

**THE  
MISSING  
PIECE**

**MAN CAMP 2022  
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## Pastor Sean R Moore: The Missing Piece “Repentance”

Over these next few days:

God is going to ignite a fire in your heart. You're going to return home with a zeal for the Lord to live for Him. We're going to encourage you over these next few days, but we're also going to challenge you. Go after God. Surrender to His will. Let down your walls - God & other brothers. Be the change you want to see in your life.

**- Mark 10:17-22 NLT**

**As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”**

**“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’**

**“Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”**

**Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.**

QUESTION: What do I need to do to inherit eternal life?

I'm not sure whether or not this young man really knew what he was asking for.

John 17:3 - "What do I need to do to know who God is?"

ANSWER: You know the commandments.

QUESTION: How many commandments are there in total?

The first 4 --- Deal with our relationship with God.

The last 6 --- Deal with our relationships with other people.

(NT) Jesus said the whole law (all 10 commandments) can be summed up in just two:

1st & Greatest --- Love God...

2nd --- Love your neighbor....

All the laws and commands in scripture hang on these two commandments.

What do I need to do to inherit eternal life? Jesus answered his question, but He only mentions the commandments that dealt with his relationships with other people.

- Don't murder.
- Don't commit adultery.
- Don't steal.
- Don't lie.
- Honor Mom/Dad

This young man is a perfect example of what we call a "good person."

WHAT DOES A GOOD PERSON (WHO DOESN'T KNOW GOD) usually, do when you ask them about their relationship with God? They start telling you ABOUT all of their good deeds:

- I treat people fairly.
- I'm an honest person.
- I help people in need.
- I give to the poor.

Not what I asked you.

You're telling me about the last SIX commandments, but I'm asking you about --- the first FOUR. GENIUS HOW HE DEALT WITH HIM!

Jesus LOOKED, LOVED...THERE'S ONE JUST ONE MISSING PIECE...

He was growing in several areas of his life; he was struggling in the most important one.

Jesus didn't just tell him what the 1st four commandments were and send him on his way.

He told him what part of his life was interfering with His relationship with God...MONEY.

GOD IS GOING TO GET THAT SPECIFIC WITH US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

You need to tell God now: WHATEVER YOU TELL ME I WILL OBEY YOU.

My prayer for you -- next few days:

- You'll see your missing piece.
- You'll work on the piece(s) you already know are missing.
- You'll ask God and/or someone else who knows you what your missing piece(s) is. (BLIND SPOTS)
- You won't FIGHT IT.
- You won't be like this young man --- do nothing.

- Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Just mentioned the 10 commandments (1st 4, Last6)

All 10 can be summed up in the 1st TWO.

Whenever we sin, it will either be against God or other people.

There will be some things you're going to get right with God here at Camp, but there will be some other things you'll have to go home and make right with other people.

The writer of Hebrews admonishes us:

- Keep our eyes on Jesus (author & finisher - faith)
- Strip off every weight (slows us down)
- Strip off every sin (easily trips us up)

- You're going to be doing all 3 this week.

"The sin" that so easily trips us up. There is a sin that all of us deal with (not the same for everybody) and willpower alone isn't enough to overcome it.

- Has the potential to easily trips us up.
- In the past it always had your number.

No matter how well you're doing, if you don't exercise some level of discipline with "this sin", it can flip your whole world upside down.

KJV - BESET - Attack on all sides – affects relationships, confidence, prayer time, marriage, mood, creativity, etc.

#### - Isaiah 40:3-5 AMPC

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

(v.3) The voice of one crying in the wilderness.

For some of you, there have been a lot of people "crying out to you": your Wife, kids, friends, other brothers, parent(s), and your church.

- Isaiah 40 is a prophecy --- John the Baptist
- JB - forerunner for Christ
- JB - water unto repentance. JC - HG & FIRE

(v.3) Notice it says: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

It's your job MODEL MAN to "build a highway" in your heart.

God's presence/power --- HERE, but you have to make your heart ACCESSIBLE -- God & other brothers --- next few days.

Transformation can be taking place right next to you & you not feel any differently. Why? Not accessible.

EXAMPLE: How many of you know people who are hard to get in touch with? You can be HERE... but not be reachable, teachable, convincible. That's a formula for disaster for someone trying to build a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Prepare the way of the Lord - 4 Things Mentioned

Every valley shall be exalted.

