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CHANGE THE NARRATIVE!



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GREETINGS, FRIENDS:

One of the greatest assets we have as an individual is an access to make a personal decision. Life gives us an opportunity with options to choose from several choices. **“Choose this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord”** Joshua 24:15. People that make today matter to them change their live narratives by choosing to take today seriously. They prepare for the unexpected, believe the unbelievable, and do the undoable.

Many today still live after yesterday's events. They enjoy the account of impossibilities and walk straight as if nothing will ever change it.

Note, things change when we are ready to change. We see new us when we prepare to sow new things. People who make today matter enjoy tomorrow better and bigger. Life, most times, create a negative narrative, it is you who will have to see the positive narrative, sing the song you want to hear. When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, there is lifting up, and he shall save the humble person. Job 22:29.

Life narrative makes many fall victims of the cast down syndrome; it is in your power to change the narrative that there is a lifting up. There is some chorus that shouldn't be part of your today's identity regardless of the challenge around you. I tasted the highest level of poverty and rejection when growing up, but that stigma has never been part of me. I was all out to choose and change the usual narrative my family was known for by working out my potential until I see a better day.

Do not be intrigued with what goes around you; be yourself. It may not work now; it will work soon. I have realized in my little life that defeat is tough to take,

but we can change the narrative by bouncing back, focusing forward. If you have to go ahead, you will need to find your future in today's adventure.

I told someone some time ago that people that make today matter do not look forward to a record-breaking adventure but follow their God ordered vision.

Every new level narrative required a going forward mentality even in defeat. Paul, the apostle, said in *Phil 3; 13 that Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,*

Paul wrote two-thirds of the New Testament epistle yet is straining forward. *Folks, something's lie ahead that requires today's straining. We have to strain to see success come.* The narrative about David changes from the shepherd boy to a savior of the nation immediately grace comes over him to undo the Philistine roar. His brothers and the entire nation sees him as a small boy of the house of Jesse, who is not skillful in the enterprise of war, but he sees himself as an instrument in the hand of God as a giant's slayer. What the whole nation was afraid of, David confronted it at the instance.

My prayer for you friend is that from today, you will win all your adventures, you will never be afraid of taking the giant step that will give you giant stride.

No doubt, people who change their narrative stay compact in their acts and dreams. They stay compact with their idea, vision, and their goal to see the deliverable achieved. *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. Hebrew 10:23.*

Beloved, better days are ahead, but you have to make today matters to you. You have to think out of ordinary men zone; you have to build future with a futuristic concept, i.e., ideas that will rule your world, an action that governs the mind, believe that transcend human understanding.

Life is astonishing and full of opposition; therefore, if you have to outshine your opponents, you have to focus today to a degree of assurance on your task.

Challenges looking like a prison will come, but in the midst of it, there is always a way-out.

Changing the narrative is about how you take advantage of adventures by being entirely positive in your approach to issues. You can enjoy extraordinary incredible life facing reality.

You do not need to cry when you have seen the challenge; all you need is to strain forward working it out. Your life will be a subject of much debate when you start making sense, but it is your responsibility to be sensational in your approach to go ahead regardless of all. No doubt, there will be an awkward moment, but life gives us a second chance regardless of the prison-like nature, so be you.

Another characteristic of people that change the narrative is that they have a good look in the future with proper positivity. Someone once told us after my father's burial in 2007 that he couldn't assist us because "he cannot put fire on wet grass," which means regardless of his investment on us, nothing meaningful may come out of it. My siblings were worried, but I was not bothered. They saw the word as an event; I see it as an adventure. The event

will always come to stay; adventure comes as an experience.

People who see life as an event settle for whatever comes their way. Few that see life as an adventure enjoy the experience and look forward to more. Nobody changes an event, but adventures are synonymous with new experiences. Changing the narrative is seeing your life as an adventure, not an event. Change the narrative with what you say, the song you sing to yourself, not the one they sing to you.

