

Becoming One Flesh In Order To Maximize Your Marriage

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Gbile Akanni teaches that true marital fulfillment comes from embracing the God-ordained distinctiveness of male and female and becoming one flesh in unity and purpose.

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Description

In this insightful teaching, Gbile Akanni explores the biblical foundation of marriage, emphasizing the importance of embracing the unique God-given identities of husband and wife. Drawing from Genesis and Matthew, he explains how becoming one flesh is essential for maximizing the potential and purpose of marriage. The sermon challenges couples to respect and enhance each other's distinctiveness, fostering unity without erasing individuality. Listeners are encouraged to view marriage as a divine design that requires intentional commitment and mutual support.

Transcript

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Telephone numbers 0703 03636 59, 0703 76811 98. Email address lsmedia at livingfeed.org or visit our website at www.livingfeed.org. Let us sit back and listen as the servant of God brings forth the Word of Life. Genesis chapter 2, verse 21 to verse 25 will be our direct focus at this point before we move on.

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept. And he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof. And the rib which the Lord God hath taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife.

And this shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed. Now before we commence the application that we need to draw here, just come quickly to Matthew 19 as well.

So that we will take all of them in one breath, and then we can commence our study. Matthew chapter 19. The Pharisees, in verse 3, also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said to them, Have you not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female? And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they too shall be one flesh.

Wherefore they are no more twin, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder. I would want to stop at that verse 6, whereas verse 7, 8, 9, 10 is very important and it gives further insight.

But verse 4, 5, and 6 is sufficient to set for us the precepts that we are looking for in becoming one flesh. In order to maximize our marriages. In the first instance, I would like you to know that as Jesus noted, he who made them in the beginning, how did he make them? He made them male and female.

And he said, If you carry King James like I carry Matthew chapter 19, King James. And he answered and said to them, Have you not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female? Is it full stop? What did you find there? And said, That emphasis that Jesus Christ brought, we cannot overlook it if we are going to honestly maximize the marriage. That God, even at the beginning, he did not make them duplicates.

They were not duplicates. The wife was not made to duplicate what the husband can do. God was not bringing a duplicate.

If it was a duplicate, what it would mean is that they would have the same features. And if they are just duplicates, what will happen is that there will be repetition, there will be competition. Because they are the same.

It was not sameness that will bring becoming one flesh. Becoming one flesh is not because your wife has become like you in terms of everything that you are. That was not God's intention.

So even as we are talking about maximizing our marriage, in becoming one flesh, never you dream that a time will come when your wife will be operating like a male. If she changes from being the female and begins to operate like a male, she has lost her relevance in your life. And she has lost her ministry in your life.

And she has lost that which is uniquely endowing her to make you complete. So brother, may I say to you that what you look for in becoming one flesh is not a conquering or a conversion. Of the female to become another male.

As a wife, don't ever dream that you will become one flesh because your husband has now become like a woman. If that is what you are looking for, you will damage him. You will have destroyed him.

You will have reduced him to a level of impotence. So what exactly is the first thing I want to say in maximizing your marriage by becoming one flesh? I want you to respect the uniqueness of the female and the uniqueness of the male. Permit me to quickly establish that when he said they are no more two but

they have become one.

The fact that they are no more two but they have become one does not remove the female and male components. And it will not remove it. So how do I maximize my marriage? I maximize my marriage by deliberately enhancing the femaleness of my wife.

Let her be the female. Let her be the best and the highest of the female. As a wife, how do you maximize your marriage? You will find your marriage coming to its highest when you help your husband to be the man that he was meant to be.

The features, the qualities, the inner capacities and potentials of a man, of manhood, you need to labor to help him achieve it. The more your husband is a man, the more he is a male, the kind of male that God wanted, the better for your marriage. The more your wife, because more and more, more and more, the woman, the better your marriage and the greater will be your output.

I need to first note that. I need to note that because you may misunderstand the fact that when God is saying there are no more two, they must become one. Oneness is an erosion of the unique features of your wife and of the unique features of your husband.

If you think like that, you will not make most of your marriage. And this is a very delicate issue. And Jesus Christ had to address it.

Why did he address it? It appears as if majorly what makes husband and wife to find reasons for quarreling is that they have failed to recognize that he who made them at the beginning, how did he make them? Male and female. And that it was not by mistake. Your wife is not a woman by mistake.

