and dignity to himself and to his race.

Like these great role models, Legson wanted to serve mankind to make a difference in the world. To realize his goal, he needed a first rate education. He knew the best place to get it was in America.

Forget that Legson didn't have a penny to his name or a way to pay for his ship fare. Forget that he had no idea what college he would attend or if he would even be accepted. Forget that Cairo was 3,000 miles away and in between were hundreds of tribes that spoke more than fifty different languages, none of which Legson knew.

He put everything out of his mind except the dream of getting to the land where he could shape his own destiny.

He hadn't always been so determined. As a young boy, he sometimes used his poverty as an excuse for not doing his best at school or for not accomplishing something. *I am just a poor child*, he had told himself. *What can I do?*

Like many of his friends in the village, it was easy for Legson to believe that studying was a waste of time for a poor boy from the town of Karonga in Nyasaland. Then, in books provided by missionaries, he discovered Abraham Lincoln and Booker T. Washington. Their stories inspired him to envision more for his life, and he realised that an education was the first step. So he conceived the idea for his walk to Cairo.

After five full days of trekking across the rugged African terrain, Legson had covered only 25 miles. He was already out of food, his water was running out, and he had no money. To travel the distance of 2,975 additional miles seemed impossible. Yet to turn back was to give up, to resign himself to a life of poverty and ignorance.

I will not stop until I reach America, he promised himself. *Or until I die trying*. He continued on. Sometimes he walked with strangers. Most of the time he walked alone. He entered each new village cautiously, not knowing whether the natives were hostile or friendly. Sometimes he found work and shelter. Many nights he slept under the stars. He foraged for wild fruits and berries and other edible plants. He became thin and weak.

A fever struck him and he fell gravely ill. Kind strangers treated him with herbal medicines and offered a place to rest and convalesce. Weary and demoralized, Legson considered turning back. Perhaps it was better to go home, he reasoned, than to continue this seemingly foolish journey and risk his life.

Instead, Legson turned to his two books, reading the familiar words that renewed his faith in himself and in his goal. He continued on. On January 19, 1960, fifteen months after he began his perilous journey, he had crossed nearly a thousand miles to Kampala, the capital of Uganda. He was now growing stronger in body and wiser in the ways of survival. He remained in Kampala for six months, working at odd jobs and spending every spare moment in the library, reading voraciously.

In that library he came across an illustrated directory of American colleges. One illustration in particular caught his eye. It was of a stately, yet friendly looking institution, set beneath a pure blue sky, graced with fountains and lawns, and surrounded by majestic mountains that reminded him of the magnificent peaks back home in Nyasaland.

Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Washington, became the first concrete image in Legson's seemingly impossible quest. He wrote immediately to the school's dean explaining his situation and asking for a scholarship. Fearing he might not be accepted at Skagit, Legson decided to write to as many colleges as his meagre budget would allow.

It wasn't necessary. The dean at Skagit was so impressed with Legson's determination he not only granted him admission but also offered him a scholarship and a job that would pay his room board.

Another piece of Legson's dream had fallen into place – yet still more obstacles blocked his path. Legson needed a passport and a visa, but to get a passport, he had to provide the government with a verified birth date. Worse yet, to get a visa he needed the round trip fare to the United States. Again, he picked up pen and paper and wrote to the missionaries who had taught him since childhood. They helped to push the passport through government channels. However, Legson still lacked the airfare required for visa.

Undeterred, Legson continued his journey to Cairo believing he would somehow get the money he needed. He was so confident he spent the last of his savings on a pair of shoes so he wouldn't have to walk through the door of Skagit Valley College barefoot.

Months passed, and words of his courageous journey began to spread. By the time he reached Khartoum, penniless and exhausted, the legend of Legson Kayira had spanned the ocean between the African continent and Mount Vernon, Washington. The students of Skagit Valley College, with the help of local citizen, sent \$650 to cover Legson's fare to America.

