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I walked into the room, looking for someone with whom to share the new truth that had dawned on me. Sitting across the room was a friend of mine. When she looked up and saw the excitement on my face she put down the book she was reading to listen what I had to say.

“I am special”, I said. Almost laughing she retorted; “Me too, I’m special”.

With more seriousness and intensity in my tone, I repeated this new truth that had dawned on me; **“I AM SPECIAL”**, I said. This time, she looked quite puzzled wondering if she was supposed to decipher something else from the simple statement. She knew I was serious but she could not reconcile the level of seriousness in me with the simple statement I was making.

Finally, I said with much emphasis, **“I KNOW I AM SPECIAL”**.

Then a light jumped in her eyes as she caught an idea of what I was trying to say. I spent the following moments trying to make her see what I had come to see. Not only am I special, we *ALL* are special. Every living human being is special. There is something

very special about every one of us. Every human being is extraordinary. Within us all lies something that is far above average. Despite the fact that nothing may visibly seem extraordinary, the truth about you is that there is nothing ordinary about you. You are special. The difference between people who seem to be special and those who seem to be ordinary is that the former possess a consciousness of the fact that they are special and proactively give expression to the “specialty” in them. It is not enough to accept that you are special. You need to possess a conscious awareness of this truth.

Among the synonyms for the word “special” are superior, exceptional, unique and extra ordinary. But the one I like best is, *out of the ordinary*. There is nothing ordinary about you. The strange thing about this truth is the manner in which it dawned on me. Though I have always had very high self esteem and a very good self image I did not live with a conscious conviction of the fact that I am special. When I considered the fact that not everyone has a robust self esteem, it further dawned on me that even though we all are special, not **all** of us know that we are special, and even fewer of us live with the consciousness of the fact that we are special. Many things try to belittle us and make us believe we are ordinary, but nothing could be further from the truth. There is nothing ordinary about us and this is the purpose of the book which you are holding in your hands. It is more than

a motivational book. It is a book that attempts to awaken you to the reality of who you potentially are.

Many of us know so much about a lot of things but so little about what we potentially are. Many of us know the value of things we have but we do not know our own value. Many of us have taken time to take other people out but we have not taken time to take ourselves out. We have studied things we consider special and necessary, but we have never studied the most special creation that exists. Many of us expound about nature and science but do not have the slightest idea of how special we are. So as you read this book, I kindly ask the following things from you.

First I ask that you dare to believe. This applies specifically to those of you who have been through trying times, or whose past experiences or upbringing seem to make you feel you are average. To those of you who have tried unsuccessfully in the past to explore new grounds and break out of old mental strongholds. To those of you who have tried to believe something new or better but have had your hopes dashed time and again. To those of you who have given up and are just “marking” time on the earth. To those of you who have not experienced the brightness of life. To those of you who have lost the courage to dream and hope again. I ask that you dare to believe.

Secondly, I ask that you wade deeper. This concerns those of you who are satisfied with life, have struck a balance and are

comfortable with the equilibrium you have attained in life. I encourage you to read this book with a new appetite and openness for greater things. There is a lot more that you are capable of being.

Finally, that you spread the message. And this applies especially to those of you who have a working knowledge of the fact that you are special. I ask that you spread the message. I ask that you let others know that they are special. The truth is that far more people than you can imagine are struggling to find their uniqueness in life. Many people are desperately trying to rise above the difficulties they are faced with. You can be the agent that brings this change. I hope that you find reading this book informative, relaxing, encouraging and refreshing. I also hope it gives you a new zest for life, in Jesus Name. Amen.