Romans 12:3

Like Gideon, you have a hard time seeing yourself the way that God sees you.

God's INTRO: Hey mighty man of valor. He isn't opening up with this line for the mountain/hill that needs to be made low.

Every mountain and hill shall be made low.

You're the bomb...which is cool...but the issue is you're the bomb in the presence of God.

*One of the most humbling things a man can do: Worship, lift your hands, drop to your knees, pour out your heart, serve God with your life ---- BECAUSE --- WHEN YOU DO, YOU'RE ACKNOWLEDGING THE PRESENCE OF SOMEONE GREATER THAN YOU IN YOUR LIFE.*

When Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek (High priest of Salem) he blessed Abraham. Hebrews says HE DID IT because the one who has the power to give a blessing IS GREATER than the one who is blessed. As great as Abraham was in those days, he still recognized the office of Melchizedek.

Solomon was wise - Jesus said someone greater is here. Jonah preached - someone greater is here.

- Are you greater than our father Abraham?
- Are you greater than Jacob? - Everyone who drinks from Jacob's well will thirst again, but whoever...
- Moses was faithful - someone greater is here.

I don't know who you are, or what you have accomplished, but there is someone GREATER HERE at Camp who DESERVES...

Only pride REFUSES to REVERENCE the PRESENCE of our great God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.

Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

EVERY MAN understands this: I don't care how fine a woman is, as men we don't get into a relationship with a woman, we don't feel needs us. It's their independence, need for control, and need to be led that can make us feel like, "Why am I here? You got this." Men want to be in environments where we're needed/ celebrated, not just tolerated. Same with God.

Where's the space you've created for God in your life ---- for His love, wisdom, grace, peace, presence, salvation?

The crooked places shall be made straight...

- Crooked - an uneven place, deceitful, fraudulent

The rough places smooth...

(v.5) Where we want to get to: GLORY OF THE LORD REVEALED...EVERYBODY HAS GOT A PIECE.

## **#1 - First area that exposes our independence: Misunderstanding of What Grace Really Is**

**Genesis 4:1-5 NLT**

**1 Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, "With the Lord's help, I have produced a man!" 2 Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground.**

**3 When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord.**

**4 Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift,**

**5 but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.**

Both brothers brought gifts to the Lord:

- Abel brought the BEST portions of the firstborn lambs of his flock
- Cain brought SOME of his crops
- Abel - blood sacrifice
- Cain - bloodless sacrifice

As I read this story it seems to remind me of the position a lot of people have taken today because of a misunderstanding of what it means to be under GRACE.

Grace doesn't have the same demands as Old Covenant (THANK GOD!)

Under the old covenant, if you violate one of the laws --- GUILTY OF THEM ALL ----- but under grace ---- FORGIVEN.

The ground is not opening up anymore, judgment fire isn't falling from heaven, plagues are being released, no more fiery serpents, no more stoning.... JUST GRACE.

For some reason, WE SEEM TO THINK NOW grace means: No longer required to give our best.

So instead of giving our best like Abel, we're giving God "some of ourselves.

Does what you give to God even require you to exercise your faith AT ALL, or can it all just be done in your own human efforts? If so, that explains your life of independence. God is more of an ACCESSORY than He is a NECESSITY. You say you love Him, but your life says you don't really need Him.

**#2 - Another area that exposes our independence: The CASUALNESS we display with habitual sin.**

**Romans 13:14 AMPC**

**But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts).**

**When we MAKE provisions for the flesh that means we are no longer RESISTING the flesh.**

If we are not RESISTING the flesh, then we are ACCOMMODATING the flesh.

I'm NOT JUST talking about the NEED to get rid of habitual sin ----

- WHERE'S THE URGENCY?
- WHERE'S THE DESPERATION?
- WHERE'S THE WILLINGNESS TO INCONVENIENCE YOURSELF TO GET GOD'S BEST?
- WHERE'S THE WILLINGNESS TO GO TO EXTREME MEASURES TO WALK IN FREEDOM?

**Matthew 5:29-30 AMPC**

If your right eye serves as a trap to ensnare you or is an occasion for you to stumble and sin, pluck it out and throw it away. It is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be cast into hell (Gehenna). And if your right hand serves as a trap to ensnare you or is an occasion for you to stumble and sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better that you lose one of your members than that your entire body should be cast into hell (Gehenna).



