

Chapter 1 : What will your story be? Part 16 Gideon, Inferiority Complex? | Musings from a therapist

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It was a concept developed by Alfred Adler. Adler was a famous theorist who originally studied with Freud. He soon found that he and Freud differed on their general views of the world and how personalities were formed. Adler went on to develop his own theory called individual psychology. Adler felt the goal of our lives was to be useful in society. Inferiority is the idea that you feel you do not measure up when compared to others. Often the person feeling inferior demonstrates several traits. Adler argued we are all born with inferiorities, including those of a physical nature. He felt our goal in life was to learn to overcome these inferiorities in order to be successful. We need to be aware of how our inferiorities can keep us from fully serving God. Gideon is working, the angel comes, but Gideon does not know he is talking an angel. This is just my opinion, but based on the coming events I believe God knew Gideon was already going to be overwhelmed, and anxious, and he could not handle the full glory of an angel initially. This immediately leads Gideon to ask a series of questions about God and why He has abandoned their people after taking them out of Egypt and placing them into the hands of the Midionites. This is similar to what a lot of us do today. When we are given a compliment about our abilities or are asked to do a new task we automatically find excuses so we can reject it. We become anxious, overwhelmed, and feel unequipped to complete the task. He is about to deliver his defense for why he is not qualified to perform the task that God is charging him with. We often begin to question anything that pushes us past our comfort zones. We make statements to ourselves like, Why me? Surely God can use someone with more experience or talent. I would say he was feeling inferior and unqualified! In fact, he takes this insecurity further. He needs continued reassurance from the Lord as to what he should do. Gideon asks for the angel to stay while he makes an offering to the Lord for reassurance and as he does what is commanded of him, he realizes he is talking to an angel and becomes afraid. When I first read that he waited until night I thought it seemed interesting. The result the next day was that the people were so mad they wanted to have Gideon killed and had to be persuaded to leave him to the hands of baal. God provided him a way to complete this task even though Gideon had doubts and insecurities. Yet, God does not belittle him for this. He continues to provide reassurance that Gideon is doing what he wants him to do. And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew a bowlful of water. Then Gideon said to God, Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew. That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew. God continues to teach Gideon to trust in Him. Gideon must have been having several moments of human stress and anxiety even though he knew God was with him. The midianites had all but destroyed the Israelites prior to this point and left them destitute. Just reading the account the human part of me feels overwhelmed for how outnumbered Gideon was! Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp. We see later in Judges 8 that Gideon was still likely not confident in his abilities to lead and complete tasks. Further in the text in verses 22 and following we see that the people wanted Gideon and his future sons to rule over them but he chose not to. Sometimes we concur large areas of insecurities in our lives. Then other times we feel we are right back where we started with feeling we are not competent to complete the tasks placed in our lives. I know this is something that I struggle with personally. As a therapist I am presented with all types of problems. Yet, I have realized over time and remind myself that God has placed me in the situation to be there. He will not turn his back on me if he has called me to it. However, often we simply have to move forward toward what He is calling us to, reading His word, praying, and putting people in our lives that will help us complete the tasks we are meant to do. My goal in writing this article was to offer reassurance. Sometimes when we look toward a task we can want to give up. The load can feel very overwhelming.

Chapter 2 : Overcoming The Gideon Complex – The Wealth Apostle

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One of my favorite Comic scenes, is when Charlie brown goes to Lucy for some counseling advice. Then there is Hyrdophobia the fear of heights, or maybe you have Phobophobia: Has this ever happened to you? So you quit before you could begin. Nothing you did was ever right. So now, you feel you cannot do anything because you believe you are doomed for perpetual failure This is how the Grasshopper works in instilling fear in the hearts of believers. You know that God has called you to a task. Nevertheless the fear that you will fail, or the feelings that you are not good enough halt you from moving forward in your faith. If that is how you feel, then know that you are not alone. The Grasshopper Complex is the number one affliction of many Christians. It has afflicted some of the most famous of spiritual heroes, like Gideon, Peter, even Moses and Joshua were faced with it. The difference is, that these men, by faith overcame the giants that would impede their faith, and moved on to victory. For almost years, the Israelites had reached the edge of destiny. All through their lives in Egypt, they were told of how God had promised their fore fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that He would bring them to a land of Promise. I can I can only imagine the questions going through their minds. What wil it be like? Is it all ours? The very first thing God does is Command v. These men were respected leaders from each of the twelve tribes. Each one had a specific call v. Look the land over, see what it is like. Are they strong or weak? Are there few or many? Is it pleasant or harsh? Describe the towns where they live: Are they open camps or fortified with walls? Is it fertile or barren? And try to bring back a sample of the produce that grows there – this is the season for the first ripe grapes. They send a survey in the mail, they have assessors come to our doors, or they have annoying telemarketers call during supper time. This was not the case here. The Spies were to scout out the land under cover. They were to take notes, and even bring back samples of the produce of the land. These instructions I believe fulfilled a two fold purpose.