It was by design. Her perspective as a woman, her way of seeing things as a woman, her contribution as a woman, her approach, approach to things, approach to life as a woman is deliberately intended by God in order for you to become complete. Don't struggle to conquer that.

Don't struggle to convert that. Sincerely, I am sensing this morning. Sincerely, I will engage and employ all husbands to please get on your knees and say, Father, help me to enhance the woman you gave me.

Help me, oh God, to recognize the uniqueness of womanhood that is absent with me. So that all she could be, all that God has put in her for me may come out and none wasted. And as a woman, you will pray, Lord, let me never insist that my husband will be less than the man he ought to be.

Let my husband not be less than the man you designed and desired him to be. He must arrive at that height as the man. This will take the two of you to really, really engage and say, God, what we are looking for is not an erosion of the peculiarities of what you made.

What we are looking for is an enhancement of it, a growth of it, a development of it, a sharpening of it. If you sharpen the manliness of your husband and he becomes the kind of man that Christ is longing for, oh my God, you will have brought that man to where he ought to be for God. And if you labor to ensure, to enhance, to develop the womanhood that God deliberately brought into your life in your wife, you will be doing something that will make your marriage and your life great than you are ever thinking.

So when they came complaining, he said, no, no, no, you have made a mistake. He that made them in the beginning, what did he do? He made them male and female and said there was a word that God added.

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall become what? One flesh.

I want to pray with you that the, what looked like the difference, what looks like the diversity of the woman and of the man will never be the reason for your contest. It must be the reason for your cleaving. Did you hear me? The woman that she is, which no matter how you struggle, if you struggle to change that, you are, how do I put it? If you got a radio or you got a material that was made to be round, it was designed to be round and something in your head says, I don't want a round figure here.

I want it to be flat and four corner. What are you going to do to make a round object to become four corner? Talk to me quickly. You will start hitting it a bit.

By the time you finish, are you going to get a perfect four corner object? Talk to me quickly. What have you done to the round object? You have destroyed and disfigured it. And what you wanted to get, you can't get because it was not originally designed to be four corner.

One of the greatest wastages that God is dealing with is to struggle, to disfigure, to disrupt and to disorganize what God has put together in your spouse. What you finally get is a disfigured man who has lost his bearing and who can never balance again. So I want you to please do one thing for me just now.

You will please tell your husband, by the grace of God, I will labor with you to enhance the man God wants you to be. Can you talk to him? I will no longer struggle to convert you to something I am dreaming about. Please tell him.

I am talking seriously this morning. And husband, can you please tell your wife as tenderly as you can to say, honestly speaking, I will not tamper with the woman God wants you to be. I will not bend you differently.

Pray that God will give me wisdom to be able to understand who you are. This is very important. What has become rifts and difficult junctions in many relationships is simply because the other one wants to have his way.

If you don't see it the way I see it, there's nothing there. And I want to tell you, there is no way she can see the way a man sees. She is not made to see as a man sees.

She's made to see things from the woman's perspective, which you lack. If, may God help me to tell you that, even though you have two eyes on your head as a man, your two eyes is equal to only one eye, one perspective. The second eye that ought to bring a balance to every issue you see is where? I'm not hearing you.

Where is it? It's in the wife. What you have seen as a man, as good as it is to your eyes, is an incomplete perception. For you to have a complete and a balanced perception and perspective over that matter, you need your second eye.

And where is that second eye? I'm not hearing you. It's with your wife. So you see, when they were talking about, they must discuss, they must agree.

I just felt that God needed to help you to understand that we are not talking about such ordinary things. The reality of the matter is that the way God designed it, you need that second eye for what you are

seeing to be complete. And madam, I want you to know that you have good eyes, but your eyes, everything you have seen is only a one eye perspective.

If we depend only on your eye, something will not be correct. Something will not be complete. So when we talk about becoming one flesh, may I quickly establish that by design, by design, by the way God decided to do it, it will honestly be impossible for you to operate without each other because you have one eye.

The second eye that gives you the balance is not on your head. Where is it? It's in your wife. Madam, no matter what you have seen, it may look good, but I wish you will know that you need that other bigger eye, which is located in your husband, to help you see it, then everything comes together.

