

# GOVERN MY IDENTITY

Where My Spirit Meets Christ

As a Prophetess  
prayed over me for  
God to govern my  
heart, my mind, and  
my soul, I couldn't  
help but think of  
God to "Govern My  
Identity."

Govern My Identity  
is rooted in finding  
God through  
suffering, embedded  
in healing and  
prayer.

It's a lifestyle that is  
resulted in God's  
breakthrough.

By Diana Dupelord

Sometimes you  
just have to rest.

EPHESIANS 3:20

"I will give you more than you asked for.  
Be patient and trust me."



Iba (feat. Dunsin Oyekan & Dasola Akinbule) - EP

you are a golden thing  
in this heavy, heavy world



A Change Is Gonna Come - EP  
Sam Cooke



Isaiah 43:16-19

"God can make a way  
where there is no way."

Amen.



there's always  
going to be  
someone  
who doesn't  
see your worth.  
don't let it be you.

Galaxy designs

SEARCH ME, GOD

AND KNOW MY HEART; TEST ME AND  
KNOW MY ANXIOUS THOUGHTS. SEE IF  
THERE IS ANY OFFENSIVE WAY IN ME,  
AND LEAD ME IN THE WAY EVERLASTING.

PSALMS 139:23-24

No valid plans for the



Generation Intimacy (Live)  
Dunsin Oyekan



Rahama (Live) - Single  
kaestrings



Ty Bello  
Heaven Has Come



Deen's Experience Chant (feat.  
Esther Jonathan)

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## A Letter To My Spiritual Father:

I greatly appreciate my spiritual father/mentor, Patrick, for guiding me on a path ordained by God. As your spirit continues to blossom others' spirits, I am grateful to attest to what you have done to my spirit and my life.

Having you as a father figure in my life has been curated with love, kindness, and compassion. It is a commitment to stay true to what God allows me to be in your life. As your spiritual daughter, I express my unconditional love for you.

The greatest lesson you taught me is that I am who I am in Christ, assuring me that my faults do not define my identity.

As you mentioned, "your identity is not found through individual action but the birth of those actions." I had to withdraw from the noise of the world to discern God's voice to understand what makes my identity wholesome is being God's special daughter.

By acknowledging the fact that I am His daughter, I created this magazine in recognition of you and Him. This magazine is a self-reflection on my past and present lifestyle, based on the teachings of your book 'Imma Do Me,' which holds values in the Most High.

# Career Professionals “LIED TO ME”

Undergoing college in four years was an identity crisis I didn't become aware of until recently. As many college students do, I identified myself by walking around with pieces of others' traits during the pickup and drop-off cycle. I picked up traits that hindered me from truly KNOWING who God is: unforgiveness, gossiping, discord, people pleasing, and discouragement. I dropped off traits such as negativity, sarcasm, and anxiety.

This has allowed me to reflect on how much we can consume in just four years. The college lifestyle can become so “fast” that we forget where we left off. We left behind childlike happiness. We left behind the values of others. We left behind true love. We left God behind. But we continue to remain in self, operating from a place of “Imma do this for me,” driven by selfish ambition.

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

**Jeremiah 29:11**



As a college student, my identity was also defined by my college resume. Often, as students, if we feel as though we are not doing anything, whether it's coursework, an internship, or joining organizations, we think we are not worth anything. This allows you to forget who you are in God's presence, truly. We become so adaptive in trying to answer the questions many ask us from interviewers, WHO ARE YOU? We immediately respond with our names, undergraduate years, and majors, as if those are the only things tied to us. I wondered for so long how many people who answered that question ever looked outside those three answers and tried to understand who they are in God. I lost my identity in college... it was something I had been working so hard for, and I thought I had obtained. Still, I soon realized that the deeper I went into God, the more I realized that everything in the physical couldn't mirror what God has to offer me in the spiritual.

Answering what I thought was a simple question in the physical proved to be a complex answer in the spiritual. I became stagnant in my spirituality and could only identify myself in the physical. As the chapter, Who Is Me? Demonstrates how the consumption of this world can lead to cross-contamination with and from others.

Operating from a place of misperceptions and an identity crisis underscored by physicality rather than spirituality, Patrick identifies that the perception of truly learning oneself can be found in God's heart. To know oneself, one must first understand who God is. By opening ourselves up in the spirit, everything else will flow naturally in the physical world. By doing so, we align ourselves with God's heart. As Patrick further breaks down the identities God consists of and who He calls us to be, I learned how to build the foundation for aligning my spirit with God's spirit.

