\*GOD IN THE DISAPPOINTMENT!\*

One thing that is common to mankind is that there is always disappointment that we have to overcome in the journey of life.

More often than not, when we are faced with disappointments in life, we tend to attribute them to the works of the devil.

After all, the bible says:

 \*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy".\*

John 10:10.

However, the puzzling question in such circumstances is: where is God when we experience disappointments?

The scripture makes us to understand that;

 \*"God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose".\*

Romans 8:28.

Few days ago, I was reflecting on the events that predate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially where the bible says Jesus was born in a manger;

 \*"because there was no room for them in the inn".\*

Luke 2:7.

Then I started to imagine the kind of disappointment Joseph must have felt that night as he was looking out for a good place to birth the King of kings.

Suddenly, I remembered my experience with some of the brethren as we travelled to Jos for a church programme some months ago.

Our expectation was that our hotel booking was done, since we had made payment ahead of time.

However, getting to the hotel, we were told that our reservation had been overridden by the decision of the owner to reserve some rooms for his own guests and our money was refunded.

We were very disappointed. It was late in the night coupled with the nature of the occasion that brought us to the city; it was almost certain we might not get any suitable hotel again.

We started driving round, checking hotels in the city for rooms. We tried more than ten hotels but we were consistently told \*"No Room".\*

I want to believe the experience and challenges of Joseph must have been very painful.

An Angel had told Joseph that Mary was carrying the Saviour of the world, hence the expectation must have been very high.

\*Matthew 1:20\*

Then, the time came for the Messiah to be birthed, but Joseph was told; \*"there was no room".\*

That was the height of disappointment!

\*It does confirms, that God has a hand in some of the disappointments we face in life.\*

The mere fact that the story of your life is not turning the way you had hoped,is not an indication that God has forsaken you.

Joseph (the dreamer) experienced many disappointments until God showed up for him in the midst of his ordeal.

 \*Despite the birth of Jesus in the manger, nothing could hinder the purpose of His birth or limit the glory that came with His birth.\*

Therefore, notwithstanding disappointments you have faced in life, be expectant of a good outcome from God.

 \*Prayer;\* Lord, I know you are at work in my life, despite what I have gone through; help me to continue to trust you through times of disappointments and trials of life in Jesus name. 🙏🏼

Eventually, we got a suitable hotel in Jos that night at a time we had almost given up.

In conclusion, despite the trials and disappointment of this life, I hold on to the words of the Psalmist that says;

 \*"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living".\* 🙏🏼.

Psalm 27:13

\*JESUS CARES\*

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