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**Promotion
comes
from The
Lord**

and Compensation
is in His Plan

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WHISPERS OF GRACE



Jesus said

After this manner therefore pray ye:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done, as in heaven,
so on earth. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors. And
bring us not into temptation, but
deliver us from the evil one. For if ye
forgive men their trespasses, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

**But if ye forgive not men their
trespasses, neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses.**

Matthew 6 v 9-15 (ASV)

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CHAPTER 1

PROMOTION COMES FROM GOD AND COMPENSATION IS IN HIS PLAN

Jesus taught us to pray “Let thy Kingdom Come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”.

It is vital for every child of God to understand the Kingdom Message that Jesus taught so passionately, if they desire to discover their God given purpose.

When we desire to live a life that reveals the life and love of Jesus which brings glory to the Father, then we must understand the Message Jesus taught.

If you receive the ‘message’ or ‘gospel’ of Salvation from hell only, you will relegate yourself to struggle through life, hoping for the best here on earth, while holding tightly to the hope of heaven after you die.

But if you receive and seek the complete Gospel of the Kingdom, you will make it your life’s purpose to represent and expand the Kingdom of God here on the earth.

We must never forget the original purpose and assignment that God gave to mankind.

Mankind was made in the image of God, so that we could represent him here on the earth and to manage his creation.

God said “Light Be!”

Something that cannot be intelligently denied is that there is a perfect wisdom to creation, there is order and purpose in everything. It was God who brought that order and purpose to his creation.

When we accept that nothing happened by accident, we can begin to understand why God created mankind. If we simply think of the earth as being God's garden and mankind being the caretaker of his garden, we can see why there is so much confusion, waste and destruction in the earth today. Mankind has not only failed to realise their basic purpose but also have never tapped into the potential of the greatness invested in them. The great inventions and achievements over the generations have only been a small fraction of what should have been.

Why was man made in the image of God?

When God saw the emptiness and darkness upon the earth, he extended his Kingdom of Light to the physical realm of the earth. He brought order and purpose and made man in his image and likeness to govern what he had created.

Please note, by man I mean 'mankind' both male and female.

I love that we were created on purpose and with purpose. When we can take hold of this truth, we will know that there are no mistakes. Every person ever born into this earth was sent from God on purpose and with a purpose and assignment. Each person, is filled with the potential to complete their God given assignment on the earth.

We don't choose our own purpose, but we must discover it.

When we read the bible with an open heart, we can see clearly that God had 'Kingdom' on his mind, from Genesis to Revelation.

Jesus also proclaimed the 'Gospel of the Kingdom', and he gave his church the commission to go into all the world and preach that same Gospel to every creature.

I have always been intrigued that Jesus said to preach to every creature! Today, the preaching of the Gospel is focused on man alone.

Since I have been studying the ‘Kingdom of God’ I have realized, to tell a man that his soul must be saved is of the utmost importance but it is certainly not all there is to this Gospel of God’s Kingdom.

There are two important dimensions to this Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus preached, taught and demonstrated with undeniable power.

1. The Gospel of Salvation.

Jesus came to reveal the true image of God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent Jesus his only Son, to come down to our level. Jesus lived as a man, he experienced our weaknesses in order that he could be the perfect substitute sacrifice for us. His death and resurrection paid the debt we could not pay and made the way to redeem mankind back to a personal relationship with the Father.

2.The Principles of the Kingdom.

There are Spiritual Laws and ordinances that govern all creation. God's ways are perfect and lead to success and harmony in every area of life. When we violate these principles we are in rebellion and cannot experience the fullness of his blessing. These laws are not the same as religious laws or natural laws. They are superior spiritual intelligence and principles that govern all of life.

These two dimensions remain separated in most of the 'church' world. Religion and tradition mainly focus on getting to God, or pleasing him by man's own actions, our own good works and religious rituals. Yet the bible clearly declares that without FAITH it is impossible to please God.

True biblical faith is knowing what God has said, then believing and acting upon his known Word and will. I'm sure you have heard the expression 'blind faith' but in reality that is only referring to hopeful or wishful thinking.

True biblical faith is not just agreeing with God but acting on what he has said. If you don't know what God has said, then how can you be obedient to him.

We know that true spiritual faith has works, but those works are not the works of our own ability, rather the working out of the Word and the Spirit in our lives.

‘Light be’ and ‘Kingdom Come’

The first thing God said in creation was “Light be” or “Let there be Light”. As a child I thought this was the light that comes from the sun, I didn't fully understand. I now understand that Light is knowledge, Light is truth, Light is order, Light is life and God is Light.

**When God said – “Light Be” – he was saying
“Kingdom Be on earth as it is in heaven”.**

Light speaks of all that is good while darkness has only one assignment, that of evil, destruction and chaos.

1 John 1 v 5 (KJV)

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

John 8 v 12 (KJV)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

1 Peter 2 v 9 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Jesus revealed the Love of God the Father, and demonstrated His Kingdom Authority (Dominion) over all creation. He came to restore the birth right of man, by destroying the works of darkness which were orchestrated by the devil.

Jesus spoke to trees, food, seas, rebuked the wind, he cast out devils with a word and healed every disease that he met. He defeated death, hell and the grave.

