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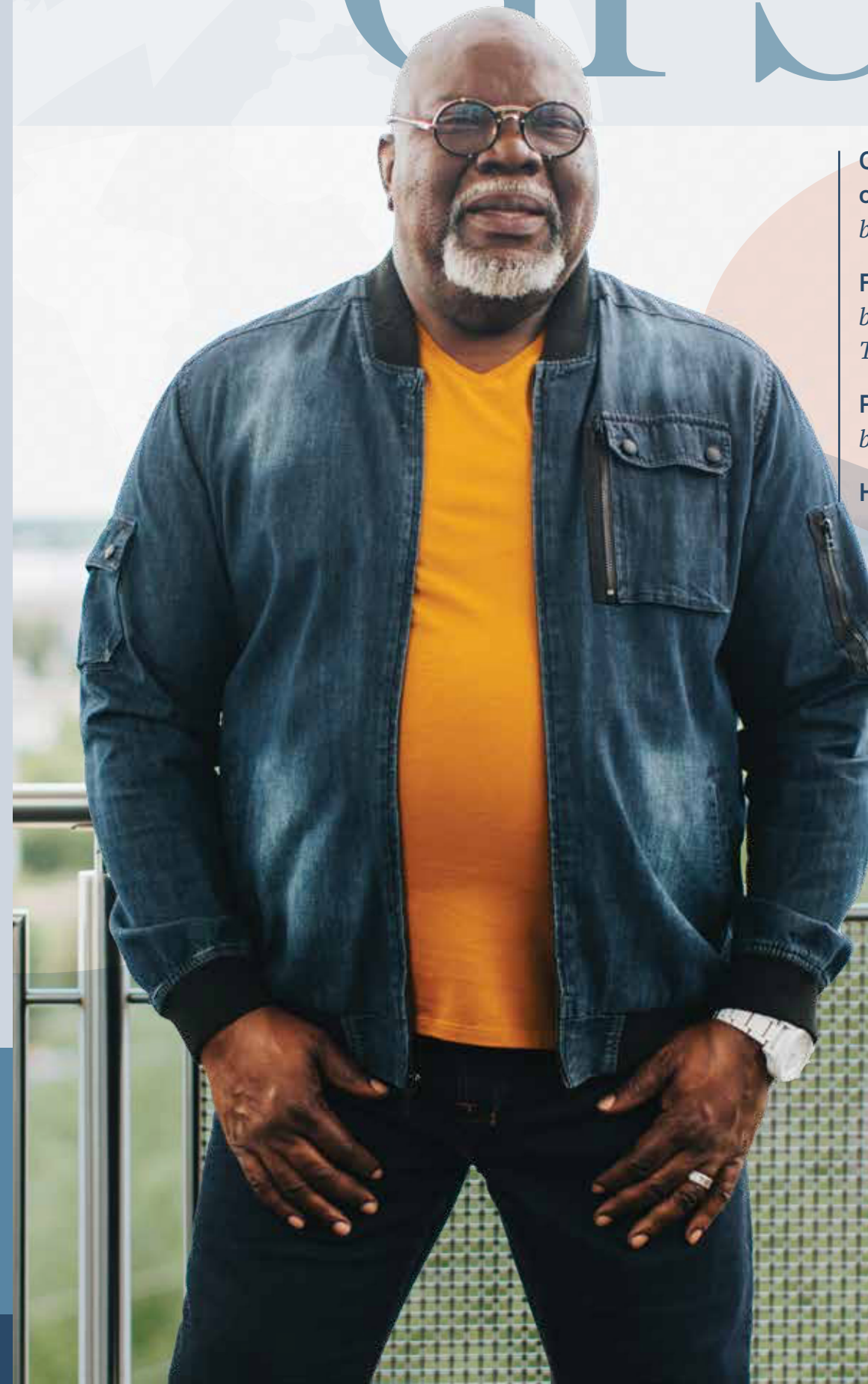
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Celebrating 45 Years of God's Goodness

by BISHOP T.D. JAKES



As my 45th ministerial celebration continues, I am honored to share this milestone with you. Many have asked about my thoughts, life lessons, and more. To be honest, it's not easy encapsulating the breadth, width, and height of all God has accomplished through me. I sometimes find myself lacking articulation.