Elisha when called by God, burned his plow, slaughtered his oxen. He had no other choice but to trust God. If following God doesn't work, I don't have anything else to fall back on.

Habitual sin is dangerous when it can be done unconsciously (when we're dead to its effects, & we can engage in it without any effect on us). Just pick right back up with life. It should jack you up for a minute.

EXAMPLE: My last time sleeping around - "Sean, what are you doing?"

- Romans 8:8
- Galatians 5:17 - The desires of the flesh...
- 1 John 2:15-16 - Love not the world...

We need to put on the LORD JESUS daily.

We need Him to cover us/shield us from the evil of this world as we do ministry in this world (John 17).

### **#3 - Last area that exposes our independence: Broken down altars.**

#### **1 Kings 18:30,38-39 AMPC**

**30 Then Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near him. And he repaired the [old] altar of the Lord that had been broken down [by Jezebel].**

**38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice and the wood and the stones and the dust, and also licked up the water that was in the trench.**

**39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and they said, The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!**

These broken altars were a sign of Israel's independence from God.

The altars were broken because Israel had decided under Ahab & Jezebel --- THEY WERE NO LONGER NEEDED.

An altar is a designated place that we use to consecrate ourselves to God.

The consecration wasn't necessary --- rebellion & idolatry.

It's time for you to repair the BROKEN ALTARS in your life.

When we surrender different areas of our lives to the control of the Holy Spirit, we are in a sense LAYING OUR SACRIFICE UPON THE ALTAR. AN ALTAR IS FOR ONE PURPOSE: SACRIFICE.

SACRIFICE IS WORSHIP.

TODAY, when we worship...we sing a song.

In bible times, when they worshipped, they killed something and offered it to God.

I die to my will, independence, pride, and fleshly provision.

DEATH always precedes RESURRECTION!!!!!!

**- Genesis 8:18-21 NLT**

**Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat.**

**And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair.**

**Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose. And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. I will never again destroy all living things.**

"...the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice"

Noah wasn't BBQ'N. What did God smell? Burnt flesh.

Our purpose: To ignite a fire...

Some of you need to do a HARD RESET.

The provisions you have made for your flesh and your life of independence from God needs to burn on the altar.

Some of you have struggled to keep your fire burning after Man Camp is over.

It's NOT because you're fire RETARDANT, it's because you're fire DEPENDENT.

Your fire:

- Is event based
- It's people dependent

Heaven's FIRE doesn't fall on HYPE, it falls on SACRIFICE.

Heaven's FIRE doesn't fall on EMPTY ALTARS.

He'll provide the FIRE, you provide the sacrifice.

## Pastor Damon Davis: Fully Recover

### 1 Samuel 30:3-4

**So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. [4] Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. (NKJV)**

Although David comes on top by the end of this scenario, as it unfolded, he did not have more to stand on than any man of faith today. He had the Word to stand on. The same Spirit is leading him as we are today. David's legacy is being crafted as our lives are today.

- " We are Christ workmanship."
- Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)

As legacy is shaped, it includes:

- Problems: Your life and gifts are a solution to a problem.
- Pitfalls: Created by the enemy to slow, wound, and stop you. But they can be avoided.
- People: In our lives, for us to serve, to be sharpened, and unify.

David "came to the city" and discovered an "impossible situation"; unspeakably disastrous.

- Coming to Man camp is like coming into the city. Some of us have been away for a while.
- When David went into the city, he came home after an absence.
- When David returned to Ziklag, He had not only been absent, but he also had been a little misdirected.
- This story is an excellent example of the dangerous consequences of men being absent.
- Sometimes we aren't physically absent as much as we've been spiritually and mentally away.
- We may not be literally away from home, but rather away from the place of peace, security, and rest that only God provides. (John 14:27, Heb 4:9)

David did not see the gravity of his missteps until he made it back home.

- We often find ourselves realizing our absence has opened the door to a disaster scene.

Once realized it may feel impossible to repair or restore

- But it is not. With God, all things are possible!
- This truth is one reason why David can say later in his life. "I've never seen the righteous forsaken" (Psalm 37:25)

David decided something that every man that finds himself in a tough position...part of being a man is knowing when to humble up.

