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“...Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:26-29

Thank you for choosing to participate in Pray 21 Days for 2024. We are in a significant time in the world and in the Body of Christ. Much is changing all around us and we are changing as well. How we navigate this shifting time of transition will be pivotal for ourselves, our families, our churches, and our nation. As we pray together during these 21 days, let's pray for God's awakening Spirit to heighten our senses to His movement, so that we will advance in His timing and be in alignment with His ways. May His Spirit of wisdom and revelation rest upon you as you seek Him.

Blessings,

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Read: Proverbs 3:5-6

The world is experiencing massive transition. The Body of Christ is also experiencing a time of great transition. God is up to something BIG, and it is a time to be awake, alert, and mindful of what He is after as things shift and change around us. The Oxford dictionary defines transition as, *“the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.”* We sometimes experience transition as feeling like we are “in-between” things. We may have left one thing but haven’t arrived at our destination yet.

We often wish that God would spell everything out for us ahead of time and show us exactly what lies ahead. We long for a “spiritual GPS” to be able to see in advance the turns we will need to make and when we will arrive. But times of transition with God don’t work that way. **Transition times in the Kingdom are to be *relational*. He is often more about the process we are walking through than the destination.** He really wants to do life with us and speak life to our hearts, no matter what we are encountering. As we do this journey together with Him, our connection is activated by faith and trust.

The Proverbs 3 passage tells us to, *“lean not on your own understanding.”* The key to effectively doing this is found in verse 6, *“in all your ways submit to Him.”* Submitting to Him means we are coming under *His* mission, and we are no longer on this journey just for ourselves or our own agendas. We know that He always sees what lies ahead and can best direct our steps as we choose to trust Him.

Pray: Thank the Holy Spirit for His role in journeying with you through times of transition. Today, choose to walk away from ways you have *leaned unto your own understanding* and renew your commitment to *submit* to His mission in your life.

Read: Daniel 2:20-21

From the very beginning, God has put seasons within the makeup of the earth. Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. We live every day with God's innate design of seasons in creation all around us. These season changes don't normally surprise us. In fact, we prepare and even expect them to change. Here in Texas, we don't do the same type of yard work in December that we do in July. Knowing the season we are presently in helps us determine our activity, expectations, and how we will respond. We don't expect vegetables from our garden in January.

Sometimes our desire to be in a different season causes us to miss what God wants to do in the present season. If you are in a season to be still and experience healing, then struggling to move forward without receiving that healing (emotional or physical) will only serve to prolong the current season. Likewise, if you are in a season to advance forward but have grown comfortable with inactivity, then it is a time to awaken to His promptings and shake off the former season to move forward.

Recognizing that God changes our times and seasons helps to set us up for success in times of transition. When we live with an awareness that no season lasts forever, we will become more intentional about seeking God's heart and purposes for us in our current season and for the season we are transitioning into.

Pray: Spend some time today with Holy Spirit asking Him to help you identify more clearly the season you are currently in. If you know you are in transition and moving into a new season, seek His guidance for signposts or markers that would indicate how you are to prepare or respond.

Read: Genesis 12:1-4

One of the most challenging parts of transition can be leaving the familiar and comfortable to head into the unknown. When Abram launched out into his unknown, he was required to leave the only surroundings and people he had ever known. However, he didn't step out on his own initiative, but stepped out on the prophetic promises of God.

As we navigate our own transition seasons, it is vital that we also carry God's prophetic promises for us as well. These words serve as our anchor when everything around us is moving and shaking. Our prophetic promises anchor us to an eternal reality beyond our natural world. They anchor us in the aspects of the Kingdom, which are fixed and unshakeable. They anchor us in the reality of our good Father and His unconditional love.

Our prophetic promises also act as our compass. **They point us in the direction of things beyond our current natural circumstances. Though we often desire more information for our journey, His prophetic promises are enough. However, His promises to us require *relationship*.** Abram was traveling to a land that God promised to show Him, but He would not arrive there apart from His connection and relationship with God. We have our constant Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who journeys with us to guide, lead, and interpret the signposts along the way. John 16:13b tells us, “....and He will tell you what is yet to come.” We have nothing to fear. With Him as both our anchor and compass, we will undoubtedly step into all that He has planned.

