



GLORY AND HONOR



PART 10

GOD WANTS TO DO STUFF WITH YOU



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"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5 KJV)

There's strength in number; that's the famous saying we have quoted repeatedly. But lately, I have had to pause and examine if this saying applies in all circumstances. For example, the world's population is growing steadily, yet there seems to be more bad news everywhere instead of good news from every quarter. The number is increasing, and evil deeds are rising exponentially. I began to ask myself the 'why?' question. The only logical answer is that we have kicked God out of everything.

God has given us free will to do whatever pleases us, and we have decided to eliminate Him from our world. We have seen the result of this horrible decision of ours everywhere. For example, the world as we know it has not returned to normal since the incidence of COVID-19. We claimed to have it under control, but this crazy virus is mutating and coming with different versions. Many nations' governments do not respect God anymore simply by the legislation they enact! All you have to do is pay attention to what laws are being passed in your country, which will point you in the direction of your country's future. Many openly confess that they love the Lord, but their actions contradict their words.

God has been removed from our schools, even at the kindergarten level. What educators are introducing in His place is quite alarming! More than ever, the onus lies on parents to ensure their children have a strong foundation; otherwise, when you get your children back from school, you can only wonder what happened to them. The sad story is that there's no more God at home either; all kinds of evils are happening! Before, it was quite normal for kids to have sleepovers, but now you have to be very careful and be sure you know the kind of home your son or daughter is going to. You might have a big problem on your hands just because of one night's sleep at a supposed friend's house. Many refuse to get married simply for selfish reasons fueled by an anti-God agenda. It has now become fashionable in our society to be a 'baby daddy' or 'baby mama', especially in the last two decades. It used to be quite shameful to have a child out of wedlock, but now our society wears this as a badge of honor. If you know the pulse of the spirit, you will agree with me that it is entirely against the plan and purpose of God.

All kinds of abuse are at an all-time high, even from parents and guardians to the children in their care. Spousal abuses are not waning but increasing; sexual, verbal, and all kinds of physical abuse are destroying our society. Many are wondering why there is a sudden increase in mental health disorders; it is because of the stress that we have allowed into our lives and society. Let me be clear that I don't take mental issues with levity; that's not me. By the grace of God, our family has a great support and an outreach that benefits mental health issues. That said, the absence of God in our society has opened a crazy door. God intended for us not to eat out of sweat—our life was supposed to be lived as a heaven-on-earth experience, but we decided to kick God out and face the consequences.

Now people's wages are not catching up to inflation! I laughed the other day when our president was being pressured on what he would do about inflation. He sincerely tried to come up with the best answer, but he couldn't. I completely understand because it is not a problem that started today; it has been with us for many years! When God is further pushed out, the effect is what we see all around us now. Now, enough of pointing out the problem and its consequences. What's the solution? I am glad you asked that question. I was recently

looking at the scripture, and it dawned on me that this is the simple recipe for our calamity; it is found in John 15:5,

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

God said I AM THE VINE; this simply means anything that grows in the vine will flourish because all the nutrients needed for proper growth are found in the vineyard. A branch cannot grow by itself unless it is attached to the vine or the root. The problem is that we simply forget that we are the BRANCH. I don't know where the idea came from that gave us the impression that we can live without God. God is our invisible oxygen. God is more significant than that many times over, but just to bring Him to what you can relate to.

You are simply dead if you cannot get oxygen into the system. The scripture gave a recipe for abundance if you abide in me and God abides in us. The result, "YOU SHALL BRING MORE FRUIT", looks like unlimited supply and abundance to me. The other side of the equation is also stated, "FOR WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING ". There you have it. My question to you is, "Are you in the vine?" If you are born again by surrendering your life to Jesus, then you are in the vine. If your life is not going in the right direction, you should first examine yourself because nothing is wrong with God and then lay claim to this amazing promise.

If you are not born again, the future is dark, but you can change that now by saying this prayer with me, ***"Lord Jesus come into my life I accept you today. I confess all my sins and ask you to be my Lord and Savior. I believe you died and rose on the third day for my justification. Thank you for saving me in Jesus' name"***.

My friend, that's it. You are now born again, find a good home church, or you can reach out to us by phone or email. We will be glad to guide you in the right way. If you are doing this for the first time or just simply rededicating your life to Jesus, let me be the first one to welcome you to the kingdom of your father.

GLORY AND HONOR (Part 10)

God wants to be with us more than we know, which became more evident to me looking at what it cost God to have fellowship with us. Earlier in creation, it was recorded that God would come to have fellowship with man. How amazing! When we blew it, God gave us laws and decrees so that we could be holy enough to have fellowship with Him. When that failed, He sent Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice for Him to have access to us and continue to fellowship with us. God has done so much so that we can continuously be clothed with the life of Glory and Honor. As we discussed in the good news session, the recipe to maintaining this life that He wanted for us is to abide in Him simply. Let's look at the summary of this in John 15:5-6,

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

We have explored the fifth verse above, but let's focus on the sixth verse; the glory and honor that God bestowed on are predicated on one condition alone. Aren't you happy that we don't have to deal with ten steps to maintain glory and honor lifestyles? It is just one; if a man does not ABIDE IN ME, they are cast off. This is a

personal matter; if you notice, the scripture says IF A MAN, not a group or a church, you cannot depend on anyone on this matter. It is your responsibility to know what it takes for you to remain in fellowship with God. When you are out of fellowship, you simply wither and become trash to be burnt.

