



THE FLAME

A Bi-Annual Bulletin that brings Drama Messages to your Door step

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Dear reader,

I welcome you to another edition of our Bi-Annual Magazine, "THE FLAME". Psalms 30:5 says, *"For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"* (KJV). Once again, welcome to a moment of refreshing in His Presence in Jesus name!

~Wole Adeyi

DIVINE REPORT 'JOY IN THE MORNING'



(Sam and Debby are happily married. Two years into their marriage, Sam is diagnosed with cancer and is given two months to live)



(Sam is very weak and is reading the doctor's negative report with tears rolling down his cheeks. Sam is very demoralized, his faith is very weak)



(Debby sees her husband reading the doctor's report)

DEBBY: Sam! Sam, you are still dwelling on this doctor's report? This is not God's report and we have both agreed to keep holding on to the promises of God. We must refuse to let this report make us lose our faith.



SAM: (In tears). My darling, if only I knew that our marriage will be cut short by malignant cancer, I wouldn't have married you so you wouldn't suffer.

DEBBY: Darling, there is no other man for me, but you. You are the one that gives me joy. Why would you say that?

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SAM: I have lost all of my strength to this terminal disease. I can no longer walk by without help. My dear, I'm no longer of use to you. All specialists have said I have two months to live; the cancer is spreading very fast.

DEBBY: Stop confessing negativity. Who created the specialists that have spoken? And whose report will you believe? Honey, together we can make it. The word says "One will chase a thousand and two will chase ten thousands". We will chase this cancer out of our home and lives on our knees in praise for healing.

SAM: (In agreement). I love your faith. Pray that my faith is strengthened. My faith is weak, very, very weak. See my hair is beginning to fall out.

DEBBY: Believe it is well!



(Next morning, Sam is on the chair with his Mom)

MOM: Sam, I know the doctors said you have two months to live, but whose report will you believe the doctor's report or God's report? Where is your faith my son? The winds may blow strongly and the storms toss and the thunders roar, but remember it is well with your soul. Have hope in God my son.



SAM: Mum, hope deferred makes the heart sick. Is this not in your bible?

MOM: So it is, but bible also says who is he that speaks and it comes to pass when God has not spoken? Let God be true and all men be liars.



(A friend comes in with a bottle of black medication)

FRIEND: Sam, this is the black medication I told you about. It is mixed concoctions. I was told it's very powerful. You must take it religiously for two weeks, and no one must see you while taking it. You are to go out naked at midnight and take half a glass each time for the two weeks.

SAM: I don't even have strength to walk to the bathroom, and you talk of going out every midnight to drink concoction? I'd rather continue to trust in God just like the three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. My God will heal me of this cancer and even if He doesn't, I will not drink this black medication. For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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FRIEND: What! Do you know what it cost me to get this medication from Africa? Don't you know heaven helps those who help themselves? *(In annoyance, he pronounces judgment)*. You will die in this sickness! Remain stubborn and allow this born again madness to kill you. Choose black medication from Africa and live or be praising forever, waiting on this your God and die?



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MOM: He will not die but live, he will live to declare the counsel of the Lord and His goodness in the land of the living, in this year and for many years to come. We choose praises and live. God inhabits the praises of His people.



(Talking to himself)

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SAM: God, I know you are more than able. You can heal me right now God. Please heal me. You are the God who healed Hezekiah, have mercy upon my soul, and give me life, for your name's sake. God, do not let people ask where my God is.



(She walks aside, away from Sam....looks up to God, with tears in her eyes)

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MOM: God, why is this happening to me? In my old age, I cried to you and you gave me Sam, and now cancer is about to take him away from me in two months. Your word says we have been healed of sicknesses, diseases and that includes cancer by the stripes of Jesus. Is my household cursed? Death took my husband, and now my son? You are not a wicked God. You are not partial. You are my only resort. Please, don't let people question your integrity in my life?



