

The Ekklesian

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Welcome!

Exposition on Establishment

"So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD." (1 Samuel 3:19-20)

On a sunny morning in June 1989, and in front of 1,000 undergraduate students of Dartmouth College plus their families and close friends, the then 49-year old poet and Nobel Laureate Joseph Brodsky spoke these words in his Commencement address:

"And what does the dust say when it is wiped of the table? Remember me!, says the dust"

This poetic declaration has remained imprinted upon my hippocampus for over thirty years. The words remind me of my insignificance in the historical unfolding of the human generations. The truth of God forming man from the dust of the ground (*Genesis 2:7*) is a future reality for every living person as the "suitcase" that houses the soul and spirit grows weary. And, with the passage of time, this "suitcase" or physical body returns to the earth from whence it originally came.

As I compose this message to the Marketplace Ekklesia Accelerator (MEA) and the wider Kingdom Business Solutions (KBS) community my challenge is to share some godly wisdom on a few things believers can do to extend our human influence beyond the earth realm into eternity. This wisdom (*Proverbs 4:7*) speaks to establishment (*1 Peter 5:10*) and leaving an imprint on our planet that outlives the individual and provides some evidence to others of a life lived with purpose.

To begin, as we enter 2022, my unreserved encouragement and apostolic instruction to MEA and KBS is to win souls. The Word of God is emphatic and *Proverbs 11:30* informs us that he who wins souls is wise. In the coming year, the statistical and scientific evidence is mounting that growing numbers of people will experience the phenomenon called death. Because of the political, economic, and social turmoil that is shaking the earth in diverse ways, many are questioning the meaning of life. In *Matthew 9:37* Jesus says, **"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few"**. My plea to MEA and KBS is that great emphasis be placed on soul winning and



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demonstrating compassion to the hurting and to the lost. When a human being receives Jesus as Lord over their life, their spirit is born again and they are **established** into an eternal reality. There is no more important concept of establishment than salvation for a human being.

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- Joseph Brodsky

Secondly, MEA and KBS need to continue to equip, educate, train and establish leaders under existing and possibly new platforms. In the life of Samuel the Prophet we see that in his alignment with his representative spiritual authority Eli, he “grew” until he reached a level of maturity where all of his prophetic speakings came to be fulfilled. As with Jesus in *Luke 2:52*, the Word records, “*And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men (1 Samuel 2:26). Ephesians 4:11-15* further demonstrates how this happens through an activated fivefold ministry. In December 2021, I am delighted that the Body of Christ came together to publicly ordain Angela Murenga in the office of an Apostle of Christ. This will establish this godly leader and the ministry as a whole and cause “the more” that has been prophesied to further manifest. This establishment will positively impact the entire ministry as the anointing flows from the head, down on the beard, consecrating the whole body (AMP, *Psalms 133:2*).

Third, agree strategic and innovative ways for the ministry to convey wisdom and experience to believers. What are the earthly storehouses or repositories of knowledge that will be created and that embody potential to outlive each person? For MEA, I suggested in September 2021 that each Ekklesia group write a chapter on how their strategic cell group has developed and implemented solutions for the priority issues they are tackling; for example, in the area of health policy or prison reform. Each Ekklesia group committing to write a chapter could release a complete book by 2022/23 that impacts not only the Body of Christ in Kenya but also the Body of Christ globally. This is an example of going beyond the “dust” to impacting life in a way that reverberates for generations and that attracts both corporate and individual rewards in the eternity we

call Heaven. A more personal example is taking time to explore as parents how to impart wisdom and experience to ones children in ways that will outlive you. Recently, for example, I took my youngest child on a daddy-daughter trip to Diani. She missed three days of school but what principle was I trying to impart? Essentially, that she means the world to her daddy and that she is more important than education and valuable enough to break convention and be flown to one of her favorite destinations. Similarly, within your means, find ways to be a pattern of love in action for your own children.

Finally, a story is told of a wealthy woman on her deathbed who in her final moments was asked what she was thinking about. The questioner believed that she must be thinking of all her expansive land and properties, or the secret deposits in well-established tax havens, or how her businesses were faring in her absence. Instead, the woman responded that those physical things were the least of her concerns and that her three priorities were (a) where her soul/spirit were destined and (b) whom she had loved in her life, and (c) those whom had genuinely loved her. In light of this, how will we adjust our own priorities to better reflect on what is really important? As we usher in 2022, muse upon these suggestions and examine how you personally can recalibrate and better align your life with God’s blueprint for you so that your influence and impact extends beyond this life and into eternity.

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He has enjoyed fourteen years of marriage to Winfred Wanjiru, a legal expert who oversees her own law firm, and together they are blessed with a handsome son and two beautiful daughters.