Chapter 3 : Religious Trauma Syndrome – Journey Free

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Click the play button to listen. Right-click or hold down on the Cloud icon to download MP3 audio. Read or print the word-for-word transcript below for further study. I believe God is going to meet with us, and I certainly have a word from Him. Father, we just come, and we ask You now to speak into every heart, that we will truly encounter You tonight. Have I not sent you? So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. And he did so. Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight. Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. What can happen in a moment of time with God is profound. On both those occasions, and in every character we will look at, their lives were completely transformed, turned upside down, topsy-turvy, because they were touched by the eternal reality of the Spirit of God - and you can never be the same again when you have a Divine encounter. You can never be the same again when you have a Divine encounter My objective is purely to consider the principles of their encounter with God, to isolate those in order for us to learn how we can position ourselves in such a way as to experience and encounter ourselves. So we will be overreaching a lot of stuff that maybe would be worthy of our attention on another occasion, but tonight we want to really focus in on those things that lend themselves to us receiving a Divine encounter from God. We have this statement which really sums up the spiritual climate of the day: What that basically means is that because there was no ruling authority everybody did what they saw fit, so there was general rebellion in the nation. First of all there is a declension, and people fall into sin. So there is this moral and spiritual declension, and then God causes His people to be disciplined. He disciplines them by allowing enemies to overrun them and effectively to defeat them. Do you see the pattern? In the book of Judges He sends deliverance by a judge. This is very well summarised, if you turn to chapter 2 of Judges verses 16 through to Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so. And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. So you see this cycle: There was general rebellion in the nation. Look at verse 2 of chapter 6: We not only see this, but we see that the enemy was destroying their fruitfulness, if you look at verse 4: Like locusts, they would just descend on the livestock and the agriculture and the crops, and destroy it. A swarm of locusts could come and completely, as it were, Hoover up all the fruit of the land. Hosea the prophet, verse 1 says, listen: By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed upon bloodshed. Do you see the principle here? Because of what man is doing on the land, the land becomes affected so that the land itself mourns, cries out for deliverance. I want you to see secondly the supernatural intervention, and this is found in chapter 6 of Judges and verse 11 - the supernatural intervention of the Angel of the Lord. I mean, if an Angel appeared to you, you would expect it to be in flaming Shekinah glory and light, and maybe a flaming sword and a rainbow round him or something - this Angel is just sitting under a tree. I believe that one of the greatest hindrances to the supernatural in all of our lives is that we require it to be spectacular or sensational I think there is something in this. I wonder were there other people around? When we look at the biblical record, we discover that often angels appeared as ordinary men. Let me repeat that: So there is something that seemed natural, a wrestling match, and he was a fighter, he was a twister, he was a

