Pearls To Purpose

A 90-Day Woman's Guide to Self-Discovery

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Breakout!

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

"Your perspective will either be your prison or your passport."
Dr. Dale C. Bronner

It is a human tendency to focus more on our inadequacies than our potential. The sad thing is, some people stay there and pitch a tent. They began to think; maybe this is just my lot in life. They lose their zeal and their strength to fight.

The book of 2 Kings shares a story of four leprous men who lived as outcasts. They were sitting at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, which was their custom, but one day they had an epiphany. "They said to one another, 'Why are we sitting here until we die? If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now, therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die." (2 Kings 7:3-4) You have to read the rest of the story to get the outcome. I can tell you this... they were glad they went.

Do you feel stuck in a career, a relationship, or just in your own way? Life is full of stumbling blocks, pitfalls, and detours, but you cannot allow your current situation to keep you stuck! You must muster up the strength to keep going!

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Self-doubt and fear come along with the territory. There will always be challenges and obstacles when you are pursuing purpose. But you cannot allow it to paralyze you. When life presents me with opposition, I focus on my "Why." My "Why" is the reason I do what I do. When your "Why" is big enough, it will cause you to push past whatever stands in your way.

God is doing a new thing, but it requires leaving your place of comfort to see it. Be resilient. Be relentless. Keep going! Breakout!

Affirmation: I see obstacles as opportunities to propel me forward.

Scripture References

Deuteronomy 1:19-21

2 Kings 7:3-4

Isaiah 43:19

2 Timothy 1:7

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