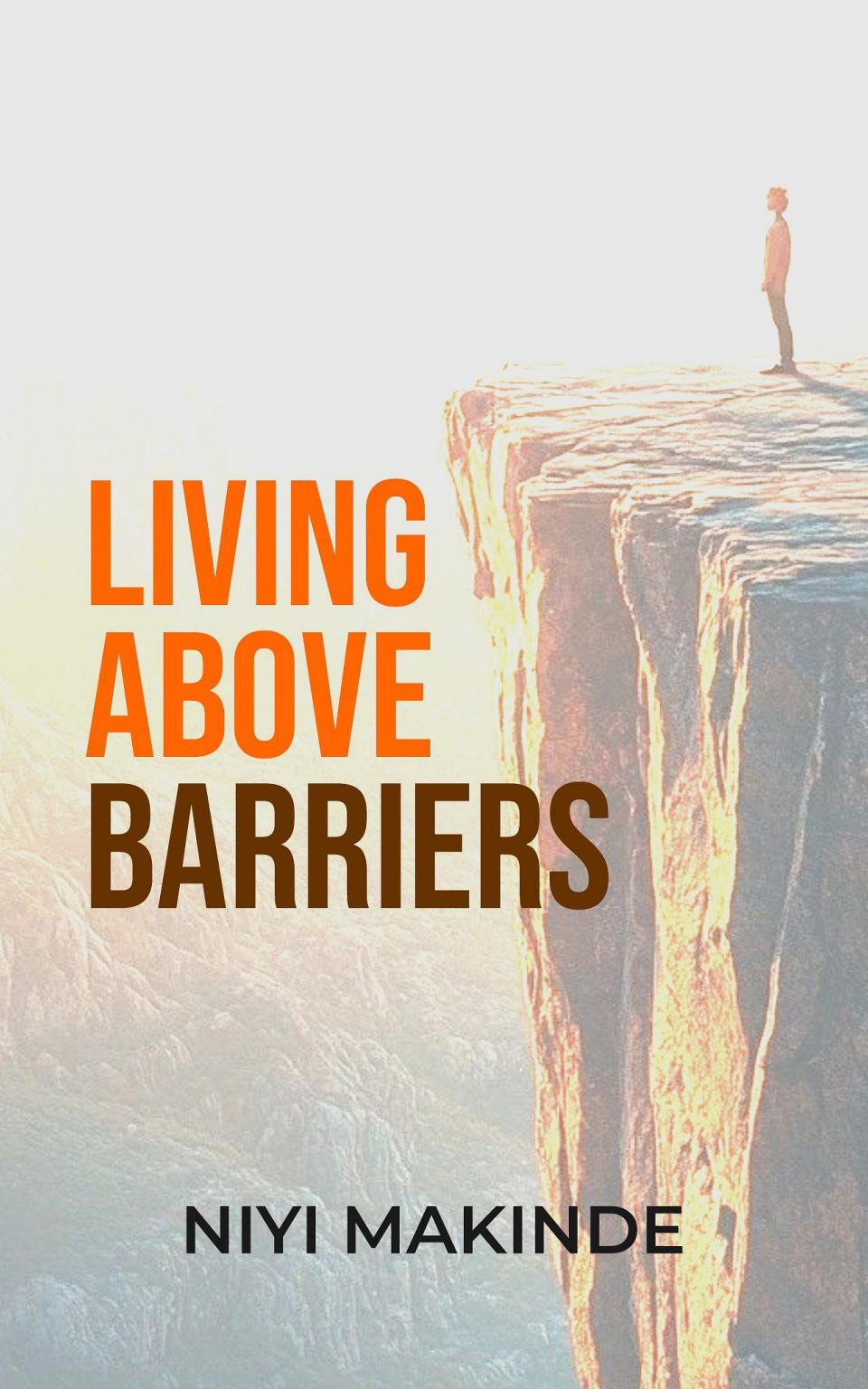


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Preface

The Reality of Barriers

Every human journey of purpose inevitably encounters boundaries, hindrances, and invisible ceilings. In our quest to step into the fullness of God's destiny for our lives, we often find ourselves facing modern-day "**Walls of Jericho**"—formidable structures designed to restrict movement, halt progress, and block access to our promised inheritance. These barriers do not merely exist in the world around us; they manifest as mental strongholds, environmental limitations, and direct spiritual blockages built specifically to prevent the manifestation of divine promises.

Yet, a fundamental truth must settle in your spirit before you read another page: **God never intended for any barrier to have the final say over your destiny.** The presence of a wall is not proof that you are in the wrong place; often, it is the ultimate indicator that you are standing right on the edge of your fulfillment zone.

Beyond Resistance to Absolute Dominion

In *Living Above Barriers*, my intent is to provide you with a comprehensive blueprint to recognize, confront, and pull down every limitation standing between you and your desired future. The Israelites did not possess Jericho by wishing away its walls, nor did they retreat in fear when faced with fortified resistance. They engaged divine strategies, exercised faith-filled authority,

and demonstrated unwavering obedience.

To walk in victory over life's obstacles, we must address barriers across every dimension:

- **Barriers Within:** Confronting and renewing the mind, dismantling legacy mindsets, and becoming receptive to fresh divine information and ideas.
- **Barriers Around:** Identifying behavioral patterns, relationship dynamics, and environmental factors that hinder the free flow of favor and opportunities.
- **Barriers Against:** Overcoming direct satanic opposition and systemic resistance erected to block prophetic fulfillments.

The Blueprint for Breakthrough

Through the chapters of this book, you will be guided through a spiritual evolution—moving from passive endurance to active confrontation, and ultimately into a lifestyle of continuous elevation. You will discover how targeted prayer and faith-filled commands begin the demolition process in the spiritual realm, while strategic action, diligence, and dynamic character consolidate your physical victory. Above all, you will learn the master key of Kingdom advancement: **transitioning from merely believing God to offering an expectant praise.**

As you open these pages, I invite you to engage with an expectant heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your understanding, give you fresh insights, and impart the precise strategies needed for your current season. The walls must fall, and you are about to step straight into your Promised Land.

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BEWARE OF BARRIERS, HINDRANCES, AND LIMITATIONS!

The Walls of Jericho Defined

1. **The walls of Jericho** simply signify barriers, hindrances, blockages, and limitations. When the walls of Jericho stood, the Israelites could not see what was inside the city, nor could they enter it.

2. **The walls of Jericho** represent barriers that are put in place to prevent people from seeing what lies on the other side. They can also hinder people from entering places that have been marked out for them as their Promised Land or desired future.

