DON'T MIND THEM

Leading Beyond the Noise, Criticism, and Delay

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Dedication

To every visionary who heard God… and kept walking.
To the builders mocked before the rain came.
To the called ones who carry heaven's assignment in silence.
To those who stayed faithful when no one clapped.
To those who chose obedience over explanation.
To the misunderstood, the misread, the mishandled—
this is for you.

And above all,
To the One who saw me before they saw me,
Who called me in the silence and walked with me through the noise—
To Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of my faith—
this offering is laid at Your feet.

Acknowledgement

Every voice that stands with a vision deserves to be honoured. Behind every obedient "yes" is often a silent circle of strength—those who believed, stayed, and prayed when the road was unclear.

To my beloved wife—thank you for being a quiet pillar of encouragement. Your unwavering faith, your peace in the midst of all happenings, thank you for creating an atmosphere of peace and faith where I have been able to dwell and write, lead and bless. You have stood not beside a title, but beside a man becoming what God has spoken. I love you deeply.

To my spiritual father, *Pastor Chris Oyakhilome DSc, DD, DD*—thank you for teaching me how to walk with God without constantly looking around. Your life, your message, and your consistency have trained my eyes to fix on the One who sent me. Through your example, I learned that it is possible to lead, love, and build with eternity in view.

To the ministers who have walked with me from the early days—those who believed when there was little to show, who held up my hands and didn't permit them to go down. Above the noise, criticism, others leaving and fighting—you stood, you believed, you gave, you loved. Thank you. Your loyalty is written in the foundations of this journey, and Heaven bears witness to your sacrifices.

And to every silent warrior, every hidden helper, every unseen intercessor—though your names may not be written here, your reward is sure before the Lord.

Preface

Read This Before You Explain Yourself Again

This is not just another motivational book. It is a prophetic letter—addressed to the builders, the visionaries, the sent ones. It is written for those who know what it means to carry something from God that no one else around them understands. Those who walk with a quiet weight. Those who have been laughed at, resisted, misread, or dismissed—not because they are lost, but because they are ahead.

Every chapter in this book is written with one simple intention: **to strengthen your hands for the work you must keep doing**, even when the world doesn't clap, even when those you love question you, even when the results delay and the mockery multiplies.

If you've ever wondered why obedience to God feels like isolation, why clarity attracts criticism, or why silence is sometimes your greatest weapon—this book is for you.

It was born in caves, not on platforms. It was formed in prayer, not in performance. And it comes from someone who has had to learn—again and again—that true calling is not about being liked, but about being *loyal.*

You don't need to convince them.
You don't need to defend your every step.
You don't need to adjust your walk to fit their comfort.

You just need to obey.
You just need to keep your eyes on the One who sent you.
And above all—
Don't mind them.

Chapter 1: The Weight of Being Ahead

Why Vision Isolated You, But God Chose You Anyway

There is a weight that only those chosen by God will understand—the weight of seeing before others, knowing before they grasp it, moving before they approve. To carry vision is not merely to dream but to bear weight. Not everyone has seen what you've seen, and not everyone will understand why you walk the way you do. This is the price of being ahead.

Throughout Scripture, the ones God used significantly were often introduced to isolation before elevation. **Joseph** dreamed of dominion long before the palace, but the pit and the prison stood in between. His brothers couldn't stand him, not because he sinned, but because he *saw*. The sight alone was offensive to them.

"And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words." — Genesis 37:8 (KJV)

It is not your achievement they fight—it is your **assignment**. The hostility is not because of where you are now, but because of where you're going. When God gives you something ahead of time, it will often feel like punishment, not promotion. You'll speak, and they will mock. You'll build, and they will laugh. But don't mind them.

Noah heard God long before the clouds formed. He laboured for years, perhaps decades, on a structure nobody believed in. There had never been rain—but he had a word. And a word from God is enough to sustain a man through ridicule. *"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet... prepared an ark,"* says Hebrews 11:7. That's what vision does—it prepares for what others have not seen.

