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# Editor's Note

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2025 was a year of contrasts, some began the year with joy but ended in unexpected trials, while others started with challenges yet closed with smiles. Through it all, we remain grateful to God for His mercy in granting us another chance to try again and do our best in 2026.

As we step into this new year, I encourage you to write your plans early and submit them to the Lord, for as Proverbs 16:3 reminds us: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Likewise, Habakkuk 2:2 exhorts us to "write down the vision and make it plain, so that a herald may run with it." Whatever you do, be intentional and accountable, trusting God to fulfill all His promises in our lives.

I am thrilled to introduce the inaugural issue of Heavenly-Gift Magazine. This edition stands as a testament to God's faithfulness and a reminder that His word is alive and active in our lives. Heavenly-Gift Magazine is a devotional resource created to strengthen believers in their walk with God, foster self-reflection and deepen their faith.

*Stories of Hope, Anchored in  
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Our vision is to reach a wide audience with the message of Jesus Christ, offering hope, restoration, and guidance for everyday life.

Our mission is to bring comfort and encouragement through the power of testimonies, inspiring spiritual growth and maturity in Christ. We are reminded in Romans 8:17 that we share in God's promises and inheritance through faith in Jesus Christ, receiving grace, forgiveness and His glory (if indeed we share in His suffering).

I warmly invite you to join us in this journey of celebrating the Lord's goodness. Together let us share testimonies of His grace, inspire one another, and grow deeper in faith as we walk in His promises. It is our desire to bring you the stories of hope that will rebuild the broken vessels and cultivate your faith.

Happy new year and may God establish all your plans as you walk with Him and make Him the center of your life. Enjoy the read!

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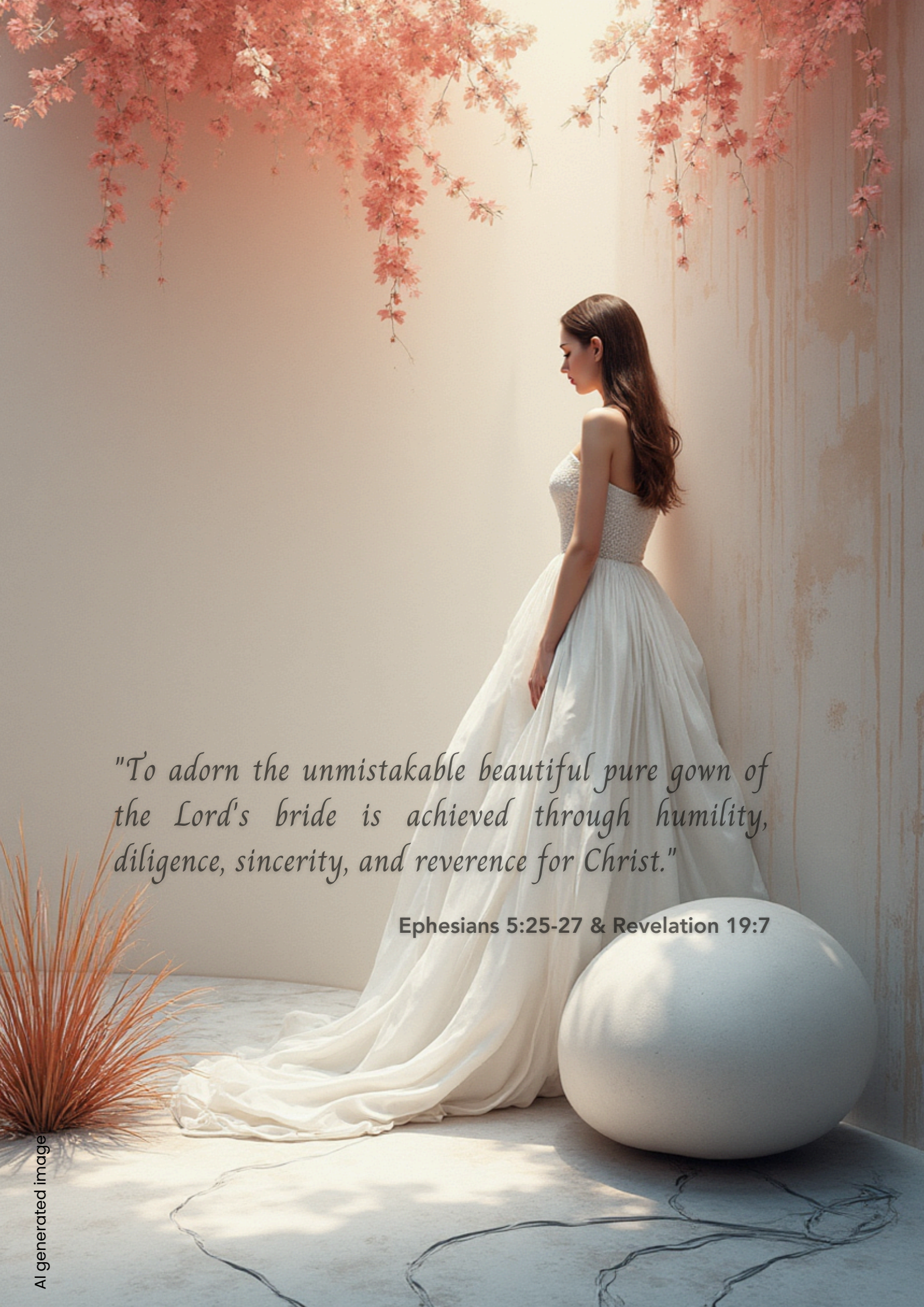
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*"To adorn the unmistakable beautiful pure gown of the Lord's bride is achieved through humility, diligence, sincerity, and reverence for Christ."*