When he learned of their generosity, Legson fell to his knees in exhaustion, joy, and gratitude. In December 1960, more than two years after his journey began; Legson Kayira arrived at Skagit Valley College. Carrying his two treasured books, he proudly passed through the towering entrance of the institution.

But Legson Kayira didn't stop once he graduated. Continuing his academic journey, he became a professor of political science at Cambridge University in England and a widely respected author.

Like his heroes, Abraham Lincoln and Booker T. Washington, Legson Kayira rose above his humble beginnings and forges his destiny. He made a difference in the world and became a magnificent beacon whose light remains as a guide for others for follow.

• ***"I learned I was not, as most Africans believed, the victim of my circumstances but the master of them. - Legson Kayira***

"You do not become a star until you are a starter!"

Solomon M. Adebayo

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Family Talk With Pastor Comfort A. Adebayo

ENJOYING A GOOD FAMILY LIFE

Nothing is good until the family is good. A chaotic family is not the will of God; He created everything good at the beginning including the family, and He expects nothing less than that. (Genesis 1: 31) A good family does not just happen; it is worked out.

It will interest you to know that two people cannot have the same nature and character; there is something unique about every individual that God created. Never wish that you are somebody else or somebody is like you. Please note that you are created specially and differently from others, but you can still be in agreement with others, even with strong personality differences.

It is extremely valuable for you to know about human temperament in order to understand why you act the way you do, and to understand the reason for other people's behaviour.

There are basically Four Temperament Types

which I will be analyzing below, and these temperaments reveal why we approach life differently. It is very expedient for every one in the family to understand the temperament types of the members of the family. This will reduce conflict greatly.

SANGUINE

The most interesting personality to be around is the sanguine. I will call her sunny sanguine because she lightens up everywhere and brings in sunshine to brighten up every gathering. The sanguine normally loves to talk and is highly motivated by "fun". This personality type believes that life was meant to be enjoyed, and they are not too interested in hard labour if fun is not incorporated in the

Task somehow. Sanguine are never bored because everything about life fascinates them. They are always ready to start a new day unmoved by yesterday's problems. They are fearless and full of optimism for tomorrow.

Sanguine are great motivators if you want to start a new project because they are easily inspired to try new plans. They like to be with people and relate easily even with strangers, but can be easily distracted from intended goals because of their fun-seeking nature. However the sanguine have to work hard at self-discipline in order to live up to potential and to fulfill their dreams in life.

MELANCHOLY

They are the most sensitive nature of all the temperaments. They are genius in whatever they do, they are creative thinkers who appreciate life's true values and excel in the trade of arts. They set goals of perfection that

cannot be reached, and lift the standard of excellence often with higher expectations than most of us can achieve. When a melancholy enters a room, he sees what is wrong with it, not what is right with it, he normally reserves his opinions until asked. They go into science, mathematics, diagnostic medicine, architecture, philosophy, and writing. They are shy and usually uncomfortable when attention is on them, they get upset when you do not understand their needs because they are too sensitive. They are creative, orderly and organized, but their weakness is selfishness which makes them hard to please.

Discovering who you are will help you to identify and correct the flaws in your life and character and you consequently enjoy a good family. TO BE CONTINUED



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Starting afresh is starting better- you are more experienced, you have more wisdom to avoid wrong steps and better skill to handle the challenges you will be confronted with.

7. PEOPLE FACTOR

The reason some are not ready to start afresh is because of people. They dread the ridicule of people. But note this, there is nothing you will ever do that will win the vote of every one. There will always be scorners and skeptics. (Please read Nehemiah 2:19)

8. LACK OF TRUST IN GOD'S ABILITY

They do not believe absolutely in God's ability to come true for them. You cannot go forward in life until you know how to

believe in God's ability to turn things around for you.

