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INTRODUCTION

Dear Mildred,

Let me start by answering the most obvious question - what inspired this book? I will save you the trouble of trying to figure it out by simply telling you.

I know it sounds more romantic to say, "I love you and I don't know why" but that won't be true or even practical after 15yrs of marriage, if anything it would be down right funny and inaccurate. Truth is, I love you and I know why; so I decided to write these letters to you to share what those things are and how much you mean to me.

(However, for the sake of anyone else reading

this book let me just say this upfront, I am in no way glorifying my wife or my marriage because neither of them are perfect - this is me being humble because honestly, I feel they are. I mean, even the Bible says, every gift from God is good and perfect [James 1:17] and I know she's a gift from God... so hey!

But on a more serious note, I really just wanted to celebrate my wife for being such a wonderful partner all these years and to let her see how much I appreciate her. The reason I'm sharing it with you is because I know some of you have been positively impacted by her too. Proverbs 31:28 says to call her blessed so I'm simply giving you the words to use.

Another reason I'm writing this and making it public is, I'm hoping this will inspire someone out there; these days we hear more negative stories than positive ones, and if you are a

young woman you deserve to see virtue worth emulating and if you are a young man you also deserve to see qualities you should look out for in a spouse.

Now, I don't expect you to judge yourself or anyone else by these qualities. Please just see it for what it simply is - a love letter from a happy husband to his wonderful wife. I am very aware of the temptation to fall into comparison when you read things like this but understand that it will only lead to you feeling bad about yourself or all the other negatives that come from comparing oneself. Even the Bible warns against this, (2 Corinthians 10:12) so please don't fall for that. The truth is, everyone has amazing qualities and you are no exception.

However, while reading this book, if you see qualities I talked about my wife having, that you would like, then just pray and strive to

cultivate them.

One of the reasons I don't take this for granted is that it took me quite a while to find this lovely woman, I kind of knew what I was looking for in a wife and I can be very picky and specific about some things. I met a lot of interesting ladies before her, but I always knew something was missing. At this point, let me encourage someone out there; If God can allow you have the desire then the blessing exists, the possibility is there, don't give up. Keep searching till you find your heart's desire. So, I kept searching frantically, and I did what many young people do, I asked people to be on the lookout for nice options for me, I was working with the scripture that says,

*“He that **finds** a wife finds a good thing...”*

– Proverbs 18:22 [ABPE]

So, I thought my effort of trying to find would bring a good wife. Well, after much futility I came to the conclusion from a clearer understanding of that scripture that it wasn't telling us to go out and "find" in our power or with our human wisdom. In fact if you understand that you interpret scripture with scripture then you would understand what that scripture is really saying. Let's take a look at some scriptures.

*A man can inherit a house and money
from his parents, but only the LORD can
give him a sensible wife.*

- Proverbs 19:14 [GNT]

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?

...

- Proverbs 31:10 [NLT]

We can see from these scriptures, which

interestingly come after the one that talks about *finding*, that a truly good wife cannot be found by human effort. It is clear that only God gives a prudent or virtuous wife. You could never earn her; she's a gift.)

... So, on the day we met, even though it was the last thing on my mind, it seems that God wanted to gift you to me. All I needed to do was act in obedience and that's what I did. I remember I had championed the cause for our secondary school reunion after ten years. One of the planning meetings was held on the street you lived on at the time but as is usual with you as an introvert, you didn't show up. After the meeting, someone mentioned that you lived on the street and I insisted we all go to your house to check up on you. When we got there, it was dark and there was power failure so I couldn't see your face but I heard you speak and that caught my attention. Your wit, your

humor, I was intrigued. I knew I had to get to know you more and today, fifteen years later, I bless God for that reunion meeting.

Loving you was so easy and to be honest, I really thought I loved you then but surprisingly it seems I'm getting to love you even more with each passing day. Nowadays, I stare at you and wonder, "how can one person be this perfect? How can one person be this wonderful? How can one person be so caring and committed to another person?"

They say when you've spent a long time with someone you begin to see their flaws but I'm yet to see any flaw in you; it's either you are an angel or a pretty good actor. Whenever I read Proverbs 31, I totally relate with every verse, but I especially relate with this verse, as it is my reality.

***“She does him good and not evil
all the days of her life.”
- Proverbs 31:12 [NKJV]***

My prayer for every young person reading this;
may this and more be your story in Jesus name.

Okay, so let's get into it and let me break down
the specifics. Now, the question is should I
arrange them in order of importance or not?
Well, let's just start.



ONE
Spiritual

Dear Mildred,

I'm very attracted to your genuine love for God. It was and still is one of the qualities I like most about you. I met and still meet in my line of work, a lot of ladies that just want to use God but you desire to be used by God. Your true passion for God just melts my heart every time.

I remember how excited I was when I saw how much you loved scripture; it was quite unusual then considering it wasn't common at the time to see women who genuinely loved the Bible; not just books about the word but actually enjoyed reading and studying the word. I was happy to know you liked to read different versions of the bible, that's what led to my first ever gift to you; ***the message bible.***



I love how you pray; I never wanted someone I would drag to God but someone that was excited about the things of God. You are my number one intercessor; you always pray for me, not just me but also for our friends and family especially when they are facing a hard time. It's always a delight to see you rally your girls to pray for them. No matter how exhausted you are at the end of the day, you rise up very early and you and your girls start praying for them and you do this daily sometimes for weeks. So, I'm sure you now understand my excitement about your Instagram movement "Praying with pastor M" which has become a staple for many all over the world now. I'm so excited that others get to see what I see in private in our home.

I love how you pray and read the Bible with our kids. Oh, and you are such a worshipper. You constantly introduce me to all the new worship

songs and all the new music ministers, that's why I nicknamed you "Mummy Gospel". You also carry such a strong burden for worship leaders and music ministers. Another quality I love about you is that you are such a stickler for obeying the word of God. You don't have the energy for drama of any kind. If I were given a dollar for every time I've heard you say, *"If we all can just do what the bible says there would be no problems"* I would be a millionaire. You are such a firm believer in the fact that the Bible is the manual for life and your first response to anything is to search for the answers in the Bible and to do whatever it says.

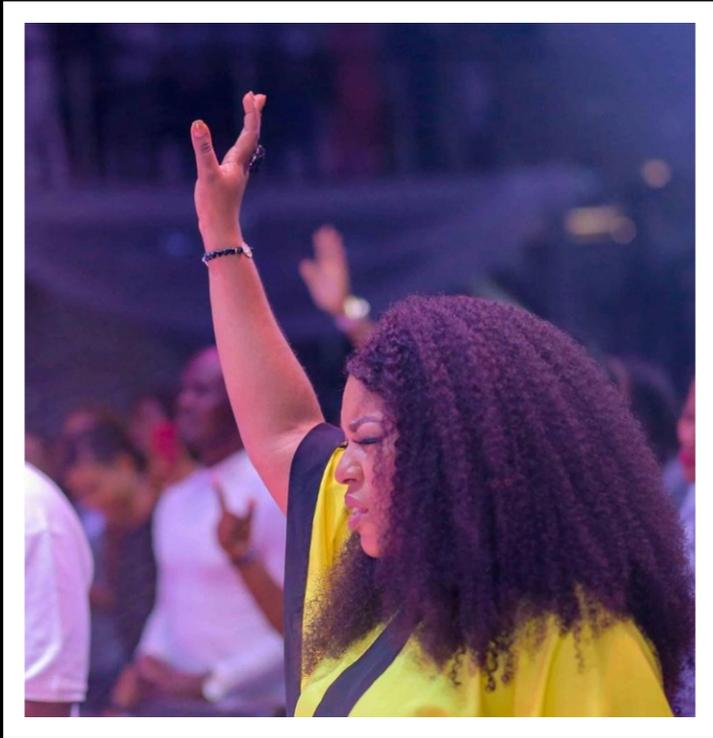
Oh! I really admire that you hear God with amazing accuracy; too many times I have dropped my jaws at how accurate the revelations have been. In fact the episodes are too many to count; that's why we call you

