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## DEDICATION

I am filled with gratitude and humility as I dedicate this book to God Almighty for being my calm during the storm.

I also dedicate this book to my amazing sons, Aniel and Nashon Headley, who have been a constant source of support and love on my journey towards my destiny. Through the highs and lows, they have been my unwavering companions, giving me the strength I needed when I needed it the most. Their steadfast faith and resilience have genuinely inspired me.

Additionally, I dedicate this book to my extraordinary friends who have uplifted me during challenging times with their positivity and firm smiles. Despite their trials, they have remained resolute in pursuing joy and fulfilment. Their courage and determination are remarkable and inspirational for all who know them.

To all those who are struggling to find their way on the path to destiny, this book is for you. Whether facing seemingly insurmountable challenges or feeling lost and directionless, know there is hope. Through the pages of this book, may you find renewed strength and fresh fire in your

heart. Though the road may be long and arduous, know your destiny is within reach.

For those who have been battered by the weight of the elephant and are unsure which way to turn, may this book offer comfort and guidance. Despite the chaos and confusion that may surround you, know that trouble cannot stop destiny. With faith and perseverance, you can overcome any obstacle that comes your way. And to those who have lost their way and feel like giving up, know there is a way out. You can pick yourself up and start again with God by your side. May this book give you the strength and grace to confidently move forward, knowing you are not alone. May this book be a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who read it. May it renew your faith and give you the courage to pursue your destiny passionately and purposefully.

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# FOREWORD

*Written by Natalie Carter UK*

I affectionately refer to Vendrix Walker, Delores, Ms. Headley, now Pastor Headley, as my sister, and I mention those names to indicate my comprehensive knowledge of whom I speak. Our close relationship goes way back to our native Island of Jamaica in the small District of Albion Mountain where we grow up together. Despite the saying that familiarity breeds contempt, this is not the case with us, as there is always an exception. I share this with you, not to diminish her importance, but to magnify and to include you in her journey of genuineness, authenticity, transparency, experience, and growth.

An evangelist, now ordained pastor, Vendrix Headley is a passionate servant of God. The love to empower, encourage, and counsel drove into several areas on the path to her destiny which was to help many individuals make it to their destination. As inspired by the Holy Spirit, she wrote “When Destiny Calls Trouble Answers.” I



guarantee you will have a dynamic experience as you flip through the pages of this book.

Prepare for the hush but factual reality of embarking on one's destiny. Vendrix will help you understand that destiny cannot be separated from trouble. This book will help you to be prepared for the unknown on the way to fulfilling your purpose for your future.

The Scripture spoke about the indomitable Mighty Power of God to use the base things of the earth to confound the wisdom of the wise. Here is a living fulfilment of that Scripture by one who has been tested on every element of struggle, rejection, abandonment, and so many other difficulties and is still standing. The fact that you are holding this book in your hand proves that trouble cannot stop destiny. When you are destined for greatness, many troubles will present themselves and God will allow you to go through some hard stuff allowing your faith to be tested so you will learn not to lean on your own understanding but trust Him.

I strongly encourage you to add this exemplary book to your desk and library. You can also take it further by empowering someone you care about and making this book a special gift to them.

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# INTRODUCTION

When destiny calls, trouble answers. This statement rings true for many of us on the journey to fulfill our purpose in life. It reflects how we feel deep inside when God reveals our destiny through revelation, His spoken word, or dreams, yet our life doesn't reflect the same. Sometimes, it may appear as if our life is heading in a direction that contradicts what we believe God is guiding us towards. We may have a magnificent vision of our future, with God's assurance of fulfilling all our necessities, yet, we might face difficulties like losing a job, defaulting on a mortgage, or facing eviction, among many other things. It is challenging to reconcile the current situation with the vision we have received. However, I have learned that when destiny beckons, hardships often arise.

Destiny cannot be separated from trouble; they go hand in hand. Just as pure gold must go through fire to reach its potential, we must face challenges before fulfilling our destiny. We must make sacrifices and hard decisions on the way to

the future God has mapped out for us. The problem is that we often don't acknowledge the relationship between trouble and destiny; we often think we will have a smooth sail, so we are ill-prepared when problems arise. But life is full of twists and turns, and nobody has a smooth sail to their destiny. Along the journey, we are bound to meet bumps and hurdles; through these trials, we are tested and tried. However, not everyone would face the exact weight of troubles.