(On the other side in the living room)

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DEBBY: God, when you confirmed to me and my Pastor, that Sam will be my husband, you didn't say he will be taken away young by cancer. Lord, bring healing to my home.



(A week later; early morning in the bedroom, Debbi tries to rouse her husband from sleep)

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DEBBY: Honey, don't forget you have a doctor's appointment this morning. Let me go and run some hot water for your bath so that we get there in good time.

SAM: Please give me a few more minutes.

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SAM: Lord, have mercy upon me and heal me. I believe but please help my weak faith.



(In the living room, Tracy and Sam's mom are waiting anxiously for Sam and Debby to return from the hospital)

TRACY: Mama, you said they left for the hospital since morning? It is almost 4:00pm!



(Two hours later, Sam and Debby arrive from the hospital. They are singing for joy in tears thanking God for divine healing. Sam's mum and Tracy stand amazed, waiting to hear from them)

TRACY: There is obviously some good news! Please, out with it!!



SAM: I went for the normal chemotherapy and some tests were carried out. The doctor could not find any trace of cancer and the specialists confirmed that I do not need chemotherapy anymore because there is no trace of cancer in my system anymore. Jehovah Rapha has healed me! The Doctor of doctors; the divine specialist Himself that heals and makes whole without help. The Balm in Gilead!

Please join praise God with me. Indeed, He that the Son of God has set free is free indeed. I am healed, made whole and free!!!

(They all start to sing a song of praise to the Great healer; while Sam is sobbing and laughing at the awesomeness of our God).



PRAISE THE LORD!!!

THE FLAMING SWORD MINISTRIES IS FIVE.

“...AND THE LORD HELPED HIM!” - (2 Chronicles 18:31 KJV)

The subject of HELP is a universal phenomenon. Our strength often times diminishes and sometimes, completely caves. Then, we find ourselves needing a shoulder to lean on. That says to me no one has it all together always! The reason why many are stuck in one place is because they lacked the proper help or refused to either seek or accept help! "Woe to him that is alone" say the Scriptures. You and I will need help somehow, some day!

Help does come and is sought generally from one of three sources - Man, Satan or God.

Let us look at some examples from the Bible: Adonize-dek, king of Jerusalem, asked for help from five kings of the Amorites against Gibeon. Though he was helped, he did not prevail! (Joshua 10:3-5.) Likewise, King Saul sought help from a woman with a familiar spirit in Endor. He received help but not without a heavy penalty; God's wrath was multiplied on him; he died early! (1 Samuel 28:7-19.) We also have the woman from Canaan who cried out to Jesus for help regarding her daughter who was vexed with a devil. She was helped! (Mat. 15:22-28). From these three sources of help cited, it goes to say that true and lasting help comes from

God. Man will seek a reward for the help given to you; the devil will demand double or more for the help he offers you; but help from God makes rich and sorrow does not come with it! His help is the kind that neither man nor the devil can give.

The opening text tells of how the Lord helped one man, King Jehoshaphat. He was surrounded by desperate enemies. I could imagine the arrows flying in the air and the swords swinging for the kill. The battle was fierce and he was overwhelmed. Though a great king, he was feared! Just as you and I sometimes find ourselves in situations that call for help.

In our time, so many things cause our hearts to faint. It could be a health issue, a financial battle or a family challenge! The Bible records of Jehoshaphat that he cried out...to God! And the Lord helped him. God moved his enemies to depart from him. You see, whatever God does for one, He can do for another. I perceive you are next in line for a miracle of help. You are only 'a desperate cry' away from your divine help!

As for THE FLAMING SWORD MINISTRIES, the Lord has helped us this far. We are saying A BIG THANK YOU to God as we celebrate five years of His faithfulness and help today.

The Lord will help you!!!