- However, that is the first step. Like David, our participation in cleaning the mess is still required.

### **1 Samuel 30:6-7**

**Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. [7] Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the Ephod to David. (NKJV)**

While the pressure was mounting, David asked for the ephod, a sacred vestment originally appropriate to the high priest.

- He sought an answer from God instead of the wisdom and might of men.
- David realized he had made this mess, and so did the men following him.
- He made time to seek God because he realized he did not have time for anything else.
- Urim and Thummin: A sacred lot linked to the ephod.
  - They were used to determine the will of God on a matter (Num 27:21)
  - Hebrew translation: Light and Perfection
    - Greek Septuagint Translation: revelation and truth.
- When David had made some bad decisions and found himself in a tight situation, He said, "Go get Revelation and Truth."
- He did not take another step until God shone His light in His perfect way. (Psalm 119:105)
- We should learn from his example. When we need restoration, be disciplined to pursue God's revelation of His truth.

### **1 Samuel 30:18-19**

**So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. [19] And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. (NKJV)**

- When men are absent and make bad decisions, we affect our wives, sons, daughters, family, and friends.

- David needed he and his men's closet relationship. And so do we. If you've been absent, somebody close to you has been negatively impacted.
- This passage says, "...all the Amalekites had carried away..."
  - Amalek- Israel had a complicated history with Amalek. Israel is Jacob's children, and the Amalekites are the children of his brother Esau. They are cousins. (Genesis 36:12)
    - During their first steps into freedom, Amalek attacked Israel. (Exodus 17:8)
    - God made a pronouncement the end of Amalek. (Exodus 17:14)
    - Saul, Israel's first King, was sent to wipe out all the Amalekites but disobeyed. (1 Sam 15:2-3, 15-20)
    - So they are still attacking the blindspots of Israel even though they were declared defeated.
    - David was absent and let a defeated enemy to his legacy and his people carry away his family.
  - During our absences, we let "declared defeated foes" as Amalekites carry away promises, trust, and bonds from our homes and lives.
    - David overcame a seemly insurmountable distance between him and his loved ones. And so can we.
    - Sins, bondages, and addiction that Jesus died for rear their ugly head during our absence, but all is not lost!
- David's recovers all, and so have we.
  - Recovering call get messy. Because we must all so be willing to kill all so that we do not find ourselves in this situation again.
  - We recover all by faith, and right now, we decide now walk out every step the Lord shows us about what we must do when we get home.
  - Kill all the Amalekites.

## Pastor Joey Salinas: Atmosphere: The Consequence of Being All In

Set the tone for what Atmosphere does:

- There are a lot of places that we read about in the Bible today but there is one that could not be found because you can't find an **Atmosphere**

### Revival means to revive again

- Revival is: to be in an atmosphere that is that there is constant move of God Presence from heaven to earth.
- This is why Jesus gave a prayer to his disciples formed around the image of **Atmosphere**.

### Acts 17:24-29 NKJV

**“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. “Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, “so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; “for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’**

- The first time we can see what we are trying to revive again, is found in the beginning.

### Genesis 1:26 NKJV

**Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[fn] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”**

He gave man an image. Image does not mean look like. Image means to have the same nature of.

- He is naturally Love
- He is naturally Ruler
- He is naturally Power

### Genesis 2:7 NKJV

**And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

- What you are formed with is not the substance of who you are.
  - The Hard times or streets you grew up in might have formed you but it's not your substance
  - The Education you had might have helped form you but your education is not your substance
- You are Spirit
- Man is made up of three unique parts
  - Body / Soul / Spirit

### **Genesis 2:8 NKJV**

**The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. God created eden and put Adam in it**

- "God put the man in the garden"
- Planted is a Hebrew word that means "establish"
- He is saying I gave you an Atmosphere from me and made you to thrive in it.

