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PREFACE



The Lord sent me to Beijing, China to spend ten days in prayer. During that stay in China, I confronted my nothingness and cried out as is expressed in the following pages.

I share here with you what He showed me about myself.

God bless you as you read.

Yours in the Lord,

Zacharias Tanee Fomum

INTRODUCTION



I was kneeling in prayer and a great sense of my nothingness came upon me. It flowed from outside into my total inner being and flowed from my inmost being to my outer being and, at first, I was speechless.

MY NOTHINGNESS

Then I began to confess aloud:

I am nothing.

I am nothing.

I am nothing.

I am nothing.

I am nothing.

I am nothing.

MY ABSOLUTE NOTHINGNESS



I am absolutely

Nothing, nothing, nothing

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I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

MY NOTHINGNESS IN PRAYER -1



I do not know how to pray : I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not know how to pray : I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not know how to pray : I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not know how to pray : I am

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MY NOTHINGNESS IN PRAYER -2



I do not know how to pray : I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not know how to desire to pray: I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not desire to pray:

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

MY NOTHINGNESS IN FASTING



I cannot fast. I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing,
nothing, nothing and nothing.

I cannot fast for one day, for I am nothing, nothing, nothing and nothing.

All the fasts that I have carried out so far have been nothing, nothing,
nothing.

All the fast that I plan to carry out in the future will be nothing, nothing,
nothing.

MY NOTHINGNESS IN SEEKING GOD



I do not hunger after God the Father. I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not hunger after God the Son. I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I do not hunger after God the Holy Spirit. I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

MY NOTHINGNESS IN SERVING GOD -1



I have not served the Lord Jesus.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I have not served God the Father.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

I have not served God the Holy Spirit.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

All my preaching has been nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, coming out
of nothing.

All my writing of the Gospel has been nothing, nothing, nothing.

All my leadership has been nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing.

All my giving to God has been nothing, nothing, nothing

All my travelling for God has been nothing, nothing, nothing.

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everything I will ever try to do for anyone will be nothing, nothing, nothing.

MY CRYING



I was crying, I was weeping profusely and I was confessing and confessing
and confessing.

MY ACADEMIC NOTHINGNESS



My Bachelor's degree is nothing, nothing, nothing.

My Ph.D is nothing, nothing, nothing.

My professorship is nothing, nothing, nothing.

All the students I have supervised are nothing, nothing, nothing.

All the research work we have published is nothing, nothing, nothing.

The coming D. Sc will be nothing, nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing.
(The D. Sc. was awarded on 20th December 2004 by the University of
Durham, Great Britain)

I know absolutely nothing in science.

I know absolutely nothing in chemistry.

I know nothing in anything.

I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing!

REPENTANCE TO MY WIFE



Prisca, forgive me for making you think that I was something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

Prisca, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO OUR CHILDREN



Our children, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO MY FRIENDS



My friends, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO MY LOVERS



My lovers, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO MY CO-WORKERS



Our co-workers, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas
I am nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO THE ELDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN YAOUNDE



Yaounde elders, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

Members of the Church in Yaounde, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

**REPENTANCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES
THAT ARE PART OF OUR MINISTRY IN CAMEROON**



Members of the churches that are part of our ministry in Cameroon, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

**REPENTANCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES
THAT ARE PART OF OUR MINISTRY IN NATIONS**



Members of the Churches that are part of our ministry in the Nations,
forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely
nothing, nothing, nothing.

**REPENTANCE TO ALL THE LEADERS IN OUR
MINISTRY**



All the leaders at all levels in our ministry, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO ALL THE NATIONAL MISSIONARIES



Repentance to all the National Missionaries in our ministry, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO ALL THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES



All the international missionaries in our ministry, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO ALL THE WOULD-BE MISSIONARIES



All the would-be missionaries in our ministry, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing.

REPENTANCE TO ALL THE BACKSLIDERS OF OUR MINISTRY



All who have withdrawn from our ministry, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing at all.

All who have backslidden from our ministry, forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing at all.

**REPENTANCE TO ALL WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE
GOSPEL FROM ME**



All who have ever heard the Gospel from my lips, forgive me for preaching as if I were something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing at all.

All who have ever read the Gospel written by me, forgive me for writing as if I were something, whereas I am nothing, nothing, nothing at all.

REPENTANCE TO ALL WHO BELONG TO OTHER CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



All who belong to other ministries in Yaounde, Cameroon, Africa and worldwide who have interacted with me in one way or the other, I beg you to forgive me for treating you as if I were something, whereas I am absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing at all.

MY COMMITMENT



I decided to write this down immediately, so that I would be able to confess accurately. This happened between 00.15 and 01.40 on 29th February 2004 in my Hotel room in Beijing, China. I am still weeping and weeping as I write this. The tears are coming out but, inside, something has happened.