supplanter - this was right up his street, he was a scrapper - so it was natural. This is not how we consider the supernatural, we expect to be bowled over all the time by the supernatural, we expect the supernatural to be in our faces - yes? But so often, initially, the supernatural begins in the sphere of the ordinary. Moses was the same, where do we find him? Now, can I tell you: It was that that caused him to turn aside to see this great sight, and it was only then that he had the complete revelation and the encounter with God, it was only then that God spoke to him, when Moses says: I can even show you this very principle from the Lord Jesus Himself. Isaiah 53 says of our Lord: Nothing in Him, physically speaking, in the outward appearance, to attract us to Him - can you tell me of anyone, anything or anyone more supernatural than the Son of God? Yet it was hidden, to a degree, initially. Yet John said in John chapter 1 and verse Now, how can that be? Do you have spiritual inquisitiveness and curiosity? Proverbs 25 verse 2 says: The glory of God is to conceal a matter, and our job - if we want to be like kings and we are meant to be a kingdom of priests - is to search out the glory that God has hidden. I hear people say: It may be true to a degree, why He used terms and figures and types and images and pictures that people were familiar with, of course - but actually He Himself said that He spoke in parables so that the truth and the depths of the supernatural kingdom of God would be hidden from those who would not believe. It was to, I suppose, stimulate people who were hungry and seeking after God to actually look into the matter, to tease it out, to open it up in order to find - it was only those who were hungry and thirsty who would look into them. Other people would say: There are the prevailing conditions, the supernatural intervention of this Angel, and then the unlikely candidate that the Angel comes to. Read this as if you were reading it for the first time: He is a stranger to him, and He probably just looks like a man. So this stranger that he has never met before just wanders into his place of work, and says to him in verse Now, what do you think Gideon would feel like? God has appeared to me, and I am a mighty man of valour! I imagine he was incredulous, thinking: What are you doing here? What do you know about me? We see it in verse 13, Gideon said to him: This is what is happening to Gideon. He is unlikely as a candidate because he is paralysed with fear, and secondly he seemed to be racked with doubt. If you look at the tone of verse We should be asking: Fear is the fruit of unbelief. The acronym is False Evidence Appearing Real - in other words, whenever you believe the lies of the devil, you empower the liar, and you give fear an entry point in your life. Gideon is unlikely as a candidate because he is paralysed with fear, and secondly he seemed to be racked with doubt So what happened with Gideon was: His focus was on the prevailing conditions, that was his reality - what are you focusing on? I might have told you this before: But if I say: One moment there is just a crowd here, but when I focus in on Ian, he becomes alive, he becomes the focus. What Gideon needed was the eyes of faith, which is what Abraham had. You remember in Romans 4 it says: This is a guy, years of age, and God has told him: The verse before it says: Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word; and so, when we speak the word of faith, we have got the ability, in the Spirit, to bring into being the things that are not. When people said to him: Can you imagine what it was like? What was he doing every time he spoke that name over himself? Speaking it out against all hope, in hope believing. Further to your encouragement, 1 Corinthians 1 tells us:

Chapter 4 : budget Budget Questions For Saraki - HardTalk Naija

This book will show you how to overcome your fear, confront your weaknesses and go on to fulfill your purpose and destiny in life. Using practical illustrations from the bible and contemporary experience, Ope Banwo tackles the spirit of fear, inferiority complex and mediocrity in the life of a believer.

Read Judges 6, 7 and 8. Once again I will not deal exhaustively with the text but try and draw some lessons from the very complex character of Gideon and the way God used him to deliver his people from the oppressor. The study will be divided into three parts: B Gideon was a man chosen by God. Or, perhaps, the implication is that the LORD will turn him into a mighty warrior. Gideon, like Moses before him, does not see himself as the saviour of his people. I think Gideon was cautious rather than cowardly by nature. His brothers had paid with their lives for standing up to the Midianites. Gideon showed prudence by threshing his wheat in the winepress and by demolishing the altar of Baal under cover of darkness. There would probably have been bloodshed if he had tried to destroy the altar of Baal in broad daylight. He protests his lowly status. He is the youngest son of a small and insignificant clan in Manasseh. Who is he to lead Israel? There are four reasons God may have chosen Gideon: Nomads from the east moved into the valleys and plains of Israel in the spring and grazed their flocks on the growing crops. They also robbed the Israelites of what crops they managed to harvest and pilfered their livestock. Gideon longed to avenge the death of his kin. I think it likely that Gideon was unhappy with Baal worship. There is plenty of evidence in the narrative of his belief in the LORD. He ascribes the wretched condition of the 12 tribes to the LORD: He uses 40 lbs of flour to make bread. After his sacrifice had been accepted he built an altar to the LORD called: The LORD is peace. So Gideon is actually highly motivated to take action against the Midianites - if only he can be guaranteed success! When things are all awry in society or the church people need to be concerned! In the 19th century two very different individuals - Lord Shaftesbury and Charles Dickens - in their own highly effective fashion drew attention and did something about the ills of society. Both men were profoundly affected by their experience. His compassion welled up for the dead man, and he resolved then to commit his life to making a difference to the fates of the working classes. Gideon was under no illusions. He could never muster enough men to defeat the , strong force of desert marauders and their intimidating camel corps. The enemy was too strong for Israel to defeat alone. Gideon knew he would have to rely on the LORD for success. Everyone involved in Christian service should be aware of the dark forces determined to sabotage their efforts to please Jesus. We need to rely on God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Hudson Taylor the founder of the China Inland Mission experienced much opposition to his work. When Taylor changed to native Chinese dress there was much criticism from other missionary organisations in China. After the Shanghai mission compound was attacked in a riot and the British navy got involved the British press accused Hudson Taylor of starting a war. In a small way I witnessed the providential protection of God during the 20 years I served at Pioneer Camp. Satan has no time for Christian camps. He will do his best to disrupt things. But Satan never succeeded because God was with us. The workers at Pioneer Camp were very conscious of their dependence upon God. Gideon knew that he would only succeed in overcoming the Midianite menace if God was really committed to the cause. God in his mercy gave Gideon four signs of his good intent: Before starting any project, it is important to be sure it is in the will of God. I am sure some building projects and church appointments are not in the will of God. Is there a need? Is this the best solution? Is there another way? Are my motives pure? Does Scripture provide any guidance? Has the church as a whole prayed at length about the matter? Let us take as an example the desire to pull down an old church building to erect a bigger one. Perhaps the numbers can be accommodated by holding two services on Sunday morning instead of one. Is it desirable for the church to get bigger - maybe groups of believers should leave to worship elsewhere? Do I see a new church building as a monument to myself? How much prayer has been offered for guidance? Gideon, that cautious man, did what God said and reduced his fighting force from 32, to 10, and then from 10, to Gideon is not named as a hero of faith in Hebrews for nothing. He was going to depend upon the LORD and not on his own resources. So whether he had an army of 32, or made no difference - the LORD was going to give him the victory. We show faith by obeying God even

