\*MY CASE IS DIFFERENT! \*

"But now thus saith the Lord to me:

\*"Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine".\*

Isaiah 43:1.

One of the biggest tests of life is \*standing out\* from the crowd for what you believe is right in the world that is trying to make you like others.

The bible says:

 \*"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by renewing of your mind that you may be able to prove what is good, acceptable and perfect will of God”. \*\* Romans 12:2.

The three Hebrew boys: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were resolute to be different from others, even when faced with death.

 \*"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee O king, that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image which thou has set up".\*

Daniel3:17&18.

\*A true believer is light and salt to the world.\*

Matthew 5:13-16

God loves everybody in the world; irrespective of the tribe, nationality or background:

 \*"For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever beliefs in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".\*

John 3:16

God gives everyone of us equal opportunities to come before Him.

 \*"For God does not show favouritism".\*

Roman 2:1.

Apostle Peter also buttressed the notion:

 \*"Of a Truth, I perceived that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him".\*

Acts 10:34&35.

Consequently, in the book of Zechariah :2:8; God spoke to Zachariah that:

 \*"He that touches you, touches the Apple of His eye".\*

Invariably, God will do everything to protect His children who are \*obedient to His words and work righteously before Him.\*

 \*"Since thou was precious in my sight, thou has been honourable and I have loved thee, therefore will I give men for thee and people for thy life".\* 🙏🏼

Isaiah 43:4.

God has entered \*covenant of protection\* with His children;

\*"A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come near thee, only with your eyes shall you see the reward of the wicked"\*.

Psalm 91:7&8.

In that regard, such person gets uncommon protection from God so far he is \*obedient to the word of God.\*

The Psalmist says:

 \*"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivers him of them all, He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken".\*

Psalm 34:19&20

When God is interested in a man, no amount of opposition can conquer such person.

 \*"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of your life, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee nor forsake thee".\*

Joshua 1:5.

Fellow believers, I don't know about you, \*but I refuse to be an ordinary Christian.\*

I do not have to just make up the number and follow the band wagon like every other people; \*I chose to be different and stand out from the crowd.\*

People may hate you for \*being diligent in your service to God\* , not aligning with the standard of the world; but deep down, they wish they have the \*courage and boldness\* you exhibit by standing out for the \*word of God\* even in the midst of strict opposition.

 \*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful".\*

Psalm 1:1.

Mediocrity is gradually becoming the norm in the Church of God today; if you strive to be different from what the prevailing style or practice is; you will probably be faced with opposition.

They will say you are trying to be a \*"superman"\*

However, God is interested in people that will \*stand out\* for Him come rain come shine.

That's why God said to Joshua:

 \*"Have I not commanded you, be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go"\*

Joshua 1:9.

I have confidence in God and His words;

\*"No weapon formed against you will prosper"\*.

Isaiah 54:17.

God said:

 \*"When you pass through waters, I will be with you and through the rivers they shall not overflow you, when you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon you".\* 🙏🏼

Isaiah 43:2.

The secret of being different is reliance in God and total obedience to the word of God.

 \*"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast and immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord; knowing that in the Lord your labour shall not be in vain".\*

1 Cor 15:58.

When Goliath saw David, \*he underrated him\*, but David told him that his case was different:

 \*"You come to me with sword ,spear and javelin but I come to you in the name of God Almighty, the God of the armies of Isreal; whom you have defied".\*

1 Samuel 17:45.

The bible supports the notion of predestination; which means certain things have been pre-determined by God ahead of time.

 \*"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who walketh all things after the counsel of his own will".\*

Ephesians 1:11.

God predetermines purposes for us to fulfil.

 \*"For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him that calleth"\*

Romans 9:11

At the same time, He gives all same opportunity to be accepted and saved unto Him;

 \*"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."\*

John 1:12.

\*Prayer\*: Father, because am your child, what kills others untimely will not kill me and every member of my family.🙏🏼

Have you ever wondered that some things you do and get away with it, others do and they don't come out alive?

 \*It is because your case is different.\*

 \*PRAYER\* Father, since you

brought me into this world to accomplish a purpose for you, through \*Christ\* who strengthens me; I must fulfil my years and purpose, not one evil will befall me and my destiny will not be truncated in Jesus name.🙏🏼.

 \*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delights in his ways, though he falls,he shall not be utterly cast down for the Lord upholds him with His hands".\*

Psalm 37:23&24

 \*Repent of your sins\* today as you give your life to Jesus and hold on to \*God alone\*; then you shall enjoy the privileges of being the \*"Apple of God's eye"\*

Shalom.

\*JESUS Reigns\*

 Signed,Bro Cole