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From the Editor

I am very excited to introduce the first volume of *Voninga Magazine*! We have just launched **voninga.com**, a dynamic empowerment platform dedicated to personal growth, mental health restoration, and economic development by connecting businesses with potential clients, collaborators, and investors. We trust God to help us reach millions of people worldwide, and the fact that you are reading this now means you are part of that journey. Thank you for believing in us!

In this month's issue, our *Mind & Purpose* segment features the inspiring story of an amazing woman of faith and virtue—Benevolence Mphuti. We also connect two remarkable businesses: **KOU Foods** by Chef Weso and **Miatumelo (Pty) Ltd** by Motlogelwa Maite.

Be inspired to overcome academic challenges through Ntsako Fortunate's *Academic Journey of Resilience & Persistence* as she sails through her Master's Degree. Lastly, let Talent Mhelembe remind you of God's unwavering love for you.

Editor-in-Chief

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The Shame of being a PK and Divorced

BENEVOLENCE MPHUTI

In April 2019, I was getting married to a man I thought was the love of my life, hoping that our love was a forever kind of story. However, by August 2020, I was back at my parents' house, nursing a newborn baby girl and grappling with the reality that I might soon have to deal with a failed marriage—a reality that, unfortunately, became true very soon after.

It was 2020, which meant that, apart from the reality of a very short-lived nuptial bliss, I had to juggle first-time motherhood alone because he chose to completely walk away. I also faced unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic and all the shame that comes with being a PK (Preacher's Kid)—a Christian lady who now bears the title of "divorced." It was tough, a swim-or-sink kind of situation. What a dramatic introduction to the first installment from someone you don't even know, right?

Well, that was deliberate from my side so that some of you can realize that behind some of our warm smiles and glowing skins, we've also walked through traumatic experiences that we could've either decided to have them define us or take them as life experiences, learn, adapt and grow from them.

Separation is hard, it is a type of grief that has so many different dynamics that one has to learn, very quickly at that, to adapt to, more so for me because I come a family of happily married parents who are pastors. Although they were doing all they could to help me navigate my new reality, most of the times I felt very alone because it was a feeling I felt my parents couldn't 100% relate to.

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Now let's take a few steps back and start this right.

Hello, my name is Dzunisani Benevolence Mphuti. I was born on the 17th of February 1989, bred in a township called Namakgale,

Phalaborwa in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. I am the founder of Refined in Fire, which is a platform that aims at helping people from all walks of life; male and female, young and old; black, white, orange, green; get back on their feet by after life has thrown some curve balls at them.

This is not just a platform that will host talks and walk away but we're here to help you walk through the journey of redemption, restoration and elevation by assisting you identify places and ways to acquire helpful skills to help you get back on your feet, we will hold each other's hand until we figure it out together.

Proverbs 17:3 says, "in the same way that gold and silver are refined by fire, the Lord purifies your heart by the tests and trials of life".

Although during the trials it feels like the end, God refers to it as 'process', so we have to figure out a way to not only endure the process, but also to thrive and shine after it has taken place. With this I am saying, come along with me, as we explore the painful yet beautiful journey of healing, transformation and growth as the Holy Spirit will be directing us on the way to rediscover our purpose to which we were born and called. Come on in, buckle up because we are about to take off!!



