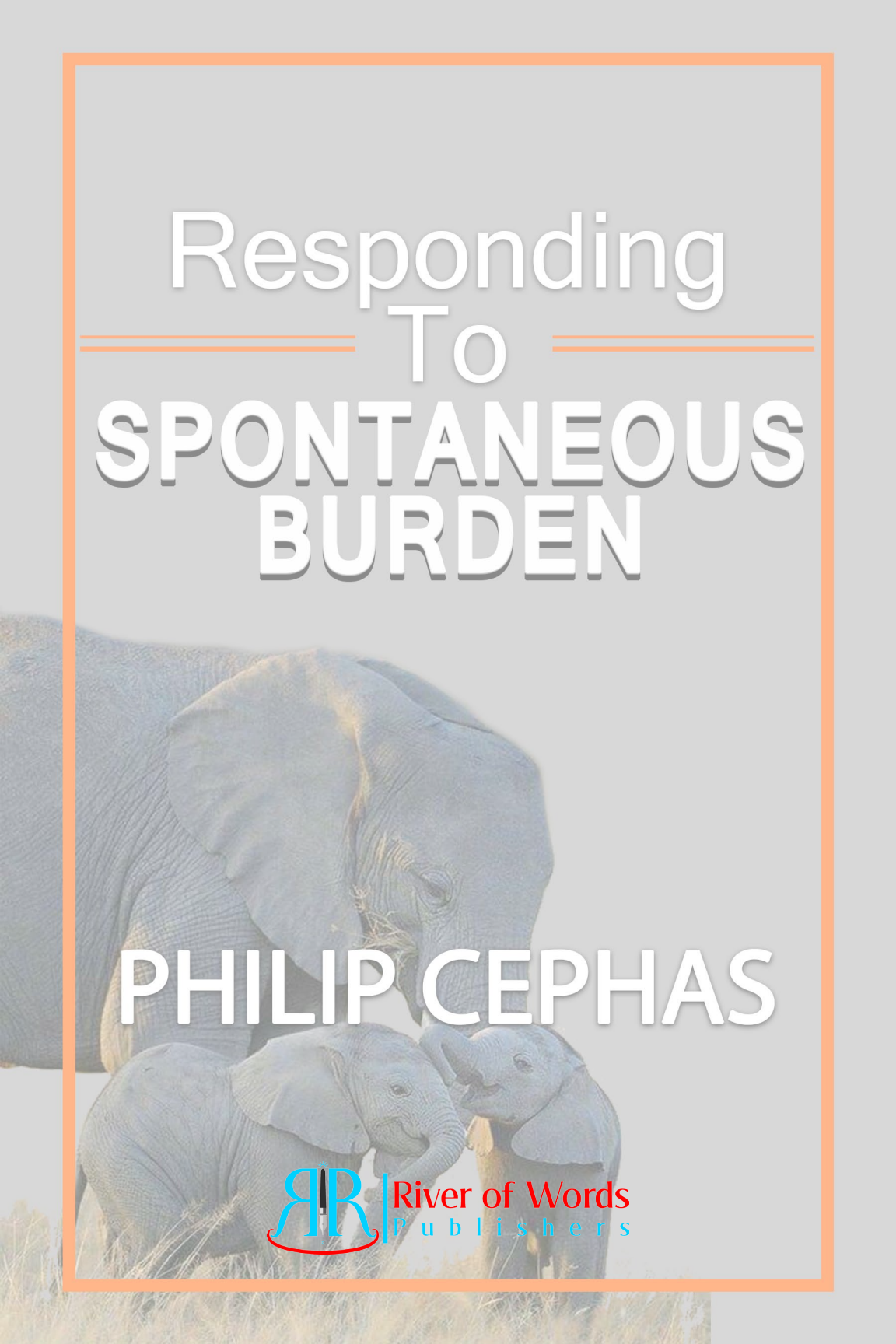


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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to The Lord Jesus Himself! Jesus, I really do want to pour out my life on You! You are the lover of my soul— how I long for your courts and to enter into Your presence. I am a ruined man before you met me and first loved me! Thank you, Jesus!

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RESPONDING TO SPONTANEOUS BURDEN

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Responding to Burden

The easiest way to grow in God as a believer is to respond to the sudden burdens of God impressed upon your heart. The burdens of God may not be timely but spontaneous. These sudden burdens are prompt and paramount for a believer who desires to do profound things and explore new realms in Christ Jesus. A believer needs to sustain and have a specific daily hour and time he/she observes because this will enable one to establish consistency with God. Many believers have become weary, and could not perceive God again; because the devil has studied them to a point that: they are pegged down. The devil knew they will not pray until a time apportioned by them as such he allows them to be spiritual within those moments and come against them afterward. So, you see them very spiritual at their time for prayers while carnal and not having the ability to perceive God when the time is over.