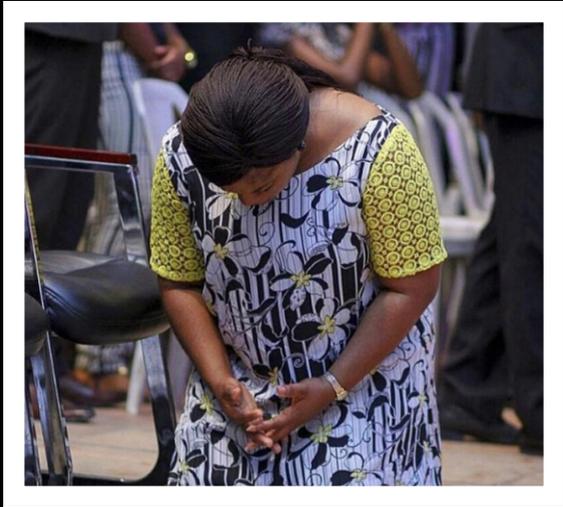
“the prophetess”. Whenever you talk about how God used the story of David to show you I was your husband, I always smile and my face lights up.

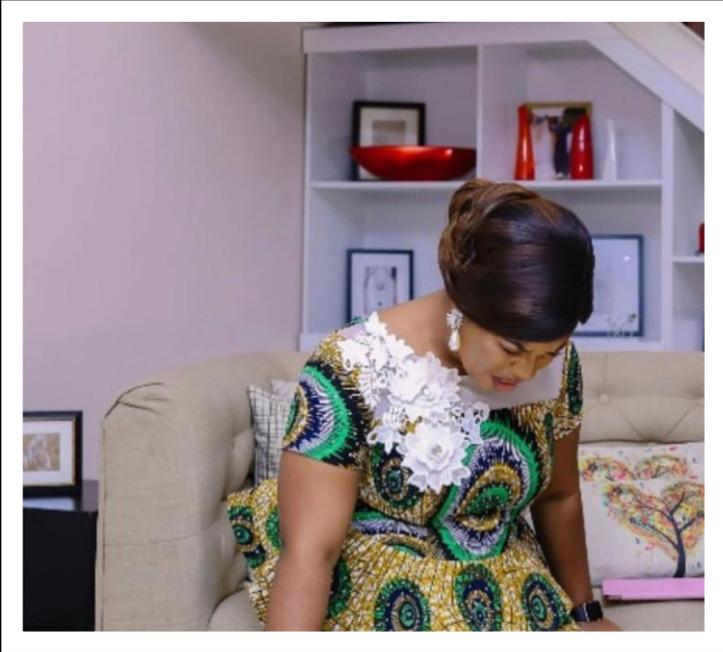
I pray you inspire more young women to be spiritual, and genuinely chase intimacy with God through prayer and the Word.

Love,

Kingsley.









TWO
Smart

Dear Mildred,

This one is one of my favorites. I still remember vividly the first day we met 10yrs after secondary school. It was after our reunion committee meeting that held on your street. We all walked to your house, it was dark and I couldn't even see you but hearing you that day was the beginning of our journey, it was obvious how smart you were. I told myself I must get her number, and the more we spoke the more impressed I was. There is nothing as refreshing as a pretty girl that is smart or a smart girl that is pretty. Even King Solomon who was a Professor Emeritus in women matters said so,

*Like a gold ring in a pig's snout
is a beautiful face on an empty head.*

- *Proverbs 11:22 [MSG]*

I have always secretly adored that part of you;

I totally believe there's nothing you don't know or can't handle. I don't know if you've noticed but I always ask you first before I ask Google.

I remember one day many years ago when we were still dating before Google became a thing, I was on my own, in front of my house and some of the neighborhood kids had an assignment from school and needed help with it, so they came to me.

"Uncle Good afternoon sir, please do you know the meaning of GMT?"

To be honest, I had no clue at the time; I was about to disgrace myself in front of these kids that had been looking up to me as a very smart uncle. I was taken aback and a bit embarrassed but I suddenly remembered that I knew one of the smartest people in the world and that she was just a phone call away (please help me thank the man that created

mobile phones). I told the kids to give me a minute and I quickly called you and without skipping a beat you told me. I felt so proud, and these kind of things have happened so many times now that I'm so used to it. I can't even imagine not having you around to answer my questions.

The kind of clarity and decisiveness you bring to ANY situation still amazes me. You just always know what to do. Do I need to talk about how you take charge when it comes to homework with the kids? If it were just up to me, we would all fail the assignments. I know I say it often but I will keep saying it because it's true; you are very smart. I remember one day many years ago, we were at a cyber café (*millennials ask your parents what that is*) a lot of guys were present there. So a lady walked in well dressed and looking very pretty and all the guys were gawking at her and couldn't stop

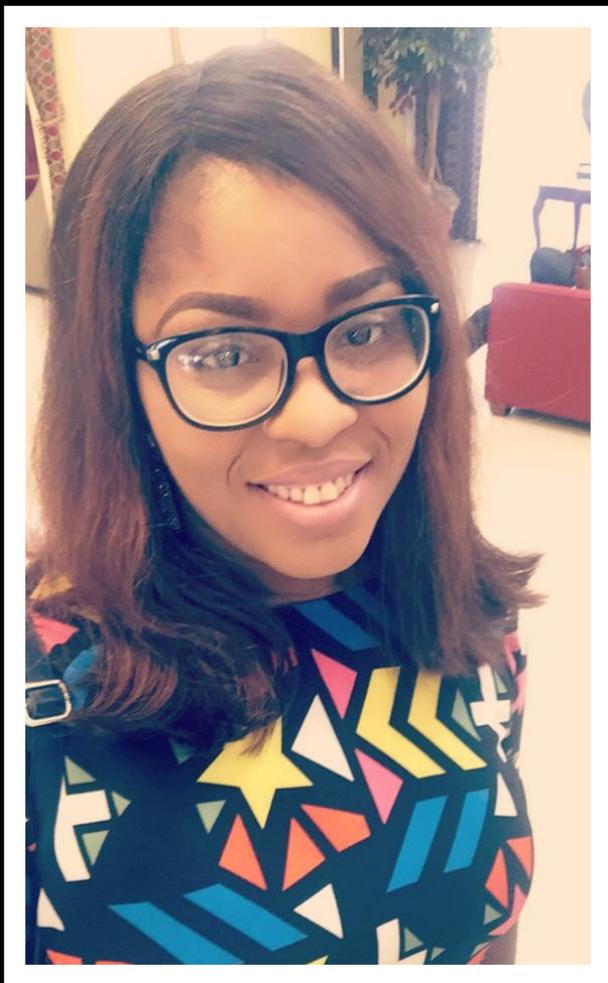
staring. A few minutes later, someone needed help with something in the cafe and he asked loudly so that everyone could hear and help, but there was deafening silence, no one had a clue (including me) it was something that required a knowledge of a foreign language, and while we were all dazed you just mentioned the answer in passing like it was nothing and then all eyes were on you. I was beaming with pride that you weren't getting attention just because of your looks but because of how smart you were. That was one of the proudest days of my life, I wanted to give autographs to them as your fiancé but they weren't interested in me, all eyes were on you.