### **Genesis 2:15 NKJV**

**Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.**

- God said "work it"
- Adam was put in an Atmosphere to operate according work like the atmosphere permits
- Eden Means in Hebrew has 5 strokes "Spot, Moment, Presence, Open door, delightful place"
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"The presence of God for a moment touching a spot on the earth"

King moves and spends more time in the environment that He works best in  
 "God inhabits in the praises of His people"

### **God's presence gives you life like the water gives fish life and like the soil give plants life**

- So how do we revive in us a revival atmosphere like it existed in the beginning? ... Obedience
- Talk about the breaking of Obedience created a separation of Atmosphere
  - Adam could not fix being out of the garden with a "I am sorry God"
  - Adam could not get back into the Atmosphere with sacrificing a fatted Calf

The only thing that brings you into the Atmosphere Revival is Obedience

- Sacrifice is giving something of Value
- Obedience Valuing something to the point of Action it's being "all in "

**1 Samuel 15:22NLT 22 But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord your burnt offerings and sacrifice or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.**

- Revival does not come by sacrifice alone but by obedience
- We have walked through this life waiting to see revival because we have only made some sacrifices
- We present sacrifices while we are being disobedient and we think we did something wrong.
- Sometimes we expect to exchange sacrifices and believe God will increase over them. We are trying to reap something we didn't sow.

Explain how we can try to throw some sacrifice at things that we are not seeing fruit in and expect God to change it.

God grace gives you things that He sustains, we try to buy God off with things and expect Him to give it to us and also want his to sustain it.

- Sacrifice used to only get you into the room with God it was never meant to increase on it.
- Once you're in His presence obedience is the only thing that matters.
- Obedience is about being fully surrendered to God or to be humbled to the point that He is the “Way, The Truth and the Life...”

**Isaiah 57:15 ESV**

**For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.**

- When we sacrifice and are not prepared to go “All IN” with obedience we are saying to God I like spending time with you but I am not ready to be your living sacrifice

**Romans 12:1-2 NKJV**

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**



Spiritual Gifts come after this. So really there is only one question to answer:

- Am I done trying to make sacrificial moments to move the Hand of God and step into fully Obedience (Being All In) and walk in the presence of God?

It's time to push everything you got into your relationship with God and be "ALL IN"

**Hosea 6:2-3 ESV**

**After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Tools. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."**

## Minister Greg Colbert: When the Dream Becomes a Nightmare

### Genesis 50:15-20 NRSV

**15** Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" **16** So they approached[a] Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, **17** 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. **18** Then his brothers also wept,[b] fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." **19** But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? **20** Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

Living a life of faith, of destiny, of success is not only determined by what you believe about God, it is equally impacted by what you believe about yourself. - Children of Israel are a prime example

And what I realized is that I began to shrink my expectations to the level of the amount of disappointment I deemed tolerable. I convinced myself that lowering my expectations was the secret sauce to living a life free of disappointment. And then became an expert at convincing others I was walking by faith, all the while protecting myself with low-risk endeavors.

And the crazy thing was, that God let me do it. Because God will allow you to live on whatever level you settle for.

See, God has an extraordinary plan for your life! But that is God's preference for your life, but God's preference is at the mercy of our participation.

There is no one more interested in you winning.....and he will do whatever it takes to put you in position to win.....and I have come to remind some and inform others that God is for you.....

BUT

- Destiny demands development
- Purpose requires persistence
- Dreams command determination

And what many of us don't realize is that every attack is not to kill or destroy you, some attacks are to steal something that you don't know you've lost until you go to reach for it and it's no longer there.

You used to be so driven  
You used to be so optimistic  
You used to have dreams

And now the enemy has domesticated you and caused you to settle for existence!

And I have some questions, some hard questions, but necessary questions:  
Will anyone have anything of substance to say about you when you leave this earth

Not what was kill count on Call of Duty  
Not how nice were you at 2K  
Not you had a nice car, you dressed nice, had a nice body  
Not he could hop  
Not he was the life of the party  
I'm talking about substance

I don't want you to live a life where people have to figure out how to frame good things to say about you at your funeral because substance wasn't readily available for them to speak on it. Will your great grandchildren thank you or be trying to get delivered from the mess you left of the family name.

You were not created to live a mediocre, halfhearted, barely making it type of life! If you don't redeem the narrative, you will duplicate the story! And if you duplicate the story, it will gain generational momentum Because cycles are just the consequence of an unchanged mindset.

The reason we possess the capacity to have an unchanged mind is because God put it there, but God put it there so we would be unchanged about Him. But to break a cycle, you only break free out of cycles, head first. Seasons have ordained endings; cycles end when you decide to end them.

The challenge that we must face is that we cannot solve a mindset problem on the level that the mindset was created on because every generational cycle started off as a Mindset first.

Stop agreeing with it!