First, learning that God calls you to be his special possession. I once thought I identified with this powerful statement because of the individual actions I was seeking..."First generational college student coming from an immigrant household, pursuing higher education." It sounded too good to be true, as my familiarity was supposed to be built on failure. Throughout those four years in college, I was looked up to as an independent, inspiring leader with a genuine desire to help others. I thought this was what it means to be His special possession.

But yet, my spirit still felt corrupted. My identity became split into two. The identity I showed others and the identity I was trying to hide from God. I couldn't bear to understand that, despite all the efforts I am making in college, I am being applauded by those I deemed higher than me because of their impressive college resumes, and their will to create an impact on others' lives.

**I had moments with the Holy Spirit rather than a lifestyle centered on the Holy Spirit**



How could it even be possible that my biggest insecurity, hidden from many but identified by God, was my spirit?

When I had moments with the Holy Spirit rather than a lifestyle centered on the Holy Spirit, I thought everything I was doing was ordained by God. I had good intent, but kept a broken spirit. There was an invisible line between moments with Christ and moments with self. The line became so thin for me that I didn't realize how much I was in my own way.

It was time for me to strip away the titles others gave me, humbly, and who I thought I was, to be present fully, in learning: *Who Is Me* is created by God.

# Who is Diana?

November 20, 2022

“Who is Diana?” is a prayer I wrote during my sophomore year of college, when the question “Who are you?” became prevalent in a college setting. I added this prayer as my wallpaper home screen to remind me of my identity. Three years later, not only am I constantly reminded of who I am, but I am also thoroughly learning to operate in it through God.

It’s not that she will be someone or something one day. She is someone and is something.

She is Diana. She is God’s Daughter. She is someone who has been dedicated to overcoming her obstacles. She is someone who challenges herself through life because she is getting closer to her dreams. She fell in love with who she is because the person she has become is someone she has been waiting to see. A beautiful woman who takes it day by day, knowing that God has His hands over her. He guides her and loves her. He created various pathways for her, and each one ultimately leads her closer to Him. He has done the inevitable in her life and continues to teach her through the lenses and words that He has given her. She searches for Him deep in her soul because she knows He resides within her. She knows no one can take that away from her. The love God has given her...Again and again, He places His hands over her, allowing her to know that she can take that risk. “I got you!”



Delightful...Innovative...Authentic...Noteworthy...Attainable

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# God's Identity

God Is:

Love  
Fully Light  
Holy

Life  
Compassionate  
Graceful

Intentional  
Perfect  
Peace

Wise  
Faithful  
Good

Seek Him first  
Learn to do right  
Press towards perfection

Fix your thoughts on Him  
Rid yourself of the sin that slows you down  
Come out of the darkness

God Calls You  
To:

His child  
His friend  
Justified & redeemed

God Calls  
You  
To Be:

The righteous of Him  
Set free  
His heir

His Special Possession

# Slow “Me” Down

Post-grad life was one I thought I was prepared for, but, truthfully, I was living in fear. I knew how spiritually broken I was and how much that brokenness would consume me moving back home. I was afraid of going back to who I was at 18. At 22, I had titles behind my name that college exposed me to. I thought going back home would shrink me back to my old self, my old ways- negativity. At 22, unaware that I was already operating in my old self/ways, I had goals written out with an open heart and destined to be my true desires, but was soon to be exhorted in a state of fear: Pass the NCLEX on my first attempt, secure an RN job, and begin volunteering in underserved communities. As my true desires were slowly being overturned by brokenness and fear, my spirit was constantly at war with what the enemy had set out for me, leaving me depleted.

Finally, a check off behind my biggest goal... I passed my NCLEX on my first attempt. It was a true accomplishment that was meant to be celebrated. From congratulations from many asking what's next and sayings of approval -"you made it"-to shame and doubt from those closest to me in just a matter of 2 months, because job security was not coming along quickly enough. I can tell you I had more doubt than celebration rooted in me. I was quickly on to my next goal in life.