Pray: Are there familiar things you are needing to leave behind to step into a new season? Review your prophetic promises and what you have heard Him speaking to you. As you pray today, welcome the Holy Spirit's guidance and activity in your life, renewing your commitment to trust and follow Him.

Read: Genesis 12:6-8

When Abram arrived in Canaan and traveled through the land that God was giving him, he knew that the Canaanites also lived in Canaan. The Canaanites were known to be a people of violence and sin. How unbelievable it must have seemed to Abram when God promised to give the land to his offspring. He had no offspring and the thought of overcoming the Canaanites must have seemed like an unachievable goal. In that moment, Abram chose to build an altar and reach out to God.

Many are in an overwhelming place and God is inviting you to the altar with Him. As new covenant believers, we are told in Hebrews 4:16 that we can approach God's throne with confidence. **Our altar with God is an intimate place of worship, consecration, and gratefulness. These moments are often where we choose to believe in faith when we cannot see.** As we seek Him, we hear His voice and draw strength for the continuing journey.

After building his initial altar, Abram traveled on and finally landed on a spot where he pitched his tent, *"with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east"* This place seems significant as Bethel means *"house of God"* and Ai means, *"heap of ruins"*. It is as if Abram's location tells us the struggle that must have raged inside of him. Would he really see the miraculous future God prophesied or would he end up in a *heap of ruins*? Would he repeat the mistakes of past generations or would he truly become a great nation and a man of blessing? It is no wonder that Abram chose to build another altar in that place and call on God's name. As we approach our own altar times, we are so blessed to have Christ living within us and a connection with God, the Father, beyond anything Abram experienced.

Pray: If you are experiencing any difficulty in your journey or overwhelming moments during transition, purposefully come to your own altar with Him today. Worship Him, express gratefulness for His faithfulness, then consecrate yourself, and receive His grace. Listen for what He wants to speak to you.

Read: Deuteronomy 6:22-23

When we are walking through transition, it is easy to be focused on our current circumstances and the turbulence surrounding us. Problems and difficulties in the shifting seasons can dominate our thinking and perspective. It can seem like the tunnel of transition is going to last forever, with little hope of light at the end, however these pressing moments are of great importance in our walk with God.

We are called to steward well, wherever we find ourselves in the process of changing seasons. Often how we steward the end of one season will determine our footing at the start of a new season. God has a purpose in bringing us *out* of our current season. He has a plan to bring us *in* to the new things He has prepared for us. If we could see an aerial view of a timeline of our lives, we would most likely be surprised at God's plan and orchestration of the events. **He has always been about bringing us *out* to bring us *in*. He is bringing us out of old mindsets, orphan thinking, religious bondage, abusive systems, and unhealthy patterns. He is bringing us into renewed thinking, sonship, freedom in His Spirit, maturity, and true Divine health.**

We can choose to take our eyes off our current pressing situations and focus instead on the goodness of God, our Father. He has been beyond faithful in the many moments of our lives to bring us out of darkness and into His wonderful light. Recounting our journey with Him gives us courage, gratefulness, and grace to believe Him for the next phase of the journey.

Pray: With gratefulness, recount today the many ways God has brought you *out* to bring you *in*. What things do you feel He is currently bringing you out of? Spend some time thanking Him for His faithfulness, receiving faith, grace, and courage for what lies ahead.

Read: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

In September we began the Jewish New Year 5784. The 4th letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the Dalet, meaning *door*. Doors are significant in this season and for this new year. Many have experienced great warfare and battles as they made their way towards the threshold of 5784. But if we continue to seek God's face and heart, we will receive instructions and the battle plans for making our way triumphantly through the doors that He is opening for us. We must set our hearts to choose life, holding fast to Him.

The enemy is intent on hindering and stopping the forward movement of God's people. He wants to render us powerless which he can only do through our agreement. Recently, the Lord has highlighted just how key our *agreement* is and why the enemy has worked overtime to bring about *disagreement*.

There has been an ungodly increase of dissension, factions, and broken relationships in the world around us, as well as within the Body of Christ. This is partly due to the unrighteous strongholds and principalities that have gained ground in our nation through ungodly agreements and choices. However, as believers, we are a part of a *different* kingdom. We belong to a Kingdom that is filled with righteousness, peace, and joy! **We can rise above the power of these ungodly strongholds by choosing righteousness and obeying the voice of our King Jesus.**

The enemy's plan is to derail the children of God before they can go through the doors God is opening. We must walk in humility and forgiveness, breaking all agreements with the enemy, and posturing our hearts to agree fully with our righteous King.