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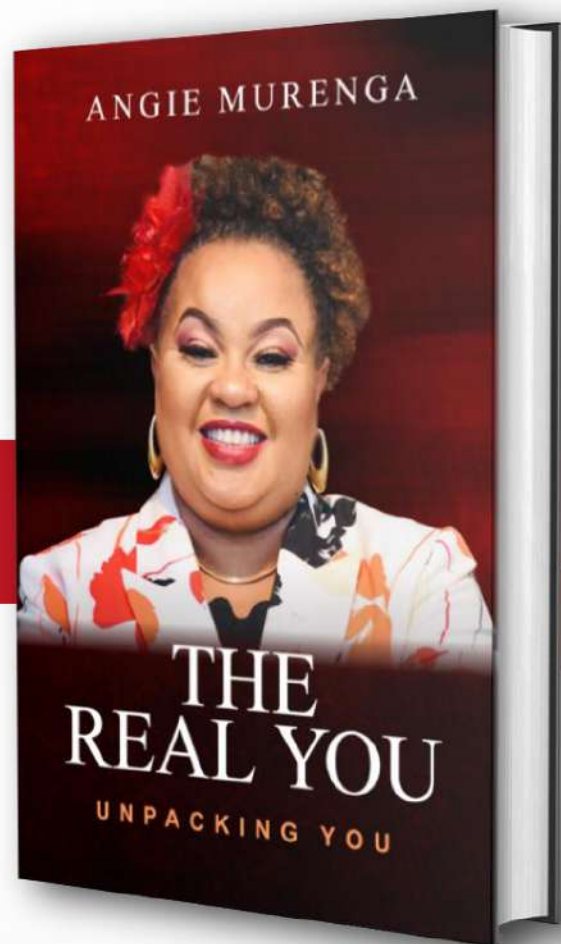
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OUR THANKSGIVING AND REFLECTION RETREAT (T&RR)

NOVEMBER 2021

Every year by God's Grace and for His glory for the last ten years we hold the annual Thanksgiving & Reflection Retreat out of town for a weekend in November where we give thanks and reflect on the year that was and prayerfully with the Holy Spirit plan for the following year. Each year there is a theme drawn from God's word and last year's theme was from *Proverbs 16:9 AMP* "A man's mind plans his way as he journeys through life, But the Lord directs his steps and establishes them."

These are my reflections and the message delivered over the weekend. The retreat always has different faces and a different message for the season which keeps us in God's rhythm. Last year's retreat we had messages from Apostle George Thara, Prophet Dorcas Karanja, Erick & Sandra Mwangi and Patricia Mwaura & Sylvia Mundia. It takes a team to execute any assignment well and am glad for the messages shared by all we were blessed. The messages were varied and connected all at the same time. The way that God delivers a message to a wide audience. I also want to thank Kinya Karimi and her team as they pray, fast, plan and execute the event with excellence over a period of nine months.

The message for 2022 & beyond is that **Gods glory will be expressed through us in all eight aspects that reflect humanity** – Spirit, Soul, Body, Social, Financial, Professional, Leading self and others, Geographical areas. That's going to look like different things to each one of us depending on where we are in God's process.

Whenever God does something for us in line with purpose it's for others as well and the scripture for the season is *Romans 8:19-21* which I paraphrase as follows "we are being revealed as sons of God to manifest God's glory and to deliver our scope of influence from bondage to decay into God's freedom and glory". We must be the first partakers of this release and then help others achieve their release from bondage. To digress slightly there are very many ways that God can prepare you for the release from bondage to decay. The Purpose & Leadership Forum (PLF) has a special unexplainable grace that all who have engaged with it can attest to and it is now available online. There is a Kingdom Business Course on the Just Angie website as well. The Real You book and so on. There is a course on Reimagining Vision by Mary Mundia absolutely profound course to deliver Christians out of the darkness into God's freedom and glory. I heard her explain God's light in such a powerful way and we know that God cannot multiply nothing. There must be a vision that He can help you execute, for yourself and for others. We have the gates of Wealth program by Wanja Gachanja, Ascend program by Pauline Kiraithe, 4IR academy by Evelyn Ngatia, Lyfted Leaders by Mary Nassali this course is for purposefully launching you into your next by Movement.

Speaking of Movement, the UNSTUCK Masterclasses this season are all about movement and we all need to get moving as per 2021 prophetic theme of *Connected to Our Next*. There is therapy with Dr Konyu her article and contacts are in this newsletter. There is the Women Rising focus on healing women from trauma as they step boldly into their next leadership roles they execute with excellence, accuracy, and precision.

Creating win win situations for all and leading teams aptly. We Have Men Impacting differently for the Men (MID) which you can plug into and enjoy conversations with men for men and by men. KBS Youth are amazing in their execution of content and coaching to the youth and there are opportunities to pour into the next generation. We have several Certified coaches and the Just Angie digital platform. All you need is pick one and plug in and play or find one in your eco system and let's deliver our scope of influence from bondage to darkness and decay into God's freedom and Glory.