The Purpose of the Walls of Jericho

Joshua 6:1 says, “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.” The purpose of the walls of Jericho was to restrict movement and stop the flow of things. When the walls of Jericho are built around a person’s life, they can restrict the movement of good things into and out of that life. The flow of good things is stopped. This can be manifested in the routines and cycles that some people live in all their lives. When you see a person

doing certain things consistently without making progress or advancing, it may be a manifestation of barriers affecting that person's advancement. It is not enough to be consistent in life; you must also advance. You must continually press higher and move to the next level of your life. This is how you demonstrate the true value of consistency. When the walls of Jericho were in place, no one went out and nothing could penetrate the city. Those inside the wall could not come out, and those outside could not come in. This can also happen in the lives of some people when barriers are established against them. Good things, benefits, and opportunities are prevented from flowing into their lives, and they are also prevented from releasing what is within them. This is something that must be dealt with. Barriers must not be taken lightly. Anything that limits you, blocks your progress, or prevents you from stepping forward and going higher is a barrier. **You must break such cycles.**

Different Walls Built

When you discover that you desire to do certain things but do not have the right connections to make them happen, there is a barrier before you. Jericho was not the only city that had walls. The city of Jerusalem also had walls. Solomon built walls, and Nehemiah and others went to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. There was also a wall around Gaza. However, the walls of Jericho represented a barrier to the Israelites entering the Promised Land. If there is something hindering you from accomplishing great things or reaching certain levels in life, then there is a barrier before you. For example, you may know what you want to accomplish and understand the financial cost involved, but you may not have the financial capacity to make it happen. If you have no means of raising the required funds, you are facing an obstacle. When an obstacle is dealt with, either

you will have the resources you need or you will discover how to obtain them. Obstacles can be very powerful, and they have limited the advancement and progress of many people. When you examine your life and discover that there are things you genuinely desire to do but, for one reason or another, you have not been able to accomplish them, it may be a sign of limitations and barriers. The reasons you have been unable to make certain things happen may be the barriers and hindrances standing in your way. Identify the walls. Confront the barriers. Break the limitations. Move forward.

Recognize the Barriers Around You

The children of Israel could not enter Jericho because a wall had been built around the city. The wall made them stagnant. They had no option but to remain where they were or go backward; they could not move forward. When a wall of Jericho is set before a person, the person may be forced to remain stagnant or move backward. Such a person is unable to make progress or move forward in life. You must deal with these hindrances. However, it is your responsibility to recognize the barriers in your life. You should be able to identify what represents your **“Jericho wall.”** Be an individual who can identify the reasons you have been unable to accomplish certain things effectively or in the way you desire. Identify the reasons you have been unable to make certain things happen or enter certain places. Some people are confronted with delay. The question is: **Why are you delayed?** For some, it may be a lack of employment, money, resources, or other necessities.

For a businessperson who desires to expand a business or execute certain projects but lacks the resources to make them happen, the lack of resources becomes a hindrance. The barrier to the manifestation of the idea is the absence of the resources

required to bring it to reality. The resources and financial capacity you need to run your business will not come from heaven; they are already on the earth. If they are on the earth, why are you not possessing and accessing them? Therefore, recognize the barrier. Identify what is missing. Then confront what is standing between you and your desired future.

Being Confronted with Joblessness

If you are confronted with joblessness, do you know that there are opportunities around you that you can explore? You can also create a job for yourself and others. However, if you believe that you cannot create a job, the question you should ask yourself is: **Why can't I create a job?** Some people lack the required work experience. Some are not specialised in any particular field. Others do not have the necessary certifications or skills. These and other factors can make it difficult for people to access employment opportunities. You must identify what is limiting you and take deliberate steps to overcome it. What you lack today can be acquired, developed, or improved upon.

Dealing with Barriers

The first way to deal with barriers is by going to God in prayer. You can break barriers by using your words to pull down every form of limitation, barrier, and hindrance. Imagine how powerful words are. When the wind arose and became wild, Jesus spoke to the wind, and there was peace and calmness. If you understand the power of words, you can pull down mountains. Barriers can be subdued and overcome through the declaration of words. When you enter the place of prayer, declare words of power. Issue commands that every barrier on your path be cleared away. The moment you begin to declare strong and forceful words, barriers will begin to clear in the realm of the spirit. Every limitation will begin to give way in the spiritual

realm. This happens in the invisible world. What you experience physically on earth can be a manifestation of what has already been accomplished concerning your life in the realm of the spirit. As you begin to declare God's Word, barriers begin to fall and lose their power. You do not need a vision to see the walls. As long as there are limitations restricting your ability to make things happen, they are pointers to walls standing before you. The children of Israel made a sound after receiving the instructions given to them. There are spiritual operations that are activated when you declare words from your spirit in alignment with God's will. **Do you want barriers to be broken in your life?** Get into the place of prayer and begin to declare God's Word!

Take Action!

Many people have ideas about things they want to accomplish, but they do not have the financial capacity to make them happen. Before you run to your friends or family members for help, get into prayer and begin to pray: **"Every hindrance and barrier that has been built against me, hindering the flow of money to me, be broken down in Jesus' name."** Also declare: **"Everything hindering the flow of money to me and from me, fall flat and be broken down before me, in Jesus' name."** When you make these declarations and engage in prayer, you are confronting barriers in the realm of the spirit. Sometimes, nothing may appear to happen immediately in the physical realm, but you must continue to exercise faith and take the necessary steps. If you want your patronage and recommendations to increase as a businessperson, or if you are a pastor who desires exponential growth in your membership, you must be deliberate about your prayers and declarations. You must also understand why people are not coming to patronise you or connect with what you are doing. Sometimes, this may be attributed to a wall or barrier

standing in your way. Many people in business want more customers, and many leaders want new members to join their ministries, but there may be barriers hindering people from coming.

Barriers can prevent people from seeing you clearly. They can also influence how people perceive you. You may be speaking, advertising, creating content, using billboards, and employing other forms of publicity and communication, but if the barrier is not removed, the desired results may not come. This is why prayer is important. As you engage in prayer, you confront and pull down barriers. You position yourself to enter into the things God has prepared for you, and you allow what God has ordained for your life to come into manifestation. Begin to pull down everything that represents a barrier around your life. In the realm of the spirit, you are confronting limitations, pulling down strongholds, and resisting the works of the devil. As you continue in prayer and take the necessary actions, things will begin to manifest physically, demonstrating that barriers have been cleared away.

PULLING DOWN BARRIERS AND LIMITATIONS IN THE MIND

Gaining Possession of the City of Jericho

Joshua 6:20 declares, “So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.” The people of Israel took possession of Jericho. They knew that there were people, houses, farmland, and wealth within the city, but they could not enter because of the wall that had been built around it. They only needed to do what was required to ensure that the walls were pulled down. Once the wall fell, the people could enter the city and take possession of what had been inaccessible to them. In the same way, there may be things you know are available to you, but barriers may be standing between you and their possession. You must identify and deal with those barriers so that you can move forward and take possession of what God has prepared for you.

Pulling Down the Jericho Walls Within You

There are different aspects of the walls of Jericho. One of these is the wall within you. This is the Jericho wall in your mind. When there are walls within you, they represent barriers and blockages in your mind. These barriers can be expressed through your worldview, perspectives, and thought patterns. Some may come in the form of doctrines or teachings you have heard from people in the past. Cultural and traditional teachings can also become the foundation of your belief system. God may want to do something unique in your life, but because of the belief system you have developed and maintained, you may have formed consistent patterns of behavior that reject the very things He wants to bring into your life. In such a situation, there is a need to pull down the Jericho wall in your mind. Every blockage that has been constructed in your mind over the years must be pulled down so that you can enter into the things the Lord has prepared for you. You need to understand that things can be built in the mind, just as houses can be built on the land. The thoughts, beliefs, and perspectives you repeatedly accept can become strong structures within you. Therefore, you must identify and pull down every mental barrier that is preventing you from moving into the fullness of what God has for you.

The Way Things Are Built in the Mind

The way things are built in the minds of people is through the words they hear and the things they read. The mind can be developed and shaped over time. Sometimes, people need to understand that it is not always the devil hindering their advancement; sometimes, it is their own mind. Certain things may have been built in the mind over the years and have become walls that hinder progress. The process often begins with the

way the mind thinks. Your mind influences the decisions you make, and those decisions trigger actions. The way you think can determine many things about your life. Therefore, you must pull down the barriers in your mind. When you engage in prayer and confront these barriers, your mind can begin to access new information. New thoughts can begin to come to you. You begin to receive new ideas, fresh perspectives, and greater insight. Pull down the walls in your mind and make room for new thoughts, ideas, and possibilities.

