Season 1

Understanding God's Purpose...

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>: God creates for a purpose, and every creation of His are meant to fulfill His purpose for it. God's purpose is God's will. It is very important to do the will of God, but one cannot do unless there is an understanding of it and this is what enables one walk in the ways of God confidently.

As believers, we seek, search, discover, know and find the understanding of God's will (Unlocking **mysteries** of God)...

1 Peter 4:2 "that ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but **to the will of God**." Ephesians 5:17"Wherefore be ye not foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord is."** You can't walk in the flesh towards God. The flesh walks in foolishness and cannot understand God's will. A canal man walks in the flesh, fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. The will of God is a mystery, that can only be unlocked by a man of the spirit.

Jesus declares His Knowledge of them that do the will of God. "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Mark 3:35. To Do is to Understand. The Faith Campaigner through this Faith Book will be unlocking the mysteries of God's purpose, through the inspiration and revelational knowledge from the HolySpirit, in other for believers to walk in the ways of God to the end.

"For ye have need of patience, that, **having done the will of God**, ye may receive the promise." Hebrews 10:36

"making known unto us the **mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him" Ephesians 1:9

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The Knowledge Of God

"A scoffer seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not; **But knowledge is easy unto him that hath understanding.**" Proverbs 14:6 See Proverbs 1:5

To keep and increase knowledge you must have an understanding heart. "No one becomes a doctor without an understanding of medicine field". What do you do with the knowledge you have? -Understanding is the process of getting more knowledgeable about something. To increase in the knowledge of everything is different from being well knowledgeable about a particular thing. You can have knowledge of everything, and yet lack the understanding of anything.

God is seeking those who are willing to increase their knowledge of Him (growth), and not those gathering knowledge, who are not willing to understand what they gather.

People know the truth, but non increases the knowledge of truth, which is the understanding of truth, rather people seek the knowledge of lies and deceit... in form of signs and wonders through fake men of God. 2 Timothy 3:7 "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (See Colossians 1:10)

We are saved through the knowledge of God and we increase that same knowledge, to grow our Faith level in Christ. "For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:8

God wants you to seek knowledge according to His purpose, not according to your own purpose (selfishness). The process of increasing knowledge which brings understanding is called **learning**, **observing and doing**. You can't fall out of the will of God because, understanding puts you in the right direction of God's will. **You must remain humble to learning**; this is how you realize God's purpose in every knowledge you have.

You must seek to understand not just to know.

Any knowledge not of God is of sin: God created the whole world and sin took over the whole world, because men embraced the knowledge of sin which makes them not to increase the knowledge of God in them. (See 1corinthians 15:34)

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children." Hosea 4:6

Walking in God

"And he blessed Joseph, and said, **The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk**, the God who hath fed me all my life long unto this day," **Genesis** 48:15

Walking with God is walking with His will and to be lead by God, you must walk with God. This forms a pattern in your life that no one can comprehend. In walking with God, you represent God and there are certain blessings that will attached to your life, when you represent God on earth.

when you represent God, God's presence in you, will present you to the world as a God's representative

Characteristics of walking in God: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8

- <u>Do Justly (Living Righteously)</u>: The Just live by Faith, so every act of a man is justified by faith in Christ; that's why any thing not of faith is sin. The Faith of Christ is what we live by and it is the grace of God, given to men that believe. When you don't walk in righteousness you also don't walk in faith, because righteousness isn't by works. The grace Which is by faith was meant to save you from walking unjustly.
- Loving Kindness (The Love of God): The reason of the grace is the love of God. Without God's loving kindness no man is righteous and no man can walk in the Righteousness of God. God so love the world and He wants the world to be transformed into His love That's why Love is the fulfillment of the commandments of God in Christ Jesus.
- <u>Humbleness (The act of Humility)</u>: Humility is an act of obedience, respect, submission, meekness... God increases the humble and decreases the proud. Pride wars against humility and a man who isn't humble can't exhibit the act of humility. **Jesus humbled himself** in flesh and God exalted him (Phil 2:7-10). Take up the Humbleness in Christ Jesus.

The Love of the Father

"And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it." 2 John 1:6 (See Romans 14:15)

Walking in the love of God, is the commandments of God. so then, the fear of God is in the love of God and the love of God (perfect love) casts out all other fears of or in the world.

"but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby we know that we are in him: he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked. 1 John 2:5-6

To understand the magnitude of God's love, you must pay attention to God's word. The evidences of God's love pulls you far from the darkness of the world and gives an assurance in God *He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him.* 1 John 2:10

The Love of the father was brought into the world, but many choose not to receive it, rather they walk in the lust of the world. When lust conceives, it is ready to do anything just to give birth to sin. Lust is an act of loving the world...