THESE ARE SOME OF THE PRODUCTS FROM THE STAPLES OF THE FLAMING SWORD MINISTRIES TILL DATE (2009 – 2013)

***DUE SEASON (\$9.99)**

DUE SEASON is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. ***“To be released in May 2014”.***

Having asked his father for guidance and getting an instruction instead, Dan ignored his father's instruction and did his own thing. He found himself in trouble and expected his father to automatically rescue him but He did not. He waited, wondered, and cried and then finally goes back to his father to and ask why he would not just be a good father and help him. His father responded with a question, “What did you do with my last instruction?” Vivian needed God's intervention in her marital destiny but failed to carry out God's direct instruction because of fear of the unknown. Will God make an exception and grant her desire seeing that she prays, fasts and serves diligently in God's house? God answered Vivian's prayer the very day she prayed but years later she is yet to see any manifestation! If only she would take the step into her DUE SEASON and put her fears aside. Every season is released when we have carried out God's last instruction on a matter.

Written, Directed & Produced by: Wole Adeyi



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*MARRIAGE DYNAMIC (\$9.99)

MARRIAGE DYNAMIC is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *"To be released in June 2014"*.

The Sanders have the perfect marriage. Invited to an interview they are asked, as Pastors, to share their secrets to a happy home. In the interview, a lot of truths are revealed as well as a lot of hurts and regrets. The interviewer finds out things about the Sanders that was least expected. Marriage dynamics exposes the harsh challenges of marriage that even Pastors are not exempted from.

Written by Wole Adeyi

*WEIGHT OF LOVE (\$9.99)

WEIGHT OF LOVE is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *"To be released in April 2014"*.

Love is the most beautiful thing but why does it hurt so bad. Everything good has a price, even true and enduring LOVE in marriage. Jason and Monica loved each other but could not enjoy the bliss of marital LOVE. They will soon discover that the feeling of LOVE alone is not enough to sustain a marriage; it takes two ready and willing persons to make a marriage work. When they met Dr. Bryan, a Christian marriage counselor/therapist; their marriage took a new turn as they soon realize that green luscious grasses are indicators of hard work and paid price. Every marriage has hidden potentials for success but they must be discovered, worked on and then enjoyed. Can Jason and Monica carry this weight or will they be crushed by THE WEIGHT OF LOVE?

Written by: Moyo King; Produced by: Wole Adeyi; Directed by: Margaret Anenih

*LOST IN SODOM (\$9.99)

LOST IN SODOM is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *"To be released in February 2014"*.

Everyone prays for an open door but more exciting is an open door that is not prayed for but comes. The Kings found themselves in that situation, before them was an opened door to come to the United States "God's own country" or was it? Watch and see if the Kings made the right choice leaving their homeland to seek "greener pastures". Was it all they thought it would be or were they Lost in Sodom.

Written by Wole Adeyi; Produced & Directed by Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih

*NOT AN EXCUSE (\$9.99)

"A SEQUEL OF LOST IN SODOM"

NOT AN EXCUSE is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *"To be released in March 2014"*.

Persecutions, trials and temptations are the tools the devil uses on a daily basis to make Christians fall. What the devil throws at you, is Not an Excuse for falling short of God's expectation. Pastor Malcolm finds his family between a rock and a hard place and has decisions to make. As All actions have consequences. Pastor Malcolm finds out sleeping dogs at times wake up and are very ready to bite. Every action is a seed and according to the law of harvest, the seed will bring fruit, at times, even when The Lord has forgiven you.

Written by: Wole Adeyi; Produced & Directed by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih

*DEADLY AMBITION (\$9.99)

DEADLY AMBITION is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas.

"Was released in March 2013"

When ambition contradicts destiny there is bound to be crisis. Will and his wife, Ashley became ensnared by deadly ambitions. They lost focus of the things that really mattered in life, even their faith in God. Will sold his heart to the devil! Ashley gave her love and devotion to her job!