To accomplish all this there was a reminder about our Authority. Dr Myles Munroe has a great book on "Understanding Power & Authority" that you can engage in and anything else that speaks of authority and assists you to take your place with authority as individuals, families, marriages, parents, organisations, communities, and nations. The conversation (Battle) on authority is continuous and you need to keep reminding yourself that you are sent (*Mathew 28:18-20*) and that you have been given authority and keys to unlock this freedom and glory for yourself and for all in your eco system. **'We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus'** is a statement you should make out loud and ask God to help your unbelief and align you with His truth and authority to bind and to lose and to apply the keys so that we come out of darkness-decay into Gods intended glory and freedom. You need to take authority over your time, discipline, finances, relationships, choices and so on. Authority is a key with which we can regain territory which the enemy has taken over. Adam & Eve lost their authority due to their appetites and a loss of identity. They left a vacuum in their place of purpose and in this season, you need to ask yourself have you left a vacuum in your place of purpose and the enemy is having a field day where you have been given authority over family-generations, business, departments, organisations, vision and so on. Take action and do something!

God is building Himself up in us so that we can build His vision and as He told Moses to be careful to build according to the pattern that He shows you. It's not up to discussion because you were shown so flow. We need to build systems and structures, build new generational patterns and flows, build ourselves up in the Holy Spirit, build in obedience and build for expansion. Remember that David prepared for Solomon to build and in addition to the pivot generation series on Just Angie please watch Bishop TD Jakes message, "Built for expansion".

Newness is taking place highlighting to us and for us that the old ways and old methods will have to GO so that the new methods and ways can become our new normal. *Isaiah 43:18-19* states that we must become new so that we perceive and enter the new. The bible says that new wine cannot be poured into old wineskins. However, that speaks to you embrace the newness and examine ways in which the Holy Spirit is speaking to you of areas that He requires newness and areas you feel are now ready for the new. *Ephesians 2:10 AMP version* is an excellent prayer to make. New can mean something that existed before is refurbished made new and something totally

new. Have fun exploring which is which. We also did a Just Angie Sunday sermon series on the Pivot generation which explains the play between Saul, David, and Solomon because some of the new will require transfer between generations a handing over of mantles and assignments. A good resource is also *How Women Rise* a book on how to navigate the new seasons and the next levels of leadership in our lives. We need to try new things, move past our barriers of fear, manage our time, and move past our unbelief. There will be newness in our identity, relationships, favour, actions, application of Christian keys-principles to activate the new, new sounds and a new anointing.

There was a word about structures and that we must strengthen our structures and get them into order and engage them consistently. The new and the release of Gods glory and freedom is coming with more and these new additions -multiplications requires stronger structures that can hold the increase. If you have a platform that can hold a person's weight and you want the same platform to hold something bigger and or more, then you need to ensure the structure is stronger. That's what 2022 and beyond is about strengthening our structures into a consistent, well organised formation that can hold the new and what God is building in you, for you and through you.

In December of every year, I get the theme for the next year and for 2022 and beyond these are the main themes. **Connectedness, Character, Compassion, Rest, Recovery, Restoration and Experiencing Gods glory in all eight areas that make us up.** There is a YouTube video up on the Kingdom Business Solutions page that you can engage further.

As part of Restoration and recovery there was an instruction to list all our losses that have affected us the most and pray over them.

Finally, the season will be marked by lots of transitions and evolution, things evolving from one thing to the next.

Apostle George Thara spoke of redigging the wells for our Rehoboth moments in this new season. We need to have the mindset of Kings and the confidence and protocols that they have. We need the ability to grow the Holy Spirit within us so that He becomes a well that we can draw from. Make the Holy Spirit and time with God a place of habitation that then directs us where to start digging. We need to develop the ability to linger in God's presence as this is where we draw our strategies for the next season. In the story of Isaac, it states that he redug the wells again. What is Gd asking us to do again. Reminds me of *Luke 5:1-11* the places we have toiled all night and found nothing we should go back with the unction and leading of the Holy Spirit. It's in line with the theme of **Rest, Recovery and Restoration**. Isaacs's father had already dug the wells he had laid the foundation for future generations to build on. His amazing parting shot was that wells are about location, and he took us through an exercise of the varying value of one acre of land depending on where it is located. When we redig the wells we should have enough for self and for overflow.