How Forceful Are the Words Spoken?

Always remember that your words can enter the realm of the spirit to confront and break barriers. The new information you receive can pull down the old information that has been established in your mind. Old information can become a hindrance when it shapes the way your mind thinks and limits your ability to move forward. Fresh information can guide your mind into a new level of life and help you enter new environments—places of wealth, opportunities, and blessings that God has prepared for you. If barriers are to be broken in your mind, the process must first take place in the realm of the spirit. Every philosophy, belief, and mindset that your mind has absorbed and that is working against your progress must be confronted and broken. After making your declarations and engaging in prayer, the next thing you must focus on is your mind. You must consciously pull down every barrier that has been built in your mind, whether knowingly or unknowingly. Break the barriers in the spirit, renew your mind, and step into the newness God has prepared for you.

How to Discover Breakthrough in the Mind

When hindrances are cleared from the mind, there will be a manifestation of all-round newness. New information will flood your mind. You will begin to have new thoughts, ideas, inspiration, revelation, actions, decisions, and understanding. When you engage in conversations with people, your eyes of understanding will be opened to see things in a new and different way. Your ears will also become more attentive to receive valuable information from the words you hear. When transformation begins to take place in your mind, things will begin to change. Be conscious that when you engage in declarations, you must be specific in your speaking. For instance, if you have desired to acquire land for years but it has seemed impossible, or you have desired to get married but have been unable to do so over the years, address these issues, among others, in the place of prayer. You may want to take your business to the next level but find it difficult to do so. Give yourself to prayer and declaration. Confront and pull down every barrier hindering the expansion of your business and your transition into a new level. However, after your prayer, you should also be attentive to the new direction, instructions, and insights you receive concerning how to run and expand your business. When the barriers in your mind are removed, you become open to new possibilities, new instructions, and new dimensions of life.

Be Sensitive to the Changes in Your Mind

There are other changes that will take place in your mind when you experience a breakthrough. These changes include:

1. You Will Begin to See People Differently

Some people you have related with casually in the past may suddenly become significant to you. You may begin to see that they are key people who can contribute to your advancement and

help you find your way out of stagnation, delay, and limitations. For example, a person who has experienced a delay in getting married for years but has been unable to make it happen may experience a shift in perspective when the barriers are broken. Someone you previously related to simply as a friend, mentee, or neighbor may suddenly be seen differently. You may begin to recognise that the person could be the right partner or someone who plays a significant role in your next level. When the barriers in your mind are removed, your perspective changes, and you become more sensitive to the people and opportunities around you.

2. You Will See the Potential Within People

You will begin to see the capacity, gifts, abilities, resources, and connections that people represent. People may not open their mouths to tell you about what they carry, but through insight, you will be able to discern their value and potential without necessarily engaging in a conversation with them. You will also begin to recognise the things you can access **through their lives, around their lives, and because of their connections.** These new discoveries and experiences are products of the barriers being broken in your mind. When the walls in your mind are pulled down, your perception changes, and you begin to see people, opportunities, resources, and possibilities differently.

3. You Will Recognize What Is Within People Differently

The things people consider trivial may begin to appear significant to you. You must be very sensitive to this aspect of transformation. This will help you recognize the people you should honor more and the relationships you may need to cut off. The reason some people have been unable to move to the next level of their lives may be because of certain relationships they have maintained. You will recognize the people you need

to pursue more, listen to more, and learn from. You will not be carried away by people's appearances. Your eyes will be opened to discern the potential and future that lie ahead of people. You will begin to understand what different relationships can produce in your life. When barriers are broken in your mind, you will no longer pursue shadows or things that have no real value to your future. You will also become more conscious of the opportunities around you. Open your heart to new thoughts and ideas that come to you so that you can discern the value and benefits that may be found in people. When your mind is transformed, you will move beyond limitations and environmental barriers. God can open the eyes of your understanding at this level to see what others cannot see. Someone considered ordinary by others may be revealed to you as a potential destiny helper. While others are pursuing influential people, you may find yourself connected to someone whom others consider ordinary but who carries significant value for your journey. When barriers are broken in your mind, you may also gain access to privileged information and opportunities that others do not see or have access to.

4. You Begin to Spot Opportunities in Hidden Places

There are opportunities in hidden places. When barriers are broken in your mind, you begin to see opportunities that you may not have noticed before. The opportunities and privileges you need may be closer to you than you realise, but if the barriers remain, you may not recognize them. Be conscious of the ideas and information that come to you, and learn to lay hold of them. One idea can change the situation of your life if you are willing to act on it. Opportunities are discovered when you become sensitive to the ideas and actions that come to your mind. Be sensitive to intuitive thoughts, insights, and ideas that come

to you. For some people, this may require making a phone call, having a conversation, visiting someone, or developing closer relationships with certain people. If you are not making the level of profit you desire, you may need to pick up certain books and study. Information does not simply come automatically. You may need to engage people who are ahead of you to gain valuable knowledge and insight. You may need to visit certain places to obtain relevant information. You may also need to meet with the team members and workers you lead. Ask them questions, hear their perspectives, and listen to their feedback. You move closer to your desired future when the barriers in your mind are broken. The central focus is to learn how to seek information and gain insight. This may require reading books, asking questions, listening to specialized audio clips, visiting strategic places, engaging in meditation, thinking constructively about how things can be done, and remaining willing to receive instructions from the Holy Spirit. When the barriers in your mind are broken, you begin to see what was always around you but previously remained hidden from your understanding.

5. You Will See New Places

When barriers are broken in your mind, you will no longer see places in the usual way. You will begin to see how to enter new territories, establish yourself there, and expand your activities into those places. You will also begin to see how to harness the opportunities and resources available in particular places. You will discover opportunities hidden in places you previously considered unknown or inaccessible. All of these are functions of barriers being broken in your mind. You will begin to see businesses you should start, opportunities you can pursue, and careers you can explore. However, this will not happen automatically. You need to hear or see something new that can

lead you into your breakthrough. When the barriers in your mind are broken, your perception of places, opportunities, and possibilities will change.

How to Break Barriers Within You

To break barriers in your mind, you must deliberately take certain steps:

Get New Things into Your Mind

New things that come into your mind can pull down old patterns and limitations that have been established there. Imagine your mind as a piece of land. Over the years, an old building has been constructed on that land. Now, you want to build a new mansion there. Your first step is to use a tractor or bulldozer to pull down the old building so that the new one can be constructed. In the same way, you must engage in constructive thinking to discover how to pull down the limitations that have been built in your mind. Your bulldozer is the new insight that comes to you. Be highly receptive to new thoughts, ideas, information, and understanding, and new things will begin to happen in your life. When barriers are broken in the realm of the spirit, the next place where those barriers must be broken is the mind. However, do not focus only on pulling down barriers in your mind. You must also build new things in your mind.

When new things are built in your mind, you will begin to see corresponding physical manifestations. What is established in your mind can influence your decisions, actions, and the direction of your life. Always open yourself to new thoughts, inspiration, and information. When you pray in the Spirit, including praying in tongues, be sensitive to the flow of ideas and information that God may bring to your mind. Also, be sensitive to the new pictures and possibilities that come into

your mind. These new pictures can give you insight into new things that may happen in your life. When you receive and act on the new things that come into your mind, they can produce corresponding realities in your life.