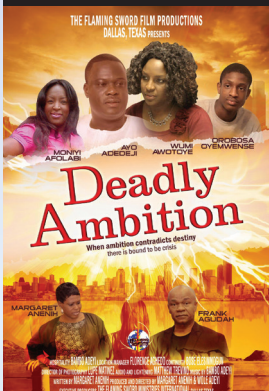
The devil took advantage of a foothold and built a stronghold of confusion in a once peaceful home. What part has light with darkness? Misplaced ambition becomes deadly! Will and Ashley's only saving grace would come from the godly foundation given to their children. Watch and see how a story of mercy and redemption unfolds...

Written by: Margaret Anenih. Produced & Directed by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih



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*SMOKESCREEN (\$9.99)

SMOKESCREEN is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. **“Was released in November 2012”**.

Test every spirit says the word of God.

Jerry Collins, a wolf in the skin of a saint deceived many including his wife and pastor. He worked selflessly, gave generously and supported the work of God's Kingdom diligently. If good works alone is a guarantee of making heaven, Jerry would be in the forefront. But God is not mocked! It was only a matter of time before his carnal deeds would be revealed. God showed Jerry some tough love, but will it be enough to lead Jerry away from the path of destruction? Will Jerry grasp the second chance he is being offered by God? Watch in this movie how God is able to see through the SMOKESCREEN into the heart...

Written by: Wole Adeyi. Directed by: Rex Nwakamma; Margaret Anenih & Wole Adeyi.

*DANGEROUS INFLUENCE (\$9.99)

DANGEROUS INFLUENCE is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. **“Was released in June 2012”**.

When the man in a home is led astray, guess who suffers?

Rhoda, a faithful, devoted and praying wife is faced with great sorrow and heartbreak as her husband; Clement Badmus strays from godly living. His life takes a bad turn in a downward spiral due to the influence of his companions and is caught in a web of iniquity. Rhoda's faith and patience was put to test as she watches her home and marriage crumble as a result of a passionate moment of her own weakness! Tragedy strikes!! Does she lose it all? Is God able to save? Find out in this soul-moving movie that will have you glued to your seat and keep you reflective long after it is over...

Story by: Wole Adeyi; Produced by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih; Directed by: Mike Bamiloje

*STRANGE FIRE (\$9.99)

STRANGE FIRE is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. **“Was released in June 2011”**.

A hold-your-breath ticking time bomb” Tired of being Praise and Worship leaders in a local church, and longing to experience the fame and glitter of stardom. Stanley and Bridget make a decision that would throw their lives into utter chaos. Armed with pride in their hearts and a feeling of self-importance, they fall into disobedience and manipulation, using the gift of God for selfish gain, and lying against the Holy Spirit as an alibi for their mischief. When confusion strikes and judgment comes knocking, who will they turn to? After all, they have turned their backs on the church and God, the giver of the gift. Is there still hope of salvation for these two? Is restoration even possible? Watch and decide for yourself!

Written by: Wole Adeyi; Produced & Directed by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih

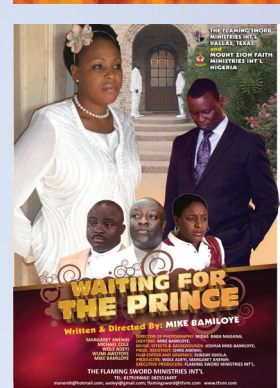
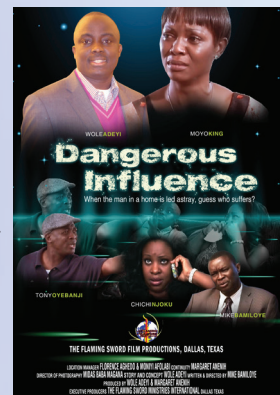
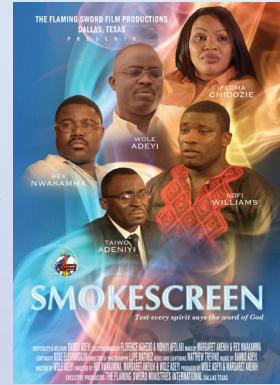
*WAITING FOR THE PRINCE (\$9.99)

WAITING FOR THE PRINCE is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. **“Was released in June 2011”**.