The people were amazed and said “This man doesn’t speak like the religious leaders but as one who has authority”. Others questioned “What kind of man is this, even the wind and waves obey him?”

Jesus had the Kingdom of God on his mind. He understood that his mission was to redeem mankind back to the original plan and purpose of God the Father. He knew what he came to do and why!

It takes much more than information to walk in authority, it takes revelation and confidence in the one to whom that authority belongs. That confidence is not in our own power but in God's power. Our identity must be in Christ alone in order to walk and live in his authority.

The first revelation we must seek, is to know and understand that we have been delivered out of the kingdom of darkness, rescued and set free from all its influence and power and have been adopted and planted into the Kingdom of God, safe and secure in his light and power.

Colossians 1 v 13 (KJV)

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

1 Peter 2 v 9 (NIV)

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Psalm 145 v 8 -13 (KJV)

*The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion;
slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is
good to all: and his tender mercies are over all
his works.*

*All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy
saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the
glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power;
To make known to the sons of men his mighty
acts and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and thy
dominion endureth throughout all generations.*

We must understand this KINGDON Gospel.
We are called into this Kingdom, to take up the
keys of authority, as the light of the world that
brings order and peace. We are not only called
to speak and talk of his power but also to be
empowered to make his power and grace
known to men.

Many people across this world are trying to
save this planet but all they are doing is
speaking curses and death to it and everything
in it.

BUT WE AS THE AMBASSADORS or
REPRESENTATIVES of the LORD are supposed
to be speaking life not just to mankind but to
all creation.

The message that runs throughout the bible is
‘Return to God and Kingdom Come’.

This brief look into the Kingdom Message is
only a foundation or stepping stone to the
message of this book.

If we do not understand the Kingdom of God,
we will not be able to understand the Bible.

**The Bible is a legal book, not a religious book.
It is God’s heart and his thoughts made known
to us.**

The Bible is full of Promises, Principles, and Prophecy. It reveals 3 fundamental dimensions: -

1. God's nature. Who God is and how his Kingdom operates.
2. Human nature. Who man is and how he operates in his own foolishness and rebellion.
3. God's Saviour. Who Jesus is and how he made a way for man to be redeemed back to the Father.

As you read further I pray that you will be encouraged to seek to know more about this Kingdom of God and His ways.

Many Christians sincerely love Jesus but are struggling with everyday life because they have not understood the Kingdom they belong to.

Take a closer look into this verse again, and meditate on it until it burns with revelation and light in your soul.

Colossians 1 v 13 (KJV)

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Chapter 2

GOD HAS A PLAN

JONAH HAD AN INSTRUCTION FROM
THE LORD TO GO TO NINEVEH AND
TELL THEM DESTRUCTION IS COMING.

BUT Jonah knew his God. Jonah interpreted this message with the true vision of a prophet. He knew God wanted the people living in Nineveh to repent and be saved from destruction. God is gracious and full of compassion; he didn't pour out judgement without giving a chance to repent.

That is still the heart of God today, he doesn't desire that any person perish or be destroyed, because he has already provided a way out. In every temptation he has provided a way of escape. This plan of Salvation is offered to every person.

The heart of a true prophet is always to turn the hearts of people back to God.

Jonah had no compassion for the people of Nineveh. He didn't want to obey God, instead he ran in the opposite direction BUT GOD's purpose prevailed.

There are many things we could say about Jonah, but I want to look at these three factors: -

1. He had a listening ear.
2. He had the correct interpretation.
3. He did NOT have the correct heart.

One of the most important principles in walking in God's Kingdom purpose, is that God looks at the heart, not the outward appearance. He judges the heart of every man.

God alone knows every intention and motive of the heart.

God always sees the bigger picture.

Jonah could not see, what lay ahead for the nation of Israel. It was true that the people of Nineveh had no covenant with God, but what Jonah did not know was that it was for the long-term good of his own people that God desired Nineveh to repent.

In Jonah's day, the people of Nineveh repented, but eventually, they would fall back into great wickedness, just like Jonah knew they would. But in the years to come the nation of Israel would also fall into disobedience, and would be taken captive by the Babylonians, and there they would fall under the mercy of Nineveh. You can study more about this in the book of Nahum.

When we begin to understand God's ways, we will realise there is much we do not yet know. Life is really knowledge dependant; so much of life is about whom we know and what we know. God our heavenly Father knows what is best for us both now and in the days ahead. Trust him to lead you in his wisdom and truth.

We must seek to have a listening ear to hear what God is saying. Yet not only to hear what God is saying, but also seek to be able to interpret correctly. Then seek to have the right heart that brings total obedience.

Don't be a Jonah in your generation.

Proverbs 4 v7 (KJV)

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

In other words, don't assume you understand what God is saying. Seek his wisdom. It is not enough to simply know what God's will is; but wisdom is knowing what to do about it.

There is a warning given to us in Hosea 4 v 6
(KJV)

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:
BECAUSE THOU HAST REJECTED KNOWLEDGE,
I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no
priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law
of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

Chapter 3

JOSEPH HAD A DREAM

HE HAD THE CORRECT
INTERPRETATION, AND HE PROVED
THAT HE HAD THE RIGHT HEART.