**Ephesians 5:25-27 & Revelation 19:7**

# How I overcame unforgiveness

T E Mogale

The Holy Spirit has His way of illuminating us with the undeniable truth in a way that can be gentle but firm. I had a difficult relationship with a family member for over a decade. One day (in my self-righteousness), I decided she is too steeped in wickedness to be saved. Then I read Psalm 58.

*Psalms 58:3-4 NIV*

*Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward, spreading lies. Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears,*

Verses 3 and 4 are not denying the facts about the condition of their hearts. It's one thing to need validation for the pain, trauma, disappointment, and rejection we feel at the hands of other people. The Lord sees our pain and unlike us, He even knows every side of this story in its entirety. He will never refuse us when we go to Him with our wounds and ask Him to heal us. And He will heal us, if we'd ask (Psalm 147:3 and John 16:24).

But I realised that many of us are not genuinely interested in healing those wounds. We decided to sit in the judgement seat and want to council God on how He should avenge us for these horrendous things done to us. We are not asking God to give us the grace to forgive because we feel justified in withholding our mercy until we are avenged to our satisfaction. Given the chance, we'd gladly declare Psalm 58:6-10.



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*Psalms 58:6-10 NIV*

*Break the teeth in their mouths, O God; Lord, tear out the fangs of those lions! Let them vanish like water that flows away; when they draw the bow, let their arrows fall short. May they be like a slug that melts away as it moves along, like a stillborn child that never sees the sun. Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns—whether they be green or dry—the wicked will be swept away. The righteous will be glad when they are avenged, when they dip their feet in the blood of the wicked.*

Notice how given a chance, we'd council God to bring them shame, to make them feel pain, to strip them of good things. And here's the kicker, verse 10 says, us, the righteous will be glad when we're avenged and shall dance in their blood to celebrate. How on earth has this Psalm never witnessed to us how wicked we (who call ourselves the righteous of God) are? Totally filled with perversion.

We hide our vileness behind the pain. We most likely missed that God allowed the offense or pain to reveal to us the perversion in our hearts. We claim that we're struggling to heal and forgive when in fact we don't ask God to heal us and give us the grace to forgive because we want to nurse the hatred we've hidden in our hearts. No wonder John said anyone who hates his brother is a murderer (1 John 3:14). Imagine if God said, "Every time you forgive and forget a sin against you, I'll also forgive and forget one of your sins." Would we still be so self-righteous?