Impatience is like a drug, it drives a man to extremes. Nobody knows that better than Victoria, the beautiful wife of a great Prince, who had to embark on a very important journey alone, but promised to return shortly. To do this nerve-shredding waiting for no particular time frame, for her Prince, there can be no room for doubts. She had to thrive in an environment of zero tolerance for any error, and make it through with body and soul undefiled, yet temptations abound, while the glitz of the world beckons, and darkness looms all around her.

Would she make it? Would she wait it out? Would she fall prey to impatience and unbelief? Would her Prince keep his promise of returns? Find out the answers in this powerfully realistic, unrelenting and intense drama from the film stable of The Flaming Sword Ministries International.

Produced by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih; Directed by: Mike Bamiloje



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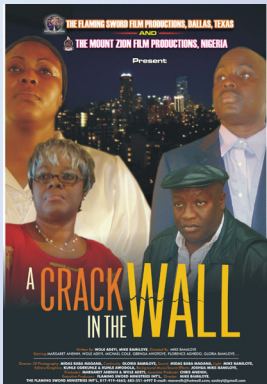


*THE HEDGE OF GLORY (\$9.99)

THE HEDGE OF GLORY is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *“Was released in December 2010”*.

Paul and Tonia Jones seem to the on-looking world, the epitome of a perfect marriage –happy, very much in-love, hopeful and always supportive of each other despite their inability to have children. They both seem in good health and the doctors have confirmed them both capable of having childrenor not??? Threatening to crash this happy marriage is a “secret”, festering, much like a time bomb waiting to explode. Who is keeping the secret? What is the secret? What impact does the secret have on this happy home? and is their marriage strong enough to withstand this “secret” enemy that is threatening God’s Hedge of Glory surrounding their happy home? Find out the answers in this emotional and faith-stirring story from the film stable of The Flaming Sword Ministries International.

Written & Produced: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih; Directed by: Margaret Anenih



*A CRACK IN THE WALL (Parts 1& 2) (\$9.99)

A CRACK IN THE WALL is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *“Was released in December 2009”*.

This is another must-watch movie for every family. It brings illumination, revelations, experience, revival, and forgiveness. Find out what happens in this powerfully realistic, unrelenting and intense movie from the film stable of The Flaming Sword Ministries International.

Written by: Wole Adeyi & Mike Bamiloye; Produced by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih



*THE WIND BEHIND THE STORM (\$9.99)

THE WIND BEHIND THE STORM is a movie produced by the Flaming Sword Ministries International, Dallas, Texas. *“Was released in June 2009”*.

The story depicts the hypocrisy in today’s church. Winnie, a vibrant and dedicated sister, got entangled with the cares of this world, influenced and manipulated by her mom. A bright future derailedJudgment came but the mercy of God prevailed in the “Wind behind the Storm”.

Produced by: Wole Adeyi & Margaret Anenih; Written & Directed by: Margaret Anenih

OTHER RELATED MOVIES/FILMS



*WAITING PERIOD (\$9.99)

WAITING PERIOD is a movie produced by the North America Conference of Evangelical Drama/Film Ministers “NACEDRAM” *“To be released in March 2014”*

Doing the wrong thing with the best intentions can, at times, be worse than doing the right thing at the wrong time. Pastor Marshall, a fervent man of God and a mentor to many finds himself in a situation he least expects that leaves him speechless. Pastor Victor Anderson, despite warnings from God, stabs his mentor in the back and finds himself being attacked from all corners. A Waiting period is a must in everyone’s life. The question is not “if” but “when”. Watch to see how Pastor Anderson deals with his waiting period and if Pastor Anderson will recover from what could be the biggest mistake one could make in the ministry.

