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Foreword

Marriage remains one of God's greatest gifts to humanity. Yet, despite its divine origin, it is often misunderstood, misrepresented, and approached with assumptions that have little foundation in Scripture. As a result, many have settled for survival in marriage when God's intention has always been fulfilment, growth, joy, and progress.

*In this timely message, *For Better, For Best*, Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo presents a refreshing biblical perspective on God's original design for marriage. With the wisdom of decades of practical experience and a deep understanding of God's Word, she challenges the widely accepted notion that marriage is naturally destined for decline, disappointment, or mere endurance. Instead, she reveals God's higher purpose—that marriage is designed to move from better to best.*

At the heart of this teaching is a powerful truth: successful marriages do not happen by chance; they are built through knowledge, understanding, and the deliberate application of God's principles. Throughout these pages, readers will discover that marital fulfilment is not reserved for a select few but is available to everyone who chooses to walk according to divine wisdom.

Whether you are single and preparing for marriage, newly married, or have journeyed through many years of married life, the insights contained in this book will equip, strengthen, and inspire you. The practical lessons on acquiring knowledge, understanding God's purpose for marriage, learning from proven examples, and building relationships on character rather than emotions are timeless truths that can transform homes and generations.

One of the unique strengths of this message is its emphasis on continuous growth. Just as the path of the just shines brighter and brighter, so God's intention is for marriage to become increasingly richer, stronger, and more rewarding with time. This

perspective offers hope to those who may be facing challenges and encouragement to those who desire to experience greater dimensions of marital bliss.

As you read, approach these pages with an open heart and a willingness to learn. Allow the Holy Spirit to illuminate the truths shared herein and show you practical steps that can strengthen your relationships and align your home with God's perfect plan.

It is our prayer that this book will not merely inform you but transform your perspective on marriage. May it inspire healthier relationships, stronger families, and homes that reflect the beauty, peace, and joy that God intended from the beginning.

May your journey be one of continual progress—from better to best.

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Main Message

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Introduction

Today, I welcome you to *Times of Refreshing*. Our subject of concentration today is captioned:

For Better, For Best

Shall we pray?

Father, in Jesus' name, we give this gathering into Your custody. Let Your name be glorified. Bless every listener, and let Your name alone be glorified. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

According to God's design, marriage is honourable, highly profitable, and meant to bring out the best in you. I say this with every sense of responsibility because, by the grace of God, I am a living proof.

Contrary to popular opinion, marriage is not for better for worse; rather, it is **for better, for best**. It is my prayer that whether you are single or married, this will become your experience from today.

Marriage Is Meant for Better, For Best

"For better, for best" simply means that you keep getting better, you keep growing, and you keep increasing on a regular basis.

This explains why the Scripture says:

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

— Proverbs 4:18 (KJV)

Christian marriage is a covenant relationship. It is a relationship between a man, who is the husband, and a woman, who is the wife, with God at the centre. It is indeed the fusion of two lives in a lifelong, inseparable relationship.

Anyone who subscribes to God's principles of marriage as outlined in the Bible enjoys peace and fulfilment because marriage is meant to be enjoyed, not endured.

Today, many people are married but are simply enduring marriage. However, as light comes to you through this teaching, it is my prayer that your story will change for the better in Jesus' name.

Marriage Can Be Good

Marriage is not all gloom and doom. There are many people who are still enjoying "for better, for best" marriages even in today's world.

To the glory of God and by His help, I have been married for over thirty-eight amazing years. There are also many others who can testify to the same.

Recently, I watched a video of a couple who had been married for eighty-two years—not eighty-two months, but eighty-two years—and they were still holding hands. One of

their children and grandchildren was with them, and after all those years, their affection remained strong.

I pray for you today, whatever your present situation may be, that your testimony shall be stronger in Jesus' name.

The truth is that the goodness, honour, and sweetness in marriage are available to everyone who believes.

The Key of Knowledge

For you to enjoy a better-for-best marriage, there is something you must do. One of the most important things is to be armed with the key of knowledge.

Jesus said:

"Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge..."

— Luke 11:52 (KJV)

Knowledge is a very powerful key when it comes to enjoying a joyful and fulfilling marriage. When you hold the key to your car, you approach it with confidence. There is no tension, no anxiety, and no need for unnecessary struggle. You simply point the key in the direction of the vehicle, press it, and the doors open automatically.

What a key is to a car is what knowledge is to marriage.

Knowledge is very crucial.

Knowledge can be defined as expertise and skills acquired through education, training, and experience. It is critical to the success of any venture, marriage inclusive.

That is why knowledge is power.

If you must enjoy a better-for-best marriage, you need to pursue knowledge.

Knowledge of What?

First and foremost, you need knowledge of what marriage is biblically. You need knowledge of what God has said in His Word concerning marriage. Remember, God is the originator of marriage, and He has laid down principles for it.

The truth is that if you are not knowledgeable about God's principles for marriage, you cannot fully enjoy its best.

Therefore, go for knowledge and more knowledge.

Knowledge Is Progressive

Two fundamental truths about knowledge must be understood.

1. Knowledge Is Not a Gift

Knowledge is not something that falls on a person by chance. You must acquire it.

