



Come Up Higher!

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“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God” (Hebrews 5:12; 6:1).

Many do not attain their destiny in life because of being satisfied & settling down at their present mediocrity rather than stretching beyond their comfort zone to attain their God given plans. In our journey of life, prior to reaching our eternal destiny in heaven, whatever heights we have attained, there is always something more & better ahead. There is always a better version of ‘me’ than the one I currently have, and I can attain it through practice. It is worth noting that practice only makes improvements for the next level, but never perfections till we get to heaven.

It is for this reason that Peter admonished the believers “And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-8). The apostle Paul set a good example on this when he declared “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

Some Indicators of Need To Come Up Higher:

- 1) When freshness of fellowship and experience with God are no longer at their optimum - “And the LORD God called unto Adam, and

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said unto him, **Where art thou?**” (Genesis 3:9).

- 2) When spiritual warfare turbulence threaten the reaching of destination (as in plane flight, you need to go higher above the zone of turbulence). “And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him” (Luke 8:24-25). (Recall the story of snake in a plane flight).
- 3) When fresh vision, revelation & instruction are needed for direction to the next level. **“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him”** (Isaiah 8:16-17). “And the LORD said unto Moses, **Come up** to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them” (Exodus 24:12). “After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up** hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter (Revelations 4:1). (Recall Elijah at Horeb).
- 4) When you have been circling the same mountain endlessly with no progress to the promised land. “Ye have **compassed this mountain** long enough: turn you northward” (Deuteronomy 2:3).