when it does not appear in our best interests to do so. He gave it all away: My brother Paul showed faith when he gave up a good job as a probation officer to become the pastor of a small, struggling, inner city church. Gideon was a man of hidden depths. Once Gideon embarked on his campaign against the Midianites certain other qualities became evident. Gideon was, in spite of his protestations, a very credible leader. The interchange between Gideon and the two captured kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, is very interesting: So Gideon had the bearing of a prince. Nevertheless it was something Gideon shared with his brothers. He was also able to raise an army of 300 men who accepted his leadership. Remarkably the few left to Gideon after he had decimated his army stayed with him. They also did exactly what he told them. None of this would have happened if Gideon had not possessed some charisma and strength of character. It has been true in church history with the rise from obscurity of such diverse figures as Martin Luther and D. It is very sad when leadership qualities remain unrecognised and a man or a woman never realises his or her potential. I think it is relatively common in the church. Christians should remember the bleak and bitter words of Jesus, "A prophet is not without honour save in his own country. Gideon had wheat to thresh and so much flour he could use 40 lbs of it to make bread for his sacrifice to the LORD. His father had at least two bulls. Gideon also showed resourcefulness in devising a strategy to spook the Midianites. There is no indication that God told him how to proceed after his army had been reduced to 300. Gideon realised that the Midianites were jumpy after overhearing two of them discussing a dream. One of the Midianites concluded the dream about a barley loaf tumbling into the camp and knocking flat a tent showed: They milled about in the dark fighting one another before fleeing in alarm. There is no doubt that faith allied to resourcefulness is more effective than faith alone. He needed faith because he might have missed! But the fact is, David was a brilliant shot with the sling. Nehemiah who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem was a man of faith but he also had great organisational ability. The same could be said of Moses, Joseph, Daniel and Esther. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission was a man of great faith and of great ability. He had a gift for languages and knew Mandarin, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin. All four would be beyond me! The apostle Paul writes about God using the weak things of the world to confound the wise and although this may be true he, himself, was a man of outstanding intellectual ability. It is hard to imagine the letter to the Romans being written by an unintelligent person. They were piqued and felt insulted. Their pride was wounded. Gideon showed the advantage of a soft answer that turns away wrath. He assured the Ephraimites that the accomplishment of his small force paled into insignificance compared to their exploits at the fords of the Jordan where they captured the Midianite leaders, Oreb and Zeeb.

