

# Me Moments with the Master

*39 Professional and Inspirational  
Daily Devotions*

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## *Dedication*

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*—Boobie*



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Uniquely Yours,

*Jeronda*

# *Introduction*

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Women of wisdom and wealth, I have a why. It's because of you, my beautiful sisters. **YOU INSPIRE ME EVERY DAY TO DO WHAT I DO, TO PRESS FORWARD!** Every moment of your life is significant. It's significant to you, to God and to others. All of your good moments are worth sharing with your friends and loved ones, and yes, those ugly painful moments too. Moments are those little times of inspiration that ignite the fire on the inside. It's time to take those moments, embrace them and meditate on them in your quiet time alone with the Master. He has a way of celebrating your moments and transforming them to impressionable memories. It is my prayer that this 31-day professional and inspirational devotional encourages you to spend consistent, meaningful and memorable moments with the Master. I want your devoted time with God to become a lifestyle. This is your time of devoted intimacy with the Master. As you grow, you will gain a greater consciousness of God's abiding presence. You will be convinced that He is with you in every situation. My sincere prayer is that you grow accustomed to praising Him, thanking Him and praying to Him. His presence makes the difference between our failures and successes in life. This is going to be your way of escape from all the demands and cares that often weigh you down. It will make all the difference in your professional and spiritual walk. I promise your life will never be the same after taking this 31-day journey.

Here is what I want you to do: Find a quiet place, whether in your home, in your office or tucked off into a corner; light a candle; softly pray

your worship music in the background and read your devotion. You are setting an atmosphere for God to show up. After you read your scriptural devotion, reflect on what God is saying to you personally and write what He speaks in your journal. After you capture your reflections and instructions, I want to hear from you about your experience. Your testimonies keep me encouraged to continue pressing forward.

Remember to help another sister by sharing what you are “*eating spiritually*”... (smile) stay committed and focused! This is your moment of elevation. Let the journey begin. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. I'm craving M&M's, how about you?

Uniquely yours,

*Jeronda B.*



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## Day 1

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### *“Go Ahead and Laugh”*

*“A (woman’s) heart plans (her) way,  
but the Lord directs (her) steps.”*

*Proverbs 16:9 NKJV*

Good morning, lady, I have a personal word for you today: God says, **“YOU ARE NOT STUCK, IT’S A DIVINE DELAY!”** I hope you have your spirit open today to receive. Don’t you worry about nothing; it’s a **DIVINE DELAY**. This is not our subject for today, but a word for the moment, specifically for you! However, today I want to share with you this inspiring thought: **“GO AHEAD AND LAUGH.”**

I know what you are thinking – *“Where is she going with this?”* Well, I was sitting on my bed last night relaxing from a long day of meeting everyone else’s needs and finally getting some me-time, and I began to reflect on my life’s journey thus far. I would encourage you to do the same sometimes. It was just me and God having a little talk about a few things and I literally began laughing out loud. You ever had that happen to you? You are driving in your car and your mind reflects on something God did in your past, a situation you found yourself in that was divinely ordered by God, or something He said that was ridiculously big, that He

was going to do just for you, and you had to laugh. No, you are not crazy, you are normal (smile).

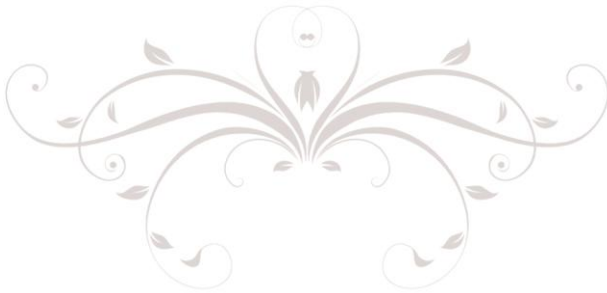
I tell you, life can bring you down some strange roads. If you don't laugh, you may crack up under the pressure. Who would have thought that you would be where you are today? Just like me, you had some major plans for your life. You wanted to be a big-time lawyer, doctor or congresswoman (that was me), and look at you now. It's not that you are not big-time in what you are doing (because you are); it's just that life is more fulfilling because you are in the will of God, doing what He purposed and planned for your life (*and if you are not presently fulfilling your purpose, I'm going to pray for you throughout this day*). See, oftentimes we have plans in our heart to do certain things or to be in certain places by a certain time. However, you must realize that it's God who directs your steps.

God often leads us down roads into places and connects us with people that would simply make you laugh (you're whispering, "*No, God not me, you can't be taking me there, to live in that neighborhood, to work on that job, I'm not qualified...*"). God is saying, yes you are! God has plans to take you from the last row to the front, from backstage to the spotlight and from the back of the line to the head of the line. I thought you knew – God has a sense of humor! *Let me tell you something: You are not headed toward anything remarkably big, unless you embrace the wonderful opportunity to laugh at God out loud. GO AHEAD AND LAUGH!*

W2W:

“God loves it when you laugh at Him.  
He hates when people laugh at you.”

—Jbordenave



*Pray this prayer with me...*

*Dear God, help me to accept your will for my life and allow me to enjoy where I am on the way to where I'm going. I want to experience your guidance and I know a big part of that is learning to trust you. That means trusting your directions, even when I can't see the destination. Lord, I can see from the circumstances around me that you have big plans for me and that you have my best interest in mind. Lord, I don't mind you making me laugh. You have my permission to make me laugh today. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

# M&MMoments of Reflection...

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