

REVIEW:
The Pathway to Purpose Part 2

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- 1) Purpose requires a Process
- 2) Purpose Requires a Fight

THE JOURNEY IS NOT LINEAR, ITS CYCLICAL!

1. Promise

The Place of Excitement

- JOY IS THE PROPER POSTURE and you MUST FIGHT 1Tim.6.12

Ne 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

2. Pit

The Place of Abandonment

Jer 20:7

- WORSHIP IS THE PROPER POSTURE and you DISCOVER GOD

Ps 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. 11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

3. Potiphars House

The Place of Betrayal

- FAITH IS THE PROPER POSTURE

Betrayal by others is God's way of refocusing our FAITH

Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

4. PRISON

The Place of Despair

Ps 13:1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? .

- PATIENCE IS THE PROPER POSTURE

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

The Miracle of Placement

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Est 4:10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and ordered him to reply to Mordecai: 11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days." 12 They related Esther's words to Mordecai. 13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. 14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

INTRO-

The fact that God can put where we are designed to be at the perfect time in history is the greatest miracle ever. Consider the Abraham Lincolns, Mother Therasas and xxxxs of the world, born at precisely the right time and equipped to change the world.

You have a significant destiny as well and God has been performing miracles in order to assure your arrival in the right place

5. THE PALACE

The Place of Fulfillment

- Authority is NOT FOR NOVICES
- Responsibility Comes with Power
- Purpose is Designed to BLESS OTHERS

HUMILITY IS THE PROPER POSTURE

1Pe 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

THE MIRACLE OF BEING IN A PLACE YOU DON'T DESERVE

2Sa 6:16 Then it happened as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

2Sa 6:20 But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!"
21 So David said to Michal, " It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD.
22 "I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished."

- 1. A Heart of Gratitude**
- 2. A Relentless Boldness**
- 3. A Humble Heart**

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THE MIRACLE OF BEING IN A PLACE YOU COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED OR PREPARED FOR

Est 1:12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him.

- 1. You Must Submit to Training**
- 2. You Must See the Big Picture**

Est 2:15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, advised. And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.

3. You Must be Patient in the Process

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

THE MIRACLE OF BEING IN A PLACE WHERE OTHER LIVES CAN BE SAVED

Ge 41:50 Now before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of On, bore to him. 51 Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." 52 He named the second Ephraim, "For," he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction." 53 When the seven years of plenty which had been in the land of Egypt came to an end, 54 and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do." 56 When the famine was spread over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. 57 The people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

1. Divine Purpose is Never About Me

“Joseph got gold and position but that was not the point!!”

2. Divine Purpose Will Improve Someone's Quality of Life

3. Divine Purpose Will Promote the Kingdom

Mt 6:32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Fulfillment can only come if after watching others run their race you are willing to pick up the baton and run yours. ~ Matt Thompson