Pray: Take inventory of the relationships in your life. Is there anyone you need to forgive or any relationships that need mending? Seek God for how you can walk in agreement with Him and others. Commit to not allow offense to derail you or hinder you from walking through the doors God is opening.

Read: Matthew 18:15-20

Our agreements have the power to derail us or propel us, as we move forward on our journey into new things. In Matthew 18, Jesus teaches us how to deal with sin in our relationships with one another, so that we might walk in unity. He follows this teaching by talking about binding, loosing, and agreement in prayer and follows this with a parable on the importance of forgiving from the heart. These three teachings underline the importance of walking in unity and oneness, so that we might walk in power.

It is the power of agreement of two or more that unlocks the power of Heaven to fulfill the request made. It is the power of agreement that brings about the answers from Heaven. Disagreement and broken relationships short circuit that process and hinder us from stepping into the authority He intended for us. Jesus has clearly given us the keys to walking in unity and power.

Jesus promises that where two or three gather in His name, He will be there with them. We have the promise of His presence when we gather in agreement and we have the promise of answers from Heaven. Disagreements are inevitable as we journey together in times of transition. Thankfully, Jesus has given us the keys for godly relationships and walking in forgiveness that we might be quickly reconciled.

Pray: Is there someone you can agree with in prayer today? Remembering the power of agreement, pray for unity in our church and the Body of Christ at large. Pray that God would strengthen relationships and close any gaps where the enemy might try to cause division.

Read: Exodus 13:21-22

Have you ever thought about what it must have been like for the children of Israel to follow a cloud? They had left everything familiar behind, and walked into a completely new territory with no maps, or GPS, but instead a cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.

Almost overnight, they went from slavery to freedom, and yet, their freedom now depended entirely on following this mysterious cloud. The cloud would tell them when it was time to rise and move forward and it would show them when they were to stop and rest. It must have been comforting to know of God's constant presence with them and His faithfulness to guide them, but it must have produced a lot of questions as well.

There would be times in their journey where the cloud led them to places, they would rather not go. There were situations and circumstances that caused them to fear, grumble, and complain. The cloud didn't stop and explain to them why they had to go the direction He was leading them.

In times of change and transition, we sometimes find ourselves in situations that cause us to question whether God knows what He is doing. We are surprised when we encounter inconveniences or hardships along the way. We are frustrated when doors don't open quickly for us or the process seems to take too long. We may not realize that our responses in those times reveal heart attitudes that must be addressed if we are to mature and develop into powerful sons and daughters.

We are in a time to cultivate obedience and an awareness of the Spirit's work in our hearts as we are on this pilgrimage with Him.

Pray: Thank the Lord for His Spirit who is always with you. Make a fresh commitment to Him to follow Him in this time of transition, stopping when He stops, and moving when He moves. Ask Him for a heightened awareness of His Presence with you.

Read: Psalms 73:2 & 73:14-17

In this time of shifting and changing seasons, some may find themselves coming to a line in the sand and unable to cross over the line. Disappointments and unanswered questions from the former season may be looming in your mind and keeping your heart from fully trusting again. Like cataracts, the perceptions of these situations have caused a cloudy film over your eyes, making it difficult to see or discern the way to go. Like Asaph in the Psalm, your feet have almost slipped making you nearly lose your foothold.

It is difficult to move ahead when you don't see the way or when your experiences have taught you something other than truth. Loss of family members, prolonged sickness, financial setbacks, relational difficulties, and more have plagued many causing *hope deferred* to taunt and threaten to take up residence in hearts.

If you can identify and find yourself amid this swirl of difficulty and inability to see ahead, **God is inviting you into the sanctuary with Him. He is inviting you to trust Him again.** It is in this intimate place where He will speak and reveal His heart for you and bring understanding to your place of confusion. It is in this secret place with Him that He will pour His healing oil into your wounded heart.

Pray: Today as you meet with God, bring to Him any troubling situations or confusion from the past season. Leave things in His hands and listen for what He might speak to you. Receive His peace in this place with Him.