The Lord showed me that I didn't want to forgive because I felt like most of those people didn't deserve to be pardoned for their offenses. What made it worse was that those people didn't repent of their actions. Instead they were continuing in their offenses. The Lord convicted me of my hardened heart. I expected them to repent before I could forgive. But forgiveness is required regardless of repentance by the offender

*Bless those who persecute you [who cause you harm or hardship]; bless and do not curse [them]. Never repay anyone evil for evil. Take thought for what is right and gracious and proper in the sight of everyone.*

**Romans 12:14, 17 AMP**

In Matthew 18:21-35, the Lord taught us a powerful lesson on forgiveness. Everyone who comes to Christ is forgiven of their sins. But the very ones who so graciously get pardoned of their infinite amounts of sins refuse to forgive others of a handful of offenses. In my ignorance (as is the case for many people), I thought my salvation was guaranteed because I believed in Jesus. But, I was deceived by my hardened heart because as it says in verses 32-35, those who don't forgive others won't be forgiven of their sins either.

The grievously sad reality is that we hinder God's plan to minister to those people. Instead of praying for them for the enemy to release his hold on them, we continue to condemn them. We curse them by choosing to see them as undeserving of mercy. The truth is, they're just as deserving of God's love and mercy as we are. No one is so broken that Christ's blood can't wash them clean. Instead of praying about them, we must pray for their salvation.

The next time you read Psalm 71:12-13, there should be a witness in your spirit that this should not be something that enters the thoughts of a true believer in Christ.

Psalm 71:12-13 NIV

Do not be far from me, my God; come quickly, God, to help me. May my accusers perish in shame; may those who want to harm me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

Remember, we don't wrestle against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). Christ Himself didn't come to condemn anyone, we certainly were not called to condemn anyone, let alone to withhold the gift of mercy from them.



# WHEN FASHION GLORIFIES THE LORD!

Pastor Andronicca had a quick chat with Mokgethwa Kgomo about her business and how her business stays rooted in God. We get to learn how our talents can be used to glorify God. Let's jump straight into the meat of their chat.

## 1) What does Tlootlo crafts mean?

Tlootlo means glory, honour, and reverence in the Sesotho language. Tlootlo crafts means craftwork that give glory to God who blessed me with the gift of art and beadwork. But also, glory and honour to each and every customer that is donned with our accessories. Each creation is crafted with intention and made to be treasured by the person who receives it.

## 2) What does the concept of "the gift of business" mean to you, and how do you believe it relates to your faith?

To me the gift of business means being a co-creator with God. Being gifted and called to participate with Him to shape and care for the world. Using my ideas and leadership to advance His kingdom.

## 3) How can business leaders and entrepreneurs use their gifts and talents to glorify God and serve others?

Entrepreneurs can glorify God by using their abilities with excellence, integrity, and compassion. We can usher God's

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kingdom on this side of eternity by creating jobs, empowering, and uplifting our communities. Every product or service is an opportunity to serve, bless, and extend God's love through our work.

#### 4) What biblical principles guide your business decisions, and how do you prioritise them?

- Service (servant hood): I prioritise it by always leading with a heart of servant hood.
- Stewardship: managing resources wisely and with integrity.
- Diligence by working faithfully and consistently.

I prioritise these three by letting them inform and shape how I treat customers, suppliers, and anyone who is connected to the business.

#### 5) How do you balance the pursuit of profit with the pursuit of purpose and meaning in your business?

Profits keep the business sustainable, however, purpose is what gives it its identity and keeps people coming back. For me, Tlootlo crafts is more about showing God's creativity and excellence. When I keep to my purpose, profit becomes a result of serving people.

#### 6) What role does integrity, honesty, and compassion play in your business practices?

These are foundational values that help keep me in business. Integrity builds trust, honesty maintains relationships while compassion ensures that I treat every person with respect and dignity. I find that customers are very understanding if we communicate our abilities well and value the honesty. Making customers feel seen and heard is essential.

