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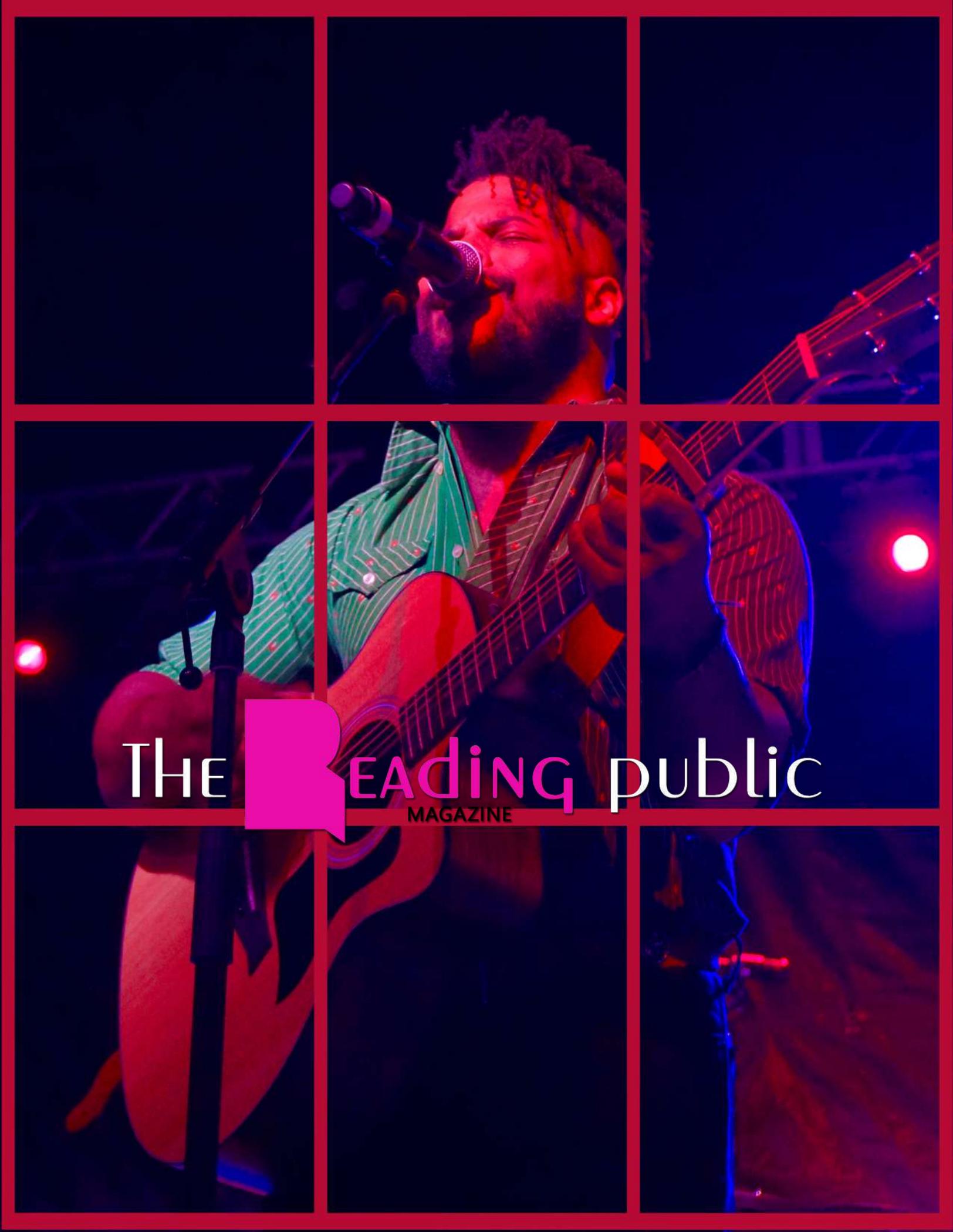
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HOPE NOTES

Across our world are shades of every imaginable colour, culture, style and view of life, yet who can miss the distinctiveness of a people set apart for the purposes of God? As his vessels, we have all been made conformable to the upright life which enables us to stand out among the crowd. It's the expectation of his absolute truth that never fails to perform its intentions.

In an age where societal norms are often contrary to that of the kingdom of God, living as one who walks in the path of divine difference is a choice of courage. The fortitude to stand for all that is righteous and just therefore outlines the charge of such a remnant, and that factor in itself bears witness to the relevance of its cause.

Day after day, we rise up to embrace what is before us with a heart, mind, soul and spirit fashioned in true liberty as the unstoppable power of an eternal Father guides us. Along the terrains of life the acceptable joy embedded within never ceases to abound for none can deter our hope fixed in the promises of his word.

Those who dare to live what is possible in and through the source of all things praiseworthy, are sure to experience as a reality the outcome of their faith. Mindful are they to never forfeit the inevitability of what the word declares in truth. As believers we do face challenges, yet the defining line is the resourcefulness of an inner strength to endure.

Built upon the solid foundation of unwavering trust, many cleave to the assurance of God's hand in all things because it will never disappoint. So among the crowd, a secured people carry forth their light throughout, with a boldness that speaks to the hearts of all receptive of its peace.

*“We rise up to embrace
what is before us with a
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AMONG THE CROWD



CAROLYN G. PHILIP

Nuggets from the word

Most, if not all of us, like to purchase or receive gold jewelry, be it a necklace, bracelet, earrings or ring. We appreciate and treasure such pieces and, the higher the quality (karat), the better. However, the beautiful material we see before us was not always that pretty. It had to go through a refining process using heat or chemicals. During this process, the impurities are removed and at the end of the process the valuable, high-quality gold is revealed.

As we go through our Christian walk, there will be periods of refining. These periods, though sometimes bitter, generally work out for our good.

Let us look at Peter, the apostle of Jesus Christ. Based on scripture, we know that Peter was zealous about the Lord. He had followed Jesus on His many journeys, witnessed the miracles He performed and even walked on water at the command of Jesus. However, Peter had to go through a refining process before commencing His purpose of spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. At a crucial time when Jesus needed him, he retreated in fear. Peter did not only deny Christ when He was captured to be killed but swore he did not know Him, and cursed those who accused him of being one of his disciples.

One look from Jesus, as the cock crew, reminded Peter of the words found in Matthew 26:34 *“Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”* Peter, who thought he was strong and committed to the work of God, was crippled by fear and renounced

Christ. Once he realized the magnitude of his action, the Bible tells us he wept bitterly. Thankfully however, that was not the end of Peter’s ministry. Recall that Jesus had told him in Luke 22:32 *“But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”*

In Jesus’ eyes, it was not the end for Peter. He became the leader of the disciples, encouraging them in the faith and carrying the gospel to others, with over three thousand (3,000) souls coming to the Lord when he spoke on the day of Pentecost. Peter had to witness the suffering of Christ. He had to experience the dark and weak moment when he renounced Christ. He had to endure the death of his friend and Master, see the empty tomb where Jesus lay and see Him appear to the disciples after His resurrection. Then he had to wait, with the other disciples, to receive the fire of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and empower Him. Only then, was he ready to take up the ministry Jesus had entrusted to Him.

When God calls us to work in His vineyard, He ensures that we are equipped and ready for the task. Sometimes it takes weeks, months, or even years for us to be refined to the point where He can use us for His honour and glory. If we jump ahead of His timing, we may not be fully prepared for the task ahead and may fail miserably. Perhaps God has called you to perform a particular service and you have grown frustrated with the waiting and refining process.

You think it is time to step out. Think twice before

The bitter-sweet REFINING PROCESS

you do, because God will always open the doors required to commence your assignment. His timing is important. He will take you through the refining process where your faith and commitment will be tested. You may face situations that seem painful, but which are designed to draw you closer to Him. They will allow you to lean on Him and not on your own strength. He will allow situations that will equip you to assist those He has called you to assist. These situations may range from betrayal by a loved one, sickness, job loss, loss of someone close to you, being misunderstood by those you revere, malicious gossip, or even a spiritual fall that brings you face to face with your weaknesses. These are all painful situations that require us to make a choice. We can allow them to crush us into despair and turn away from God or allow God to use them to refine and shape us into vessels, ready to be used by Him. Peter failed the Lord; but he did not stay down. He followed Jesus' advice, "When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers".

Your refining process may be bitter and tough. Countless times, you may ask God, "Why?" Know however, it is a process that is designed to strengthen and equip you to do what He has called you to do. My refining was a difficult 3-year process that led me to a stronger relationship with God.

I do not question God about the closure of my work establishment. A busy career often kept me from spending quality time with God and, although I was busy working at the church level, my prayer life was not what it should have been.

It was no coincidence that I was betrayed by friends and loved ones whom I held dear. I learned how great a friend Jesus is to me and discovered there is strength within me that could only come from God - that He is able to sustain me mentally, physically and spiritually no matter how tough the battle. Additionally, I

learned the beauty of forgiveness and how it heals the soul.

I do not think my months of sickness, crying out to God for healing was just God holding a big stick over me. He was teaching me to trust Him and to lean on Him. Through the refining process, I came to understand what was most important - my relationship with God.

Throughout the refining process, the impurities - those things that were tarnishing the quality of my spiritual life were being removed so that the presence of the Holy Spirit could take control. For the first time the reality of my two favourite scriptures really became embedded in my mind and spirit:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

I encourage you to hold on to God through your refining process. He's preparing you for greater. From the bitterness will come sweetness and you will be able to say like Job, "When He has tested me, I will come forth as gold". There is a purpose for the process.

"His timing is important. He will take you through the refining process where your faith and commitment will be tested."

BUZZ NOTES

TRPM: Who is God to you?

Paul: God is the author of my life. He has written the scripts of my life through His Word and I live for Him alone. He is the reason for my existence.

TRPM: Do you believe that the message of the Gospel is being effectively communicated in today's music industry?

Paul: Not at all. Materialism has swept in, many people are promoting their ideologies and human philosophies instead of the true gospel, which is "God's love for mankind".

Also, the message of the Gospel isn't effectively communicated due to how many Gospel Artists perceive the gospel to be. Reaching out to a generation that is fascinated by sounds and instrumentations, doing gospel music with a one-way road kind of mentality could make it less effective, even though they are putting out right contents.

Spirituality and skill makes the message more effective.

TRPM: What are some of the greatest challenges you have observed that makes it difficult for Gospel ministers to share their truth through music?

Paul: Personality Crisis. Many music ministers have not understood who they truly are...

TRPM: How would you describe your own journey as a believer and Psalmist?

Paul: It has been a bitter-sweet journey, full of trials but many victories also. All together it has been wonderful. Being led by the Spirit and seeing results also!!! It has been a great experience.

TRPM: "*Dance for the Baba*" has been making some waves across Africa and other parts of the world...What is the story behind the song?

Paul: I have not said this in any interview, this is exclusive!!! I wrote "*Dance For The Baba*", during a very depressing time in my career, and the song came to me as a victory anthem over depression. I walked into the studio with my producer *Blameless* and it happened!!! We've gotten so many wonderful testimonies from all parts of the world after they listened to the song... Indeed God is faithful!!!