A negative vibe disrupts vision, and dreams. Don't be destroyed by what distracts others. Distraction is a destroyer! True belief is a factor for a better and bigger life. More often than none, some things change our narrative not to see the real picture of the future in a positive image. We submit to challenges, circumstances, and contention because no one to help, thereby making us remain helpless. It is time to find help within your potential.

Something happened in 2018 that humbled me; I met this young man in a summit and after my interaction with the group. He seeks to see me privately at the office, and I allowed.

He explained his ordeal of how hard it has been for him to eat. I have compassion for him. I said to him, 'giving you money will not solve your problem; it can only soften immediate challenge. After said and done, I ask him what he will like to do and what he loves passionately. He said repair and installation, so I gave him some money I have with me for assistance and counsel him usually to make today matter. On 1st of March 2020, Gloria and I went to a store to purchase an automated washing machine, and on getting home, I tried all I could, but I could not get the machine fixed to work. I dial the number of the electronics guy I know to come and help me out. They couldn't get the programming. Gloria ordered the service of her colleague in the office who repairs electronic equipment; unfortunately, we have the same old story.

So I drove down to LG shop and request a technical expert. They called his number, and he spoke to me on the phone and said his workmanship is Twelve thousand naira N12, 000. I agreed, he came down, and behold, guess who I saw? My boy, after three years. After so much excitement, we walked down to the machine, and you can't believe this, the washing machine was installed, fixed, and run successfully within 5 minutes. I asked him "boy" how come, he replied with a smile, Sir, you

told me to "*change the narrative.*" I was so happy; however, he refused to collect the agreed fees.

One of the most significant ways to make today's matter is to make the right choices. That is, choice that sees the future, the choice that provokes dreams, choices that project your hope, and gives meaning to living.

To a young fellow, you can't afford to play with today's lifestyle. Make today's priority to get married and be responsible. Make your developmental stages today a priority, and you will leave tomorrow happier. You might be known to be incapable, your choice today make the world see how much capacity you have. You might be name week, but the right choice could recreate and re-circle your strength. I have been called so many names that make me a minus, yet, I got past the human projection and plighted my trade with possibility and positivity.

One great motivation in the school of success is doing one's best better when you are not the best. A young man at thirty asks me, Sir, why did you marry at twenty-four that is so early. Did anyone advise you, did your parents give you money to do the wedding? I laughed, "No one told me; neither do I have any sponsor for the wedding. I knew at 20 that everyday count, so I have to create every day worth. Folks, everything that is vital is what I go for because I got a clear picture of what the future looks.

John Maxwell said, who we are today is the result of the choice we made yesterday. Learn to enjoy lessons that life throws at you today. When you fail, try to reach a comeback. There is always a second chance to trace back steps. Sorrow tends to leave our side when we see success.

No one will help you make today matter; it is your responsibility to choose new narratives. Choose a new path to follow, and disagree with disadvantages surrounding you. Folks, the future you run away from, are gradually waiting for you in the next corridor. There is only one flight path to tomorrow's success; it is today matters. I have discovered that the actual future begins the day you find out yourself.

Changing the narrative means you are engaging your potential until it begins to influence you, your environment, and your society. No success strategy can take the place of "will power." You have settled it at heart before you can change things around you. People that make today matter are ready to go beyond the

ordinary concept of natural philosophy. They have durable will power that breaks the invincible on every goal.

People who change their narrative have no retracted syndrome; they make do with forwarding mentality. Though most people want to avoid pain, the truth is that in all pains, there are gains. I have passed through several oppositions in my little life that, ordinarily people thought, is not healthy, but that is where discipline comes in. Don't play down on your discipline virtue; it is a multifaceted weapon to stay gallant.

To change your narrative, be disciplined in your totality. Therefore your discipline matters today to win tomorrow that your eyes can see. Folks, stop hobnobbing, start pushing forth every desire at your disposal to reach the tops. It is time you withholding nothing until your real you impact your world.

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