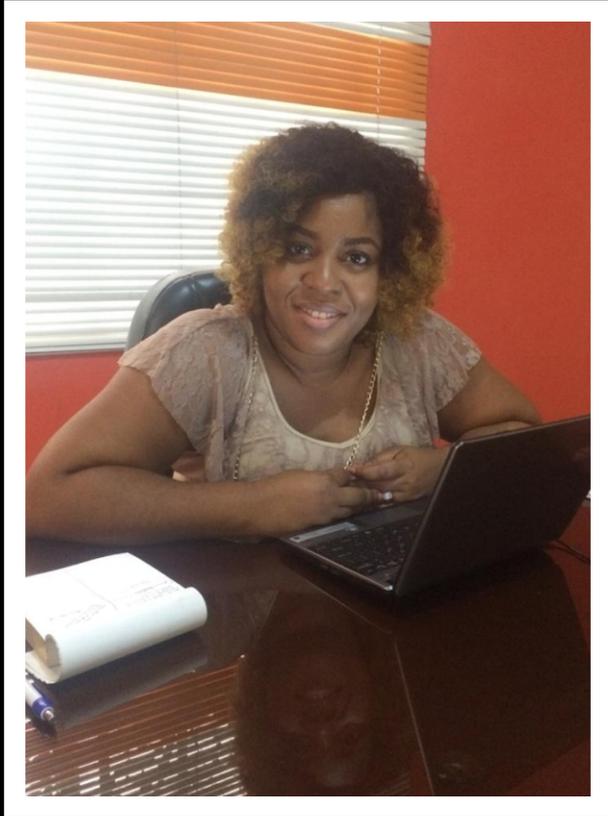
I see how your phone buzzes from the moment you wake up till when you sleep from all the people tapping from your wealth of wisdom; from spiritual things to domestic issues to parenting to fertility issues, to financial

questions to marital to human resources to administration to creative ideas, and on and on and you never run out of wisdom. Everyone wants a piece of you and you gracefully attend to them all. I can't imagine making any decision without asking you first.

I pray for the young women out there, that they will be endowed with the kind of wisdom God has given you.

Love,
Kingsley.







THREE
Sally

Dear Mildred,

To say I am grateful for you is an understatement. Hmm... just thinking about this one, I've come to the conclusion that the Proverbs 31 woman has got nothing on you. You are so knowledgeable and skillful about almost everything – you sew, you cook, you bake, you design, you write, you shop, you decorate, you have a mini eye brow shaping ministry (if you know, you know), to be honest I can go on. You are a complete allrounder.

Interestingly if you remember, it was your baking skills that gave us an opportunity to be close. You were assigned to bake the cake for our secondary school reunion party; you were not planning to attend the event but you had been given the responsibility of baking the cake and bringing it. *Thank God Uber wasn't a thing back then or I know you would have sent*

it instead of coming with it. Come to think of it, I should love cakes more.

I don't even understand how one person can be this versatile and still be excellent in all things. I love how you harmonize all these things so well; balancing the home and work and ministry. You are such an exceptional homemaker and still oversee corporate issues. I'm in awe of how you change hats so effortlessly. I find it hard to enjoy food if you didn't cook it. There are days you cook 5 different kinds of soup at the same time, all burners working at the same time and you won't even break a sweat...ok just a little sweat.

My geek, I'm always so impressed by how you always have one weird gadget or the other that I have never seen before. I remember with our first daughter, you would always come up

with one gadget or the other. First it was the wipes warmer because you didn't want the cool wet wipes to wake her if you had to change her diaper while she was asleep especially in the middle of the night, then it was the battery operated, musical nasal aspirator to distract her with the music and then with just the push of a button, you could clear her nose of every mucus. Our children are really blessed to have a mom like you; one who is always solving problems in the easiest way possible.

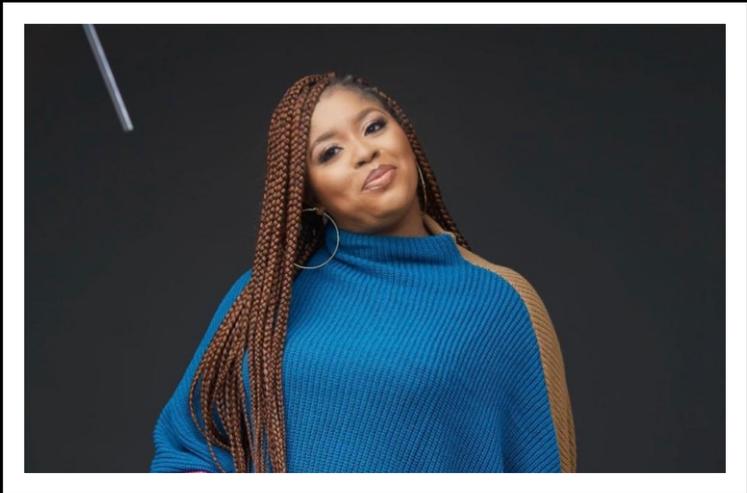
It is fascinating to see you always pull out one gadget or the other to solve a problem without us being in panic mode about it. I know I often give you an amused look when you gush over gadgets especially when you enter an apple store but its also a look of admiration because I know you will end up buying something that will solve a problem we don't even know we will have yet.

You are also my personal computer geek; you have been setting up my devices since forever. I daresay the geeks in apple stores have nothing on you. I love the fact that you also never give up on things, if you don't know, at least you will have an idea and you keep trying till you figure it out. You are the perfect example of *"you might not know everything about something but you know something about everything"* and that is truly refreshing.

You being so savvy is one of the reasons I find you very attractive. You are just incredibly resourceful.

Love,

Kingsley.







FOUR
Strong

Dear Mildred,

I have always known I could never marry a lazy woman; I mean laziness is a major turn off for me. I have always known I needed a true help meet; a strong destiny partner. I'm a restless dreamer so I was looking for stability and strength in a wife. Interestingly, I have always been attracted to strong women since I can remember. I don't even know why but I always admired women in military uniforms; maybe it's the mixture of feminine strength and raw power, a mixture of softness and stability but even without a uniform you demonstrate these qualities so well. You can be so girly and so tough at the same time, you can be emotional and yet show incredible mental strength at the same time, you can be both dependent and dependable all at once and you do it with such ease.

I know I don't say it a lot but you are a constant source of strength for me. You have shown truly that being feminine is not being weak. You show me that you can allow a man be there for you when necessary and you can also be just as efficient and do what needs to be done when there is no man. I draw strength from you physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally. I remember the day our first daughter Hadassah had a febrile seizure and was convulsing. At some point, she stopped breathing. I can never forget that day, you held it together even as you carried her breathless body that Sunday afternoon, you were praying and speaking to her with no visible sign of panic. I was so impressed, many women would collapse or start crying hysterically but you showed strength and confidence in God.

This reminds me of the woman in **2 kings 4:8-37**

who the prophet Elisha had prayed for after years of infertility and she was blessed with a child. The child died and she laid the boy on his bed then headed towards the prophet. When she was asked if there was any problem. She calmly replied, *"It is well"*. Even with a dead child at home, she didn't lose her faith or crumble and break down into an emotional mess. It was like watching the bible re-enacted before my very eyes. I absolutely love the fact that your strength is not obvious or physically detectable, you can look very gentle. It totally fits into the meaning of your name MILDRED – "gentle strength".

Your strength always moves me. I don't know if I have met someone with a stronger threshold for pain than you. Something that would ordinarily make others scream, you would just endure it like it's nothing. I remember when you were giving

birth to our second daughter Davida, after all the stress of a failed induction and an emergency C-Section, the epidural failed, you endured the stitching like it was normal, it was only at some point when you asked me, “Why does it feel like they are stapling me? It's excruciating!” that we knew it had failed, the medical staff were in shock. You just kept saying, “Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!!!”

