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UNPREJUDICED JESUS AND THE PREJUDICED CHURCH

It was another awesome moment in God's presence at the Handmaidens Fellowship on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, as Pastor Siju Ilyomade preaches on, **"UNPREJUDICED JESUS AND THE PREJUDICED CHURCH."**

The narration of Jesus in the synoptic gospels reveals that He was prejudiced by His people and the Church. Jesus faced prejudice because of who He was and what He believed. Imagine coming as a carpenter's son, Joseph and birthed by a virgin, Mary then allocating to Himself the divinity. At a young age, He started His ministry performing miracles. The Jews were intolerant of Him. The Pharisees criticised Him for eating with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus had to go through Samaria and meet the Samaritan woman at the well to extinguish prejudices (see John 4). Remarkably, the God we serve is not the One to take sides, He still made Jesus to save all of humankind. Jesus fulfilled prophecy and His ministry of reconciliation.

WHO IS YOUR KIND?

Deftly, you aspire for your type. Galatians 3:28 says, **"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."** The question is: **Have you ever suffered discrimination or prejudice?** Nigeria is a nation with over 225 million people with approximately 250 ethnic groups. Sixty-Three years after Independence, the nation is still filled with ethnic and religious prejudice that continually divides us. Hence, as a Nigerian, you must have suffered prejudice in one way or another. The truth is: No human being is fully free from prejudice or discrimination. Exodus 22:21 says, **"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt."** If people are informed, they will do the right thing. It's when they're not informed that they become hostages to prejudice. The world needs much more love, no hate, no prejudice, no bigotry and more unity, peace and understanding.

Now, the word "Prejudice" can be defined as a feeling of like or dislike for someone or something especially when it is not reasonable or logical. Prejudices are pre-conceived ideas, preconceptions, and pre-judgement. Indeed, both the Old Testament and New Testament were written during times of human history when there were racial and national prejudices even prejudices against sexes, especially women. Prejudice is a learned trait. You are not born prejudiced; you are taught it which is a part of our selfish nature to prefer those of our kind.

The greatest fear of truth is time, her greatest enemy is prejudice, and her constant companion is humility. At any given moment, public opinion is the chaos of superstition, misinformation and prejudice. If we were to wake up some morning and find that everyone was the same

Dear Handmaidens,

The word, **"AMEN"** signifies God's truth that He has come to redeem you. You have not chosen Him, but He has chosen you. Jesus is the **"AMEN"** of God. Jesus is the **"AMEN"** of our faith, power, hope, and joy. Only God knows the path He has chosen for you. He is the word of God, He is the truth of God, and He is the One with whom you are called. When you talk about God, whether you believe in the LORD, Jesus Christ or not; He is not a man that should lie, neither the son of man, that He should repent. The **YEA AND AMEN** expect you to trust Him without thinking because, with Him, there is no infidelity; there's no going back on His word and there's no breaking of His promises.

God blesses you with new grace and mercy every day. You need to trust in Jesus because it is that trust that binds you with Him. Trust gives you the resilience to build a stronger relationship with Him. You may make mistakes but don't let your mistake be consistent. With God, you cannot give up. God wants you to acknowledge Him as the **"YAY AND AMEN."** He wants accountability from you, and He wants to rebuild His trust in you. You are nothing of yourself except you surrender to God. Write **"Amen"** to your challenges and God will deliver you.

Love,

Siju Ilyomade.

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race, creed and colour, we would find some other causes for prejudice by noon.

During this Lenten season, Christians need to look inward and 'fast' out anger, bitterness, frustration, and hate. The LORD, Jesus Christ taught through humility, persuasion, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness, and love. As Jesus was walking the path to our resurrection, He was also walking so that we can live eternally. Soul-winning was the specific mandate Jesus gave as His last testament. Jesus says, **"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned"** (Matthew 16:15-16). **The question is: What are we repaying Jesus with at this time?** Sadly, we are repaying Jesus with prejudice. In today's Church, there's a lot of prejudice based on doctrines. For instance, Apostle Peter struggled with real prejudices towards the Gentiles, yet he had to overcome his prejudices to minister to Cornelius. Prejudices are not necessary, let your life minister salvation to people. Let your light shine. We need to take away prejudices as Christians. We must not do doctrines for exploitation, control or wickedness. The early Church lacked nothing because they shared. The **"YEA AND AMEN"** has called you to tolerance, impartiality and love, you should not be employed to fight prejudice.