I love reading about Joseph, I find great encouragement and strength to never let go of the visions and promises God has given.

Knowing that no matter what happens, or how long it takes, God remains faithful.

Psalm 105v19 (AMP)

*Until the time that his word of prophecy
regarding his brothers came true, The Word of
the LORD tested and refined him.*

It's important to recognise that until the time came to fulfil his dreams, Joseph's character was being proved and tested.

God had planted the seeds of greatness in Joseph, he was called to be a deliverer for the children of Israel. The dream did not reveal the fullness of that plan, instead, it planted the seed of vision, that would sustain Joseph through many trials.

Through every trial of betrayal, false accusation, and imprisonment Joseph did not turn away from his God. There was something burning inside him that gave him strength of character to never give up.

Be very careful how you interpret this scripture. A religious mindset will assume, that God was testing Joseph and waiting for him to grow up and develop, breaking him down to fit God's plan but the truth is, that Joseph was called for a fixed time and purpose, and the testing was not so much about destroying Joseph but a testing of God's faithfulness, a time of growing and knowing his God more. It was a time of preparation, building his knowledge of God and his ability to hear and discern God's thoughts and plans.

The prison was not so much a place of punishment but rather, in a strange way, could be seen as the safest place for Joseph in those years. If he had still been with his brothers, they could have talked him out of the dream, if he had stayed in Potiphar's house, he may have become content or won over by riches, or may have finally given into the temptation of seduction from Potiphar's wife.

Joseph did not get bitter – just better.

There are many things in our lives, that God does for our protection. It may seem like punishment at the time, but it is for our good in the long term. Like when a child is told 'no' it is not always for punishment but for the welfare of that child.

I remember when I was about 10 years old, my friends all had roller boots and I really wanted a pair also. My dad had said, that he would take me to the toy shop at the weekend, and I could have whatever I wanted.

I asked for a pair of roller boots, yet somehow I came home from the shop happy, but with a baby doll instead. My dad knowing, that it was not in my best interest to have the roller boots, as I was quite accident prone and suffered a lot from growing pains. He had somehow convinced me, that what I really wanted was a baby doll.

To this day I still don't know how he turned that around, but I do now understand, why. I received more enjoyment from playing with that doll, and it was definitely much safer and more suitable for me.

I realise that this story cannot be compared with Joseph in prison, but it only serves as an example, that we don't always know what is best. Even the things we think we desire, are not always good for us.

I can look back over my own life and see how God had been preparing me. In many ways that I did not recognise at the time, or understand. He has given me vision, and continues to give direction and instructions. As I am growing, I know that everything is working together for good.

Many times we can hear from God, either by a dream, vision, prophecy or promises and although we have heard correctly, we may not be interpreting correctly.

We may not have all the pieces yet!

God leads us, step by step, line upon line, precept upon precept. He builds understanding and wisdom in us. He will give us instructions along the way.

For example, the dream or vision you have may be only the down payment or seed of what God has in store for you.

When I was very young, even before I could play the piano, I could see myself leading worship. I couldn't sing very well, and I was very shy but I had a dream. For many years, I thought that leading worship was my calling but as I have grown, I have realised that dream and that desire to worship was what would lead me into the bigger plan and purpose for my life. It was in that worship that I fell in love with God's word, and there discovered how to enter into the place of rest and stillness to hear God's voice.

God will lead you step by step.

When God first called Abraham, we are told that Abraham went out not knowing where he was going. But later we can see that God led him step by step, he didn't continue in this way of not knowing. He continued to grow in fellowship with his God, until God called him his friend.

God trusted Abraham and shared his plans with him.

When we are baby Christians, there will be many times, we will feel like we don't know where we are going or what we are doing. But be careful, because we are not supposed to continue the rest of our Christian life like that.

Be like Abraham and Joseph, be growing and developing in hearing and knowing your God. We need the correct vision, a listening ear and the ability to rightly discern or interpret what God is saying, together with the right heart.

This is a warning also, that we must be careful with 'prophecies' or 'words' that people may give to us. Remember that the person can only speak to their level of faith and revelation. It is possible for someone to correctly hear from God, but then interpret according to their level of revelation. Likewise, be careful who you share your visions and dreams with, someone else may not be able to share your excitement or enthusiasm.

Think about Joseph and how his brothers were jealous and even his own Father was angry.

There is a time to listen, a time of preparation and a time to share. The great news is; we can talk to our heavenly Father at all times about all things. Don't be too quick to share what God is speaking to you about, rest in his presence and incline your ear to his voice. Talk with the Holy Spirit and allow vision and revelation to expand.

Don't settle with any prophecy, dream or vision until you have thoroughly tested it with the Word of God. If it is truly from the Holy Spirit, He will continue to show you and guide you into deeper levels of understanding and insight. Only then will that purpose be established in your heart and spirit, where nothing will be able to talk you out of it.

2 Tim. 2 v 15 (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

We must have discernment because what looks like freedom in the natural can actually be a prison. Like Jonah, his freedom to run in the wrong direction, actually brought bondage and destruction not only to himself but to everyone around him. In comparison, what looks like a prison may actually be freedom, like it was for Joseph.