After you have prayed, sit down to study. Listen to people who are ahead of you, and engage in strategic conversations. Through these actions, you are building a new future for yourself. Continually desire God to impart you with understanding of the Word shared by your man of God and spiritual leader. Ask Him to direct the right information you need to you, order your steps to relevant videos and audio clips that will bring transformation to your life and all that concerns you, and open the eyes of your understanding as you read quality books. Therefore, pull down the old. Build the new. Renew your mind and prepare yourself for the future God has prepared for you.

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PULLING DOWN BARRIERS AND LIMITATIONS AROUND YOUR LIFE

Joshua 6:1 says, “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.” This Scripture reveals that, beyond the walls within the mind, there can also be barriers around people. Many people do not realize that there are limitations around them. If they were aware of these limitations, they could rise up and deal with them quickly. The children of Israel were outside, while the people of Jericho were inside the city. A wall had been built around Jericho, preventing the Israelites from entering. This happens to many people. They find themselves surrounded by walls that hinder their progress in life. When you discover that there are obstacles preventing you from achieving certain things or gaining access to certain places, it may be an indication that there is a wall around you. The particular aspect I want you to focus on **is the things that should be flowing into your life**. Even though the Israelites were people chosen by God, they could not enter the city of Jericho because of the walls that had been constructed around it. There are things God has prepared and sent your way,

but the reason they may not be reaching you could be because there is a barrier surrounding you and hindering access.

Many people are seeking job opportunities, yet they struggle to secure them. It may be that there are barriers standing in the way of their access to those opportunities. You may think that I am being overly spiritual in my approach. You may have such a perspective, but when you encounter people who have gone through certain situations in life, even though they are highly intelligent and capable, and you sincerely ask them about what is happening in their lives, they may admit that some of their experiences are beyond their explanation, reasoning, and understanding. You must recognize the barriers around you so that you can confront them and gain access to what God has prepared for you.

Examine Yourself

When things are not flowing into your life consistently and regularly, it could be a sign that there are barriers around your life. Also, when helpers and certain meaningful relationships are absent from your life, you need to be sensitive to the possibility of barriers around you. When certain opportunities seem to reach other people easily but, for some unknown reasons, do not reach you, it could also indicate the existence of barriers around your life. Even when your mind is clear and you understand that something is possible, there may be certain things you should not have to struggle to make happen by yourself. Some things are meant to happen naturally through God's favor and divine arrangement. God has a way of making certain things happen for people. Get this understanding into you: **if everything you have in your life is solely the result of your own labor, it may indicate that you are operating within limitations.** There are

things that the favor of God can bring into your life.

Favor facilitates the flow of opportunities, access, relationships, and good things into your life. There are companies, business organizations, and families around whom invisible walls may have been built. Some families may rarely encounter exceptional people or significant opportunities; they may continually find themselves surrounded by ordinary experiences. The reason for such a pattern may be barriers around the family. The way this operates spiritually is that when barriers are established around a person, they can seem to follow that person wherever they go. If such an individual leaves one country for another, the same pattern may continue. Barriers can become personal and specific in their effect. They can appear to be directed at a particular person and can manifest repeatedly in different areas of life. Therefore, examine yourself. Identify the patterns, limitations, and barriers that may be restricting the flow of opportunities, relationships, favor, and advancement in your life.

Barriers in Interpersonal Relationships

Barriers around people can be created through certain physical conditions, decisions, actions, and behavioral patterns in their lives. Some people may discover that new friendships and opportunities are not flowing into their lives because of certain limitations around them. These barriers can be built when people consistently display attitudes or take actions that push others away from them. Proverbs 18:24 states, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." If you want people to remain in your life, you must ensure that you are connected to them in heart. If you want people to become your friends, you must be friendly,

approachable, and willing to build meaningful relationships. Barriers are created when people lack the insight needed to make friends, sustain relationships, communicate effectively, and demonstrate the language of favor. These actions and behavioral patterns can cause quality relationships to become few in your life. You need to identify the behavioral patterns that must change. You must become aware of the things that need to change about you. For instance, some people need to change the environment they have created around themselves. You need to make your environment conducive to quality relationships and strategic friendships. When you create an atmosphere that welcomes people, meaningful relationships and valuable connections can flow into your life. Sometimes, the barrier is not around you; it may be within your attitude, behavior, or approach to relationships. Identify it, confront it, and make the necessary changes.

Diversities of Changes Around You

There are different changes you may need to make to remove barriers around your life. People who live or operate at a distance may need to create greater proximity so that they can be easily accessed. Some people may need to enrol in specific training programmes to develop their workers and members. Some organizational staff do not know how to relate effectively with customers and business partners. For some people, the barrier around their lives may be the language they use in communication. They open their mouths and speak words that are not edifying or helpful. For some people working in organizations, the barrier may be their inability to communicate effectively in a way that demonstrates their expertise and makes them valuable and difficult to replace. In such situations, you must recognize that there is a barrier that needs to be addressed in your life. You need to develop mastery of communication

skills, public speaking, and the ability to generate, develop, and communicate ideas effectively. Identify the barrier, develop the necessary capacity, and make the changes required to position yourself for greater opportunities and meaningful relationships.

Identify the Barriers

The insight you need as an individual is to identify the limitations around your life and the things you want to see happen in your life. After identifying what you desire, you need to sit down and ask yourself: **What could hinder this from happening?** The moment you identify the constraints preventing your desires from becoming reality, you have begun to recognize the barriers around your life. For instance, if you want your husband to be emotionally connected to you as a woman, you must understand how to relate to him and what contributes to emotional connection within your marriage. Many people do not recognize the barriers around their lives because they have not taken the time to examine themselves and their environment. Your eyes of understanding must be opened to recognize the things happening around you. Identify the barriers, understand what is causing them, and take deliberate steps to remove them. **The Essence of Sensitivity**

You can continue praying for change and transformation without being sensitive to the answers to your prayers. Therefore, you must pay attention to the things you need to change in your life. One of the ways to break barriers around you is to recognize the things that need to change. Identify the changes you need to make in your life, company, relationships, and personal affairs at this moment. You must get to a point where you create order around your life. Do not go about helping others while your own life remains disorganized. Be sensitive to the changes you

need to make. Sometimes, the answer to your prayer may be the instruction to make a necessary change. **Create Quality Time for the People Around You**

You must be intentional about creating quality time for the people God has established in your life. Never allow people to assume that you are proud or distant in your relationships. People can form different perceptions about you. They may think you are behaving as though you are no longer at their level or that you no longer value your relationship with them. If you notice this happening, you must be intentional about creating time for the people around you. Make yourself available, communicate with them, and nurture the relationships that matter. **Quality relationships require intentional investment.** Make time for the people God has placed around you.

Maintain a Balance

Sometimes, people engage in spiritual activities such as prayer and exercising their faith, but they do not know how to address the things that create limitations around their lives. The changes you need to make in your life may be the keys you need to break certain barriers. When you break the barriers around you, certain things will begin to flow into your life. The moment the walls of Jericho fell, the people could enter the city without hindrance. In the same way, when barriers are removed from your life, you can gain access to opportunities, relationships, and benefits that were previously restricted. So, you must be intentional about asking yourself the following questions:

1. What is the thing I need to stop doing in my life?
2. What is the thing I need to change?
3. What is the thing I need to improve or advance in my life so that I can experience a new flow of benefits?