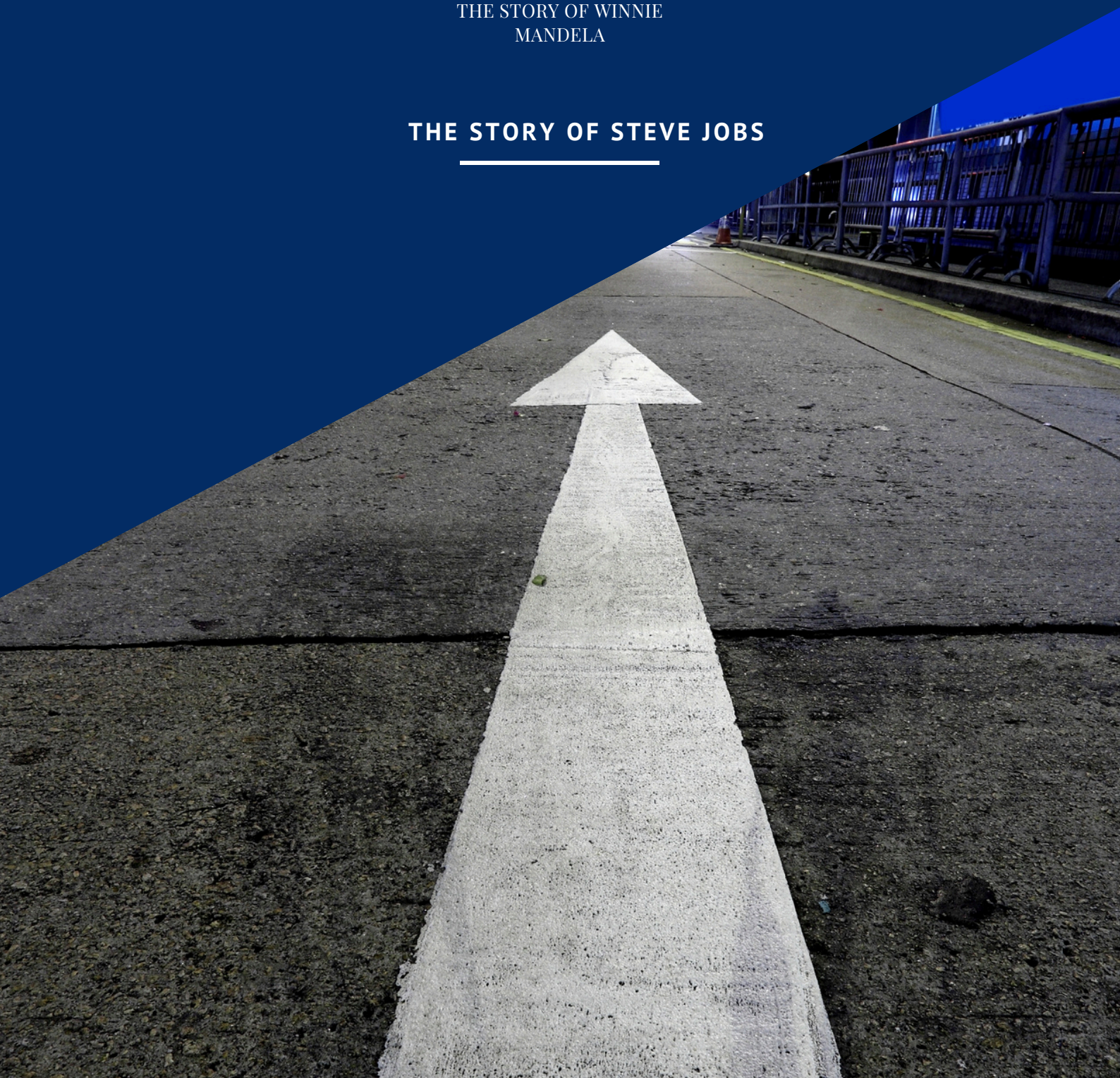
FINDING PURPOSE

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FINDING YOUR ANGER

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FIND YOUR ANGER

OUR APRIL MOTTO

According to Dr. Myles Munroe, in order to find your purpose, you need to find whatever makes you angry. It is stipulated that people who achieved great things in this life were angry. "Anger" may sound like a very strong word because it is often associated with negativity. The term anger, which means hostility equally means displeasure or annoyance. So we can say, whatever feels you with displeasure or annoyance is a compass for you to use in identifying your purpose.

Whatever is annoying you right now in your household, community, school or church, is your call to purpose.

In our religious history, we learn about a hero named Moses, who had some form of displeasure in his early age. He was an adopted son to King Pharaoh's daughter and lived in a luxurious Palace in Egypt. He didn't like how the tribe of Israel was maltreated by the Egyptian tribe.

Now the maltreatment of Israelites by the Egyptians had been going on prior to Moses' birth & no one seemed to feel a need to take action but him. In trying to remedy the displeasure, he got a glimpse into finding his purpose.



Finding Your Anger



IMAGE: AP PHOTO/KRISTY MACDONALD

**“ HE WAS
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Steve Jobs - Co-founder of Apple Inc

Steve Jobs who's known worldwide for having co-founded Apple Inc, had displeasure with the computers which were available in those days. They lacked artistic tact, could not seamlessly be integrated into people's lives. He was angered by the complexity which existed with the computers.

He built his company Apple which prioritized user-friendly design, seamless integration, and cutting-edge innovation, revolutionizing the personal computer, music, and smartphone industries. His products—such as the Macintosh, iPod, iPhone, and iPad and transformed technology to be more admired by millions.



