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Wisdom for Lean Years

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destroy you. Whatever
you are going through
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Get wisdom

In this edition, we want to tap into something that is not common. Knowledge abounds, but wisdom is not common, and wisdom is the application of knowledge. This is why the Bible says in James 1:5, ***“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”***

People say a person is lean when fatness is not manifesting. When your wallet is flat, when your economy is not good, and when you look around and you do not see fruitfulness, you are said to be in

lean moments, lean days, and lean years.

Let us see how Joseph packaged wisdom for his own lean years in Genesis 37:1-11. ***“Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.***

“Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. So he said to them, “Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: There we were, binding sheaves in the

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field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.” And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.” So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?” And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.”

This passage captures the destiny of Joseph in a nutshell. An average person in the church knows how Joseph’s story ended because we have this account in

the book of Genesis. His journey is not something a lot of people can relate to. God gave Joseph his prophetic destiny in a dream. The man heard it and shared it with his family, but the reception was not one of joy because one of them was going to be great. No, their response was, “Do you mean that we will serve you?” It was hatred and envy.

God gave this prophetic dream and declared the destiny of Joseph, but men did not accept it. At that time, Joseph was also lost and did not know what to do because this was his family. What would he do? How would he manifest when his family was not supporting him? How could they do that? This led him into lean years and a lean moment. God had something great for him, but it seemed as if there was no human support anywhere. His father rebuked him.

His brothers hated him and envied him, and their envy did not diminish but, instead, increased. They did not hate and envy him because he was their brother. It was because he had something, a fatness, that surpassed every fatness they had ever seen. Their father was a known and noted patriarch and Israel is named after him until this day. He should have rejoiced and said, “Wow, my son, God is so kind unto me that he is also picking one of my sons to be great.” But no, he rebuked him.

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How many times have you received something from the Lord that you knew was going to turn your destiny around and you shared it with people, and they said, "So what?" You say, "Oh, I've gotten a dream about a business I am starting..." And the response is, "Are you sure you will succeed?" You say, "Oh, I've been praying for the last three days now without food and water, and the living God is telling me that I would be great." And they say, "Are you the first person to have such a dream?" You say, "I know the living God intends to use me in this city." And they respond, "Are you the first person to receive such a vision? Go and check the relics of those who have come before you." These can all result in lean years.

Joseph heard something from God, he shared it with his family and his people and immediately entered his lean years as a result. Because the hatred was so great, his brothers sold him to Egypt to extend his leanness. They said, "Let us sell this dreamer and then we will see what will become of his dream. Let us move him far away from this nonsense he is talking about so that his leanness can continue." But they did not know how God operates.

Joseph's leanness was complicated, but he quickly understood it and realized that he was going through leanness and needed wisdom to survive. He had to apply wisdom. He needed wisdom to carry his life forward. What his brothers

desired would have happened to him if he had not applied wisdom.

Everyone who will enjoy God fully will have a period of leanness. You cannot escape it. God proves his people in moments of leanness.

WHAT IS LEANNESS?

1. Leanness is a period when resources are low, but debt is high. This could be human resources, economic resources, or spiritual resources.
2. Leanness is when your vision is not balanced out with your provision. Some years ago, a man of God told a story. He was the pastor of a small church that held its meetings under a tent and the members of the church were not more than fifty. Then God gave him a big vision that he was going to build a huge church that would seat thousands and he told this to the fifty members in the church.

Anyone who is going to survive lean years must fear God. Surviving lean years will be difficult if God is secondary in your life

At that time, out of the fifty people who were attending the church, only ten of them had regular jobs. About twenty-five of them only had casual jobs and were not guaranteed to still have jobs the following week. They all knew how much they were contributing, so they looked at the pastor, laughed, and said, "How would this vision happen?" That was a lean moment. But when God would act, He moved even among the fifty.