God may not always play according to your designed rule and protocol in the flesh. The procedure you set may be effective at a particular season but, as the season change in the spirit, you will realize that your process is vague and not current according to God's standard. Every genuine seeker of the truth must understand that; the communications of God are herald by a burden, and this may not necessarily be unto prayer. Some may be to study, fast, or to be obedient towards representation and witnessing on behalf of God. With that, it becomes more strategic

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to respond to the spontaneous burden upon your spirit seasoned by God upon your heart. We have always known the way of sacrifice, which is true but; have neglected the path of obedience and priesthood. Indeed, God cannot prosper a disobedient man no matter his zeal. A disobedient man is always a liability to God because; his life is programmed according to his will not the will of His commanding officer that should be God. The prompt and sudden obedience

demanded by heaven is beyond sacrifice because it matters to God when heaven beckons upon a man's heart for a cause of action and he responds, this is called priesthood – the demands of God upon a man in a territory to establish his will, kingdom, and mandate.

This sudden spontaneous burden can come in a demand to pray, a demand to sacrifice, dance, sing, shout, laugh, give, forgive, love, journey, change location, and a demand to go and stand in a position of advantage. Many more times, you will be demanded to travel from one location to another in other to join and align your voice with the voices of those locations. This will help foster so much strength in the spirit for the region to penetrate the corridors of power and strength within their sphere of influence. Cooperate alignment is gained when all individual believers and intercessors respond to such sudden spontaneous burdens and promptings by God to come under the yoke in demand for the liberation of a people, nation, and a family. If only your life can constitute so much of such costly and expensive obedience in sacrifice; you will realize that as you keep responding to Him daily, you are conforming to the image, stature, and the character of the triune unknowing. You will

also gain mastery of how He speaks consistently and how His order of operations over your life work.

This will also help sharpen your discernment as well as your spiritual perception to position you aright for kingdom relevance. Next time when you feel that sudden spontaneous burden, don't be too quick to cast it away, come under its yoke, and respond to its summoning; therein lies your elevation in God.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:12-13

When it comes to spirit education and schooling in the spirit, it has always been spontaneous. A man that has not come to understand such sudden spontaneous ways, the teachings of The Spirit may not be built effectively. One of the ways The Holy Spirit will teach you is by summoning you to respond to Him, and until you respond to Him, nothing will be revealed to you. Many people have missed classes in the spirit because they could not discern when a burden is there for them to respond to.

There are a lot of things Jesus was unable to teach and communicate to us, not necessarily because he does not know them, but we may not have the capacity to comprehend them. God is very interested in us coming into understanding as such The Holy Spirit will become the vehicle upon which He will teach us. The Holy Spirit is that Spirit of Truth that has come and many are yet to respond to his prompting to teach and educate them. Many believers are unaware of how The Spirit teaches. Many have taught themselves while others have done bible studies but have not come to a point to understand when The Holy Spirit calls upon them for a class session.

Most of the teachings of God are; sudden and spontaneous. It is possible to miss them if you are not too serious about it. Your heart must be malleable and docile enough to receive the summons. I have come to

master the sudden speaking and communications of God. A lot of time, I found out that The Holy Spirit speaks to me at odd times and moments I can easily neglect. It is within my responsibility to take such serious at the moment and either begin to write or document it anywhere for my journey in life.

Many believers are lost because they have lost track of the communications of God. They do not know where God is with them and cannot even remember where He was. Many have never been taught by God. They do not even know how to inquire from God. I can be on a journey either on the land, air, water, or even while just walking, and suddenly a burden is heavy upon me to pray. It is possible to neglect

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such a spontaneous demand and quench The Spirit of Truth. Many have continued to quench and grieve The Spirit of Truth by their disobedience to such demand. You may be unaware, but if it is truly God you will feel bitter for not being faithful in responding to the prompting, sometimes you will be heavy in heart, and other times you can not sleep even while in motion. I have come to utilize such moments to engage God in response to the sudden burden, and when I do, either my

eyes are open to a vision or receive light on many things in scriptures. Other times, you are been given instructions that are so vital upon which no principle or key can help you out. The instructions of God will always come to them that value the speaking of God. Most times while traveling for a meeting or while still in a meeting, as I am pondering on what to say, suddenly a wave from The Spirit begins to blow, it feels like an opening in the spirit for me to fetch depths of truth. At such times, I try to document so many and assimilate as much as I could, and as I try to write them, more keeps flowing in.