It is possible that some individuals only encounter minor obstacles and are not tested for an extended period. Despite having everything they desire and living their best life, it may not be evident to the naked eye the effort they put in to maintain that equilibrium. While they may have worked hard to reach their current position, they might have faced minor setbacks or obstacles. Notably, each destiny is different, and what may seem minute to one may be a giant to others; nevertheless, be it minor or large, sacrifices must be made for any significant success to be accomplished.

On the contrary, some individuals endure immense difficulties in reaching their destination. These are the ones who encounter the weight of the elephant. Their path is defined by challenges

and hardships which are so burdensome it is remarkable that they have persevered. These individuals may have faced poverty, illness, loss, abandonment, rejection, or discrimination, amongst other trials and had to overcome significant obstacles to survive. Their journey may have been long and arduous, with moments where they felt like giving up. But through it all, they kept pushing forward, determined to reach their destination.

Although two distinct groups of people face different challenges, a shared element unites them. Each group had to surmount obstacles, no matter how daunting or trivial, to reach their present state. While the minor challenges some face may seem insignificant compared to the weight of an elephant, both require fortitude, resilience, and persistence to win. It is important to remember that God will not test us more than we can handle. The troubles and our times of trials are nothing but the preparation for the future God reserved for us. The bigger the problem is, the more significant our breakthrough will be.

This book delves into the inspiring stories of biblical patriarchs who overcame immense challenges to pursue their purpose. Through their experiences, we can learn valuable lessons about

facing obstacles with faith. The spiritual aspect of destiny is also explored, highlighting how our beliefs can guide us through difficult times. Each page of this book reveals the relationship between trouble and destiny, emphasizing that destiny can still be achieved despite adversity.

As we journey together through the pages of this book, let us be reminded that our destiny is not a destination but a trip. This journey will require us to endure storms, face our fears, and overcome obstacles. But it is also a journey that will bring us closer to the one who promised us a safe landing, offers us peace amid the storm, and is always with us, even to the end of age.

This book provides inspiration, challenge, and encouragement as we pursue our life's purpose with determination, grace, and appreciation. Keep in mind that when our destiny calls, we will face challenges. However, with steadfast faith, unyielding perseverance, and the unwavering support of God, we can overcome any obstacle and fulfill our life's purpose, leaving behind a legacy that motivates others to follow their paths towards their destiny.

## CHAPTER ONE

# Destiny and Trouble are Interwoven

*“...weeping may endure for a night, but joy  
cometh in the morning” (Psalm 30:5).*

It's not uncommon to ask why things happen the way they do and why we must go through a series of struggles when we believe in the all-knowing and all-powerful God. However, the answer to these questions can be complicated. There are many reasons why we might face difficulties in life. It could be because of our choices, the choices of others, or simply a transformational process that guides us into our destiny. Regardless of the reason, it's essential to understand that these struggles are not in vain. Just as the refining fire is indispensable in purifying gold, so are the trials and challenges we encounter in life essential for our growth and development. These difficulties serve as catalysts, propelling us

towards our destined paths and enabling us to attain the highest versions of ourselves. This is something that I've come to understand because I've found myself experiencing breakthroughs right after bad events.

Truly, trouble is how God prepares us for our destiny. In the event that an individual genuinely holds this conviction, how do they approach showing consideration to their difficulty? It's reminiscent of our days as pupils in school when our educators would present us with perplexing brainteasers to work out. At the time, some of us may have questioned the applicability of such activities, yet what was the underlying objective? Participating in puzzle-solving activities has been useful in improving our problem-solving skills, even in unexpected situations where we may need to apply them. Similarly, there are times when we may feel abandoned by God, but it is during these moments when He works on us the most, shaping us into better individuals. He is helping us improve our perseverance, patience, and ability to be better givers and individuals. And He does it all while preparing us for a successful journey to our destiny.

It may not seem right that when destiny calls, trouble answers, but that's the reality of life.



Anytime God chooses us to accomplish anything significant, we encounter trouble before we complete the task, and this happens irrespective of how close we are to God or how faithful we are when it comes to fulfilling the will of God. Job's story in the Bible illustrates how trouble and destiny are intertwined. He lived righteously, followed God's commandments, and obeyed God's will. He was even called "blameless" and "upright." Despite his faithfulness, Job's life was not without challenges and, just like us, he was tempted one too many times, but he stood his ground.

