

WORD LIVING

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OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs. For more information on events we sponsor visit us on FACEBOOK or our website: www.stewardsinaction.com.



Greetings and welcome to another Word Living segment. We hope you are enjoying the fall season and the blessing of each new day, prepared for us before the beginning of time.

WORKING FOR THE KING

We began this newsletter year with the theme - FROM THE PIT TO THE THRONE and noted seven (7) points that stood out as God prepared Joseph for the position He had chosen for him.

From the story of Joseph as recorded in Genesis, chapters 37 – 50, the Lord used skill builders, that is various situations to teach Joseph the lessons he would need in order to do the job as God designed.

Today, each of us has a calling, and the Lord uses skill builders, that is various situations to prepare us for His kingdom work.

Last month, we noted:

- Conserve energy - prayerfully wait for his directions;
- Call for help - Jesus is a very present help, just call; and
- Never give up hope -as long as Jesus lives, we have hope.

We continue the outline, and look at the other points of learning as the Lord guides us.

- **Keep alert so when help comes you are ready to receive it**

Satan's plan is to keep us focused on our issues, the why me pity party, so we do not hear the voice of God. Satan speaks into our spirit that we are ready and God is holding us back. He speaks distrust, "If he is the Son of God and has power, why can't He prepare you now?" or "You know enough to start now, so why wait for his OK?"

Remember alert means - prepared and being prepared comes from praying and studying the word of God.

Satan has not changed his plan of deception. Genesis 3:1-5 notes the Satan's deceptive words to Eve. Satan said God's words were not true as he spoke to Eve in the garden. "Ye shall not surely die... you shall be as gods, knowing good from evil." Well, that same deception continues even today.

Remember, Satan has a long history of failures and those that follow him will fail too. Revelation 20:10 and 15, tells of his demise as well as the demise of those who obey his leadership.

In the training pit, Jesus wants us to focus on His voice and His voice alone John 10:4-5. As we pray and study, we are not swayed by false teachings that seek to stray us from the plan God has for us II Corinthians 11:13-15. We know his voice for his voice is truth.

In the training pit, our hearing becomes so sensitive that even the loud roar of Satan's negative words and the noise from his army cannot overpower the stillness of God's voice to his children calling us to respond to action without question.

He uses His power through us to accomplish his purpose - for His glory. When we obey, we cannot fail.

➤ **Use what is available and don't worry about what you don't have**

There are times when Jesus speaks to us and directs us to a specific task. He knows we can do it and provides all that we need to achieve it. However, in our mind, we have this conversation and/or perhaps, way of thinking that overlooks what we have and we focus on what we think we need.

Example: "Oh Lord, this is a most difficult task to achieve with such limited resources." "Other people have more resources, tech support, outreach staff, and of course I need a place, money for advertisement, and I need to be where I can get the recognition we deserve for you know I have been really working and I want to do a great job."

Genesis 39:2 we note that Joseph was still in the training pit and yet he was successful. The reason for his success - the Lord was with him. Did he have all the stuff he wanted? Perhaps not, but he had all he needed. When God calls us to a task and we answer the call, what we really need is already provided. God wants us to learn to rely on him as he stimulates the creativity he has given us to achieve the goal. We must trust him, seek his directions, and wait. The key is learning to trust God and wait on him even if you must face disappointments when you have done your best. Read Genesis 39:1-23 and answer the questions.

Joseph was successful because:	1.	Family support	___ Yes	___ No
	2.	Friends	___ Yes	___ No
	3.	Home town location	___ Yes	___ No
	4.	Free to go home	___ Yes	___ No
	5.	Office	___ Yes	___ No
	6.	Own his own home	___ Yes	___ No

7. God was with Him _____ Yes _____ No

When stripped of all we know and understand; when we have nothing visible to work with; when health issues seem overwhelming, and GOD IS WITH US, we have all we need.

➤ **Prayerfully think it through and be ready. You may only have one opportunity**

As we read the story of Joseph, we see the time that God invested in Joseph for the task that he was called to do. At the age of seventeen (17) Genesis 37:2, Joseph has a dream and we see the words I, MY, and ME as noted in Genesis 37:6-9. In Genesis chapter 39, Joseph the slave talks of none greater in the house than I and notes he cannot do wickedness and sin against GOD. But Joseph, the thirty (30) year old slave, who now stands before Pharaoh, Genesis chapter 41, has different words to express to this earthly ruler. Verse 16, And Joseph answered Pharaoh saying, "It is not me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

I cannot begin to comprehend being in training for 13 years as a slave, doing a great job for the household and resisting the seduction of Potiphar's wife only to be lied on and put in jail.

I cannot begin to feel the pain of disappointment after interpreting two (2) dreams (Genesis chapter 40) only to be forgotten for two (2) years.

Oh, but God had a plan. When the opportunity was right, the jail could no longer contain him. God lifted him from the jail so he, God's servant, could stand before Pharaoh.

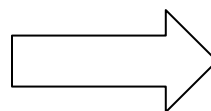
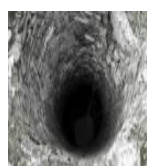
God speaks through Joseph and because God spoke, his power and authority was seen by all who were present Genesis 41:37-40. The power of God in the the earthen vessel, Joseph, was so strong that all the land of Egypt was under his authority. Joseph was placed in the position of honor and trust because he was prepared to do the job, give honor to God alone, save the people of Egypt, who did not know the God of creation, and save the his family, God's chosen people.

NOTE: As we continue this journey, FROM THE PIT TO THE THRONE, we must remember, preparation is key. To serve the most high God, we must listen to His command in every aspect of our life. There can be no me first attitude. We cannot lift ourselves to levels where we become useless to our calling.

Joseph training prepared him to lead. Joseph would need to understand the depths of hate even in family, the ability to survive without family support, to forgive and love unconditionally, and to understand the pain others feel when they have no voice in what happens to them.

Our Lord never waste opportunities to teach us, prepare us, or guide us to experience his calling for our life. May you be encouraged on your journey knowing that the God of creation who was with Joseph is with you. THE TRAINING GROUND (THE PIT) will continue in November.

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