

Voice of Triumph

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"He lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud. He stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip." Psalm 40:2, The Message

AFTER THE STRUGGLE, PULLED INTO YOUR DESTINY STRATEGICALLY

Just like Jacob, the timing of a birth is just as significant as the promise itself. After Rebekah inquired about Jacob and Esau struggling in her womb, God revealed to her the position he had predetermined for each of them. It was customary for the birth order to define the level of blessing. However, Jacob was pulled into his destiny when he grasped onto Esau's heel; therefore reducing the amount of time it took from the womb into his world. Jacob was farther pulled into his destiny when he purchased the birthright from Esau for a "happy meal" without struggle but with strategy. Jacob was farther pulled when he received the blessing of his Father as the firstborn, without struggle but with strategy. Destiny was virtually turned over to Jacob. Don't be too consumed with the struggle.

REVERSED IN YOUR FAVOR

If we don't read a story from the beginning, you may misinterpret it. A number of characters in the life and times of Jacob developed their seemingly, prevailing opinion about him, desperately trying to silence what God originally prophesied through his mother. There were countless attempts to despise Jacob, although positioned by God as the younger one who would be served by the elder, Genesis 25:23. The voices in your world may appear to drown out God's good, acceptable, and perfect will for you. Never side with that view, when the voice intentionally disagrees with the Word of God. The creator fearfully and wonderfully made you the head, not the tail; above only, not beneath ever. *Reversed in your favor*—the last shall be first, and the first, last. Promotion comes from God!

DO NOT THINK IT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD

Jesus clearly understood he was not taking any honor or majesty away from God but was actually receiving what God purposed for him to possess in the earth. Likewise, God purposed for you and I to reign with Jesus' own honor and majesty that completely covers us: not just as a prince or princess in the kingdom of God, but as the King of kings, exercising the full authority and power of that domain. Please know everything is subject to the King's rule and reign. There is nothing exempt from his authority. One thing apparent to a king's rule is the presence and utility of his signet ring. Whoever wore it was recognized by the king as having the power and authority of the king. S/he had carte blanche to sign legal documents in the King's stead. Whatever was signed with the signet ring, could not be reversed. To really grasp this, we must set our affections on things above so that we won't think we are taking anything that rightfully belongs to God or Jesus, i.e., without permission or by theft. Believe you can operate at the same degree of power with confidence. Believe you have the identical access into the grace of God by the faith of Jesus. Know you are releasing the King of kings himself to serve his interest alone. We must learn to walk in humility, recognizing you and I can do nothing without him. Philippians 2:5-8 concurs with this. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself unto death, even the death of the cross." Know what you possess. It's not robbery, it is repositioning royally.

ROBBING YOURSELF

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?", Jeremiah 17:9. Unfortunately, the unregenerate condition of the heart cannot be trusted. With the presence of unbelief, it is always subject to wavering back and forth between opinions. Its owner can be surprised by its unpredictability. That's why the preceding verse says, who can know it? It can lead you to trust in the wrong things, people, etc. It can rob you of opportunities because it can't keep its promise to you, seeing there remains the slightest possibility of contamination from the world, the flesh or the devil. That is why our hearts requires cleansing from unbelief so we can demonstrate pure faith to fashion our world just like God did when he framed the world. God had evidence of what was unseen was visible to his faith. We too can be sure that what we command is not non-existent because we can see it with our spiritual eyes; it's only invisible to the naked eye. Without the influence of heaven in every faith transaction, our hearts can choose a path that leads to self-destruction because it will seem right, not be right. Totally relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us into disputable truth removes every trace of deception, error and lies. Always trust God's Word over your own. When you rob yourself, you are also robbing God of an opportunity to bless you beyond measure.

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Thought for Transformation

God's perfect timing has been at the forefront of my thinking. When God speaks, everything in creation immediately starts moving toward the fulfillment of his promise. Our assignment remains to yield to the Lord's right of way. Then we will see the working of his hand to make everything beautiful in its time and bountiful in his season. You may be entertaining the thought "what's taking God so long?" or "Why haven't I received the manifestation yet? In reality, just maybe your destiny is not delayed, but you may be distracted. Change your approach, but not your goal and watch things turn in your favor suddenly. The timing of the birth plus God's season make it ripe for everyday miracles to happen. Selah!

Measure of the Blessing

The blessing Isaac gave to Jacob is in Genesis 27:28-29. "... God give thee of the dew of heaven [divine], and the fatness [excess] of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine. Let people serve thee; be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee; cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blessed thee." This blessing unified all things on earth with heaven. It resounds God's blessing to Adam: be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion. Destiny removes the power of competition. Selah!