Reflecting on my early days in West Virginia, I knew I had a vision and calling from God. *I just didn't have all the details*—you may know how that feels. Uncertainty covered me like a heavy blanket in those days of pastoring a small, storefront church. Now, observing the landscape of my life and all God has done in four decades is beyond rewarding.

In praying about what to share that I've learned over the years, the first thing God revealed to me was accountability. When God gives you a gift, you must be accountable for working it. Any person God ever chose was already actively

doing something when He called them. You are not called to a life of inactivity and sloth. Don't idle. The enemy's trick is to keep you stuck long enough to doubt the value of the gift God has given you. Like the boy with a couple of loaves and fish, put what you have in Jesus' hands and watch Him multiply it. My life is living proof that what God gave you will work if you work it.

As we move forward in using our gifts, the Lord also helps us develop focus. This is crucial. If we can't focus on what's in front of us, it's difficult to wrap our minds around what's to come. Keep your mind and eyes trained on what God has given you in the present, and your future will find you. The secret to recapturing the passion for your dreams is enjoying the journey rather than focusing on the end result.

As we focus on the priorities God gives us, we are ushered into transformation. Ultimately, there is no such thing as being in an intimate relationship with

Jesus and remaining the same. Fear and your past failures will try to convince you that you can't change. That's why God is more interested in changing you than changing your circumstances. He knows you can't be who He's called you to be and who you used to be at the same time. Be prepared. Every next level in your life demands a different version of you.

As you transform, opportunities for new relationships will begin to open as God aligns you with people who match the vision He has for you. Remember, your destiny in God is not a one-person show. God has called you to be connected to the right people. In my walk, some of the best relationships I have are with people who challenge my thinking. Ask God to bring people into your life whom you can share your dreams with, who not only want you to succeed but encourage you to think outside of your comfort zone.

Since 2011, I've shared sentiments like this at our *International Leadership Summit (ILS)*. In the beginning, I had a vision for a conference based on the principles God gave me for my book **"Soar!: Build Your Vision from the Ground Up."**

Over the last decade, what started as a passion for equipping pastors and ministers morphed into something far greater. God showed me how Jesus' model of leadership applies to all areas of life. Moving beyond the pulpit, He expanded my vision to cultivate and inspire people from all walks of life—aspiring entrepreneurs, parents, career professionals, students, and more.

No matter what God has called you to, you are an agent of change and a builder of dreams. God designed something specifically for you to do to make a major impact for His glory. My prayer is that the eyes of your understanding are enlightened so you know the hope of His calling and the riches of the glorious inheritance He's given you (see Ephesians 1:18).

Keep your mind and eyes trained on what God has given you in the present, and your future will find you.

Also, I'd love to see you at our *ILS* conference. I believe this will be where you devise the blueprint for that idea or gift God gave you and regain the stamina to make it happen.

Join me from March 31 to April 2 as I lead our 2022 *ILS* alongside a lineup of groundbreaking thought leaders. **Just visit [ThisIsILS.org](https://thisisils.org) to register today!**

Serita and I love inspiring you with the same faith we feed on. We're praying you experience the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit as He ushers you into next-level living. Amen! ✝

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- 33,000 lives were blessed.
- View the video here: bit.ly/3ILGo3m.

