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Foreword

What If God Is More Interested in Making You Than Using You?

What if the season you are calling a delay is actually a classroom?

What if the place where nobody recognizes you is the very place where God is preparing you?

And what if the service you consider too small is carrying an inheritance you cannot yet see?

*These are some of the questions this powerful teaching by **Apostle Orokpo Michael** forces us to confront. In the Kingdom of God, there is a difference between being gifted and being made. A man can have an encounter, carry spiritual gifts, speak with eloquence, and yet still need to pass through the school of process.*

*One of the most important classrooms in that school is **the class of service**. Service does something to a man's heart. It confronts pride. It deals with high-mindedness. It teaches dependence on God. It brings a man to the place where he discovers that his gift, eloquence, charisma, platform, and ability are not enough. God must make the man. This is one of the burdens that runs through this message.*

Apostle Orokpo Michael does not teach this subject from theory alone. He opens the door into his own journey. He shares moments when he considered himself too important for certain assignments, only to discover that God was deliberately using those assignments to work on his heart. The story of being sent to the ushering department, holding envelopes at the door, and serving for months is more than a personal testimony. It is a picture of how God deals with men.

Sometimes, God will deliberately place you where your gift is not celebrated. Sometimes, He will allow you to serve where nobody recognizes your grace. Sometimes, He will hide you when you are ready to be announced. And sometimes, He will make you serve before He allows you to stand.

Why?

Because God is not only interested in what He can do through you. He is interested in what He can build inside you.

This message also reminds us that service is not punishment. Service is preparation. It is a place where inheritance is received. It is a place where the heart is tested. It is a place where God removes confidence in the flesh and teaches a man to trust the God who breathes upon his labor.

The example of Apostle Paul makes this even clearer. Paul had eloquence. He had knowledge. He had revelation. Yet his journey through suffering and service brought him to a place where he could say that he had no confidence in the flesh.

That is the work of process. God wants men who can represent Him, not merely men who can impress a generation. This is why the message before you is important.

In a generation that often celebrates visibility, platforms, titles, crowds, and public recognition, this teaching calls us back to the quiet work of God in the heart. It reminds us that the greatest men in the Kingdom are not necessarily those standing on the biggest platforms.

They are servants. They are humble. They are broken. They are men and women whose hearts have been processed by God. As you read this book, do not rush through the stories. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart.

Ask yourself:

Can I serve when nobody recognizes me?

Can I obey when my gift is not being celebrated?

Can I remain faithful when God sends me to the door instead of the platform?

Can I allow God to deal with my pride before He increases my influence?

These questions are not comfortable, but they are necessary. The school of service is not designed to destroy you. It is designed to prepare you.

May this message help us embrace the process, value hidden seasons, receive correction, serve with joy, and allow God to make us into vessels that can carry His purpose. Because before God makes a man great in public, He often makes him a servant in secret.

Welcome to the school of service.

— Wisdom Epsi

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Introduction

When you are instructed, then you are given the opportunity to enter the third class, which is a class of service. Because instruction is not, “You’ll come and ask a question and go back.” Many times, the way they instruct a man is to introduce him to service.

It is in that service that you grow. It is in that service that you receive inheritance.

At the age of seven, I saw Jesus with my eyes, but I was in the school of service for more than nineteen years. I can tell you different places where I started.

And most times, service will humble you.

You think you are the best man of prayer. When you pray, people fall down. As you are leading prayer, people are falling. They now say, “Go and join those who are mopping the toilet.”

You will now become angry: “These people don't recognize grace. They don't know grace in this place.”

You are praying, people are falling down, and they say, “Go and join those watching.”

Because if your heart is not textured by that service, with that thing you have that you call a gift, it will kill you.

You will—I told you some of my stories last week.

For me, spirituality was intelligence. So when I come everywhere, anywhere, I know that I know more than many people, and I want to show it.

When God humbled me many times, on the day of manifestation they forgot about me, and I would be so angry. And God would do nothing about it.

When I finished lamenting, the Holy Ghost would give me an instruction that would break me.

CHAPTER ONE

When You Think You Are Already Something

The first time, see, sometimes I go to meet the man of God and I tell him, “I’m a prophet.” I’ll tell them, “I’m an apostle.” Can you imagine? A young boy comes to your ministry and says, “I’m an apostle.”

Then I’ll ask you, “Have you been ordained?”

Nobody has ever ordained you, but you sure, obviously, you are an apostle. And then sometimes you see what they are doing. From the first day you join the fellowship, you want to begin to correct something. “This thing is not like this. It should be like this. This one should be like this.”

