
Welcome to another episode of.....
Late Night Thoughts
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Author's Note

This book is simply a thank you to everyone who has tuned in to Late Night Thoughts every week. I started this podcast on TIKTOK about a few months ago and I am so grateful to God that I did. I started this podcast to simply empower and help my brothers and sisters in Christ and I pray that now going on to Season 2 Episode 10 as I write this, someone has been touched and empowered by the Holy Spirit. So this book doesn't have a long story at all. These are just a few pieces I compiled based on some of the episodes so far that I have posted. So I love you all so much and I plan to stretch this series out for a very long time. Some of the pieces may be personal for me but it is nothing that I have not spoken about or mentioned before. I just pray that when you read my words that the Lord reminds you that you are never alone. Alright, I love you all so much.

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Chapter One: Imagine

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

I close my eyes
My tears like rain
Falling down from the sky
I simply imagine you hugging me
Holding me close
Cause I'll be honest
My emotions are all over the place
Most days I don't know how to feel

It has nothing to do
With anyone around me
They've all been so good
Better than I deserve
I just regret a lot
I regret playing games with my anointing
And not listening to you whole heartedly

I have something on the inside of me
And I treat our relationship like an option
Like one would a side job
Or someone who doesn't truly matter
And that is far from how I feel about you.

I'm trying my best
But I've said that already.
And you know that already.
But sometimes doing your best
Means never giving up
Even when you want to lay down and die.

I destroyed myself
Ran to pleasures that will not last.
Now I'm sitting in a restaurant at 8am
rethinking a lot of my choices.

I've been lazy
Lazy in my pursuit
and I can be honest about that.
Sorry is truly not enough sometimes.
I know you love me.
And I love you.
I'm just learning how to love myself.
It's truly been a long, painful, beautiful and wide ride.
But I wouldn't trade it for anything in this world.
I wouldn't trade you for anything in this world.

Note: This opening piece is about protecting your anointing. It is about stewarding what the Lord has placed inside of you. You must not compromise for anyone.

Chapter Two: Breathe

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

Breathe
Breathe
Breathe

I'm finally breathing
After everything
Father your love has carried me
And it still carries me.
For now I see
That All I need to do is breathe.

Anxiety
Tried to kill me
But Jesus you saved me
From all unrighteousness
You told me
You assured me
You reassured me
That I am yours

I am all yours
And nothing will ever change that.

You tell me
You assure me
You reassure me
That I am yours
Daddy I am all yours.

You will tell me
You will assure me
You will reassure me
That I am yours.
I am all yours forever.

I close my eyes
I stop and breathe
You keep my mind in perfect peace
All I need to do is stay focused on you
And slow down.

Note: This piece is also really important as well due to the title. I talk about the importance of rest a lot on Late Night Thoughts. It is truly important especially when you're sleeping and transitioning into another day. You have to take some time and

slow down and breathe. Which funny enough, Slow Down is actually our next chapter title.

Chapter Three: Slow Down

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

My heartbeat
It's finally slowing down
I'm not running anymore.
I'm not running anymore.

My mind
It's finally slowing down
I'm not running anymore.
I'm not running anymore.

Lord you slow me down
With your love
Your peace
Your strength
And you simply being my father and my friend
Lord I thank you for your mercy.

You have brought me through the storm
You said "peace be still"

And now everything is slowing down.

I don't drink soda anymore
I don't drink coffee anymore
I don't watch porn anymore
I don't sleep in anymore
I don't spend hours on my phone anymore
Everything is slowing down.
Everything is clearer now.
Everything is slowing down.
I'm doing so much better now.
Lord everything is slowing down.

I'm finally slowing down....

Note: You must take some time to rest and recharge. Especially in between seasons of your life. Like I always say in almost every episode of Late Night Thoughts: This is YOUR process! Nobody can walk in your shoes but you. God made you one of one. Remember that.

Chapter Four: Simplicity

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

I breathe deep
in the simplicity of your love
You hold me
As you did when I was a baby
Lord I thank you for keeping me
Until now.
And I thank you for keeping me
Until I come home to you.

I feel your presence even more now
Which allows me to finally breathe again
There's always simplicity
Deep simplicity in your love.
You never pressure me
Which used to surprise me
You're truly better than I thought
And I never want to take advantage of that.

I don't fight like I used to
And I'm so relieved
I've released any grip I've had on anything.
I take it all for what it is now.
Never will I fight anymore.

There's a simplicity
in simply being me.
In simply being here with you.
There's truly a simplicity
in the art of simply being me.

I'm at peace
with simply being me.
As I rest in you.

Note: I love this one so much! You have to learn how to simply be at peace with yourself. But that cannot happen without the help of God. We tend to forget that he is our creator and he knows us better than we know ourselves. There is truly no running from his love and grace that he so freely gives to us.