The pastor did not let the vision die. He continued to pray and talk about it. Then, all of a sudden, God began to raise money even from among the fifty and they bought a big piece of land. God then added more people to the church to contribute to the building of the church, and it was built.

3. Leanness is when talent is increasing but income or treasure is decreasing. We have a lot of people now who have a lot of wonderful skills. A lot of immigrants come into the country and realize they need to improve their skills. Then they write exams and obtain diplomas, but it does not immediately equate to money.
4. Leanness is when your hard work is not yielding a harvest of comfort.

5. Leanness is when the people you know cannot help your destiny fulfillment. It was a moment of leanness for Lot when he departed from Abraham and went into Sodom and Gomorrah. They were a people who did not promote righteousness in him. He went to a people who did not promote his destiny fulfillment until God brought him out. He was grieved there every day.

There are some relationships that produce leanness upon the soul of a man. Everything Lot took into Sodom was lost because the people he knew there did not help his destiny fulfillment. He should have stayed with Abraham who was helping his destiny. He increased when he was with Abraham, but immediately he went into Sodom, he entered into a period of leanness.

6. Leanness is when regression replaces progress. Instead of moving forward, a person moves backward.
7. Leanness is when your divine dreams are not manifesting. The greatness of Joseph was not known in the house of Jacob. It was a moment of leanness. When he was thrown into the pit, it was a moment of leanness. His dream was not realised in the pit. Even though

he was a good servant in Potiphar's house, his destiny was not fulfilled there. He was not fulfilled when he went into prison. The leanness died only when he was promoted to be the second man in Egypt.

8. Leanness is when what you are capable of achieving is not manifesting. That is what happened to the city of Jericho. The people of the city came to Elisha and said to the man of God in 2 Kings 2:19, ***"Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren."*** They had beauty, but no glory. There are some people who have beauty, but nobody honors them for their beauty.

9. Leanness is when your vision of greatness is reduced to sorrow.

10. Leanness is a period when people who look up to you for solution are disappointed because you are also struggling. Somebody walks up to you and says, "Well, I have a need..." You ask, "What kind of need?" They say, "I owe somebody \$1,000 now and I need to pay before 12 noon. Please just advance me the money. I'm getting my paycheck on Friday and I will return it." Then you say, "Oh, I was almost going to ask you to give me money too. I do not have \$100 in my pocket as I stand here." And they say, "But

you can go to the bank ATM..." You reply, "That ATM? There's nothing in it."

11. Leanness is a period when scarcity of goodness is obvious in a person's life. When you look at some people you realize that they have more problems than you can even imagine.

Joseph had a destiny dream, but the dream had to go through a lean period. He came out on top, and you will also come out on top. Joseph had some nuggets of wisdom that sustained him in his moments of leanness. What are they?

WISDOM TO SUSTAIN YOU THROUGH LEAN PERIODS

1. The fear of God. Genesis 39:7-9 reads, ***"And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"***

Do you know that Potiphar's wife did not even think about God? But Joseph was always thinking about God. Potiphar's wife was not interested in Joseph's destiny dreams. She was only interested in the pleasure she would get at that moment. Joseph, however, was thinking about the dream that God gave him. He knew that if he was going to fulfill his destiny, he must fear that God who gave him his destiny.

So, Joseph had God ahead of him in all that he was doing in Potiphar's house as a slave. That is why when this woman approached him with her proposal, he said, "How can I do such a great wickedness and sin against God?" We were not given the dialogue that followed this. The woman may have said, "What do you mean by God? Where is God in all this? It is just me and you now." But Joseph was conscious that God was always with him.

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2. Joseph rejected defilement, so you should also reject defilement. Choose not to be defiled. Daniel was a war prisoner who was taken to a strange land. He did not have his parents or any family member

there, but he purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the King's portion, no matter what they did. Little wonder God was with him all through. Reject defilement.