TRPM: You recently won International Psalmist of the Year Male in the recently held Antigua Barbuda Gospel Music & Media Awards....for "*Dance for the Baba*"....How has this impacted you?

Paul: Hmm, winning the award has really humbled me!!! I never realized how much impact God has helped us to make until we won the award.

TRPM: What goals have you set for yourself for the future?

Paul: To have a deeper relationship with God, to help young artists discover

Paul Umeora

Award Winning Gospel Psalmist
- Lagos, Nigeria

themselves. To also do philanthropic and humanitarian projects for the less privileged.

TRPM: Who are some of the persons that have inspired you over the years in your faith walk with Christ?

Paul: I have a whole lot of people who have inspired me over the years, to mention but a few; Apostle Emmanuel Obioma Umeora, Rev Chris Oyakhilome and Pastor Benny Hinn, Pastor Glenford Evans, Mrs Tammy Kalii, Gbenga Akinfenwa (Phatstringz) and so many others!!! These men have really inspired me.

Paul Umeora is a Top Nigerian Gospel Psalmist [Singer/Songwriter], Multi-instrumentalist, Producer and highly sort after Vocal Coach.

First single "You Are God" dropped in 2016 and was followed by "Okaka" in 2017.

The Contemporary Afro-Pop Hit "Dance for the Baba" is one of the leading singles from his 2018 EP release "The Wonderful Unexpected". It was #1 on the KGospel Chart as the most streamed song on their platform.

*Latest Single Release
"Do Well"*



A Woman with a voice for this new

TR^{PM}: ...We are so happy to have you be a part of our first publication and this is our segment Buzz Notes....So this is where you are going to give us an update of what's going... what you've been up to...what's next for you in the future in terms of your ministry and all that jazz....

Lisa Harris: Thanks for having me...I'm happy to be here....I'm excited....So what's next? So many nextes...Haa...Ministry wise...music....I'm always writing songs, sometimes poems...or inspirational thoughts. There is always something next and I don't write particularly in genres so however it turns out, it turns out. So I can't say next time I'm coming with a Reggae or I'm coming next with a Praise & Worship... sometimes it turns into something in the studio..but I'm always writing so you can always look forward to something new.

TR^{PM}: Ok...now that we are on the topic of Songwriting...give us a little insight about your Songwriting process. Do you have like a...I don't want to use the word (A system?).. yeah a system,a ritual...or "I have to do this.. this...that to get in the zone..."What is it for you?

Lisa Harris: Most of my songs are inspired through worship. I could just be worshipping and a song comes to mind and especially if I am completing a bible study or a particular section of my study...then something comes to mind. However, I can also sit and think of a topic and write and I write by melody, so I will get the melody first and put the lyrics to it. Also I'm practising the guitar, I'm not a guitar player.. haa...but I try to fine tune by getting the chords before I go to the studio so that is how I usually write songs...or I might receive a message, like I will be in church and in the middle of the congregational worship...I am singing some-

thing completely different because I'm getting something different. So at the end of the service I would go and sit in my car or somewhere quiet and just write what came to me during that worship service...or it could just be too that I was being ministered to by the word and just get something....

TR^{PM}: Awesome...with that insight...I'm just gonna take it a little further...What can you say in your observation or upon reflecting.....has been a signature topic in your songs?

Lisa Harris: I think I would want to say that...because of where I am spiritually and in my growth with Christ, I am still overwhelmed by the fact that He could leave heaven and just come and die for me. I'm still trying to grasp that...so most of my songs you would find me trying to portray the love of God and what he did for us. I also try to explore for persons that are not saved to come and see what it is I am experiencing...Hopefully, I get to convey that... Most of my writing, I try to let people see where I am and what God has done for me and that he can do it for them as well. Just the love of God and him making such an exceptional sacrifice to come and die for us...So hopefully, they... getting that.

TR^{PM}: I believe they are and many more as they discover your music, they definitely will. What do you think is the most important role for a Minister of Music? I know a lot of people say we have to strike a balance with entertainment and ministry. A lot of times you book Artist or you will get feedback from different persons who will say, they have to really minister...I need the person to minister....How would you define that? What is that for you? I am often grappling with what people are ac-

generation.

Lisa Harris

6 x Award Winning Gospel Psalmist
- Antigua W.I

tually really looking for when they say something like that.

Lisa Harris: Well personally, I think from the moment that you start trodding in that direction you become a public figure and it is common, especially for persons in the Christian community to look up to a particular figure, if you are already out there, especially if you are popular and they already have a certain mind concept...that "this is how the person is supposed to be". But because you are an Entertainer or a Singer, because it's also profession, it doesn't mean that you are necessarily a Minister...You may have the talent to write a song and perform the song but it doesn't necessarily mean that you are at that mature level where you can actually minister...the word minister takes on a whole different character...outside of being an Artist and being an Entertainer or Singer per say. We as individuals, we have to understand now that we are under the spotlight and that people are looking and if you are ministering, singing Gospel songs..then persons expect that your lifestyle should be a particular way, how you live..So as for me, ministering is not just by word, but how you live. If you are going to put yourself in that position, as a child of God you have to be considerate of how many lives that are being saved through your work. So then you have to make the sacrifices and narrow down your life to being that minister. I would advise those who are singing gospel, performing gospel or Gospel Artists...to try and see how much they can get into the word of God...because when you're put on the spot...people are looking for you to minister. It comes with the territory. And they expect you to preach as well...because I have done concerts where I sing...persons call me after to preach...you under-



stand...So if you are putting yourself out there like that...you need to be equipped with the word. And it comes naturally...to be honest...You want to know more about God...and how can you do that? In the word...in the word! There are just different ways, Teachers, Preachers, Ministers...and if you are going to Minister through song then you should know the word. Hopefully you got something out of what I just said...Haa...

TRPM: Yes...I got a lot out of what you just said...I think you hit the nail on the head. Some people say you have to know how to entertain and then there is the ministry...but we have to have a wholeistic view of what ministry really is. Because a person can come out there with the intention to minister but then you have no sense of service, in terms of your life style, it doesn't add up. At the end of the day people are gonna be like...hmmm...you're being a hypocrite...You sayin' something...you tryin' to preach something...yes you're entertaining...you're moving everybody...you look like, tada...tada...tada...but at the end of the day does it really add up? It really is about your life...because you minister through your life...and your personal experience with God and that's what you're truly expressing. And I want I find is key too, when you spoke about knowing the word, that is key...that's the foundation right there...that is rock solid.

What role do you see the church playing in the time and season? What has God been impressing upon in regards to the Church, where should we be focused?

Lisa Harris: I am having mixed emotions...I am a very emotional person and when I comes to the Church some times we get distracted by the different denominations...so when I think of the Church...and as you asked the quesiotn one of the main word is the church...we have to know that the Church are persons who have been called and not necessarily the sanctuary or the building....So this is why I am having mixed emtions concerning your question but I think the Church is dropping the ball right now. We are too laid back and we are saying it's ok..whatever is going on

around us, it's none of our business....because we have salvation, so whatever with whomever doesn't have it. But no...and because we are not doing anything...as you know as the saying goes, If you don't stand for something you will end up lying down for anything. So we need to stand for the gospel because what is happening now is the world, and the world view of how life is supposed to be is infiltrating the Church...because we, the Church, are not standing for Christ and for the precepts of the word of God. So you have all kind of things coming in. We are no longer transforming but conforming to the way of the world.

The way how we dress...? You can't run from it, if you go to the store to buy a dress...90% of the dresses in town, they are not modest for Christian women....I am not saying you should be wearing a gown with turtle neck, because we are living in a hot climate...but 90% of the dresses, they are above knee. And we have ministers going into the churches, how we dress to approach God, not that God is not everywhere, but we meet there to give up worship, that is our altar where we go and give our sacrifices or praise and worship, and when we go in and we're not properly attired...I have a problem with that and I think that is one of the biggest issues that the Church need to address, and to stand up for that. More and more....ladies...but not only the ladies...because the men are wearing some really tight pants too and some tight shirts...too....I think that the Church is really dropping the ball on that. And also in the media, we have all sorts of people comig up with inspirational thoughts and some of then don't even make sense....but they are hitting in the thousands of views....on Facebook and we are being laid back in the Church. We're not putting anything, we need to use these platforms...and try to put the word out there. You go on Facebook right now, I'm on Facebook, and most of my notifications, well 80% of my notifications have nothing to do with the word of God. So what are doing as a Church? We need to use these platforms to put across the word of God...because, yes we have salvation, but if you should do maybe a calculation, let's say 200,000 persons die every day and how many out of that

200,000 persons going to hell or heaven? We don't know...so we cannot let these things slide... So I think the Church should really, really focus on souls and life.

TRPM: Let's talk a little about some of the other things that you are involved in...I know you have a ministry called One Sound Entertainment Ministries, just tell us a little about who O.S.E.M is.

Lisa Harris: O.S.E.M, One Sound Entertainment Ministries, that's my baby...How One Sound came about, after I got saved, which is about five years ago, well four going on five years ago, I was very active in the secular realm with band, music, modelling...everything...And when I got saved and came into the Christian arena...there wasn't anything for me to do. Being the kind of person I am, and with my personality and the love for music, it's in my bones...so Entertainment-wise...I decided that I have to create something, and not only for me...because if I was experiencing that...it means that other new born Christians were also experiencing that. So we came up with a plan...I actually think that it was a vision....I could see it...because I could see One Sound going places. I got a bunch of people together and we just came up with the idea that we were going to create an atmosphere of entertainment where Christian people can have fun, in a clean environment not saturated with profanities and secular music...So that was what we had in the pipeline.

The band came about, we formed a band, we started getting instruments, equipment and so on. We do Voice Training as well, because we know some persons would like to sing and they don't know how to use their vocals properly. So we have that part of it. We also have a Karaoke part where persons can just come up and have fun...and sing karaoke. We also have a games night, if you want to play dominoes....whatever...So that is where we are with One Sound, an Entertainment Ministry. I know the word entertainment throws some people off....oh...Christians don't need to be entertained...we supposed to be drab...and boring....you know...most of

us...usually go from church to home..church to home....We need to treat ourselves. I have yet to go to a restaurant...and even hear some worship music playing in the background....you know it's not there...so that's where One Sound comes in. We are struggling a bit financially...because we do everything out of pocket...but the future looks bright...for One Sound.

TRPM: What's next for you in terms of your music? You're working on an EP, when is that due to be released? Tell us some of the Singles on it...

Lisa Harris: Because I am having...difficulties with the production part of it...I cannot put a date to it...I'm going to try and get it done as soon as possible. It's different genres, like I said, whatever comes, comes...so different genres...I haven't really put any of my songs out there like that...so I'm going to include some of those...and some new ones...Working on a Reggae called, "Look At You in Your Awesomeness"...I also have a Soca that I am working on...called, "Can't Stop My Praise"...I really love that one...well I love all of them...haaa...(They all good...haaa)...The Reggae that I really want to put out there...is "Fallen Soldiers" because I trying to get persons to understand that even if you are sliding back or backslidden you can always come back because God is there waiting for you with arms wide open. And my favourite one of all time...this is the first gospel song I wrote...called, "Take Me Out of Me". Just to give you a little background on that one, when I got saved first, I thought that you just get saved and you just say, yes I'm a Christian and then you move over and you just start living as a child of God and it's not that simple. It takes surrender, you have to surrender to the Holy Spirit and to His word and to the will of God. I was doing it out of flesh, like I'm gonna be holy, I'm gonna be this.. and then I came to the realization that I just have to say God, take me out of me, because the me that is here...is trying to restrain the other one that needs to come out...so hopefully it will make sense...Take me out of me.

