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# Voice of Triumph

"Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness (uprightness, justice, and right standing with You)! You have freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer."

Psalm 4:1, Amplified Bible, Classic Version

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#### BE ADAMANT ABOUT CHANGING WHAT YOUR FUTURE IS REPRODUCING

Jabez's name means sorrow; every time his name was called, more sorrow was multiplied back to him. Refusing a legacy of potential pain, I Chronicles 4:10, KJV exemplifies his way of escape. "And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Thine hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." When your heart's troubles are enlarged, ask God to bring you out of distress.

## YOU ALWAYS HAVE A STANDING INVITATION IN THE COURT OF GOD

In the following verse, "Relief" in Hebrew means enlargement. Originally, Queen Esther lacked valor to approach the king because she did not have a standing invitation. Fasting, prayer and Moredaci's challenge moved her from cowardice to courage: "Don't think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you'll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. In fact, if you don't speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family," Esther 4:13-14, CEB. Come boldly into the throne of grace. You have undeniable access.

## **HOW MUCH TERRITORY CAN YOU RECLAIM?**

The amount of space you require may be perfect for you. If it's too small, God freed you from living in cramped quarters. Take your space requirements to a whole, new level to accommodate God, as the head of your household. You will discover that there is still never enough room for Him because He is so big, even nations are like a drop in the bucket to Him. With that in mind, He makes an appeal to you for suitable living conditions where you partner with Him in land development. "Sing and shout, even though you have never had children! The Lord has promised that you will have more children than someone married for a long time. Make your tents larger! Spread out the tent pegs; fasten them firmly. You and your descendants will take over the land of other nations. You will settle in towns that are now in ruins. Don't be afraid or ashamed and don't be discouraged. You won't be disappointed. Forget how sinful you were when you were young; stop feeling ashamed for being left a widow. The LORD All-Powerful, the Holy God of Israel, rules all the earth. He is your Creator and husband, and he will rescue you. You were like a young wife, brokenhearted and crying because her husband had divorced her. But the LORD your God says, "I am taking you back! I rejected you for a while, but with love and tenderness I will embrace you again. For a while, I turned away in furious anger. Now I will have mercy and love you forever! I, your protector and LORD, make this promise," Isaiah 54:1-8, CEV. Clutter prevents you from receiving the best that God has prearranged for you. Reclaim some space.

# STEPS TO BECOMING AND REMAINING LEAKPROOF

Everyone has a bent—a tendency to do things that create a leak, even to our own loss. It remains our responsibility to be led by Holy Spirit and be drenched with the Word of God so we only yield to God alone. "The steps of a [good and righteous] man are directed *and* established by the LORD, And He delights in his way [and blesses his path]," Psalm 37:23, Amp. "Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth. They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." Psalm 57:5-7, KJV "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." Psalm 37:31, KJV. "Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me," Psalm 119:133, KJV "You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped," 2 Samuel 22:37, AMPC. Step up!

#### **Thought for Transformation**

Employing a song of thanksgiving to God like I Samuel 2:1-2, AMP gives you the edge over your enemies. It sets you safe upon the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ. "Hannah prayed and said, My heart rejoices and triumphs in the Lord; My horn (strength) is lifted up in the Lord, My mouth has opened wide [to speak boldly] against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. There is no one holy like the Lord, There is no one besides You, There is no Rock like our God."

#### **Trouble Your Troubles**

Proverbs 4:23-24, KJV gives us an alert to guard our heart and mouth. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee." Our heart's praise enthrones the King of kings; wherever God is Sovereign, He takes dominion. God is only a troublemaker for our enemy. Deut. 28:47, AMP unveils the root of the failure to thrive as the breakdown in our praise. "Because you did not serve the Lord your God with a heart full of joy and gladness for the abundance of all things [with which He blessed you]," You are not praising God for the trouble, but in the midst of it so it can't stay.