#### 7) How do you see your business as a way to serve your community and advance God's kingdom?

My business allows me to uplift my community by providing unique, meaningful products that celebrate culture, creativity, and craftsmanship. It also gives me the opportunity to bring Godly principles in the marketplace. This being how I conduct business, how I treat people, and how I use my platform to spread the goodness and excellence of God. I am His craftsmanship and therefore ought to produce work that reflects that.

#### 8) What spiritual disciplines help you stay focused on God's purposes in your business?



Worship. I see my work as a form of worship to God therefore I consult Him in prayer on ways forward and clarity I may need. Ultimately it is His business and asking "what would glorify You?" helps me make decisions.

9) How do you handle challenges and setbacks in your business, and what biblical promises or principles sustain you?

In 1 Kings 19, an angel of God tells Elijah to "get up and eat" then after Elijah eats and drinks he sleeps again. I handle challenges by taking a break and resting. Trusting that God gave me this gift and ability forces me to pursue it and therefore He will sustain me in each and every setback.

10) How do you prioritise your relationship with God amidst the demands of running a business?

Honestly, this is one of the things I am still trying to balance, but as I work I listen to worship music and take time off to speak to Him. Throughout my day, in short intervals I have conversations (prayers) with Him and open scriptures I am reminded of during that time.

11) How can you use your gift to share the love of God with others, and what steps do you take to do so?

By engaging people with kindness and respect while delivering quality work. The name and tagline "Handcrafted for Glory" speaks for my faith and what I am trying to achieve for Him, through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. This is where the concept of Tlootlo comes from.

12) What is your take on the concept of your gift ushering you to greatness?

I believe God gives each of us a unique gift.

When God gave Moses the blueprint of the tent of meeting, the Lord pointed out to Moses the men in whom He deposited the skills, knowledge, and ability to carry out the construction of the tent of meeting (Exodus 31:1-6). Those men probably didn't think they'd ever use those skills, but right there in the wilderness, God commissioned them.

Many are conscious of the reality of every person having a gift, but not many take the time to ask God how to use the gift in a way that will give Him the glory. The Lord intends for us to serve Him and partake in ensuring that His purpose comes to pass. We have a responsibility to develop our skills so we can serve the Lord well with what He deposited in us.

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# A glimpse into the life of a pastor's wife

Pst Jane Mashaba

Pastor Jane Mashaba, the wife of a pastor, is giving us the wisdom and understanding we need about the help mates of those called to shepherd God's flock. Many will get revelation on how they're supposed to be the faithful helpers they're called to be to their husbands. Those whom the Lord have called into this office will benefit from this discussion and will do wisely to take notes on how to steward this calling.

## **Personal faith and background**

i) Can you share a little bit about your faith journey?

I grew up in a Christian family with strong Christian values which shaped my life and I'm grateful for the atmosphere of faith in my father's house that nurtured my love for God and the body of Christ. As I grew up in church, I always believed that I am a leader and there were signs that I'm called to ministry work (Pastoring) and I embraced curiosity in ministry and Christianity and let me to enroll in a Bible college for spiritual growth and to gain knowledge.

ii) What does being a pastor's wife mean to you personally?

My role as a pastor's wife mean that "I'm a partner in ministry". To me it's more than just a "Pastor's wife"; it is a calling. To be the number one active member of his (pastor's) ministry, being able to carry and cast his vision and to support him. Assisting in giving birth to sons nurturing them into maturity.

## **Roles and responsibilities**

i) What role do you feel called to play in the church?

The role that I feel I'm called to play in the church is to pray for the ministry and for my husband as the vision bearer. I get scriptures from the word of God and pray for him according to those scriptures, example, Ephesians 6:19 (NLT), "Pray for me too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan..."

Exodus 17:12-14, when Moses's hands grew heavy, they (Aaron and Hur) took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it, then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands, so his hands held steady until sunset. As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle, so I become his number one Aaron and Hur.

ii) Are you involved in specific ministries or areas within the church?