Chapter Five: You Father Me

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

You loved me through the storm
And you love me even now

I've seen treacherous waters
Some I thought I'd never survive

But here I am today

I've went through the worst
If I'm speaking of identity

Nothing was off limits
As far as war was concerned

He saw me and saw an easy target
Someone who loved easily

As an overthinker and an empath
Life has it's hard moments but I'm grateful

Your mind feels like hell
When all you want is to understand
To navigate
To truly navigate what is foreign

Not that I don't understand
Losing my mom

Not that I don't understand
Losing my dad

Not that I don't understand
Becoming an porn addict

Not that I don't understand
Not feeling enough for so long
Not feeling worthy of love
I do.
I really do.

And I don't see it all as trauma
At least not anymore

I see it as triumph
As me being chosen and set apart
As me waking up to the truth

That you are my father
And that you long to father me

I can admit I have my bad days
Where I don't really care at all

I read that story in that Bible
About the prodigal son

And I see myself in him
I am him times ten

I forgot what I had

I forgot who I was
Who I truly am

But all of that had to happen
For me to truly see you God

For the Bible says
Nothing will ever separate me
From your love

So I surrender to the process
And I let you father me
I let you father me.

Note: This one is very special. We must remember that God is our father first and foremost. Not only must we remember that he is our father but we must receive that revelation whole heartedly. God has adopted all of us into his family and we must allow him to father us every day.

Chapter Six: Bedroom Gospel

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

I finally rest
And finally take a breath
Lord you are with me
You are with me.

I lay in bed
The sun has gone down
Night has officially fallen
Lord I welcome you in right now.

I've been in a paradox
For the past two weeks
Seeing my old life as the new me
Seeing my old self
Like a fly on the wall
Doing certain things
That contradict who I am right now
But Father I thank you
Because all of this is for a reason.

I hear the waves in the distance
The night breeze calms me down
Because ever since 7:30
I've been in the clouds

And I'm just now coming down
I haven't gone back
I'm still the new me
But that doesn't stop the enemy from trying
From trying to pull me back
But he can't.
He has no power.

Jesus this is our bedroom gospel
This is what we do
I'm just now learning
How much I truly need you.

I try to mimic
I try to use others as examples to follow
When it comes to our relationship
But while that's good at some points
This is our bedroom gospel

A love that never dies
An imperfect son being loved by a perfect father
A love that covers all of his sins
A love that never gives up
Even when it's hard.
A love that pushes through the fire
Lord This is our love

Messy but beautiful

A true slow burn
But always powerful
Soft but like a burning fire
Your love for me is perfect Jesus
And I thank you for never giving up on me.

Note: This piece goes back to the main thesis of the Late Night Thoughts Podcast which is that: Your Process is YOUR Process! Do not compare your walk with Christ with anyone else because at the end it will simply just be you and God in your own bedroom gospel. So relax in his love for you.

Chapter Seven: To Be Loved

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

You know me
You see me
You love me
and I hate that I take that for granted most days

I've ran from you Jesus
because I didn't understand
and most days I still don't understand your love
It's truly time to face myself
and truly get to know Andre' again.
I lost myself when my mother died
I became someone else when my father died
I felt like nothing could've brought me back to life.
Until you came and raised up a mirror
and reminded me of who I am in you.

because I have you Jesus
I know how it feels to be loved.
you've given me family, friends
and most of all you've given me yourself
and my heart will always cry out with gratefulness.

the fact that you knew me
before I was ever conceived.
you knew me before the foundations of the world.
you see my tears
you know how I truly feel inside even when I can't express it.

when I cry, you see how hurt I am inside.
when I can't speak, you know my thoughts
you know my thoughts before I even think them
you know my heart and you've never given up on me
you never hated me even when I hated myself
for not loving you the way you deserved.

I want you to know
even though you already do
I want you know that I'm trying
i'm still trying my best to stay focused
and be who you've called me to be.

I thank you
that I know what's it like to be loved
I know what it feels like to be loved
whole heartedly, unconditionally
my heart can't express how I truly feel.
so i'll just let my tears speak for themselves.

I get angry at myself
and I want to hurt myself sometimes
for not being in tune with you
when all along, I was always loved.
I have always been loved by you.

Let it be known
that I tried
I really did.
I tried my best
and I'm still trying
to do what I can.
and I will continue to try my best
Until the day you call me home.

I repent for taking you for granted.
and not taking our relationship seriously.
My emotions have been all over the place.
Trying to make sense of everything
I used to overthink and be anxious
I'm still being healed from all of that.
I'm healing from depression
I'm healing from overthinking
I'm healing from anxiety
Lust
everything that held me back from giving you all of me.

