*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**FROM A MESS TO A MESSAGE**

"A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time." Isa 60:22 KJV

Have you ever pondered on how God, in His greatness, can turn a mess into a message? OS Hillman narrated the story of how God rescued him from a wretched situation to a renowned internationally recognized speaker, author, and consultant on the subject of faith at work.

At 44, he had made enough money to retire if he wanted. He played golf three times a week and lived a life many would envy. One day, his wife of fourteen years wanted to separate, and three years later, it led to a divorce. Around the same time, his investments of over $500,000 evaporated within months. He lost 80% of his business. Clients failed to pay over $140,000 in bills. His world quickly collapsed. His successful small business and family were reduced to rubble. It was a mess!

Two years rolled by. OS wrestled with *“What had I done wrong? Why had God allowed this to happen to me?”* During the first year, a man entered his life and helped him confront the issues related to his character. There is a saying: "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost." The following year, it was another issue he needed to address. He paid careful attention to certain areas of his life, and God helped him to work his way up again.

Beloved, God never intended to see His children drowned by the sea of challenges. Rather, He wants them to come out victorious at the other side; look back and see those challenges no more.

I don’t know what challenges you may be facing. What I know is that there are challenges to overcome where you are. Rough times are not when to complain but to contemplate. They are the times of deep reflection. Look inward and identify the adjustments God expects you to make. As you take this bold step, God will give you the grace to rise and conquer. Challenges of life will not drown you. I decree those challenges to become your stepping stones to greatness. I see that mess you are submerged in become a message that will bring honour to God in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.