Whereas Jonah had brought trouble to others around him on that ship, Joseph had favour with God and man everywhere he went. Even in the prison God prospered everything he did.

When we can learn how to trust God's faithfulness, instead of the circumstances that surround us, we will fulfil his purpose and plans for our lives.

God has given us everything we need, Jesus built his church and he gave gifts to his church, the Holy Spirit was given to us and He has given his gifts. Every child of God has the responsibility to live according to God's Word.

It is very easy to be led by our feelings and emotions, instead, we must seek to know God's ways and walk in them.

One example comes to mind now as I am writing. That is, many have chosen to not gather together with other believers to worship, as commanded in God's Word.

I have heard many say, "I like to worship God in my own way, and I don't feel that same closeness to God's presence when I gather with others. It's so much easier to worship on my own".

This is true, we are supposed to have a personal and intimate relationship with God, and that is very good. BUT, when we gather together to worship it is not as intimate and is not supposed to feel the same.

The way you worship God on your own, is private and is where you will discover your personal assignment. BUT that does not excuse you from being part of the body of believers.

Wanting to only have your personal time with God and not meet with other believers would be like a husband wanting to have intimate time with his wife, but not be seen with her in public.

When we gather together, we are to encourage each other. So it takes both experiences, although completely different, to walk in the fullness of God's blessing.

It takes spiritual knowledge to understand the difference, and spiritual wisdom to experience both. Seeking God's Word with an open heart, destroys all lies and excuses.

Romans 8 v 6 (KJV)

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace

Chapter 4

2 KINGDOM PRINCIPLES WE MUST UNDERSTAND

1 – ACCORDING TO HIS WORD

2 – ACCORDING TO HIS TIME

The principles of the Kingdom of God, work in His way and in His time according to His Word. Many times throughout the scriptures we will read the words ‘at just the right time’ and ‘in the fullness of time’.

Just like God himself, his Word and his timing are amazing and always perfect.

Psalm 18 v 30 (NLT)

God’s way is perfect. All the LORD’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

Psalm 12 v 6 (NLT)

The Lord’s promise is sure. He speaks no careless word; all he says is purest truth, like silver seven times refined.

Psalm 19 v 7 (NLT)

*The instructions of the LORD are perfect,
reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are
trustworthy, making wise the simple.*

Psalm 25 v 10 (KJV)

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth
to such as keep his covenant and his
testimonies.

Hidden Not Forgotten.

I remember one day as I was praying I heard
these words “Hidden not Forgotten”. It brought
a great peace to my heart, that God had not
forgotten about me, but rather I was held
securely in the centre of his plan.

Have you ever felt that God has forgotten you?

I’m sure Joseph was tempted to think God had
forgotten him. Maybe you also feel that way
sometimes. Maybe you have been tempted to
look around you and to give up the dream that
God has given you. I urge you today, never give
up on God’s faithfulness!

Indeed, in the natural it seemed like Joseph had been forgotten BUT GOD had a plan to promote Joseph and compensation was in his plan.

Joseph had refined the vision, he had developed in character, and he had grown in the knowledge of his God. His dream was only the stepping stone that pointed to a bigger purpose.

A purpose that was beyond his own life and even his generation.

Just like Jonah, God had called Joseph for a far greater purpose. The deliverance was for much more than his generation. Unlike Jonah though, Joseph was not short sighted.

We know that he knew something of the bigger picture when he told his people “When you leave Egypt take my bones with you”. In other words, he was saying ‘don’t settle here’. But the children of Israel did settle, they became comfortable and choose to stay in Egypt.

The longer they settled the greater the bondage became, until they were enslaved to the degree they could no longer see themselves as the holy nation they actually were.

Are you pressing into knowing God more and developing your faith where you are at? Are you just trying to make the best of things? Are you still holding to the vision and dream or have you given up?

An example that God gave me was of a photographer developing photos in a darkroom. The pictures existed from the moment the photographer clicked the camera. The vision was captured but the negatives had to be enlarged and developed in that special room. At the right time, the beautiful photos would be presented fully developed.

Don't let frustration distract or discourage you. Hold tight to what God has given you. Seek his wisdom and direction continually.

Remember God's perfect timing.

There's another example in the bible that gives us great insight into God's perfect timing. Found in the Book of Esther, a man named Mordecai.

We are not told that Mordecai had a dream or a vision but we know he had a promise. He knew his God and he knew who the people of Israel were. Even though they were living in a foreign land, Mordecai knew God had promised that they would return to their own land. You could say that he didn't have a vision but he **HAD** vision.

He encouraged Esther, he believed in Esther **BUT HE TRUSTED IN GOD.**

The proof of his trust in God, was when he told Esther "If you don't let God use you He **will** raise up another **DELIVERER**"

The book of Esther is a great example of God's perfect timing and how he works all things together for good.

Don't be too quick to get disheartened or discouraged. Just maybe, you are there for a greater purpose, not yet known.

At the same time that God was raising Esther, an evil man called Haman was also rising up. God had given Esther favour with the King, but Haman had manipulated his way to favour with the King also.

Haman hated Mordecai, who was a man of integrity, a man that could not be bribed and a man who would not bow.