And this can be challenging because cycles draw their strength from familiarity. What familiarity have you become intimate with that tamed you? Every thought comes with a decline or accept button. The problem is you keep pressing accept on the things that are sent to distract us.

And while your destiny is calling you, your desires are on the other line...waiting on hold to present side chick benefits.

The problem is side chick opportunities don't include the side click side effects.  
Side chicks leave you incompetent.  
Side chicks don't require commitment.

And in order to focus, focus requires elimination. Transformation of the mind is twofold elimination and incorporation. And there are two dynamics at play:

1. God wants you to reach your place of destiny. And destiny requires a process.
2. The enemy wants to prevent you from reaching your destiny. And your demise will require a process.

And here is the tricky part - sometimes it's hard to determine which process you are in! Because we come to wrong conclusions when we reference bad intel. See the primary purpose of faith is not avoidance, its agreement and to agree with God will not always be comfortable!  
That's why Jesus said that when Holy Spirit came, He would be a comforter, not that He would make us comfortable.

If your pursuit is comfort, you will end up mislabeling what's going on in your life as the enemy when it's really God masterfully applying just the right pressure to develop you without destroying you. This is the art of reframing your perspective! I believe that for some of you, reframing your perspective is the missing piece.

God cannot release what He cannot trust. And when your perspective has been seared your actions become unsafe. Because you become more committed to your pain, then your purpose!

Joseph in the Bible is a top tier example of someone with purpose, that if he was not careful could have forfeited his future because of how he interpreted the things he was going through. Because we don't see things as they are, we see things as we are. So, when you get better, your sight gets better. That's why I need God to bless my perspective because how I see, determines what I believe, what I believe determines how I behave and how I behave, dictates my destiny.

### **1. Reframe Our Potential Perspective**

In Genesis 37 we are introduced to Joseph. And here is what we learn. He is the son of Jacob and has 11 other brothers but he is the favorite. How do I know that because Jacob doesn't hide it, in fact gives him a multi-colored jacket to indicate he is my favorite. Not only that but he is a dreamer.

- He has big dreams
- He has favor
- He has potential

Potential does not guarantee fruitfulness. Potential guarantees possibility. Potential is activated by your patterns

A seed is potentially constrained. But a seed has to keep the right perspective when it goes into the ground. Because if a seed speaks too soon it will label being planted as a burial. So, it will treat the planting season like a funeral.

This is dangerous because when you treat planting seasons like funeral seasons, you start behaving like something died when planting should be celebrated because it means something is about to live. That's why Jesus had to put people out of Jairus' house.

Because being planted mirrors being buried, but the biggest difference is a seed gets planted and dies underground as an indication of a new beginning but at a funeral, something dies, and then it's buried to indicate the end of a thing. What season of planting do you need to reframe from?

How you decide to look at how God decides to develop you will determine if you stay stuck underground or you eventually become fruitful. Because those that become fruitful stay faithful to remaining planted.

## 2. Reframe Our People Perspective

Joseph from chapter 37 all the way to chapter 50 experiences so much. But you can't read his story and not see the magnitude of how people influenced his journey

His daddy, Israel represents people that prove that all attention isn't good attention (37)  
But when you are attention deficient, you become dysfunction tolerant  
You become thirsty enough to drink from dysfunctional wells and you know it's killing you but you keep returning

And the very thing that flatters you, is assigned to kill you.

His brothers represent people that are good with you dreaming until they realize they don't like their place in your dream (37) and sometimes it's not about your dream, it's about where people fit in your dream. Because a lot of people confuse proximity with access.

There were 12 disciples. Jesus didn't take all 12 to the mountain of transfiguration. Jesus didn't take all 12 to the garden of Gethsemane.

They've been down with me since we were kids, and they've been supporting you in settling since you were kids. Because loyalty to dysfunction leads to disloyalty to your purpose

Samson was loyal to Delilah, and as a result lost his sight...his vision!

Potiphar represents people in your life that are good with you until you start getting more attention than them (39). Because your success starts triggering their insecurities. Potiphar's wife represents people that are sent to prove to you if you are ready for next levels (39).

Computers usually get viruses when the owner neglected to update their software. And scandals are many times the result of trying to operate at a higher level without higher level mentalities. And we want God to open doors that you are ill prepared to navigate.

