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## STEPPING INTO NEWNESS

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I am telling you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end... - Revelation 21:5-6

It's Spring in most parts of the world. It's fascinating how God uses nature to remind us of some of life's most important principles. Job 12:8 says speak to the earth and it will teach you. As flowers burst into bloom in their radiant colours and trees spread out in their bountiful green, it's hard to reconcile this atmosphere of renewal with the loss and barrenness of winter. But the Earth, accustomed to shifting seasons, embracing the gloom and the cold stagnancy of winter months in complete trust and surrender, understands the constancy of this breaking forth. The trees know, that no matter how frozen their roots get in December and January, newness will come in May. It's no coincidence God has declared this month our month of New Beginnings. So many of us have waited and endured through the harsh winters of life in recent times. But God, whose restorative hand is always poised to trigger new beginnings, is calling us into newness.



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What a revolutionary assurance Revelation 21:5-6 is. I am making all things new! It is done! Write this down, for what I am telling you is trustworthy and true! I don't know about you, but if Christ Himself insists that He has made all things new and it is done, I take His word for it. Consider the staggering implications of what the Lord is saying to us here for a minute. The scope and finality of it. He didn't say "Some things will eventually be renewed" or "Portions of your existence will experience regeneration.

"He said - All. Things. New. A cosmic reset that restores everything broken, decayed, or lacking in your life to complete newness. Nothing is too lifeless, too depleted, or too irreparably damaged to be revived and replenished by the sovereign hand of God.

It is immensely encouraging to know that we serve a God who is able to breathe abundant vitality and Genesis-level creative cycles into our most painful circumstances and depleted arenas of life. Resist the temptation to approach this fresh start with small imaginations or limitations. New beginnings tend to be radical departures from past experiences or present capacities. Sometimes it is God opening pioneering pathways, revealing fresh perspectives, giving new creative mantels, or redirecting you into areas that seem entirely disconnected from your previous narratives and frameworks.

Don't be surprised if what begins to take shape challenges your sense of comfort and familiarity. New beginnings may require you to boldly step outside the confines and expectations you've been operating within. You may have to let go of titles, roles,



