



## **BOOK SUMMARY**

During the commentary on Spain versus England match in the UEFA Euro 2024, Commentator Peter Drury asked a key question when Lamine Yamal a young chap of sixteen years performed excellently; *“what were you doing when you were 16 years”?*.

This question ignited debate on social media with many acquiescing to the fact that at sixteen years they were nowhere near greatness. This question is relevant today; what were you doing when you were sixteen years? What have you been doing with your life?.

One time I was walking around the tomb of a rich man. My memory had flashbacks to the life he once lived; his wealth and opulent lifestyle. His magnanimity brought hope to many young people. People walked to his house for financial support of different kind. But here lies his mortal remains. So I asked myself is this all there is to life? Being born, walking through life and at some point we cease to exist? Wow. Life indeed is transient which is why we should garner all the strength we have to do something before that transition.

In 2015 I saw the funeral brochure of two people of the same age. One brochure was about fifty pages with various tributes. His biography alone was about five pages encapsulating the journey of his life. What was striking was the story of his humble beginnings and how he leveraged on that to accomplish a lot for himself. Reading the biography alone gives the impression that indeed he has really lived. I saw another funeral brochure with just three pages. His biography was just a half page. I felt sad that day because how can two people live within the same time yet one lived to the ultimate while the other had a mediocre life. What could have accounted for that? What could have prevented him from achieving more in life?. Was life just unfair to him or maybe perhaps he neglected his purpose and pursued other things which didn't bring fulfilment? This got me thinking and made me assess my own life and see the progress I'm making to live a life of worth. Is the life you are living now worth celebrating? Life is going to end one day and I thought to myself what will I be remembered for; what legacy will I leave behind. This book is designed to help you identify and fulfil your purpose on earth.

Pursuing purpose is not easy. It may mean you have to stop doing certain things and start afresh with other important things. It may mean you have to fight through sickness and physical weakness to achieve your goals. It may mean you have to commit more in reading and shaping your talent and gift. It may mean you have to deepen your relationship with God. But once there is vision, all this challenges will be a stepping stone for something greater. Just focus on the grander vision of your life and be resolute in your quest to change. You will be fine. You will get tired along the way but you will be fine. You may not get the needed support, but you will be fine. There will be storms along the way, but you will still be fine. Just don't give up. I am writing this book out of pain from depression and stress. But I know I will be fine. You may be going through a lot but trust me you will be fine. God will never forsake you.

I made a decision to write this book because I believe strongly it fits into my assignment. Life is ending sooner than you think but I believe leaving a legacy behind is a great memorial. Age is catching up which is why you must decide now either to go forward or stay at your comfort zone. You started and you are stacked; it's understandable. But quitting is not an option. The same energy you will need to descend from the middle of the mountain will be the same energy to climb to the mountain top to receive the badge of honour. Don't dwell too much on you past. The years have been wasted already. What is left is for you to make a plan on how you want to end. No one is coming to save you so stop waiting. You waiting in the past didn't bring anything good. What shows waiting again will change something about your life?. The famous KFC story encourages us that even though he started KFC at age 65, he left a great legacy. It is never too late to start. Start and know you failed rather than not starting at all. And I know God will grant us the grace to succeed when we take action. The road might not be smooth but trust God to help you each day of your pursuit to greatness. As you walk through the pages of this book, may it ignite the needed passion to equip you to step into your divine assignment.

Let me end this book with one of my favorite Methodist Hymn ;

1. In heavenly love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding,  
For nothing changes here:  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back;  
My Shepherd is beside me,  
And nothing can I lack:  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim,  
He knows the way he taketh,  
And I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,  
Which yet I have not seen;  
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
Where the dark clouds have been;  
My hope I cannot measure,

My path to life is free;  
My Saviour has my treasure,  
And he will walk with me.

(MHB 528 by Anna Letitia Waring, 1820-1910)

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