Here's how the sage the Apostle of the New Testament puts it, Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 6:14-17,

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch not the unclean thing; And I will receive you,"

If God dwells in you, take some time and look at these scriptures. Look for areas in your life where you are out of fellowship and make amendments. This is not the pastor's job, nor the wife's or husband's; this is personal responsibility time (PRT). Your glory and honor will not become trash in Jesus.

ANCHOR TEXT

The scripture tells us in Genesis 1:31 — ***"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."***

Everything God made was VERY GOOD. God is not a mediocre God, so when He promised to give us a life of glory and honor He meant it with all the resources that God has, which are unlimited. Your life should be looking very good, and if it is not at the moment, look inward and make amend. He's a good God, He restores fellowship with you again, and things will become brighter again. We can do a lot to mess up this life for ourselves. Let's look at a young man in the Bible; his name was JUDAS. He was one of the trusted disciples of Jesus. He was so trusted that the ministry account was left in his care. He did whatever needed to be done, but his life took a wrong turn for the worst. The scriptures alluded that he began to steal or take from the purse of the ministry. He was distraught when the lady broke an alabaster box to show honor to his boss. Until one day, when it came to this point, here's how the scripture puts it in John 13:27,

"And after the sop, Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly." Satan entered into Judas—that was the tipping point for him, and he finally betrayed his boss for thirty pieces of silver. His life of glory and honor ended on the rope when he hung himself.

"For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, And hast crowned him with glory and honour." (Psalm 8:5 KJV)

I pray that satan will not enter you, your household, business and church.

WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

So far, we have considered seven reasons, viz:

1. SIN
2. STRANGE FIRE: THE CASE STUDY OF NADAB AND ABIHU
3. THE EFFECT OF TERRITORIAL POWER
4. THE PRESENCE OF STRONGHOLDS IN A FAMILY AND A NATION
5. WRONG DECREES THAT CAN KILL YOUR DESTINY
6. COMMITTING A GRAVE MISTAKE
7. UNFORGIVENESS
8. THE EFFECT OF SPIRITUAL ATTACK
9. OUR INABILITY TO KEEP SECRETS

Let's continue from there today.

10. LACK OF ACCESS—SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL BARRICADE

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; And the King of glory shall come in. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; And the King of glory shall come in."
(Psalm 24:7, 9 KJV)

Our life of glory and honor is made possible when there's no barricade or limitation on the way. There are some structures we can create for ourselves that can limit our potential for bliss in the kingdom and life generally. I also know well that the enemy can create a structure that can hinder our progress in life. I don't know what structure or lack of discipline you have on your way; you are the only one that can sit down and examine your life and make necessary amendments. Let's look at what the scripture says about limitations and structures in Isaiah 45:1-3,

"Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel."

From the verses above, you can see that God breaks up limitations and opposing structures for you by the anointing. The enemy is very busy working against you. You can do yourself a favor by not adding to it with your lack of discipline. Let's quickly look at these two examples.

THE WALL OF JERICHO

"Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days." (Joshua 6:1-3 KJV)

The wall of Jericho was a physical structure that limited the children from going into their promised land until God gave them specific instructions to overcome it. To overcome certain structures, if not all, you need to hear

from God. Your hearing in the spirit world must be heightened to another level because common wisdom can give you access to your level. My friend, you need God.

GOLIATH BLOCKING THE WAY TO THE THRONE FOR DAVID

"And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:24-26 KJV.)

Goliath is a monster and will not let you get on your throne unless you fight back. The tactic that most Goliath uses is mental intimidation and verbal terrorization. The Goliath of the world will play with your mind if you allow them to do so, and they will eventually delay or put your destiny on hold. David decided to confront his Goliath, which was a great step in the right direction. Secondly, it requires you to use an unconventional weapon; Goliath will not get out of the way with your canal knowledge. Still, doing the job will take a stone and a slingshot. Who could have imagined that a simple but powerful weapon would bring down this giant? It is time for you to re-strategize with God this time around. May God give you the most needed wisdom.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you currently frustrated?
 Do you think things are not working well for you?
 Are you in the vine?
 Are you a detached branch?
 Are you unequally yoked?
 Are you leaving your doors open for satan to enter?
 Are you a disciplined person?
 Are you boxed in?

THOUGHT FOR WEEK: "BE SOBER AND WATCH"

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." (1 Peter 4:7 KJV)

Those that will shine and live with glory and honor must be disciplined in all spheres of life. They must be sober and watch unto prayer. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, give me the grace to live with discernment in the name of Jesus.
2. I declare that every barricade on my way of progress is consumed by the fire of God in the name of Jesus.

PS: Remember to reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom of God in your area. God bless you as you do so. Amen.