Oh, I also remember one evening when we were still dating; I was dropping you off at your parent's home, when I mistakenly hit the handbrake with my thumb. I really don't understand how it happened but the nail on my thumb bent backwards and my first thought was, I'm going to leave it like that forever because of the pain when I tried to touch it. I remember you laughed so hard and convinced me to let you just see it. You promised you would let me keep it like that and

not touch it so I let you just “take a quick look” but before I could say Jack Robinson, you quickly flipped it back into it's right position. If not for you, I probably wouldn't be using that thumb today. You kept laughing and saying “it cant be that bad”.

Just so you know, I still haven't forgiven you for that o! And even if it's when we are 90 I will still revenge...LOL!

Love,

Kingsley.







FIVE
Stylish

Dear Mildred,

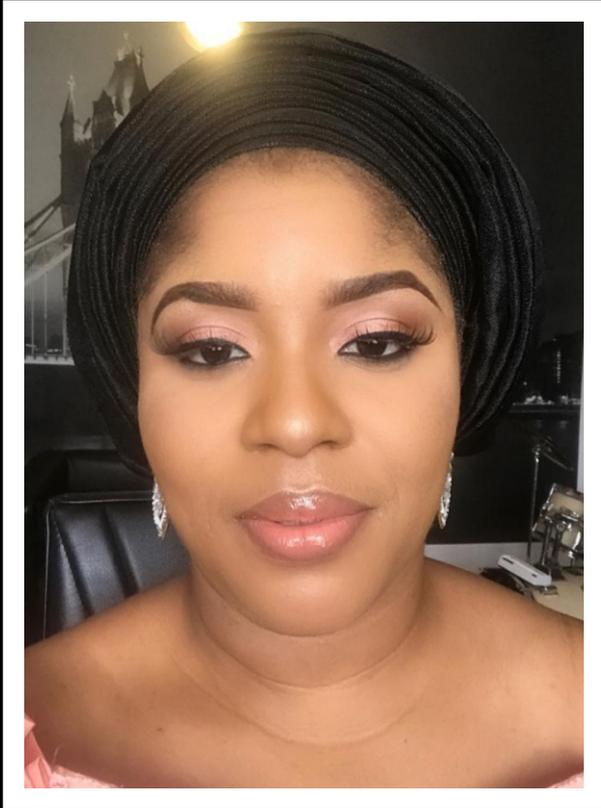
I love that your sense of style is so cool and understated. Everything about you is gentle and calm and not "in your face". I love that you just have style in your own gentle way; I like that it is so effortless and that you are never trying too hard. One of your favorite style quotes is "*less is more*", I hear you say it all the time when you dress up and that resonates well with me because I have always felt that when people have a need to be loud with their make up or dressing, it's usually because they are trying to cover something or who they really are.

I like your quirky style too, you never follow the crowd, and you have an eye for finding unique things or blending ordinary things in a unique way. Anything can be made to look special in your hands. Even the way you shop for the kids,

I almost envy them, they have been enjoying that your gift of style all their lives; the things you buy them are always so good and of such great quality that close friends and families have also benefited from this skill. You also have great taste in shoes, jewelry and accessories. The sweetest part of it all is that you do it without breaking the bank. You are so prudent and satisfied; in fact, that's my next chapter.

Love,

Kingsley.









SIX
Satisfied

Dear Mildred,

I truly love you for this quality; even though you came from a financially stable home I have never been under any pressure financially. I know many ladies today would not have given me a chance, but you fully accepted and loved me even when it seemed like I didn't have much to offer you financially. You are very satisfied and content no matter what you have. You have never been interested in what another person has, you are never greedy or jealous, you never complain no matter how bad the situation.

During our early years in marriage, there were days we did not have enough to buy toothpaste, bathing soap or even food but you never complained, not once. You were always content. Do you remember the day you were trying to light the old green wick

stove and because you were not used to how it works; you didn't set something quite right and it exploded in your face making you look like your shadow? I still laugh when I remember this, especially how you sat on the floor covered in soot. Despite all that happened that day, you didn't get frustrated considering you came from a home that you were using a gas cooker and not a wick stove. You never complained or grumbled.

I laugh when I hear people say things like, "If your wife is upset just send her money" because such things never impress you. You are not materialistic at all. I've seen practically in you what the book of Proverbs meant when it says

*...for her price is far above rubies,
- Proverbs 31:10b [KJV]*

No amount of money can buy or impress you. I totally can't relate when men say they hide money from their wives because of careless spending, I have never thought of that talk less of doing it, because you are happy with what ever we have. You exemplify what it means to both abase and abound like apostle Paul said,

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

- Philippians 4:12 [NKJV]

Right now thankfully, we are part of the "abound geng" but interestingly, we are not necessarily happier now that we can afford some things. In fact nothing changed, you were just as happy and satisfied then when we barely had enough.

Do you remember the week before we got married? We were sitting down and having a conversation, then I teasingly said to you, "aren't you afraid of marrying me? Knowing I don't have money?" you laughed and said, "who is marrying you for money? God is the one that will take care of us." It never even bothered you at all.

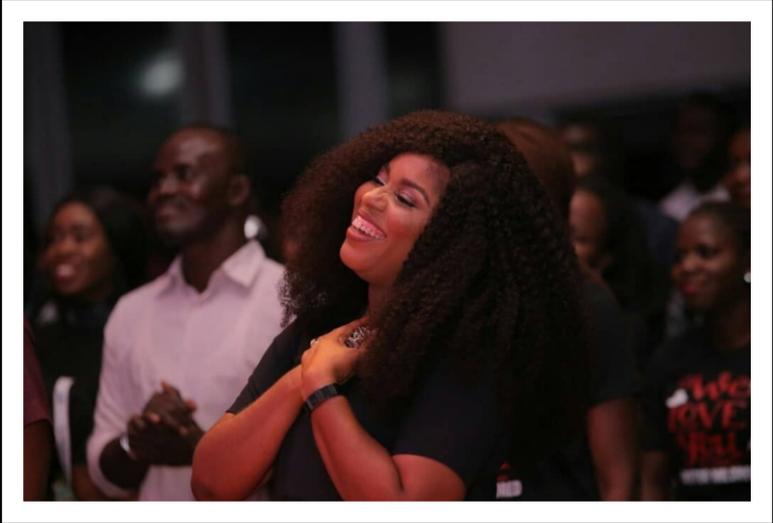
I also remember the day we were at a mall and you went off to buy some things and a man walked up to me and introduced himself as an avid viewer of our television program - Love, Dating and Marriage. The next thing he asked was, "Where is your wife? I've heard you say you are always with her." I smiled and told him you were a few feet away shopping. He screamed, "You left her alone?!" I said yes and asked why he looked so panicked. He said, "How can you let her shop by herself, won't she finish the money?" It was such a funny

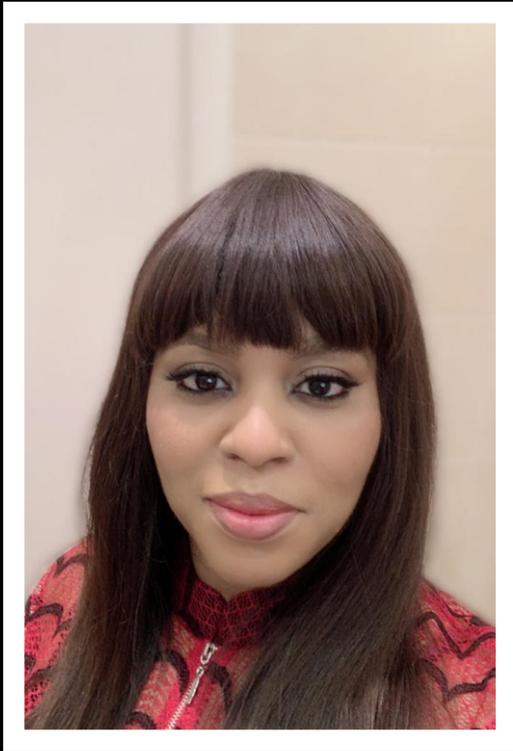
experience and I really laughed because the truth is what he didn't know was I'm the one he should have been bothered about when it comes to spending. If only he knew...