Personal Empower ment

“The main objective of this discourse is to facilitate independent thinking among minds of African decent and to embrace and practise the freedom with which we are naturally endowed (gifted).”

LIFE CHANGING IMPERATIVES FOR DEPROGRAMMING AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPROGRAMMING THE COLONIZED MENTALITY

Welcome to this space: Life-changing Imperatives for deprogramming and subsequently reprogramming the colonized mentality for personal empowerment.

Let us begin with defining our main ideas or terms.

- 1) The term 'Life-changing Imperatives' refers to those information that are necessary for bringing about a transformation or change in one's life or living conditions.
- 2) 'Deprogramming' in this context refers to the release of strongly held positions that are limiting and disempowering.
- 3) 'Reprogramming' in this context refers to the deliberate pursuit and acceptance of information that are psychologically and emotionally expansive and empowering.
- 4) The 'colonized mentality' may be defined as the kind of thinking which holds consciously or unconsciously that the so-called values and practices of our colonialists/ imperialists (Europeanness) are superior to that of our indigenous ethnicity (Africaness)

The main objective of this discourse is to facilitate independent thinking among minds of African decent and to embrace and practise the freedom with which we are naturally endowed (gifted).

This quarter's article proposes what I consider the most important life-changing essential to free ourselves from disempowering colonial mentality or in short decolonize the mind; and that is what I call positive authentic self-awareness.

We are told that self knowledge is paramount to the kind of person we become. I would go on to say that true self knowledge and awareness is essential to decolonize our minds from limiting worldviews and start living life and really loving it.

I often challenge the youth and people in general to be able to accurately provide satisfying answers to questions of self-knowledge- their origin, purpose and destiny. Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? Our answers to these questions may clarify in our minds just who

we are going forward.

Let's consider these questions for the purpose of knowing who we really are. Who am I? Take some time right now and document your answers.. Yes. Write down what comes to the mind right away.(Pause from reading and do that now).

Now compare your answer. If you are a female, consider. I am Spirit who showed up in the Earth as an African female who happened to be born in _____(country of birth). I have a mind and I live in a physical body which people call _____(name). I am joyfully carrying out my assignments as a _____ (occupation). If you are male, simply replace female with male. Or if you are of another ethnic group other than African and happen to be reading this, simply replace African with your particular ethnicity.

It is important to note here, that, we are more than our physicality. We are more than the physical garment of flesh, bones, muscles and blood that we are wearing. We have a face but we are not our face. We have hands and feet but we are more than these. We are more than the colour of our skin and, our internal organs, more than our gender, more than our socio and economic status; we are more than our very nervous system of brain and spinal chord of nerves; and we are more than our emotions. We are more than our occupations- our careers. We are more than our academic qualifications. We are more than the latest fashions and brands. We are more than our geographic location. We are masters of our destiny. We are the Chooser. We choose the direction we take in life.

We are Spirit having a human experience in the earth. Let's make it a wonderful experiential journey by shaking off the manipulations of colonialism as challenging as this may be. Let's emancipate ourselves from 'mental slavery' in the words of proud African decendant, Jamaican born, departed Bob Marley. "None but ourselves can free our minds." We become what we think about. The real secret to decolonization of the individual lies within his/her quality of thinking. Change your thoughts, change your world.

Here are a few what I consider essentials for declonizing and therefore reprogamme the mind as you go forth in pursuit of authentic knowledge of yourself for your own personal empowerment.

- 1) Truly have a deep love and respect for self; hold yourself in high esteem, and demonstrate this love and self-worth by embracing your strengths and forgiving and avoid focusing on what you may consider your weaknesses.
- 2) Believe in yourself. Have a genuine level of confidence in

yourself and show it by fearlessly setting your goals and going after their accomplishment with a passion.

3) Expect the very best of and for yourself; knowing that, in accordance with the law of expectation, you are likely to manifest in your physical world what you genuinely anticipate for yourself.

4) Approach life in general with a positive mental attitude. Take on the mindset that nothing just happens ; and that everything is working out in your favour, be it positive or so-called negative. Be assured that your Maker is always for you and never against you , regardless of your present circumstances.

5) Make it a habit to accentuate the positives in your conversation and interaction with those around you. Use positive, high-energy words to express yourself frequently. Choose and identify with a particular expression for a month when responding to those around you when asked 'how are you doing?' You may respond by consciously saying, 'I am grateful and feeling really great.' Or simply say, 'Life is tremendous!' Or choose an expression that you resonate with instead of the usual 'fine thanks ' and note how it makes you feel and how persons around you respond to you.

6) Deliberately surround yourself with the positives by creating an environment of positive vibrations in relation to the people you regularly allow into your space. Be especially selective concerning the images you permit to enter your mind via your eyes and ears in a special way.

7) Now, give it your best shot going forward. Consciously do the very best with what you have where you are this very moment. Use your gifts for the empowerment of yourself without violating the rights and dignity of others; and without intentionally damaging the environment in which you are serving.

In closing, I encourage you to consider the importance of becoming knowledgeable of your history in relation to knowledge

and discovery of yourself as you take on the responsibility of decolonizing and reprogramming your mind in the process. It was the black Freedom Fighter , Marcus Garvey who reminded us that an individual who is ignorant of his/her history is 'like a tree without roots.' So do what is necessary to become acquainted with your history - where you have been , so you may be clear on where you are going. I strongly recommend you get a hold of the following literary works as starters as you continue this wonderful journey called life.

Recommendation # 1: Decolonizing The Mind by Ngugi wa Thion'go.

Recommendation # 2: The Miseducation Of The Negro by Carson Godwin Woodson.

Recommendation # 3: Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington

Recommendation # 4: Autobiography of Frederick Douglass: A. Narrative Of The Life Of Frederick Douglass- An American Slave who became free and who became a significant contributor to the human race in matters of self emancipation and decolonization of the mind.

If you have not read these works, be sure to find and take the time to read them; and if you have read them before, reread them another time for your own personal unfolding going forward.

Sawa Bona (I see you. I acknowledge your presence.)

Clephane W "Terrific" Roberts

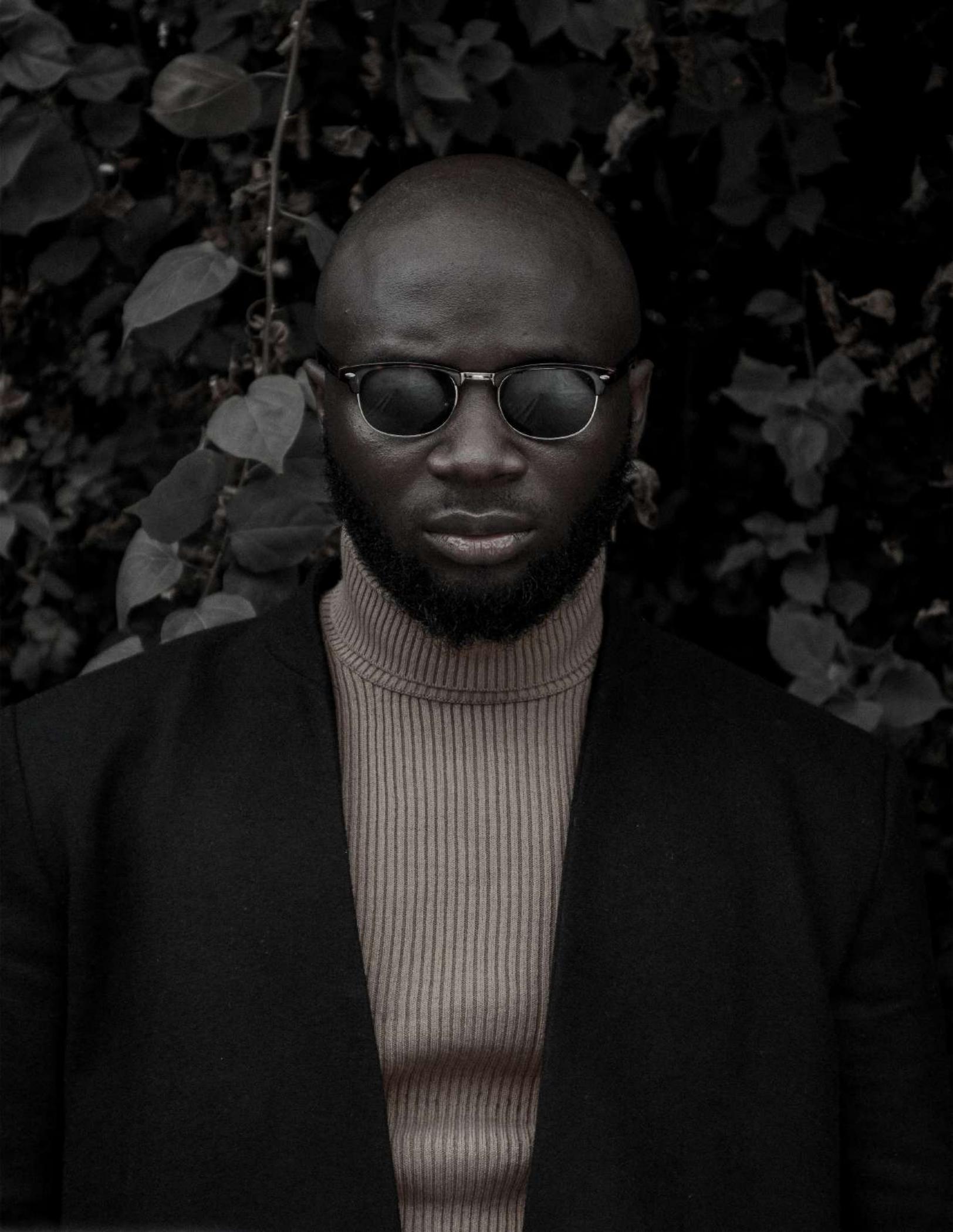
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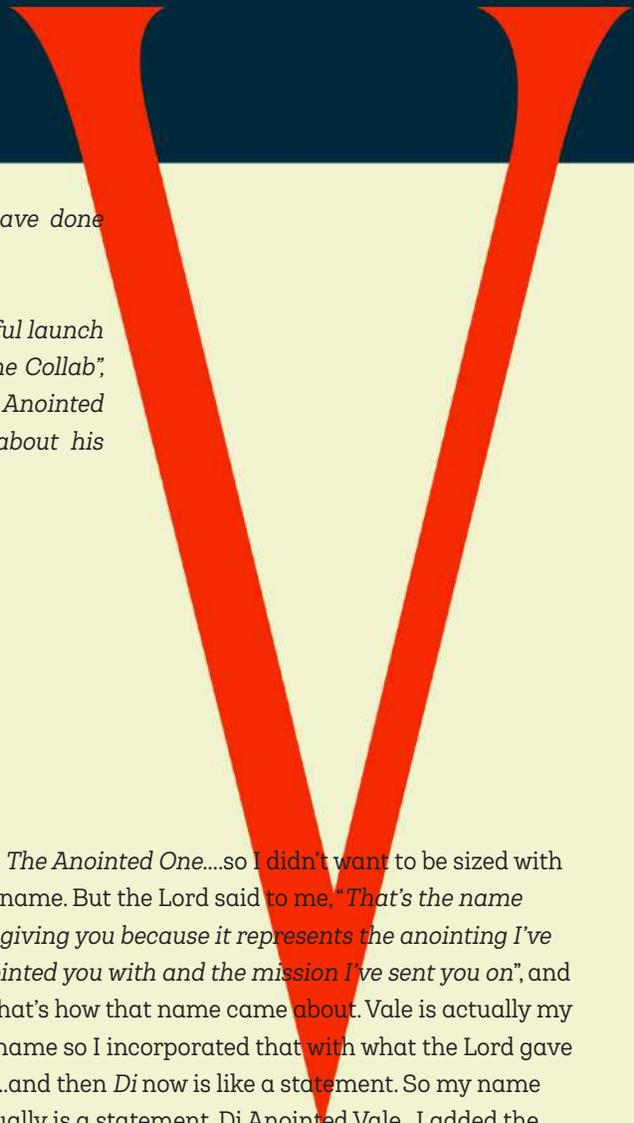
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DI ANOINTED



We have listened to so many songs and inspiring speeches by great leaders of our time that speak to the power of unity. The teachings of Yeshua embodies this truth; all members of one body with one common purpose. Throughout his life Di Anointed Vale has come to understand the power of this truth in the midst of a culture, society and world that deperately needs it.

