

# PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON – 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020

## THE CONFESSION

**TEXT** 1 Samuel 17:32-50

**MEMORY VERSE** Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

### STORY - ENLARGEMENT

"Grace, congratulations," Ibukun said as they sat in the cafeteria eating during break.

"Thank you," Grace replied.

"Congratulations for what?" Martha asked puzzled.

"You didn't hear that Grace will be representing the school in the Yoruba Poetry Competition next week?"

"Again. That's not fair. She was one of the ones who represented us in the art competition."

"True, and she came second in that competition. She's good in Yoruba too. Or who do you think should represent us?"

Martha thought for a moment. "Lanre is good. Babajide is also good."

"True, but neither of them are as good as Grace."

The friends continued to talk as they ate their food.

Three weeks later Grace came back with more wonderful news.

"I've got wonderful news," Grace said when she got to class that morning. Not only did I come first in the Yoruba Poetry Competition, one of the judges liked my presentation so much that he said he wanted me to be part of a Yoruba drama troupe. He's been looking for children who can join and he believes that I will do well. My parents have given me permission to be part. I will be rehearsing with them every Saturday. Not only that, although won't be much, they will pay me every time we are invited to perform."

"It's not fair. You are so lucky," Martha complained.

"Congratulations. What's your secret?" Ibukun asked.

"It's no secret. It's something that some people are not taking seriously."

"What is that?" Ibukun asked.

"Our Confession of Faith in church."

"I don't understand."

"There's a part that says 'my life testifies of the grace of God that is multiplied upon me and I continue in the season of enlargement, fruitfulness, multiplication, increase, and growth. Men shall behold and see the evidence of God's grace upon me.' I confess that part every day."

"I see."

"I need to take this confession thing more seriously."

"Also, anytime someone says something negative about my performance, even if the person says he's joking, I counter it with something positive."

"Kitan, is fond of doing that." Martha said. "I didn't think much of it, but now I will."

"I am in my season of enlargement," Ibukun said.

"I am increasing," Martha added.

"We are making it. We are fruitful."

The three friends smiled and got ready for the day.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why did Ibukun congratulate Grace at the beginning of the story?
2. What was the second good thing that happened to Grace in the story?
3. What increase did Grace have as a result of her performance in the Your Poetry Competition?
4. What was Martha's attitude most of the time? Was it a good one? Why or why not?
5. What was Ibukun's attitude most of the time? Was it a good one? Why or why not?
6. What did Grace do that helped her to do well in school?

## ACTIVITIES

1. **With younger children** – 1) On a sheet of paper write 1 and let the child/children say 1 and show one on his/her finger. Move on to 2 and repeat. Move on to 4 and then 8. Explain that's how God wants to increase good things into their lives.
  - 2) Explain two or three lines of the Confession of Faith
  - 3) Print or Copy Worksheet 2A
2. **With older children** – 1) In a circle the first person says 1, the next person 2, the next person 4 and you continue each person doubling the number until no one can calculate it in less than 5 seconds.
  - 2) Explain two or three paragraphs of the Confession of Faith
  - 3) Print or Copy Worksheet 2B