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**“There is therefore now
no condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus...”
- Romans 8:1**

Life is full of consequences. Many of us today are not suffering because God has forsaken us, but because of errors made in ignorance, deceit, disobedience, bad company, or a life lived without God.

The good news is this: **God specialises in rewriting destinies.**

The message reminds us of a powerful truth from **Isaiah 42:16**, which says, **“I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not... I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.”** This is God's mercy in action. He does not discard those who stumbled. He leads them, straightens them, and restores them.

We must understand the difference between a **mistake** and an **error**. A mistake is accidental, while an error is done in ignorance. Yet both can bring suffering. The five traps highlighted, which are Ignorance, Deceit, Disobedience, Bad

NO MORE CONDEMNATION

Friends, and a Life void of God, have broken homes, careers, and ministries. The Scripture warns us: **“Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel” (Proverbs 20:17).** **“Not all that glitters is gold”**, they say. What looks good today may become gravel tomorrow.

But God is not asking us to stay in yesterday's pit. He is offering three clear steps to freedom:

1. **Withdraw** from every **“bad cocoon”** of the past. Relationships, habits, and lifestyles that keep us bound.
2. **Walk in the Spirit**, living a new life in Christ that silences condemnation.
3. **Surrender** completely to God, for His mercy is rich enough to pardon, cleanse, and clothe us with a new garment of glory.

Romans 8:1 declares our verdict: **“No condemnation”**. Not because we are

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Text: Romans 8:1



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There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

A. AN OPENING MESSAGE:

- **Tonight, several people will enjoy God's true benevolence.** Many people will understand God's mercy and what it is meant for.

- The Bible says: **Isa. 42:16** *"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them".*

- Tonight, the Almighty God will pay special attention to the following sets of people:

- i) The blind – the ignorant
- ii) Those without direction and tossed like a troubled ship on the sea.
- iii) Those who have direction, but whose way suddenly becomes dark.
- iv) Those whose journey of destiny is not smooth.

- **You need to know why this mercy will be available for you tonight:**

- i. In the past, you did not make a mistake; you made an error.

- The difference between an error and a mistake is that what you do accidentally is a mistake, while what you do ignorantly is an error.

Tonight, whosoever is suffering from what you did ignorantly or in blindness shall receive a solution in Jesus name.

B. FIVE WAYS OF ERRORS THAT CAUSE PEOPLE TO SUFFER.

1. The way of Ignorance!

- *Ignorance is the act of believing wrong as right and working tirelessly in it. Ignorance is living a life in the lack of knowledge. Many of you are suffering today because what you did in the past was done out of lack of knowledge.*

n **Det 32:29** - *O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!*

2. The way of Deceit.

- *Another name that can be used to describe a deceived person is blindness. If you are blind, a cup of poison will be prepared for you in your presence like a cup of wine. Many are suffering from a life of deceit that somebody caused you to live in the past.*
- Anyone who deceived you in the past should never be your friend when you come out of the suffering.

■ **Pro 20:17** - *Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.*

3. The way of Disobedience.

- *The suffering of disobedience does happen instantly. Several warnings* ►►



always come first, but self-will and choice can lead to disobedience. At times, wrong counsel can make a person disobey. A solution to the suffering of disobedience can manifest if you can retrace your steps to correct the errors you had made, if possible!

■ **Pro 15:10** *Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.*

4. The way of Bad Friends.

- There are two major things friends can do for you. Friends can make you, and friends can break you.
- It is not only the younger ones who can be trapped by bad friends; even the elderly ones can be, too. The relationship with a bad friend always begins as a good friendship. Many homes get spoiled because of a bad friend who pretends to be compassionate toward you. Money, gifts, and presents presented to you by somebody should not push you to commit your life to him – all those things may be bait to trap you.
- Always remember, a bad friend can push you into suffering, but no friend is ready to share in your suffering.

■ **Pro 27:6** - *Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*

5. The life that is void of God.

- A person who has no God is like a flood that does not have a source. Every river, whether big or small, has a source. In fact, a river may lose its direction, but no river can lose its source. Any man who does not have God cannot have a meaningful life. If you have God in your life, this means you have a source of sustenance and rest. Choosing God is the decision of the wise. Therefore, be among the wise tonight.