Butlers & Bakers represent people that are designed to complement your dream that were unplanned relationships that you came across in unexpected places and ways (40). Butlers are designed to open doors. Bakers are designed to help you rise.

Pharaoh represents people that control doors that usher you into your destiny (41). Pharaohs expose if you wasted your waiting season on complaining and entertainment or maximize your waiting season by preparation and planning. God never wastes a prepared person. Prepared trumps talent and gifting every time. Preparation exposes what you really believe about your future.

If you underestimate the role people play in your life you will park temporary people in permanent spaces and you will treat permanent people like they are common. And anyone you treat like common eventually will feel dishonored.

## 3. Reframe Our Pressure Perspective

See the seed has to experience pressure in order for what's on the inside, The Potential Constrained, to be realized!

Which means aversion to pressure forfeits positions of power and delays promotion

There are three 3 major transitions that Joseph experiences

- House to the Pit
- Potiphar's house to the Prison
- Prison to the Palace

And what every one of these transitions have in common is that they were never Joseph's idea! In other words, Joseph is pushed out of places he would have been tempted to settle for, Potiphar's house.

God will sometimes allow the cushion of your environment to be removed so that you become so uncomfortable that you have no other choice but to move. And there are other times God will push you out the nest because you have become too comfortable in the safety of your current environment or someone else's obedience.

All the transitions that Joseph experienced were not his idea, but he embraced the pressure of each transition. And God was with him at every step of the way.

#### **4. Reframe Our Prison Perspective**

Prison seasons can be some of the most challenging seasons because they are seasons that many times you don't understand and they can feel like punishment. This season is restrictive. It's the frustration of realized potential, without signs of fruitfulness.

See a seed when it's planted, and pressure is applied it goes through a season of root formation and root formation usually happens in the dark. And there are three things that a seed has to keep in mind in order to keep the right perspective.

- God develops in the dark
- Darkness is an indication that something is getting ready to happen
- Don't doubt in the darkness what God revealed in the Light

Now prison seasons don't mean inactive seasons. Prison seasons expose Will Wars. Will you still submit to God's will even though you feel like you've been underutilized while being anointed. Will you still submit to God's will even though your desire is to be used more?

Joseph is in prison and is the chief prisoner. Not only that but he is still using his gift to bless people and we find that he has developed his gift while he's been in his loading season.

Prison seasons are trust revealers. Do you trust God or do you trust you?

#### **5. Reframe Our Peak Perspective**

Now everyone gets excited about Ephesians 3:20 KJV

Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. But I want to give a different perspective. We are praising, about God, not doing what we expect. And here is what we don't sometimes realize, this verse is meant to be frustrating. Because if he is going to do more, then ultimately that is going to require more or even different

Joseph had small pot dreams and God had big pot plans. Because Joseph thought that the extent of his destiny was his family bowing down to him. What Joseph didn't see in his dreams were these verses.

### **Genesis 41:37-45**

**37 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.**

This is why God sometimes takes his time with blessing you. Because you are ready for the front side of the blessing but God delays you so you can get ready for the backside of the blessing. You have to be willing to be disappointed by God in one season so that he can release the exceeding in a future season. Because sometimes we fall in love with the first draft of our understanding, and then despise God's final draft of fulfillment.

Had Joseph been released from prison when he asked the cupbearer to do so, when the Pharaoh had his dream 2 years later, they wouldn't have known where Joseph was for him to be able to interpret the dream.

And sometimes God's heart is breaking for us because he can see that we feel like He has forsaken us and God is saying hold on, because this present trail cannot be compared to the glory that will be revealed in the future.

## **6. Reframe Our Pain Perspective**

Eventually Joseph, watch this, is released from prison, blessed beyond measure but God would not allow Joseph to go about living his life without dealing with his pain.

Yes, it all worked out but when faced with his brothers, his pain gets exposed. Because success doesn't heal pain. God does!

Can I say it this way, Joseph was released from prison but there was a prison on the inside that he was still incarcerated by.

We must be careful not to take bitterness, anger, disappointment, frustration and a hard heart with us because it produces sour fruit. And sometimes you don't know why you can't enjoy what you once prayed for, it's because your heart is hurting. And no opportunity can change that. And he goes through 9 chapters and get release in his heart and he says, you meant it for evil, but God turned it around for my good. Perspective just may be your missing piece!