LET US PRAY:

Dear God,
Let Your kingdom come to every tribe,

language and people and nation.
Deliver us from the bigotry and hatred that divide us.
Help us to rejoice instead in the great diversity of Your Creation, to find and focus on the humanity we share and the freedoms we treasure.





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Host: Dr Siju Iluyomade



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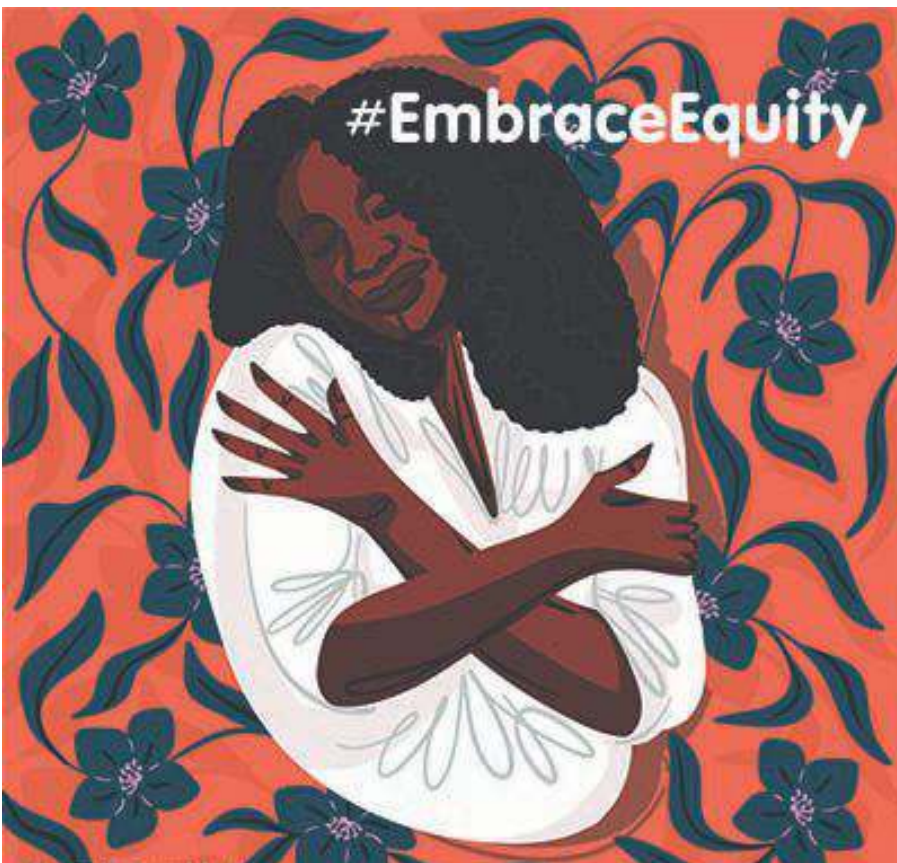
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March
8th, 2023.

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Victoria Island. Lagos

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INTERNATIONAL
 WOMEN'S
 DAY

JESUS, THE YEA AND AMEN

It was another awesome moment in God's presence at the Handmaidens Fellowship on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, as Pastor Siju Iluyomade preaches on "JESUS, THE YEA AND AMEN." Find below the excerpts.

Today incidentally is Ash Wednesday in Christendom and it is the beginning of the Lenten season. It is thought-provoking that Jesus could have chosen to disobey God but He chose to become man stripped of all divine power to carry the weight of our sin upon Himself. Yet louder still is that "Amen" at Golgotha where stands the Saviour, mocked, despised, rejected, torn with scourges and in the seat of mockery crowned with thorns. Jesus trusted in the Trinity, by then the Holy Ghost had not been ushered in, but God, the Father had sent Jesus to redeem us because He couldn't watch us go to hell.