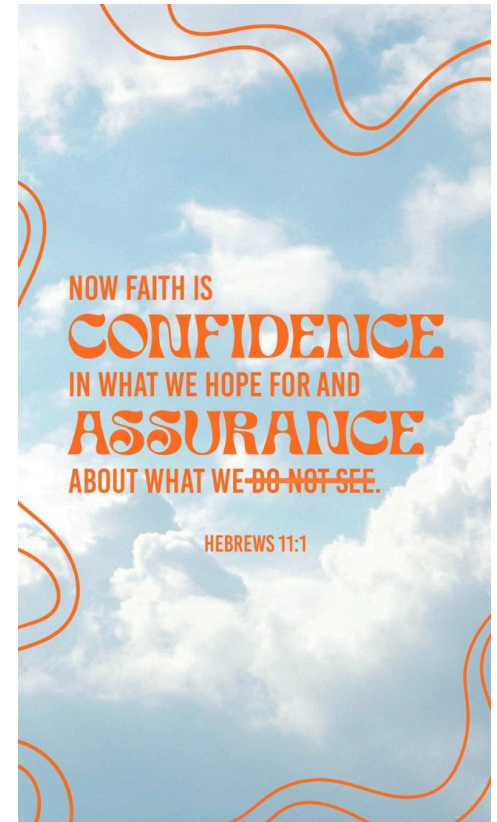
The remaining goals I wrote and believed God could do, as He always has, were not being checked off this time around. I questioned myself...I questioned Him. I thought that if I didn't have a job right after post-grad, I would be deemed to be doing nothing with my life. This is the mindset everyone around me was familiar with, the “busy” mindset. You had to look busy to show others you were active...to prove to yourself that you were worthy of doing something that felt “purpose-driven.”

Driven by career, possessions, materialism, titles, and validation from others, we begin to confuse God's purpose with “my” purpose. The security God already gives us, as we are His children, began to be overlooked and overruled by insecurities filled with other idols.

After two months at home and feeling the weight of others on me, whether through celebration or disappointment, I became someone unrecognizable, with fake smiles and helping hands. I was confined to the feelings of emptiness that resided within me.

What I thought about home, what I thought about securing a job, and what I felt about myself changed all within God's timing. As spiritually broken as I was, I met Patrick at a time that God truly ordained. The true definition of “*perfect time*.”

## “Imma Do Me” Chapter: God Knows Me



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Psalms 27:14

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

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Under his discipleship, Prophet Pat has a spirit that continues to challenge my spirit to know God while learning to operate just as Jesus Christ did. Patrick utilized his spiritual gifts to guide and protect me, leading me to become a discipled of Christ.

A time in my life when everything was “slowing down.” God took everything away from me, my selfish ambitions, uncompleted goals, and went into a season of isolation with just Him and me. God’s goal during this season was for his daughter to **KNOW HIM ALL THE WAY**. He used Patrick as a connector for me to build in the spirit.

As Patrick describes “God Knows Me,” one of my favorite chapters, because I resonated so deeply with the prophetic language he uses to pull us closer in understanding the season of “slowing down.” He starts by recognizing his athletic talents and using those same traits in his ministry. A powerful message that allowed him to save many souls, yet he still felt disconnected from God.

# TRIPLE A

## imma do me.

Appraised by the people around him, he believed that the same gestures recognized by many would also work with God, and that his approval from God comes through his actions. Using the tactics of an athletic game, he describes himself as a bench player in God’s eyes. He had to take time out once more to be fully seated in the presence of God and not of mankind. As stated, “*I thought that my accomplishments would win the approval of God. That’s what life is about for many of us- how much we can do. I had to learn that if I was going to please God, there were three things I had to work on daily.*” - Patrick B.

As a healthcare professional, a Triple A is a medical emergency considered a life-or-death event. In prophetic language, Patrick’s situation was a life-or-death situation that required him to relearn himself through God. He uses the Triple A framework — Amends, Authority, and Authenticity — as the three things he works on daily.

**Amends:** *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. - Proverbs 4:23*

-Patrick describes this as examining his heart in God’s eyes, with the example of learning how to forgive others in a wholesome way.

**Authority:** *Taking life upon yourself and not accepting the counsel of those God has placed as representatives of His authority on earth will cause unnecessary blockages and obstacles that many Christians now face. - Patrick B.*

-Patrick deciphers between operating from a place of pride that can cause blockages in your life, and operating through God, which can cause a flow of abundance.

**Authenticity:** *God’s [stand]ards is your protection from the enemy gaining territory in your life, and when you conform, you lose the protection that standards give. -Patrick B.*

-Patrick describes conforming to the enemy as what withdraws you from God’s purpose in your life. God’s purpose in our lives is beyond the measures that this world can give us. As we pour more into the Holy Spirit, we naturally move towards Christ as a lifestyle rather than just a moment.