I am a founder of the Well of Hope Women Fellowship and the vision is to restore hope and empower women to

unleash their full potential and reach their purposed destinies. Well of Hope Women Fellowship is submitting to the vision of The Living Hope of Glory under the leadership of my husband, Pastor Caswell Mashaba. I am also a worshipper, so I am involved in the worshipping team as well. I also serve as a pastor at The Living Hope of Glory.

### iii) How do you support your husband in his ministry?

I support my husband by understanding his vision and being a unifier. I support him by respecting his authority in the ministry and in the family and encouraging his leadership. I allow him more time for ministry and prayer by doing some of the tasks, offloading the burden of the ministry. I always try to remember that God created me to be a suitable helper for him and the greatest spiritual support I give him is prayer.

## Challenges and joy

### i) What have been the most rewarding parts of being a pastor's wife?

The most rewarding part as a pastor's wife is that as he (pastor) grows more and more in knowing his Creator, I am the first person he encourages to grow more and more as well. For example, he encouraged me to enroll in a Bible college and I get to sit down with him and learn from his experiences in ministry and when I face challenges with the women ministry, he's always there to offer support and comfort, and mentorship, even in my Pastoring call.

### ii) What are some of the challenges you've faced in this role?

Expectations from the church members - most of the time people you are leading can have high expectations for you. Expectations on how you preach, how you speak, the approach you are using to solve matters, how you plan, and so on. Some expect pastor's wife to have all the answers and know everything. I find it challenging when I am expected to have answers for everything and not be allowed enough time to pray about certain matters. Insubordination is one of the challenges I've faced in the ministry resulting in delaying some of the church programmes.

### iii) How do you deal with pressure or expectations from the church members?

Prayer is the key. (Philippians 4:6) I pray about everything, in order to get counsel from the Holy Spirit on how to handle matters. I delegate some of the tasks to people who are capable of doing those tasks and there is a lesson I learned from Pastor Duduzile Lekala (of Grace CFCI), I quote "You are a child of God. Do not be changed by anyone's behaviour, forgive them and continue to serve God. Do not crack under pressure."

## Wisdom and encouragement

### i) What advice would you give to someone preparing to become a pastor's wife

My advice to someone preparing to become a pastor's wife is "above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." - Proverbs 4:23. Allow God to shape your heart and ask Him to give you special ability/strength to walk in forgiveness (1 Kings 18:46). Let the word of God be your final authority. Love people. Pour more love into your children's hearts and always protect and support your husband. And never cease to pray.



### ii) What has God been teaching you lately?

Lately, the Lord has been teaching me to allow the Holy Spirit to lead me and it has been a very humbling lesson and I came to realise that indeed, it is not by human power, but by the the leadership of the Holy Spirit to do everything (John 14:17).

### iii) How do you stay encouraged during tough times of the ministry?

I've learned a big lesson from King David. He encouraged himself in the Lord, so I encourage myself in the word of God and I am always convinced that He who began a good work is faithful, He will complete it. I study and meditate on the promises of God that offer encouragement and hope. I love to pray in tongues and loudly declare the promises of God over myself. I listen to sermons by the likes of Pastor Nancy Dufrense, Dr. Beverly Wolmarans, and many more and I find them enlightening and encouraging by learning how they navigated their own ministry challenges.

## Family and balance

### i) How do you and your family maintain balance between church life and home life?

We don't bring or solve church matters at home and we've got a schedule which we use to separate church activities and home to ensure that there is no clash, choosing the activities that are very important and urgent to come first.

### ii) What boundaries have you found helpful for protecting family time?

Family is important to me. We are living in the era where social media is stealing family time, so we make sure that if it's time for us to sit down together as a family, we switch off our devices. We don't compromise going out together as scheduled. As a family we like to eat together at the same time. Every evening we share the word of God before prayer and everyone "MUST" attend.

### iii) How do you care for your own spiritual and emotional health?

I start my day by reading the word of God to renew my mind, supplementing it with praying in tongues to edify myself and that brings inner healing. I am very selective on what I watch and hear so they don't contaminate my spirit. 2 Peter 2:8 NLT says, "Yes, Lot was a righteous man who was tormented in his soul by the wickedness he SAW AND HEARD day and night." I also read a lot of Christian books.