■ **Mat 11:28** *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

C. THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD DO TO END THE SUFFERING OF PAST ERRORS.

- **Withdraw your life from the bad**

cocoons of the past completely.

- Check all those things you put your life into that are causing you to suffer, whether relationships, occultism, or fornication, adultery, stealing, bad companionship, gambling, drinking and all sorts of bad lifestyles; remove your life from them all. This is the beginning of ending your suffering.

■ **Act 26:19** *Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:*

■ **Start living a new life in Christ that will condemn the past condemnation.**

- Freedom from condemnation is not automatic. To be freed from condemnation is to decide to live a new life in Christ. When God begins to condemn your condemnation, you start to enjoy the grace of God that makes the clear difference.

■ **Rom 8:1** - *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

■ **Surrender your life to God, tonight.**

- The major thing the mercy of God does in the lives of people is to set the path of those who are walking in the ways of error to the right way. The mercy is rich enough to pardon all the past misdeeds. The mercy is rich to the point of removing all the blemishes of the past error. In fact, the mercy is rich enough to put on a new garment on the people, so that whosoever shall see them will not see the signs of the past error but the new glory of God.
- This can be made possible if you can come to Christ for the salvation of their souls.

■ **1Pet 2:10** - *Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

- Altar Call...

THE ANGELS SAY THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM UP THERE

Sister Kate H. Booth, of Buffalo, New York, sends us the account of her sister's happy death. She says:

My sister was a devoted Christian. To show the depth of her piety, we quote from her diary: *"Friday, Aug. 22, 1879 – I consecrated myself anew to follow God. The fire came down and consumed the sacrifice. All was put on the altar and remains there".*

Tuesday, August 26 – I received such a baptism as I never received before, and today I say,

'Anyway, Jesus, only glorify Thyself.'

Give Joy or grief, give ease or pain,

Take life or friends away,

But let me find them all again.

In that eternal day.'

Sudden death would be sudden glory." She was constantly praising the Lord for His mercy and grace. She was thankful for every kindness shown. Some of her expressions were: *"It's all right, it is all clear, death has lost its sting, almost there."*

One evening while the sun was setting and the autumn leaves were tinged with a golden hue, she said, **"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."**

She had a vision of the unseen world. While her face was radiant with a divine halo, and it seemed as though she was about to leave us, I called, **"Oh, Jennie,**

what are your last words?" She revived and said, **"Be true; but what made you call me back?"** I said, **"What did you see?"** She replied, **"It's all right there,"** and waved her hand in token of victory.

During her illness she would express the desire that she might retain her consciousness to the last, and she requested the members of her family to pray that her wish might be fulfilled. She did not want them to give up praying till the answer came. Her desire was granted. In full possession of her faculties she came to the river brink. She would say.

"Labour is rest, and pain is sweet,
If Thou, my God, art here."

She asked me to read the hymn commencing,

"How blest the righteous when he dies."

She thought it was so beautiful that she requested it to be sung at her funeral. On Tuesday night she said, *"It is a hard struggle tonight, but a glorious victory tomorrow."*

Wednesday was her last day on earth; a bright and glorious one, for she felt she was soon to enter into the presence of her Lord. It was the first of October and her father's birthday. In the evening, an hour or two before her departure, the doctor came in and she looked up at him with a smile and said, **"Doctor, how am I?"** The tears were coursing down his cheeks, when she said, **"The angels say there is plenty of room up there."** Thus she neared the crossing.

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TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" - Rev. 12:11

TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

1. Healed of Swollen Leg

Sister testifies to God's healing power at Irede. After prayer, God healed her completely from persistent pain and swelling in her leg. To God be the glory!

2. Fruit of the Womb Received

Sister gives thanks to God for answering her prayer. After waiting upon the Lord, He has blessed her with the fruit of the womb. God remembers His own.

3. 14 Years Of Barrenness Broken at Irede

Sister testifies that after 14 years of waiting, God visited her at the Irede prayer meeting. The God who specialises in impossible cases has wiped away her tears with a testimony of fruitfulness.

4. Miraculous Job Provision

Brother glorifies God for His supernatural provision. After seasons of waiting, the Lord miraculously opened the door for employment. God is still in the business of lifting His people.

5. Safe Delivery For Her Daughter

Sister returns all glory to God for His mercy. Her daughter was delivered safely with a bouncing baby; both mother and child are in perfect health. God is a covenant-keeping God.