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A passionate and highly skilled, self-taught Baker

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CHEF WESO

If you think Limpopo is not packed with greatness and skill, then you probably haven't met Carol Madia Seakamela, fondly known as Chef Weso, from Botlokwa, Mokomene Village. A seasoned and well-experienced chef known for her food creativity, discipline, and passion. This is a chef who understands quality and standards. Carol grew up in an environment of food creativity.



She was raised by a grandmother who would constantly tell her, “Bogobe” (a Sepedi name for cooked maize meal, known as pap in South Africa) is not the only food you ought to eat. Her grandmother would take her grandkids out to taste new cuisines. From that time, Carol’s way of living and understanding was channeled into learning new cuisines and experimenting with different dishes. Like many in South Africa, when the time came for her to choose a career path, she initially chose to study engineering instead of following her passion and gift. However, after a year, she felt within herself that she wasn’t aligned with her purpose and destiny.

“Bogobe (a Sepedi name for cooked maize meal, known as pap in South Africa) is not the only food you ought to eat”

KOU FOODS

She then took a gap year, gathered the courage to chase her passion, and registered for hospitality studies. This proved to be a fruitful decision because, after completing her studies, she was offered a job to train aspiring entrepreneurs in remote villages of Limpopo with baking skills to help them generate income. Her expertise in dining stems from her vast experience and reputable services, having worked as a chef in many restaurants, including;

The Royal Hotel in Polokwane and a restaurant in Meropa Casino. She also worked as a chef for a German company called Green Hospitality during the 2010 FIFA World Cup. She now owns a company called KOU Foods in Botlokwa Village, best known for Platters on the Go, lunch menus, hot and cold desserts, and smoothies.



Chef Weso's Services

Her business caters for all functions, including weddings, parties, and funerals. There is no place too far for her to reach and deliver her unforgettable services. She aspires to own her own culinary institution, a lodge with a diner, and to grow her name around the globe. To enjoy her quality services, contact her at 076 100 4381. Her Instagram handle is @Chef Weso, and she is also on Facebook as Carol Seakamela



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The Passionate baker

MOTLOGELWA, ARTHUR MAITE

If you are looking for inspiration and a reason to keep vouching for Black excellence, then you need to know about Motlogelwa Arthur Maite. She is our South African pride—a young lady who loves people and expresses that love through her excellent services and baking genius.

In her own words, she says:

“I love baking. I have always been passionate about baking and wanted to turn my hobby into a career. Baking allows me to express my creativity and bring joy to others through my delicious treats.”

Motlogelwa Maite resides in Steilloop, Rebone, which forms part of the Waterberg District. She is an entrepreneur of note—diligent in her work and, best of all, passionate about her business. Many employed South Africans desire independence, but not many have had the courage to chase after it. Maite is one of those who took a leap of faith in pursuit of her dreams. Her goal was not just to gain independence from employment but to work on what she loves every day. She takes pride in her diligence, waking up daily before sunrise to prepare vetkoeks, biscuit orders, and scones for her unwaveringly supportive customers.

Beyond her love and passion for baking, starting her business, Maitumelo (Pty) Ltd, was driven by financial necessity—seeking a way to earn a steady income. She identified a gap in her community for quality baked goods and seized the opportunity to bring satisfaction to her clients. Contact Motlogelwa Arthur Maite at 071 057 5764.



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Overcoming
CHALLENGES

Gathering wisdom and inspiration from Ntsako Fortunate Shingange

Resilience, Persistence & Achieving

Ntsako Fortunate Shingange

My name is Ntsako Fortunate Shingange, and I am 29 years old. I was born in Phalaborwa, Namakgale. To succeed in the outside world, the decisions we make — especially regarding our career — can make all the difference. It all begins with a choice, and with God’s guidance, anything is possible



IMAGE: NTSAKOT

“Despite the setbacks, I didn’t give up on pursuing my career.”

Early Education and Career Struggles

I matriculated in 2013 at All Saints College in Phalaborwa, where I passed with a Bachelor's pass. After high school, I faced a challenge: I couldn't get a space at a higher learning institution. In 2014, I decided to take a gap year. During this time, I watched my peers go off to universities, leaving me behind. Out of frustration, I enrolled at Sir Val Duncan (Mopani College) to study Fitting and Turning (Engineering N2).

However, my time in the engineering program wasn't successful. While I passed Mathematics and Science, I failed the other modules. I realized that this was not the right path for me. Despite the setbacks, I didn't give up on pursuing my career.