Prophet Dorcas Karanja asked us to look back at how far we have come and to be mindful and appreciative of the process in the last ten years. So much has happened. She asked us not to curse our wilderness season because it has made us who we are. The wilderness is a place of victory. We have understood our purpose, vision, assignment because of the wilderness season. There must be a mindset shift so that we are not trying to understand and enter a new season with

the framing of our past seasons. We are loaded spiritually what we need to do is to draw on it. What we are seeing has always existed it's the season of manifestation after a period of preparation. She asked us to note down what we will see one year from now and move in the direction of our destiny. The next ten years is the "Decision decade"

Erick & Sandra Mwangi spoke of connectedness and asked us how involved is God in our everyday lives? We need to host the Holy Spirit at the next level. Some are in the battlefield and can't sense the victory that everyone else is possessing. Trust that God has a plan and trust him in the process. They shared a song by Nathaniel Bassey "I remember" Write the wins you want to see on your vision board this season. Don't forget the victories of the past and focus on the trials of the moment. Remember Gods goodness and mercy. Breakthrough come through connection with the Holy Spirit, consistency and accountability in twos that yields fruitfulness, souls, and legacy.


Sylvia Mundia & Patricia Mwaura spoke to us on seasons of survival are the foundation for seasons of overflow. God takes instructions from no one, and He gives you what you need not what you want. God is in the detail, and He is looking at the small minute things that have the potential of bringing down the whole building. Do not focus on what you don't have. God's testing is so that He may know our hearts. Seasons of survival build trust and faith. Don't personalise the challenges and get stuck in what God did and didn't do. Focus on the assignments within the season that will serve you in the seasons of abundance to avoid going back to the seasons of survival.

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INVISIBLE WOUNDS

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A story is told of this gentleman who was involved in a road accident involving multiple vehicles. He kept helping others and rushing them to the hospital, and whenever the paramedics asked to check on him, he kept reassuring them he was okay, and that others had more overt and significant wounds, so they should be attended to first. Despite insistence that since he too was one of them victims and needed to be examined, he would insist he felt fine and didn't need any help - others should be catered to instead. As he brought the last victim in, he collapsed and died at the entrance of the hospital and when later examined, it was found that he had been experiencing internal bleeding. Although his wounds were invisible from the outside, his inner wounds cost him his life.

I think sometimes I can be like this gentleman, so focused on the pain and wounds of others, and fail to allow myself to be examined. Emotional wounds are invisible and yet the pain from these unseen wounds can bleed out in so many areas. They show up in our addictions, difficulties regulating emotions, unhealthy and dysfunctional relationship patterns, and even well-intentioned activities like overcommitment at work, school, church, i.e. busyness and workaholism. This busyness then keeps us distracted and preoccupied and so we fail to tune in within, to our own detriment.

So where do you start and how do you identify your emotional wounds? I suggest you begin from the externals. Do you have a healthy work-life balance? Has work or church or school or all of these activities taken up so much space and time in your life that you don't have time for self, God, family, rest, physical wellness, etc? Do you feel burnt out, stretched thin, unmotivated and unfulfilled? All these could be tell-tale signs that you may need to slow down and check-in internally. How about your relationships? Do you feel seen, known and connected in your interactions with those you are closely associated with? Do you have spaces and people with whom you can be vulnerable with? Do you ask for help or must you always be the strong one who has it all together and so people assume you are always okay? What is the quality of your relationship with your significant other/spouse, children, parents, siblings? Are there unresolved hurts, pains and patterns in your current family or family of origin that point to emotional wounds that need to be dealt with so they are not passed on to future generations?

If you've survived this far- good job. I now propose that you go deeper and check-in with yourself. This entails examining yourself emotionally. How have you been feeling lately? What has made you Sad? Happy? Angry? Frustrated? What disappointments have you been harbouring, if any? For example, is this where you envisioned you would be in this season of your life? What have you done with this disappointment and pain? In what ways is it leaking out or showing up in your life? I believe that our emotional world can be rich places for God to meet and connect with us and it begins with becoming aware of our feelings. Authors Dan Allender and Tremper Longman offer a poignant summary of why being aware of our feelings is important in our relationship with God:



"Ignoring our emotions is turning our back on reality: listening to our emotions ushers us into reality. And reality is where we meet God.... Emotions are the language of the soul. They are the cry that gives the heart a voice.... However, we often turn a deaf ear – through emotional denial, distortion, or disengagement. We strain (sieve) out anything disturbing in order to gain tenuous control of our inner world. We are frightened and ashamed of what leaks into our consciousness. In neglecting our intense emotions, we are false to ourselves and lose a wonderful opportunity to know God. We forget that change comes through brutal honesty and vulnerability before God." - Allender, D. & Longman III, T. (1994). The Cry of the Soul. In Scazzero, P. (2018). Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day (pg. 32). Zondervan.

It is important to heal our emotional wounds because it enables us to better fulfill the purpose and calling of God on our lives. Our wounds then do not become distractors for those who need to receive from us. I have been reading Pete Scazzero's *The Emotionally Healthy Leader*, and in it he details his journey to emotional wholeness and offers a roadmap for leaders who endeavor to do the same. In it, he described an emotionally unhealthy leader as one who "operates in a continuous state of emotional and spiritual deficit...." He notes that these emotional deficits are manifested by a pervasive lack of awareness in various dimensions of their life including awareness of their feelings, weakness, and limits, how their past impacts their present, and how others experience them. Spiritual deficits, he offers, usually reveal themselves in "too much activity" as these kinds of leaders engage in more activities than their combined spiritual, physical and emotional reserves can sustain. [Scazzero, P. (2015). *The Emotionally Healthy Leader*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Reflective, pages 25-26.]

