

Winning The Battle For Destiny

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In Jeremiah 29:11 God assures us: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end". God has a beautiful destiny for every one. Very often, Satan fights the realisation of that destiny and the journey from the revelation of the destinY to its final realisation may:

- 1) Try and test our faith for years like in Abraham, before embracing the promised son.
- 2) Take us through the valley of humiliation and wilderness wanderings, like the Israelites before possessing The Promised Land.
- 3) Cause us to face the giant of Goliath or enmity of Saul before getting to the throne.
- 4) Cause us to endure years of painful trials, persecutions and sufferings, like Joseph before the fulfilment of the dreams.
- 5) Lead to abandoning a privileged position for a common life in a desert, like Moses before divine call for a mission he thought was dead.

Every body is different but each has a unique plan from God. The journeys and battles may be different and unique to our calling, but God is always faithful to fulfil His promises, despite the troubles and trials. If we remain faithful to Him, obey His words and observe the timeless divine principles listed below, we will one day come to the point of saying "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2 Corinthians 2:14). The principles includes, but not limited to:

- 1) Receive, value and treasure your God given dreams, visions and revelations for "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18).
- 2) Focus on God's vision, not the hurts of life. Remember that we move in the direction we are looking. "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that

"And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them" (Genesis 42:9).

readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" (Habbakuk 2:2-3).

- 3) The battle for destiny is first won in the heart before a physical manifestation, therefore, guard your thoughts and words to ensure alignment with God's word.
- 4) Recognise that the road to the mountain may go through the valley. Therefore, never despise the valleys of life. Use every opportunity to learn the lessons of life, and serve with humility 'as unto God'.
- 5) Remain faithful and obedient to God in the silent years, when you do not understand what is happening or how it will end. Make God your number one priority and never compromise or deny your faith.
- 6) Just like the cooling off period before contracts come into effect, learn to pause and ponder before every major decision to ensure they are right "And he put them all together into ward three days. 18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God" (Genesis 42:17-18).
- 7) See and live by the bigger picture through God's perspectives "And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life" (Genesis 45:4-5).
- 8) Give glory to God for He alone holds the key that can translate a person from a dungeon to the palace in a single day. Seek first His Kingdom and the additions will flow

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