We don't all have the privilege of having a pastor's wife as part of our intimate circle. But we have questions that we wish someone who has the insight of what it takes to walk in this calling would answer and impart some wisdom on the office. The woman of God broke it down so well for us.

Walking with God and staying immovable in our faith requires us to acquire enough knowledge that swallows up the ignorance and deception we were previously walking in. We need those who went ahead of us to guide us in the way we should go. Every pastor's wife is first a wife then she's a partner in her husband's ministry.

Whether you are called to be a pastor's wife or not, Pastor Jane imparted knowledge to us on how to play our roles as suitable help mates. Every wife (to a man called into ministry or not) can intercede for her husband's assignment and actively help him to prosper in his God given assignment. I pray that each wife and future wife will put these nuggets of wisdom into practice; cultivating a spirit of prayer and daily spend time in the word of God both to transform them and to give them Godly wisdom.



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# Deception of order and comfort in a Christian's life

T E Mogale



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We often forget that the word of God is alive and active (Hebrews 4:12). That means when you read the word of God you should expect it to challenge the beliefs you have, to disrupt the order in your life, to rattle the foundation that you've build your convictions on. The word is going to do a work in you that will not be pretty, that won't be comfortable, easy, simple, or enjoyable.

We hear it all the time that we must read our Bibles. Satan brings all sorts of distractions that seem valid, in addition to career obligations, taking care of our children, parents, health, and a slew of other things we deem to require our immediate attention.

- We may feel justified in the moment to neglect this vital requirement, but the condition of our lives reflects the urgent need to prioritise the health of our spirits and souls. We're often fooled by the appearance of order in our lives that we get caught completely off-guard when life's trials reveal our lack of faith, our resistance to surrender to God, our deep rooted anger, jealousy, inferiority complex, just to name a few.

Don't cling to the falsehood your well ordered life presents. Desire to live by the truth and be willing to acquire the truth even at the cost of great disruption to every area of your life.

Don't allow yourself to be deceived by the calm and order you see around you. Neglecting to devote yourself to the consumption of the word of God is to remain bound by the enemy and to operate in error.

Many don't realise that the power in the word of God is going to come with so much force that it will demolish every false belief that was exalting itself above the truth. However, you need to be prepared for the chaos that will ensue.

Don't be ignorant of (and be prepared for) the trials that will come as a result of the word of God purging ungodly things out of your life (Matthew 13:20,21). As the word of God shines a light on every aspect of your life, expect convictions based on the absolute truth of God to come.

These new convictions will challenge your relationships - you will most likely lose friends - you will have a holy perspective on the tide of events in life, you will begin to have experiences that challenge the truth you've come to believe, thus requiring you to practically learn how to hold on to the truth in the face of opposing facts.

1 John 1:5 tells us that in God there's no darkness but only light. No one who genuinely wants to live for God has the immunity to the requirement to live by the absolute truth and exalt His word above every other voice. Allow the word of God to rearrange the order in your life regardless of how uncomfortable it may get.

A glimpse into different rooms of your life may reveal chaos. But the truth is that not all that seems well is as it should be. When we come to the consciousness of certain areas of our lives not following the pattern that God designed, we should go to God to ask Him to give us the grace to surrender those areas to Him.

In a nutshell, you should be aware of the fact that when you study the word of God (because you must come to the point of prioritising the studying of the word of God), be cautioned and prepare for the reality of that word literally making changes in your life.

The principles that govern our lives, our decision making processes, our core beliefs, the identity we have, the lense through which we view everything, whatever you can think of, is in some way defiled by Satan. We have accepted everything blindly and because Satan



presented himself as an angel of light, we did not realise that we had to filter everything that we consumed.

But now that we know that God desires to uproot all things in us that are not from Him (Matthew 15:13), we should prepare for the pulling out of those weeds to shift the ground upon which our lives are built. But take heart, this journey will write His word on the tablet of your heart. You won't just say with your mouth that you believe in Jesus, but your very life will reflect that His word governs your life by the way you think, act, speak, and carry yourself.



