

■ THE TEST OF THE TWO SONS

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Dedication

To every parent who prays for their children, and to every young person learning that wisdom, humility, and hard work always lead to victory.

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With gratitude to God, and everyone who believes in the power of stories to transform lives. Thank you for walking this journey with me.

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Chapter 1 – Opening Scene

Adisa and Aminata sat at the dining table, worried and disturbed. Their two sons were outside, as usual, playing football and mingling with the town boys. It was the season of the local football Gala in the village, and Chinedu—the younger brother of Duma—was in the spotlight. Within two weeks, Chinedu had scored 20 goals in the tournament. He was quickly becoming the center of attention. The village, already known for producing renowned football players, was buzzing with pride. For many, football had even become a livelihood. Despite the spiritual atmosphere of the small village, where pastors were highly respected and constantly encouraged the people to trust in God, there were still a few “bad nuts” among them.

Parents at dining table, children playing football outside