So when he said he who made them at the beginning, it was not a mistake, it was not sin, it was not rebellion, it was not disobedience. No, no, no, no, no. It was God's design.

And if we are going to maximize our marriage, we just need to know that to maximize our marriage, to maximize our potential, is that every component that is needed for completion has been located that way. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

And he said for this cause, that means there is a very important reason why you must become one. That's a very critical, indispensable reason why you have to leave father, mother, and cleave to your wife. And the two of you shall become what? One flesh.

And God said, so there are no more two, there are one flesh. I'm not yet coming to talking about what God has joined together. We need to understand that together, so that maximizing our marriages will be something that you will push from this afternoon in the name of Jesus Christ.

So if you will allow me to move from that Matthew 19, I will come back on it and get back to the Genesis that the master referred to. It's not that I want to repeat all that you have been talking about, both in the seminars and in the Bible study. That's not what I intend to do.

I just want to draw some quick issues in the matter of becoming one flesh in order to maximize your marriage and fulfill the purpose of God. The first matter that I thought I should again bring out, you see it in that verse 21. Verse 21 and verse 22, the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and his sled and he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

That's as simple as we have read it. Every time I have come over and over and over again, even now, I have been overwhelmed with the wisdom of God. What is the wisdom of God? For a woman to be relevant in the life of a man, for a woman to find space in the life of a man, God took something out of him.

God took, let me just note, he took a rib. If you don't think I'm just talking of bones, I'm not talking of bones. I want you to understand that something, God took something out, out.

And maybe if God did not close it up, many of us, we would have woken up every day recognizing our need. One of the reasons why becoming one flesh is very slow to dawn on many men is that they have a faulty impression that they are complete. They have a faulty or inadequate understanding that they are complete.

Why do they have that? Because God covered the loophole with the flesh. So when he's moving like this, you think that's a complete man going. When he stands up and he does his hand like this, because you

can't see the hole from afar.

Everybody thinks that this man has no need. And even himself, because he cannot see this car, everything looks covered. He never felt that there's something I am needy, something that I miss, something that has to be brought back to me.

And so, so many brothers erroneously think that they are complete on their own and that they can finish whatever they started by themselves. And they walk like that. Even when you are asking them to love their wives, they just think that to love their wives, are you hearing me? That is that they are doing her what? A favor.

And that actually they don't really need her. They are just helping her and they expect that if I love you, you should serve me in return. Because I'm just being benevolent to help you.

That quiet misunderstanding was coming because not many men have realized that there is something they needed so seriously that is not here anymore. But God covered it so that every dick and Harry will not see it. And all the vultures will not capitalize on your vulnerability and come and peck.

But the fact that God covered it with flesh, does that mean the real has not been taken away? Brothers and sisters, may I note with you. The matter of becoming one flesh with your wife is not cosmetic. It is necessary.

It is mandatory. I use the word necessary, mandatory, maybe I should have said compulsory. Friends, if you are going to be the man that God wants you to be.

It is a necessity. For you to leave everything else and cleave to this woman. Please hear me very well.

It is because by God's grace, something that you do not have is the reason why God has constructed her. You will understand it by and by in the name of Jesus Christ. I am talking with you this morning, not like they just say I should love my wife.

I want you to see because God said for this cause. There is a cause, there is a reason. There is a reason why you must do so.

I pray that it will dawn on you as a man, as it is dawning on me. That there is a reason. It is not just that I have been exalted to do it.

It is not just that it is nice to do it. It is not just that where you will be a good Christian to do it. No sir, it is a necessity.

There is a cause for it. If you don't, something will be missing and something will make you miss out. If there is no cause.

You see, every time I have read that scripture and it says for this cause, I say God. It means then that bonding with my wife is not optional for me. It may come to you as an exaltation husband, love your wife.

Leave your father and mother and cleave to your wife. It may come to you like that as an exaltation because they did not remember to put the word therefore. Whenever we miss the because, the reason, the cause, the necessity.

We might not approach this matter with all the seriousness it demands. And as anyone who is desiring to fulfill God's purpose, this is critical. Praise the Lord.

For this cause, for which cause, for which cause? For which cause must you cleave to your wife and become one flesh? For which cause? The first cause I'm seeing is that what God used to make the woman is that which is deficient, absent, missing in you. You have an intrinsic need that no one else can fit in except the one that was designed and tailor-made to carry it. This will come to you by revelation, I pray.