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Inferiority-Another Form of Pride? The meal is presented beautifully, and the food looks and tastes wonderful. As for you, no matter how hard you try, you never can get a table to look even slightly attractive. Worse yet, your cooking is mediocre, to say the least. How do you feel? You had a college roommate who talked to her boyfriend on the phone for three hours every night, cut classes, and simply breezed through her homework with hardly any studying. Meanwhile, you had to study several hours a night for every B you got. How did you feel? Several of the women in your Bible study work out at the gym three times a week. After the study, they change their clothes in the church restroom and head for the fitness center looking slim and trendy in their pastel Lycra tights. Once at the center, they excel in every area of physical prowess. When you decide to join them, you have to wear a huge T-shirt to cover your bulging tummy and thighs, and you can hardly do one push-up without falling flat. How does that make you feel? You have a pretty, stylish neighbor who is organized and efficient. She is friendly, chatty, and no matter how many things she has to do, she gets the job done while looking perfectly groomed in the process. Her house is always immaculate, her kids are always obedient, and she never has so much as a broken fingernail. In contrast, your family seems like a fragmented, disorderly, and inefficient group of savages. How does this woman make you feel? Second, it is a mistake to compare ourselves to others. When these two errors are in effect, we always have a shifting, unstable view of our own value. Without exception, there will always be someone who can outdo us at something. But do we know why those feelings are at work? There are three typical causes of inferior feelings: Consistent Disapproval Some people received negative messages throughout their childhood. Maybe you were told you were an unwanted baby. Or you were seldom praised for your accomplishments. Unbalanced Approval On the other hand, if you were only told how wonderful and superior you are, then feelings of inferiority surface when you recognize your own weaknesses. We need positive input, but it must be realistic and balanced. No one is absolutely perfect in every way. Being Controlled A person can develop feelings of inferiority if he or she has been controlled by someone consistently for a long period of time. Your mother or father may have been critical and controlling. Somewhere along the way, a teacher or a coach may have had a negative effect on you. Questions about Inadequacy Whatever the causes of your feelings, if you allow them to control you, a sense of inferiority will keep you from exploring and achieving the wonderful goals God has for you. How can you tell if that is happening? Consider the following questions: Are you plagued with doubts about your ability? Do you hide your feelings by acting arrogant or superior when you feel challenged or threatened? Are you rigid and inflexible, resistant to change? God has made each of us unique, different from everyone else, with both superior and inferior skills. Our capabilities, however, have nothing to do with the intrinsic value God has placed on us. When Jesus was here on earth, He welcomed all sorts of people—fishermen, tax collectors, prostitutes, housewives, rulers, and the rich and the poor. He died for each one of us. Each of us is a one-of-a-kind person, and we will never be less valuable or more valuable to God than we are right now. One man in the Bible expressed his emotions, his fears, his inadequacies, and his doubts more than anyone else in Scripture, except David in the Psalms. He is the prophet Jeremiah. We learn a lot about Jeremiah and his times in the first few verses of his book. He was from a priestly family although he never served as a priest. Josiah the king, who had ascended to the throne of Judah when he was only eight years old, was in the thirteenth year of his reign. When Josiah was sixteen, he had begun to seek God and serve Him, and when he was twenty he began to purge the land of all the symbols and trappings of idolatry. Josiah tore down the pagan altars and smashed the idols and images throughout the land. They had gone too far. Within forty years they would be destroyed as a nation and carried into exile—Israel already had been swept into captivity one hundred years before. The word *knew* is used in other Scriptures to indicate a close personal relationship; thus it describes someone who is chosen and protected. Before Jeremiah was conceived, God intended to have a close relationship with him. While he was still in the womb, God set him apart for His exclusive use. God appointed him to be a prophet to the nations. A prophet was a person through whom God spoke directly to His people.

Jeremiah was overwhelmed with his assignment. "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child" Jer. The young man was probably in his late teens or early twenties. Do you hear his feelings of inferiority and inadequacy? All through his book, you will find that Jeremiah is very honest about his feelings. He was a timid, gentle, sensitive, emotional young man on whom God had laid His hand for a specific purpose. God immediately answered Him: "You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you" Jer. What happened next must have been truly astonishing. God told Jeremiah three important things here that would sustain him for the rest of his life. These same principles can help us find the confidence we need to overcome our own sense of inadequacy: God would send him where he wanted him to go, and God would tell him the words to say. In fact, He implies that He will. But no one can destroy a person God promises to protect. His feelings of inadequacy and inferiority were justified in his own strength, but the Lord made it clear to him that He would give him the ability and the power to do the job he was being commissioned to do. Next, the Lord told Jeremiah the messages he would bring: Jeremiah was to preach judgment and restoration. Jeremiah was not going to be a popular preacher! His messages would be more negative than positive. Notice the four negative actions God mentioned: He then told Jeremiah the meaning of each vision: The Lord was watching to see that His Word was fulfilled. He was in complete control. Every time Jeremiah stood up to preach, people would hear about the terrible judgment that was coming because of their sins. But Jeremiah would tell them God would not utterly reject them; one day, he would say, they would be restored as a nation. Despite their "happy endings," these messages were not going to win Jeremiah many friends. In fact, they would make him many powerful enemies. Knowing this, God told Jeremiah, "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you" Jer. People plotted against him, falsely accused him, tried to shut him up, even attempted to kill him. He was often discouraged and depressed. He wept, he complained, and he accused God of deceiving him, but no matter how he felt he always came back to the promises God had made to him at his call. And he depended on God to protect him. God kept His promises and made Jeremiah a powerful prophet for the rest of his life. He will do no less for you and for me if we honor His principles. When God gives us a task, He gives us the ability to do it. He provides the encouragement and the help we need to persevere. Suppose Jeremiah had been so focused on his youth, inexperience, and feelings of inadequacy that he had disobeyed God.