When we can come together and harness that greatness on the inside for something that is intended to advance beyond us,

then truly we would have done the will sent.

Fresh off of his successful launch of his latest Album "The Collab", Jamaican native, Di Anointed Vale spoke with TRPM about his personal journey.

TTRPM: You go by the name Di Anointed Vale...how did that name come about?

DV: Well to start with that I have to kinda go way back but not to far back. It came about when I had an encounter with God in 2010, that was like a transitional year for me...being; learning about my purpose as a Christian, as a child of God and understanding how important it is to have a name that represents what you do as an invidual. So you know being anointed at that point, i wanted a name that represented what I do...and so I..went into prayer and I heard the lord say..."Anointed"...and I was like but Anointed is the name of Christ..as

he's *The Anointed One*...so I didn't want to be sized with the name. But the Lord said to me, "*That's the name I'm giving you because it represents the anointing I've anointed you with and the mission I've sent you on*", and so that's how that name came about. Vale is actually my surname so I incorporated that with what the Lord gave me...and then *Di* now is like a statement. So my name actually is a statement, Di Anointed Vale...I added the *Di*...but spelt it "D-i"..which is kind of a Creole in Jamaican patois. I kinda incorporated my culture...so it's like a mixture of my culture...and the anointing..of course. My name, that brings that statement out there..



TRPM:Now my next question for you...in regards to your journey as a minister. You speak about...seeking God, recognizing what your purpose is and knowing what he has called you to do. How important do you think that is actually? There are a lot of people who are out there doing all kinda stuff...you know...not just singing but there are lot of people who are out there...you know, busy, but with no real true sense of their purpose or have a clear direction as to what God has actually called them to do. And I want you to speak a little bit on that, as to how important it is to actually know...or what difference that has made even for you, knowing what your true pupose was.

DV: Generally speaking, without a purpose you would be bouncing from one place to the next...you won't know where you need to be and...second of all...you won't know what you're doing. If you don't have a purpose you're just gonna be bouncing around here and there just trying to figure yourself out and most of the time when we are at that place...we don't have a vision. We don't have a vision that connects with what we are trying to accomplish and so without a purpose, then whatever it is that you're set out to do will not be accomplished to its fullest....I say this because, in the first five years of my Christian life I didn't know what my purpose was...and so I just knew I was supposed to go to church...and I was supposed to go and be in youth fellowship on Friday night....I was supposed to be at bible studies on Thursday nights...and prayer meeting on Tuesday nights...That's all I knew...I didn't know what my purpose was until I had that encounter with God...That's when I truly understood. I was a Christian...that's when I started understanding the importance of being a child of God. What does it entail? All these fact finding questions are now being answered...because I know what my purpose was and is. As a result of that, my purpose allowed me to be the successful minister that I am today in the music, because I have a vision...I have a purpose that I am aware of..I know what it is. From 2010 until today...I have been doing all these things in alignment with the purpose that I believe God has chosen me for.

With a purpose you will have a clear understanding of your vision, which in extension, allows you to work alongside or towards that in which you are truly called for. So it is...very, very, very important.

TRPM:Another question that i have for you....You know...in this world...there are so many varying perceptions of who a minister is...What a Christian is...There are people who have varying perceptions of even religion or attempt to associate or define Christianity even, as a religion...and you being a man of God, one called to minister the word of God in word...and through music....I know you were ordained a while back, yes? (yeah yeah) I'm correct right? yes (yeah) ...yes...

You got ordained....and you kow you can speak a little bit about that..but i just wanted to get from your perspective..how would you define who a Christian is or a child of God in this day and age? What do you say when people ask you what religion are you? What's your take?

DV: Well, a Christian is....you know...according to the doctrine of the word.....once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and you have gone through a public denouncing of the physical man and all other religion and all other beliefs...through the physical baptism, which is a symbol...baptism doesn't save us...you know...the symbol... that you are doing away with the world and you are following Christ, that's what the term Christian is, or believer...in that sense. So once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and you have accepted that you are a sinner...you are saved through the blood and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are saved according to the precepts in the word...You are a Christian. But as it relates to your walk with Christ, that's a journey. Alot of people have different concepts and have different perceptions of what the believer's lifestyle should be like. I think that is.....ah I guess I am zeroing in on that aspect of your quesiton.....alot of poeople have different concepts and different perceptions...like i said...a different way of approaching and seeing things...and it's kind of...you know....once you stick with the word... then you can't go wrong. It's a wide..it's a big...it's a huge... elaborative topic that we could spend hours on...because of how I said....as we say in jamaica...how ticklish the topic is... It's very sensitive....but in my understanding...once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour...and you have opened up your heart to him...and then live now.....this is my thing...live now...live according to his word...Because without the word...then we won't have anything to live by. Paul talks about... before grace...there was the law, what the law did...the law kept us in alignment with the will of God, which prepared the way for grace and when grace came, grace came as a substitute for the law through Christ. So now, all of the precepts of the word still applies...the principles of the word and the lifestyle that Christ portrayed when he was on the earth. And how the disciples lived...and moved....that is the way of a true, authentic Christian...according to the will...well according to the word. So my overall understanding of the walk with Christ in alignment with being a Christian woul be someone who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savioir...someone who has gone through the process of water baptism which is a symbol of declaration to the world...that you are serving Christ and also living by the undiluted word of God..that's my..... understanding of a Christian.

TRPM:And I think ...you know....the reality is...I truly believe that's what it is in it's essence..To as many who believe on my [his] name to them gave he power to become

sons...simple as that...Amen.....Praise God...So...gonna move on to the next question.....I know that you got ordained a while back..speak a bit on that...and tell us how that has added to your ministry...and how that service has been thus far...

DV: Well...you know Paul said...I become all things to all men that I may win some...He was also a Roman citizen, which gave him the right to do a lot of things and gave him privileges in his time. There was an incident as we read and we know...they locked him up and when they found out that he was a Roman citizen they begged him to just please go...because of what could happen to them because they touch a Roman. It's almost like...if you are an American citizen...you kinda have that level of protection from your country...So as a result of that, Paul was able to do more. He had more leverage to do more... because he had that right...I brought that up to say that...in this day and age...as I travel different parts of the world...I understand how the system works...And you know in the Caribbean you don't really need certain certification to preach the gospel, but in different countries it's not like that. You have to have some form of accreditation...some form of formal written...or like I said accreditation...that you have to go through to show that you are eligible to bring the word of God. Therefore, I went ahead and pursued further into the studying of the word and got a license in Evangelism and also a Chaplain, which gives me the right to preach wherever I go, with the license that I have. I was also accredited a license of Ambassador of Christ... What that means is, I am now fully legal in the system backed by the United Nations, to go into every part of the world and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ with the license and the Ambassadorship accreditation that I have. So what that did for me was...it gave me the human right to minister what God has already ordained me to do.

TRPM: ...I want to shift a little bit...What's coming to me... is you have a song where you sing and you say...that... even if you can't preach the word...you have to act it out...Every time I hear that song...I'm just like...that is so profound....You know I was having a conversation with someone the other day and the young lady was like..."you know....there is coming time when they are going to do away with the Bible....we are not gonna be able to read our Bibles...we're not gonna be able to do this and that and the other...we are not gonna have access and all these kind of things"And you know.....I understood even in that moment...I said to her...even if...(I started to sing that song)...and I tell her girl....."if yah cyan preach de word...yah haffi act it out"...You got to live...you have to know and do...and be a representation of who God is. I just want you to speak about the inspiration for that song...and the story behind that song....

DV: Well..it's a true story of my life...it was a period in my life where I was asked not to preach any more at a particular church...because I don't know how to...as we say...I'm from Jamaica..so I have to use terms that I know...or phrases that I know...I don't know how to compromise right...but...I don't know how to go easy...as we say...you know...is either go hard or go home.....Christ has done so much in my life...and he has blessed my entire life so much...that I can't give him less than I am giving him...It is always 100%...and I decided that I'm gonna go all out for him. Around 2010..11..12...13...around that period of time...I moved from my hometown in Portland. In 2011..12 I moved to another Parish...so I was preaching there...doing street ministry...I was doing evangelism, deliverance services, prophetic services...a whole lotta stuff was happening...in and around that....The anointing grew fast..and more powerful as the months go by. It was so much so...that the transformation of my physical appearance...then came into play...then my voice started changing...when the Holy Spirit takes over... and people were getting healed...people were getting delivered. A lot of these miracles were happening in people's life and...I remember they brought me into a meeting and they said..."You know that...we are concerned, because when you get into that voice we don't understand it...so we can't allow you to preach in our pulpits anymore...because of how you know...that voice... when it comes".....And they gave me an option to compromise... they said, "Look...if you don't speak in that voice anymore then we will allow you to preach." I had to rebuke them right there and then...openly...because I rather to serve God and die than to be alive and serving and doing what people want me to do. So when they told me that, I can remember clearly it was a Wednesday night. They brought me to the meeting and they said to me Brother Vale or Minister Vale...I can't remember...and they told me that they won't allow me to preach anymore because I am scaring people...people have become afraid of me... because when I get into that voice...my physical appearance looks different and they don't understand it...they can't comprehend it...so therefore, they are gonna to ask me to not preach anymore. They won't allow me to preach...and are gonna take me off of their roster...and everything...and so on....That same night...I think it was 2012..I was there...I went home that night and wrote this song...it took me about 15mins. It was something that came up over and over...it took me 15mins....to write this song..and the rest is history....