I love how prudent and satisfied you are.

Love,

Kingsley.









SEVEN
Serious

Dear Mildred,

I love how you are always so serious. I know this will make you smile because you often wonder why you are so serious and not a bit more playful like me. The truth is, I thank God that you are the complete opposite of me. Having a sanguine personality means that I can be very playful and not take things too seriously; this makes me appreciate the fact that you take life too seriously. Honestly, it's one of the things that actually attracted me to you because I take nothing seriously.

Without you, I probably would have wrecked my life by now.

“Everything has consequences”,

“Everything should be handled with focus”

“Labor before luxury”,

These are the kinds of mantra you live by. You don't think life is a game; we should live like we

will be accountable for it. A lot of times, I catch you deep in serious thought with that slight frown causing wrinkle lines right in the middle of your forehead and I know you are thinking about something; an assignment you need to carry out, a decision you need to make, a problem you need to solve, or a desire I have expressed sometimes in passing which I probably didn't think too seriously about.

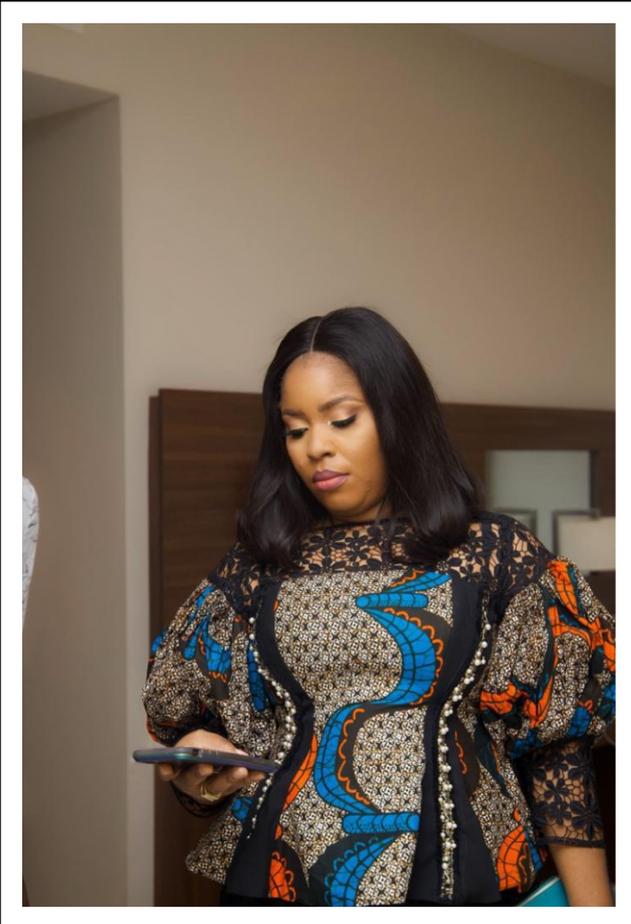
I like how you are able to just set goals and tasks and see them to completion. No matter the assignment you act like you are going to be tested on it so you give it your absolute focus. You take everything seriously; what I say, what I think, what I do, what I want and this extends to the children too. You act like you are on some kind of mission that must not fail. I literally have to get you to stop sometimes and just relax.

I love that I can make all that seriousness go away in just one split second; I know what buttons to press to make you relax maybe I shouldn't reveal how but you know right?

Love,

Kingsley.









EIGHT
Sexy

Dear Mildred,

I know this is going to make you blush bright red but I can't say all the reasons I love you and leave this one out.... Sorry it's not happening! LOL!

You are such a sexy babe, and you have proven that sexiness has nothing to do with being wayward. You have been a decent and good girl most of your life yet you show mad skills in bed. Most men want a saint outside but a tiger in bed, and you do that so effortlessly; you fulfill all my fantasies, and you use every part of your body excellently, and I mean literally every single part of your body. You are just so effortlessly and naturally skillful.

I hear that as a marriage gets older the sexual passion drops but somehow the passion in ours has remained. We always say we still make

love like teenagers after 15 years, sometimes multiple times a day. You are still hot and sexy like the first time; your kiss and your touch still have the same effect till date. That's why I don't really like our bodies touching when I'm pretending to be angry with you, because my body won't know how to cooperate with the strike, every part of your body still...

Let me stop please there are youths here. I will tell you the rest privately.

Love,

Kingsley.







NINE

Straight Forward

Dear Mildred,

I love how you display integrity; you hate any kind of lying or deceit. You constantly try to live on the straight and narrow. You are a perfect example of the saying "*as straight as an arrow*". You are not one to be two faced, when you have issues with people's characters or actions you say it (I still try to sugarcoat it) but you say it as it is.

Many people have come to realize that whenever they want an honest opinion about anything, that you are the person to ask. You will never say something you don't mean. You will never say things behind people's backs that you can't say to their faces. You will not say something before a person and then say another thing behind them. You hate two-faced people and I love you for that.

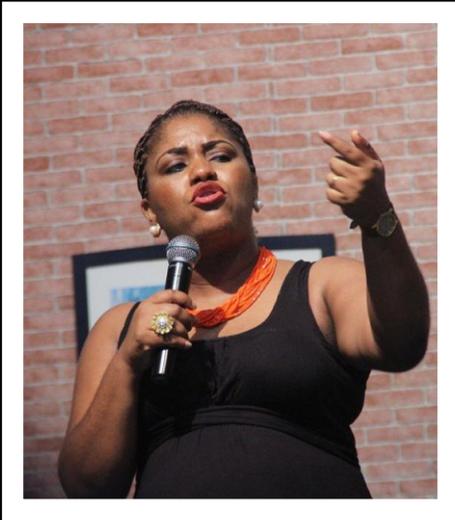
You like to follow the rules all the time. I know I tease you about this all the time but in my heart, I admire that about you. It's always refreshing when I hear you say, "Why can't we all just do what is right? Life is really simple." I laugh at this too because you say it so often, but in a world where lies are now more valued than truth you are a breath of fresh air and a source of hope that there's still some good in this world.

I love that with you what I see is what I get. Your heart is so pure and beautiful and so sincere. Don't ever change baby.

Love,

Kingsley.







TEN
Supportive

Dear Mildred,

This one always gets me, maybe because it's my major love language (acts of service). You are one of the most supportive people I have ever met. You have always set aside your own dreams to put my needs, my dreams and me first. Not that you don't have dreams or that you are not anointed or gifted in ministry but you understand service. You totally understand the phrase "help meet"; you have always taught and shown women that marriage is a God ordained calling to support their husbands. One of your most famous sayings is, "*Marriage is not a reward; it is an assignment.*" You live it and teach it.

Your support all these years has been amazing and humbling especially in this day and age with all the women equality campaigns and so on, the way you drop anything and everything

you are doing once I say I have an idea or a dream is remarkable. Not sure I have met someone as selfless as you; you spend generously for the kids and I but you will hardly want to spend on yourself ...we force you these days.