The Bible says:

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

— Hosea 4:6 (KJV)

2. Knowledge Is Not Static

Knowledge is progressive.

We must continually grow in knowledge.

I have come to understand very clearly that marriage failure is primarily knowledge failure.

Marriage is meant to better your spirit, soul, and body. I pray that this becomes your experience from today in Jesus' name.

Sources of Knowledge

A. God's Word — The Bible

The Bible says:

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

— Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

Study the Word of God.

Make God's Word your standard for living, not the negative experiences of your parents or relatives.

Please hear me very well: the negative experiences of your parents are not a life sentence requiring you to repeat their mistakes.

You have a responsibility to read God's Word, study it, meditate upon it, and put it to work.

Very importantly, a good marriage must have its foundation in Jesus Christ if it is to enjoy lasting peace and joy.

Study every Scripture relating to home, marriage, family, household, husband, and wife. As you do, you will continue to understand God's mind concerning marriage.

Invest in knowledge and keep investing in knowledge.

Marriage requires a huge investment of time, energy, resources, and emotions.

Benjamin Franklin once said:

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Wisdom therefore demands that you continue investing in knowledge so your marriage can keep getting better.

B. Through the Holy Spirit

The Bible says:

"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit..."

— 1 Corinthians 2:10 (KJV)

The Spirit of God reveals God's Word to us.

When you receive revelation from God's Word concerning marriage, it will produce transformation in your life.

Therefore, I ask: Are you baptised in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues?

If not, this is a good time to seek that experience.

C. Through Proven Examples

Associate with people who have proven marriages.

Learn from their lives, whether through personal interaction, books, audio teachings, or video messages.

As you do, you will continue making progress.

D. Ask Intelligent Questions

Ask sound and intelligent questions.

Search the Scriptures.

Remember, we serve a prayer-answering and question-answering God.

Seek godly counsel.

As you do, God will keep making things better for you.

E. Learn Through Observation

Learn by observation.

Personally, this has been one major way I have grown.

I observe people who are enjoying good marriages. I watch how they make it happen, and by God's grace, my own marriage continues to be enhanced as well.

Apply What You Learn

Knowledge without application is wasted. When you find knowledge, apply it. As a married person, you must also develop a good understanding of your spouse.

Know your spouse's character, beliefs, likes, and dislikes.

Understand how to meet one another's needs.

Intimacy and commitment in marriage thrive on adequate acquired and applied knowledge.

A Word to Singles

Those who are single should remember this:

Do Not Make a Long-Term Decision Based on a Temporary Feeling

Marriage is too important a decision to be based merely on emotions. Watch out for character. Build a relationship that will last beyond physical attraction.

As you do so, God will send you help.

Conclusion

Marital bliss is meant to be continuous and progressive. It can be better, best, and fulfilling. When someone scores seventy percent in an examination, it does not mean they know nothing. It simply means there is room for improvement.

Therefore, do not settle for where you are. Work at making things better. Keep moving progressively toward God's best. The good news is that whatever your present situation may be—whether single, married, or challenged in marriage—you can still enjoy a better-for-best marriage.

It is your responsibility to believe and accept God's Word.

Henry Ford once said:

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Marriage can be sweet.

Marriage can be successful.

Marriage can be fulfilling.

Without knowledge, however, marriage can become frustrating and difficult.

Therefore, I see every tension in your life and marriage supernaturally turned into a testimony.

You shall make it in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Salvation Prayer

Today, are you born again?

If you are not, pray this prayer from your heart: "Jesus, today I call upon You. I accept You as my Lord and Saviour. From today, I am born again. In Jesus' name, Amen."

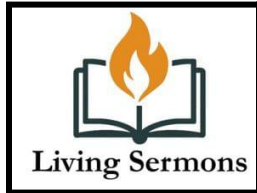
If you prayed that prayer sincerely, congratulations. You are now born again.

Connect through the social media handles displayed and send in your testimonies.

Remember:

God is still too faithful to fail.

See you next time.



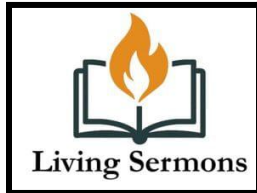
About the Speaker

Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo is a Nigerian Christian author, teacher, and preacher widely known for her consistent ministry alongside her husband, David Oyedepo, the founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel).

She has served for decades in the Christian ministry, with a strong emphasis on marriage, family life, womanhood, and godly character. Her teachings are marked by simplicity, practical wisdom, and a focus on building stable Christian homes rooted in scriptural principles.

Beyond her public teaching role, she is also recognized for her consistent support in church leadership development and humanitarian efforts connected to the ministry she co-labors in. Over the years, her voice has remained steady in reinforcing values of faith, order, and responsibility in Christian family structures.

Her contribution to contemporary Nigerian Christianity is largely seen through the lens of discipleship in the home, where she continues to influence both younger and older generations of believers through teaching, example, and structured mentorship within the church community.



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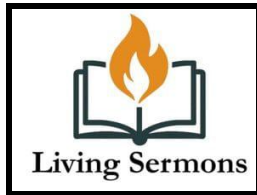
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