I pray that my brothers, as husband, I talk to you first before I will talk to your wife now. I just want to talk to you first. I want God to open your eyes.

I want God to help you see the compelling reason why you must not let this woman go. I want the Lord to open your eyes to see the compelling reason why, even if she's misbehaving, even if she decided to be naughty, I'm using wrong words, it is not enough for you to let go. Even if she seems to be so sluggish, the trouble is that something that is of you that you need in life is locked up in her.

It must be released. It must be brought forth. You'll be unfortunate for what, oh my God, I don't know how to express it, but I have seen things that have happened physically that always death showed me something.

Can I tell you one thing? We got ready to travel one day in the car. Everything was packed. We are ready.

Only for us to want to now sit in the car, to start moving. My wife said, where is the key? Where is the key to the car? I said, I thought it used to be in this pigeonhole. We went through all pigeonholes.

We did not find it. We went ransacking everywhere. Do you know the problem? If there was a duplicate, what should we have done? So let's just take the duplicate and go.

But the duplicate also is not there. So we started checking. Who drove the car last? Which brother drove the car last? So we started checking.

Mummy, do you remember? That suddenly we realized that brother Femi drove the car last. And because the way this particular car, the key just needs to be either in the car or in the body of a driver for it to start. Are you understanding? So when he parked the car, the key was in his pocket.

Are you getting me? Then brother left and went back to his own house, not knowing that the key is in his pocket. Could we move? Can I ignore brother Femi that day? Why did I need to go and look for Femi that day? He has the key. When you lose a key that has no duplicate, you are compared to do what? To run after whosoever is holding it.

I started saying some things since you came. I said, one thing that you must not forget is that your wife has no alternative in your becoming what God wants you to be. No alternative.

For this cause, shall a man leave his father and mother? Because what you need to fulfill your destiny is located in her. She may look unkempt, she may appear unready, but something of you is in her and it must be collected. When you pray with passion with your wife and for your wife, honestly speaking, for whom are you praying? You are just praying for yourself.

If you love your wife to such an extent that everything that she is carrying, which is your own, is freely released into your life, for whom are you laboring? Talk to me please. Is that not the Bible? Say,

whosoever loves his wife, does what? Just loves himself. No man has ever hated himself except he is a madman.

Any brother who has any reason to say, get away, wherever you are going, get away. I see a brother who is using his left hand to throw away the key that he will need to move in life. There's a cause.

When we finish this meeting this afternoon, and I'm going to send you to be alone with God together again. Honestly speaking, whatever was the matter, whatever used to be a quarrel, they are very, very small compared with what is the weight and gravity of your oneness. God will help us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Now, except for this cause, there's a cause. And that cause has a reason for cleaving far, far, far out ways. Every other reason to say praise.

Praise the Lord. He said, and the rib that God took from the man made him into a woman. And when the man spoke, he said, this is the bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh.

She will be called woman because she's taken out of man. May God give you that revelation. May the Holy Spirit do something this afternoon that will be a permanent solution so that you can make the most of this marriage.

Your blessing is in that. Now, what do I tell the wives? What do I need to say to the wife at this point? What is the reason why you cannot pull away? If I will not be rude, I would like to say that you had no business being alive. There was no reason for you to have been born.

Except for this purpose. Please hear me. As soon as God determined that you are going to be a female, a woman.

Right from that beginning, God already had in mind that he is preparing you for who? For who? For him. For him. For him.

Except you don't know that it is the will of God for you to marry this man. But you already married. Permit me to tell you with all my heart.

And you know I am not talking from the ground of those men that are wicked and are very greedy and they want to oppress women. No, no, no, no, no, no, no. I am speaking to you as a servant of God.

That everything in you. All your capacity. All that God endowed you with.

Is for him. Is not for yourself. You were not made by God to be independent.

Don't misunderstand me that there are some ladies that whatever God decided, they were not to marry. And God may have a purpose for what he will use them for in his kingdom and in the body of Christ. But not you.

Don't let me hear you say, but what of single ladies? But you are not. Are you a single lady? Eh? Or do you want to become single? If you don't want to become single. And you are not a single lady.

