

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)

God is awesome and He is the giver of life. He simply wants the best for us and wants to help us become what He designed us to be from the foundation of the earth and the beginning of time. Thus, everything begins with Him; He's the Alpha and the Omega. Everyone who ever became fulfilled in life caught the vision for such a purpose-driven life while working in their master's field. Let's look at this scripture below together:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17 KJV)

There's no exception to this verse's assertion. It tells us that "EVERY GOOD . . . AND . . . PERFECT GIFT" — including your dreams and vision — comes from the 'Father of lights.' Everything begins in the Father's vineyard.

God is not going to give you just any dream; He's going to give you the right and perfect vision for your life. Besides, He will give you the illumination needed to accomplish and fulfill it. When you can catch a glimpse of your true self from the Father's vineyard, you don't have to worry whether God is going to support you; there's no shadow of turning with Him. He's not a flip-flopper. I like the way the New International Version puts it — "who does not change like a shifting shadow."

Part of the problems we face on our journey to greatness is our lack of faithful service in the vineyard — that's why we face many of the challenges we face and suffer in some ways. I am not saying that getting your start from the Father's vineyard will immune you from trials but it will give you the confidence of heaven's backing.

THE CASE STUDY OF JESUS

Our perfect example of doing the Father's bidding was the incarnate Christ. He was working as a carpenter with His father, even though He's truly God and truly man at the same time. As a man, he did not disrupt the order of discovery of life's purpose; in fact, He modeled it for us. He was compliant with this heavenly protocol and order before he would ascend to heaven and secure for all who will follow this pattern of purpose discovery. Here's how Apostle Paul puts it:

"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men." (Ephesians 4:8 KJV)

He has led all captivity captive for you to follow this path without restriction and obstruction. He gave gifts to men—male and female—not to angels. All of humanity now has the opportunity to get in on the priceless offer for abundant life which He makes to all and sundry.

GIDEON'S ENCOUNTER (continued)

Last week, we began considering the case study of Gideon; we were looking at how he encountered destiny and how his vision as a leader became a reality. So far, we have considered three points, viz:

- 1. Gideon had a divine visitation—he was visited by an angel.
- 2. Gideon's designation changed forever. He became 'a mighty man of valor.'
- 3. Gideon was not playing around; he was able to let the angel know that he knew this day would come.

When you begin your destiny's journey in the Father's vineyard, you are bound to have an unimaginable encounter. Follow

me as we further explore Gideon's experience:

4. The Lord LOOKED upon him and was very pleased with everything He saw in this young man. As a result, God infused into Gideon a massive dose of strength to march into greatness. God is committing to him one more time, reassuring him that He's got Gideon's back and was on board Gideo's destiny's ship with him.

"And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?" (Judges 6:14 KJV)

5. When you follow the divine order of events in your life, beginning with your faithful service in the vineyard, you go from being the LEAST in your generation to becoming the GREATEST in the eyes of many. My friend, is there a quick ladder to elevation that beats this?

"And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." (Judges 6:15 KJV)

6. The Lord promised this inexperienced young man HIS PRESENCE, and he was guaranteed a resounding victory. My friend, when you follow the Father's blueprint, all will be well.

"And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man." (Judges 6:16 KJV)

7. Gideon became empowered with divine authority. He could now command heaven and earth! He even told the angel to stay up until he gave him something and the angel simply obliged his instruction and command. This young man went from someone drying wheat to someone having a conversation with the heavenly realm. This can happen in our world today if we will only follow the established footprints and not always hurry through life.

"And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again." (Judges 6:17-18 KJV)

We will continue next week. This is a very rich narrative which I wouldn't want us to rush through. Please bear with me.

CALL TO ACTION

Are you ready for the perfect gift? Are you looking for confirmation of your purpose? Are you looking for strength to tarry and continue? Are you looking for God's presence? Do you want to be in command?

PONDER ON THIS: "PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET"

"Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:" (Psalm 8:6 KJV)

God gave you the mandate to DOMINATE, and He has put ALL THINGS—not some things—under your feet. I charge you, therefore, to match into victory. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Father, shower Your good and perfect gifts upon me in the name of Jesus.
- 2. Lord, restore my dominion mandate in every area of my life 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.