

New Beginnings

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God is wanting to encourage those who have lost heart. Those who have had dreams that have died and been relegated to a tomb. Forgotten and unseen. He wants to encourage us to pick them up again. Submit in obedience to Him. Allow the anointing to conceive and bring forth that which He has placed in our hearts.

2 Kings 13:21 AMP

And it happened that as a man was being buried [on an open bier], they saw a marauding band [coming]; and they threw the man into Elisha's grave. But when the [body of the] man [was being let down and] touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.

Mat 1:18 NLT

"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Mat 1:20 NLT

"As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit."

Mat 1:21 NLT

"And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Luk. 2:7 NKJV

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Heb. 11:11 NKJV

"By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised."

It's time to move on. God wants us to move. It's time for new beginnings.

Due. 1:6-8 NKJV

""The LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighbouring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.'"

Sometimes we can get so comfortable with the familiar. Even the familiar of circling the same mountain without making progress. God is a God of progress and He wants us to move on and move into His promises for our lives.

Jos 18:3 NKJV

"Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you?"

Heb. 5:12-14 NKJV

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

What are the desires in your heart that have been relegated to a corner or even forgotten about?

There are times when the delay is God... maybe it is a divinely appointed season of hiddenness and preparation. However, there are many times when it is not God, when we are really to blame, and we need to rise up and do something about where we are. When we blame God, and when we do this, we remove from ourselves the responsibility and the power to change anything. We become passive and our unbelief becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Some reasons for lack of progress:

These can be dream killers, destiny dampeners if we don't process them aright:

1. Pruning

Joh 15:1-2 NKJV

""I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.""

2. Seasons

Gen 8:22 NKJV

""While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, and day and night Shall not cease.""

Ecc. 3:1-8 NKJV

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace."

- It could even be due to timing and the environment and people not being ready for you.

3. Unbelief

Joh 14:12 NKJV

""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.""

- Have we settled for mediocrity because of unbelief?
- Have we accepted the status quo because of unbelief?
- Do we really believe that there must be greatness on our lives because of who we are in Him?

Mar 4:3-8 NKJV

""Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up

because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.'"

Mar 4:14-20 NKJV

"The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.'"

4. Incorrect Expectations

See 3 above

- We thought it would happen on the first try.
- We under-estimated the task.
- We thought we could do it alone, but it will take a team, or vice versa.
- For some of you, you just need to try one more time and it will work.

5. Deceitfulness of riches and cares of life

See 3 above.

6. Unhealthy comparisons

2 Cor 10:12 NKJV

"For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

7. Wrong alliances and partnerships

Amo 3:3 NKJV

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

2 Cor 6:14 NKJV

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"

8. Lack of knowledge or tools

There are certain battles that are only won spiritually.

1 Tim 1:18 NKJV

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,"

- Wage war according to prophecy. We got the prophecy but were passive with it.

Eph. 6:10-12 NKJV

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

- Lack of understanding of spiritual warfare and knowing how to tackle it.

2 Cor. 10:4 NKJV

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,"

Prayer and fasting are major weapons of spiritual warfare. Over the next 2 weeks we will be toughing on these 2, completing our series on Prayer. Please come and be equipped.

9. Previous experiences

Pro 13:12 NKJV

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."

It's a season to birth. It's a season to try again. It's a season to move on. It's a season of faith.

- What dreams have died?
- Is there anything you need to repent of?
- What part of your destiny have you given up on?
- What Word or promise from God have you left on the shelf to gather dust?

Let this year be the year that you move on!