Then settle to what is your estate. God has brought you into an estate. To be a wife is an estate.

And the implication of that is what you said the day they were, you were wedding. When they say, will you go with this man? And you said, I will go. The moment Rebecca said, I will go.

Something happened. Everything that Isaac was meant to become in life, they looted it in her. She became, she became a wife.

Permit me to say, you have become a wife. I know that look like tautology. But I pray what look like tautology may sound clear in your mind.

What did I say you have become? You have become a wife. Who is a wife? A wife is that woman. Into whom God has transferred.

God. The destiny of the husband. Without which that man can go nowhere.

May God help you to know. The reason why you have to become one is that it will be wicked. Not to.

It will be destructive. Not to. The man will never balance if you don't.

Heaven will wait and wait and wait and wait in vain for him to arrive. And they will not find him because. Thank God that day that I got, we got another car.

There was an alternative car. When we realized that the key is locked up in another brother's pocket. And he is not around.

What did we decide that day? Said let's leave this car and pick another. Because there is another car. That's why we could arrive at where they are waiting for me to preach.

But where there is no other car. What will happen to those who are waiting for me? They wait in vain. Sister.

I want to beg you in the name of the Lord. Because there is no alternative. Until death do us part.

Please. Don't allow this man. To be crippled on the road.

Don't allow him to arrive late. Please. Don't allow him.

To become less than he was meant to be. It's the mystery. It's a great mystery.

And I will beg you to please. Pray with me. When Bidemi was bringing us the prayer opera.

And went to look at AXA. And she said AXA is a daughter. That was given to Othnier to be a wife.

And that sister said. She urged her husband. Ask my father.

For this. And as they went together. Why Othnier was saying.

With this. The girl also said. Dad you giving me this.

But you've not given me this. And you know why she said that. For whom is she making that request.

It's for the husband. Because where will she go and. Will she build another house somewhere.

She knew that. This matter. If I go to heaven.

I'm asking for something. It's for him. If you hear me very well.

Even your prayer life. Is for him. So when my wife ended and said.

It is for this reason that God said. Submit. Submit yourself to him.

Please give him. What belongs to him. That God has packaged into you.

And that by so doing. Even yourself. You will enter.

Into the glory that God is speaking concerning you. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Now. When you say for this cause. What therefore God has joined together.

My mind say. What has God joined together. Is it just that God joined their hands.

Is it that God just joined their legs. Even all of those joiners. We shall be talking about later.

But there's something more that God has joined together. The divine ordination. That God placed upon the man.

Has now been brought on the woman. That their destiny have been joined together. Becoming one flesh.

Is mandatory. For us to accomplish. The purpose.

That God has proposed. It's not you know. If you become one.

And you agree together as our brethren were describing. Two days ago and yesterday. We became one in money.

We became one. The way we eat food. I love that.

And I thank you for all of that. And I thank God. But there's something more than that.

There's something higher than that. There's something much more. Of gravity.

That all of this. Basic things that we have talked about over the time. It is that.

The purpose of heaven. Has been joined together. For you to accomplish.

All that God is. Oh God. Oh God.

Can you imagine the damage. That came to the purpose of God. When Adam fell.

Can you imagine. The colossal damage. And set back.

The Bible said by the disobedience of one man. All men. All men.

Was subject to bondage. What I have been crying about. Because as I can say by the disobedience of one man.

All. Was subject to death. And he said by the obedience of one.

Many were made righteous. And in my mind I say God. If it were just me.

If I failed. I will fail alone. It should have been small.

But if by the disobedience of one brother Billy. Many. Will be made to languish.

It became a more critical matter. That's why we must succeed. That's why this purpose of God that have been bound together over our heads.

Must be maximized. It must not be wasted. Praise the Lord.

Do you follow me to this point. When I will be asking you to please go and be alone with God. I will be desiring.

That you will. Put aside. Little, little, little, little, little distractions.

There's a higher reason. Why you must be alive together. Me, I know.

Even anger. Even anger. It's not compulsory for anybody to be angry.

Even you as I know you. Let us imagine that. There is a very, very crucial.

Exam. That you are preparing for as husband. Are you hearing me? It's the exam that will determine your promotion.

And that exam is going to start at 9 AM. And you need to leave house. Latest by 730.