Like the gentleman whose internal wounds cost him his life, I hope we can learn from his experience and begin (or continue) the examination within. Journalling, times of silence and solitude, increasing your vulnerability with at least one person you trust, enrolling in a self-development course, connecting with a therapist, coach, or mentor, taking the vacation or retreat you have been meaning to take, asking for help, etc, are all places to start.



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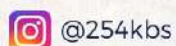
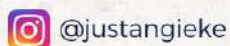
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Why should I take the Kingdom Business Course?

At the end of the course, you will have a roadmap, the *MEA Blueprint*, to help you do your best work as a force for positive change in the world, as God intended. You will also build a fresh and improved mindset in leadership and entrepreneurship to drive innovation and sustainable business results. You will position yourself as catalyst to change the culture in the marketplace to reflect God in all His glory and creates an ecosystem where everyone thrives instead of just surviving.

Who is the Kingdom Business Course for?

The Kingdom Business course is for men and women seeking to learn how to apply their faith in the marketplace for the transformation of societies, establishment and advancement of the Kingdom of God.

In the past year, Apostle Angie Murenga developed the Kingdom Business course with the aim of expanding knowledge of marketplace alignment to the Kingdom Agenda. With this alignment, comes the opportunity for like-minded Ekklesians to share ideas, trade, and network to influence businesses and professions to address societal issues.

What is the Kingdom Business (KB) Course?

The Kingdom Business course is a Bible-based program that teaches you the application of Kingdom Business principles in the marketplace. The course will help you discover how to adjust the heart of your business to the Kingdom, take on a Kingdom perspective on people management and establish your place in the market as the platform to addressing societal problems.

What is covered in the Kingdom Business Course?

12 topics are covered through notes, reflective questions and videos:

1. **The Kingdom Business** - knowing what it is
2. **First Things First** - setting the stage
3. **Changing the DNA** – internal alignment
4. **God's ROI** – the expected return
5. **Do it Afraid** – overcoming fear
6. **Never walk alone** – doing it with others
7. **Evolving** – changing with the seasons
8. **Expect opposition** - overcoming obstacles
9. **People Management** – taking care of God's jewels
10. **Legacy** – impact that lasts
11. **Building Africa** – unlocking the wealth of the continent
12. **Bring it All Together** – MEA Blueprint: Pipes, Purpose, Platform, People

How much time will I need to finish the course?

The Kingdom Business Course is a self-paced program, that takes an average of 4-6 months to complete, depending on your level of engagement and commitment to complete the learning activities. Each module takes on average, 1.5hrs to complete while the reflective questions take on average, 2hrs to complete.

Can I sample the course?

Yes! Your complimentary access to the Introductory Module is available through <https://ekkleisia.justangie.org/>. This complimentary module will give you an overview of the course and what to expect in the 12 topics to follow. It will also enable you to determine the average amount of time you will require to learn.

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THE POWER OF THE BOUNCE BACK



more free time at my disposal since schools were reopening in three months, and there was no hope of getting any other internship, together with a friend we decided to go for the scholarship interview.

On arrival for the interview, we realized we were overqualified. It was an opportunity better fit for those without a stable education background, yet my friend and I had already attained our first degrees. Since we were there, we decided to take the interview as we caught up on life - some good old gyst!

Something that I have found myself underestimating is the process and journey to establish any milestone. To establish, is to set up a goal or vision on a firm or permanent basis. Thinking about this theme, I am lead to share the bounce back story of the brand The Cooking Architect.

My baby, The Cooking Architect was born from failure. It is not easy to fathom how one can be fired from an internship. Yeap! that was me. Fired from a prestigious architectural firm that I had counted myself lucky to be part of. This all took place in a gruesome way in the middle of the night "who does that?" I kept thinking. I was there minding my business, trying to meet a midnight target and my then boss sends me a message some few minutes to midnight, "*kindly do not report to work tomorrow as your internship has been terminated*" It was a very hopeless situation.

The next morning I received an email stating reasons such as not being punctual, lack of enthusiasm and inability to do basic tasks among others as reasons for the termination of my contract. As I read at no point had I seen all the stated reasons in me, yet they did.

The whole experience got me into introspection, and amidst all the fear of whether I could ever be good enough for anything, it is then that I knew without a doubt it was time to enroll for the Purpose and Leadership Forum, something I had shelved for so long terming that it was not important, Well... God ensured it was now an emergency!