Haman planned to kill, steal and destroy, not just one man but the whole Jewish race and take everything that belonged to them.

BUT remember Mordecai knew his God. He had vision, he had the correct interpretation and he had the right heart.

Like Joseph, it looked like Mordecai had also been forgotten.

BUT GOD again at just the right time, caused Mordecai to be remembered.

Mordecai had previously spoiled an assignation against the King, but had received no recognition or reward at the time BUT GOD had compensation in his plan.

AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME – ACCORDING TO GODS TIMING – Mordecai was rewarded and the Jewish people as a nation were delivered from destruction.

I encourage you to read the book of Esther carefully and prayerfully. Allow God to show you his perfect plan being worked out. Let him open your understanding to see his perfect timing at work.

There are many other examples of God promoting and compensating men at just the right time.

COMPENSATION IS IN HIS PLAN – SO GET INTO HIS PLAN AND STAY IN HIS PLAN

Galatians 6 v8 – 9 (NLT)

*For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

1 Cor. 15 v 58 (KJV)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Isaiah 40 v 31 (KJV)

*But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.*

When it looks and feels like nothing is happening or God is silent concerning your life and destiny and not answering your prayers, realise he is doing 1 of 3 things.

1 – God is working ON you.

God's desire is for you to BE the vessel he can freely flow through, SO LET HIM do that work in You. He knows you best, and he knows what is best for you.

Trust him, be willing to learn, grow and to develop according to the Assignment God has given you.

Refuse to give into discouragement or distraction knowing this, that true destiny does not come easily rather IT COMES ON PURPOSE.

2 – God is working on other issues, people or conditions needed for your destiny.

Romans 8 v 28 (AMP)

And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.

Like Joseph, your purpose could be for a specific time. Or have you considered that, what God has called you to do is for a much greater purpose, effecting many more lives than you can ever imagine?

Be assured, that God is working in ways you cannot see. Keep your focus on and stay in close fellowship with His Word, and listening to His Holy Spirit.

Discovering and following God's purpose and assignment for your life, has no room for emotions or your own understanding. If we only follow what 'feels' right, we will find ourselves in deep and darker waters than we ought to be.

Instead, following God's will and purpose, will lead us into the deep waters of his mercy and grace, where we will be held in perfect peace.

3 – He is clearing the path, fighting unseen battles, plans and attacks on your behalf.

Matthew chapter 2 tells us that when Jesus was a child, the authorities were killing the baby boys, but the angel appeared to Joseph and told him where to take Mary and the Baby Jesus to be safe. Then later the angel returned and said to Joseph "Return now, for they that wanted to kill the child are all dead".

Likewise, God could be working some things and people out on your behalf.

Gens 15 v 16

After 400 years your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not YET warrant their destruction.

God told Abraham, this is the land I'm giving to you to possess. Your descendants will go into slavery but when the time is JUST RIGHT, I will bring them back here to possess this land.

This is a very interesting verse, it gives us insight, to how God is working well ahead of what we can see. God knew what was going to happen, and he was working ahead of time.

That is one of the great mysteries of the spirit realm. As long as we stay focused on what's happening right now, on what we can see, feel and hear, we will miss the power of our God's great plan. We walk by faith and not by sight.

Trust in God's greater plan for your life. Trust him, that he is working on your behalf.

It takes the leading and the wisdom of God to interpret times and seasons.

DON'T RUSH GODS PERFECT TIMING, use your time well, to be prepared and to know your God.

Do you feel like you have missed God's plan?

Hebrews 4 v 16 (KJV)

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

It can be very easy to get distracted and discouraged, when we look at the circumstances. We may feel that God has forgotten us. Hold fast to God's faithfulness and never lose hope. Remember this is the day of Grace, and his Grace is sufficient for you.

Many times, in many different generations, God's Word was proclaimed "destruction is coming, even now it's on the way BUT RETURN to me and I will save you".

Don't waste another day, return to your heavenly Father and commit all your ways to him.

Maybe you are being tempted to give up or to give in.

Pray to your Heavenly Father, and ask him to grant you grace to endure until the end.

Press into his presence and his word, praying in the Spirit.

Proverbs 3 v 5 – 6 (KJV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.

So come with confidence before his throne of grace to find and obtain his mercy and help every day.

Chapter 5

BE FULLY PERSUADED NOTHING IS WASTED IN GOD

Your Heavenly Father has said that he will restore the years that have been devoured. Our greatest asset after the ability to think and process thought is the gift of TIME.

GOD can do in one day what we could not do in ten years, or even in a lifetime.

HIS WORD together with HIS TIMING brings the fullness of Grace which is His Power and Assistance to pursue, overtake and recover all. Your season in the prison or in the waiting room of destiny IS NOT WASTED IF YOU REFUSE TO GIVE UP

REMEMBER – promotion comes from the Lord and Compensation is in his plan.

