

FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION



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INTRODUCTION

Have you been treated disrespectfully? Have you been condemned, abused, rejected or forsaken? Does everything look so bleak that you think there is no way out? This book is an answer to your situation. The message in this book would help you know what action to take in the midst of life

experiences. It also will encourage you not to hold onto the bad, negative or evil emotions as you have done in the past.

I don't know how deeply you think you are into sin, you may be a miserable sinner; you may feel guilty or condemned, and you may feel low spiritually and even financially. The good news is that, you can recover and be restored through this book. This book is filled with the things God personally taught, and allowed me to experience over the years.

The devil will always try to condemn you; he would try to say, '*you are good for nothing*', and that you are '*of no value*'. Did you know that when Jesus died on the cross, He took all the penalty of our sins upon Himself? Yes. He did! Thus, in Christ Jesus, absolutely nothing can hold us any longer in condemnation.

God sent me, through this book, to affirm that you are not worthless. Rather, you are useful, valuable and reserved for something good that God has for the world, and before the foundation of the world.

This book is specially and specifically designed and produced to make a world of difference in your life. Also, reading this book will be one of the best decisions you would ever make. Welcome to an opportunity to renew your mind!

CHAPTER 1: THE PRODIGAL SON

In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus illustrated the extraordinary forgiveness of God in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The story revolves around the actions of three characters - a father, an elder brother, and a younger son.

One day, the younger son walked up to his father and demanded his share of the father's inheritance. Consequently, the father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. On taking his share of his inheritance, the younger son left home. Not only that, he departed to a far country. There he lived, enjoying the fast life while squandering all his money. One day, he realized

he had no money left; he tried to get a job, but there was a great famine over the land and jobs were hard to come by.

All he could find was a job of feeding pigs, without any other option; he took the job. As weeks passed, his situation went from bad to worse, until it became extremely unbearable. At a point, he determined to return to his father, and he did.

Now, where the story makes a surprising twist is that, instead of the father punishing him or throwing his son out of the house, he, instead, joyfully accepted him.

When the father saw him coming from a far distance, he joyfully ran to meet his son, embraced him, kissed him, gave him a ring for his finger, put on him the finest robe in the house, and sandals on his feet. As if that was not enough, he then ordered a servant to kill the fattest calf to celebrate his son's return.

His elder brother felt offended at his father's display of concerted love, but the father exclaimed to his older son, "This son was lost, but now found."

What? Didn't he deserve to suffer for a while? This was a son who disrespected his father, collected his share of inheritance, left home and moved to a distant land, where he lavished all he had on wild living. How could he just get away with that, scot-free? Think about it. Does it make sense or does it sound right?

The end of the story defied all human expectations. For some reasons, we always want to see the wicked, the bad or the evil person punished, tortured and thrown into jail, or executed, on conviction. It is important to note that Jesus himself narrated this story.

The message of the parable of the prodigal son teaches us to become like that loving father. It enjoins us to forgive everyone who has hurt us, because with the exception of Jesus, we are all sinners.

When the son returned, he was astonished by the love, compassion and forgiveness of his father. Despite his irresponsible behaviour, the prodigal

son thought his father would no longer love him.

He said in verse 19

“...am no more worthy to be called thy son; Make me as one of thy hired servants.”

Many Christians today, make this same mistake about God’s forgiveness and compassion. The Bible says in verse 20 that when he was a long way off, his father could not wait for his son’s return, and he ran to meet him.

It doesn’t matter how far away you think you are from God, He is waiting to throw a party, if only you would return to Him. His love is constant, patient and welcoming. God loves you so much than to condemn you. His compassion never fails! Our greatest testimony is that Jesus died for us, and He is waiting for you to arise and return to Him.