Visionaries are prophetic builders. They construct realities others don't yet believe are possible. And because of that, they are often mocked by the present generation while being needed by the next.

The Loneliness of Revelation

There's something about seeing what others don't that makes you question yourself—especially when those you love, serve, or admire don't see it too. But God never said agreement was the prerequisite for obedience.

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" — Amos 3:3 The answer is no—and that's why sometimes you must walk alone.

Jesus was the Messiah, but **even His brothers did not believe in Him** (John 7:5). In His hometown, they questioned, *"Is not this the carpenter's son?"* (Matthew 13:55) Their familiarity with His past disqualified Him in their eyes for the future He was carrying. And yet, He could not afford to bend His calling to fit their expectation.

You must not let their blindness become your hesitation.

There are times when isolation is not a sign of rejection, but of **preservation**. God will protect what He reveals by separating it. That's why Moses had to be hidden before he could be revealed. Why David was anointed in secret before he ever touched a throne. Why Elijah lived by the brook before he stood on Mount Carmel.

So don't be in a hurry to be understood. Be found faithful where He's placed you.

The Real Test: Can You Carry What Others Don't Acknowledge?

Anyone can carry a vision once people believe in it. But what makes you a leader in the Spirit is your ability to steward the unseen, to walk in the unseen, to work as though it were already done—**because God said so.**

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." — 2 Corinthians 5:7

There will be seasons where the only evidence you have is what you heard from God. And the temptation to prove it prematurely will be strong. But don't trade the long-term impact of obedience for the short-term relief of validation.

Many derail their destiny trying to explain what should only be *demonstrated.* Jesus never explained Himself to Pilate concerning the

accusations. He knew that the resurrection would answer what words could not. Some things must be fulfilled, not defended.

Chosen by Grace to Carry It

You may ask, *Why me?* Why not them? Why do I feel this weight, this contradiction, this divine unrest?

Because God chose you according to His own purpose and grace (2 Timothy 1:9). Not because you're better. Your endurance, faith and surrender are your answer to that calling—and by His grace you carry what others could not bear. In the Kingdom, that is enough.

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise... that no flesh should glory in His presence."
— 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

So let the mockers mock. Let the doubters doubt. Let the critics speculate. But you? You build. You press. You believe.

Because in time, the same people who questioned your sanity will benefit from your obedience.

A Word to the Forerunner

If you're reading this and you feel alone in your calling, if you've been laughed at, resisted, or ignored—this chapter is your confirmation: **you're not crazy, you're called**.

You are not behind. You're simply ahead. And that's why they don't understand.

But don't mind them.

Mind God. And keep going.

Chapter 2: The Voices You Must Outgrow

Not Every Voice Deserves Access to Your Vision

The most dangerous voices are not always the loudest. Sometimes they are the most familiar. They come clothed in care, laced with reason, even dressed in love. But beneath the tone is a tension—a subtle resistance to your becoming. As you rise into what God has called you to be, you will begin to discern that **not all who speak into your life are supposed to**. There are voices you must outgrow in order to become.

When God gives you vision, He also begins the process of separating you—not just from places, but from opinions. This is because vision requires clarity, and clarity is costly. You cannot walk in divine precision if you remain entangled in human permission. The more weighty your calling, the more refined your circle must become. This isn't arrogance; it is alignment.

Jesus Himself, though perfect in love and flawless in wisdom, was deliberate about His inner circle. He preached to multitudes, sent out seventy, walked with twelve, but only permitted three into the sacred chambers of His most defining moments. In Mark 5, when He was about to raise Jairus' daughter, He *"suffered no man to follow Him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James."* Why? Because some resurrections cannot happen in the company of unbelief.

"And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying."
— Mark 5:39–40 (KJV)

Before the miracle, He removed the mockers.

Before the life returned, He silenced the noise.