As a result,  
it has  
become  
clear  
throughout  
the whole  
palace guard  
and to  
everyone  
else that I  
am in chains  
for Christ

Philippians  
1:13

# HOSTAGE

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"Hostage" is a prayer I wrote, in which my soul cried out to God and my spirit yearned for Him. God answered this prayer a year and a half later, in a time I thought would destroy me. However, through His intentions, enduring my experience of post-grad life was meant to "slow me down" and build me in His direction. I thank my endearing spiritual father/mentor, Patrick, for moving me closer to God's abundance.

**Hostage: January 7th, 2024**

God, You have shown up for me in many ways that I never thought I could possibly be here and overcome. You have given me reason to believe I am worthy of all things through Christ, but I, God...me, God...I feel as though my spirit has been held hostage for some time. I feel a need to escape, but don't know how. Help my soul, God, I want to connect with it again and again and again. I need Your power over me and for You to break these chains that have kept me captive.

It feels as if I have a heavy hurt, but I am alive. I want to live in Your purpose, God, by becoming the best version of myself in Your eyes. In Your eyes, I am Your daughter who does wrong but who You still love unconditionally. In my eyes, God, I am a failure in my faith, and someone who makes so many mistakes I don't know where to begin. The evil spirits in me have to be released. I need to meet my soul again, God. That is the best gift you have ever given me.

Knowing my soul can become replenished with You while living this life to walk in my purpose. Through You, all things are possible.  
In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

## “Imma Do Me” Chapter: Me Righteous



# Leaving “ME” BEHIND

I always identified as a young woman with many dreams. To many, I was inspirational, disciplined, intelligent, motivational...a woman with purpose. At one point in time, those words kept me going, but soon enough, what felt like affirmations became filler words. I was holding onto multiple personalities, but the two most common were one built on studiousness and the other, ill-founded. I was able to easily carry both personalities into one vessel without either interfering with the other. Through my studiousness, I was preaching to others about the various purposes in life. One purpose is in your career, and how it influences who you are, rather than creating who you are. I wanted people to truly know themselves, not solely on the basis of the titles their careers offered.

If you had asked me a few months ago whether I was one of those people who held on to titles, I would have confidently said, “No, I know who I am,” with a big smile. I was the one teaching those people to learn who they are. I always told others, “I am more than just a student. I am a person who carries many gifts.” All seemed so believable, but truthfully, within that sentence, I questioned my gifts because deep down, I was just another lost soul, unidentifiable in despair.

John 14:27

PEACE



After seeking discipleship, I was able to recognize when I am operating from self rather than through Christ. My spirit begins to shift toward desolation as my soul becomes tied to sin. I have no other choice but to run to God and be willing to accept Him. The biggest blessing in learning to die to self every day is staying with Him because it opens you up all the way. I release my anger, pride, joy, tears, and every emotion to Him to receive His eternal peace. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you...” John 14:27.



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my anger,  
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tears, and  
every  
emotion to  
Him to  
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eternal  
peace.”**

# James 1: 22-24

Imma  
Do  
Me

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Imma  
Do  
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As my spirit is on the move for God, it leads me to seek Him more rather than hide from Him. The combative state between self and Christ is where I continue to learn to die to self and choose eternal life in the spirit... allowing me to leave “me” behind and chase God. I could no longer be a personality split into two, but one with the Holy Spirit. As I continue to learn to operate as a true worshiper in Christ, I see the chains I once prayed to God to release being broken off. Being released from unforgiveness, selfish ambition, and negativity allowed my heart to be open to God and others. I was led to be unbounded by brokenness and healed by Salvation.

Imma  
Do  
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Imma  
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God showed me what my life would be like if I continued not to choose Him. Praising both my personalities more than I praise Him, I would have only known of Him rather than know Him, and what it truly means to be God’s Daughter. It would have been a life ruled by fear, leaving my family and friends behind because of the ambitions I chose to pursue. He brought me into the light to be an example to many, showing me that others’ “MEs” matter. I do not need to lead by example for personal gain, but out of the love God has given me to reach out to those who are crying out to Him. This is where serving others’ MEs are created so they can learn their MEs in Christ.