A few days later, I came across a poster advertising a scholarship opening in film production. My immediate instinct was it would be a better opportunity for my younger brother, since communications and media was more into his line of serving. However seeing that he was not interested much and I had

A few days later, I got a message from the institution notifying me that I had been awarded the scholarship. All this came as a shocker, I never anticipated it, but who is God, He knew what he was setting on motion because during this course, one of the assignments was to film and record a show as a class. My classmates unanimously agreed on the idea of a cook show with me as the host. We successfully executed the assignment and voila - merging of my two passions cooking and architecture was born under the brand The Cooking Architect. A new world of joy opened to me, I finally found something I loved.

On resuming school, recording and editing short clips as I prepared different meals took up most of my free time. What a fun and exciting world it was that I ended up buying a brand new phone from my savings just for my food videos. Everything looked so hopeful when about a week later BOOM! I was mugged in a matatu; these guys even strangled me with the safety belt just to steal a phone ... Just Wow! a whole other story on its own. The brand new phone got a new owner. That was one of the most depressing, most unreal ordeal (if you know you know). I shelved the cooking architect idea, and focused more on finishing school, because honestly the warfare was too real for me.

A year later the COVID 19 pandemic hit, and school just like many other institutions was abruptly suspended. It is at this moment I saw yet another opportunity to revive back my baby. Together with some friends from the film school, we did a production of six episodes for the show "The Cooking Architect" where we made amazing meals ready to share with the world. With the excitement building in me I shared what I was doing with APEPT Angie, who in turn asked about the purpose behind the brand and what problem was I solving.

The Cooking Architect's Story Time

At that time I felt like the question was rather weird. I wondered what purpose food could serve and what problem cooking would address. Food made me happy, I thought it would make everyone else happy too this was reason to continue .

We proceeded with the production and somehow in the midst of everything, one of the members lost all the sound files taking us back to square one. The entire journey looked frustrating and I did not understand why all these series of setbacks kept attacking my baby.

Habakuk 2:2 (Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.) True to this word it was finally time to write down the vision, to find the purpose behind the goals set and finally the problem I was trying to solve. Breakthrough is a journey because God wants to use every part and every step of the journey to show His presence.

Finally I got a clear vision and understanding of how to merge my passions. I would share and stir up conversations with various built industry players around affordable housing while sharing African meals and recipes. This time I was able to go through the process under guidance and accountability. God sent me destiny helpers, and guest speakers who were authentic and of integrity. There was an ease and provision that only God could truly give.

The experience of building up The Cooking Architect has taught me that for anything to be established; it has to be found in obedience to God and most importantly to the pattern that God shows which is one of divine order and flow. It is Him who gives the downloads.

Finally may we never ever give up! *"The true measure of success is how many times you can bounce back from failure."* Stephen Richards. Despite the challenges we face, we need to stay in the path that God has set *"for we are his workmanship created in Jesus Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10

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WOMEN RISING: BUILDING AND MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS

Once upon a time, a lecturer I had in college used to advise us that if a man wants success with a woman, then it would do him a lot of good to read every book addressed to women or to listen to talks curated for women. That way he will not only get some deeper understanding of women but he will also deepen his own understanding about himself. This year Jacobs Well through the Women Rising platform, will be hosting an in-person workshop on 12th March 2022 whose theme is building and sustaining relationships.


This will be the 3rd in a series of workshops whose objective is to allow women to heal and be made whole as God is raising them up in this season. This particular workshop in March will be about relationships between men and women and although the focus is women, just like my lecturer in those uni days advised, men will have the opportunity to get deeper understanding of themselves and the women in their communities.


As an Ekklesia community, under the able leadership of our convener and vision carrier Apostle Angie Murenga, we have increasingly been pressing in for our healing in all 8 aspects of our lives. This year, connectedness is an instructional focus point that God will work through for us and those around us. In line with that instruction, although the platform is women rising, the men amongst us are strongly encouraged to tap in and be enriched as we take on this journey towards fullness and healing for ourselves and our ecosystems.

Look out for more information about how you can reserve your ticket to this in-person workshop on the Kingdom Business Solutions Facebook page @kingdombizsolutions or on Instagram @jacobsowellkenya

Seating is limited and tickets are available on a first come first serve basis.

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ESTHER MWANIKI

Living The Dance with Her Father

Where Luther Vandross memorialized his father with a song titled dance with my father..... Esther Mwaniki describes herself as a beloved child of God living life like a dance with her father. For Esther, this dance is an everyday affair, in step with the beat formed out of her faith and her Fathers Word.

In this community we know Esther Mwaniki as the founder and CEO of Lapid Leaders Africa, a non-profit organization whose vision is to build a community of value-driven young leaders, dedicated to being solution-providers and change-makers across the African continent. Esther is positioning Lapid Leaders to prepare 15,000 young Africans to build sustainable, profitable and home-grown solutions for Africa and the world

- the future is African. Esther is the only African woman Obama foundation fellow (2019) and now the only African awarded The African Women's Public Service Fellowship funded by the Oprah Winfrey foundation.