3. Meditate on the instructions of God and carry them out. Do not just know what God says. Do what God desires that you should do. No man would leave the place of leanness until God approves it. God knew when you walked into it, and He knows when it is going to end. It will not end until your heart comes back to God, and you meditate on His instructions, and you do what He has instructed you to do.
4. Stop every negative speaking in your daily life. Anyone who is a child of God indeed should stop saying, "I am lucky." Immediately you become a child of God, every game of chance in your life ends. You are blessed. Luck is a word the world around us uses, but it negates that which is in your life because a person that carries the blessings of God is not just lucky. You have been chosen to be blessed, and you are blessed.

It is no longer a game of chance. Jesus Christ died so that you will be blessed. The moment you accept Jesus Christ, you are blessed. You are not lucky. If you get to a door

and the door opens, it is God who opened that door. It is not a game of luck. This is why there is something wrong with any serious Christian who is still playing the lottery.

The lottery is a game of chance. Can you imagine Jesus Christ playing the lottery? If Jesus Christ is the captain of your salvation, who then are you emulating when you play it? It only means such Christians do not know themselves. You already blessed with all blessings in spiritual places, and with all God's resources. God gave these blessings to us in Christ Jesus. So, would you now say you need chance and you need luck?

When I was growing up, we had some people who used to play the numbers lottery in those days. They did not study any books. They only studied the numbers. There was one of them, a man, who would wake up in the morning with his chewing stick in his mouth and people would line up to come and give him money to forecast numbers for them. Then the man would study all the games. But he died wretched. People gave him money, but the money never stayed in his hands because people would come back to fight him and say the numbers he gave them did not win and ask for their money back.

A blessed person will never go into such things. Eliminate negative words. Never say, "I cannot do it." If God desires that you should do it, say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

5. Prepare for your successful years. Preparation is so important. A lot of people do not prepare while going through their lean years for the success that they are praying to God for.

Many years ago, a man got married but he found out that he did not really know the person he got married to. They indeed got married in church, but the man had not prayed through. He just loved the woman because she was beautiful, he proposed, and they got married. He did not know that the woman had entered a demonic covenant that stated that she would not give birth to a child in her life. She would die if she gave birth to a child. So, she decided that conception would never take place, and they had settled it in her demonic group.

After one year, there was no pregnancy, and the woman was not disturbed. It was the man who was disturbed. So, he began to intensify his prayers. The man prayed until God told him, "Well, you have married this woman and that is it,

but this is the kind of person you have married.” The man said, “Okay, what do I do?” God said, “Do you want children? You will have them. But you need to pay a price. You will pray.” The man said, “No problem.”

So, he continued to pray. In the fifth year, God said to the man, “This is your year.” The woman was still not bothered because she had already settled with her group members to not have children. She got pregnant and she did not know. That is how God can operate. The man started buying baby things but would not bring them home so as not to let the cat out of the bag. He kept them at his pastor’s house.

When it was close to when she would give birth, the woman started feeling feverish and thought it was just a fever. So, she started drinking all sorts of herbal drinks. The man said, “Why don't we go to the hospital to check all these fevers that are refusing to stop?” The woman said, “What do I need a hospital for? The fevers would stop.” After two weeks, the man said again, “Listen, I do not want you to die in my hands. Let us go to the hospital. I do not want your family members to eat me alive. Let us go.”

So, he dragged the woman to the doctor. They ran all the tests and the doctor said, “We have run all these tests, and they are all negative. Let us do a pregnancy test.” The woman said, “Doctor, are you stupid? I have a fever and you are talking about pregnancy. Do I look like a person who is pregnant?” The husband said, “Let us just find out what is wrong with you.” They ran the pregnancy test, and the doctor came back after two days and said, “It is not malaria or any other fever. It is pregnancy.”

The woman looked at her husband and said the doctor must be crazy. “Do I look pregnant?” The doctor said, “Actually you cannot even go home. You would soon put to bed.” The woman said, “Take me out of this place because they are crazy here!” Then the doctor said, “You better hurry. Go and bring the baby’s things.” And the husband replied, “No problem.” The woman said, “Are you crazy too? Did you buy anything?” The man said, “Don't worry. You just stay here.”