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Now that he has arrived safely, and walking on his own feet, I have decided what I consider to be the honorable part to take at this juncture, which is to STOP being a partisan observer of this govt. I have chosen to make a U-Turn when it has become clear I made a wrong call, instead of foolishly holding on to an untenable position for my conscience, mental well-being and my analytical mind. This does not mean I have now become a Wailing Wailer, or an automatic part of the Opposition to govt no matter what it does. It simply means I do not identify myself as a partisan observer on the national theater, where my default position was to first support President Buhari first before voicing my disagreement with his policies. Politicians have their roles and critics have their roles as well. Those who have known me for a while know I pride myself in being an objective analyst on national affairs, but I acknowledge, in retrospect, that it was wrong of me to think I could stay objective while identifying myself as a Buharist. Being a Buharist means I am partial to President Buhari. Buharists criticize me for pointing out objectionable things in the govt, while the opposition also vilify me forever for supporting him in the first place. The recent media campaign for the release of Babatunde Gbadamosi, a PDP Chieftain, who was unjustly incarcerated in my opinion, made this untenable situation very clear to me than ever before. I read the hundreds of comments on that campaign from those who think he should be released, and those who thought he got what he deserved, and it was clear I made a mistake in allowing myself to become a Buharist as both sides have very strong words of criticism for me based on my self-declared title of a Buharist. One side thought I was a traitor to Buhari, while the Wailing Wailers and I do not use that word negatively, by the way, but as a way of acknowledging the identification acronym of the class of people opposed to everything Buhari , thought I should not now be complaining against a govt I claimed to support, despite their wailings. The criticisms on both sides were well deserved. I agree with those who criticized me during that campaign, on both sides, and understand this Buharist thing must STOP. I doubt if I would ever do, since that is like regretting the past you have no control of anymore. In any case, I am still convinced that with the facts I had in May of , there was no way my conscience was going to allow me TO choose Goodluck Jonathan over Muhammadu Buhari in that election though I did vote for Jonathan in . On my choice, no regrets and no apology. You make choices based on the moment, and then you move on. You take your lumps and then move on. I used that word at the time we elected our President hoping he would rise to the level of great statesmen with visionary goals and that the govt he promised us will KEEP FAITH with the people, not lie to us and not become what it set out to correct. This Buhari government has been anything but honorable. Worse, this so-called Change Govt continue to prove the point that the Wailers have been making since May , which is that the Buhari Government does NOT have any workable plan to take us out of the mess we are in as a nation. There is still hope, sure, but that hope is dimming fast, and this government needs all the critics it can find to help it get back on track! Finally, I also want to make it clear that I still personally wish the government well, and continue my optimistic hope that President Buhari, and the able VP Osinbajo will indeed turn this mess around and give us all a country to be proud off b I am just not an automatic support of Buhari anymore. I no longer believe in Buharism as I imagined it would be in . Someone who has known me very well for over 25 years asked me recently: To put it mildly, in hindsight, this was a humbling pie to eat. I of course continue to wish this govt well as a lover of Nigeria, and will still speak up for it on good things it is doing, but i will be totally committed to also pointing out its failures. I continue to hope, like millions of others, that the dreams of change we hoped for in Nigeria would still be realized. He holds several degrees in Law including a Bachelors, Masters and a Ph. Deeply committed to public service and service to humanity, Dr Ope Banwo has also initiated several public initiatives including the Ghetto Dreamz Foundation to empower economically-disadvantaged Youths; The Omega Wealth Club to teach youths legitimate ways to employ themselves online; The Kingdpreneur Academy to impact Christians in Business and the Nigerian Market

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