The word "Amen" is much fuller of meaning than may be intended, and as a title of our LORD, Jesus Christ, it is exceedingly suggestive. The word, "Amen" signifies God's truth, faithfulness, and certainty. The word, "Amen" is used explicitly 78 times in the Bible. It is translated in different phrases such as – 'Verily, Verily,' or 'Surely' or 'Most Assuredly' or 'So it is!' The word "Amen" is praise, acceptance and knowing that God's promises endure forever. Jesus is the "Amen" of God. He is the word of God, He is the truth of God, and He is the One with whom we are called. When God says, "Amen," it means so shall it be now and forevermore.

Now, the year is new but it's not all good for everybody. Sometimes, we have carried over the problems of the previous years. Jesus is the "Amen" of our faith, power, hope, and joy. For instance, Apostle Paul planned to visit the Corinth Church twice, but changed his plans and only visited them once. Some Corinthians thought Paul was fickle because he changed his plans, but he responded that his decisions were rooted in the life God chose for him rather than human wisdom. He wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and him Amen, to the glory of God through us." In like manner, it is only God that knows the path He has chosen for each one of us. Of a truth, your partner may not be there for you in time of need, but God is always there for you. When we talk about God, whether you believe in Jesus Christ or not; He is not a man that He should lie, and neither is He the son of man that He should repent. The **YEA AND AMEN** expect you to trust Him without thinking because, with Him, there is no infidelity; there's no going back on His word and no breaking of His promises.



God is not someone who withholds or keeps something back from us. He doesn't lie or manipulate. He feels a deep emotional attachment to us which is why He could go on the Cross of Calvary. Trust is nothing you need to query about God. You feel safe with Him. Jehovah keeps boundaries, He is not like a man or woman that philander. The Bible says He is a jealous God. Wherever you are, know that God has not made a mistake. Mother Teresa could have pursued a secular career, however, she chose to go to India as a missionary, and her name is better famed than the richest of all. You are in the calling of God for your life, if you know and agree He is **YEA AND AMEN**. You can be vulnerable with God laying your shame and secrets before Him. When God has put you in your perfect calling, don't make a mistake and don't waste time. To Trust in God is oxygen to your heart. When you don't trust people, you are petrified of them. With trust, whatever you tell God, He already knows it. And trust gives you the resilience to build a stronger relationship with God. Rebuilding is a potent weapon to trust God. Trusting in man is difficult, however, we should love one another as Christ loves us. Everything God has brought your way whether good or bad, journal them and thank Him. Believing Jesus is your key to life eternal. Let no marriage, children, career, business, problems or lack of money hold you back from trusting God. The gospel of the LORD, Jesus Christ is the power of salvation for everyone who believes (Romans 1:6).

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You need to have trust in Jesus because it is that trust that binds you with Him. You may make mistakes, but don't let your mistake be consistent. God wants you to acknowledge Him as the **YEA AND AMEN**. He wants accountability from you, and He wants you to rebuild your trust in Him. God, Himself is the **GREAT I AM**.

Finally, Brethren, renew your faith in God. The first time the word, "Amen" appeared in the Bible was in the book of Numbers, and it is interesting to note that "Amen" is the last word in the book of Revelation. Revelation 22:21 says, "**The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**" You are nothing of yourself except you surrender to God. "**Amen**" is a strong affirmation. Write "Amen" to your challenges and God will deliver you. Surrender all to the **YEA AND AMEN**.