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# Heavenly-Gift Ministries Prayers Testimonies



Just to share my testimony since I joined Heavenly -Gift Ministries.

Firstly, I would like to thank God for everything that He has done in my life until today. I was a broken vessel and rejected at the time I met Pastor Andro. But when God says I won't leave you and I will carry you, that is me.

I met the woman of God in the middle of the year 2022 at church (in Germiston) where I was invited to join the Heavenly-Gift Ministries Prayers. Oh my God, since then I saw transformation (changes) in my life through these powerful prayer sessions. I am who I am today because of the power of God. No words from the people who are in the dark will shake me because I know my God. I saw the path to take - no more turning back in my life. God saved me. And He used you, to come into our lives when we needed you, woman of God. Continue to heal other servants of God who are broken out there and may He lift and carry you all the time. We need people like you in this world. I thank God for you in our lives.

In 2023, towards the end, pastor Andronicca told me about overcoming to obtain a breakthrough. Let me surprise you and tell you that we must not undermine the vision of God. I am a woman who has seen great blessings since because of the power of God. Nna Modimo ke a morata. Nka se motlogele. Ke bone bogolo bja gagwe bophelong bjaka le lapeng laka. Watseba re leboge Modimo. [Translation: I love God. I will never leave Him. I have seen His greatness in my life and my family. You know, we must praise God]. He blessed me with a God fearing husband.

Sekgobela Abigail

Thabisile Mathebula

I met the woman of God on the 16th of June 2018. In March 2020 I was diagnosed with a lump in my left breast. In January 2021 I was diagnosed with a cancerous fluid in my uterus. On the 7th of July 2021 pastor Andronicca invited me to join the prayer sessions of Heavenly-Gift Ministries that are held every Friday evening. In August 2021, God revealed a spiritual attack of cancer on my right breast. I also started to feel swollen pains in my right breast and that got me worried because I had family members who died of cancer. But with the power of God I received healing power through faith. In June 2022 when I went for my annual tests, both results came back negative. Even my most recent annual tests results were negative; there's no sign of cancerous cells in my body. Praise the Lord.



# The cost of making Jesus Christ our Lord

T E Mogale

Unfortunately, many ministers don't take the time to inform believers on the real cost of accepting Christ as their Saviour. The first error is in not clarifying that when Christ becomes

your Saviour, He also becomes your Lord (1 Timothy 4:10 AMP). You can't accept His salvation and refuse His lordship. You accept His lordship by yielding your desires, your will, beliefs, pains, thoughts, plans, character, every aspect of your life to Him. Jesus is the only One who has a final say about every part of your life.

I believe this omission is the reason many people who came to accept salvation find themselves backsliding. The truth is they accepted His salvation and not His lordship. They were not given the full terms and conditions of this covenant. Salvation was presented like a promotional deal where only the benefits are boldly highlighted. The real test comes with yielding to His lordship, the key term and condition that is at best glossed over, but often completely ignored. It's a wonder we have pews in many churches filled with non-Christian "believers".

Secondly, anyone who does not continue to follow the path He commanded by living a life that is outside His will, you'd better pray that you don't die in your rebellious state. That means if you got saved and left His path to follow the enemy's path, you forfeit your righteousness. So once saved doesn't mean always saved. You must continue to live as one who is saved (Ezekiel 18:21-32 and Matthew 3:7-10).

A friend extended her house back in 2022. She got her house plans approved and submitted the said approved plans to various building contractors. She committed to one contractor and the building project began. And that was the beginning of her long, exhausting, and challenging journey with the builder. At almost every phase, the builder wanted her to pay more money, citing one claim or another. The initial budget and timeline she was working with were completely blown up.

It got me thinking; how was she to have a proper budget if the builder keeps concealing information that she needs to work out her budget? The sad truth is that this mirrors the reality of most people who answer the altar call and say the prayer of repentance as a declaration to accept Jesus Christ into their hearts.