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2:15, 17 ASV

Love is the act of righteousness, well doings, good works... and it is a fruit of the HolySpirit. It is the way of knowing God and having the fullness of God which is through the knowledge of God. "and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God." Ephesians 3:19

The love of God is of the spirit of God and so, we express God's love in the flesh through the spirit. The spirit makes the love perfect not the flesh. Let your lifestyle be influenced with the love of the father, by receiving His love with an open heart; men will see the love in your heart. Remember the love of God in what you doings, put it first. His love will direct you always.

"and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness."

Colossians 3:14 ASV

Righteousness of God

You are the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus, youmust develop this consciousness, just as Abraham was a man of Faith "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness." Galatians 3:6 Romans 1:17 "For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith."

God wants men to walk in righteousness by the faith of Christ and not their own imaginary righteousness. The ways of men are never God's ways and so the righteousness of God is not the righteousness of men.

"For being ignorant of **God's righteousness**, and **seeking to establish their own**, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth." **Romans** 10:3-4

It is through Jesus that we have God's righteousness and we are transformed into this righteousness. When we become God's righteousness, we automatically know the perfect will of God and this is called walking in the righteousness of God.

"(for the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and **righteousness** and truth), proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord;" Ephesians 5:9-10

The fruits of the spirit is of righteousness and to have this fruits you must walk in God's righteousness. This is why believers walk in the spirit, and not in the flesh.

Faith comes by the knowledge of God and this is how we are saved, but when the knowledge of God doesn't increase, faith doesn't increase also, and when these are lacking a believer will backslide slowly; eventually fall into unrighteousness.

"For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first. For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them." 2 Peter 2:20-21

The righteousness of God is of truth and every believer must learn to walk in the truth of God which is by faith. God's word is truth. Learn to terminate unbelief towards the word of God.

"that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:12

Understanding God's Purpose... The Word of Truth

"because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in **the word of the truth** of the gospel, which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world **bearing fruit and increasing**, as it doth in you also, since the day ye heard and knew **the grace of God in truth**;" Colossians 1:5-6 ASV

The word of truth produces in you the knowledge of God and this knowledge gives you access to God's grace. The grace allows you to experience the faith of Christ which is unto salvation and this means that, truth is meant to transform you.

Jesus declares Himself as truth and the Bible says that the word was made flesh, this means the word is truth and we receive the word with our hearts. This is how we purified, cleanse and purge our hearts from the lies of the world.

"Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

The knowledge of truth is according to godliness. Walking in truth therefore is walking in godliness and loving truth is like loving God's Knowledge. We mustn't hide from truth nor hide the truth: If Jesus had hidden, He won't be known as the truth. The language of God is truth and to communicate with Him, you must be of the truth at heart (sincere and true). Let's learn to build a **consciousness of truth** by walking in truth.

"For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness unto thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth. Greater joy have I none than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth." 3 John 1:3-4 ASV

By walking in truth, we receive the word of God which is of truth. Nothing can be done against the word of truth, this is in the mindset of every believer because Jesus is the word and the word is truth. When God's word is engraved into the heart, it must develop and increase; this is how faith grows even to the point of commanding the devil. You can't reject truth and then expect demons to obey you. The first step to receiving truth is Jesus. But when this truth doesn't increase or not fruitful, the leverage becomes a bondage. Let's learn to walk in truth to grow in knowledge of the truth. Truth is like a light that nothing can ever hide under.

The HolySpirit

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my Spirit upon** all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:" Joel 2:28

The promise of God to mankind, so that man won't waste his time walking in the flesh but being of the spirit which is of him. The HolySpirit was given to renew a man's spirit, so that man will no longer be subject to the spirit of sin.

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:16-17

You must believe in God to receive anything from God, so also you must believe in Jesus in other to receive the Faith of Jesus, which gives the HolySpirit. Faith is of the knowledge of God and the HolySpirit is received by Faith. The Faith of Christ keeps your faith alive, because faith comes by hearing God's word. Faith is of the spirit and we walk in the spirit not just living in the spirit (see Galatians 5:25). To walk in the spirit, you must have an obedient heart towards the HolySpirit; willing to follow, sacrifice, listen and pay attention... **Obedience is the confidence God requires of you**. "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:32

The HolySpirit communicates with our spirit and the voice of our spirit is our conscience, this is how we can understand the will of God. To be sensitive in knowing Him, you must walk in the spirit and this will make you to be spiritually minded.

"Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged." 1 Corinthians 2:14 (see Romans 8:16, 9:1)

The HolySpirit teaches, directs and guides our spirit every time, in making the right decisions. He intercedes for the believers at heart and He has so many ways unknown to men. The most important thing in Christianity is knowing the Spirit of God. You can't know Him if you won't **obey Him**.

Understanding God's Purpose... The Patience of the Righteous

The patience of the saint is the the work of God towards the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing." James 1:4 ASV

To walk in the will of God you must have the lifestyle of patience. It is in patience you get to know God more and not by being hasty. In patience you find, know, see, discover, realize... This gives you the ability to gain a perfect result and a perfect result gives you the promises of God.

"Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise." Hebrews 10:35-36 ASV

Your confidence should be in your patience and your patience in your confidence. The way of patience can be tiring but you can only become impatient when you don't have confidence meaning: unbelief, uncertainties, fear. Theses are what makes one become impatient even as believer. This is why you must keep learning about patience till it becomes your lifestyle in Christ.

"Here is **the patience of the saints**, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12

=Walking in the commandments of God and not men. God's commandments is love; God's love in you, walking in love. To develop patience, you must be able to put the love of God first. The decisions we make most times are not scanned by the commandments of God. Remember that this commandment is given to believers, so that the world could see God's Love and many may recognize it.

=Keeping the Faith is simply picking up the profession of faith which is of the spirit. The Faith of God is a supernatural faith that boosts even the tiniest faith of a man. "If you can't create, believe in the creator and He will help you create". This Faith comes by the knowledge of God only and it is onto salvation. Let's learn to embrace the lifestyle of Patience in God.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receive the early and latter rain." James 5:7 ASV

Understanding God's Purpose... JOY OF THE SPIRIT

The Joy of the spirit is created by **the word of God** and God's word is the evidence of his presence in peace and strength...

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: **In thy presence is fulness of joy**; In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalms 16:11

To have Joy in full, you must be able to receive God's word with an open and willing heart. Just as the scriptures say we should cast all our cares upon Him. Cares are the major reasons one doesn't receive the joy of the spirit. You must be willing to let go of burdens and instead, carry on the burden of Christ is in charge. The joy of the spirit is meant to be continuous in the life of a believer. Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.": A troubled spirits can not experience joy. And a spirit is always troubled when the heart is heavy. The devil wants you to be spiritually down, but one way to stay focused is by activating the joy of the spirit which brings peace, strength and satisfaction "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:15-17

Thanksgiving, singing, happiness, confidence... are products of Joy. Learn to allow the joy of God (which is above everything you're passing through) into your heart through His spirit.

"And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit;" 1 Thessalonians 1:6

Joy is a fruit of the spirit, so when we walk in the spirit, we are meant to produce joy. Galatians 5:25 - We shouldn't only receive by faith, we should walk by faith also. When we walk in the joy of the spirit, it pleases God and God is willing to answer men who are willing to start walking and stop talking.

Create a memory of joy that cannot be deleted by the attacks of the enemy. Learn to grow confident in God's word, cause this is how you can sustain the joy of the spirit.

Understanding God's Purpose... Goodworks and Fruitfulness (PART1)

"to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;" Colossians 1:10

As believers, we ought to bear fruits and these fruits are manifested through good works which are the acts of righteousness. Fruitfulness is a sign of productivity, when we are fruitful in Christ, we fulfill the will of God, making God invest more in us. It is not all fruits that are of God.

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them**. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will of my Father** who is in heaven." Matthew 7:17-21

The ungodly cannot bring forth good fruits. The canal man has no good fruits, because he minds the earthly things. Every believer is a spiritual man and therefore produces fruits of the spirit. The fruits of the spirit are the fruits of good work.

"But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 (see 2 Corinthians 6:4...)

God desires that every child of His should walk in good works of the spirit. "Let your light shine before men that men may see your good works and glorify God". The fruits of your goodworks makes you a shining light. So then you have no business with the corrupt fruits of darkness. "And let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14

Don't allow your goodworks to be corrupt and become unfruitful, because of the works of darkness. Stop conceiving darkness in your heart, so that light can come in.

Learn to produce good fruits in conversations, communications and in your lifestyle.

When you walk in the spirit you can never produce canal fruits which are of unrighteousness, rather the fruits of righteousness.

Understanding God's Purpose... Goodworks and Fruitfulness (PART2)

God made you for the purpose of goodworks. And this purpose is realized when one understands the knowledge of God.

"For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10 ASV

God has already programmed it, but many develop a new program that takes them away from the true purpose of their existence.

Good works is a lifestyle and not a style of life; we are meant to walk in it.

"in all things showing thyself an ensample of good works; in thy doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity," Titus 2:7 ASV

To have a standard of goodworks, you must be willing to have a good heart and this what pleases God. A good heart is a heart that works no mischief or anything i'll "Jesus Christ went about

doing good". Let's learn the patterns of following goodworks.

"each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire."

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 ASV

A man's work will be tried in fire and if it stands, it means that the fruits of his works are good. The fruit of your works determines your reward in heaven. So therefore we must learn to maintain our goodworks which is unto good fruits.

"And let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Titus 3:14

Lets be wise towards our works, let's learn to show patterns of good works, let's leave a legacy of goodworks for our generation and finally, let's learn to walk by faith. (Hebrews 11:1).

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