TRPM: It's a very very powerful song...something so deep and profound said in such a simple way...but you know..I think it's the essence...or something that hits right at the core of a true believer. A person who understands that no matter what the circumstance is...If I could just live...you know...as he says to live...that's the best service...that you could ever do. So even if we can't go into the buildings...even if...It doesn't matter.

Whatever it is that the world may present to us, no matter what kind of opposition we may face..If we could just live...be as he says inspite of the world..I'm telling you...I think that's where our true victory and triumph actually lies. So definitely encourage you to keep pressing on.

Now we are going to shift to the music part...of course...I know you've releaseed quite a bit of songs...You've done an album....I know when I met you...you had a full album..."*Spiritual Warfare*"...and all dem different things...and I still love that song...I don't want to say that it's one of your best songs ever...but I really like "*Spiritual Warfare*"...and there's another one..oh my goodness...oh boy...anyway it's not coming to me right this second...but any how...I know you've recently done "*The Collab*". so talk to me about your musical journey in terms of the songs you've written, person's you've worked with and where you're going next.

DV: ...I started writing music a long time ago...and I was told that I should stop because I don't really sound good...haaa...so I did..I did...in the early 2000's before the tens...and then I stopped. After I got anointed...I started writing again and some of the songs for my first album came through those journeys, the journey that I've been through. The first album "*Blood A Jesus*", I wrote all the songs...co-wrote some of the songs with other Artists that were featured on my first album as well. The experience there was really an amazing experience. I did a lot of...what I would have preached...Alot of what I would have preached I would write into melodies and make them into music afterwards. So that was like the action behind the first album. I preached and I write...so I had a whole long list of songs...I eventually chose 16 songs to make the first album. To me, that was a great journey of my life which took me to a different level in my life, brought me in connecting with alot of people, great people...You are one of those great persons that I met during the course of my time...I remember when I met you in 2015, when I came to Antigua for the first time...and then my album was actually released in 2016...so you had some of the singles leading up to the album. And so from that now...kinda generated the awareness of who Di Anointed Vale is. We have done the hard work, we've done a few music videos and we went all out..we went real hard...in terms of getting the music publicized, getting it out there. At one point I was signed to a record label as you would have known...which also helped in terms generating that awareness to my musical career. Thanks to the J.I.F.E Music Group of course in that aspect of my development and then from that now...we would have launched out as an Independent Company. Independent Artist presently launching my second album, "*The Collab*", which has been hitting a whole lot of new revenue in terms of plays and appreciation for the album and the message on it. It's just an amazing experience I

am having right now..

TRPM: Great...great....great...Oh I'm remembering the song now.."Nah give up!" Yes..yes [singing].."say me nah give up"...

DV: You know...Yeah man...that is actually one of my biggest motivational songs for the last five...six years of my life. It has been a song that has kept me going because you know sometimes you really feel like giving up...and you know really, if you do a song name "*Nah give up*" you can't give up...hahaa...So it has been one of those motivational songs for me...

TRPM: Bless the Lord...Bless the Lord....I know you recently had your Album Launch..It had DJ Nicholas, Christafari, Shawn English, I believe....Keron D'Furnace [Yeah...D'Furnace]..Yes...D'Furnace was there as well.....and a whole heap of other Artists....Just give us a whole run down of how that went and what you have next in store in terms of "*The Collab*". World Tour...What??

DV:We're always going forward...The Album Launch was really great...People came out and support me....I was expecting more...but a lot of people came out and they really supported what we're doing..the movement...because right now "*The Collab*" is not just a song ..it's not just an album but it's a movement. It's a movement of togetherness coming from Matthew 18 verse 20 where Christ says, that where two or three are gathered..touching anything concerning him...he's in the midst...You know..and you sense the level of unity from my album launch leading up to the tour..'cause we have started.... The last three weeks we have kicked off the South America Tour...cause you know Guyuan is huge...so we doing...major cities in different regions...we're doing tour concerts...What I am doing now is more of a collaborative thing since the album is called "*The Collab*". I am collaborating with three and four and five and six churches...Usually I would go into one of the Mega Churches and do different stuff for the Project..and I realize the level of emptiness, the level of segregation, the level of self-centeredness that is being in the industry and in christiandom as we say..for years...I realize we can do better and better, which means sacrifice. It takes one to really go out there.Bob Marley was one man even though he had a team. He was one man who went out with a vision for Reggae Music and today he is a Legend who is celebrated in all the earth because of the impact that he had on Reggae Music and the world. So we have some of these, Martin Luther King...his vision, his journey that impacted a whole nation of people, a whole race of people...you understand me...to move forward. So I beleve that it only takes one with a vision and the persistence attitude, like we spoke about earlier..If you don't know yourself, you don't know who you are,

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going. If you
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purpose...you won't
know what you're
doing. And I believe that
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pose to do this. "The Collab" is
collaboration, it's togetherness,
it's UNITY in all caps, Hashtag as
well...because we want people to un-
derstand that we can do it...we can do it
together. Together we can become stronger
against the plans of the enemy, against the
things that the devil has planted in our indus-
tries, in our lives, in our homes, to make us believe
that we can't thrive together as believers, as men
doing the same job or having the same career. So "The
Collab" really is about that...it's about getting out there,
making the sacrifice, it's about getting the Churches, the Art-
ists and the Radio Personalities. It has been so impactful...that
for the first two legs of the tour that we have been on...Pastors
do come to me and say, "Vale...you know in the history of me
living in the country and living in this area...this has never hap-
pened where so many churches come together to do one event,
to do one thing", and relationships...ah talking right now an' me
ah tell you say...goose bumps bouncing off ah mi hand...!cause
I could see the passion in the Pastor's eyes and I knew that the
vision is out there. And you know he is like, yo...we're gonna keep
this collab, we're gonna put it out there, we're gonna keep the
energy, we're gonna keep the atmosphere, we're gonna keep
that same spirit...Because what we could not have done before
is now possible through the collab. Therefore, we're not gonna
just leave it but we're gonna go out and we're gonna continue
to meet as Pastors, we're gonna continue to meet as Leaders
and we're gonna do more things together. To hear these things
after the tour you know you would have accomplished some-
thing. Even in another region where I went a Pastor said for all
of his life that he has lived...he has never seen this level of unity
among churches. Before people would call for them to do events
and when they're doing their church fundraiser stuff nobody
would come and some churches would never come out....He was
even shocked...to see the level of unity that came through this
tour. And these are some of the testimonies that I have heard
thus far and we are in our third week of the tour right now...and
we have done the major cities in each region. So I believe that

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definitely going
to be accomplished
because so far it has
been a blessing.

TR^{PM}: Awesome...
wow...I'm inspired...I
can feel it...this is powerful...this is
powerful. And it speaks so much to
what God is saying right now because
even the organization that my ministry is
a part of...which is Anointed Remnant Global
Assemblies we're actually speaking about unity
in this season...and you know that is something
God has been impressing upon us. With you coming
out with "The Collab" and all of that...I mean...it's just
Kingdom...I just think that's just kingdom straight across
the board and there's no other way to do it but together. All

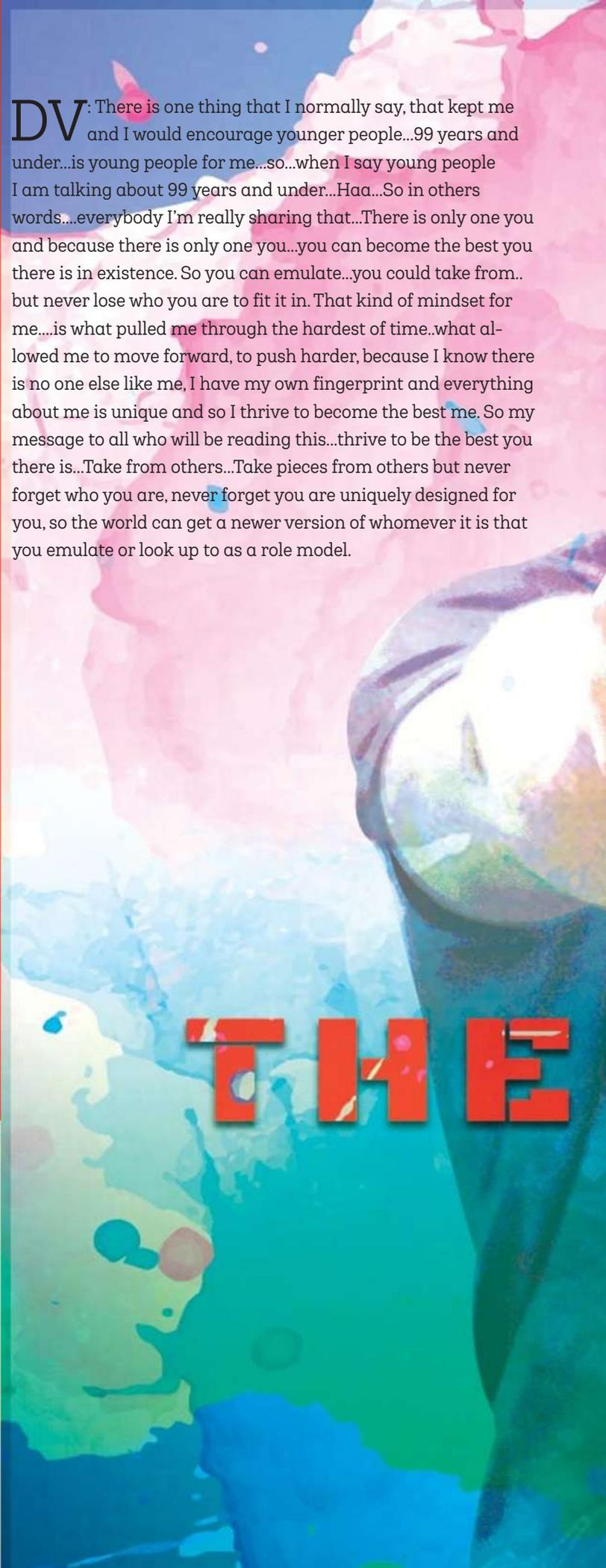
the gifts, all the offices, everybody working together....all the ministries...every area, everybody just working together with one common purpose...I think that's very important...

I cannot close without asking you about your own collab...in terms of your lovely wife...Amen...[HaaHaa...] that's the biggest collaboration right there...[HaaHaa...] Yeah your lovely wife...and it's two little Vale you have right now..it's two right...? [Haa..Yeah two Vale...one girl...one boy...]Talk to me a bit about collab on the home front.