When you respond to God in season, He opens to you a realm of light within the fountain of life. If you are like some of us that believe that a prepared man is always better than a prepared message, then you must learn the way of dependency on The Holy Spirit; because you know you are useless without Him and handicapped without the supply

of wisdom, inspiration, and strength. Many times, I go to meetings not even knowing what to say, and sometimes when I am called for counseling or other issues. When I give my answer, it looks to them as if I have prepared beforehand and that amazes them. The secret is to ask God for help on the interlude as you respond to them. I ask The Lord to help me consistently even in dealing with people. I can be talking to someone, and within my heart am saying God help me. I can even be ministering and be saying God help me in my heart because I know as long as am helped by God, I can be a blessing to others. The truth is this; you can truly minister to others only when you have been ministered to by God. As such, we minister because we have been ministered to and are still being ministered to by God.

I have come to utilize my phone note pad so much that I wonder if there are others like me of which I believe there should be. I have been able to document a lot from the whispers of The Spirit at odd times, and that has formed my books. As much as possible, I do not want to miss the speaking of God anytime. I have even gone as far as writing on my palms on occasion, so I do not miss His words.

Seriously, you can grow genuinely to the degree to which God teaches you how to apply and engage the truth.

Many have missed the instructions of God because they do not want to respond to sudden burdens. God does not have to create a special time to teach you. He will check the level of your yielding and obedience by how prompt you respond to Him. Most times, I may just be given a guide by God in few words, and as I remember those words and begin to speak them, they unlock so much and guide me into more truths in the spirit, which I was not aware of before. The revelations can be so much that I wonder how comes such is possible. The Spirit of wisdom and revelation works well with a man that is willing to respond to sudden spontaneous burdens and prompting to learn.

I can be talking to someone, and suddenly The Holy Spirit demands to teach me something, and I both pause and respond to the teaching, or I both document and listen to the person. I have come to value so much the spontaneity of God and that has taught me dependency and partnership with The Spirit. I recall a crusade I went for, and a state

president of CAN- Christian Association of Nigeria was there. I never knew they have their order of service and many protocols. When I was called upon, I switched into the way of the spirit and began ministering for hours. Of course, I taught and healed the sick and functioned in the gift of The Spirit. So many things happen, lots of miracles, signs, and wonders, and many gave their lives to Christ, but after the meeting was ending and I was done seeing people, the president also came to

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me. Well, he appreciated and confessed that he has been in God for more than 30 years and have not seen what happened at that meeting ever in his life, but his challenge was that I never opened a verse in the bible although I quoted many and did not wait for it to be read to me. Also, he complained that I did not title my message and that, I moved too much on stage. I smiled and appreciated him and accepted his correction in love, and never cared to argue or prove to him anything. You must realize

that there are people that minister from a book and others read directly from the archive of heaven. I read from a book sometimes, but most of the time, The Holy Spirit has the way He wants to minister to the people.

The ways of The Spirit are spontaneous and sudden my friends you can not always measure it by the carnal parameter you just have to align and be driven. You do not lead God; He leads you. You can not be rigid with God you have to be flexible in your walk with God and even in your expression of the gift of The Spirit.

Some people write while others are episodes to be written. Some have scrolls within them that need to scribe out. Each is distinctive according to grace. Many can not write although they are epistle to be written from their walking and living, others have more locked up within their spirit that if they do not write, it will be lost throughout generations.

Paul the apostle was a man with so much sealed up within him that needed to be unsealed as such, he wrote much, and to each region and church he wrote to, it became a revelation that transcended their present

time. Many of us are prolific writers with so much within our spirit. Most of the books I have been writing, from Pathway to the Anointing, the Prophetic and Vision, and many more were never written the year I was prompt to write them. Of course, revelation is progressive, except you are not learning daily. What you know yesterday will not be the same as what you know today. What you know yesterday builds the foundation for what you are knowing today.

A friend of mine said, he preached a message some years ago, and after a while, he realized what he said is not all true that there is a better light now, and he was sad. Everything about God is progressive. The truth is absolute but, its expression is according to perspective and our capacity in God. No matter the depth of the revelation you have, most of the things we know about God and His operations are being upgraded and updated by diverse kingdom functionaries in our time and even in time to come. We will lay the foundation for the generation to come to build further.

You can not be the alpha and omega of all, you can not even be an island, and you have a part to play as well as others. Paul laid a lot of foundation, Apollos came and added his own, and God increased the men. When you stay long enough with God, He will seal up within you not a book but books for generation and that which is to come. We saw how the writings of Paul to the churches become relevant to us in our time. While Paul was writing those letters, he never knew you would come to read them and even call them your bible, and the same applies to the four gospels, and many documentations did by prophets and scholars in times past. They have become a roadmap and a guide for other sojourners to journey further in God.