Having had the privilege to listen to Esther's story, I recognize that to try and fit her journey in one article is impossible but I can draw out 6 themes that have defined her journey from a young ambitious career woman to a formidable catalytic leaders. In her big story, it's increasingly clear that it's the small things that catalyse the biggest movements. Her small thing is training, the big thing has the scent of freedom for a continent.



But first Esther's journey starts with her **salvation and faith**. Although she grew up going to church and doing the things girls do in a Christian set up, for her church was a thing that people do. Until 2009 when things changed in a big way. At the time Esther was dating and she wanted marriage, so she got a little more serious with church and started the discipleship program Mizizi. On the fourth week of Mizizi the topic was surrender and the key scripture was Matthew 16:26 (ESV)...for what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? This same week, a young man with whom she was close, died a tragic death just as he was starting to live with excellent career prospects and some .good money. She says the experience shook her and within a short time she committed her life to Christ starting to understand what it meant to surrender everything to Him.

Formation: Months after she gave her life to Christ, she was seconded to the UK. She says she found that land cold and unfriendly and she was far from home. She remembers that it was in this far away place that she did not like, that she heard God's voice telling her, 'I am here'. This set off a new phase in her salvation where she says God grew her to a place of intimacy with him. She learnt to hear Him, trust him and relate with Him. In that far away place, she got baptised and received the word that ushered her into her next phase in the journey. John 15:16 (NIV) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Her next phase was one of **process**, formed and held together with the new understanding that this whole journey was chosen of God, that she is chosen of God. Esther came back to Kenya after 19 months in Leeds a different woman.

She knew she could not approach her work in the same way, she had spent time with God and she knew she needed to align herself with what God had shown her she should be doing. Her work no longer brought her joy, but serving in church did, so she served. When Esther was not working, she was serving in church.

2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

As part of her service, she facilitated Mizizi in prison. She remembers fondly her time there calling it one of her favourite assignments. Esther Says, 'I found a freedom in prison that people don't know - the thing about prison is people who don't care about their image.' The real and raw authenticity of the prisoners allowed them to encounter God in profound ways and Esther observed that when they found God, they really deeply had found God because they were already over the drama of pretence. The surrender was complete.

Esther loved serving in church so much that when things began becoming untenable trying to balance a life of 5 days at work and 2 at church.... She chose to drop work and keep serving. After push back mainly from friends, Esther found another job after a few months in a bank. It was a senior job and she had a young, intelligent and capable team. Now, having come from an employer for whom training and development was a key thing, she found that at the bank, very little thought or investment was put into training. By this time she knew that her calling was in raising leaders. So Esther trained her team and building their capacity and within no time they were doing more and she had less work. Esther believes in working to make oneself irrelevant, this she says grows others while opening her up for more growth. This was the beginning of the crystallization of her calling towards raising leaders.

Transitions in the back led to Esther finding herself unable to align herself with the changes her employer was going through and so once again, she resigned without a plan. She knew that the job wasn't it, but she wasn't clear on what lay ahead, she felt stuck. Esther could not see what God was doing and it frustrated her. So she prayed with a pastor friend of hers and that day after they prayed, she went home and heard God telling her, 'This is what we

are going to do...' and The download started, and she wrote and wrote and wrote and for good measure she emailed this download to a friend just to make sure she doesn't forget about it. This is how Lapid Leaders Africa was birthed. Right after this Esther Mwaniki, learned about the Unstuck Conference and she knew this was a divine thing and it was important. At the Unstuck Conference 2014 she met Apostle Angie for the first time and she connected immediately. Esther says that after they prayed, she got the clarity she had been waiting for. A few months later, she met Apostle Angie again and this time Apostle Angie released her to do what she needed to do in a prayer that Esther remembers as



a beautiful experience. Now the work of building Lapid Leaders began in earnest.

Lapid leaders had its first 2 day seminar with between 20 and 30 student leaders in October 2014. The word Lapid is a Hebrew word meaning light and the organizations anchor verse is Isaiah 60:1-4, 6 which is used to commission leaders who have completed their Lapid journeys. 'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you...' Esther continued to build on the curriculum and the approach with every

seminar, which eventually grew into a full program. For 4 years, she ran Lapid leaders largely by herself and funding its activities from her savings. It was a season of **building** and it was gruelling. In 2018 she was broke tired and unable to see what all this was about. The work was simply not profitable and what went into it was so much more than what came out of it. In 2018, all she needed was rest. She heard the Lord telling her to close the office and it did not make sense at first so she says that God saw to it that the office was shut down. In that time she started the Purpose and Leadership Forum which was in its 27th season. The theme was Kingdom Expansion and Esther did not want to hear it because she had gotten to a point where she was exhausted and wanted to hear nothing more about building. But she showed up every Saturday and she started to heal and find **rest** again.