DV: Meeting my wife and allowing her to understand more about who she is and more about her purpose as a help meet, as the word puts it....kinda make things much easier...and then we grew over time...We're almost five years now [Wow...].and so because of that...yeah man...[Time flies...] ..five years now...Yeah time really flies trust me...from yah wink...we'd be ten and fifteen years and growing up...She's a very inspiring person and a very, very good help in terms of ministry and the way forward to the ministry...and a huge support of the ministry. My wife is a fan...so she's not just a wife...she is a fan...of my music and ministry...so you know her support is 100%. The whole move of the family is togetherness....I can't be speaking of collaboration and togetherness and unity if that doesn't first start with family or at home...So I'm a big..big fan of that aspect of my life and making sure that everything in that aspect of my life is good...I rarely talk of this aspect of my life...because it's like the only part of my life I have for myself...[Ohhh....understood..] the rest of my life is out there in the limelight....No..no...no...I'm just saying you know...just generally speaking...I don't... because I try to keep as much privacy as possible...where my life is concerned outside of the ministry, which is like 5%...you understand me....But family is good and in support of what I'm doing....She behind me...If I say we going here...you know she'll be like alright then, if God is saying that's what you need to do or where you need to go then I am behind you 100%... She doesn't just say that in words but in actions as well...We've been through a whole lot of down time and up time, celebration time, a time to cry, time when you feel like giving up, the whole nine yards. She's been here a while you know...so we would have experienced different journeys together...So generally speaking she has been a great support and has allowed me to become a better man, become a better musician, a better Artist, a better Minister of the Gospel...because of her support. And I believe that the purpose in which God has created for has been accomplished and is being accomplished as we move from one year to the next in our walk with Christ...

TRPM: Is there...any impressive message that you would like to share with our future readers...out there...

DV: There is one thing that I normally say, that kept me and I would encourage younger people...99 years and under...is young people for me...so...when I say young people I am talking about 99 years and under...Haa...So in others words...everybody I'm really sharing that...There is only one you and because there is only one you...you can become the best you there is in existence. So you can emulate...you could take from.. but never lose who you are to fit it in. That kind of mindset for me....is what pulled me through the hardest of time..what allowed me to move forward, to push harder, because I know there is no one else like me, I have my own fingerprint and everything about me is unique and so I thrive to become the best me. So my message to all who will be reading this...thrive to be the best you there is...Take from others...Take pieces from others but never forget who you are, never forget you are uniquely designed for you, so the world can get a newer version of whomever it is that you emulate or look up to as a role model.



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the man and the message

NAYCHA K.I.D

A life lived without passion is unaccompanied by an undeniable force of fortitude that is crucial for anything meaningful to leave an indelible mark of difference. This is what Junior Edwards, p.k.a “Naycha K.I.D - (Knowledge Increases Daily)”, truly grasps and that is why he has become so relentless in his desire to *“Take de Gospel to dah world!”*

TRPM was able to meet up with Naycha K.I.D after his historic culture stirring achievement as a finalist in the recently held Groovy Monarch Competition for Antigua & Barbuda’s Carnival 2019. It’s all about the this famous four letter word, Love the inherent power it has to transform the lives all those are willing to embrace it.



the man and the message

TR PM: How are life these days?

Na ycha K.I.D: Good in God!

TR PM: How would you describe Naycha K.I.D?

Na ycha K.I.D: Passionate for the things of God and eager for knowledge to share... and a man who really wan' know who God is and to see his manifesation live on the earth, in my life and in the life of his people. That is Naycha K.I.D man...just one fire for God, love people, love God.

TR PM: What is one of the greatest lessons you have learned in the past two years or so?

Na ycha K.I.D: God's mission for you might not always line up with man's will for you. That's a life lesson...that God's mission don't always line up with what man assess you to be or what man want you to be...His will for your life won't always line up with that ah ah tarl... [Haaa...]

TR PM: But you know...at the end of the day...whose will are you going to choose? [*The Most High will and his way alone*] That's right...It's like He told Isaiah, who will go for us? He said here I am, send me...so wherever he sends you that's where you go...Whatever he tells you to do...that's what you do...Man's opinions..are just what they are at the end of the day... opinions.

I've been following your music, your ministry over the years from inception...your first song, well..that I know of...it was not the first song you ever wrote...but I remember "Lion Paw"...that was my first introduction to you as a Gospel Artist...and now over the years you have come to write songs like, "*The Love Of Jehovah*", even the nice groove...*Pit Pat*..."*I Love My Jesus More*"... [Yeaaa...] that song is classic. You've written songs like....I said the The Love of Jehovah right?...Yes...The Love Of Jehovah, we have "*Praise Avenue*", "*Give God the Praise*"..we come now

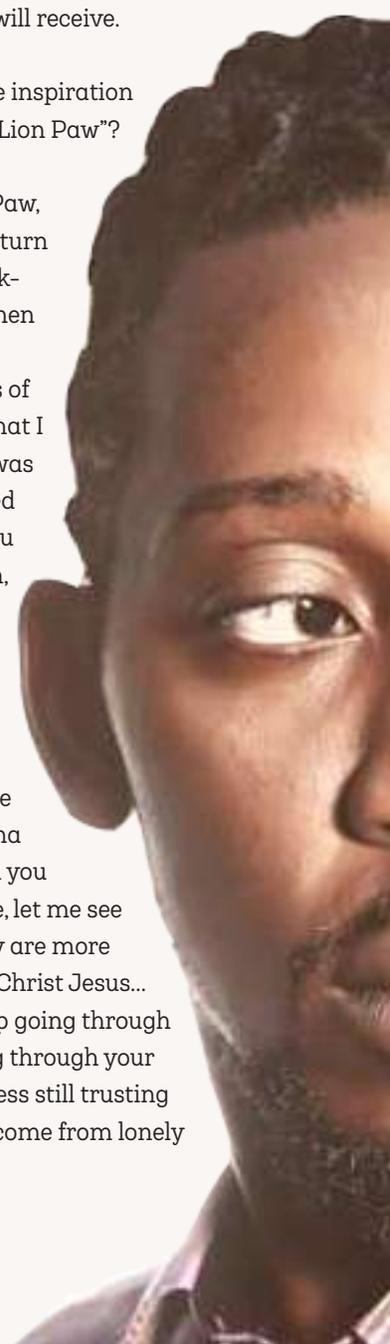
with "*True Love*" [*I've Got Love*]...and yes, "*I've Got Love*" and "*Faithful*"...Oh, I love that song....that song...yes...yes...yes!

How would you say....your music and your ministry has evolved over the years from since you've started?

Na ycha K.I.D: Like in everything...every child of God must follow the will of the Father in his life..so for me the evolution is Christ taking me from glory to glory. I am just here for the ride...learning from the ride...learning from the journey and testifying about the journey that I am on as an Artist, as a child of God doing music ministry. I'm just in awe of what the Father is doing and what he will continue to do. It's just more relations. The closer me and him get the more music you guys will receive.

TR PM: What was the inspiration behind the song "Lion Paw"?

Na ycha K.I.D: Lion Paw, that was before I turn Christian, that was a breaking point for me....that's when everybody deserted me, in the secular world, in terms of musicians and the band that I went with. And that song was telling me, like yo...you need to be strong...because if you serve the Conquering Lion, the Lion is within you... So other than saying put your hands up...I say let me see your lion paw... It's just basically saying look, no matter what you're going through..you're gonna always be victorious when you raise your hand..So it's like, let me see those who testify that they are more than conquerers through Christ Jesus... now putting your hands up going through your tests and trials, going through your tribulations but nevertheless still trusting God. Yeah man that song come from lonely place.



TRPM: Let's fast forward...The inspiration or the story behind the song, "The Love of Jehovah", that collaboration that you did with Antoniette.

Naycha K.I.D: That song there is just a warm song...that song, the Holy Spirit rest that on me...Reading that.. God is love..I was reading that love is patient, love is kind... realizing that me of myself didn't have much of these things and I say that I love...So this was a journey that the Holy Spirit... ordained by the Father to send me on. That was the beginning of my love affair with God and people..and really loving people, meaning you have to have a lot of patience with them. You have to be longsuffering with them, you have to be kinder with them...so the fruits of the Spirit, the characteristics of love, it's all manifested in me as I minister this song on a daily basis because the world need love. The world indeed need love...And the thing about it...we say we love the world but trust me...we far from it...so this song is totally inspired by the Holy Spirit and it took me, it was my stepping stone...to start being a son of God, start being a steward of his word...so this was where things started coming together for me as a child of God.

TRPM: Who are some of the persons that have inspired you over the years..to keep going? Not just in music but just in life in general.

Naycha K.I.D: My wife and sons, people. People that say...that look, you're songs have been a blessing to me...that was encouragement. Basically, people, people who the songs ministered to...The Holy Spirit usually send them back to give me a word of encouragement.. to say continue doing what you're doing...It's not conclusive to a specific set of people, but it's people in general...and I must say thanks to them for obeying the Holy Spirit to come and encourage me...

TRPM: So now that you mentioned your wife as one of your influences...How did you guys meet?

Naycha K.I.D: Aw..boy...this fourteen year old story....She used to work at this shoe place....I went up there to visit one of our friends around the carnival time..she was supposed to sponsor me some flags...So I'm going up there now and I meet her...and that was it...I made a rough joke with her not knowing that she would have been Mrs. Edwards. And I make and joke with her and that was it. The Father was preparing me for her and we courted for six months and in the next six months she was Mrs. Edwards.

TRPM: You see that is what I am talking about...When you know!! Fourteen years later...

What has that fourteen years taught you about life itself? What has it taught you about love, what has it taught you about relationships, faithfulness...all those things?

Naycha K.I.D: Faithfulness is always a part of me...that was just one of my characteristics..that came naturally for me. I didn't have to force for that. And knowing the right woman, see what she has been through...we had a lot of miscarriages with her kids..so seeing what she been through now it concretize me to see her character and her character really made me a different person. But most of it was very rocky... it was a sweet rocky relationship...The enemy was working overtime in the relationship...a lot of arguments, fights, and the thing about it is, it wasn't behind close doors, it was in the public...and that was the hard part. But we always shake ourself up and come together. And again...in the midst of "The Love Of Jehovah", the song...just after that...the Holy Spirit say alright... Naycha...see what is the reason....We realized that we had a similar past, no father in the house, the last of the parents, her mom did the same work, my mom did the same work and we both had the same anger issues and we just decide that hey, this stupidity have to stop. This is not nothing but a very small situation and we work on it...and you know trust me, you know Satan always try to make a small thing look big, always bring ideas and story in your head so...we sit down...and right now to be honest we having the best relationship ever!! We always had it but it was just those rockiness that used to sway things off balance. But right now..that's my soldier...Yeah man...she always was..but is now that ...real gelling...Now we realize what love is... Love is not emotional..we get rid of the emotions...So when it try to come up now...we mature enough now..to slay it...because we know love is commitment and not the emotional part of it.

TRPM: How many kids you have? Four?



Naycha K.I.D: Three boys...I call them my Hebrew boys...

TRPM: Three Hebrew boys...I like that...What has raising them taught you about Fatherhood?

Naycha K.I.D: To be honest...raising them it has brought me closer to God...it helped to solidify my relationship with God knowing that these kids they just get up, and they're hungry and they get things to eat. The Father has blessed us with a home...and that's one aspect of it. It helps me to see that myself, who has had evil thoughts at times or have evil intentions at times can provide for these three boys, what about my Father who is the creator of everything? You know and the bible speaks about it...What would he give me also? Raising them is a joy...and sometimes I would be a little harsh on them but the harshness comes within reason...because I don't want them to grow up to be church boys or religious boys. I want them to be sons, sons of the Most High. That part of it...to break the culture that we are all accustomed to...and teach them everything that I know. I don't force it down their throat, I spoon feed them until they are mature enough to eat by themselves. So for now the relationship is good with those boys and raising them up has taught me and them alot...so it's hand wash hand relationship with me and them.