Psalm 3v 3 (KJV)

*You O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory,
and the one who lifts my head.*

James 4 v 10 (KJV)

*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and
He shall lift you up.*

1 Peter 5 v 6 (KJV)

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty
hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.*

Hebrews 11 v6 (KJV)

*But without faith it is impossible to please him:
for he that cometh to God must believe that he
is, and that he is a rewarder of them that
diligently seek him.*

God's restoration is not like the restoration of man. When man restores something, he only attempts to match or recreate its former glory, but God's restoration transforms and lifts us to where and what we should have been. In other words, man is always subject to the limitations of time, but God is eternal, his restoration is complete and mighty.

There are many scriptures about rewards in this life and rewards in eternity. DON'T SETTLE for one - SEEK BOTH.

4 Keys for Restoration

Please ask the Holy Spirit to open your understanding, to enable you to receive and to know how to put these keys into practice in your life. As you receive the understanding, these keys will open the door to Restoration.

1. Self-examination.

2 Corinthians 13 v 5 (KJV)

*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith:
prove your own selves, know ye not your own
selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye
be reprobates?*

This is not self-condemnation, but a sitting still and asking honest questions about your life. Each one of us must take responsibility to examine our own actions, motives and intentions.

This is not the time to examine the actions of others, to point the finger or to make excuses.

Honest thoughtfulness before God, recognises His majesty and grace against our own weaknesses and failings.

Honest questions lead to honest answers.

The greatest example I can think of is the story of the Prodigal Son. This story is really about two sons. The first son acts out his desires, leaving his Father and doing his own thing, which leads him to a place of desperation. We are told that 'he came to himself', as he was feeding the pigs. He became thoughtful and honest with himself, and decided to return in repentance and humility. He could have fallen into self-hatred, self-rejection and self-condemnation, in which he would have died. But instead he talked sense to himself, returned to his Father where he was restored.

It's a beautiful picture of the Father's love, when we read how the Father saw him coming and ran to meet him.

When we draw near to God, he has promised to draw near to us.

We can talk sense to ourselves and decide to return to our Heavenly Father in genuine repentance.

It is not always easy to acknowledge the truth but it is always a blessing in the end.

The first time I experienced this kind of ‘self-examination’ was at a time, where everything seemed to be going wrong. I was physically and mentally exhausted, yet the doctors couldn’t find what was wrong. I began to ask the Holy Spirit to help me know what to do.

Then one day as I was praying, I felt an overwhelming sense of responsibility. You see, I had been trying to help someone, and I had let this person come into my life and home. I had gone the extra mile more than a few times, and I now felt that my kindness had been abused. I was angry and upset, because when I had taken a step back from this person, I was made to feel guilty and like I was letting them down.

I had a decision to make, was I going to get bitter and resentful or was I going to face it and put it to rest. I really wanted to be free to move on with my life but it was just like a heavy load weighing me down. I remember one night, after the children had gone to sleep, I saw a clear picture of what had happened, and knew in that moment, that I needed to repent.

It became clear to me that I had opened the door, I had welcomed this person into my life without any boundaries and now I had to accept responsibility and repent. I acknowledged before God my foolishness and responsibility in this situation and asked for his forgiveness. Immediately I felt the burden lift and from that moment, healing and energy was restored in my body and mind again. Ever since I have been aware of not allowing myself to fall into similar traps.

Like the Prodigal Son, pain can be a gift that causes us to ‘come to our senses’!

The second son, didn't leave the Father but in the end he was resentful and full of anger. If we are not careful we can become like this second son. We can be a 'good' Christian, doing all the right things, but the enemy can come and plant seeds of doubt in our minds. Saying things like "Look at everything you have done, and what thanks did you get?"

Even though we didn't do good to others, looking to get a reward, we can still fall prey to discouragement or resentment.

Be honest before God and yourself, remember he already knows everything and it is always safe to open your heart to him.

Take the time to read over the story in Luke chapter 15.

2.Brokenness

Joel 2 v 13 (NIV)

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Psalm 51 v 17 AMP

My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin, thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.

The word ‘contrite’ used in this verse is the same in the Hebrew as ‘to collapse’. It is always best to collapse before God in humble repentance than to collapse in ill health under a heavy burden.

This brokenness is coming into a state of recognising your inability to help yourself, while putting your full trust in God for his grace and assistance. It is coming to the realisation that if God does not come to my rescue, I have no other help.

In this brokenness there is no room for self-righteousness, emotional mind games or excuses. It requires total honesty and a willingness to call sin what it really is. In this honest brokenness before God, we cannot dress it up, we cannot blame others – if God calls it sin- then we must also call it sin.

There can be no restoration without true brokenness. True brokenness leads to true repentance. True repentance leads to true restoration.

These may seem harsh words, but remember God is gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love and mercy.

Sometimes the greatest prayer we can pray is ‘Lord help me, I need your mercy’.

You may ask, what about the other people involved in my situation? Why do I have to repent? Please understand, that no-one can be allowed to stand between you and your Saviour.

Restoration begins in your heart, as you are broken before God and pour your heart out to him, he will work on everything and everyone else concerned. God is a just God, hand everything and everyone into his care.

3. Knowledge

Proverbs 11 v 9 (KJV)

An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour; but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Isaiah 60 v 1 AMP

Arise [from spiritual depression to a new life], shine [be radiant with the glory and brilliance of the LORD]; for your light has come, and the glory and brilliance of the LORD has risen upon you.

