**Time to Get Motivated (2023) (sjm 9-6-2023)**

Time for us to get motivated (*to get from where we are …to where God wants us*) Most of us have heard the word over and over and now time to act – Get moving. **2 Tim 2 7: Stir up the gift of God which is in thee!**

**Stir – to move or put into action or to Agitate (if only 1 degree equates to over 92’ for mile)**

**AGITATE – to stir or disturb**

Don’t get accustomed to living in your current circumstances or pit. Don’t make the pit you’re homestead.

**Don’t get accustomed to living in fear or dread**. Don’t get accustomed to being in fear of the past, present or even fear of the future Don’t fear people **(Deut 28:1 God will set this on high).** Do not fear the Unknown.

God has not given us a spirit of fear **2 Tim 1:7** (where did it come from?) It is not the truth!

**F E A R** (false evidence appearing real) **Quote:** **Fear gives you something to spend your time & energy on, but doesn’t take you anywhere!**  Jesus said often - **Fear Not**

**Fear not death** – **John I** am the resurrection and the life

**Fear # Sickness** – for “I AM” the great physician. He can heal every disease there is The healer is in the house

**Fear # the Past =** it is forgotten and forgiven

**Fear # Tomorrow**  - **we don’t know what tomorrow holds but we know who Holds tomorrow**!

 **Deut I go before thee**. God will prepare things for you!

**Fear not Failure** –I will give you houses you didn’t build, vineyards you didn’t plant, wells you did not dig. **Duet 28** “**I will make you the head and not the tail”**. “:Above & not beneath (circumstances)”

 **Ps 1** I will give you streams of living water

 **Failure** = actually means “lack of success” (you may have been planted seeds or at least learning experience)

**Fear not lack Deut 8:18** The Lord “your Lord” gives thee the power to get wealth! (ability, *right alignment*)

 **Power-** *strength, vigor, might (sometimes simply ability to accomplish an action)*

 **3rd John 2 “Beloved I wish above all things …”**

 **You do not know the good things I have planned for thee (Jer 33:3)** the blessings, the anointing, releases

**Fear not Ignorance - James 1:5** He will give you wisdom if you ask for it

 John 16:13 I will guide & lead you in all truth ……And show you things to come

**Fear not disrespect or ill will**. Opposite of Favor: You can walk in the favor of God (you are mine & I am yours)

**Eph 2:6-7 Amopld** And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [with Him] in the heavenly sphere **7**He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (**His unmerited favor)** in [His] kindness *and* goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

**Look at scripture of how quickly God promotes**

1) Joseph from the pit to the palace quickly

2 ) Daniel went from Lion’s den to palace of the king in a day

3) David went from caves to the palace in Jerusalem quickly (in one day anointed king)

4) Do you believe you are next in line for a promotion?

 **Prov 22:29** seest thou a man diligent in his business and he shall stand before kings!

 **Eph 3:20** God will bless you exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask for think…

**Bonus Tips: Winston Churchill** - When you’re going through Hell “go straight through it”

**1) No prize without a cost 2) No crown without a cross (take up your cross daily) 3) No dawn w/o a night 4) No victory w/o a fight 5) No Supernatural without our God!**

**Don’t look at what you are going through – look at what you’re going to** (**2 Cor 5:7**)

 **2 Cor 4:18** **While** **we** **look** **not** at the things which are seen, but at the things which are **not** seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are **not** seen are eternal.

Don’t look at the pit, look at the palace (**Heb -** **Look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**) don’t look at the crisis or circumstances but look at the Jesus (the only thing diff betw the pit & grave is the timing)

Every tear c/lead to joy unspeakable, Ps 37:5 weeping may endure for a night,but **joy** cometh **in** **the** **morning**.

 Every detour leads to a paved highway (**Ps 37:23 steps of a good man ..** )

 Every parting leads to a greeting!

 Every mid night leads to a glorious sunrise (it’s there even if you can’t see it!)

 Every tunnel has a light shining at the end (**Prov 4:18** **shine** **brighter & brighter**)

**According to 2nd Peter 2 “Jesus has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness**” We need to start embracing that Acts like it, think like it, make it your **routine)**

He doesn’t require us to understand everything, including his infinite wisdom but asks us =

 **Prov 3:5** **“Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not on your own understanding” “In all of your ways acknowledge him & he will direct your path”**

**Time to Climb Higher**: Time to get out of your pit) The light & glory of God has come (**Luke 2:9**)

 **John 11:40**  Said I not unto thee that if thou would’est believe thou should see the Glory of God!)

 **Is 54; time to enlarge your tent!**

Your promotion is on the way & your breakthrough is right before you (dust off your spiritual glasses)

The pain of the past cannot be compared to the pleasure of the future (on earth as it is in heaven)

God is a good God and something good is about to happen to you (**John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd**)

**\*Remember: When you are down to nothing, God is up to something.** **Ps 37:23 Steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord** (repent & move on and upward)

Nothing is too hard for God (mate, healing, job, house, peace, wisdom) He can open doors that no man can open and he will close the doors that you should not be trying to go through! **(Rev 3)**

Cycle of adversity can be over today – **The name of Jesus is above all names** **(Phil 2:10)**

Your tour of the prison is over (**All thing are passed away and all things are become new 2 Cor 5:17**)

God’s abundance is available **(Father to the** **prodigal son all that I have is thine**)

God can expand your territory and bless you indeed

 To Ruler of Synagogue = **Only one thing is required “only believe”**