He ran to his pastor's house and said, “Pastor, it has happened!” Before he got back to the hospital, the wife had delivered a baby. She refused to touch the baby because she felt something was wrong. “I did not feel pregnant. I was not pregnant. How can they say this is

my baby?" The husband came back with the baby's things and gave them to the nurse and said, "Please, clean my baby and dress him up." Then they gave him the baby, but the woman was angry and said, "How can this be?"

For three days she did not touch the baby and she did not eat. She was annoyed with her demonic group members and wondered how this could have happened. Were they blind? This was not their agreement. The man, however, was rejoicing and trying to compel her to eat some food but she refused. That was when she told her husband, "I am a member of a group and our agreement in that group was that I would not have a child, but they disappointed me. So, I'm getting out of that association."

The husband said, "Amen," because, aside from asking for a child, his other prayer request was that he wanted her out of the group. He brought his pastor, and the pastor prayed for her. After the fifth day, she started touching the baby and she started eating. She then said, "Do you mean you knew all along that I was pregnant?" The husband said, "Yes. God told me." She said, "God told you? We were living in the same house, and I did not know? But you were blind when we got married. You do not know

me." He said he knew who she was. She asked how long he had known, and he said, "From the first year of our marriage because God told me." She said, "But you did not confront me, you did not assault me, you did not abuse me..." He said, "No, because God warned me that if I did any of those things, I would lose my life, lose you, and lose everything that God will ever do in my life."

There is wisdom that will take you through your lean years. Prepare for your successful years. Abraham Lincoln said, "If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six hours sharpening my axe." That is preparation. Joseph prepared for his successful years because of the wisdom of God in his life, and when he got in there, he did not allow the past evil, hatred, and envy of his brothers to make him retaliate.

When his brothers came to him and said, "We did not know, please forgive us." Joseph said, "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good. I know the hand of God is already upon me. I know God made it happen and not you. I will take care of you and your children." He prepared for his success, and he did not allow his lean years to destroy him. Do not let your lean years destroy you. Whatever you are

going through now has an expiry date. Get wisdom.

6. Associate with positive people.
7. Always carry yourself positively. When people look at you, do not look as if God has abandoned you. When people ask you, "How are you doing today?" Don't say, "We don't know. Things are bad man, you know." Carry yourself positively. God is alive.
8. Help people around you who are in need. Do not say you will not help anyone until you come out of your lean years. Joseph helped people in prison to interpret their dreams and he did not know that this would lead to his elevation. You do not know which of the people you help will be the ones who will eventually speak for you.

This is wisdom for your lean years. Follow God in these matters and you will eventually laugh at what the enemy has done, and at what you have suffered in the past because your joy will be loud. When Joseph became the Prime Minister of Egypt, his elevation was loud.

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Prayer Points

1. Every desire of the wicked over my life, as I tap into the wisdom of God, let them be wasted in the name of Jesus.
2. Let that which is keeping me away from the fulfillment of my destiny die, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every power stealing my glory, heaven will damage you today, in the name of Jesus.
4. My lean years will not destroy me, in the name of Jesus.
5. Let the voice of the living God overshadow every leanness in my life, in the name of Jesus.
6. Powers condemning my life to failure, die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Spirit of the living God, terminate my lean years, in the name of Jesus.
8. Spiritual voices of leanness, physical manifestation of leanness, emotional leanness, and economic leanness that are making me a candidate in the valley of failure, be terminated today, in the name of Jesus.
9. I shall manifest in the name of Jesus.
10. I receive abundant blessings from God for myself and my family, in the name of Jesus.
11. *[Say this 3 times]* My hope of goodness shall not die, in the name of Jesus.
12. O Lord, give me wisdom and understanding to live gloriously in my generation, in the name of Jesus.



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