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### TRIBUTE TO CAPT. (DR.) IDAHOSA WELLS OKUNBO (JP)

As painful as this might be I would gladly begin this tribute from the end, as I believe in my heart that those that we love never really die as their memories live forever in our hearts. The joy in my heart knows no bounds as my deeper walk with you in your latter days on earth further confirmed the reality of your walk with Christ and your love for humanity. I will never forget your words telling me ‘Dandison now I understand all that you have been saying all these years, we are **NOW EQUALLY YOKED**...talking about your strong commitment to your Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

All my life you have been a dominant force, I grew up to embrace the several transitions in my life knowing you as my elder brother, my father, my boss, my friend and best of all my personal prayer partner. You have left an indelible mark in the sands of time, your humility and the values you lived by has taught me a lot about life and its brevity. Knowing you all my life has made me who I am today, I remember you calling me out loud ‘**DaaaaanDISON, MR. FIX IT**’, you were indeed an excellent leader who believed in people and give them several opportunities to bring out the best in them. As my boss, you refined me and gave me that heart to excel and taught me to always see obstacles in business as opportunities for wealth creation.

I remember your message on ‘forgiveness’ and how someone can shut themselves out of God’s blessing if they fail to forgive. I can say this about you, when you forgive, you forgive completely and relate like nothing ever happened, many took advantage of this Godly value but our God is indeed a rewarder. You did not only preach this, you lived your entire life even to your very last day on earth forgiving all those that have hurt you.

We shared a very special bond and I cannot imagine how life will be now that you are gone. You have been my support and a brother that is born for the day of adversity as it is written in **Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times and a brother is born for adversity**. You were to me a cocktail of many things a father, a brother, a friend and a boss. I love you so deeply and words cannot truly articulate how I feel about you but I am comforted by the scriptures in 1 Thes. 4: 13-14 ‘**But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will GOD bring with him.**’

I will never forget the incident of 1st July 2016, when I was shot by armed robbers and was bleeding at the brink of death, your voice on the phone telling me ‘**Dandison, you will not die but live**’ was **my first spark of light that gave me the possibility of life at the point of death**. Words will fail me if I choose to chronicle the several interventions and interceptions that God has used you for in my life, you were the one that brought me to Abuja, a place I would come to meet my darling wife Ruth and the lovely children that the Lord has blessed us with, for this I will forever be grateful.

Clearly, I can say that without you my journey of life would not have been complete, the Lord in his wisdom brought us through the same matrix of our mother’s womb, for us to be able to perform his will and purpose for our lives.

I miss you my darling brother, you are indeed heavens gain, the reality of your life in Christ and the deliverance of your soul from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of our lord and Christ has dried every tears from my eyes, until we meet again, I say goodbye.