HOW TO TAP INTO THE POWER TO START AFRESH

1. REVIVE YOUR VISION

Revelation 21:1-5; Isaiah 43: 18 – 19 Fresh start starts with a revived vision. Do not allow that revelation God gave to die. Refuse to quit! Forget about your past failures and disappointments and move on. You must never allow anyone to kill your vision, keep pressing on until you get there.

2. FRESH COURAGE

Wait on the Holy Ghost to baptize you with fresh courage. It takes courage to start afresh because you will be confronted with scornful people. People who will want to

despise you because of your fresh start. Joshua 1:6-7

3.FRESH WISDOM

Get to God and His Word to access fresh wisdom. Every covenant establishment is a product of wisdom. Your past setbacks also left you with some lessons that will add to your wisdom bank which helps you to start better.

4.FRESH ANOINTING

The oil of yesterday is already stale; you need a fresh oil to start afresh. This fresh anointing releases fresh empowerment upon to crush every opposition that you shall be confronted with. Psalm 92:10-11

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The Life Changer @ Work

CHANGED BY LIGHT

When I came to Life Changer's, I bought the book, "Exercising Dominion Over Poverty" by Pastor Solomon Adebayo. As I began to read the book I caught a strange light from it. It was from Jeremiah 5:4 which says, "...surely these people are poor, they are foolish."

When I saw that scripture I was shocked and I began to pray that the Lord should deal with my foolishness and give me light.

From that day, God has been giving me covenant ideas that have led to the establishment of my own company and I have been winning many contracts.

I give God all the glory!

Bro. P. Phoda

HEALING BY THE MYSTERY OF PRAISE

I am a medical student at the College of Health Sciences. I was working at the hospital one day when a lady from Kasungu whose excretory system had packed up was brought in.

I encouraged her with the Word of God and by God's inspiration I engaged the tool of praise that night for her miracle.

This lady was healed that same night and was discharged without undergoing any surgery.

Our God is indeed a good God!

Bro. Gift

AGENT OF CHANGE INDEED!

My life has been tremendously impacted through this commission, and I thank God for our father, Pastor Solomon Adebayo, who has been a great blessing to me.

I started my tutorial school through divine inspiration and I have overcome every giant that I have been confronted with by the power of God.

Some students were brought to me because of their poor academic performances and were told to repeat their classes. But by God's help having gone through our tutorial school their stories have changed and are now leading their respective classes.

I appreciate God for empowering me to change lives!

Bro. Limbikani N

MIRACLE HEALING

For the past two weeks I have been having pains in my eyes, heart, and arm. This situation made it difficult for me to sleep at night.

On Monday, 1st December, 2008, in the midst of prayer during the special service we had that day, I felt a gush of wind blow on me and immediately the pain disappeared until now.

I bless God for His hand that touched me!

Sis. J

MIRACLE JOB BY PROPHETIC WORD

Two weeks ago, the pastor spoke prophetically to us that two specific things will happen to us that week. I took that word as mine.

That very week, I met an old friend who told me to give him my CV. The same week I was called for an interview with an international Organisation which I passed.

I started the job which my friend offered me this week.

God has truly confirmed the word of His servant in my life.

Bro. Mastings

DEFINITE CHANGE OF STORY

I came to Life Changer's with a broken heart, but since then my life has been changing for the better. The life changing teachings and the amazing testimonies I have been hearing from here have been moving me on, and each time I heard those testimonies I kept telling myself that it was going to be my turn tomorrow.

The Life Changer has now given me an international job.

I am full of praise to God for this change of story.

Bro. Tafa

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Our Mandate

To connect people to the life changing
power of Christ, and equip them to
become agents of change to their world.

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Remember Me In Good Places, Lord!

Thurs. Feb. 19th

Open Strange Doors For Me, Lord!

Thurs. Feb. 26th

Mark Me Out For Favour, Lord!

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Main Worship Service: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Monday-Wednesday

Breakthrough Hour: 12 noon -1:00 pm

Thursday

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