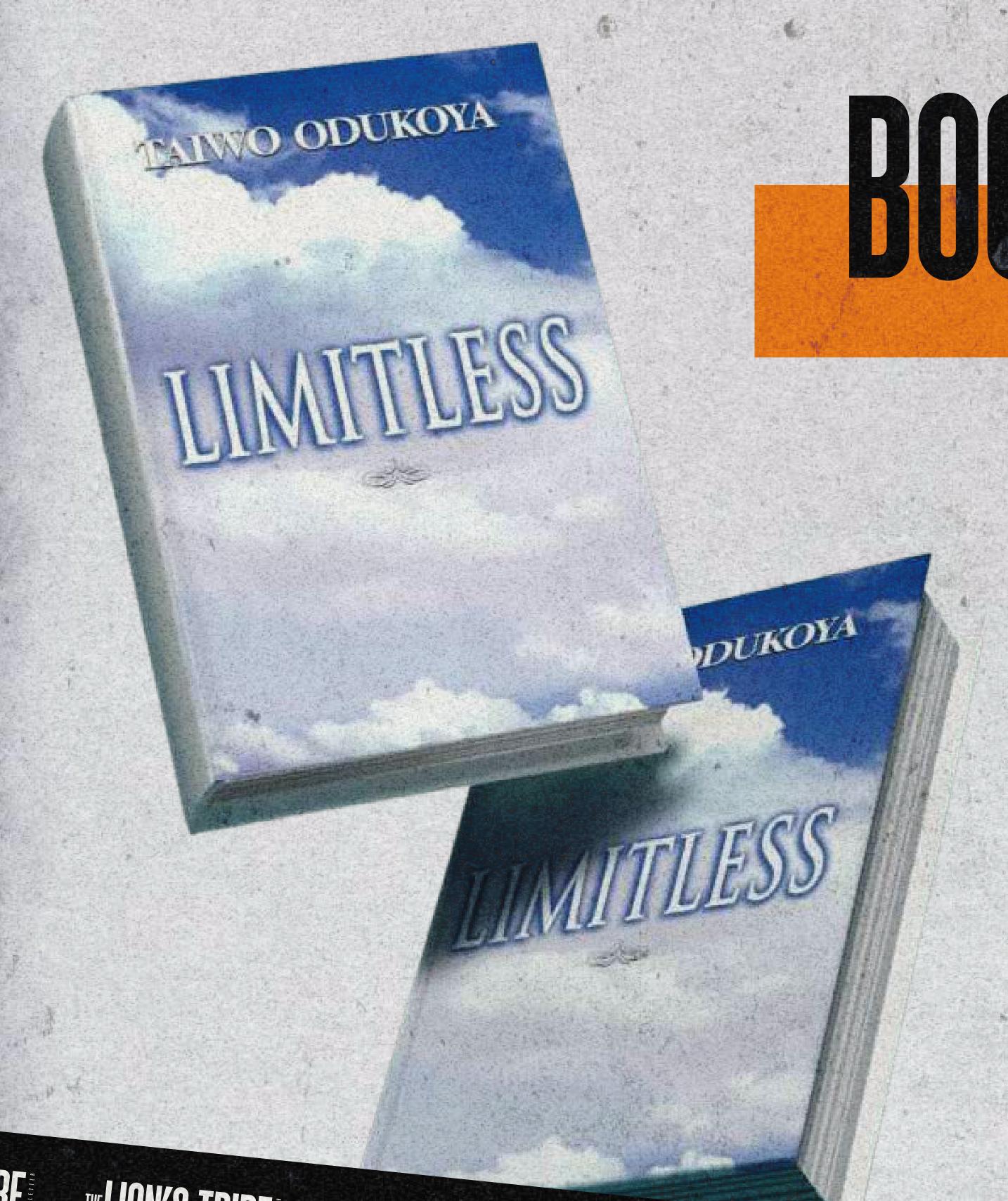
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mindsets, relationships or environments that have become cozy limitations rather than divine assignments. Remember, God is a God of infinite possibilities and His plans for us often exceed our wildest dreams. When He declares all things new, He means it.

So, as you step into this season of new beginnings be prepared to embrace all that comes with it. Trust that God is leading you into a future that is far more glorious than anything you could have imagined. Surrender your need for control. The Lord knows what's best for you and His plans are far greater than yours. Forgive yourself for past mistakes and let go of any hurts or disappointments that may be holding you back. Embrace the fresh start God is offering you.

Approach each day with anticipation and excitement, believing that the Lord has something amazing in store for you. Step out in faith. Don't be afraid to take risks. Acknowledge and celebrate every victory, no matter how small. Every step forward is a testament to God's faithfulness and a sign of greater things to come.

New beginnings are not just about external changes, they are about internal transformation as well. So, as you embrace the newness that God is bringing into your life, allow Him to renew your mind, your heart, and your spirit. This month, let us all boldly declare, "I am embracing new beginnings! I am letting go of the old and stepping into the new. I am trusting God to lead me into a future filled with abundance, joy, and purpose."



# BOOKOFTHE MONTH

We are still reading: Limitless By Pastor Taiwo Odukoya "Regardless of the circumstances he finds himself in, the optimist always anticipates a positive change. He first chooses the better side of his probable future, and then looks forward expectantly to things going his way. No wonder it is said that optimism is one habit that is much more valuable than all the silver and gold in the world put together. If a man has it, he has everything. If failure is never an option for him, then his success is invariably guaranteed and there is nothing he can set his mind to that he will not accomplish. Optimism looks at the best side of every event or situation. It is the inclination to constantly and consistently take a hopeful view."