TRPM: Is there any present issue within our nation or region that you would like to see change?

Naycha K.I.D: I would like to see the church become more active in Antigua & Barbuda. I hear some people have been doing some good stuff in certain parts of the earth...but in Antigua we need to do much more...not only in Antigua...in the entire Caribbean. The culture of the true Church...meaning the people...the denominations...I think

we really need to revisit the Bible, seek deeply, and seek sincerely, seek with a passion, and I know my God will show them as he has showed me...that we need to do more. We need to do more to bring his glory in this earth. The culture of the Church needs to change. The true Church has changed,...but amongst them there is this spirit of the sanhedrin of the Scribes and Pharisees fully functioning and that is overshadowing the good works that the Church is doing. I think we should really need to call upon the Holy Spirit to receive that boldness and come out and do the will of God.

TRPM: I believe you...I agree...Tell me the top three most important things in your life.

Naycha K.I.D: In my life? The things that govern my life? Well of course, The Most High, my family and both the works of The Most High and my regular day job.

TRPM: What's next for you on this journey of Music and Ministry? Where do you see yourself in the next five, ten fifteen years?

Naycha K.I.D: One of the most honest answers I'm gonna give... is I've never seen myself projected in the future as music carrying me or me doing music or music...but Ministry, in terms of my life...I see it as a little mustard seed at the moment. In the next ten years I want it to grow enough that I am attracting the birds of the air, meaning the Ministry can be of help to somebody, not just through music but literally a helping hand to people. That's my dream...and when it comes to my music, as usual, I always wait until I'm directed, always wait, that's one thing I never force, never force it...always until I'm directed. For my life's ministry...I want it to be a big plant in the next couple of years that it can house people and glory of God be shown in my life.

TRPM: Who are some of the persons that have contributed to the man that you are today and the Artist that we have come to love?

Naycha K.I.D: Robert Nesta Marley...honestly...His drive to carry Reggae Music and Rastafari to the world...and I seek that same drive to carry Yeshua...you know who guys call Jesus, to the world, he was a mentor in my life. Next is my Mother and after that my wife. Her stick-to-it-tiveness, never gave up as a woman by herself with six children, never gave up...that was my mark...and I look up to that mark. My wife she was the one...I see some characteristics in her that bring out a better man in me...yeah...Those are the three main persons...Everyone else can on and do their part for a season...and I received from them in their season. The people who are constantly there...the one person who gave me the drive to continue to carry on the gospel is Robert, my mother for her strength and my wife for her character...Anyone else is just seasonal...came, imparted and I bless them...yeah.

TRPM: I cannot do this interview and not ask you about this particular matter. I am not going to ask you why you entered but why do you think there was resistance?

Naycha K.I.D: Culture...Culture is the people mindset...the way they function...that's their culture, the customary things that they are doing..... Let me just call it the Church because the wheat and tares must grow...I don't know who is who...but we know a lot of them within there is the Church. They are not accustomed to these things. To me they don't have a good relationship with God so the resistance comes from them not knowing that we are peculiar individuals, the scripture calls us peculiar, a royal priesthood...So when you're given peculiar things you get results...What

they deem as new is normal in the eyes of God, like how Christ spit in the mud...twingle up the mud and put it on the person eye...He could have simply said, "See"...He visited the publican's house, which is the tax collector, called a man like Peter who called himself a man of unclean lips...He dwelled in the midst of the twelve and knew he had a Judas and he didn't do anything... The Apostles walking through crowd and their shadow healing people...these are peculiar things. He said, this new commandment I give you...to love the Lord thy God with all your heart and soul...and the second is love your neighbour as you love yourself...And we all know we can't chose our neighbours...cause some of our neighbours can't be nice...So he says, even if, even if these people that we call unsaved and crazy...these people have a spirit...It's the spirit of a man that drives a man...and these spirits that drives them can be expelled, just how my own was expelled...their own can come out....through hearing, hearing of the word of God. And one thing I love about Christ is that he was always hands on with people, and a lot of them, they are not hands on any more....It's appointment, and for them to answer you have to call them by their correct names....so it's mainly the Scribes and Pharisee thing so it don't bother me. And I remember that these are same ones who were shouting, "Hosana, Hosana" to Christ and then in the next couple weeks they saying, "Crucify him", like what they are doing to me now. So it don't phase me...they don't phase me....It's just that I know many of them are annoyed. They know the letter which killeth... but they don't know this grace of the word.

TRPM: It's so true...It's so true...When I really look at the whole situation it makes me wonder...because if God says to us to, "Go into all of the world," ...it makes wonder...I'm perplexed as what their perception is of "the world...What do they consider to be "all of the world". Is it all of the world at their "building"...when all of the world means in every place. I read in the scriptures where it says that God's dominion is in every single place . So I don't see it as a strong enough argument to say well, if I go across the street over here where there happens to be some people engage in ungodly activity that somehow, God won't be able to keep me over here...So I got to stay on this side of the street...because God doesn't have no power over there. That's how its registering to me, like God doesn't have enough power over here. (That' how it register..) like God ain't that great a God. He's great when we in church having service but he ain't great over there....Sounds strange...

Naycha K.I.D: Daniel in Babylon, Joseph in Egypt, the three Hebrew boys inna de fire, the fourth man inna de fire..you ask him anything in his name and he will grant your desire...No bader wid dem man...we love them still...they got some things that need to get fixed up. All of us are a work in progress...

TRPM: That is true....I guess it's a challenge for everybody to really examine what they're really doing...If they are really serving, really fulfilling what God has actually called them to do or if they are hiding behind their labels and their titles and this and that...(This open my eyes)

Naycha K.I.D: This open my eyes....I see how we lacking...and we found wanting...this open my eyes....Love them still...

TRPM: Ok my last question for you...What is your favourite scripture?

Naycha K.I.D: One of them is in the book of John...where it clearly says, "By this you will know that you are disciples if you show love one to another.." that's proof we know who we are....and in the book of John...1 John again..."If you do not love....you know not God for God is love..." so if we don't get that right? The commandment says we must love one unto another....that's very important...on these basis the entire law is governed under. If we love we not gonna kill, if we love we not gonna cheat, if we love we not gonna be bombarding people..."we bring you a tent....bring you' all offering"...because love cover it all. Until we realize that...we sit in darkness.





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BY ROCK GONG

I had recently changed my address to a new room in a shared house and I wanted to paint my bedroom as it had walls that were plain, standard issue magnolia, and a little dirty from wear. In my mind I am sometimes an artist, so I was not ready or easily satisfied to cover my walls with just any colour from the limited selection from the 'paints in the shop'. I didn't like or want any of the obvious colours they had on their menu. They didn't touch my soul.

Close to my new address was a retail park, and in it a large home improvements store. So I went there one afternoon to buy myself some tools and other equipment, and some paint. Fortunately for me, in this large department store, I came across a machine that could mix paints to create any colour I could imagine, and any colour I wanted. Perfect! But I couldn't figure out how to make the machine work. It was a giant contraption, full of pipes, moving parts and complicated instructions, so I looked around the store to ask for some help. To my surprise, and in such a large warehouse, there was no member of staff to be found. At least, they did not make themselves available. I

re-visited the machine.

Although I have a technical mind, I just didn't get it. So I wandered the corridors of the warehouse once more to look for help. When I did find someone who worked there, and asked him to guide me (not to do the work, just to point me in the right direction, or just to get me started), he reacted very angrily and with his abrasive gesturing, he turned (not to me) but towards that paint mixing machine muttering under his breath. I took from that that he didn't like to work with the paint machine. I followed, hoping to keep up with what he was about to show me. He didn't show me. By the time we returned to the machine there was a small queue of equally puzzled customers, and they seemed happy to form a line to watch us and learn how to mix their own paints on their own.

The man I found, still grumbling muttering under his breath, steaming and bellowing in general, flapped open this compartment and then, from time to time reminding himself how to use the machine from the instructions there. He grabbed an empty tin and filled it

Story

fairly close to the brim with a base paint. At that point he turned to face me. He barked a question to me about which colour I wanted. I had already identified the colour most close to that in my mind on a chart next to the machine and gently placed my request. He roughed the machine again to add this paint then that... from a large dose of a pale base, a dollop of yellow and a squirt of red to aim for a golden sunset. All the while, his aggressive movements and frustration were watched by our tense line - all customers, including myself, not wishing to demand more than the absolute minimum in our needs of support.

After all this, he opened the safety door to a centrifuge and jammed the mixture in there, slamming the door shut. The countdown complete, it was time to start...the mix. But nothing! The machine wouldn't start. We all watched, perplexed. He lurched and stepped back. Stepped forward again, this time to slam the door open. When he removed the tin the problem was clear. A safety mechanism had prevented the centrifuge from starting because the machine had sensed the lid of the tin was not correctly seated. Next to the machine was a small press, to seal the tin. But our man, in

his haste and frustration didn't have time for that. He seized the tin and smashed his fist into the lid. The tin fired back, with a hearty stream of sunset yellow, through our helpers trousers, chest, face and hair. I turned away...I didn't wish to raise the temperature any further, but behind me everyone waiting had also turned way. None of us made eye contact, at least we tried not to add any fuel to the fury, but we couldn't help it because, really, and in our silent dances, we were bursting.

Eventually another more gentle person turned up to replace our angry man, who had walked away, more quietly this time, to clean his face and hair.

“It was a giant contraption, full of pipes, moving parts and complicated instructions...”



Dish it Out!





Bahamaian native and Gospel Reggae Artist Csavi dishes it out with one of her favourite recipes...Follow the details below and get your Chef slay onnnn....

WHOLE BAKED CHICKEN THE CSAVI WAY!

1. Prep: 10-15 mins

2. Cook: 1hour 30mins (Varies to how you like your chicken cooked)

3. Oven Temperature: 350 – 400 degrees F (Depending on how crispy you want it)

Chicken does taste better marinated over night but it still tastes great overall

Ingredients

Whole Chicken (Clean inside of chicken)

Herbs

Seasoning of your choice

Lemon

Vegetable Oil

Of course we want to make sure cooking area and hands are clean. You don't have to but I poke holes in the chicken with a fork or knife so that when I clean and season my chicken everything goes beyond the skin.

Clean chicken with water and vinegar (Throw away water afterwards)

Cut lemon in four pieces

Squeeze lemon and rub into chicken thoroughly

Season inside of chicken with a little bit of salt and black pepper or any seasoning of choice but not too heavy.

Get about three garlic cloves and crush it and put it on the inside of chicken

Place half of onion on the inside of chicken

Tie the chicken legs together (not really necessary)

Season outside of chicken with preferred seasoning. I use (salt, black pepper, garlic powder, paprika, thyme and lemon pepper. Sometimes I create mixtures of other seasonings when I'm feeling fancy and creative.

Rub seasoning all over chicken nice and good

Take vegetable oil and rub on chicken. I give the chicken an extra massage with oil just because. (For me the oil keeps it from getting dried out)

Place chicken in baking pan and tuck in the wings under the chicken

Bake for 1 hour 20 mins or until chicken starts to brown and looks fancy.

Take chicken out and baste the chicken with the drippings/juice that is in the pan that came from the chicken.