Written by: Wole Adeyi. Produced by: Rex Nwakamma. Directed by: Rex Nwakanma & Wole Adeyi



*CRITICAL CHOICE (\$9.99)

CRITICAL CHOICE is a movie produced by the North America Conference of Evangelical Drama/Film Ministers “NACEDRAM” *“Was released in November 2012”*

She left her spouse behind, in search for a better future. She believed that her future goal was almost reachable. Except for one thing standing between her and her dreams. He deceived everyone, so he can achieve his dreams, neglecting his home and spouse. But when the truth was unveiled, all of hell broke loose.

When everything you love is falling apart, and your home and family is at stake, then it’s time to make a CRITICAL CHOICE!

Written by: Wole Adeyi. Produced by: Rex Nwakamma. Directed by: Mike Bamiloye.

OTHER RELATED MOVIES/FILMS

*LITTLE FOXES (\$9.99)

LITTLE FOXES is a movie produced by the Royal Priesthood Media of RCCG, Christ Church, Grand Prairie, Texas. *“Was released in April 2013”*.

Pastor Joshua, a pastor dedicated to the call of the Lord feeds his congregation with the undiluted word of God. To his surprise, when the Lord opens his eyes, he realizes he has much more work to do especially amongst leadership. Pastor Joshua sees the tools the enemy is using, in this end times, to silently deceive people to think they are still actively in service of the Lord and they don't realize they are no longer on the path to heaven. As secrets are exposed, Pastor Joshua finds himself in the midst of some issues; will he be able to put emotions aside and do what God has called him to do?

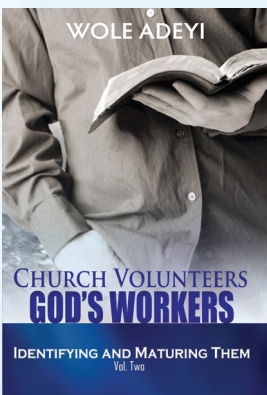
Written by: Wole Adeyi; Directed by: Rex Nwakamma & Margaret Anenih; Produced by: Biodun Coker



OTHER PRODUCTS “CDs & MUSICAL DVDs” by THE FLAMING SWORD MINISTRIES

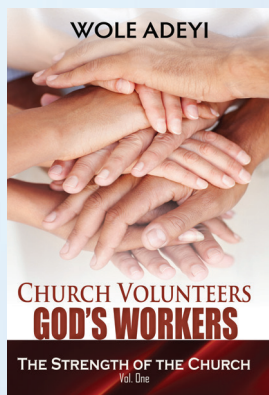
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BOOKS BY THE FLAMING SWORD MINISTRIES



By Wole Adeyi

This book will empower Church workers by helping them understand the life-giving truth that the Church of God grows by the working of every member of the body, as it explores the Biblical foundations that call for maturity in the body of Christ (Ephesians 4: 1-7; 11-16).



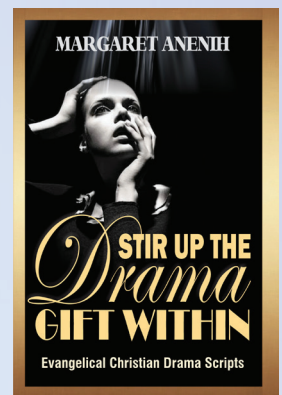
By Wole Adeyi

This book comes at such a time as this for people who have the courage and commitment to grasp the truth and the bigger idea of what is best for the Church as a whole, rather than what is convenient for them.



By Wole Adeyi

The weaknesses of random service will be exposed as you tap into a spiritual reality that will rearrange your thought pattern and empower you in these turbulent times. Here, you will understand God's truth; and you will discover the 'Call' that is yours to answer.



By Margaret Anenih

This book will also give you a firm grounding on the basics of Christian Playwriting; which is particularly good for individuals interested in expanding their knowledge and critical understanding of script writing and dramatic performances.

