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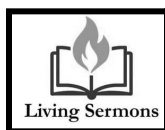
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Foreword

There are messages that inspire, messages that instruct, and messages that awaken. Battle for Expression belongs to the latter category.

In this timely and prophetic teaching, Apostle Johnson Suleman unveils a reality that every believer must understand: God's intention for your life is not merely survival, but manifestation. Before your birth, Heaven had a purpose, a mandate, and a script concerning your destiny. The battle of life is often a battle over whether that divine intention will find expression on the earth.

Drawing from the powerful account of Isaac in Genesis 26, this message reveals that greatness is not attained without resistance, opportunities are not accessed without contention, and divine expression often emerges through persistent spiritual warfare. The wells that were stopped by the Philistines become a profound picture of the forces that seek to hinder progress, limit opportunities, frustrate relationships, and weaken spiritual vitality.

Throughout these pages, Apostle Suleman challenges believers to reject limitation, embrace resilience, and understand that every season of contention carries within it the possibility of greater manifestation. With characteristic boldness and practical insight, he explains that faith is not denial of reality but alignment with God's higher reality. He reminds us that our greatest achievements are still ahead, that present challenges are temporary transit points, and that every believer has been ordained for relevance, impact, and influence.

Particularly striking is the emphasis on the significance of the "well"—as a symbol of opportunity, marital destiny, and spiritual encounter. These insights provide a fresh perspective on the hidden battles that often surround a person's advancement and reveal God's desire to bring His people into places of fruitfulness and enlargement.

This book is more than a sermon transcript. It is a call to rise above confinement, break through limitations, and step into the fullness of Heaven's original intention. It is a reminder that destiny is not accidental, expression is not optional, and victory remains the inheritance of every child of God who refuses to quit.

As you read, may every covered well be reopened. May every limitation be shattered. May every contention around your destiny give way to divine enlargement. And may the purpose of God for your life find unhindered expression.

Welcome to Battle for Expression.

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Main Message

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Opening Scripture

Genesis 26:12–22 (KJV)

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great.

— Genesis 26:12–13

And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

— Genesis 26:22

To Be Relevant Is a Contest

Battle for expression. To be relevant in life is a contest. To be impactful is a battle. Battles are real, but in the Kingdom, victory is sure. Every sound of battle is not a cry of defeat. Every great destiny in the Kingdom is surrounded by formidable truths. Until these truths are unveiled—and not just unveiled, but walked in—the achievements loaded within them will never come into view.

Expression is that which Heaven desires to become the outcome of your life. Expression is the outcome of Heaven's intention over your destiny. Simply put, expression is manifestation. Expression is a dramatic turnaround. There is something Heaven ordained you to be. When God gives that thing an outlet, it is called expression. Expression is a sudden outburst of Heaven's original intention over a human life. Expression is impactful, notable change with undeniable effect.

When the hand of God comes upon a man in such a dimension, mortals will say, "The gods have come unto us in the likeness of men."

When God takes a part of His celestial dimension and places it upon a man, that man becomes an expression of the Divine—an impactful, undeniable effect.

Expression is crossing limits and breaking boundaries.

Everyone under the sound of my voice, before you were formed, God had an intention. Before you were born, there was a mandate over your life. Before you entered your mother's womb, there was a script written concerning you. That is why God gave us His Word—the Scriptures. The Scriptures are the script of your future. I make declarations under God: everyone under the sound of my voice, Heaven's intention for your life before your predestination shall come into manifestation.

It will come into manifestation. If your amen is louder, you are the one I am talking to.

Heaven Must Become a Present Reality

You are not saved merely to escape hell and make Heaven. One of the undoings of the Puritan mindset is the belief that God wants believers to go through earth-fire while escaping hell-fire.

That is deception.

Heaven must first become a physical reality before it becomes an eternal inheritance. Heaven must first become a physical experience before it becomes an eternal habitation.

Jesus said:

But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time...

— Mark 10:30 (KJV)

Notice the phrase: “**Now in this time.**”

And Deuteronomy declares:

...as the days of heaven upon the earth.

— Deuteronomy 11:21 (KJV)

Everyone under the sound of my voice, whatever has made your life a mockery, whatever has made your life a ridicule, whatever has brought disgrace into your journey, by reason of expression, I see you walking into your inheritance.

I see you walking into your inheritance. If your amen is louder, receive the blessing.

Faith Is Not Denial

There is a difference between faith and living in denial. Faith does not mean pretending a problem does not exist. We have been wrongly taught the concept of faith.

People say, “If there is a problem, don't believe there is a problem.”

That is not faith.

That is denial.

Faith does not deny reality.

Faith simply refuses to accept an outcome that contradicts Scripture.

The Bible never said:

“Let the weak say, I am not weak.”

That would be the weak lying.

Neither does it say:

“Let the poor say, I am not poor.”

That would be the poor lying.

It says:

Let the weak say, I am strong.

— Joel 3:10 (KJV)

I do not deny the reality.

I simply refuse to accept it as my conclusion.

I align myself with a higher reality.