So that you can be in the exam place by 830. So that all the things can be done. Imagine that as you are dressing up.

Your wife did something. That annoyed you. Let me ask you.

What did you do that morning? You settle down to be annoyed. Talk to me now. You say, even this exam, I'm not going again.

We must settle this thing. Why are you look at me like that? Who are you? Did you do that? What did you do? You told yourself. There is something more important.

Than being angry now. So what did you do? You suspended the anger. You went.

You make sure you concentrated. Because you know. That one has to affect.

Something more critical. I hope you remember that it was when there is nothing more important to do. Are you hearing me? That you came back.

So what were you saying in the morning? Did you understand that? Honestly speaking. Most of what preoccupied you. That look like.

Is because. You have no. You have not discovered.

Your purpose for living. Only I do. People have time to be angry.

Are you hearing me? Can you imagine that? You really got annoyed with your husband. And you were ready. In fact, you already took your.

Your head tie. To say whatever it would take. We must settle this matter.

This moment. And as you were getting ready for that. And he greeted you.

You did not answer. Suddenly. Your baby started conversing.

Talk to me now. Talk to me. What happened? Did you notice that? Whatever anger you had before.

What has happened now? Is finished. Your husband that you say you will not talk to again. What did you do? You called him.

Hey, look at our baby. Look at our baby. And he said.

We are carrying him. Carry her. Since you know how to.

I said. No, please. I beg you.

Please. I beg you. Did you beg him? Aha.

Why? There is something more serious. That has connected you. As we were praying here.

Yesterday night. God was telling me. And said.

If my brothers and sisters. If they discover. The greater purpose.

If they discover. The greater reason. Why I set them up.

The peripera. The petty, petty, petty, issues. That the devil.

Preoccupy us with. We will lose hold of them. I'm telling you.

That after this meeting your married will never remain the same again. Because there's a purpose for it. There's a serious matter at There are many things that as I started the word of God, it now began to be clear to me that where there is no vision.

What the Bible say, the people perish, they dissipate, they languish, they struggle. They quarreling about what is not there. For this cause, there's a cause, and it's eternal.

May none of us fall down dead and we have not finished our cause. So when you will be going to be alone with God, you'll be noting that the matter of becoming one flesh is mandatory, is necessary, actually is compulsory because of what we have to handle. Because of what God is setting us up for in his kingdom.

But as regards the practicality of what this oneness is meant to accomplish, the full potential of what heaven is demanding that we will do. She started helping us in the morning and said, for example, God said, if two of you shall agree as touching anything that they will ask on earth. And I know, we both know, and we have experienced, every time we net down in agreement over any matter, no matter how big, no matter how little.

I'll give you one that is funny, very funny. But we wanted to travel as a family with our children. And our journey, we will not be able to arrive until, I think, the children were to resume on Saturday.

We will come back on a Sunday, which means our daughter will only be back to that school on Monday. And I carry my wife and myself, we went to the school to meet the principal. And we sat down there and we really were polite and we begged.

We said, we know your school resumes on Saturday, but we have a journey that we could not avoid. And all of us are booked to make that journey with all our children. We will try to come back on Saturday if possible, but not by Sunday we will be arriving.

Please, is there any concession you can give us? I'm not blaming her. If she said, sir, we can't give you any concession. I would have said, okay, she's following the rules and regulations of their system, which is all right.

Then she looked at us. I don't know whether she has had a before. And she's annoyed.

I don't know. She spoke what was not relevant to the issue on ground. She spoke.

She spoke so much that I was just looking at her mouth. She went and ran through everything she knows how to say. My wife was looking at me.

I was looking at her. So when she finished, she said, if that girl does not come here on Saturday, just know that you will keep her to yourself. And they are going to write tests and nobody can beg me.

I will not change my mind. Good afternoon. That good afternoon means get out of my office.

No chance for her to talk again. So we stood up. We got home.

We were asking, I said, do we postpone our journey because of this? We knew we cannot. So my wife said, what shall we do? I said, there's one more thing we can do. You said, what is that? I said, pando.

Didn't the Bible said, whatever you decree on us, it shall be done. Whatever you bind here is binding heaven and all of that. So we joined the father.

This journey is important. We cannot drop this charge. We are not likely to arrive before Saturday and we do not want to disobey the school.

