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In Nigerian Pentecostal churches, “testimony time” is an integral part of worship. Someone comes forward to publicly testify to the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord in their lives. Or, as they tend to put it, “I have returned to give God all the glory.” When they are done with the narration that led to their eventual triumph, they thank God for what he has done. Some do not stop there. They also thank the human agents – family, friends, acquaintances, and even strangers – who participated in making their testimony an eventual reality. Underlying this public performance of gratitude to God and their community for what He has done is an acknowledgment that divine deeds require human vectors. My heart bursts with gratitude to everyone, from family and friends to various institutions, who supported me all through the process of writing this book.

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