I read the story where a renowned person in this country said they were in fellowship, and then somebody came and told him that God appeared to him, and God told him that this apostle is his John the Baptist. Can you imagine? You have a work ongoing; somebody walks into the place and says, “You are my John the Baptist,” because what? He had an encounter.

He has not started anywhere.

What the guy should do now as a spiritual man is to kneel down and hand over the ministry to Jesus, because when Jesus comes, John the Baptist must decrease while Jesus is increased.

This is why people never grow. They don't know the place of service.

Service Secures Inheritance

Encounters equip you.

Service is the basis for you securing an inheritance, and you will need a lot of inheritance for you to succeed in life.

Service is where your heart will be tampered with. That element of pride that is in your heart unconsciously, they will relegate you a thousand and one times, and you will feel so bad. You will think, “These people cannot see what God is doing.”

When you are done getting so angry, you will come back and do it.

After two years, then your high-mindedness will go down. If your high-mindedness goes down, you are ready for God to use you.

God Will Send You to Serve

We were serving in the ministry, and me and my friend, we were very good friends. When I came at that season, I felt, “Okay, I should come and support them,” because I saw a vision. When I came, I told him, “Man of God, I saw a vision, and I feel the Lord wants me to come and serve with you here.”

I was thinking in my pride and high-mindedness that he would say, “Ah, thank God! We have been looking for somebody that has utterance. Now that you have come, we will be preaching together.”

That was what I thought.

My brother now had my hand and said, “Okay, here.”

They took me to the ushering department. Me, it was God leading him. I can assure you, I had a master's degree, and I went there. This fellowship was on campus. When I came there, the first place they posted me to was the door.

I had envelopes in my hand. I'm giving the envelopes to some people. They just look at me, unwrap them, and went to the church.

We were serving the same person. Both of us were ministers there. I come to your ministry to support you; I should be ushering. Meanwhile, it was God leading him. I can assure you, I gave envelopes for six months.

When God Is Dealing With Pride

To make things worse, they now had a convention. So they invited my father in the Lord and so many other pastors. That day, they now relocated me. I stood at the altar as protocol. So we stood like this. I was ashamed.

I didn't hear anything that was preached because I saw myself as an apostle. High-mindedness. God kept quiet. It took two years before I now realized that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all. And it's more honorable to be an usher than to sit down and be acting like a man of God.

Because every time you serve, you increase your credit in the spirit. The moment I recognized it, the next time that he came, he said, “No, you're my brother. Let's sit in front together.”

What is the meaning of this?

God wanted to tamper with my heart because with that level of pride, I can't go anywhere.

I was so proud that I thought anywhere I came to, if you don't recognize this grace in me, you are not spiritual. “You are not spiritual! Ah, something is wrong with your eyes. You need prayers. You need prayers. How come you didn't see this grace?”

I was tampered with many times. I'm telling you. And even now, there are many places God keeps humbling us.

Sometimes God Has to Humble You Again

Sometimes you come for a meeting and then, before you came, my friend and myself—somebody just came from Ghana this afternoon.

Before you land, the whole place is packed outside, everywhere.

And shortly, which is, I come with a white suit, and so as you are landing, protocol—thirty will line up here, thirty will line up here. They will be rushing.

When they connect the tree, you'll not be walking like a healing evangelist.

When you enter the hall, you will shout for two hours. Nothing will happen.

You know what is happening here?

When I was praying, I sensed power. What is going on?

So sometimes we now kneel down.

We are not appreciating God; we are repenting. We are repenting.

“Jesus, help me. Jesus.”

Because some of those meetings is only one service.

How can they pay your flight ticket from one country, you go to another country, and then you come, you have one session, and you are struggling?

What would they say?

Sometimes you enter this place, the energy and the intensity in the room—the moment you start talking, it drops.

Everybody will now know that, “God, are you Jonah? We have to catch this prophet.”

They are now looking at you.

“Is it not the apostle they spoke about?”

When you see that there is a problem, you quickly kneel down.

And the people who think you are in the Spirit, you are repenting. You are repenting because you have heard.

It Is in Service That God Retraces Your Heart

It is in service that God retraces your heart.

That's why I say:

“I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”

Jeremiah 17:10, KJV

Many times, we can't make impact because we have not accepted service.

Some people appear too early. They think it is a pulpit that makes a man.

No pulpit can make anybody.

You can preach, and see, though they will not remember you came.

It is only God who makes men.

And God did not say, “Announcement, they say, I make men.”

Follow Me, and I will make you.

And when God wants to make you, He will show you the staff, and He will show you the road.