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The Lord says, *“Do not call to mind the former things, or consider things of the past.”* We are not to glorify the good old days, but He is calling our attention to the great things He is yet to do in the coming years. Welcome to our second edition of “THE SWORD”, our Bi-Annual communiqué

~ Wale Adeyi (FSM)

THE PRICE OF A DOUBLE PORTION

2 KINGS 2:1-14

INTRODUCTION: Why did Elisha request a double portion? Had he seen the power that Elijah had and determined it wasn't enough? Was his motivation carnal? Did he just want more power so that he could make a name for himself? Or did he recognize that problems and the state of the nation demanded the necessity of a double portion? I believe he realized that desperate times call for desperate cry for more. I also believe that as he reflected on the fact that Jezebel was still on the loose, evil was rampant and famine was driving people to cannibalism, he concluded in his mind that only a double portion was sufficient to accomplish the task that was before him.

We too are in desperate times that are crucial to our history. We need to understand that we will never get the double portion or more from God if we do not grow and move up. To receive a double portion you have to pay the price of going all the way. Going half way won't do, neither will 99.9% commitment be sufficient to get the job done. This is an all or nothing proposition.

1) MOVING 'BEYOND' (GILGAL): *“And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal” - (2 Kings 2:1).*

Gilgal means transition. It represents a place of significance in the development of relation to God. It was the first place the children of Israel came to after crossing the river Jordan!

Gilgal is where we first begin after becoming believers and then move on to maturity. If we are ever going to be Kingdom minded and effective, we have to move beyond comfort and advance to the place of self motivation; and a lifestyle of faith. It is the place of leaving behind our dependency on self and others as our sole source of nourishment or nurturing.

Elijah invited Elisha to Gilgal in order to show him that there is a place beyond Gilgal that he must reach to become everything God wanted him to be! Elisha had to move beyond Gilgal to receive double portion. He had to see that it takes effort and sacrifice to press on and move up. He learned to develop a right attitude that said, “I am moving on regardless of where others are content to live!”

2) PASSING 'THROUGH': *“Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So they went down to Bethel. 3 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent!” 4 Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho.” - (2 Kings 2:2 & 4).*

Bethel is the place of making great decisions. In biblical narrative, Bethel has always represented the place of

surrender. This is where Abraham pitched his tent and decided to follow the LORD. This is where Jacob told God he would follow Him and serve Him. Jacob returned here later and fought with God and was renamed, going from “deceiver” to “God Rules.” Later, Samuel would hear the voice of God here and Saul would reject God’s word, losing everything.

Bethel’s commitment leads to Jericho’s conflict (v.4). Jericho represents the place of stiff resistance and adamant disobedience. Anytime you make a decision for more of Jesus, for more of the LORD and His presence, you have to get beyond Jericho’s walls.

3) GOING ‘ACROSS’ (JORDAN): *“Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!’ So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.”* – (2 Kings 2:6-7)

Reading further in this passage in verses 12 & 13 - *“And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, ‘My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!’ So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. 13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.”*

Elisha does two things that are of significance (1) He tears away his old garments signifying doing away with his old way of doing things. Elisha’s past was undone as he (2) picked up Elijah’s mantle that fell off; his new garment. He immediately began to walk in a new place of expectation and faith. What do we need to be freed from in order for the past to be undone?

The lesson for us is quite simple: *when the time comes to adopt what God is doing in the now, give up the past! This is what happens at the place of anointing.*

This is where our attitudes are adjusted as we begin to see the big picture of God’s will and experience His release. We must always be willing to move beyond our comfort zone, and allow God to do and release the new things into our lives. Without this type of adjustment, we will never move forward.

Mark 10:46-52 illustrates this principle for us beautifully. Blind Bartimaeus wore the clothes of the blind that served as the customary public identification. When he was summoned by Jesus, he tore off his outer garment that was weighing him down as he approached the Master. He put aside the old as he entered into the future.

2 Kings 2:9- A double portion: By asking for a double portion, Elisha was not asking for twice as much as Elijah had, but for twice as much as any other successor would receive.

