

Personal Timeline

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Childhood

- Born on August 21st in Ghana (West Africa). Oldest child of six siblings
- Born into a family home. Both parents were leaders of the church. (Mother worship leader/ father Men fellowship leader)
- At age 4, I still remember been woken up every morning at 4am for morning devotion.
- Assumed a lot of responsibilities as a child and taking care of my siblings due to my parent involvement in church.
- Laughed at in school because I had big ears, wear used cloths, torn cloths, and couldn't afford to buy anything, due to my parent not having enough. I always envied other kids for what they have, and I didn't.
- Church was always the happiest place for me. I loved going to church and been there for worship service.
- In 1st grade I told my school principal that I will be a Pastor when I grow up.

Teens

- Attempt drowning myself
- Feeling of not loved enough by parent
- Father told he was not my real father.
- Leaving all my friends in Ghana to move to the United States at the age of 14 (2000).
- Don't like starting over
- Saw women and young men smoke for the first time.
- Experiencing life in living in Bronx and learning that America that we dream of in Ghana is nothing especial.
- Lot of friends. Experience going to the movies, going to party.

- Had a lot of friends who were girls, but always scared to talk to the ones that I like more than a friend
- Joined Air Force ROTC in High School. (became one of the leading commanding officer)
Joined school choir, soccer team.
- Saw someone getting shot.
- Change of locations and needed to start over again.
- Was on National honor Roll and selected to Who is who among American High School Students.
- First job was at Stop and Shop working in the Deli cutting meat.
- Experiencing lust
- Love very deep
- Don't mind showing emotions such as crying while watching a Disney movie.
- First of family generation to graduate from high school.
- Youth leader at my church at the age of 17.

College

- Made a covenant with God to help me not to get into drugs, smoking and also not to lose my virginity while in college.
- College roommate was a drug (wee) dealer in college.
- First girlfriend who was in the same church that I was attending.
- Broke up 4 months. Still did not know what happened up to today. Heart was full broken for months and just listening to more sad love music.
- Experience my first alcohol drink my sophomore year.
- Studied Accounting

- Well known in college
- Losing who I was in Christ
- Leading people to Christ
- Graduated with bachelor's in accounting

Adulthood/ Career

- Never landed a job in my career field (Accounting)
- Escaping the Call of God
- Worked as a security guard, Uber Driver
- Married for 6 ½ years with 3 children (2 girls and a boy)
- Wife encourage me to pursue the Call of God which is on my life
- Attended ATS in 2017 which changed my life.
- Traveled to Cuba. traveled to the Navajo Reservation. Traveled to Greece to see the steps of Apostle Paul.
- Tired of the church am in and want a switch, but heard God telling me that's why He sent me to seminary to bring change.
- Still serving in my church as worship leader, lead keyboardist and the Youth and young adult leader for the past 17 years. preach occasional in church services.
- Working on finishing my MDIV this May
- Important people in my life besides my family my group of friends, my Apostle (Mentor), school mates from ATS.
- People whom I go to before I make a final decision in life are, my wife, Apostle Appanteng my mentor, and best friend Michael

Reflection

Fear of failing

One of the biggest reasons that I wanted to escape the Call of God on my life was because of fear of failing. I don't like failing in anything that I do, and I get anxiety anytime that things are not working well. I did not want to fail when I pray for someone and they don't receive their healing, I did not want to fail when I married two people and to see them divorce some few years. I did not want to preach to someone and later see them leaving the presence of God. I did not want to make a God promise to someone and later come to hear that it has not come to past year. And the biggest of it was I did not want ministry to destroy my family. Seeing a lot of pastor growing up in poverty, not having enough to help their family and ministry destroying some marriages, I did not want to carry that burden upon my family. I know God got me, but sometimes it still comes up in things, because I don't want to make a mistake when peoples souls are in jeopardy.

Not Qualified Enough

Growing up, I felt like I was not qualified enough to be part of my own family, qualified enough to be in my school, qualified enough to associate myself with other class, and not qualified enough in the eyes of God because of sin. I have been running around all my life with this mindset on that I need to prove to people that I am qualified and deserved also to be loved. Not experience a lot of parent love as a child put a dent in my heart, because I was not the favorite child even though I did every around the house. I still experience that today seeing how my mom visits my other siblings house and not visit mine sometimes even though us siblings live in the same building. When I say something, what comes out from her is that "I am too emotional."

Growing up as a Christian, I was filled with the words that if you sin and do something, God will not love you and you will not go to heaven. So, even though that I was a Christian, youth leader, worship leader, I still felt that I was not qualified by God and God did not love me. Coming to

ATS, all these changed, and I came to find out that God does not see me to be the person that I see myself to be.

Frustration

I don't like to see the things of God and the work of God not been used well. I get frustrated to see when church leaders use the pulpit as a place to attack members and the church as the only place that God dwells in. I prefer if someone has made up their mind that I will not do it, then to tell me I will do it and later come to find out that they can't do it through a third party.

Family

Family is everything to me. I love my wife and children and will do everything for them. I work hard to make sure my family get what I did not get as a child. The most important part of it all, is I give them love and want to be involve in everything that my kids do.

Patterns in my life

Am a Starter

The reason that I was appointed the youth leader at a young age of 17 was because of my go getter mentality. I don't like to sit down and wait for something to be destroyed before I come in to fix it. I started the youth ministry from scratch when the leaders of the Church were not even thinking about the young people in the church. Many of my close friends always wait for me to make up the plan for the day and they follow along what I plan.

Work in supporting team.

As much as I like to start things from the scratch, I always enjoy working with people on a task to accomplish a goal. I sometimes layback a little when am all by myself. But with a team, we

each push and encourage each other to accomplish a task. As the youth leader of the church, I never want to be the only one that does everything when ever we meet. Because of that, I have gathered a team around myself and we work hand in hand together. We come together and make final decision as a team.

Ministry Experience

I have had the privilege to be in a few ministry experiences. Besides been the youth leader and worship leader in my church. The few other ministries experience that God used me for was when I got the privilege to go on the Divine Healing trip to Cuba with the Walborn' s. In this trip the Lord used me to heal a lot of pain in people's heart, I prayed for someone's swollen hands and saw it go down instant. I prayed for people and they received their freedom from shame, forgiveness and family restored. Another was going on a mission trip to the Navajo Reservation to minister to Native America. God used me to bring many people out of shame and guilt into become one big family. According to the missionaries who have been going there for the past 30 plus years, that was the first time they saw the Navajo embracing themselves and crying for each and praying for each other in their presences.