Psalms 119 v 130 (KJV)

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psalms 119 v 105 (KJV)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Remember that we belong to the Kingdom of Light, God's Word is Light and that Light is within us. Knowledge is Light, and everything in this Kingdom, is dependent on that Light.

Your restoration is to be found in the Word of God. When you find the promise, then find out what principle is connected to that promise and then be obedient. The action of faith (which is obedience) together with God's Grace gives access to the promise.

This Knowledge must be more than knowing what you want or don't want, but knowing what God's will for your life is and how to experience that perfect will.

Remember, faith is not just saying what God has said, but rather it is doing what it takes as prescribed by scripture.

As children of God, we are to be a living testimony of God's grace and power.

Every testimony is designed to bring glory to God while pointing others to Jesus, encouraging them to take God at his Word and to experience his grace and power for themselves.

We are not restored for our own comfort alone, but for a higher and greater purpose.

- There is something you must know about relationships.
- There is something you must know about Kingdom Truth.
- There is something you must know about how to reign and excel.
- There is something you must know about how to remain on fire.
- There is something you must know about how to access God's wisdom.

Jesus told a parable about the Lost Coin which gives us insight and revelation to receiving restoration.

Luke 15 v 8 (NIV)

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

Notice that the first thing she did was to light a lamp and then began to sweep the house and search carefully.

This is like when we turn to the Word of God, which is the Light, and then we sweep and search carefully knowing that the answer and breakthrough I am longing for is somewhere in the scriptures.

God’s Word contains every answer to every situation you will ever need.

Your restoration is in the Knowledge of God’s Word. If something isn’t happening in your life, you have not yet found the knowledge you need. Move past the realm of trial and error, hoping and wishing that something will happen and **ARISE**, keep the light on and keep searching carefully.

You will find it and then like the woman with the lost coin, you too will rejoice.

Every lasting and true breakthrough and miracle that I have ever received came first through the knowledge of his will which came to me through his Word.

Remember, that even a small key will open a large door. But if you have the key in your pocket, the door will not open. You must put the key in the lock and turn it.

Knowledge is a key. Knowledge shows you the way. Knowledge tells you what to do. Knowledge leads to Understanding and Understanding will show you how to do it. Knowledge and Understanding working together will lead to Wisdom. And Wisdom leads to Restoration.

4. The Prophetic Word

Isaiah 42 v 22 (KJV)

But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses; they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Nothing in life, just happens. God is not using a magic wand to make things happen. He speaks, he sends his Word, and that Word must be spoken in the earth.

This is the most misunderstood principle of God's Kingdom. The power of the spoken Word. Yet this is how God reveals himself throughout scripture. There is much confusion and misconception about this principle. But we must remember this is a spiritual law, that life and death are in the power of the tongue.

Someone must speak.

Think about Ezekiel and the valley of dry bones, God told him what to say, yet nothing happened until Ezekiel spoke. Think about in Genesis chapter 1, it clearly says that the Spirit of God was there, hovering, but nothing happened until God spoke. Think about how many times, Jesus said “according as it is written”. The Written Word was first spoken by God, while men wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We cannot afford to overlook this very important and powerful principle.

We already live by this law every day!

Listen to the conversations and words being spoken every day, and watch how they are playing out in our lives.

When I first tried to explain this principle to my husband, he didn’t believe me. He would laugh and make a joke, but soon he realised that it was true. I told him, watch people’s lives and see that what they are experiencing is exactly what they have been saying and confessing.

Now, it's always easier to see it working in someone else, but we have to be able to see how our own lives are being shaped by our own words and beliefs.

I'm not saying that you have to go out and look for someone who calls themselves a prophet and ask them to speak a word over your life.

But, there are certain results, you cannot just get by yourself. God has positioned people within his body, in addition to and connection with your own faith, to speak into your life.

When the prophetic word is administered within the jurisdiction of scripture it works wonders.

There is a dimension of growth and restoration that only the prophetic gift can bring to your life.

In 2 Kings 7 we read how a whole city was in ruin and it looked like an impossible situation until the Prophet spoke.

2 Kings 7 v 1 (KJV)

*Then Elisha said, “hear ye the word of the LORD;
Thus saith the LORD, tomorrow about this time
shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel,
and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the
gate of Samaria”*

In one day, everything was turned around.

The prophetic Word can come in many different ways, but we must have the wisdom to first expect it and then to recognise it when it comes. I wrote in a previous chapter a warning about just taking every word and prophecy blindly, and the same warning extends to knowing and discerning the true gifts of the Holy Spirit.

My Dad is also my Pastor, and it is easy for me to approach him and receive from him as my Dad, but there have been times I had to recognise and honour him, not as my dad but as my Pastor and Prophet. It would have been easy to dismiss what he said, as just a blessing on his daughter rather than a direct word of deliverance.

I have learned to honour and respect him as a man of God as well as my earthly Dad.

I have also experienced this, when people come asking for prayer, and sometimes, God will give me a direct word for that specific problem. I can see how many times that word is dismissed, as just a word of encouragement.

Learn to recognise the people God sends to speak into your life. Learn to respect the Word of God being released to you. There is one spiritual law that will prevent blessing and favour in your life and that is the Law of Dishonour. It is easy to dishonour those close to you and unknowingly cut yourself off from God's blessing.