Read: Joshua 1:1-6

The death of Moses marked a new season for the Israelites and for Joshua. Though God's promises remained, the leader who would take them there had changed. God reinforces His promised inheritance to Joshua by voicing the incredible words, *"I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses."* (1:3)

Joshua must have needed a pep talk because God goes on to describe the parameters of the land, He was giving them, followed by His declaration to never leave or forsake him. If that declaration sounds familiar, it is because Jesus spoke something very similar to His disciples in John 14. In fact, the whole chapter of John 14 is centered around Jesus preparing their hearts for what He knew would feel like a loss when He would be crucified and gone from them, if even for a short while. Then, Jesus speaks these powerful words, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."* John 14:18-20

Joshua was able to walk in courage because of God's promise to never leave or forsake him. As believers, we can walk in even greater courage because of Jesus' indwelling Presence in each one of us. He is with us forever! Though we have inheritance and promises to see fulfilled here on earth, our eternal inheritance and destiny with Him, far outweighs that. As we journey into our promises and territories, He is giving to us, we must remember His indwelling Presence, being mindful to place our feet on every promise He has spoken.

Pray: What are the dreams, places, and territories that you feel God has spoken promises to you about? Pray today asking and receiving a fresh impartation of courage to place your foot everywhere the Spirit of God leads you.

Read: Amos 3:7-8

Though many are going through transition on a personal level, the Body of Christ is also going through a great time of transition. It is an intense season, and the feeling that something epic is transpiring is evident for those who are discerning of the times and seasons. Many prophetic voices have agreed that we are passing from one era into another. The Body of Christ is in a reset, stepping more fully into Her authority and who She is called to be as His Bride.

The Body of Christ is like a large ship and it can take a long time to make a turn. We may grow impatient, but God never stops working and moving us toward the goal. The Spirit of God is ushering in the new, making sweeping changes, and releasing His new wine. The wineskins are being prepared and the Body of Christ across every nation is making the giant turn, stepping into the new that God has prepared and ordained for this time.

The natural realm often prophesies what God is doing in the Spirit realm. Whether it is watching the news, or reading a news article, the world around us is also talking about shift and change. Words like *reset*, *new paradigm*, and the *changing of the guard* are just a few that we hear in news stories that prophesy in the natural the things that God is doing in the spiritual.

We can be grateful that God doesn't send us into new seasons without preparing and equipping us. **He heralds His move through His prophets and works through His Spirit to see that our hearts and minds are made ready.** He is a master conductor, orchestrating all things to assemble a Bride who is ready to take part in the greatest harvest the world has ever seen. The Lion of Judah Is roaring! Let us respond to His roar!

Pray: Today, listen to the Holy Spirit and pray in agreement with the Spirit for the Body of Christ. Pray that we are fully awakened and ready to gather the harvest with Him.

Read: Ephesians 2:19-22

I believe God in no way caused the pandemic we recently experienced, but as He promises to work all things together for our good, He will use it for our good and for His larger purpose. **A seismic pause occurred across the earth, giving way for a resetting of many things, including the Church.**

In a very real sense, God is *restocking the shelves of His Church*.

Sometimes a business will close its doors, taking inventory of goods, re-organizing, restructuring, and then restocking its shelves for a more profitable business. God is doing something similar with the Church right now. He is taking inventory of those things that are redemptive and those things that have eternal value. Some things have a clear *expiration date* and like some items in our refrigerators, they need to be removed to make way for the new things God is wanting to do.

God is also putting His Church in right order governmentally and restructuring leadership that has gotten out of alignment. **Jesus Christ was and is the Chief Cornerstone of the Church. All things must come into alignment with Him.** As the Church is being brought into alignment, the people of God are a major part of that alignment process. It is a sifting and shaking time, and a time of separating the wheat from the chaff. At the same time all this is occurring in the Body of Christ, there is also an epic clash between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. It is certainly a time of preparation and testing. It is a time to lean into Him.

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to give you His heart for the Body of Christ. Pray for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to rest on us all, so that we might know Him better. Pray that we walk in alignment with Him in our personal lives, our families, our churches, and our nation.