In 2019 Esther heard the Lord tell her it was time to get back at it and reluctantly she got back to work and by divine happenstance, she was offered support by way of help through a grant. In 2019 she also got shortlisted for the Obama Foundation fellowship and God had worked that this time Esther got what she needed at the right time so she was selected for the fellowship. She says that this fellowship exposed her to people doing big things and as she interacted with people she was getting more energized and dreaming again. It didn't get easy immediately but slowly she was healing and dreaming again and things were moving, she got funding to get the programme up and running again she got partnerships with universities and the dream started taking shape again.

Today, Esther is in New York participating and getting watered as a fellow with the African Women Public Service Fellowship sponsored by the Oprah Winfrey Foundation.

She is dreaming again and sees the vision to grow the impact of Lapid Leaders Africa to 15,000 young Africans is indeed achievable. Esther is still dancing with the Lord in this journey of raising African leaders who will birth Africa into her new dawn as per *Isaiah 60:1-4; Arise and shine for your Light has come...*

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PASTOR ANGIE'S ORDINATION INTO THE OFFICE OF APOSTLE

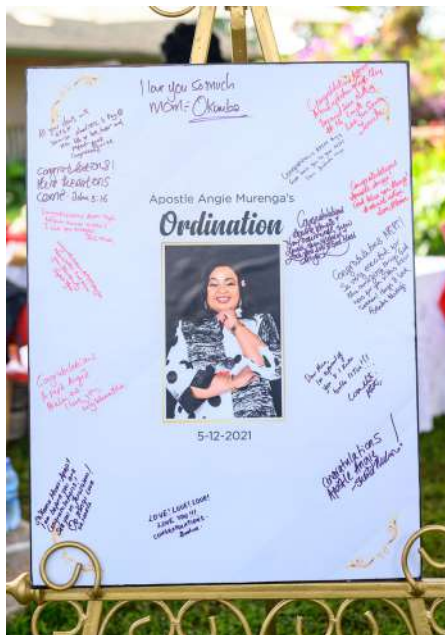
The Ordination Ceremony was held on 5th December 2021 at Fairview Coffee Estate, Kiambu. The Ceremony was presided over by Apostle Michael Warui Kibinge, assisted by Dr. Wale Akinyemi and Prophet Charles Maina. The MC's of the day were Apostle George Thara and Apostle Kaki Gichuru and in attendance was the MEA family.

The Sermonette was shared by Apostle Michael Kibinge who urged all Sons of God to present a higher way than world's ways, so that the higher calling of the church as written in *Isaiah 2: 2-3* can be experienced. In addition, as Daniel was found to be 10 times better as written in *Daniel 1:20*; all were asked to go out in the market place and demonstrate excellence. Consequently, we will be able to teach the world the Kingdom language, principles and culture.



Members in the MEA family shared their testimonies and journey after joining the Ministry which confirmed APEPT Angie's calling and God's grace over her life.

Enjoy the picture highlights from the ordination ceremony!





Key Highlights

- In 2007 went into full time ministry and since then it has been 15 years in ministry, training, leadership, coaching, mentoring, speaking, writing, discipleship and modeling.
- Mother to Althea Wamiru, her first protégé, and now a son, Matu Kihato.
- A marketplace minister with the gifts of APEPT passionate about God, Africa, leadership, culture, people, potential, the equitable distribution of resources and reformation.
- Vision is to change the culture of people and their daily practices into the culture and practices of the Kingdom of God.
- Ordained as a Pastor by Archbishop Gerry Kibarabara on 5th December 2015.
- Life scripture is *Isaiah 61:4* which speaks of restoration, renewal, rebuilding and raising the devastation of many generations with a calling to restore, rebuild, raise, and renew the devastation of many generations creating alignment and a new path for generations.
- Only Pastor that has received from ELNET (The Ethical Leadership Network) a recognition of integrity for self and business.
- Executive Certified Leadership Coach with a global ICF certification.
- Author of the Purpose & Leadership Forum Manual. In 2021 published “The Real you” book and currently writing first autobiography.
- Purpose & Leadership Forum popularly known as PLF ran for 30 seasons (ten years with three seasons a year), which has now transitioned into PLF Online. Started and continuing PLF Tanzania and PLF Uganda, four seasons in Switzerland & France, all executed with Kingdom of God excellence
- Successfully running, and with no debt, five annual signature events that have seen God’s faithfulness in Babylon. Starting and continuing with Apostolic and Prophetic intercession – watches, and most recently the 70 days of glory.
- Other key areas of engagement have been the Just Angie digital platform, website, the Kingdom Business course, the MEA, sector Ekklesias webinars- projects and book coming up, prison reformation in partnership with Clean Start and so on.

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