Prayer is important, but you must also be willing to make the changes required to break the barriers around your life.

PULLING DOWN BARRIERS AND OBSTACLES AGAINST YOU

Understanding the Basis

Joshua 6:1 records, “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.” According to this Scripture, it is evident that the walls of Jericho were built because of the children of Israel. The walls were erected to prevent them from entering and possessing their Promised Land. For many people, prophecies have gone ahead of their lives. God may have told you certain things, and prophets may have spoken about what God intends to do in your life. Just as you have heard and become aware of these promises, the forces of darkness may also be aware of what is intended to happen in your life at particular seasons. Principalities may observe your journey and identify where certain things are likely to manifest. They may identify what you perceive as the fulfilment zone of a prophecy or promise concerning your life. The moment they identify such a place, they may seek to establish a “**Jericho wall**”—an obstacle or hindrance—around it to prevent you from gaining access. Consider the children of

Israel. Before God spoke to them about possessing the Promised Land, He had already spoken to their ancestors. God spoke to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob about the land and the promise. The Israelites were aware of the promise, and, in this understanding, the forces of darkness were also aware of it. The people of Jericho were already occupying the land that God had promised to the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, there was a conflict between the promise and the barrier standing in the way of its fulfilment. What God has promised you may be real, but you must understand the barriers that can stand between you and its manifestation.

A Secret Spy

Joshua 2:1–4 says: “Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, ‘Go, view the land, especially Jericho.’ So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, ‘Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country.’ So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, ‘Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country.’ Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, ‘Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.’” Rahab told the spies that fear had come upon the people of Jericho because they had heard about what the God of Israel had done to the Egyptians and the other kings who had confronted them. Everyone was aware that the Israelites were coming to take possession of Jericho. Therefore, they built a wall around the place God had promised to the Israelites. They built a wall around what God had purposed to give them. They built a wall around their place of wealth and

around the place God had marked out as their future. This is what happens to some people. God may have promised that certain people will rise to positions of influence and authority in their nations, but the devil may establish obstacles around them to prevent them from gaining access to the authorities and relationships that could assist them. The devil may also establish obstacles around the very people they need to connect with. The result is that the connection that should facilitate their advancement becomes difficult. This kind of obstacle is neither **within you nor simply around you; it is an obstacle established against you.** You must learn to recognize the difference between barriers within you, barriers around you, and barriers that have been established against you.

Obstacles Against People

There are obstacles that can stand against people. The purpose of these obstacles is to prevent them from gaining access to the people, places, opportunities, and possessions that God has revealed to them through prophecies. The moment you receive a prophecy, you should understand what God has promised and made available to you. You must discover the promises and prophecies that God has given concerning your life. However, if you find it difficult to possess what has been promised or reach the destination God has shown you, it may be an indication that an obstacle has been established against you. When you recognize the obstacles that have been built against you, you must give yourself to prayer and take deliberate steps to confront and overcome whatever forces are responsible for those obstacles. Recognize the obstacle, confront it, and press forward until you gain access to what God has prepared for you.

How to Pull Down Barriers Against You

1. First, Recognize the Places and Things God Has Given You as an Inheritance

You must know the possessions and territories God has given you. If God has given you a particular city, you need to recognize that city. If God has given you a sphere of influence through prophecy, you need to identify and understand it. The moment you know the thing or place God has given you, the next step is to position yourself for possession. Even when obstacles stand against you, you must position yourself to enter the place that has been revealed to you. The walls of Jericho had already been built before the children of Israel arrived. The spies returned with a report that the city was securely shut and that walls had been built around it. They may have heard how strong and fortified the walls were, yet Joshua and the children of Israel still moved forward to possess the city. God had told Joshua, **“I have given you Jericho.”** Joshua moved toward the city and encountered the obstacle standing in the way of the promise. For instance, you may see yourself building a successful business and taking a significant position within your industry. You may see yourself pursuing a particular career and becoming a leading voice in that field. You must position yourself to enter that business or career without being controlled by the fear of failure. When you get there, you may encounter obstacles that have been established against you. You may not achieve the desired results at the beginning. When things are not working as planned, do not simply rely on your reasoning alone. Combine your thinking with prayer.

You can choose to pray in the Spirit and seek the mind of God concerning the situation. Ask yourself: **If God were to confront this obstacle, how would He deal with it?** This means that

you are seeking to receive God's strategy and wisdom to deal with the obstacle standing against you. The walls may have been built against you because you are finding it difficult to penetrate a particular system, city, business, career, or sphere of influence. Do not allow the existence of a wall to convince you that the territory is not yours. Recognize what God has promised, position yourself for possession, and seek His strategy for overcoming every obstacle standing in your way.

2. Get into Prayer and Ask God to Release the Strategy for Pulling Down the Wall Against You

Joshua encountered the Commander of the Lord's army, who gave him a strategy for conquering Jericho. The strategy was specific: the Israelites were to march around the city once each day for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times, after which the priests would blow the trumpets and the people would shout. This teaches us that there are strategies for pulling down walls that have been built against you, and these strategies can be received through fellowship with the Holy Spirit. You should pray and ask the Lord to help you and send the right help to you. Ask Him to show you what to do to pull down the walls standing against you. When you pray, God can bring information and instructions your way. When those instructions are properly understood and implemented, they can produce the results you desire.

You must understand that when you enter the place of prayer, you are seeking the mind of God. You are seeking to understand what God would do if He were in the situation you are facing. The moment you discover what God would have you do, put it into action immediately. You may be surprised at how you will begin to gain access to the city, system, business, career, or sphere of influence that has been revealed to you. At the level of

prayer, you are not merely commanding the walls to fall. You are positioning yourself to discover God's strategy for dealing with the situation and gaining access to what appears inaccessible. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and ask Him how to approach the things that have seemed inaccessible to you. Prayer is not only about asking God to remove the wall; it is also about receiving the wisdom and strategy to overcome it.

3. New Thoughts, Information, and Insights Will Help You Pull Down the Jericho Wall Built Against You

New thoughts, information, and insights can help you pull down the Jericho wall built against you. When you receive new understanding and apply it correctly, you gain the wisdom and strategy needed to overcome obstacles and gain access to what has been inaccessible. Be open to new ideas, information, and insights that God brings your way. They may contain the strategy you need to break through the barriers standing against you.

4. Generosity

When you want to break through into certain systems, it may require you to become generous to some people in order to build genuine relationships and win their trust and support. Generosity can open doors to meaningful relationships and create opportunities for access. Be willing to give, support, and add value to the lives of others as you pursue your goals.

5. Become Highly Effective and Develop More Skills

You should become highly effective and develop skills that distinguish you in your industry and sphere of influence. Strive to become so competent and valuable that you stand out among others in your field. You do not develop your skills by praying alone. You must also give yourself to continuous learning, training, practice, and personal development. Prayer gives

you spiritual direction, but continuous learning develops the capacity to execute effectively.

6. Network and Partner with People Deliberately

You should deliberately build networks and partnerships with the right people. Meaningful relationships can help you receive timely and godly counsel. They can also give you access to the help and support of others. People can help you accomplish certain tasks through their skills, resources, experience, and willingness to volunteer. Therefore, do not underestimate the power of meaningful relationships and strategic partnerships.

By and large, the moment you identify what you need to do, step into action. As you act on the right instructions and strategies, you will be amazed by the things that will begin to happen in your life.