Read: James 1:2-5

Transition times usually involves tests. When we face a test, we need to ask ourselves the questions, *"What tools and revelation was I given in the former season that will help me in this current test?" "What mindsets and heart attitudes will reflect the values of My Father and His Kingdom?"* We have a choice as to whether we allow fear, anger, bitterness, judgment, and unforgiveness to be our primary response in our tests, or we can respond by the Spirit, with the fruit of the Spirit, as our grace-filled response. **Our tests will reveal if we have allowed these truths to become part of who we are and part of the arsenal of weapons He has given to us.** When we have not absorbed and embraced the revelation from our former seasons, we may have to repeat our tests.

"Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her beloved?" Song of Songs 8:5a

As we advance in this time of transition, the one leaning on their beloved has surrendered pride and self-effort, finding that the only way to navigate the unknown terrain of their life is by *leaning* on Him. This position of leaning is a vulnerable and intimate place. There is a yielding involved, and a depth of intimacy that is only found when true yielding has been our heart's response to Him.

Tests reveal what you know, but more than that, they reveal who you are presently, and where you might need adjustments as you grow in your heart knowledge of Him. Tests reveal where we are in our journey of faith. **A good teacher does not test you on material that they have not taught or covered in class. God is the same way. He wants to see you understand and grasp what He is revealing, so that you go fully prepared into the next season He has for you.**

Pray: Are you facing a test right now? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the things He has taught you in your former season. Draw strength from His grace to see you through your tests and into your next season.

Read: 1 Samuel 24:1-7

David was anointed King, then waited nearly 15 years before he became King. God did not waste those years, but used them powerfully in David's life to continue shaping him into the leader he was called to be. David endured many things during this incredibly long transition season. Many times, he must have been tempted to give up and admit defeat.

Hatred and jealousy consumed King Saul and he wanted David out of the picture, completely. David found himself in a test when Saul entered the dark cave, where David and his men hid. What happened next reveals David's tender heart towards the Lord as he was conscience-stricken over his choice to cut off the corner of Saul's robe. It seems clear that David passed his test that day as he even took things a step further, fully humbling himself before Saul outside of the cave.

We can learn a great deal from this encounter between David, Saul and God. **God is not looking for someone who never makes mistakes, or we would all be disqualified. It is our heart attitude and posture after our mistakes that reveals much about whether we will keep moving forward or regressing backwards in our walk with Him.** When we are in times of transition, especially when it involves our chance at promotion, it can be tempting to try and take things into our own hands. But Scripture tells us that God is the one who promotes. Our own efforts to "hurry things up" or "pull a few strings" to manipulate things is never a good plan. God is working deeply in hearts in this time of change. His question to us is most likely the same as it was to David, "Will you trust Me?"

Pray: Are you in a situation where you or a loved one is waiting for promotion? Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you with grace to wait on the Lord's timing. Ask Him for any steps of obedience that you are to take as you wait. Thank Him that His ways and timing are perfect and confess your desire to fully trust Him.

Read: Deuteronomy 8:7-9

The theme of abundance exudes from this passage spoken to the children of Israel. The land promised to them would be characterized by gushing springs, grains, fruits, oil, and honey. Even greater than this is the promise that they would lack nothing. The promise land journey of the Old Testament is a beautiful prophetic picture for us as New Covenant believers. Our promised land is to be a place of blessing, fruitfulness, and abundance.

Many are transitioning into new lands and walking into the fulfillment of their promises. There is a *crossing over* from those things that have held us in bondage and a letting go of orphan or slave identities. We are true sons and daughters of God who are learning to walk by faith and how to be led by His Presence. It is through our place of connection that we begin to learn of our Father's supernatural provision and supply.

We are stepping into new lands of greater fruitfulness and abundance. It is God's desire for us to thrive and flourish in this land.

Like the children of Israel, it is His heart that we lack nothing. He is teaching us how to steward His blessings so that they go on to produce even greater increase for His Kingdom.

The children of Israel had riches that would need to be mined from the rocks and hills of their new land. God had purposefully placed and hidden wealth and provision for them ahead of time. It was just waiting for them to move in and discover. God has wealth and provision set aside and hidden for you as well. Just as the Israelites were told to walk in obedience and revere God, we will step into our land of abundance as we walk in obedience and honor towards Him.