New Beginnings: Marketing

In 2015, I still didn't secure a place at a university, so I turned to Capricorn FET College to study Marketing. I completed my Marketing Diploma in 2017. However, even though I finished my studies, I still didn't feel passionate about it. I was studying because I loved learning, not because I had found my true calling.

A Turning Point: God's Timing

In 2018, I had a revelation: my life aligned with Isaiah 60:22, *“When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen.”* After four years of navigating my career and facing disappointments, I enrolled at Tshwane University of Technology in 2018 to study a Diploma in Public Administration (NQF 6). I successfully completed it in 2020.

“When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen”



Looking back, my journey has been one of resilience and faith. Each setback, failure, and unexpected detour has led me to where I am today.

Pursuing Excellence

By God’s grace, in 2021, I enrolled for an Advanced Diploma in Public Affairs (NQF 7), focusing on the administration of the state. I completed this with Cum Laude honors. I didn’t stop there. In 2022, I pursued a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Affairs (NQF 8), also completing it with Cum Laude honors.

A Challenge and Another Opportunity

In 2023, I registered for a Master’s Degree in Public Administration (NQF 9) at Tshwane University of Technology. Just as I was making progress, I received an opportunity to study abroad on a scholarship to Canada. Unfortunately, my mother fell ill, and I had to stay behind to care for her, which led me to deregister from the program.

God’s Blessing: A New Opportunity

In 2024, God’s grace prevailed, and I was accepted to study for my Master’s Degree in Public Administration (NQF 9) at the University of South Africa (UNISA). I am currently in my final year, set to complete my studies in 2025.

Glory to God, because I am on the path to becoming a Doctor in Public Administration. In 2026, I will register for my PhD in Public Administration.

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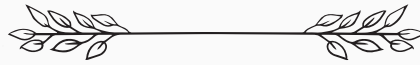
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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE (1 CORINTHINS 13 VS 4-8; JOHN 3 VS 16;
ROMANS 5 VS 1-5 AND 8 VS 37 -39; JAMES 1 VS 2-4 | JOHN 4 VS 16)

The LOVE of God is a topic close to my heart. Even as I write, I speak from firsthand testimony of its existence. Despite what I have seen, felt, experienced, and encountered in life, I cannot propose otherwise. The validity, authenticity, and practicality of any proposition or position should not be tested externally but rather from one's own personal life's crucible.

What's evident, even though the LOVE of God is real, true, and unfading, is that the belief that God LOVES you is almost always under severe attack, challenge, and contestation. What I have discovered as I go through life's woes is that I am kept in a relationship with God not on account of how much I love Him, but because of how much God has LOVED me.

Many times, as a result of what we have faced, we end up believing that God has forsaken us or does not LOVE us anymore. This is due to misconceptions about the ramifications of being LOVED by God. A false belief is equating the LOVE of God to one's well-being—assuming that if God LOVES me, I will never suffer, experience pain, sorrow, death, misery, loss, or grief. The unshakable truth is that the LOVE OF GOD exists both in and outside of what we may consider suffering.

That which we face, seemingly negating the LOVE of God, is often a result of elements outside of His LOVE. Hence, what we endure cannot, in any way, alter or halt the LOVE that God has for us.

As we unpack the LOVE of God, we must deal with the following questions: If living in the best condition on earth is not the purpose, then why does God LOVE us? God LOVES because of who He is, how He wants us to know Him, and how He desires to be known through us.

When I asked myself what the LOVE of God is, I found it more difficult to define than I initially thought. The more I tried to define it, the more I realized it does not fit into a single definition. It is dynamic, layered, and multi-faceted. When Paul described it, he outlined what it is, what it is not, what it does, what it always is, and ended by stating that it never ends. Thus, I summarize that LOVE is more than a feeling, similar to fear, hatred, anger, or jealousy. It is more of a Person—and that Person is Jesus.

What's the benefit to you? Why should one accept the LOVE of God? True benefit can only be appreciated by a heart that longs for God. Any and all efforts from God in demonstrating His LOVE will be despised until one is desperate for Him. Thus, the greatest and highest benefit of His LOVE is being in a relationship with Him.



LOVE is the essence of His person; it remains one of the pivotal elements of our faith. Of all the things one might doubt, the **LOVE** of God should never be one of them. After all has passed, all is done, and all is seen, His enduring **LOVE** will forever remain steadfast.

Thus, I conclude—beyond any hint of hesitation—that

GOD LOVES YOU.