LIVING ABOVE LIMITATIONS AND BARRIERS

Understanding the Fundamental Truth

Joshua 6:1–2 records: “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua: ‘See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.’” The children of Israel encountered barriers on their journey, but the barriers did not ultimately stop them. They eventually entered and possessed their Promised Land. This should become a lesson to you: **barriers are designed to stop you, but no barrier should be permitted to stop you.** You must be determined to confront and pull down every obstacle and barrier the devil may attempt to place on your path. You must stand your ground and refuse to allow obstacles to control or determine the outcome of your life. Every obstacle must be confronted, overcome, and rendered powerless so that it will not prevent you from entering into what God has prepared for you. A barrier may stand in your path, but it must never have the final say over your destiny.

Understanding the Main Things God Wants to Do in Your Life

You must know your Promised Land or the possession God has prepared for you in every season of your life. The things God did in the previous season may not be the same things He wants to do in the new season. You need to understand the main things God wants to accomplish in the next season of your life. When you successfully accomplish what God wants you to accomplish in a particular season, you must go through the process of transitioning into a new season so that you can discern what God has in mind for you next. You must develop spiritual insight to recognize the main things God wants you to pursue in the next phase of your life. Through insight, you become aware of what God has in store for you. The children of Israel knew that they were going to Jericho. They understood that the wall was not their destination; it was simply a barrier standing between them and their possession. You must trust God to show you early where He wants you to be and the destination He is taking you to. This will help you avoid seeing every barrier as a sign that you are in the wrong place or pursuing the wrong thing. Sometimes, **the presence of a barrier can be an indication that you are on the right path.** When the children of Israel encountered the barrier, they knew they were not turning back. You must also understand clearly that God is taking you somewhere.

Ask yourself: **What is the thing God wants to do in my life now? What is the thing God wants me to possess in this season?** The Israelites wanted to enter Jericho. This was the next significant thing before them. Therefore, what is the next big thing you want to accomplish? In your career, there may be something you have seen in your heart that you desire to possess. For a career professional, the next big thing may be to pursue a

professional course, obtain a certification, or develop expertise in another area. You may need to add relevant certifications to your qualifications. For a businessperson, the next significant step may be to increase the number of customers, expand the business into new locations, or establish the business in another city. For someone else, it may be the acquisition of new equipment, gadgets, or machines. You must know the specific things you want to pursue. You must identify the things you desire to possess and the goals you need to accomplish in each season. For another person, the next significant goal may be to secure a new job. However, it is wisdom not to resign from your current job before securing a new offer, unless God specifically instructs you to leave. As you prepare for a new opportunity, upgrade your skills, broaden your exposure, and improve your qualifications before pursuing the next level. **Know your next destination. Identify your next possession.** Prepare yourself for it, and move forward with wisdom and divine direction.

Access to Explosive Church Growth

For a minister of God in ministry, the next thing you may be trusting God for could be explosive growth in your church membership. You may desire to see God add more people to the membership of your church. As long as you are convinced that God has given this to you, you should position yourself to take possession of it. Anything you clearly see in your mind as a God-given vision must be followed by deliberate action to bring it into physical manifestation. You have to engage in the necessary steps that will translate what you have received in the spirit into visible results.

Don't Chase Shadows

You have to know the exact thing you are pursuing so that you will not be chasing or pursuing shadows. Ensure that the next significant thing you are pursuing is clear to you. It should be something you can see within yourself and clearly recognize in your heart. What is that new desire you have? What is the clarity you have received within your heart? The moment you realize that you want to achieve something greater or enter into something new, you must first answer the question, **“What?”** before you step out. You need to know exactly what you are pursuing. You will experience a sense of fulfilment when you accomplish the things God has placed before you in a particular season of your life. However, before you can possess them, you must first become aware of them. You have to see them in your mind and recognize them within your heart.

As you move toward your Promised Land and seek to take possession of what God has prepared for you, you will encounter certain barriers and difficulties. The children of Israel knew exactly what they were pursuing, but they encountered the walls of Jericho along the way. However, the walls did not make them turn back. Although they were prevented from entering initially, they did not retreat. Therefore, **barriers are not necessarily signs that you should turn back. Sometimes, barriers are signs that there are things you need to confront and overcome before you can possess and enjoy what God has destined for you.** Know what you are pursuing. Keep your focus on the destination, and do not allow the barriers along the way to make you chase shadows or abandon your pursuit.

Understanding the Faith Path to Pulling Down the Walls of Jericho

Hebrews 11:30 says, “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.” Faith pulls down

walls. It was by faith that the walls of Jericho fell. The question, therefore, is: **Whose faith made this happen?** It was the faith of the people. You exercise your faith through prayers of decree and command. You must command barriers to leave your path. Obstacles and hindrances must be confronted through faith and prayer. When dealing with the breaking of Jericho walls in the place of prayer, you do not simply ask God to help you break down every wall, barrier, obstacle, or hindrance. You exercise the authority you have been given in Christ by making faith-filled declarations and commands in the name of Jesus Christ. Faith does not make you retreat before the wall; faith empowers you to confront the wall and move forward into what God has prepared for you.

The Name of Jesus Christ: The Barrier-Breaking Name

There is a **barrier-breaking name**, and that is the Name of Jesus Christ. There is a name that destroys hindrances and clears limitations, and that is **the Name of Jesus Christ**. If the Name of Jesus can cast out demons, then you can trust in the authority of His Name to confront and overcome every barrier standing before you. Therefore, begin to exercise your dominion through the Name of Jesus Christ. In the place of prayer, you can make faith-filled declarations and issue commands against every barrier, hindrance, and limitation standing in your way. As Scripture says, “You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established for you” (Job 22:28). **Exercise your faith. Declare the Word.** Use the authority in the Name of Jesus Christ, and refuse to allow barriers to determine your future.

Exercising Faith through Divine Direction

Another way you demonstrate your faith is through **divine**

direction. Joshua 6:3–5 says: “You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him.” This Scripture reveals the specific direction God gave the children of Israel. One sign that barriers are being broken in the realm of the spirit is that you begin to receive clear direction and instruction. You begin to see more clearly the things God wants you to do.

Divine direction often comes as a clear picture in your heart of how to approach a situation. It gives you insight into the actions and decisions you need to make. It shows you the steps you need to take and gives you access to decisions that can facilitate your advancement and victory. Psalm 32:8–9 reveals: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.” After you have prayed, direction can begin to come. God will give you instructions. He will teach you and guide you with His eyes. You cannot receive divine instruction without receiving direction. Every divine instruction carries a specific direction for action. As barriers begin to break, confusion begins to disappear. The state of not knowing what to do begins to leave you. Suddenly, you begin to know what to do.

Furthermore, Isaiah 48:17 states: “Thus says the Lord, your

Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.’” A clear sign that barriers are being broken is that God begins to lead you in the way you should go. You simply begin to recognize the right path. An insight into the direction you should take is unveiled to you. Isaiah 42:16 says: “I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them.” There are ways you do not know. According to Scripture, there are paths to success, increase, blessings, promotion, favour, and prosperity that you may not yet know. Your inability to recognize these paths may be likened to spiritual blindness. God can lead you along paths you have never known. There are **ways**, and there are **paths**. Therefore, divine direction is about knowing **the way to go and the action to take**. When barriers are broken, confusion gives way to clarity, and uncertainty gives way to divine direction.