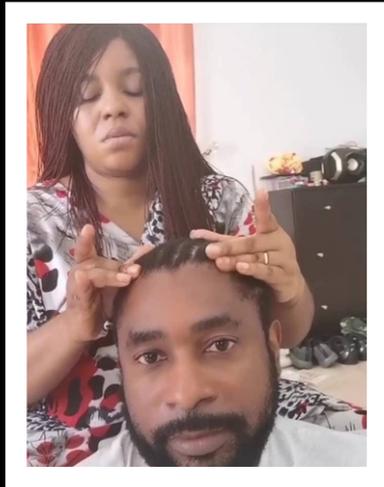
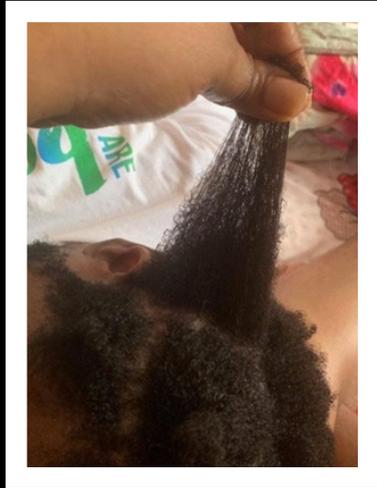
This is one of the reasons I can't lose you because I know I can never find another selfless and supportive woman like you. People think our marriage is working because I'm a relationship coach or a pastor, what they don't know is that it is working because of you; your selflessness. In reality, I'm the theory and you are the practical. You have really spoilt me by how you honor me and help me. Should I talk about pamper day? A day you take out to pamper me completely – spa treatments, my favorite foods, etc.

Thank you for all you do for me. I want you to

know that you are irreplaceable.

Love,

Kingsley.











ELEVEN

Sense of Humor

Dear Mildred,

Hahaha ha-ha! I'm laughing just thinking about this because you know I really like this one right?

I still need to go back to that famous night we met 10 years after secondary school. It was dark and I couldn't really see you but your rebuttal to most jokes and the way you handled being teased with incredible humor got me. I loved your sense of humor from day one, and this is so important for me because of how funny I am, I knew I definitely had to marry someone I could laugh with. You always get the jokes, even the ones that need no words; especially those ones that only you and I understand; those ones only both of us know about. Like that time when... *you know what? I will tell you when we are alone.*

I like how you can go from being prim and proper one second to speaking *waffi* pidgin the next. Your **Praying with Pastor M** gang know what I'm talking about. And when you mimic people or tell a story where you have to act out the parts, you make all of us laugh real hard.

Laughter is such an important part of life, especially in marriage. It's so nice to have someone to laugh at and laugh with.

Thank you for being my laughing partner.

Love,

Kingsley.









TWELVE
Submissive

Dear Mildred,

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I love you for being submissive. Again, this has sparked a lot of controversy in today's world; whether women should submit to their husbands or not, but you do it with so much ease (*and I don't know why*). We have never had a leadership tussle in these 15yrs (*doesn't feel that long*). You are strong, smart and yet very submissive.

You have never spoken rudely or disrespectfully to me, you have always followed even when I bring my usual crazy ideas (*sometimes stupid ideas*). We have emptied our accounts numerous times to sow a seed, given out cars when we didn't have alternative ones to use, given out landed property even when it was the only investment we had and yet you have never argued or

objected. You have always followed me fully.

You were patient even when you knew I was making some bad choices trusting me to learn through leading you. You always trusted my decisions, it reminds me of another of your popular sayings, "*Your job as a married woman is to love your husband and train your children; not train your husband and love your children.*" You actually practice what you preach. You have loved and accepted me these 15 years and allowed me grow into the man that you deserve. I know many ladies today would struggle with this one but you have done it with so much ease. You have to teach all of us how you can be smart, strong and still submissive

Thank you for being patient with me while I grow. You never rub it in when I make mistakes, you don't do the usual "*I told you so*" that most

of us would do. Thank you my baby.

Love,

Kingsley.







THIRTEEN

Stable

Dear Mildred,

So, it's common knowledge (at least amongst men) that women are emotional, women generally can get emotional about things, so they can mean what they are not saying and say what they don't mean. Men have always had to decode women and decode what they really mean in spite of the exact words being said to them but you are different. You are one of the most emotionally stable women I have ever met. In actual fact, you are the most stable.

I have had debates with women that when we were done I couldn't even remember what the original discussion was about (men can relate) but with you I have enjoyed talking and even debating issues with you because you have always been able to separate your feelings from logical points. You are like one of the

guys; one of my buddies. You are literally my best friend, I'm so impressed at how I'm able to run my ideas and thoughts by you and you give sound advice.

I also like how you are able to hold it together even when the circumstances would have normally caused outbursts. I really like that you know when to show your emotional side and when not to. You always know which approach to take in facing a situation; you can decipher when it calls for logic and facts not just your feelings and emotions. You are truly a delight.

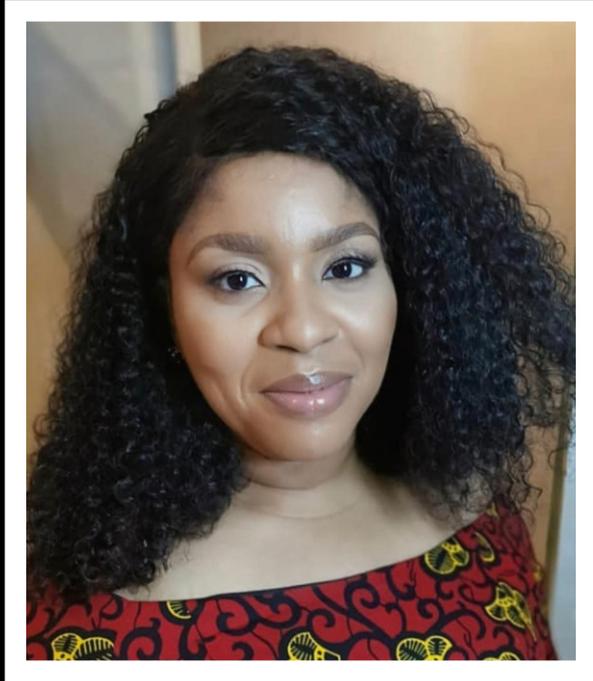
Many times over the years, when I have provoked you or messed up, I noticed that you were never disrespectful to me, not ever. Even in the anger or frustration I still sensed your honor and respect for me even when I acted very badly. While other men may see this as a

weakness and as a great opportunity to mistreat, take advantage of or manipulate you, I see this as one of your biggest strengths and I consider it a heavy responsibility to preserve your vulnerability.

Love,

Kingsley.









FOURTEEN
Sensitive

Dear Mildred,

My prophetess... I know you will laugh at this but we call you the prophetess because of how spiritually sensitive you can be. You always know when something is in the offing, you know when something is wrong somewhere, you know when we should pray more, and you have always been accurate. You can even tell when people come close to us with bad intentions, and even though sometimes, you are unable to say why you feel that way, in the end you are always right.