MY SONG

There is a song. My heart is singing:

I am nothing, nothing, nothing at all.

But my Saviour, my Lord, my Life, my All is everything, everything,
everything.

I am nothing and I can do nothing.

He is everything and will do everything.

He will do everything in me and enable me to remain nothing.

He will do everything through me and enable me to remain nothing.

He will reveal Himself in me and receive exclusive glory for it.

He will serve His children through me and received exclusive glory for it.

He will serve those who are to become His children through me and receive
exclusive glory for it.

He will serve His purpose through me and receive exclusive glory for it.

I am the foremost of sinners and I have found grace.

I now know that I am the least of the saints and I have found grace.

I am a worm. I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

He will see Himself through my eyes, and that will be true seeing.

He will see others through my eyes, and that will be true seeing.

He will seek the lost through me, and that will be true seeking.

He will save the lost through me, and that will be true saving.

He will build His children through me, and that will be true building.

He will pray in me and pray through me, and that will be true praying.

He will fast in me and pray through me, and that will be true fasting.

He will fill me with His riches and distribute His riches through me, and that will be true giving.

All will always be His, and I will always have nothing.

I am a worm.

I am His worm.

The hour of my humility has come upon me.

I shall stand in His way no more. I am nothing, nothing, nothing.

He will accomplish His purpose, all His purpose for sending me here.

He will succeed absolutely because I, the sole barrier, have been taken out of the way.

Back home, a new day will dawn on us all because I, the sole barrier, have been removed.

GLORY BE TO THE LORD!



Glory be to the Lord!

Glory be to the Lord!!

Glory be to the Lord!!!

Hallelujah!

Amen.

THANK YOU FOR READING MY BOOK



If you have been blessed by it, won't you please take a moment to leave me a review at your favourite retailer?

Thank you!

Zacharias Tanee Fomum

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VERY IMPORTANT!!!

If you have not yet received Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, I encourage you to receive Him. Here are some steps to help you,

ADMIT that you are a sinner by nature and by practice and that on your own you are without hope. Tell God you have personally sinned against Him in your thoughts, words and deeds. Confess your sins to Him, one after another in a sincere prayer. Do not leave out any sins that you can remember. Truly turn from your sinful ways and abandon them. If you stole, steal no more. If you have been committing adultery or fornication, stop it. God will not forgive you if you have no desire to stop sinning in all areas of your life, but if you are sincere, He will give you the power to stop sinning.

BELIEVE that Jesus Christ, who is God's Son, is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). The Bible says, *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5-6). "And there is salvation in no one else (apart from Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God..." (John 1:12). BUT,*

CONSIDER the cost of following Him. Jesus said that all who follow Him must deny themselves, and this includes selfish financial, social and other interests. He also wants His followers to take up their crosses and follow Him. Are you prepared to abandon your own interests daily for those of Christ? Are you prepared to be led in a new direction by Him? Are you

prepared to suffer for Him and die for Him if need be? Jesus will have nothing to do with half-hearted people. His demands are total. He will only receive and forgive those who are prepared to follow Him AT ANY COST. Think about it and count the cost. If you are prepared to follow Him, come what may, then there is something to do.

INVITE Jesus to come into your heart and life. He says, “*Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door (to his heart and life), I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me*” (Revelation 3:20). Why don’t you pray a prayer like the following one or one of your own construction as the Holy Spirit leads?

“Lord Jesus, I am a wretched, lost sinner who has sinned in thought, word and deed. Forgive all my sins and cleanse me. Receive me, Saviour and transform me into a child of God. Come into my heart now and give me eternal life right now. I will follow you at all costs, trusting the Holy Spirit to give me all the power I need.”

When you pray this prayer sincerely, Jesus answers at once and justifies you before God and makes you His child.

Please write to me (ztfbooks@cmfionline.org) and I will pray for you and help you as you go on with Jesus Christ.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Professor [Zacharias Tanee Fomum](#) was born in the flesh on 20th June 1945 and became born again on 13th June 1956. On 1st October 1966, He consecrated his life to the Lord Jesus and to His service, and was filled with the Holy Spirit on 24th October 1970. He was taken to be with the Lord on 14th March, 2009.

Pr Fomum was admitted to a first class in the Bachelor of Science degree, graduating as a prize winning student from Fourah Bay College in the University of Sierra Leone in October 1969. At the age of 28, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry by the University of Makerere, Kampala in Uganda. In October 2005, he was awarded a Doctor of Science (D.Sc) by the University of Durham, Great Britain. This higher doctorate was in recognition of his distinct contributions to scientific knowledge through research. As a Professor of Organic Chemistry in the University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon, Professor Fomum supervised or co-supervised more than 100 Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree theses and co-authored over

160 scientific articles in leading international journals. He considered Jesus Christ the Lord of Science (“For by Him all things were created...” – Colossians 1:16), and scientific research an act of obedience to God’s command to “subdue the earth” (Genesis 1:28). He therefore made the Lord Jesus the Director of his research laboratory while he took the place of deputy director, and attributed his outstanding success as a scientist to Jesus’ revelational leadership.

