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BEYOND APPEARANCES



A life in the hand of God

Beyond Appearances: A life in the hand of God

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"And the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" -- 1 Samuel 16:7

Summary

This book, titled "Beyond Appearances," contains five narratives forming five chapters leading to faith in a God who shapes us as He desires.

The first story in the first chapter recounts a journey in my life that teaches humility, reflecting the hand of God manifested through sometimes unexpected lessons but aimed at teaching in His own way. It is the story of the chlorinator who learns humility.

The second story, in the second chapter, evokes a lived experience leading one to question whether the image we project reflects what God sees, for in reality, nothing is hidden from Him. It is a call to surrender fully into God's hands to serve Him in truth, trusting Him, who welcomes us without judgment to shape us.

The third chapter, drawn from a teaching by Pastor Athom's MBUMA, shows a compelling example of what resembles faith, with an inspiring story of a

child asking his father what faith is. We discover that beyond all we know, faith is an even more visible dimension of madness, for no form of intelligence could accomplish things that, by faith, are accomplished. (Hebrews 11:1)

The fourth chapter, titled "A Husband at the Door," confronts us with ourselves and our worries, reminding us that nothing is impossible for God. It leads us to meditate on the fact that God's method can even make us laugh, tending to help us understand how far He can go to express His love for us. (Job 5:9)

Lastly, the fifth chapter invites us to recognize God's grace in the people around us. Thus, the power of the living God acting through them becomes a blessing for our lives.