There has been no one you warned me of that you weren't right about. Your sensitivity has saved us so many times. It's so good that people even call you to help them with staff recruitment because just by looking at people you can usually tell the state of their hearts. You just have that gift; I dare not

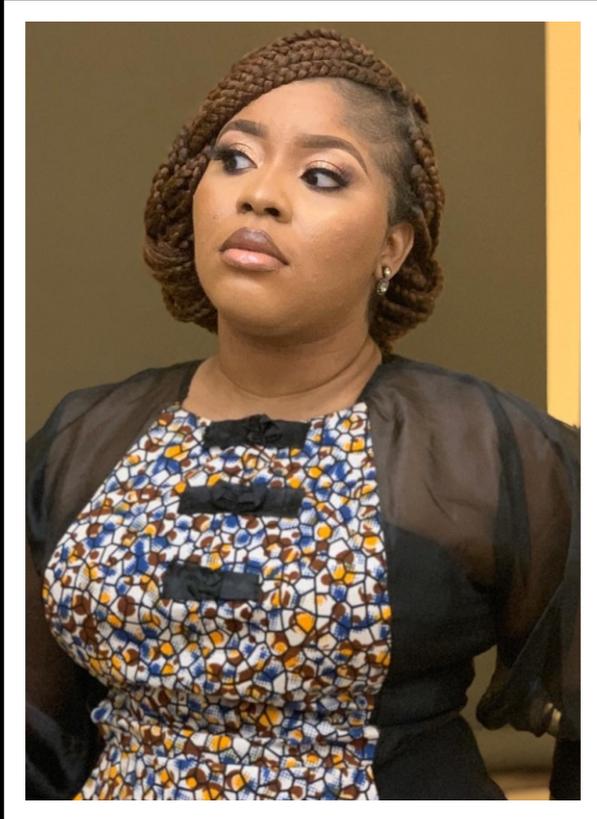
put someone in a position without asking you about it first. I have been burned many times I tried it.

Even when I'm thinking of doing something I shouldn't, you have a way of sensing it (*and this doesn't always favor me.... LOL!*).

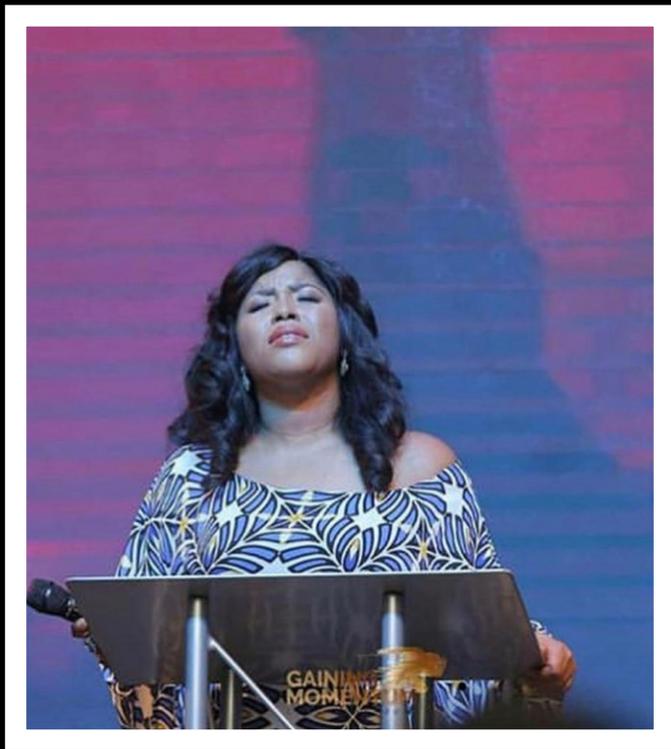
Either way, you are a huge blessing and I'm grateful for the gift of you.

Love,

Kingsley.









FIFTEEN
Stunning

Dear Mildred,

I intentionally left this as the last point. So, let me make it clear; you are very beautiful – both inside and outside - but in this letter, my focus is on the outside.

You have always been, even from secondary school days; you were the finest girl in school then (most of the guys agreed). I remember when I met one of our fellow *bad boys* from Secondary school days in London after like 17 years of leaving school and he said something that made me laugh but buttresses the point I'm trying to make. He accused me of giving my life to Christ just to marry you, (*because you were born again then and I was born against*). He knew you were worth a guy going to any lengths just to get you (*the way these bad boys think sef*). Of course that wasn't what happened but I knew you were that pretty and

people admired you in school. I know you have said many times that you didn't see why guys were raving about you back then so let me try to hint you.

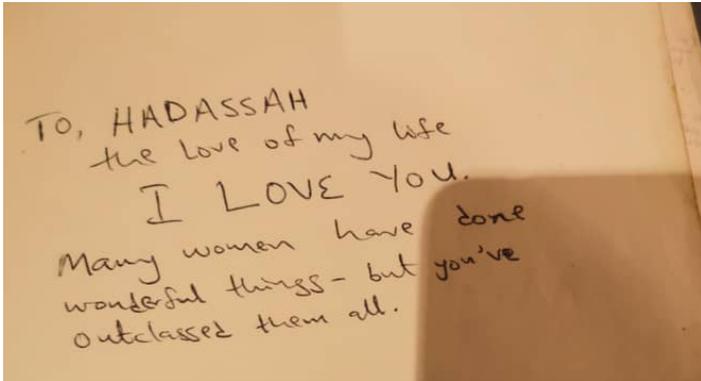
First, you looked almost half-caste; like mixed race, like you were born from a Nigerian and European mixed marriage. Secondly, you were generally very neat and stylish and lastly you had one of the biggest hips in our set. You see that combo got most guys crazy about you, and not much has changed almost 30years after, aside the Nigerian sun that has toned down how fair you were, you are still as pretty now as you were then. Your lips are still as beautiful and supple, your nose still as pointed, your smile still as charming, and I still love those your two front beaver like teeth, your eyes still as warm and welcoming and those your killer hips still ... *I will show you what I mean later "wink wink"*.

I never get tired of staring at you my baby, you are still as stunning as when we first met, you still catch my eye whenever you enter or exit a room and you constantly take my breath away. You are one of the few ladies who always look good even without makeup. You have naturally full brows, you have real eyelashes; you are a natural beauty ...your own is follow come.

I'm so happy to be the one that got you and I am glad to be doing life with you. You will always be SPECIAL to me and I want to end this with the first scripture I ever wrote you:

*"Many women have done wonderful things,
but you've outclassed them all!"
- Proverbs 31:29 [MSG]*

I meant it when I sent it to you over 15 years ago and I mean it even more now.