In more than 40 years of Christian ministry, Pr Fomum travelled extensively, preaching the Gospel, planting churches and training spiritual leaders. He made more than:

- 700 missionary journeys within Cameroon, which ranged from one day to three weeks in duration.
- 500 missionary journeys to more than 70 different nations in all the six continents. These ranged from two days to six weeks in duration.

By the time of his going to be with the Lord in 2009, he had preached in over 1000 localities in Cameroon, sent over 200 national missionaries into many localities in Cameroon and planted over 1300 churches in the various administrative provinces of Cameroon. At his base in Yaounde, he planted and built a mega-church with his co-workers which grew to a steady membership of about 12,000. Pr Fomum was the founding team-leader of Christian Missionary Fellowship International (CMFI); an evangelism, soul-winning, disciple making, Church-planting and missionary-sending movement with more than 200 international missionaries and thousands of churches in 65 nations spread across Africa, Europe, the Americas, Asia and Oceania. In the course of their ministry, Pr Fomum and his team witnessed more than 10,000 recorded healing miracles performed by God in answer to prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. These miracles include instant healings of headaches, cancers, HIV/AIDS, blindness, deafness, dumbness, paralysis, madness, and new teeth and organs received.

Pr Fomum read the entire Bible more than 60 times, read more than 1350 books on the Christian faith and authored over 150 books to advance the

Gospel of Jesus Christ. 5 million copies of these books are in circulation in 12 languages as well as 16 million gospel tracts in 17 languages.

Pr Fomum was a man who sought God. He spent between 15 minutes and six hours daily alone with God in what he called Daily Dynamic Encounters with God (DDEWG). During these DDEWG he read God's Word, meditated on it, listened to God's voice, heard God speak to him, recorded what God was saying to him and prayed it through. He thus had over 18,000 DDEWG. He also had over 60 periods of withdrawing to seek God alone for periods that ranged from 3 to 21 days (which he termed Retreats for Spiritual Progress). The time he spent seeking God slowly transformed him into a man who hungered, thirsted and panted after God. His unceasing heart cry was: "Oh, that I would have more of God!"

Pr Fomum was a man of prayer and a leading teacher on prayer in many churches and conferences around the world. He considered prayer to be the most important work that can be done for God and for man. He was a man of faith who believed that God answers prayer. He kept a record of his prayer requests and had over 50, 000 recorded answers to prayer in his prayer books. He carried out over 100 Prayer Walks of between five and forty-seven kilometres in towns and cities around the world. He and his team carried out over 57 Prayer Crusades (periods of forty days and nights during which at least eight hours are invested into prayer each day). They also carried out over 80 Prayer Sieges (times of near non-stop praying that ranges from 24 hours to 120 hours). He authored the Prayer Power Series, a 13-volume set of books on various aspects of prayer; Supplication, Fasting, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare. He started prayer chains, prayer rooms, prayer houses, national and continental prayer movements in Cameroon and other nations. He worked with leaders of local churches in India to disciple and train more than 2 million believers.

Pr Fomum also considered fasting as one of the weapons of Christian Spiritual Warfare. He carried out over 250 fasts ranging from three days to forty days, drinking only water or water supplemented with soluble vitamins. Called by the Lord to a distinct ministry of intercession, he pioneered fasting and prayer movements and led in battles against principalities and powers obstructing the progress of the Gospel and God's

global purposes. He was enabled to carry out 3 supra – long fasts of between 52 and 70 days in his final years.

Pr Fomum chose a lifestyle of simplicity and “self- imposed poverty” in order to invest more funds into the critical work of evangelism, soulwinning, church-planting and the building up of believers. Knowing the importance of money and its role in the battle to reach those without Christ with the glorious Gospel, he and his wife grew to investing 92.5% of their earned income from all sources (salaries, allowances, royalties and cash gifts) into the Gospel. They invested with the hope that, as they grew in the knowledge and the love of the Lord, and the perishing souls of people, they would one day invest 99% of their income into the Gospel.

He was married to Prisca Zei Fomum and they had seven children who are all involved in the work of the Gospel, some serving as missionaries. Prisca is a national and international minister, specializing in the winning and discipling of children to Jesus Christ. She also communicates and imparts the vision of ministry to children with a view to raising and building up ministers to them.

The Professor owed all that he was and all that God had done through him, to the unmerited favour and blessing of God and to his worldwide army of friends and co-workers. He considered himself nothing without them and the blessing of God; and would have amounted to nothing but for them. All praise and glory to Jesus Christ!

OTHER BOOKS BY Z.T. FOMUM

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