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Foreword

From the first time Esther and I met, I knew she would be a very important person in my life. She loved the Word of God as much as I did, and she had all the qualities of a teacher, and always listened to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God got me saved, healed, debt-free, productive, emotionally stable, and so much more.

Esther is such a trustworthy person, genuine mainly because she bases all her teachings, writings, podcasts, videos, books her entire life on the Word of God in the light of grace through faith. Being a pastor, minister, life coach, motivational speaker, and author, I encounter many people and saw that Esther was different. She truly lives the Word. I know for sure that after you have read this book, your life has changed in such a powerful way. Your understanding of the Word of God has deepened, and your relationship with the Lord is closer. In simple but profound words, she presents the truth from God's Word in a way that everyone can understand.

In the words of Esther that you may have eyes that can see and read it, a mind to grab it, and a heart that is His.

Much Love,

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Introduction

The Bible is the only Book I am transformed by, in a good way. I've read many many self-help books, but not one of them had the effect the Bible had on me. The truth is no

human can change you; only Christ can do that. And He did do it, approximately 2000 years ago when He hung on that famous cross. Without His Love for me, the Holy Spirit and His Word, the Bible, I would not be sitting at my dining table and writing this little book. I would have been dead a long time ago, not only physical but also in my spirit and soul. I thank Him every day for His Word that I may have eyes that can see and read it, a mind to grab it, and a heart that is His. I love the Bible, especially the book of Exodus, which tells the story of Moses. You can wake me up in the middle of the night and ask me to read it. I won't get angry with you, because I would be happy to do so. Suppose you wake me up for something other than a terrible situation, for example. In that case, your house is on fire; well, that is another story (lol).

I love the Word, and with that, I really mean I love it. I don't just like the Word and find it essential (of course also that) or just a discipline to read it. Still, it is such a remarkable, astonishing, almost too good to be true, life-changing book. Without the Bible, I would not have experienced the faithful Love Jesus has for me. And I would not have known God. Without the Word of God, I would make a mess of my life. Without the word of God, I would never be able to get the wisdom and still be dumb as an ass. Because dear reader, I was, I was indeed. It's the Book of Life, and I believe we all need this Book as human beings.

It is the core of life, and with this book, the whole universe is created. But the most important thing of all, it tells you everything about Jesus. The Man, who gave His life for you and me, and took us out of the darkness into his marvelous light into His Kingdom, And yet, most people don't experience it this way. And leave the Bible at a shelve, to collect dust.

This little book can help you to read or study the Bible and learn how important it is.

When I talk to people during Bible study or coaching, most of the time, I receive the same response when I say to them: please read your Bible.

They say something like this:

"Reading? I don't like reading",

"The Bible, but that is a difficult book,"

"Reading the Bible is that not for pastors only?",

"I tried reading the Bible, but it is so big and huge, I don't know where to start,"

"I am sorry, I don't have time to read, I have a problem, and this needs to be fixed now,"

"When do I get the time to read anyway? I never have 'me' time",

"I don't have a Bible at home, and I don't like to read it from the Internet. O, buying a Bible as a solution? No, that's too expensive, by the way, what do you think of my hair and nails? Just 'did' them yesterday",

"I find it very dull to read the Bible,"

"I started reading once, but the Old Testament scares me,"

"Once in a while, I read the Bible, and what I read makes me angry or sometimes guilty,"

"I tried to read it, but I don't understand it,"

"I only read the pastors notes during the sermon; that's enough for me,"

"My relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit is enough for me; I don't need the Bible; the Bible is rigid."

"The Bible is all about what you cannot do; I find that discouraging,"

"O, I know the Bible and all the Bible stories. What was the last time I read it? During my childhood, I suppose, I had a kid's Bible. What my age is, near 40, why? I know it all,

especially the stories. I don't need to read it over and over again."

"The Bible, is it not written in Old English? I don't understand Old English",

"Reading the Bible, really? Why?"

With that last response, I can definitely help. With the other questions, I can help too, but you need to be willing to read this small book. I'm definitely not going to convince you to read it. And don't get me wrong because reading your Bible is more important than reading every book that a human, including mine, writes.

I've thought a lot about the reasons people don't read or study their Bible. I can come up with a lot of them, but I think the main reason is that they don't understand the importance and significance of it. They don't get it. It is my firm Believe if you know the importance of the Bible, you will read it. I genuinely believe this. But there's still a but.

It all comes down to choices. Eventually, the choice is up to you and not to me whether you're going to read the Bible or not. I made my choice many years ago.