This is why it is so important to be in fellowship in a bible teaching and Spirit filled Church. Living a life that rejects the lies of the accuser of the brethren and refuses any kind of disunity in any shape or form.

Chapter 6

GOD IS A REWARDER

HE IS MORE WILLING TO GIVE THAN WE
ARE TO RECEIVE

We must settle it in our hearts and be fully persuaded that God is Alive, He is love, He is faithful and true, He is light and that He is not an idol.

**God is a rewarder – it is not something he does
– it is who he is.**

Hebrews 11 v 6 (KJV)

*But without faith it is impossible to please him;
for he that cometh to God must believe that he
is, and that he is a rewarder to them that
diligently seek him.*

We cannot serve God, just to get rewarded. Jesus warned us not to worry about clothes and food and our own daily needs but rather to seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness.

On the other hand, we should never refuse God's goodness, favour and mercy in our lives as we serve him. It is false humility to say, 'I just want to serve the Lord, and I don't want any reward'.

God is just, he is holy and he is a loving Father. It is in his nature to give good gifts to his children.

Isn't our salvation based on his willingness to give? God so loved the world that he GAVE his only son.

It is not unscriptural or ungodly to know God is a rewarder.

The Word Reward means – a thing given in recognition of service, effort, or achievement.

A reward is different from a gift.

The definition of 'Gift' is – a thing given willingly to someone without payment.

A gift is given regardless of whether it is deserved or not. But a reward is given to those who are deserving of it.

Our actions must be motivated from our love for Jesus and our desire to glorify our Father God. We cannot look to man for our reward, but God who sees all things, even those things done in secret, is the rewarder.

Every good gift comes from God. He may use men, but it comes from him.

Men's rewards are limited.

God just doesn't have all rewards waiting for you when you die and go to heaven.

Never refuse God's favour and blessing in your life.

Remember that God has a plan for your life, it is a good plan, and that compensation and reward is in that plan.

Many of God's people have become selfish and withdrawn, because they have not been recognised for their efforts. The enemy is whispering in their ear things like: -

“Don't help anyone else, because people are so ungrateful”

“Why should you go out of your way, to help or to give to someone else because no-one ever helps you”

“You have given and given, until you have nothing more to give”

Remember Joseph and Mordecai, they didn't receive any help, recognition or thanks, from man. BUT GOD – at just the right time, not only promoted them but he compensated them beyond their wildest imagination.

The purpose of this book is to cause you to look again, deeper into the plan and purpose of God for your life. I pray that your thoughts will be captivated with new hope and enthusiasm to serve the Lord and others with all your heart.

Doing everything as unto the Lord, knowing that promotion comes from him and he will compensate you.

Colossians 3 v 23-24 (NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Romans 4 v 21 (KJV)

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

When I was going through a difficult time, I woke up one morning with the words of this new song, it gave me such strength and encouragement. I leave them with you now and prayer that you will Rise and Shine and that you will experience God's promotion and compensation in your life.

Chorus

I'm pressing in to the Kingdom of God
I'm pressing in with the Living Word
I'm pressing in by the Holy Ghost
I'm pressing in

verse 1

I will stand on his promises
I will rest in his perfect peace
I will claim my inheritance
cause I'm pressing in

verse 2

I'm the head and not the tail
I'm above and not beneath
I am blessed with every blessing
I'm pressing in

A Word from the Author

Having been brought up in a Godly home, and being saved at a young age, I have been very privileged to have experienced so much of God's provision and protection. I have always had a love for God's Word, his presence and his people which have been an anchor throughout all my life.

My inspiration for writing this book, has come from the desire to see God's people, strengthened and encouraged to press into God's purposes and plans for their lives.

Jesus told us, that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but that he came to give us life, and that more abundantly. (John 10 v 10)

Yet I watch with sadness, as many fall
prey to the lies of the enemy.

Discouraged, distracted or disillusioned,
so many of God's children have lost their
way, given up or settled for much less
than what God has planned.

I can testify, that when our backs are
against the wall and things look
impossible, that God's Word always
prevails, if we don't give up.

Audrey Morrow

Psalm 31 v 24 (KJV)

*Be of good courage, and he shall
strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in
the LORD.*

How to become a Born Again Child of God

If you have not already accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, I want you to know that Jesus loves you, and he is longing for you to call upon his name. He has promised that He will not turn you away.

The Bible says the gift of Salvation is for anyone who will believe in their heart and confess with their mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God raised him from the dead.

You can stop right now where you are and pray something like this simple prayer.

“Lord Jesus, I acknowledge you as the Son of God, I believe that you died on the cross for my sin and that God raised you to life again. I repent of my sin and of doing things my own way, come and wash me clean and make me a child of God. Thank you for saving me. Thank you for loving me. Amen.”

The Bible says that “by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast.”
Ephesians 2 v8-9.

If you have prayed, believing in your heart then welcome to the Family of God, you are now a Child of God. Please contact someone you know who is a Born Again Christian and ask them to help you and pray for you. Or if you don't know anyone please contact us.

(Please note, it is not a prayer that saves you but the one you pray to)

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