Human Actions as a Demonstration of Faith

Hebrews 11:30 records, “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.” Human actions can also demonstrate faith. The act of marching around the city once each day for six days was an act of obedience. The actions of the Israelites, however, were more than mere obedience; they were a demonstration of faith. Direction shows you what to do, while action moves you into implementation. Many people receive divine direction concerning what to do but fail to take the necessary action. In other words, when it comes to taking action, there are certain things you must put into consideration, including the following:

1. You Must Pay Attention to Details

The Israelites were instructed to march around the city once each day for six days. On the seventh day, they were instructed to march around the city seven times, after which the people would shout and the priests would blow their trumpets. They followed the instructions in detail. Leaders must learn the discipline of paying attention to details. If you are working in an organization or under a leader, you must learn how to follow instructions accurately. Follow the details as you have been instructed and directed. Faith is demonstrated not only by believing the instruction but also by carrying it out accurately.

2. You Must Be Diligent

The word **diligence** implies consistency and commitment. It also involves establishing and maintaining certain routines in your life. This is highly essential. Consistency is one of the signs that your faith is becoming stronger. When the pressures of life arise, some people give up easily, while others remain steadfast and refuse to be defeated. Those who are strong do not surrender to the pressures of life. They remain consistent regardless of what happens around them. They are not easily moved or discouraged by circumstances. This must also become your reality. Remain diligent, stay consistent, and refuse to allow the pressures of life to make you abandon what you have started.

Praise to God as a Demonstration of Faith

Praise to God is an expression of faith. There is a kind of praise you offer before you experience a miracle, and there is also a praise you offer after you experience a miracle. Joshua 6:20 declares: "So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of

the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.” According to this Scripture, the people of Israel blew the trumpets and raised a great shout, and the walls of Jericho fell. The blowing of the trumpets and the shout of the people can be understood as an expression of praise. One of the actions of faith is **praise**. Praise demonstrates your dependence on God to accomplish what you do not have the natural capacity to accomplish. Every time you praise God concerning a particular situation, you are expressing your dependence on Him to act on your behalf. In other words, rather than relying solely on natural methods, you turn to God in prayer and offer praises to Him. God can step into situations and accomplish what is beyond your ability. He can do what you cannot do for yourself. Therefore, through praise, you demonstrate your trust and dependence on God and acknowledge His ability to accomplish what is beyond your natural capacity. Praise is not merely a response to what God has done; it is also an expression of faith in what you believe He can do.

Moving from the Realm of Believing to Praising God for Manifestation

Faith is different from belief. **Belief** is knowing something in your heart and being convinced about it. It is a matter of inner conviction. However, **faith** involves taking action based on what you know and believe in your heart. If you have not taken action, you have not yet demonstrated your faith. Faith is displayed through corresponding actions. You may believe that God will do something great in your life. However, if you have not praised God for it, you have not yet demonstrated faith concerning that

expectation. Many people believe that God will do great things in their lives. They have the conviction in their hearts. For example, you may believe that God will bless you, give you a new job, bring you recommendations, or give you project contracts. These are beliefs, but they become expressions of faith when you begin to respond to them with corresponding actions. If you believe that God will bless you, move from believing to praising God. As a person, you must move from the realm of believing to praising God for the great things you expect Him to do in your life. Praise God for the things you believe will happen.

If you believe that God will bless you, start praising Him as though He has already blessed you. Praise Him as though you have secured the employment. Praise Him as though you are already experiencing the increase you have been trusting Him for. Rise up now and begin to praise God for the things you believe in your heart. The moment God reveals something to you, you can respond in faith to what He has shown you. God's Word carries the power to bring His purpose into manifestation. When you engage in genuine praise based on your trust in God, you are demonstrating faith. It is through faith that you lay hold of the things God has promised you. Therefore, if you believe God for something, move from believing to praising God for its fulfilment and manifestation. Do not stop at believing. Let your belief produce corresponding action. Move from believing to praising, and let your praise become an expression of your faith in God's promises.

The Sound of Victory

Praise is an action of faith. Praise can position you to walk into what God has promised you. The instruments given to

the Israelites and their actions were demonstrations of faith. Shouting without understanding the significance of the sound of victory can become mere noise. You deliberately shout **“Hallelujah!”** as an expression of your faith, gratitude, and confidence in God. Praise is a powerful expression of faith and a means of acknowledging God in every area of life. The priests blew the trumpets as an act of obedience and expression before God, while the people raised a great shout. This is what happens when you enter into praise. You can say, **“Glory be to God!”** because you have prayed, received His promises, and gained revelation. Now, it is time to move into praise and thanksgiving to God. Praise can position you to experience God’s intervention in areas where you may not even be aware of the barriers ahead. There may be obstacles you have not yet encountered in your life. As you walk with God in praise and thanksgiving, He can go before you and make the path ahead clear. God can also remove limitations from your path through His intervention. There may be challenges waiting ahead in the years to come that you know nothing about. As you continually praise and trust God, He can go ahead of you and make provision for your future. Instead of encountering certain limitations when you eventually arrive at those seasons, you may discover that God has already gone before you and prepared the way. **Praise God for what He has done, praise Him for what He is doing, and praise Him with confidence in what He is yet to do.** Let your praise become the sound of your victory.

The Moment of Praise to God

The moment you begin to praise God, you position yourself for Him to deal with barriers that you may not yet know exist in your future. Through praise, you position yourself for God to

do for your life, family, business, nation, profession, ministry, children, and career the things that **only He** can do. There are certain manifestations in life that can only be accomplished by the hand of God. When you begin to sing and dance concerning the things God has revealed to you, you position yourself in faith for their manifestation. Anything God has given you a revelation about should become a reason to praise Him. Begin to sing and dance in faith for its manifestation. You can respond to the revelation you have received through praise and thanksgiving to God. You have to sing and dance heartily to the Lord, expressing your confidence in His ability to bring His promises to pass. Hence, **move from believing God for manifestation to praising God for manifestation.** Let your praise become an expression of your faith in what God has revealed and promised to you.

The Realm of Uncommon Breakthrough

In prayer, you confront and pull down barriers through your faith and declarations. In praise, you position yourself to allow God to intervene and pull down barriers on your behalf. **Uncommon breakthroughs are reserved for uncommon praisers.** You have prayed against the limitations in your life. Now, it is time to praise God for the fulfilment of His promises concerning your life. Those who praise God are powerful barrier-breakers. They confront and overcome Jericho walls that may be built **within them, around them, or against them.** Create quality time to praise God for the manifestation of the things you desire to see in your life. Whether you are a pastor, businessperson, career professional, single brother or sister, married man or woman, expectant parent, or in any other season of life, praise your way into the manifestation of the things you are believing God to accomplish for you. **Do not stop at prayer. Move into praise.**

Praise God with faith, confidence, and thanksgiving for His promises, and trust Him to bring them into manifestation.

PROVEN REALITIES TO EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU PRAISE GOD

Proven Experiences

There are certain experiences you should expect when you praise God. There are things that can happen when you praise God wholeheartedly and intentionally. These include:

1. God Will Create Problems Only You Can Solve in Places Where You Need to Reign and Gain Access

This was the reality of Joseph. Joseph became a solution provider in Egypt. Therefore, through praise, you can become a solution provider in your workplace, ministry, field, and sphere of influence. As a businessperson, your praise can position you for opportunities where you become the person capable of solving problems others cannot solve. When you solve problems that others cannot solve, you can receive rewards, recognition, and promotion that others may not receive. Be intentional about praising God in this season of your life. Through your praise, God can position you to encounter problems externally while placing the solutions within you through the wisdom, knowledge, skills, and ideas He gives you. This kind of experience can cause

people in positions of authority to recognize and value your contribution. A boss will naturally value a worker who has developed a reputation for solving difficult problems. **When you become a solution provider, your value becomes evident.** Praise God, develop your capacity, and be ready when the opportunity to solve a problem comes.