Lord let it be known
that I tried.
Let it be known that I tried.
let it be known that I didn't just sit there
even though some days I was too tired to care.
I take accountability for all of the wrong i've ever done.
I take full responsibility for every bad choice
every bad position that I put myself in.
but it all has led me here.

let it be known that I tried.
I didn't just say I loved you
but I tried to show you
better than I could tell you.
My heart aches with the pain of my mistakes.
But I tried.
I tried to love others.
But I guess I didn't love myself the way I should
But you always give me second chances
even when I don't deserve them.

let it be known that I tried
even when I didn't want to.
let it be known that I tried
even when all I felt was pain.
let it be known that I tried
when it felt like everyone was passing me by
let it be known that I tried
even when I gave up in secret.
but something still kept me from losing it all.
let it be known that I tried
even when I hated myself

even when I hated the man looking back at me in the mirror
let it be known that I tried
even when I felt like forgiving myself would never be an option
let it be known that I tried
father let it be known that I tried.

let it be known that I tried.
and I will continue to try my best.
even on days when all I want to do
is stay in bed and never get back up.
no one sees the silent pain.
of hating yourself for every mistake
because you feel like you should've known better by now.
and I sometimes wonder
Why do you still love someone like me?
why do you still love me, Jesus?

to be loved
is to be accepted
and to accept yourself
which is what I've struggled with
but I want to know how it feels
even though my spirit already knows
I want to learn more about how it feels
to be loved by you.
I want to know more about how it feels
to be loved by you.

because You are everything
You are my everything
and to be loved by you is everything.
I don't regret the fights I've had with myself
because it is all apart of my testimony.
to love you and to be loved by you.
is such a privledge.
it's a honor to be loved by the creator of all things.

you have been with me
through everything.
you have carried me through losing my mom
losing my dad
losing myself
different changes
mistakes and all
you have loved me through it all.

only you see the tears that I've cried behind closed doors
out of anger, disappointment and frustration
feeling like I've let down everyone who loves me
I know how it feels to think of yourself as a failure
and to overthink to the highest degree
I have truly been through a lot

you were there the night my mom died
you were there the day my dad died
you were there to each of their funerals
you were there every night through addiction

you have always been here.

when you went to the cross
you saw my face as you hung there.
and because of that fact
I know how it feels to be loved.
because of the way you love me
and the way you've allowed others to love me
and the way you've used me to love others
I know how to love myself now
I know how to love myself with your love.
even when it hurts
and some days it hurts more than I can say
because I find myself trying to hide
but I can never hide from you.
I've never known a love like this.
A love that lasts longer than forever.
To be loved like this is something I will never understand
but all I can do is receive.
You are the lover of my soul
and to be loved by you is worth more than silver and gold.

Jesus because you died for me
I know how it feels to be loved.
Truly loved.
and because of this love.
I can finally love myself.
because perfect love casts out all fear.
so I let every mistake go

every setback
every bit of silent pain.
I let it all go
and I fall into your everlasting arms.
and allow myself to be loved.
I sometimes get scared and overwhelmed
but because you love me

I CAN FINALLY LOVE MYSELF.

Note: There are no words for this one. Let the words I have written speak to whatever your situation may be with the Lord.

Chapter Eight: Nowhere, Nobody

By: Mr. Andre' Perez Davis

You've been so good
And I've been so evil
You've been so forgiving
And I always take it for granted.
I say that I love you
Yet I spit in your face every day.
I'm so tired.

Jesus
I've fallen in love with you
More than ever before
And there's truly nowhere
With nobody else that I'd rather be
I take a deep breath
It may seem like overthinking
But I'm just trying to calm myself with your love.
I'm not worthy of everything you've done
But somehow

You still love me.

This prophecy you have placed in me
You've promised that you will see it through
And all I want to do is say thank you.
Even when I sin
You still chase after me
Even when I run
You still see your son.
So Lord there's nowhere
With nobody else that I'd rather be with.

My tears like rain
You always stay the same
Jesus there are no words
To express how I feel.

I let my emotions get in the way sometimes
And I'm sorry
I'm sorry for not trusting you.
I think I just get tired sometimes.

And I let the pain at times just weigh me down.

But with you, I am strong.

I am strong.

I have never been more at peace

The enemy tried to swallow me

But he failed.

Simply because you always keep your promises.

So only you know

How I truly feel in this moment

Because I don't know how to express it all.

I'm not even depressed

That already disappeared

I just don't know what to say

I don't know what to say except thank you!

So Lord

There's no more running

There is nowhere

Nowhere

There is nowhere

With nobody else that I'd rather be.

Than here in your arms.

So Lord Help me to lock in with you

Help me to be present with you

Because there is nowhere

With nobody else that I'd rather be.

Than right here with you Jesus.

Note: I love this one. This is the closer of the book and it really sums up where I am right now in my life. There is truly nowhere with nobody else that I'd rather be than him right now. I advise you to lock in with him because he is always with you and waiting for you to simply look at him and be with him. I love you all so much and these are my Late Night Thoughts!

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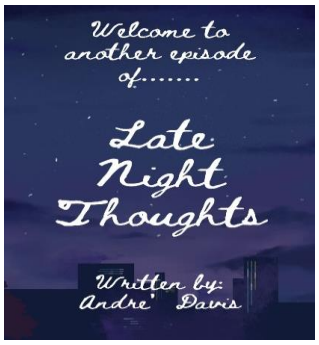
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