We want to be obedient and we don't want to have problem with the principal. There's only one alternative. Oh God, shift the day of presumption in the name of Jesus.

This is a federal college. It's not a local school. It's not a private school.

It's national. So we started to travel. We were on the road when we heard over the national news.

The assumptions of federal government colleges all over Nigeria had been shifted and postponed indefinitely. Even things that look so little like that, if we agree, we've seen God doing it. Things that are so small, if we agree, we saw God doing it.

Things that people thought nobody could change, when we agree, we saw God doing it. If a child decides to do something that we says is not the thing, instead of acting with that child. Since we know we can enter into our chambers and we just join hands together and say, Father, in the name of Jesus.

A disciple that we were watching and raising decided to marry someone that was very wrong. No matter what we have said, no way. So my wife and myself, we said and we cannot see this girl marrying this man because it's not correct.

And there's nothing we say. The girl was preaching the man to us. It's because you don't know him and even somebody that doesn't come for your fellowship doesn't mean he's not a Christian.

Like that. So we got into a group one day. What was the prayer? Father, this young man is looking nice in the eyes of this young girl.

Father, we wanted to show her the second side of this man. Let the man do something that will forever turn her heart against him in the name of Jesus. You know what happened? She went visiting the man.

I don't know the discussion that happened when the young man got annoyed and gave her dirty slaps. He said, who do you think you are? I'm talking, you are talking. When the sister, they came back, he beat me.

He beat me. He beat you. Oh, sorry.

And he beat you. He beat me. How can I marry such a useless man? We have not even married.

He's already beating me. When I marry him, what will he do? I say, ah. We didn't need to do anything again.

Everything finished. She came and said, sir, I will never disobey you again. Whatever you ask me to do, I will do.

And that agreement, are you hearing me? It's possible in your bedroom. So when God said, there are no more two, but one flesh, God was setting up a team for the advancement of his purpose on earth. But how much of it have we wasted? What is it that the two of you cannot agree with and allow the purpose of God to be established? What are you arguing about? So when she led us to pray and read Philippians chapter two, I said, do me a favor.

God begging a little man like me to do him a favor. Please do God a favor by making your marriage a platform for kingdom, for kingdom business in the name of Jesus Christ. This is very critical and I must stop because I still wish you will be alone with God together.

There are several issues that remain for us to deal with, but I know as the days is coming, God will be unfolding it for us. This is our last day here together, but God will not leave any stone unturned in the name of Jesus. Becoming one flesh is mandatory, is necessary, is compulsory, is crucial in order for us to accomplish what heaven determined for us to accomplish.

Sister, if you do not release to him the grace that God has placed in your life for him, you have defrauded him. You have made it impossible for him to go anywhere. You have crippled him.

He may do like this, do like this, but he's crippled. He can't go far. And I know you are not here to do that.

I know God has brought you in here to do him good. You will do him good. I say you will do him good.

His heart will rest and trust safely in you according to some, I mean, Proverbs 31. When we come back and we need to press some few more issues before we do the final charge today, I want you to pray and

say the extent to which you are bringing us now, the highest potential, the maximum accomplishment, that which heaven will say we have made profit from this couple is what we are aiming at. So I want you to stand with me again.

We'll pray together and then you will go to be alone together this afternoon together from yesterday night and this morning's instructions up to this time. They are the issues that we want you to go together. Please be free.

Open up. Tell your wife whatever it was that I have done wrong because I thought I could go without him. Tell her you will not do that again.

Just tell her, say my wife, what is at stake is much more serious than everything that we have been talking about and you will just agree before God. Whatever you agree in this meeting, heaven will honor it. Please hear me very well.

Whatever you agree, there are things we enter into agreement before God. We have seen it just like that and we were praying with ourselves and we said, Lord, how we wish we got more into this. Father, in the name of Jesus, since you are concerned about our home, since it is your will that that which you have ordained for us, none of it will fail.

None of us will come short. I ask this afternoon, do something beyond ordinary. Bond our hearts in a new way.

Lord, I ask, melt our hearts together. While we are not struggling to change the female to male, help us, Lord, to enhance the highest potential of each other in the name of Jesus Christ. Spirit of the living God, undertake for us.

Thank you for hearing. In Jesus' name, we have prayed.

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