This may be the fact, but it is not the truth.

The fact may be that there is a medical condition.

The truth is:

...by whose stripes ye were healed.

— 1 Peter 2:24 (KJV)

Notice the Scripture says, “were healed.”

Healing existed before sickness arrived.

The solution is older than the problem.

It does not matter what the enemy is doing. God already did something before the problem appeared.

Greatness Is in Front of You

The Bible says:

And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great.

— Genesis 26:13 (KJV)

The man was great.

The man grew.

The man went forward.

The man became very great.

Greatness has no limit.

Many people have limited themselves by their current achievements.

The biggest enemy of your next level is your last achievement.

God instructed Israel to carry the Ark of the Covenant from place to place.

Why?

Because God was teaching them motion.

Subconsciously, God was teaching them that walking with Him requires movement.

The man went forward.

The man grew.

The man became very great.

That means greatness is not behind you.

Greatness is in front of you.

Whatever happened yesterday, cut it off.

Your greatness is not behind you.

Your greatness is in front of you.

You say:

“Man of God, I lost my job.”

That is behind you.

Your greatness is ahead.

“I lost my house.”

That is behind you.

Your greatness is ahead.

Paul said:

I press toward the mark...

— Philippians 3:14 (KJV)

There are people under the sound of my voice still crying over yesterday.

Yesterday is a monument.

Today is a movement.

Whatever you lost last year, cut it off.

Your greatness is not behind you.

Your greatness is in front of you.

I declare under God:

You are walking into your greatness.

You are walking into your greatness.

You are walking into your greatness.

Gerar Was a Transit Point

Isaac came to Gerar.

Gerar was not an abode.

Gerar was a transit point.

A camp.

A passage.

You must understand that your present state is not your final status. Do not build a habitation around your challenge.

It will pass.

Many people have become mentally trapped because they allow conditions to define them.

Conditions define their thinking.

Conditions define their emotions.

Conditions define their relationship with God. Whatever you are going through, remember this: You are going through it.

The lion's den is a bus stop, not a full stop. Whatever negative thing you are facing right now was never designed to become your permanent address.

The Purpose of Battles

Battles are permitted by God for virtue formation. Until virtues are formed, battles do not expire. Whatever you are going through right now may be Heaven's intention to produce a virtue.

Many people pray endlessly for a battle to end, yet the battle remains because the intended virtue has not been formed. If God intends to teach patience, certain situations will be allowed. As long as desperation controls your response, the virtue is still under construction.

So rather than asking: "Lord, why am I going through this?"

Ask: "Lord, what virtue are You forming in me through this season?"

Pain is a mentor.

Many of us are confined. Our lives are not properly organised because there is a demonic confinement. That is what expression does. Expression breaks confinement.

Expression breaks limitation.

The strength of the Western world is organisation. You go around airports and places of prominence and you see special provisions for the crippled and the blind. You see special arrangements made for them. That is organisation.

When travelling, children are given access first.

Before Reinhard Bonnke passed on, he stopped using stadiums and began to use open fields. A stadium is a confined space, and because of the multitude that gathered, there were often stampedes.

One of the challenges of the Black race is that we have become comfortable with confinement. Expression is the shattering of confinement. Expression is escape from limitation. When God gives you access to your well, opportunities are unveiled.

The Well as a Sign of Marital Bliss

The second significance of a well is marital bliss. Gerar was a region in Palestine, and Palestine was known for drought. Because of this, young women came regularly to draw water from wells. Men would often sit by the wells to observe the daughters who came to fetch water. Through their conduct and diligence, virtues became visible.

Hear me, young lady.

Every unmarried person's life is an audition. Every day of your life is an audition. Someone is watching you. Even if that person never marries you, they may recommend you. In Genesis 24, Abraham's servant prayed:

"Let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink..." (Genesis 24:14)

A camel can drink about fifty gallons of water. Imagine one young lady serving water to more than ten camels. You are praying, but your character may be a repellent.

You are praying, but your attitude may be a repellent. Marriage has different phases. There is the audition phase before marriage. Everywhere you go, you are revealing who you are. Many people do not read the Bible.

They read you.

Who recommends you matters.

There are people whose words carry weight when they say, "This is a good choice."

The marriages of our parents often lasted longer because recommendations were taken seriously. A name would be submitted, inquiries would be made, and a conclusion reached. Sometimes people ask me about someone they desire to marry, and I tell them to give me time.

I make inquiries.

Character matters.

Reputation matters.

Conduct matters.

Many people overlook these things, but they are critical.

God Wants You to Enjoy Marriage

God does not merely want you to get married. God wants you to enjoy marriage. When Satan begins to manipulate your emotions against a home that has brought you honour and comfort, there is an attack on your will.

As a woman, when you can no longer master the emotions you once mastered, pride and arrogance begin to appear.

