



KINGDOM VISION

PART 22

The Single-Eyed Believer (cont'd)
VOLUNTEERING AND WORKING IN YOUR FATHER'S FIELD

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“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 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.” (Habakkuk 2:2-3 KJV)

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“These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.” (Genesis 37:2 KJV)

“For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light.” (Psalm 36:9 KJV)

The matter of your future is a serious matter and cannot be taken with levity. Vision is the ability to see far, but it is impossible to get all the information at once, hence the need to tarry on the Master's field until the film is fully developed and ripe for execution. Jesus waited for 33½ years before He could launch into the deep on the Master's field. His principle was that He could, of Himself, do nothing but whatever He sees His Father doing. As your shadow cannot make a move by itself except you move, likewise, we cannot execute our life's vision without first staying in the school of divine wisdom; it takes divine wisdom to facilitate our fulfilment. Paul, the exemplary New Testament apostle, puts it this way:

“Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.” (Galatians 4:1-2 KJV)

In other words, while a man or woman with a vision from above is an heir—the rightful owner of his/her inheritance—he or she remains a child until he or she grows into the responsibility that comes with the legal right. Indeed, there is no difference between them and a servant!

I believe that the problem with the prodigal son was not that he asked his father for his portion of the inheritance but that he went to a far country. You are one foot too far from Him every time you do not tarry at the Master's field. The way to grow into all that God has in store for us is to stay on the Master's field—under the tutelage of the tutors and governors the Providence has chosen for us until the divinely APPOINTED TIME. The only One that can establish our readiness for the harvest is the FATHER. It is one thing to receive the vision; it is another thing to get the vision ready for delivery. Of course, the Senior Tutor here is the HOLY SPIRIT (John 14:26), and the Governor General is JESUS! As our Tutor, the Holy Spirit comforts and imparts knowledge unto us. The scripture refers to Jesus as the governor amongst the nation (Psalm 22:28). To truly become the 'lord of all' regarding the mastery of God's vision for our lives is to tarry on the Master's field.

The scripture tells us that all truth must be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses. We have seen how God operates when giving us our vision for the future, and then He causes the vision to speak loudly. We have seen the story of David, our first evidence. We recently concluded with the story of Gideon and saw how Gideon followed the same pattern.

To be clear, God is unlimited and can never be boxed into a corner; He can manifest in whichever way He wants. Yes, He is God by HIMSELF; however, He has given us a pattern to follow. Let us look at how King Saul was made the king by divine appointment. Let me set this up for our study. All your good qualities and your family position in the community cannot fulfill the purpose of God in your life if you don't follow His footprint. Here's Saul's family genealogy as recorded in 1 Samuel,

“Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.” (1 Samuel 9:1-2)

Your credential is inadequate to fulfill the vision He has for you. Saul's father was a mighty man of power, a wealthy man of influence and means. Let's look at Saul as well; he was a choice young man, and nobody could be compared to him in the entire nation. His physique was beyond description and was well known amongst his people. However, all these characteristics are enough to birth his purpose in life. Like many giants in the scriptures, Saul encountered his life calling or vision while serving in the father's house and/or field. Let's consider the narrative that led to Saul's appointment:

“And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.” (1 Samuel 9:3-5)

Unlike David and Gideon, who came from unpopular backgrounds, Saul's background wasn't as impoverished. (To be clear, it was not the circumstances of David and Gideon that forced them to stay in the Master's field; they were simply being faithful to their respective father's business and served till they were elevated.) Saul, on the other hand, had a total background—an affluent one! This tells us that God calls people from all spheres of society once our heart is in the right place. Saul also served on the field and was a diligent servant. He was willing to leave and find a handful of lost donkeys.

Let's look at Saul's father's command—***“ARISE and take one of the servants, go and seek the lost asses.”*** These are potent commands similar to Isaiah 60:1, ***“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.”***

When your destiny is about to get a call signal, the Father's order is always for you to ARISE. Though the circumstances surrounding the command were sad (i.e. asses were lost), Saul must still obey and arise to do his father's bidding. To someone reading this study, you might wonder why you need to get up again and continue your services in the Master's field while everything looks dark. My friend, you are

about to go on a journey with God that will change everything for you.

One important detail of this encounter was surprising to me; the scope of Saul's search went beyond the perimeter that few innocent assess would wander to cross over two or three towns beyond their vicinity unless someone came and stole them. The lesson here is to give our all in pursuing God's vision for our lives. Many people fail to find destiny because they quit too soon and give up on the Father's command. I pray this will not be your portion in Jesus's name.

Saul's father's instructions on the field echo the instructions of our Heavenly Father to us. His father told him to take one of the servants with him. This is a significant part of Saul's journey to fulfilling destiny. Sometimes our destiny journey may be too long and so tiring that we may need encouragement along the way before we get to our promised land. As such, God sends us destiny helpers along the way; may we not mess with them in Jesus' name. Look for them, take care of them, and don't do anything that will discourage them. Your future and fulfilling destiny depend on their assistance or word of encouragement.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you counting on your credentials to fulfill your destiny?

Are you listening to the Master's command?

Do you recognize your Helper all along?

Are you under mentoring or tutelage?

Do you recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit?

Are you willing to ARISE again?

Are you enjoying this series?

PONDER ON THIS: "MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM"

*"He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."
(Matthew 13:11 KJV)*

This series unveils deep mysteries about destiny discovery, and it has been given to us to understand such mysteries. I pray that by the time we are through this study, the vision you were born to fulfill will be evident to you in Jesus' name. Amen. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, give me listening ears to hearken unto Your instructions in the name of Jesus.
2. Father, help me to recognise my destiny helpers and honor them accordingly in the name of Jesus.

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