Make sure its evenly distributed on the chicken. You can eat the chicken if it's well cooked. I usually put it back in the oven at a lower temperature to keep chicken moist for another 10 minutes.

I repeat the baste process and then let it cool.

Remove onion from inside and serve with rice and other sides.

I like this recipe cause it's a quick dish to make that can be seasoned many different ways and the left-overs can be used to make a great tasting chicken sandwich.



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“It is Csavi’s belief that her gift will touch the hearts of many...”

These are the words spoken by an evolving talented young lady named “Csavi” (pronounced as “sav-ee”). Not only does she speak those words, but she embraces the message behind them and applies it to her life.

With a determination to excel in all she does having an attitude of gratitude not only brought about maturation to her personality, but it also caused her to evolve into a songwriter, producer, studio engineer, lyricist, musical advisor, voice-over artist and video editor just to name a few.

Csavi continued to expand her engineering, songwriting & production repertoire helping as many as she could find their way on their musical journey. She has worked with many artists locally & internationally.

In 2016 she collaborated, wrote & sang background vocals on a few tracks for the album “Victorious” by

International Reggae Gospel Recording Artist “Gray Patch”. The album won 9 awards in 2017. Gray Patch reached out to Csavi again this time to engineer “Love My Jesus” a gospel reggae/dancehall single featuring King Arthur which later won “Best Reggae Song of The Year” in 2018 at the ABGMA Awards (Antigua, Barbuda Gospel Music Awards).

Lyrical dynamic with attention to detail, Csavi writes from her personal experiences. This allows her fans to connect and embrace the messages in her songs. With hit singles like “All I Need” & “War Chant Joy” she demonstrates her passion for music and her versatility. “War Chant Joy” produced by Achinech Productions gave Csavi a notable position on the Global Reggae Charts at #3 in 2017. In March of 2018, Csavi featured with Heavyweight International Dance-hall Recording Artist Konshens with a much-needed message on

a track entitled “Rude Boy”.

Csavi also featured with Grammy Award Winning duo Sly & Robbie on a single she wrote entitled “Gone Again”. Her recent single “Seeds We Sow”, on the Heart of Reggae Album produced by Nuh Rush Records is creating quite a buzz. Her lyrics and music video for this single brings home a deep message of importance of sowing and reaping.

Now the evolution of this artistic being sets her on the path to success that she was divinely destined for. It is Csavi’s belief that her gift will touch the hearts of many, encouraging them that with Christ you can truly fulfill your destiny. Be sure to get her album “Break Loose” that is available on all digital platforms.

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STYLED BY CAREENA EASTWOOD



Style Blend



Q1: Share a little about yourself...

A: Careena Eastwood is steering the fashion world into a whole new direction, combining fabrics and paints to create a new style of clothing. She aspires to be an acclaimed fashion powerhouse creating designs for women and men that would reflect elegance and "drop-dead" glamour. She officially launched her painted creations last year and took social media by storm with her creative innovations of combining acrylics and fabrics. Her pieces are all unique and different. She prides herself in individuality so none of her pieces are the same, all being one of a kind.

Careena enjoyed art from a young age. She attended the Antigua Girls High School, where in her final year she wrote mostly business subjects along with art, all of which she passed with flying colors, literally. Currently she is in the restaurant industry as a restaurant supervisor at Beachlimerz, she still, however, finds the time to follow her number one dream and passion, which has been in her blood for generations. Being the granddaughter of one of Antigua's highly recognized Designers, she says she is her own individual and although her aspiration and desire is to be a successful Fashion Designer as her grandmother, she wants everyone to see her as her own, creative, exceedingly dedicated and passionate individual.

Q2: How would you describe a true essence of style?

A: The true essence of style is being able to reinvent yourself



with what you have. The way we present ourselves, and the way we combine our different styles in pieces we create are what make us unique

Q3: Tell us your fashion story...What inspired to get into this field?

A: As a young girl in High school, I had always loved arts and craft. I was always in the Art room and clothing and textiles classroom. The love of paints, oils, and fabrics was always fascinating to me. Leaving school, I started working and never really concentrated on art as I thought business was more practical. They always say, "you will never enjoy what you do unless it's something you love and are good at", and this is so true. In my family, generally all of them are good with their hands, so I guess there is where I got my talent, and seeing my grandma in her store and how she creates and recreates various pieces into her own style was always very intriguing to me. Therefore, it goes without saying that being around my grandma made me see my true potential and calling, and helped me build on my own unique style and fashion.

Q4: In this tropical climate of ours...what are some fabrics or "style blends" you believe wear well?

A: Cotton is one the best fabrics for hot weather. Not only is it cheap and vastly available, but also it is great for the heat. Cotton is soft, lightweight, breathable, and soaks up sweat,

allowing heat to escape the body and for you to stay cool. It comes in countless styles and colors, meaning you can find a cotton garment to fit pretty much any need. There are also a variety of cotton blends that have different qualities. Cotton gets pretty wrinkled, but a cotton polyester blend will keep you from having to iron. For me, I love painting on Cotton or polyester as it holds the paint better and doesn't run like chiffon. The paintbrush makes straighter lines and I can make defined designs easily.

Q5: Define your Brand and who is your market?

A: My Brand is Unique Hand Painted Pieces, I don't duplicate a design or artwork I like my clientele to feel unique and as though they stand out!

Q6: What's your signature style as a designer?

A: My signature style as a designer is trying to be unique, innovative, creative and still modern! I try for every piece I paint on to be different whether in color or style. Some clients want replicas I always refuse because for me I hate going out and seeing other is similar outfit! Everyone was made different even twins so why not dress different!

Q7: Do you think it's important to keep up with trends?

A: Of course, Fashion is a word that itself has many hidden aspects. People follow fashion due to various reasons depending on their life style, personality and way of expressing themselves. Some adopt being fashionable as their profession. Following fashion is important to express your identity. When you are young you want to express yourself in front of others and to prove your identity. Most of the girls assume this is only possible by following the latest fashion trends. They express their thoughts and lifestyle by following certain fashion trends. A person's dressing also expresses his/her way of living, which is a part of his/her identity. Fashion does not mean to wear something that is worn by the supermodels. You can combine your clothes according to your own opinion and personality and create your own unique style. In these times of emerging fashion trend.

Q8: Give us some insight in regards to your vision for your brand in the next 10 years...

A: In 10 years I hope to have my own store make, a name for myself, build my brand, and put my island on the map, traveling the world painting unique pieces for well known designers, letting the world know that, yes that little dot on the globe has many talented and unique individuals that have the same drive and passion for their work. Having accomplished these aspirations would be my dream come true!

Q9: What is the best advice you've received thus far and how has it impacted you?

A: Be Unique Careena, Be Different, And Stand Out!
This little piece of advice is what keeps me motivated to keep pushing through it all. The late nights juggling 3 jobs, the loss of sleep, helps keep me pushing to be different, and to make a name of my own. I have to worked hard to be a unique designer, and although sometimes it may be tough, and at times have felt to give-up, I know after all this is done I will reap my rewards and things will get better for me!
"We are all, each and every one, unique in the Universe. And that uniqueness is what makes us valuable."

Q10: Top 3 fashion tips...

1. Develop Your Own Sense of Personal Style

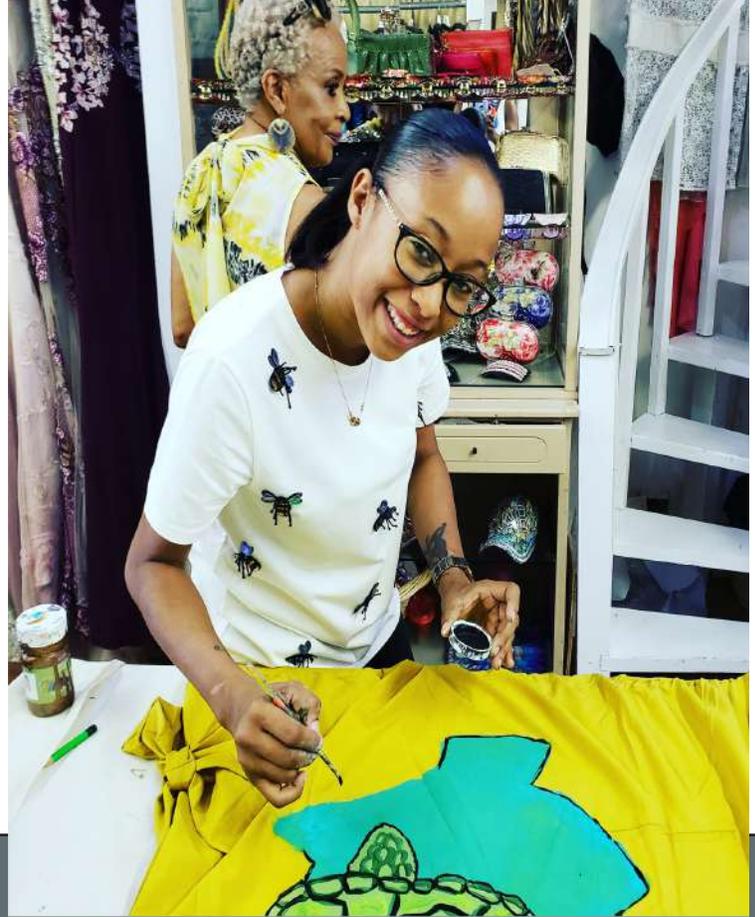
Trends come and go – but that doesn't mean you can't or shouldn't grab hold tightly of the ones that work best for you. Fashion fades, but style is what's eternal. Focus on the cuts you love, what makes you feel and look your best even if it isn't trendy. Your personal style is an extension of your personality so let it shine!

2. Find Your Signature Look

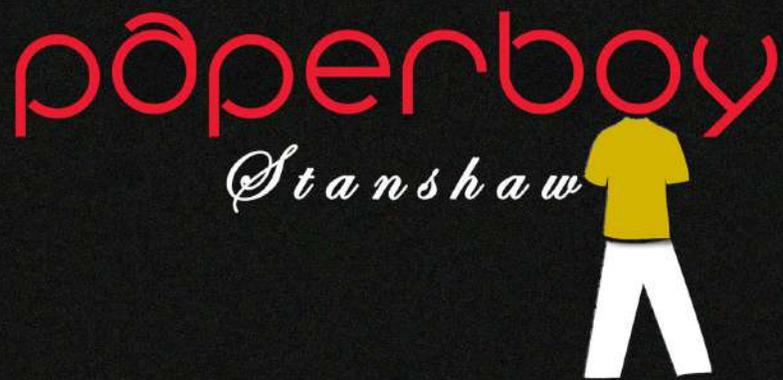
True style is really learning to take a look and make it all your own. Whether you add a personal accessory – like something vintage or ethnic – or you wear a look that's all your own (maybe you like to mix in '80s pieces with modern or you like to wear color-blocked looks everyday) finding your signature style is one of the most rewarding things about really loving fashion.

3. Dress for Your Body Type

Whether you're tall, short, slim or fat, petite, boyish or blessed with curves – dressing in a way that flatters your specific body type will always make you feel more confident and beautiful. Taller women can get away with longer hemlines, while more petite women will want to avoid being swallowed up by what they wear. Always dress in what compliments your body structure.



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