■ In Luke 14:28-29 NIV the Lord said, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you," Jesus is saying, no one should attempt to build with Him without first determining the real cost of salvation. I'm going to keep this brief, so I'll go straight to the point. Keep this in mind, Jesus Christ is called Lord and Saviour for a reason.

If you're wondering about what many ministers proclaimed, saying "one can't lose their salvation", then keep this in mind, the scriptures are our guardrails so we don't walk in error. I will go on the basis that they are saying "if you've ever accepted Christ, are currently pursuing a relationship with Him, learning of His ways, His will for His children, obtaining grace to live in line with His precepts and commands, and repenting of all errors you become aware of", then certainly, one won't lose their salvation.

However, you need to be aware of one vital key, your heart should sincerely desire to live by the truth. Your pursuit should not be for selfish gain or rooted in falsehood - where idolatry is the guarding spirit behind your pursuit. If your heart is right, then the Lord will help you on this journey of getting the truth you need to know. I say this because, if you enjoy listening to false doctrine, God doesn't feel obligated to remove you from your idol. But bear this in mind, Jesus said,

*Leave them alone; they are blind guides [leading blind followers]. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."*

**Matthew 15:14 AMP**

By saying, leave them alone, the Lord is removing all responsibility to do anything in behalf of those who chose to follow false teachers. Sadly, both false teacher and the "lost sheep" who followed them will meet their end among demons.

Accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord is always on the basis of man's free will. And choosing Him means you devote yourself to knowing the truth and living by it.

What does this look like? This means you follow all His commands. For example, His word said not to fornicate (Galatians 5:19 & Colossians 3:5-10), then you don't ever entertain the idea of having sex out of wedlock. That means, you take on the responsibility to know what His precepts are and determine to live according to His rules of engagement by His grace.

Note, when you accept Christ, you give Him your life and you take up His life (Romans 6:3-4). You don't live to serve your desires anymore, you live to fulfill His desires. You don't have the final say, but Christ does - this means, the word, desires, and will of God are your Lord. Take time to count the cost. If you don't want to die so Christ will live in you and have final authority in your life, then perhaps you're not ready to accept Him. I hope this has prompted you to recognise that following Christ is not something to be done casually, it's a very serious matter that must be approached with reverence.

In the next issue, we'll go a bit further on understanding what follows in the life of a believer.





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# Prayer & Fasting

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## ISAIAH 58

### True Fasting : Isaiah 58:1-11 NIV

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?" Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, [10] and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.



# A prayer for repentance

Heavenly Father, I come before you acknowledging and confessing that I have sinned. I repent of the wrongs I have done against You and others. I never want to live in this path of sin again and right now I choose to turn away from everything I know to be wrong about my life. I humble myself before You, asking You to have mercy on me and according to Your loving kindness to blot out my transgressions.

By the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, shed on the cross for all our sins, I receive Your forgiveness and am washed clean of the iniquity.

Lord Jesus, come into my heart. I believe that You died on the cross, rose from the dead, and are now seated on the right hand of the Father. I accept You as my Lord and Saviour. Write my name in the book of life. Thank You for accepting me into Your kingdom. Now I am born again.

Thank You Father for the gift of repentance and forgiveness. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, I pray that You'd help me turn away from sins. Father, focus my heart on You and empower me to live for You. All this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



# No one is excluded from receiving the gift of reconciliation

It is for this that we labor and strive [often called to account], because we have fixed our [confident] hope on the living God, **who is the Savior of all people**, especially of those who believe [in Him, recognize Him as the Son of God, and accept Him as Savior and Lord].

1 Timothy 4:10 AMP



The Lord calls every human being to Himself. No one is excluded. No gender is excluded. No race is excluded. The Lord said He came to save the lost, not the righteous (Luke 5:32). The call to repentance is for the ones who recognise that they can't redeem themselves. If you ever lied, committed murder, committed sexual offense, harbored bitterness, practiced occultism, engaged in gossip, or acted out of rebellion, then know that the Lord is extending the call to repentance to you. You're precisely who the unmerited favour of God was meant for. Open your heart to receive His life.

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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

*1 Peter 2:9 NIV*

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