And what I've learned from it, I want to share with you. I can help you to pick up the Bible and read it like never before. But even then, if I do, so I am only human. There is Someone who wants to help you more than I do. His Name is the Holy Spirit. I pray that you will open up your heart and mind so that the Holy Spirit will be able to lead, explain and help you during the reading of this little book. The Bible is His book, and only He can lead you through it. I hope you will accept my humble help to guide you through this book.

Before I explain why reading the Bible is so important, I will first explain what the Bible is not meant for.

What the Bible is not meant for

I am not a historian, but I will tell you something about history.

Many wars are fought in the Name of the Lord, and many scriptures were misused; today, they still are. All for their own sakes and to gain more power. There are many wars to write about; I will bottle it down to the following ones:

Let us start in the year 1095. In that year, the first crusade was initiated by Pope Urbanus II.

The Holy Land (that is the 'nick name' for Israel) was captured by Muslims. The Pope wanted to liberate Israel, and the first religious war was started. Knights and farmers all across Europe headed to Israel for battle. The first crusade became a success; the ones following were less fruitful. (Most historians think there were eight crusades in total, but a few think there were nine). This all ended in the year 1271. During this period of time, many people died due to the long journey to the Holy Land. Still, even more, people were brutally slaughtered. All of this happened in the Name of the Lord. If you want more information about this subject, I recommend the website of History. This website provides a lot of accurate information. They have a way of making history attractive, even if you find it to be boring.

And, of course, the crusades were not how the Lord meant it. I can't find a single New Testament scripture where they order to kill in the Name of the Lord.

The next subject is the horrible history of slavery in America, South America, and the Caribbean. Not only in countries as Curacao and Surinam, but it also happened in other parts of the world. In the 17th and 18th century they kidnapped human beings in Africa. They put people on boats to take them to the other side of the world and forced them into slavery. Many movies were made about this subject as well as books. I think we all know this gruesome history.

Many slaveowners tried to validate their cruel actions to slaves based on the Bible. Many times I've heard the theory that the Bible is written by a bunch of white folks to put down black people. As hard as this period was, this theory is foolish and not accurate. It is just another form of misusing the Bible. First of all, the Bible is mainly written by Jewish people, who had their own nation in mind while writing it. It is through Jesus Christ that non-Jewish people have full access to the Bible. Second of all, my statement is a half-truth.

The truth is, it is written by God according to 2 Timothy 3:16.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God....." -KJV- the word *inspiration* in Greek means *breathed*, so it is God-breathed. In other words, the Bible is of God. (extra information: the Old Testament was written in Hebrew and Aramaic, the New Testament was written in Greek)

And what about all the women throughout centuries who were put down, mistreated, taken advantage of only by misuse of scripture? The amount is abundant. The worst part is that it is still happening today. Unfortunately, this is not only happening by misusing scripture, but also other religious books.

Following, there are all kinds of cults; other ways people use to corrupt the Bible. Some are even worse than others, but the root remains the same; misuse and teaching of the Bible to manipulate people. Think about Jim Jones of Peoples Temple's cult; he carried out the unthinkable mass suicide in 1978, poisoning 918 members. Or Warren Jeffs, leader of the polygamist (this means men who marry multiple women) church. Jeffs is or was in jail due to the sentence for raping two teenage girls. (he still runs or did run the church out of prison, I am not sure if he is still imprisoned). Or think about the leader of Waco, David Koresh.

The cult was responsible for a shootout and a 51-day FBI standoff, which resulted in the death of David Koresh and 82 of his followers. You can watch the series about this cult named Waco on Netflix. I watched it together with my husband in less than two days. There are many more cults, too many to write about in this book. But, I think you get the picture, and this is definitely not how our Lord intended to handle His Word, the Bible.

But enough about history. Let us take a look at this day and age. First, there is the so-called 'name it and claim it' movement. They teach the power of faith to create your own reality to get what you want. The focus is all upon wealth, power, and the 'name it, claim it and receive it' thought. Don't get me wrong, I am not against people and don't want to be a 'know it all type,' definitely not.

I just think the former is a misuse of the Bible and is more focused on what you want to have. As a matter of fact, the best part is missing; a genuine and authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. I do believe in prosperity, that the thoughts of God toward us are of peace, not of evil, and to give us an expected end. I do not believe in the 'name it and claim it' movement. This movement is focused on the goodness of the Gospel and the results of a relationship with the Lord instead of the actual relationship with Him. It is all love-based, but love can be challenging as well, and most of the time, this is omitted out of the teachings:

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16:25 KJV

You have to lose your life in order to gain it. Not your life, but His life is what it is all about. In my opinion, the 'name it, claim it' teaching includes only part of the gospel.

From this extreme, the 'name it claim it' guys, we will go to the other extent: extremely religious people. They only