Please hear me carefully:

No matter your spirituality, submission is a virtue. No matter your spirituality, submission is a virtue. When your mind begins to supply reasons why you should not submit, prepare for consequences you may not be able to handle. Intimacy with the Holy Spirit produces submission because the Holy Spirit will often tell you to keep quiet. Many of the relationships we see today, both before and after marriage, reveal a misunderstanding of what genuine connection truly means. During the week, one of my sons asked me:

"What should unmarried people know? What should married people know? What should elderly people who have raised children and grandchildren know?"

I gave him a simple answer. When you are a young man involved with a lady you have not married, be a minimalist.

Do not do too much.

Do not present dimensions of yourself that should only be revealed in marriage. There must be wisdom and balance. Even within marriage, generosity should be accompanied by stewardship and responsibility. Then, when you have raised children and grandchildren, leave a legacy. The greatest legacy you can leave is your connection with God.

The servant of Abraham testified:

"The LORD God of my master Abraham... hath led me in the right way..."

(Genesis 24:27)

There are people under the sound of my voice right now. The man who will recommend you to your destiny helper, I connect you to him. The woman who will recommend you for your next level, I connect you to her.

I connect you to them now.

The Well Speaks of Spirituality

The third significance of a well is spirituality. In John chapter 4, Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with one another, yet this woman possessed a degree of scriptural understanding.

As she conversed with Jesus, they engaged in scriptural discussion. She understood the history of Jacob's well. She understood aspects of the law and the promises concerning the Messiah. Yet despite that knowledge, she had been wounded by emotional mistakes and broken relationships. Jesus said to her:

"Go, call thy husband..." (John 4:16)

She answered:

"I have no husband."

To many, that might have appeared like a prophetic mistake. But Jesus was exposing truth. She had spent years covering her reality. People assumed she was fine. People assumed she was fulfilled. Yet inwardly she was broken. When she opened up honestly, Jesus revealed Himself to her. One of the remarkable things about this encounter is that Jesus openly declared:

"I that speak unto thee am he." (John 4:26)

What is spirituality?

Spirituality is a personal revelation of God. Spirituality is not religious motion. It is not emotional display. It is not merely understanding church activities or religious language. Spirituality is God revealing Himself to you.

Jesus said:

"I am He."

That is spirituality.

Show Me Your Glory

Moses prayed:

"I beseech thee, shew me thy glory." (Exodus 33:18)

The glory of God is the revelation of His personality. God responded by saying He would show Moses His "back parts."

Many have misunderstood this passage. Moses did not literally see God's back. God was revealing dimensions of Himself that existed before human history. How did Moses write Genesis?

How did he describe events that occurred before his birth?

Because God revealed them. Spirituality is revelation.

Paul said:

"That I may know him..." (Philippians 3:10)

That should be the cry of every believer.

The Revelation of God Is Power

Between 1998 and 2000, I prayed one prayer repeatedly:

"Lord, reveal Yourself to me."

I desperately wanted to see angels.

I desperately wanted supernatural encounters.

Throughout 1998, I prayed from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. every day.

I fasted.

I prayed.

I sought God.

Yet I did not see what I expected to see.

However, something else began to happen.

Whenever I entered gatherings, people would fall under the power of God.

I remember entering a bank one day.

As I approached the entrance, the security officer looked at me and immediately fell to the ground.

People all around began falling under the power of God.

At one meeting in Jattu, I instructed people to hold pillars because they kept falling.

Some held pillars.

Others held those holding the pillars.

Yet when the power of God moved, they all went down.

Then I realised something.

The revelation of God is power.

I was expecting a visible face.

I was expecting an image.

But the revelation of God is power.

You cannot truly encounter Him and remain empty.

You cannot see Him and remain powerless.

Micah declared:

"But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD..." (Micah 3:8)

I thank God for revelation.

I thank God for understanding.

I thank God for the Word.

But we are living in a generation that desperately needs power.

People are still arguing about doctrines while cripples remain crippled.

The blind remain blind.

The deaf remain deaf.

The paralysed remain paralysed.

The barren remain barren.

We have been called into power.

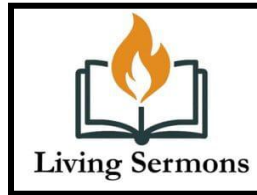
Power is the emblem of our faith.

Paul said:

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." (1 Corinthians 2:4)

Wherever you are under the sound of my voice, hear me.

If there is a medical report hanging over your head, in a few moments you shall see the power of God.

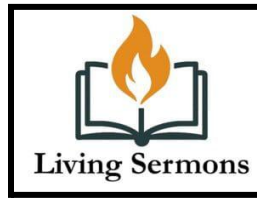


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Apostle Johnson Suleman is a globally recognised Nigerian preacher, televangelist, author, and revivalist known for his passionate teaching ministry and prophetic emphasis. Born on March 24, 1971, he is the founder and senior pastor of Omega Fire Ministries International, a ministry established in 2004 with a vision centred on revival, deliverance, soul-winning, and the restoration of destinies.

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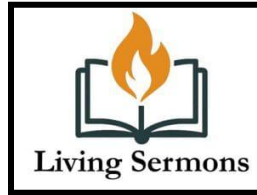
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