Imma  
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As Patrick portrays one of the most heartfelt lines in this chapter, *“Having the heart of a servant is what puts me in ‘first’ with God spiritually, but technically, a servant’s heart leads me to be last physically. In order to be you, you must be a shoulder to lean on when your brothers and sisters in Christ are tired of running the race.”* Ideally, Patrick thought continuing to chase God without looking back was a God-oriented lifestyle. However, he soon realized that to chase The Most High, he had to look back to help others, as he deeply connected with the saying, “Faith without works is dead.” Patrick had faith in God, and his works had to be shown through community rather than individualism.

Imma  
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*"Take my heart, God, and start from the areas that have caused this pain. "*

"Take Me Home" is a prayer asking God to refine and restore my soul, to continue seeking Him in both pain and celebration in this world. I ask to let go of who I once was as He opens my heart to be embedded in pure love rather than in pain and agony. This prayer was written through the Holy Spirit in me, asking God to redefine who I am by surrendering my control to Him.

**"Home is  
where the  
heart is."**

**Take**

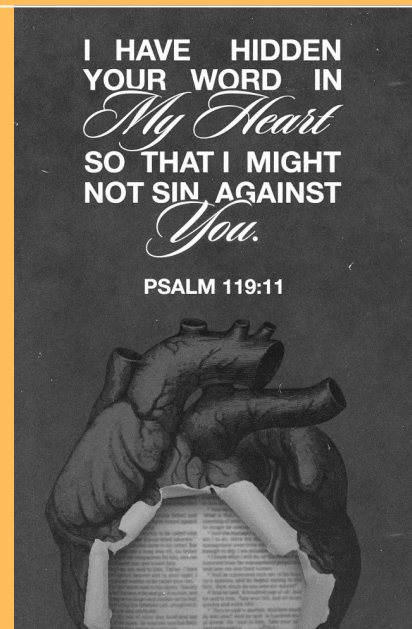
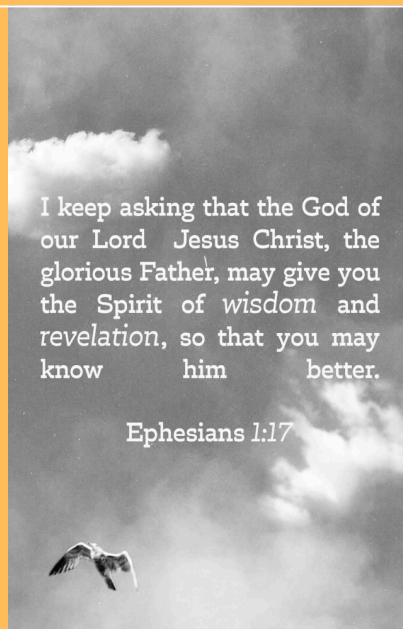
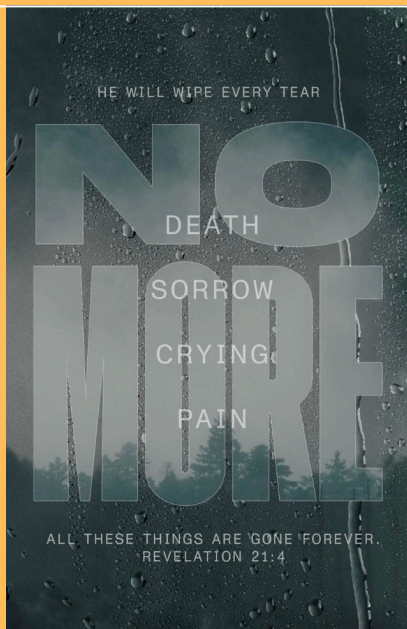
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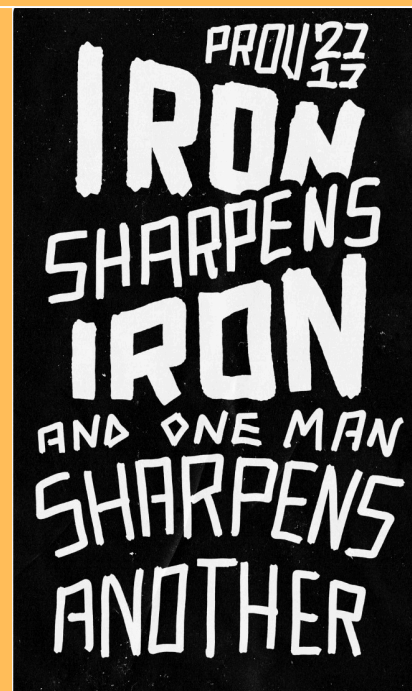
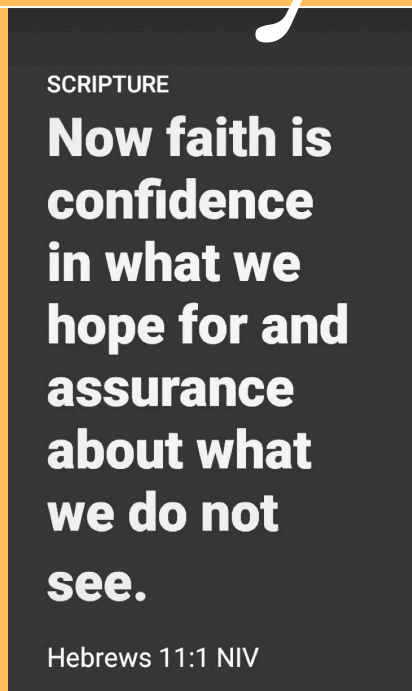
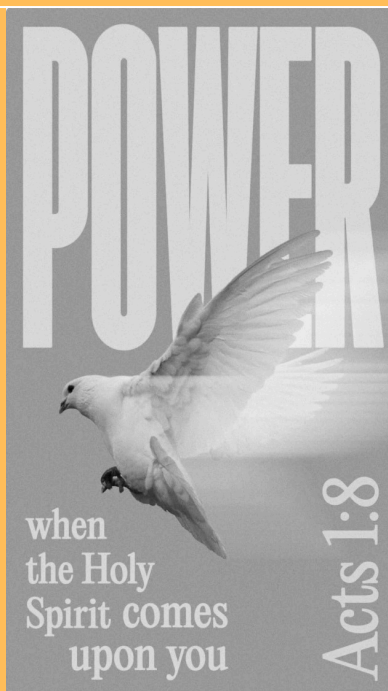
## **Take Me Home: November 2023**

