

YOU WON'T LABOUR IN VAIN

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When the Lord could no longer put up with the wickedness of men, he told Noah, his faithful servant, in Genesis 6:14 to build an ark of 450ft length, 75ft breadth, and 45ft high. Noah and his family couldn't have built such a vast ark all by themselves. He hired workmen like carpenters and masons to join him in completing the highly technical task in accordance with the master plan given by God. God gave specifications and detailed even the materials to be used in the construction. Noah, after receiving these instructions from the Lord, gathered the carpenters and sundry workmen to assist him in building the ark. What God asked his servant to build was novel; it was the first time ark was mentioned in the bible. No one living at the time had seen anything like it before. Also unheard of was the sort of destruction it was to preserve the elect from. The people of that age did not know what rain or flood was like for they had never experienced anything like that.

Everything was based on what the Lord told Noah. The artisans, who were briefed by Noah for a job they had never executed before, ran with the mission without keying into the vision. They didn't believe in the essence of the ark, which is for those believe in God and His word to be saved from the looming destruction. The carpenters joined in building the Ark for the wage they agreed with Noah. These artisans, by virtue of working closely with Noah on the ark project, had a rare grace to be preserved but they blew it.

They ended up getting paid as professionals, without earning the eternal benefit of their

labour. What a tragedy! According to Genesis 7:13-14, *In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; 14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.*

None of the workmen, who toiled with Noah in building the ark, entered into it. This was because they did not believe in Noah's message and the purpose of the ark. You can then imagine their regrets when the furious flood came and their handiwork and its content was cruising on the same water that was destroying them and the world.

As it was with these people who worked with Noah in building the ark, so it is with many in our day. A lot of people are within the grace orbit but they are not making the most of the mercies of God. It is like being a worker in Church without reliving the grace of God that is at work in your Church. It is odd to be active in Church yet be bereft of grace. While grace is regularly poured forth, there are people like Noah's workmen who refuse to recognize and maximize the rare opportunities presented. A child of God must move with the cloud of glory when it is moving. Titus 2:11, *for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.* Grace is available to everyone if only they can run with it.

The mystery I discovered from the ark story is that Noah hired people to assist him in building what God mandated. It is clear that

Noah and his children did not solely build the ark. However, the hired hands didn't maximize their working relationship with the Set Man for their salvation. To this extent, their labour was in vain although they were paid wages. Some of the artisans and labourers must have mocked Noah in their hearts, saying: "this man said rain and flood is coming. What are those? What sort of confused man is this? Since he has money to throw away on a useless project, let's just get our share".

It is not everything that God wants to do in your life that He reveals all the details in the beginning. No, you don't need to understand what He is asking you to do. Once you are sure you heard from God, go ahead with what he requested you to do, without minding the mockery from men. Don't be like Noah's workmen who solely cared about wages without working for destiny or salvation. God is calling on people to enter this ark of grace and glory.

My beloved, Jesus is coming soon. Don't be a worker in Church without being raptured. Let it not be that after inviting people to the kingdom via evangelism, you end up without being saved. God wants you to benefit from what He is doing. It is His Will for you to work for His kingdom and reap the eternal fruits of your labour. May you not labour in vain, Amen!

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1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	BIBLE TEXTS	DATE	BIBLE TEXTS
October 24	Matthew 25:1-30 & Exodus 29-30	October 28	Matthew 26:57-75 & Exodus 36-37
October 25	Matthew 25:1-46 & Exodus 31	October 29	Matthew 27:1-26 & Exodus 38-39
October 26	Matthew 26:1-30 & Exodus 32-33	October 30	Matthew 27:27-44 & Exodus 40
October 27	Matthew 26:31-56 & Exodus 34-35		

GOOD Report



SAVED FROM PREMATURE DELIVERY

When I got home from church last Sunday, I started to have a strong and sharp pain in my lower abdomen. It became severe like labour pains. I tried to manage the pain all through the night till morning hoping that the baby was just trying to change position and I was not over imagining things. I listened to Pastor Joseph's message again for my devotion and continued to make the declaration that "I increase in grace to carry my baby to full term".