The peculiar story of Job began because Satan saw that he was too committed to God and the things of God, and so Satan wanted to bring him down. Satan believed that Job only served God because he had everything he needed in life, challenging Job's faithfulness that God personally attested for. He suggested that if God took away Job's wealth and blessings, Job would curse God and turn away from Him. God knew that would never happen, so He put Job to the test and allowed Satan to take away everything Job had.

First, the Sabe'ans stole Job's livestock, his servants were slain, and his children died in a windstorm the same day. Despite all this, Job

remained faithful to God, saying, *“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord”* (Job 1:21 NKJV). Job had wholly surrendered himself to the will of God, and that’s the same attitude we should have when faced with the troubles of life. We need to realize that God gave us everything we have. We didn’t come into this world with anything, yet He provided all our needs.

While Job was still grieving for his family, Satan was busy plotting against him the second time as Job did not curse God when he lost everything. Satan inflicted Job with painful boils from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Job’s wife and friends urged him to curse God and die, but Job refused. He maintained his faith, saying, *“Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?”* (Job 2:10 NKJV) This proves how much destiny and trouble are interwoven. They will always be together.

Can you identify with situations that present themselves one after the other? How do you handle times when one problem has not passed before another comes? Don’t be a Christian who believes in God in the good times and then questions His sovereignty as God during rough

circumstances. Be like Job instead. Through his suffering, Job learned that genuine, faithful steadfastness means trusting God at all times. He knew God was sovereign and that he had a purpose for every situation in life. Job's faithfulness was rewarded when God restored his wealth and blessed him with new children, double what he had before. The Bible recorded that the latter days of Job were more than his beginning.

Job's story serves as a reminder that challenges and difficulties are an inevitable part of life. Even when we remain faithful, we must continue to trust in God and have unwavering faith that He will guide us through our trials and tribulations. Job's story also reminds us that God has a purpose for our lives, and sometimes, our problems and challenges are meant to strengthen us and prepare us for the great destiny God has in store for us.

If we thought that Job was old enough and that's why he could overcome the troubles and still hold fast to God, then we would be wrong because Joseph also experienced the same at a very young age. Joseph was only 17 when he was sold by his brothers, whose hearts were poisoned by jealousy. Before this time, God shared glimpses of Joseph's destiny with him in dreams, showing that he would be a ruler and a great man. What was Joseph

supposed to think when his brothers sold him for 20 pieces of silver and then he was resold in Egypt, where he became enslaved? To worsen the situation, Joseph's tribulations didn't stop there; he was also imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. However, all of Joseph's trials and tribulations were to prepare him for the day he became second in command in Egypt. He would not have been in Egypt if his brothers did not sell him. If he were not enslaved, he wouldn't have been able to enter Pharaoh's palace, and he wouldn't have interpreted Pharaoh's dreams or evaded an audience with the king of Egypt.

Troubles hold the place of molding us into whom God wants us to be. So, whenever we are faced with any troubling situation or circumstance, it's imperative to remember that God, the potter, is at the wheel and we, the clay, have no other option but to trust Him. As believers, we must understand that our trials and troubles do not come based on what we can handle but on what God can handle. Know that He will not let any difficulty come our way that we cannot bear. Joseph thought the first and second trials came with no signs of breakthrough anytime soon. Like Joseph, we have no idea when or where the destiny God is preparing to take us will materialize, which

can be frustrating. We need to trust in the guidance of our God. We must believe that He controls everything and move according to His command. Don't lose heart; as we explore the concept of destiny and the role that trouble plays in our pursuit of it, we find purpose in our struggles.

Staying motivated and pursuing meaningful goals can be challenging when faced with difficulties. It may seem counterintuitive, but the absence of certain conditions can make it even more difficult to feel inspired. After all, when things are going well, shouldn't we feel the most motivated? The opposite is often true. When facing difficulties, we must rise to the occasion and push ourselves to overcome obstacles. This struggle can be a powerful source of motivation, driving us to work harder and make ourselves more fruitful than we ever thought possible. Conversely, when we experience a period of relative ease and comfort, we may become complacent and lose the drive to pursue our goals. We may begin to feel like we have already achieved enough or that we no longer need to put in as much effort as we once did. Without the pressure and urgency of a problematic situation, we may lack the motivation to continue pushing ourselves towards greatness. This is why many people do not