6. She Keyed Into

Testimonies And Got Hers

Sister testifies that by faith, she keyed into the testimonies of others during prayer. In return, God has also granted her a wonder. What God did for others, He has done for her also. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." - Psalm 118:23

ONLINE TESTIMONIES

1. Safe Journey and Preservation of Life

Last month, I prayed for a testimony, and today God has answered me.

I thank God for journey mercies granted to my grandmother, from Nigeria to the UK and back home in peace. I also thank God for adding another year to my life. I am grateful to be alive and healthy, not on a sickbed or in the mortuary. To God be all the glory.

2. Miraculous Provision of Government Job and Divine Healing

After the one-week prayer program organized by Baba Oke, the Lord miraculously provided me with a government job. The miracle was so great that I received three months' salary, backdated, even before my appointment letter arrived.

Shortly after, I was struck with a severe sickness and weakness that almost claimed my life. I became bedridden and could not walk long distances without

falling.

But in His mercy, God delivered me and restored my health completely. I can now stand, walk, and go about my normal activities. In appreciation, I have paid my first fruit as a seed of thanksgiving for His provision and preservation of my life.

3. Grace for Six Months Unbroken Sales Streak

Every time I come to Irede, my prayer has always been, "Lord, I don't want to break my sales streak and start all over again." God answered me. He gave me the grace to achieve six months of consistent sales without breaking the streak - a feat many work for years to achieve. To His glory, I was one of only two people in the entire company to achieve this.

4. Recovery of Debt and Prayer for Family Restoration

I asked God to recover my money from an agent who has been owing me. To the glory of God, before the end of August, he paid part of it, and I trust God that he will pay the balance this month.

Please join me in prayer that every pain over my children will turn into great testimonies that will win souls for Christ, and that all my fears will be replaced with joyful laughter. I have attached the receipt of my testimony vow of N100,000.

5. End of Challenges and Delay

I want to thank God for

fulfilling His promises in my life. My life was filled with challenges and delays. I came across the Irede newsletter and was led to the testimony section where people shared their success stories. I keyed into it and God fulfilled His promises. All challenges are

gone and delay is over. I am sowing a token of N20,000 as thanksgiving to God, sent to the Irede account.

6. Successful Graduation and Preservation Through University

I thank the God of Irede who protected and helped

me throughout my university days and made me graduate in peace and good health. I pray He will grant me a good-paying job.

To God alone be all the glory!
We invite you to share your testimony and join us at the next Irede Prayer Programme.

FINANCIAL PLANNING: WISE MONEY MANAGEMENT

Proverbs 30:24-28

[24] There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: [25] The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; [26] The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; [27] The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; [28] The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

Good financial planning is a part of wise stewardship.

To be a truly effective steward, you must believe unequivocally that the money being managed is someone else's money—God's

money.

Having this perspective gives a person the freedom to use finances as a tool to accomplish God's purposes, recognizing that no one comes into this world with any possessions and no one will leave with anything (Ecc 5:15).

God has entrusted each person with certain resources.

Money is something that God uses to test your ability to handle properly the other gifts he desires to give you (**Lk 16:11**).

One day he will ask for an accounting of how you managed the resources he has given you

(**Lk 19:11–26**).

A wife who manages resources wisely is a blessing to her husband and family (**Pr 31:28**).

You are wise to remember:

- **The earth and all its fullness is the Lord's** (Ps 24:1). Every resource, even money, is his, and you are simply stewards of his resources.
- **Avoid an overly consumptive lifestyle.** The Bible teaches moderation in all things (**1Co 9:25**).
- **Avoid debt** (**Pr 22:7; Ro 13:8**).
- **Maintain a savings program** (**Pr 12:11**).
- **Set long-term goals** (**Pr 13:22**).

Thanks for reading, studying and meditating. God bless you.

perfect, but because we are in Christ Jesus and we choose to walk after the Spirit.

The Lord is paying special attention to the blind, the directionless, and those whose paths have suddenly gone dark. If that is you, the altar is open. Come. The same God who led Israel through the wilderness can

lead you out of the consequences of past errors into purpose.

Let us not waste another day in regret. Let us embrace God's mercy, make right decisions, and walk in the newness of life. For with God, your past error does not have to define your future glory.

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28
Shalom!



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