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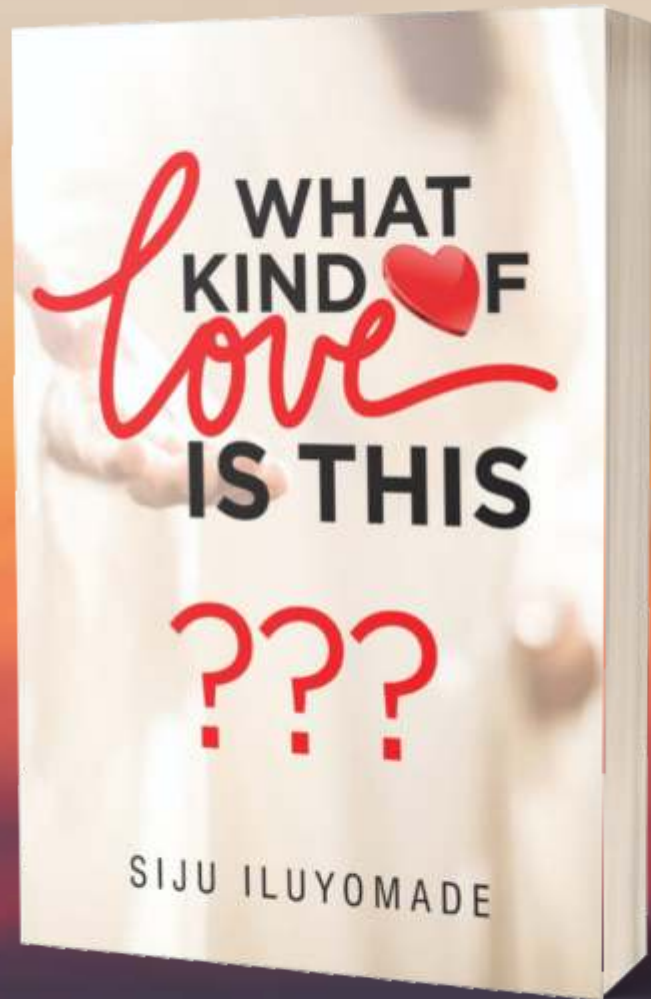
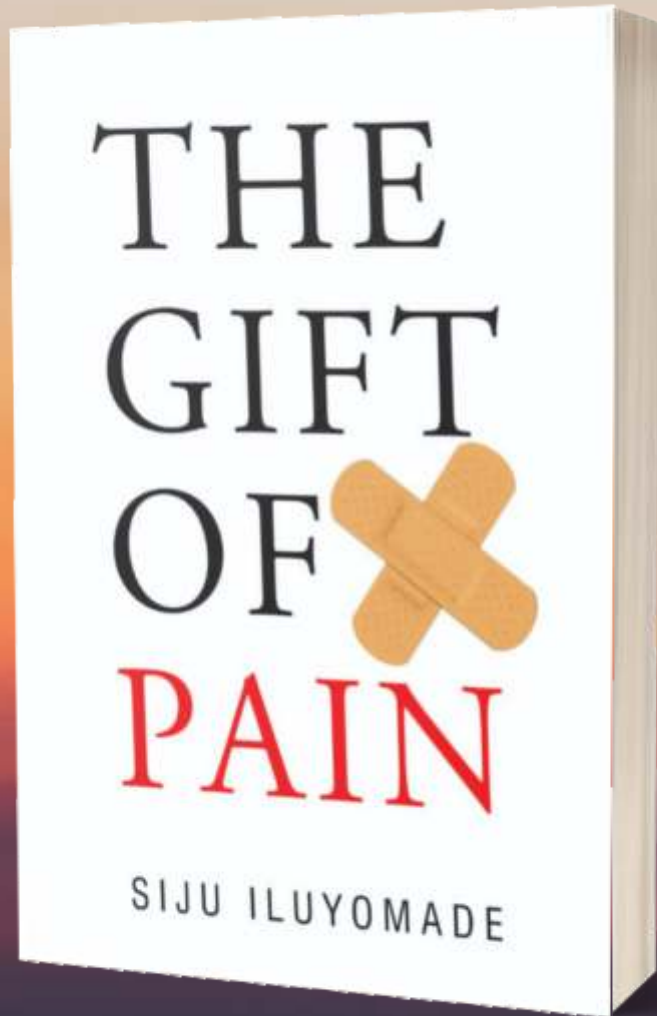


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ABOUT THE BOOK

We've all been hurt in little or massive ways. But there's a particular sharpness to the pain of betrayal. This interactive book - **"What Kind of Love is This?"** is for anyone seeking understanding, stability, and hope in the aftermath of a betrayal.

Betrayal hurts so much if you have invested in a relationship. Given all the descriptions of a healthy relationship, the book teaches you not to focus on the betrayal, but to focus on the paradigm shift to love. To betray is death; to love is life.