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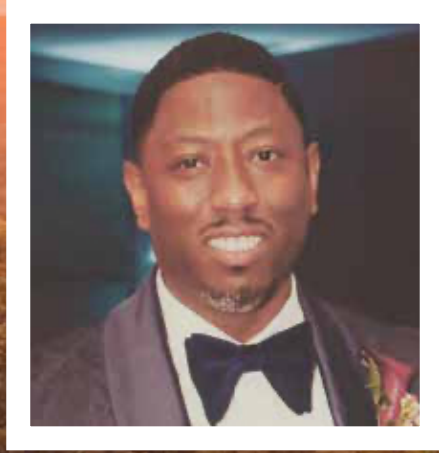
We look forward to every opportunity we get to create memories with our partners. The *GPS Yacht Party on the Bay* in Tampa Bay, Florida, was no exception. If you've never attended one of our ministry conferences or partner events, the next GPS partner event will kick off the 2022 *International Leadership Summit* on March 30 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte.



What a blessing it is to come together and enjoy each other's company in an atmosphere of faith and fun! Experience good times with other partners just like you and receive a power-packed impartation at one of the world's premier leadership conferences. Just call 1.800.BISHOP.2 (1.800.247.4672) or log on to ThisIsILS.org to register today!

Finding Your Worth in God

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

My story is a mixture of setbacks and trauma infused with blessings and favor. During my early years, I was often told I was not good enough and struggled to see my self-worth as a result. I learned to use these feelings as fuel to keep growing and developing despite what others thought about me.

As I worked to excel and advance in life, Bishop Jakes taught me to utilize every opportunity and realize my value in seasons of victory and hardship. I've learned to flow in excellence in the mundane, so when my moment comes, I won't have to get ready. I will be ready.

As the oldest grandchild on my maternal side, God used me to break through glass ceilings for my family. I was the first to attend and graduate from college, possess and maintain a professional career, and accept the call to ministry. Being the example isn't easy, but Bishop Jakes'

transparency through his own seasons of struggle encourages me to keep the faith.

I hope my story encourages others to know you don't have to be born into a perfect environment to break through glass ceilings. I want to inspire people to use their pain, trauma, and environment as a vehicle to their victory. Bishop Jakes taught me that "nothing you've been through will ever be wasted." I've learned to serve and love ALL of God's people, no matter what season of life I'm in. I'm grateful for how God has taken me from faith to faith and glory to glory in my relationship with Him, family, career, and ministry.

Interested in sharing your partner story?

Email us at
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Sincerely Serita

P.S. I Love You

What an indescribable few years it's been! Journeying through these unusual times while still trying to be everything for everyone, I imagine, has left most of us feeling exhausted. I've been praying for you, and, in my time with God, He revealed one thing we—as women—struggle with most: Loving ourselves.

If we are going to be healthy and whole, let's take a look at the areas where we can show a little more self-care, love, and grace.

Distractions. We must pull ourselves away from distractions, but that begins with identifying what they are. Is it social media, overcommitments, unhealthy relationships? Keep your physical and emotional energy reserved for those things that stir the fire in your heart.

Balance. How often do you take time off of work, school, and other obligations? Working yourself to the point of breakdown is not self-love. A wise woman sees burnout coming and immerses herself in self-love and care.

Pay attention. Be mindful of your frustrations; they are signals that something deeper, bigger needs to be addressed. Go to your Heavenly Father and ask Him to help you uncover what that may be.

Past Trauma. Sometimes we pretend things in the past don't affect us. Yet, part of our healing is naming and owning what happened so we can move past it. We may not always be able to identify what those past seeds are on our own, but that is when we can seek help. There is nothing wrong with therapy. The only thing wrong is not receiving the help we need when we need it.

Our families need us, but we need us too.

As wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters, everything is impacted when we're not our healthiest. They need us, but we need us too. God is saying to you today: Don't forsake yourself—love yourself. Only then will you be able to love your neighbor from a pure place.

I'm praying you experience God's love in a fresh way that revolutionizes your life. One last thought, self-care is also found in the presence of godly relationships. To connect with other women of faith, visit GodsLeadingLadies.com.

Sincerely,

Serita ♥