That morning, I called my doctor to explain my feelings and was told what I never wanted to imagine; "You are having premature contraction/ Labour condition". She prescribed some drugs to reduce the contractions but mentioned that if it persisted, I would have to go for a full diagnosis before any further action. I bought the drugs as advised and used them.

By evening time, I couldn't hold the pain. I had to

call my neighbour to take me to hospital but the only thing that came to my mind to take along was my husband's ordained mantle which I laid on my tummy and prayed for healing and God's divine intervention.

My neighbour (a doctor) took me to three diagnosis centres that claimed to do 24-hour service and no one attended to us and came up with different excuses. At this point, a lot was going through my mind but I promised myself that I wasn't going to call Pastor Joseph nor Pastor Andrew for prayers. The Holy Spirit then told me "Racheal, you have been granted your license during the Holy Ghost conference and your words have become authority in heaven. Why are you still allowing the devil to attack and toss you around? Immediately after receiving the message, I told my neighbour to take me back home.

I got home and not so long my husband came. We took the anointing oil and the mantle and it was time to change the narrative. We prayed, declared God's word and spoke in tongues. I anointed my tummy and drank some. After that, I laid my back to sleep like nothing happened.

To God be the glory, I woke up brighter and stronger and continued to make the same declaration that "I increase in grace and I'm licensed to carry my baby to maturity". As I continued to confess this, my faith increased and I became stronger. I went for the diagnosis, and to God be the glory, all the results were good. The doctor announced that the baby is doing well and that the premature contraction had ceased.

Sis Racheal Adeseri

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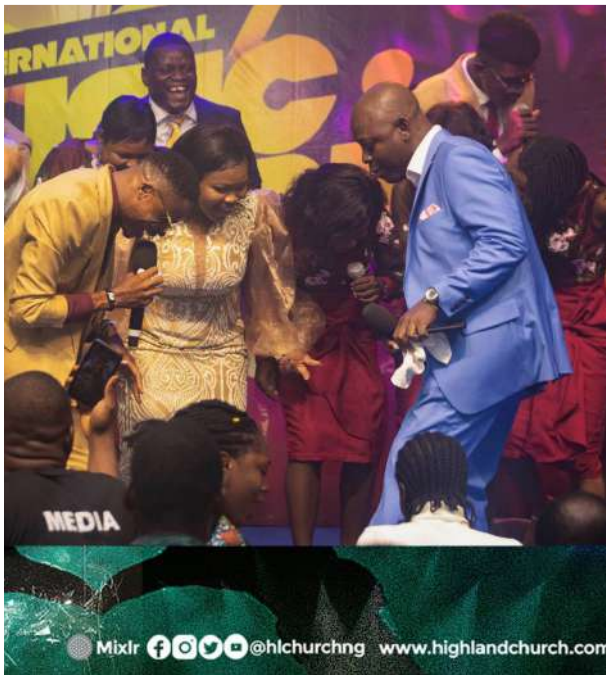
- You'll have more than enough
- God has given you rest on every side; no more evil occurrence
- God will put in your hands what took others three years to achieve
- Investors will rush at you to invest in your dreams and career
- No more rejection; the same people who said No will say Yes
- You'll be in hot demand
- Receive the grace to see things before they happen
- You will be 10 years ahead of your peers
- No matter how hard they try, you will always stand out. They won't be able to catch up
- There will be a flow of positive things towards you
- There shall be no dry season in your life
- Your channel of blessings won't dry up
- No human being will ever embarrass you again
- People you don't know will go out of their way to favour you
- God will give you testimonies above your age.
- I break by fire every curse in your family to the 10th generation
- You shall enjoy favour above your age and race

- You'll be the first to do great things in your family
- God will do through you what has never happened in your generation and race
- Your time of new beginning is here
- You won't shed tears of sorrow, reproach and shame again
- There shall be miracle relationships and marriages
- Things will fall in place for you
- Your destiny is receiving help now

Confessions for the week.

- I'm a master receiver; new things, gifts, credit alerts are coming my way
- I know how to receive fat gifts and shall receive them
- It's my time to be favoured

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