Home is where the heart is. My heart has become familiar with the wounds that this world has caused. It is pierced with insecurities, fear, doubt, and anger. Let Me Be Free.

For so long, my heart has not had the chance to meet the Creator. Let Me Be Free. Send me Home. Heal this wounded heart of mine as you touch my heart. Let Me Be Free. The touch you give me is something beautiful and beyond this world. Let Me Be Free. Take my heart, God, and start from the areas that have caused this pain. Create the stitches that signify the importance of this agony. Let Me Be Free. Every stitch You have created has shaped me in learning my experiences and the outcomes... free from worldly sins and agony... free from the spirits of Satan. You Have Allowed Me To Be Free. You stitched my heart. I thank You ❤️



# Prayer



# Exhibit

# THE WOMAN IN ME

*A new Identity in Christ.*

## 1 John 4:4

I pray for You to give me guidance and strength to become the woman You need me to be in this world. I pray that all my fears are cast unto You as I begin healing my soul with Your touch Father. You have given me all the tools I need to be here today and I thank You for that. Thank You for giving me the power to be something in this lifetime by sharing the light You placed onto me to bring to others. My validation and reassurance are within You. Although the mistakes I have made created my worldly identity I know the power You hold is far greater than what this world defines me as. I have the strength...I have the love... I have the power to make change out of myself...I have great value all because You created me and held me along the way.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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# YOU HAVE SHOWN ME

*Closer Than Close.*

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## Isaiah 54:17

You have shown me that You are more than my anxiety. You are bigger than the fears I have that have become great concerns for me. You've given me peace & strength to become a follower of Christ. You have replaced my fear into a form of passion for You. To know that you are with me everyday. To know You have and will hold my hand each step of the way. Your power over me is everlasting. Your love for me is powerful. Powerful than any other weapon that forms against me. You have shown me that you are my first love. You are the one that has loved me every single day waiting patiently for me to come to You. I have come and gone Lord but Your doors have not shut on me. Rather it left a "Welcome" sign of welcoming me into Your love again & again.

I love You, God.

In Jesus' Name, Amen. .