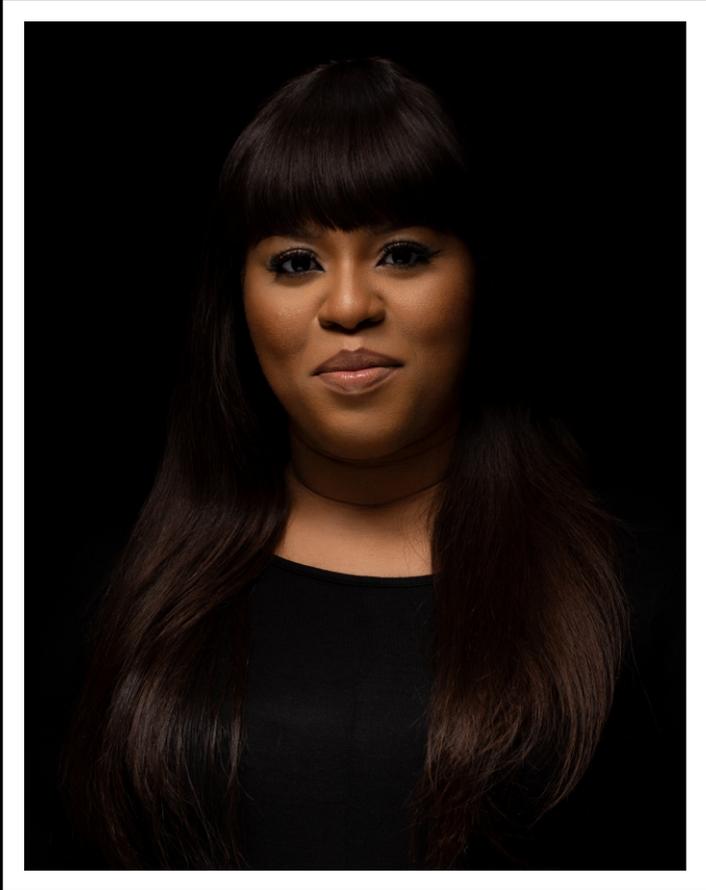


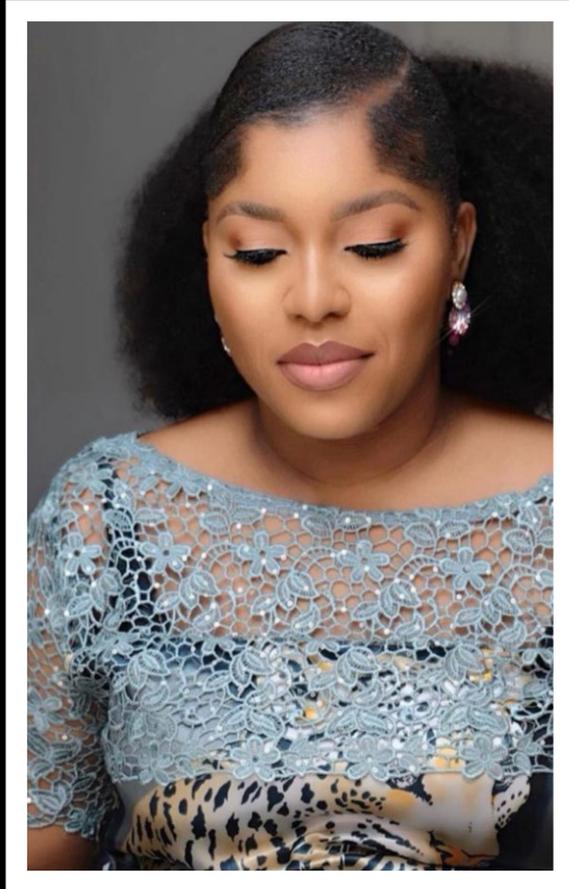
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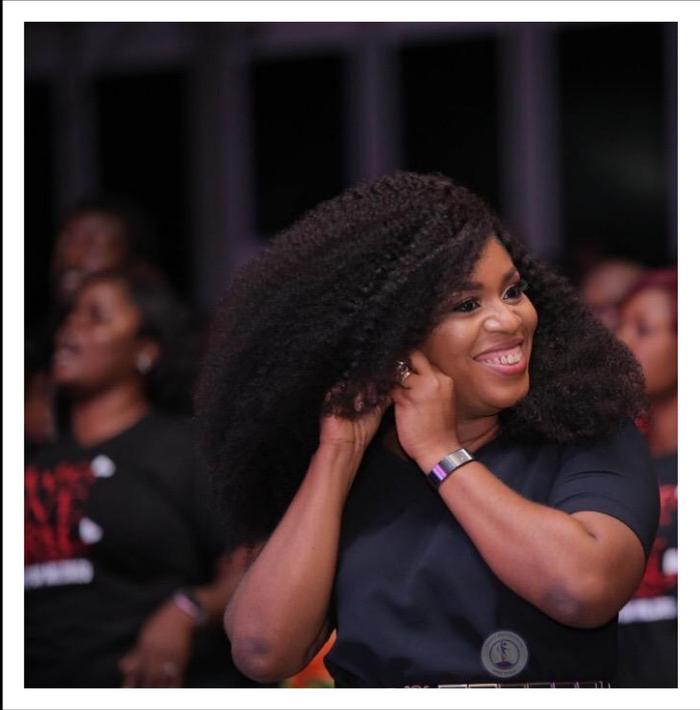
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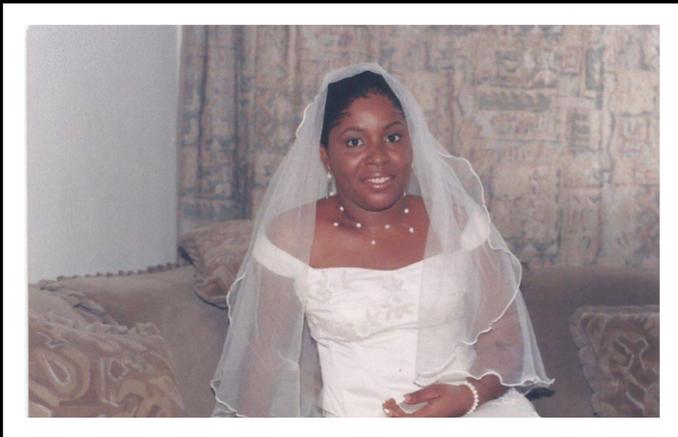
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Now I guess, this is where I write SWALK or XOXO or whatever teenagers write when they write love letters... to Mildred.

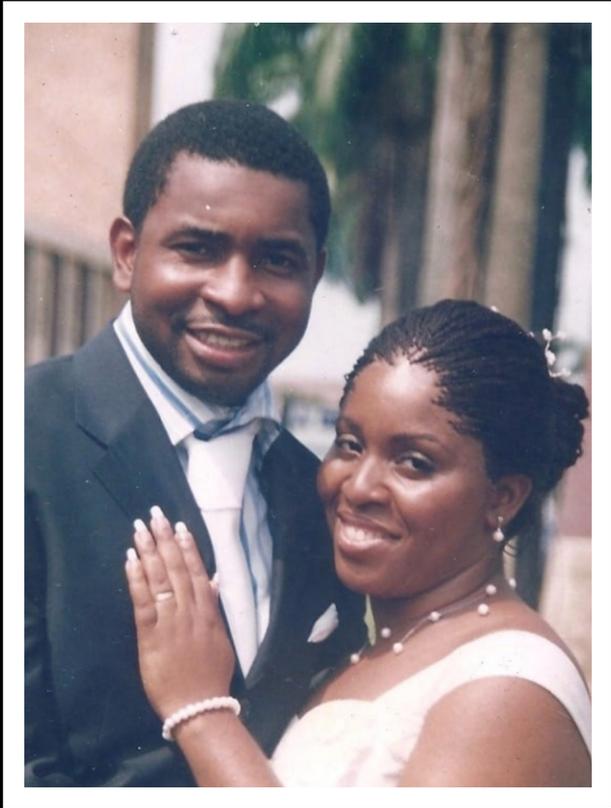








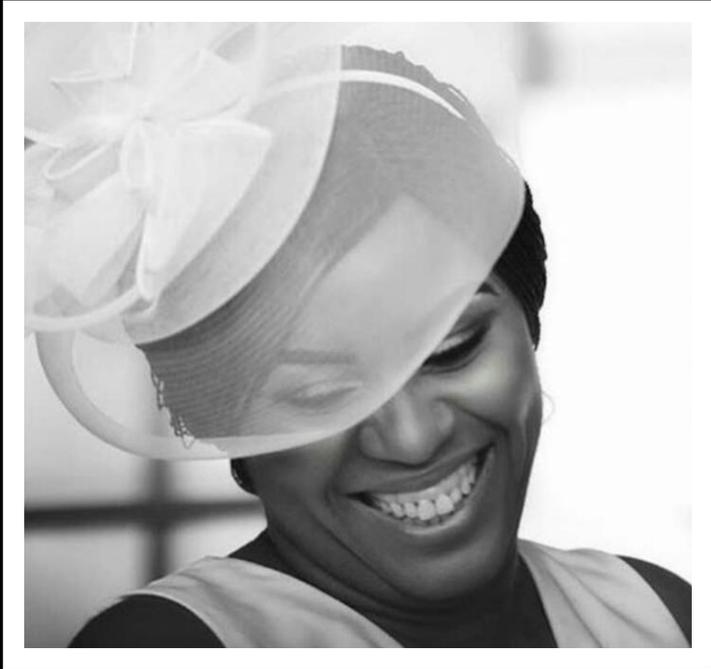












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