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Siju Iluyomade is also the Convener of the ARISE Women's Conference, an international gathering of woman from all works of life with a vision to impact their communities for Christ.





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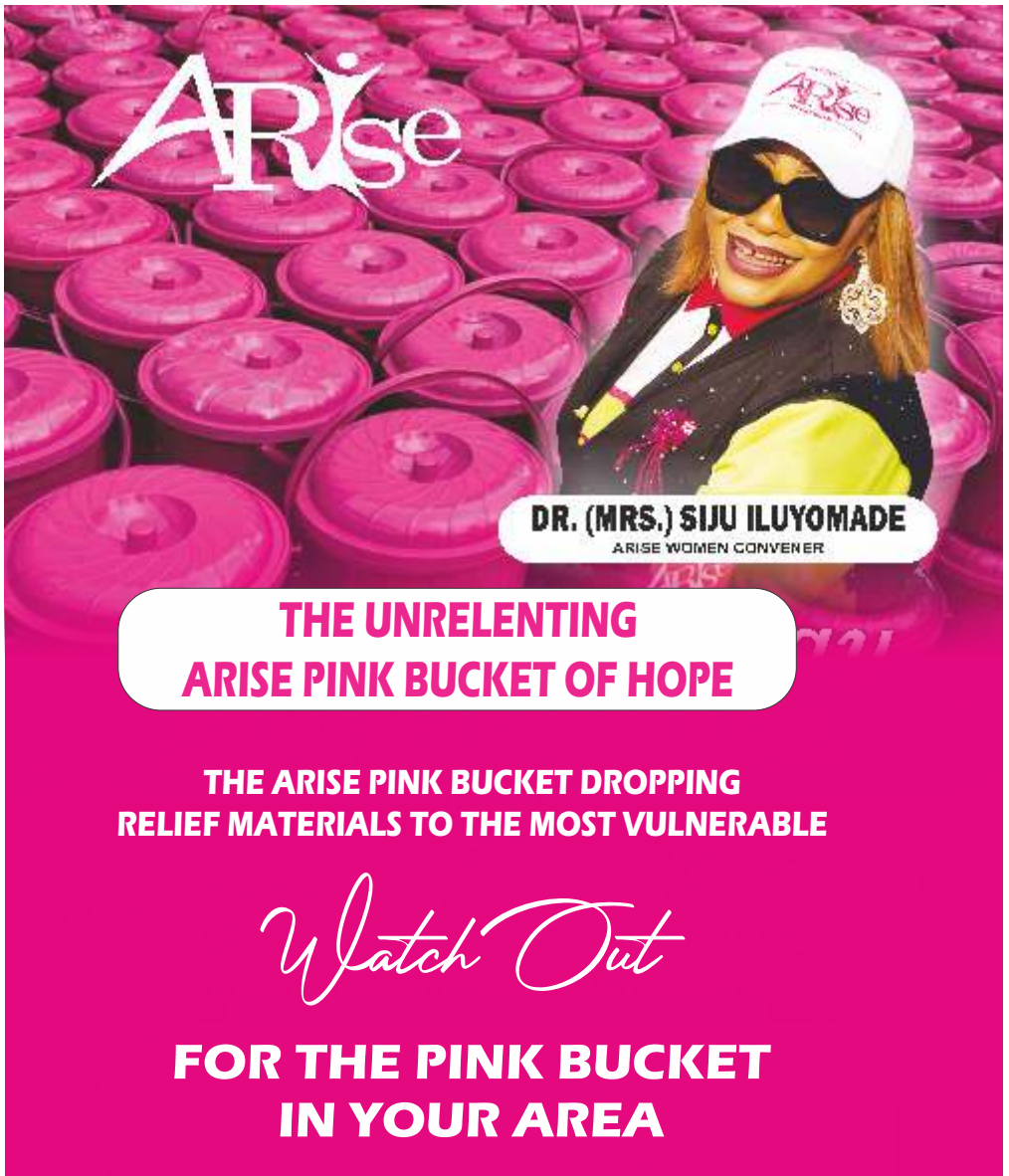

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-Siju Iluyomade

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