The staff will give you direction. The road will chase you.

God will check your heart and tamper with it.

When He's done dealing with you and you sustain brokenness, that's when you will see the powers of the ages to come.

CHAPTER TWO

Paul Learned Through Process

Paul thought it was about oratory. He thought it was about eloquence. Every city Paul entered, they appeared with stones. They stoned him. After many cities, he now realized that you need help. It's not oratory that makes people accept your gospel.

And so many times he said in **2 Corinthians 1:8–9**:

“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.”

Paul learned to trust God. So later in Paul's life, he will say:

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”

Philippians 3:3, KJV

You know how circumcision is done. They cut off the foreskin.

God had cut off from him many things.

Many times, he was torn apart.

He said, “We are the circumcision.”

We now worship God in the Spirit. We rejoice in Christ Jesus. We have no confidence in the flesh anymore.

So when Paul is coming to preach, even though he was an orator, even though he knew the Scriptures, he would ask God to please touch the hearts of people.

Because he had been circumcised in the school, in the class of service.

God Is Looking for a Man Who Can Represent Him

You will be circumcised because God is looking for a man that can represent Him. Not a man that has a lot of charisma to show to a generation. He's looking for a man who can represent Him. And for you to be able to represent God, your heart must become aligned.

One of the ways God will carry you through in order to tamper with your heart is the school of service. When He carries you through service, you will discover that what you trust is not your eloquence.

What you trust is not your sight.

What you trust is not your charisma.

It is the God that breathes upon you.

Because you will discover there are many people who are more eloquent than you.

There are many people who are more charismatic than you.

When you do everything and it doesn't work, you will find out that it is God that makes men.

“If God doesn't make you, you may be the best preacher, and you wonder all your life why nobody is interested in your message.”

You will think it's about platform.

You will gather all your life savings and pay for TBN. The day you preach, nobody will watch.

And then you now discover there is a politics in the realm.

One of the things that a man has that allows God to pick him is the incense that comes out of his heart.

God Looks at the Heart

You know when Samuel came to the house of Jesse, Eliab came up as a warrior. He thought his chest would intimidate God.

When Samuel looked at him, he said, “Surely this is the LORD's anointed.”

God said:

“Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7, KJV

God said, “I have refused him.”

“I didn't reject him, but I have refused him.”

“I may use him again, but for now he is not relevant.”

And they brought seven people with charisma. Seven people will stand.

God didn't pick anyone.

Someone got confused and said, “Ah, don't you have any other child?”

They said, “Well, there's a young lad. There's a young lad in the field.”

“Bring him.”

The moment that one came, this is God's anointed.

Because when God is choosing, He checks the heart. They say man sees the outward appearance, but God sees the heart. If you want God to be able to touch your heart, you must have to allow yourself to serve.

Meekness: The Quality Of Great men

When you see the greatest of men, they are the meekest and humblest of men. There are four men that talk so much. When you go to some of these wealthy churches, you will discover that the guy who is the usher, they may tell you, “It's an S. It's a real estate mogul.”

They will tell you, “This guy is a billionaire.”

And then you are wondering, “Then what is he doing at the door?”

He is looking for a way to serve.

Because he has discovered that it is in service that his fragrance is sent to Heaven.

But when you see a poor man who drank, cleans his only suit, and comes to church, he wants to sit where everybody will see him.

And when he sits, he will sit like this because he doesn't feel big enough. He will spread himself.

Meanwhile, they say great men are not dressed in gold.

When you scratch them, you will not discover they are made of gold.

When a man is arrogant, he reminds God of the Luciferian rebellion.

But when a man is humble, he puts God under pressure to attend to him.

He says:

“God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”

James 4:6, KJV

To be humble.

God Will Send You Somewhere

When God wants to work on your heart, He will not appear on the mountain and say, “Your heart, your heart.”

He will send you somewhere.

And then you will go there, and you think when you come, they will recognize your grace.

They will not see your grace for two years.

You will be hoping somebody will come and introduce you as a prophet.

Even the person that knows you, when he shows up, you will forget.

Then when they finish, he will ask you later, “Ah, I saw you. How are you doing?”

You will be so angry.

“So you saw me?”

You were so proud. You didn't introduce me. God took your thought from his head. Did you not read about Joseph?

He said, “Ah, when you go to the palace, please tell the king about me.”

The guy forgot him. For two years. It was when the time came that his word came, after the LORD had tried him. That time, even the guy couldn't forget him anymore.

And suddenly, the guy was promoted.

In the school of service:

Number one: You receive inheritance.

Number two: Your heart is textured.



About the Speaker

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