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you about accessing His supernatural provision and supply. Repent of any poverty mindsets or limited thinking concerning God's provision for you. Receive a fresh impartation of His desire to cause you to flourish and thrive. Commit to steward your blessings for increase to expand His Kingdom.

Read: Numbers 13:26-30

It is inevitable that as we transition into new assignments and new lands that we will encounter obstacles. What matters is what we do with those obstacles and what our view is of them.

At God's command, Moses sent an exploratory group into the land that God was giving to them. There was wisdom in assessing what they would encounter when they arrived, and God wanted them ready and prepared.

The report from the land mentioned both the fruitfulness and abundance there as well as the presence of the fortified cities and their enemies. We need to take notice and see the full prophetic picture here. The enemy will almost always be stationed near or inhabiting our own promised land. He may not present himself as a physical enemy, but the resistance to entering our land will almost always be felt and experienced.

This whole transition journey is part of our growth experience in learning to reign with Him. God is raising up overcomers and not defeated sons and daughters. **How we assess our own land and the enemies that stand against us is KEY to fully becoming the overcomers He created us to be.** We know that Caleb and Joshua were the only ones who saw the land through the eyes of their prophetic promises. God had promised to give them a land flowing with milk and honey. But He never promised that there would be no enemies to defeat, or a battle to take the land.

God's promises stand firm and are our ground to stand on when we face our own enemies at the entrance to our lands. Our confession needs to be like Caleb's, *"We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."* (Num.13:30)

Pray: What do you see when you assess your own promised land? Ask today for eyes to see your land through your prophetic promises. Seek God for His strategy to overcome any obstacles so that you can take the land.

Read: Numbers 13:30-33

It is true that we will act out who we believe we are. It is also true that others will often treat us in the same manner that we see ourselves. We can learn from this that it is vital how we see ourselves in overcoming and taking our land. The grasshopper mentality was so strong in most of the spies who checked out the land. They were convinced of their own *smallness* and were convinced that others saw them that way as well.

Sometimes we can be our own greatest enemy, and this was true of the spies. What they believed about themselves became the gamechanger for them in whether they would attempt to go in and take their land. Their belief in their *smallness* had the power to keep them from pursuing the fullness of their prophetic promises. They stopped believing what God had said, and instead chose to focus on themselves, allowing comparison with their enemies to rob them of their destiny.

The spies based their assumptions on what *seemed* to be true. (vs. 33) An exchange had already been made in their thinking. They exchanged the truth and promise of what God had said with what they assessed with their natural eyes and what *seemed* to be true. Anytime we choose to do this, we are on a downward journey moving further away from our destiny. A course correction is required. That course correction involves repenting (changing the way we think) and choosing instead to trust what God has said.

Pray: Repent today of any negative agreements you might have made about your own abilities, potential, *or smallness*. With the Holy Spirit, review today what you *know* to be true and declare God's faithfulness to you and your loved ones. If you feel led, make this declaration, "*I should go up and take possession of my land, for with God, I can certainly do it!*"

Read: Numbers 14:1-9

A negative spirit can be very contagious. Negativity can quickly infect a crowd and spread like cancer. The Israelites who listened to the negative reports from the spies were infected and then overcome with a spirit of fear as a result. Numbers 14 reveals just how widespread the pessimism spread among the Israelites that day saying it was “all” of the members of the community and the “whole” assembly that were affected.

We know that a generation of those who wandered in the desert were not able to enter their promised land. The book of Hebrews tells us that *“they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief”*. (Heb. 3:19) Make no mistake, our beliefs are a serious matter to God. He has provided the absolute best for us and given us His word and promises so that we *know* the way to go. Psalm 119:105 says, *“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path”*, but our journey with Him always requires faith and it always requires trust.

We have seen that times of transition are also times of testing. Our tests may reveal a heart that is prone to negativity, doubt, and unbelief, or they may reveal a heart growing in faith and trust.

Joshua and Caleb were confident that, “if the Lord was pleased with them”, He would lead them into the land He had promised them. Even so, they operated under the Old Covenant where God’s approval was based on following the law. How much more confident should we be as New Covenant believers who are forgiven, redeemed, covered by His righteousness, and blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

Pray: What negative reports present themselves when you consider God’s assignments for your life? Ask the Holy Spirit for eyes to see your new land with belief, faith, and trust. Write down any scriptures He gives you to declare when the enemy speaks his negative reports to you.