Some people are gifted to write and are not yet responsible in responding to spontaneous burdens by God for them to write. The seasons upon which the valve is opened for them to document have come and passed without them knowing. As a result of that, many are still wondering what is going on with them. Writing will reveal another part of you, another dimension of God in you is unlocked as you scribe things The Lord teaches you and the ones He teaches you for your generation.

There are seasons I feel the burden to lock myself inside for days and weeks just to write. Such times are the times when books like this are birthed. Currently, I do not need to listen to anything or read a book as resource material. I just need a quiet environment; so, that I can perceive the voice of God within my spirit and give air and expression to it as I write. Each chapter flows naturally because they are hidden within. Other times when the flow of wisdom stops, I rest and ponder again and keep on praying suddenly, it begins to flow again. This I consider a better way to write than trying to bring out carnal points that may not be practicable and experiential to a sojourner. In the spontaneity

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of the flow of thought is hidden within it the grace of God, strength, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, secrets, mysteries, and encounters by the breath of The Holy Spirit. This will condition your heart, spirit, and mind for another level of relationship with God. A man that can not respond to burdens, may not be that disciplined and diligent in such a demand of obedience.

You will be amazed at what you can do if you can be prompt in responding to spontaneous burdens. Many are confused in life, and The Lord has demanded a retreat for them yet, they are not faithful. The grace may be available at the season, yet they will not perceive it. After the season is over, even though they try to engage in it again, it will be a struggle in the flesh.

Retreating

Retreating is another powerful tool a weary sojourner can use to regain back strength as he journeys; because a man and a people that don't see the need to retreat might not see the need to return to God for a spiritual checkup and heart evaluation. Most times, to strategize, you must have to retreat and recall yourself together to avoid the pressure of surrendering within the process. Surely, The Lord God is faithful, and He will visit and encounter you to refresh, heal and deliver many from the operations of darkness and demons, and equipping others for the work of the ministry. Truly, the people who risk nothing or do nothing,

end up having nothing and are nothing. They may avoid sorrow and suffer temporarily, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love or live life to the fullness of their potentials in God. Chained by their attitudes, they are slaves, and they have forfeited their golden freedom in God. Only a person who risks everything for God is free to live indeed. Many people know how to become successful, but after they become successful, they don't know how to handle and maintain such a level of success.

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The processes that guarantee results will never change, no matter the number of products produced within the process. If you want to enjoy the rainbow, be prepared to endure the storm. Success is; contentment, commitment, resilience, dedication, and discipline in achieving little or much and leaving a legacy!

You must embrace spiritual establishment and construction as built by God in your life. You can't keep ignoring the demand of The Spirit to be built and equipped. When you ignore spiritual constructions in your life, you will ignorantly invite destruction! Nothing worthwhile ever happens in a hurry. You can't warm your hands by burning your fingers! Remain with God and in Him and keep on praying He will not fail you. If you have to retreat from the distractions and the pressure of life do that fast, you should be fresh and new in wineskin than old and stale doing the old things you know how to do best. Surely, the way God appears to you may be the same way he will appear to your generation. The old pathway of seeking God through separation, consecration, and prayers has not changed. Sometimes all you need is just a paradigm shift, a fundamental change in your approach, and the underlying assumptions regarding your life and living.

Glory to God.

Get involved, get engaged. The master calls unto you

Cheers.

Godspeed.

Much love.

Philip Cephas

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PHILIP CEPHAS

Philip Cephas is a seasoned apostolic and prophetic teacher of the gospel. He is a man of love, wisdom, revelation and prayer. He is centered on effective balancing of Kingdom principles, doctrine and revelations to equip the Body of Christ apostolically and prophetically into its full manifestation of Christ.

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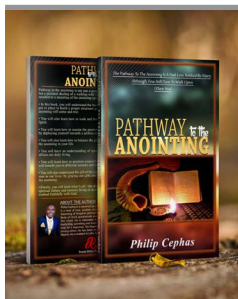
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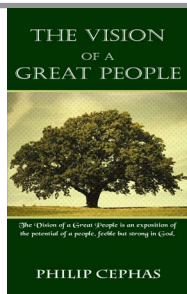
The prophetic and vision is a revelation from The Holy Spirit, and a clarion called into the experiences of the prophetic. You don't have to be a prophet called into the office of the prophetic to function in the prophetic. The speaking and dealings of God is prophetic in nature.

PATHWAY TO THE ANOINTING



Pathway to the anointing is not just a product of a research done in the flesh, but a personal dealing of walking with The Holy Spirit over time which has resulted to a smearing of the anointing upon my life by God.

VISION OF A GREAT PEOPLE



The vision of a great people is a lile story and a fiction of a family who has been helped by God and still being helped by Him. Among many systems of God expansion upon the face of the earth, a man is pivotal.

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My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words:

Ps 45:1 MSG

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Ps 68:11 KJV

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