2. You Will Have Fresh Insight

You will begin to recognize opportunities that other people cannot see. You will discover blessings hidden in places others may overlook. You will no longer see people merely by their outward appearance. You will begin to see people as **opportunity carriers**—people who may carry the insight, recommendations, connections, or opportunities you need for your upward movement in different areas of your life. You will also begin to recognize realities that people may not see or understand about themselves. You may discern the potential, gifts, resources, and opportunities that people possess even before they recognize them themselves. Also, you will gain greater understanding to interpret the principles behind the success of others. Your ears will begin to perceive what is not explicitly said, and your eyes of understanding will recognize what is not immediately visible. Through praise, you can become more sensitive to the people God has positioned as teachers and helpers in your life. You can also discern those whose intentions may not be beneficial to you and recognize relationships that may hinder your progress. You will recognize people who represent a bridge or connection to your next level. You will gain fresh insights as you intentionally give yourself to praising the Lord. This is why you need to create quality time to praise God wholeheartedly. Praise can sharpen your sensitivity and open your understanding to recognize opportunities, people, and possibilities around you.

3. **God Will Direct New Things and New People Your Way**

God can direct new information, ideas, and innovations your way as you praise Him. You may suddenly gain fresh exposure to different perspectives, valuable experiences, and great places. Praise can inspire and sharpen your imagination. You may begin to see your next steps through the results, successes, and accomplishments of other people. In other words, when you observe what others have achieved, their results can provide insight into your own next plan of action. God may also direct you to read books written by proven authors, through which you can receive information, knowledge, and insights that will help you advance in life. As you praise God, remain sensitive to what He brings your way. Pay attention to **the people, ideas, information, books, opportunities, and experiences** that come into your life, and be ready to lay hold of what can move you forward.

4. **Favor and Glory Will Continue to Increase in Your Life**

Favor can increase, and glory can increase as well. Luke 2:52 reveals, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” This Scripture shows that Jesus increased in favor with both God and people. Isaiah 60:1 says, “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.” It is one thing for the glory of God to rise upon you; it is another experience for the glory of God to continue increasing upon your life. You may study to increase in wisdom and knowledge. However, you do not simply read books to increase in favor and glory. You must understand the things that cause a person to increase in favor and glory. Good character can cause you to increase in favor with people. However, praise is one of the ways you express your love, gratitude, and dependence on God. As you continually praise

God, you position yourself to experience His favor and presence in your life. Prayer can lead you into experiences of God's glory, while praise can deepen your awareness and expression of His glory in your life. When you experience breakthroughs in prayer, you can acknowledge the glory of God in what He has done. As you continue to praise Him, you continually honor and magnify His work in your life. **Glory is the outward manifestation of God's work in your life.** It makes the evidence of God's activity in your life visible to others. Anointing and grace can empower God to work through you. However, glory gives visibility to what God is doing through your life. Glory makes people recognize and acknowledge the work of God. God cannot be seen with our physical eyes, but His work can be made evident through people, places, and circumstances. Whenever God makes His presence and work evident in a place, His glory is manifested. Consequently, as you praise God, you continually honor Him and position yourself to experience increasing expressions of His favor and glory in your life. Give yourself to praise. Let your life continually acknowledge God, and let His work through you become increasingly evident.

5. As You Praise God, Miracles, Wonders, and Surprises Will Begin to Happen in Your Life

There are things you cannot explain, connections you did not plan for, invitations you did not expect, and strategic places you never planned to visit that may come your way as you praise God. If you are trusting God for healing or restoration in your body, continue to praise Him with faith. As you praise God, believe Him for His intervention and the manifestation of His power in your life. Also, wonders that you cannot explain will begin to happen in your life. Things that cannot be easily explained logically may begin to unfold as you praise God. You do not produce

miracles; **you position yourself to receive God's miraculous intervention through faith and praise.** Joseph did not plan to become a prime minister on the morning he was summoned. He was called before Pharaoh, and his position changed in a single day. Joseph's life became a wonder in his generation. As you give yourself to praising God, unusual things can begin to happen in your life. Things you cannot explain by human reasoning may begin to unfold. Through your praise, God can cause His hand to rest upon you, move you from your current level, and position you for the new level He has prepared for you. When you begin to praise God, He can restore things you have lost and bring restoration beyond what you expected. As you continue to praise Him, He can also reconnect you with opportunities, relationships, and possibilities you thought you had missed.

Moreover, as you praise God, the things you have been searching for shall begin to come within your reach. God can orchestrate circumstances and connections that bring you into contact with what you have been trusting Him for. **I encourage you to give yourself wholeheartedly to the praise of God. As you praise Him, trust Him to clear barriers from your path, open new doors, and bring you into the experiences He has prepared for you.**

Conclusion

Standing in the Fullness of Possession

We have traversed the vital principles required to identify, confront, and pull down every wall of limitation. From the mental strongholds that restrict our vision to the spiritual and environmental obstacles that block our progress, the divine mandate remains unchanging: **no barrier is permitted to stop a child of God.**

The falling of Jericho's walls was not an isolated historical miracle; it stands as a timeless exemplar of what occurs when faith, divine instruction, and human action converge. The same God who flattened fortified walls before the children of Israel is actively going ahead of you to level every mountain, clear every crooked path, and grant you access to territories previously shut against you.

A Call to Daily Application

As you finalize your reading of this book, remember that living above barriers is not a one-time event, but an ongoing posture of faith and spiritual sensitivity. Carry these core practices into your daily walk:

- **Renew Your Mind Continually:** Refuse to settle into old thought patterns or traditional mindsets. Keep your mind fertile for new ideas, fresh wisdom, divine instructions, and expansive visions.
- **Align Your Environment and Character:** Take personal responsibility for the atmosphere around your life. Foster quality, strategic relationships, practice generosity, and refine your skills so that favor can flow freely to you.
- **Engage the Authority of the Name of Jesus:** Enter your prayer closet with boldness. Use your words to decree, command, and dismantle spiritual blockages hindering your progress, career, ministry, or family.
- **Execute Divine Strategies with Diligence:** When God gives you direction, pay attention to the details and act without delay. Faith is made perfect in corresponding action and consistent implementation.
- **Cultivate a Lifestyle of Uncommon Praise:** Do not wait until the physical manifestation appears to celebrate. Shift from

the realm of merely believing to praising God for victory, positioning yourself for miracles, divine solutions, and increasing expressions of His glory.

A Final Charge

My earnest prayer for you is that you will step out from this moment as a proven barrier-breaker. May the Lord grant you spiritual discernment to spot opportunities in hidden places, the wisdom to solve problems that others cannot tackle, and the grace to reign in your designated sphere of influence.

Go forward in the authority of the Name of Jesus Christ. Refuse to retreat before any obstacle, refuse to chase shadows, and keep your gaze fixed on the Promised Land ahead. The path has been cleared, the walls are flat before you, and your season of unrestricted advancement and explosive growth has arrived.

You are ordained to live above limitations, and by divine grace, you shall walk in perpetual victory!



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