Read: Joshua 3:2-4

The Israelites must have been beyond excited as they camped, waiting to finally move forward into their promised land. It had been a very long journey since the initial group of Israelites followed Moses out of Egypt. There had been many mistakes and hardships all along the way. Yet, God was with them guiding them by day with a pillar of cloud and by night with a pillar of fire.

The ark of the covenant signified the Presence of God. Joshua and the Israelites were given instructions to watch for its movement and then follow it. They had no other roadmap or directions, but to follow the ark with the Presence.

Though we have sophisticated navigation systems available, we are in the same predicament as we transition into new seasons. **We have never been this way before and our dependence must be fully in God's ability to lead us if we are to arrive at our destination. We are to watch for signs of His movement and Presence, moving out to follow Him.**

Once again, we are reminded of the relational aspect of following Him in transition. Stepping into new things is not a time to strike out on our own, but a time to draw near to hear His plans, ways, and methods. He will empower us to be fully equipped and prepared for every aspect of the journey.

Pray: Today acknowledge your dependence on God as you move forward in transition. Ask for a sensitive spirit that would be aware of the promptings of His Spirit to lead and guide you.

Read: Joshua 3:9-17

The day had finally arrived for the Israelites to step into their promised land. As Joshua gathers them to hear some final instructions from the Lord, the words once again were filled with promise. God knew what they would encounter on the other side of crossing the Jordan and is strengthening their faith ahead of time. God promises ahead of time that He would drive out their enemies. All the “ites” would be taken care of by their Mighty God.

Once again, the ark of the covenant would go into the waters ahead of them on the shoulders of the priests. By this time in their journey, the Israelites knew that the ark going ahead of them also meant that the Presence of God was going in ahead of them.

It must have been a scary thing to step into the cold waters of the Jordan. **The waters were at flood stage, the perfect time to cross in God’s plan. It was the perfect backdrop for an astounding miracle as they all witnessed the waters piling up before their very eyes.** God even provided dry ground for their crossing!

We can draw from this scenario that our own entrance into the fulfillment of our prophetic promises will often be marked by opposition and warfare, as well as God’s Presence, protection, and miraculous provision. If it feels like things are at *flood stage* as you survey crossing your own Jordan, watch for His Presence to go before you and believe that He will pile up your waters, drive out your enemies, and give you dry ground for your crossing.

Pray: Thank God today for His faithfulness in your life. Recount all the ways that He has been faithful to you. Ask Holy Spirit for a keen awareness of His Presence going ahead of you as you cross over into new things. Receive His battle strategies and trust Him as your Deliverer.

Read: Joshua 6:1-5

It may have come as a bit of a surprise to the Israelites. The land that God had “given” to them would have to be “*taken*” one city at a time. They would still have to fight to obtain their land.

There was a huge wall around Jericho, this city that was “delivered” to them. The people of Jericho had undoubtedly heard of the Israelites coming and securely barred their gates to keep them from entering.

Our promised lands will also have to be *taken* by us. The enemy knows of your movement forward and will surely attempt to bar the gates of your land, keeping you from entering. Just as the people of Jericho feared the Israelites, the enemy’s efforts to stop you reveal his fear of you and your advancing of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus spoke a powerful truth to His disciples saying, “*...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*” (Matt. 16:18b) The gates that the enemy erects to attempt to keep you out of your destiny and promised lands will not overcome you when you follow the battle plans and strategies of the Lord. The battle plans to overtake Jericho must have appeared foolish to the people of Jericho. But faith combined with obedience created a supernatural exchange with Heaven that took down the walls.

Changing seasons, shakings, and transition demand our dependence on God to make it through the maze of circumstances we encounter. What a Mighty God we serve Who is more than able to bring us through to the other side and into our land!

Pray: Are you in the process of “taking your land”? Are there walls surrounding what has been promised or given to you? As you pray, commit to obey, and follow His specific battle plans. Thank Him in advance for walking with you step by step.

Thank you for participating in Pray 21 Days in 2024. May you receive a fresh impartation of God's grace and strength for your journey with Him. May you step into greater courage and tenacity of spirit to go the distance with God to see your prophetic promises fully realized and fulfilled.

"By faith, Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Hebrews 11:8-10

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