# HOPE FOR TOMORROW

*Build Me Up.*

## 1 Peter 4:10

My God, as I continue to have sought a commitment to worshipping the Highest. I hope I continue to shed the light You give me on to others for them to visually see the work You have done on me. I hope to use my voice to share my testimony. I hope to bring my ideas and visions into action to support others. Allow the faith built in me, to persevere into this world, God. I hope You build me up as You continue to place Your hand on me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# RELEASE

*Ji Addua Ta (Please Hear My Prayer)*

## Romans 7: 14-25

I'm broken in a place filled with many souls. I ask God to reveal Himself to me in order to uplift my spirit. For so long my spirit has been conformed to negativity, sealed with the lies of Satan. But as I look at my Father in Heaven, I ask to be released. Release me, O God. Release me, O God. Release me, O God from the depths of evildoing...from the grounds of pain... from the conformity of temptations that can cause confirmation for wrongful doings. As I open myself up to You, O Lord, I ask that you continue to place Your hands on me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

His response: Within anger find Me. Within doubt find Me. Within loss of hope, find Me. Within vengeance find Me. Cast all your worries and wonders onto Me, for I am a merciful God. A God who provided You with the gift of life to live in Me... through Me...for Me. Hear My cry out to you. Surrender to Me, and I will give you Mercy.

For those who seek Me, shall find Me. "Come to Me." I will give you joy. I will give you peace. I will give you eternal, everlasting life.

# REPERCUSSIONS

*Wait on the Lord.*

## Psalms 27:14

I've been paralyzed by pain, God. Set me free from this anguish, and anxiety that my soul has been aligned with. The repercussions of this pain is too much to bear, God. Give me peace...let me be in Your presence. I want to feel You. I want to feel us. Align my soul with Your presence.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Wait on the Lord; be strong, take heart and wait on the Lord. Psalms 27:14

I'll wait on You, God as I continue on this journey with You. I give You my heart to keep; fulfill it with your intentions for me, Your peace and love. I want Your love to enlighten and shed light onto others. Forgive me for my sins as some are more tough for me to get by with but I know I will get through it because of You. Rescue me, my God. Remove any evil spirits that hinder me from Your grace.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

~Trust in the Lord~

## Ecclesiastes 4: 1-3

You keep Your hands on me. Father, guide the lost souls of this world to You. The world is in pain, God. Assure them of Your spirit. I pray for the innocent souls that have been taken by those who have been hindered by the tears of the world.

The tears of the world are consumed in sin and evil spirits that linger in the bodies and minds of those who cannot escape. I

call on You, God, to protect us, all, and fulfill our hearts once more because we have experienced too much pain within and from this world.

“You Never Let Go. You will take care of me.” - Todd Galberth & Chandler Moore

## 1 Peter 5: 8-9

Allow us to decree and declare our faithfulness to our Father. Lord, our God, He has released entities that bring US closer to Him. He has rearranged our hearts to operate from faith. It is no longer fear that drives US, but WE drive it. Drive it back to Our Lord, Our Savior, who casts out all evil that hinders us from honoring and serving Him and His people.

Let us call on one another to build a community that prevails from the evil spirits and into the light of knowing and loving oneself, because God has created our true identity and destiny.

All Mighty God,  
Have Mercy on US ALL.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# The Book of Job, Ch. 17

**“As a sign of restoration and dying to self, I knew then that my spirit, my mind, my heart, and my body could only be aligned with His.”**

**The Book of Job, chapter 17, describes my livelihood. I only knew darkness and wanted to stay in it. However, in my darkest times, God sent light to fill my spirit with His thoughts, His words, His actions.**

**I only wanted to idolize corruption because, at the time, I thought that was what my life represented. As every title or position began to slip away from me, I was slowly losing my faith. In a time where devastation could have continuously beaten me down, the only vision I held on to was seeing me lying on my room floor in a fetal position as our one and only Savior, Jesus Christ, took my weak spiritual self by carrying me up in both His arms, while leaving behind my flesh. We then started on an endless walk, just me and Him, as He carried me all the way.**

**As this was a sign of restoration for my spirit/soul and dying to my flesh, I knew then that my spirit, my mind, my heart, and my body could only be aligned with His.**

**I say this to say that where there is darkness, there is light. Govern My Identity is an outlet for over a thousand people out there who desire to *know* God. He lives in all of us and wants us to come to Him, not just sometimes or most times, but in all times.**

**My Voice. My Words. Our Story**

**“Writing is a form of communication that allows people to embrace interrelations with the author and the words that are chosen to resemble lessons.” - Diana Dupelord**

**[As God is the author of our lives, we are His words, and our life experiences are the lessons that declare for our souls to be alert for the Most High]**