This story is a challenging one that shows us the blessedness of obedience to follow the LORD to the place of anointing. It also helps us to understand the LORD’s instructive message to the disciples as Jesus told them that they would do greater things than He did. *“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”* - (John 14:12).

CONCLUSION

In **1 Kings 19:16**; Elijah was given two assignments by God. One was to appoint his successor and second, to anointing a king. **1 Kings 19:19-21** has Elijah tracking down Elisha. He was not in the classroom at the school of the prophets; he was plowing in the fields of his father with a team of 24 oxen (12 yoke of oxen “a sign of wealth”). Please note the significance of the stage that has been set in his calling. He was performing menial labor. He was an unlikely candidate as a successor, being neither a priest nor a prophet; yet God chose him. He became God’s next spokesperson and was mightily used in the progressive moves of God.

If you are prepared to pay the price, God is prepared to move you over and beyond your wildest dreams and use you to accomplish His Kingdom agenda in this last days.

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ABOUT US

The Flaming Sword Ministries International

(We Act in Faith)

Flaming Sword Ministries International (FSM) is a Christian Drama Ministry that was founded out of a call to bring the Word of God to people using Christian drama in form of a visual medium. In today's world, more and more people are leaning towards the comfort of visuals (TV, DVDs, VIDEO, and INTERNET STREAMING etc) to fulfill their need for entertainment and information. Our focus is to equip, uplift, remind, and rekindle the zeal of the churches and ministries and to show the way to eternal life to the unsaved. The use of Christian Drama is a very effective medium to help people understand the message of the Gospel and respond to it. It is no gainsaying to declare that drama ministry has become an effective instrument of liberating people from bondages and oppression of the kingdom in this end time. It is not lagging behind in caring out the great commission of our Lord Jesus to every believer (Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:15). The present wave of spiritual revolution wherein people are becoming saved is not only the word but also through drama/movies. FSM was borne out of burden and vision in the hearts of Wole Adeyi and Margaret Anenih to evangelize to the world through the medium of drama and film productions. Later, people with the same visions and calling began to join the ministry. The Lord is increasing the work and the ministry has expanded into many evangelistic arms: Drama Outreaches, Film Production, Drama Institute, Marketing Outfit, T.V. Production Outreach and Publications.

OUR MISSION, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Flaming Sword Ministries involves in these following objectives and purposes:

- To reconcile godless men (Sinners) back unto God (2 Cor. 5:18-20).
- To revive the lukewarm Christian and rekindle

their Godly zeal (Eph. 5:15-16).

- It is a rescue mission, rescuing men from the captivity of the Devil. It is therefore a spiritual battle that requires spiritual armor. (2 Cor. 10:4).
- Preaching Jesus to the lost souls for spiritual regeneration (Luke 4:18; John 3:16).
- Presenting spiritual revival to the compromising and carnal Christians.
- Preaching spiritual awakening to the "sleeping" and "slumbering" church of God (Romans 12: 1-2; Eph. 4: 22-24).
- Preaching spiritual preparation to the body of Christ by which we make them conscious of the imminence of Christ's coming (Matt. 16:27; Matt. 25:31-41).
- Preaching spiritual revelations and enlightenment (Psalm 119:130; Psalm 119:105).

Finally, by dramatizing the gospel of Jesus, The Flaming Sword Ministries aims at the spiritual fruits. These include the believers being revived; sinners being saved, ministers being challenged, and the spiritual fruits of the ministrations becomes clear (John 15:8, 16).

THE DEPARTMENTS OF FLAMING SWORD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

At Flaming Sword International Ministries International, the following departments are in existence to fuel an effective ministerial working environment:

- The Flaming Sword Drama Outreach
- The Flaming Sword (Academy) Institute of Christian Drama
- The Flaming Sword Audio/Visual Department
- The Flaming Sword Marketing Department
- The Flaming Sword Film Outreach and Film Productions
- The Flaming Sword Publications

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