

#1

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Do you know that God has positioned His Church to win?

- Many people are still looking for a plan.
- They are still trying to find direction.
- They are spending their life looking for answers.
- They are trying to decide what way to go.

#2

Galatians 5:1
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I have been telling you that God wants you to succeed and be excellent.

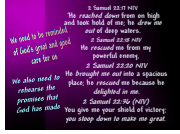
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#3



You need to be reminded of God's great and good care for us.

We also need to rehearse the promises that God has made.

As David was facing new battles, conflicts, and enemies he needed to remind himself of God's faithfulness.

When we are going up to new heights we need to go through this same process.

Throughout 2 Samuel 22, David brings to mind the things God had done for him.

We need to take this exercise serious in our life situations.

David was not just looking at God as the Creator, but as One powerful to save.

David recognized that he was the object of God's mercy and grace.

God was looking over him for good.

God had delivered him from his enemies.

2 Samuel 22:17 NIV "He ***reached*** down from on high and took hold of me; he ***drew me out*** of deep waters.

2 Samuel 22:18 NIV He ***rescued*** me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

2 Samuel 22:20 NIV He ***brought me out*** into a spacious place; he ***rescued*** me because he ***delighted in me***.

2 Samuel 22:36 (NIV) You give me your shield of victory; ***you stoop down to make me great***.

You need to know that you are living in the grace and favor of God.

You need to know that He is good.

He can reach down to where you are.

No waters are too deep for Him.

#4

David did not start great. He was the least of his family. Samuel was the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." David knew that God had brought him into his position. God stooped down to make him great.

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When you look at David's life, you can see the dramatic effect God had on his life.

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As a child, David did not appear to be in line for anything great.

When Samuel went to Jesse's house to anoint a king, all of the other sons were more favorable.

Eliab looked good on the outside.

Then Abinadab, Shammah, these were the three elder sons of Jesse.

Ultimately, seven of Jesse's sons passed in front of the Prophet Samuel.

But Samuel said: ***"The Lord has not chosen these."***

Finally, Samuel says: "Are these all the sons you have?"

Jesse said, "There is still the youngest, but he is tending the sheep."

1 Samuel 16:12 (NIV) So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, ***"Rise and anoint him; he is the one."***

God stooped down to make him great.

From that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.

David knew what God had done in his life.

David touched the harp and sweet melody came from his fingers, but God moved his hands.

#5

David could say "The Lord was with me." Have you ever felt that others had an advantage that you did not have? God intervened in David's life to make him great. God's Spirit rested on him in power.

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From the moment Samuel poured the Anointing oil on David's head, God's Spirit rested on him in power.***

Throughout his life, David could say: “the Lord was with me.”

When he faced the lion and the bear, the Lord was his deliverer.

When he stood on the battlefield against Goliath, the Lord strengthened and guided him.

God’s covenant with David demonstrated again that God had made him great.

When he faced great battles, the Lord was his shield and strengthened his arm.

The Lord was his support.

David said the Lord was his defense, refuge, and help.

Regardless of the test, trial, or battle, God never ceased being the source of David’s strength.

When troubles overwhelmed his soul, David’s strength came from the Lord.

Have you ever felt that others had an advantage that you did not have?

They did not have to face the battle you had to face.

They did not have to go through the fire like you.

They were born blessed.

We all must admit that life does not seem to be fair.

Some people seem to have a resilience, grace, and blessing others don’t seem to have.

What is going on?

#6



John 1:16 (NIV) From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

1 John 4:4 (NIV) You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Each of us need to examine what God has prepared for us.

Psalm 31:19 (NIV) How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV) However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”

Can you take God at His Word?

Are you willing to test His faithfulness?

We need to keep a balance here.

It is important for each one of us to understand this. Things are going to happen in life will stretch your faith.

Sometimes your soul is going to hit the wall.

No amount of strength or pressing will move the problem.

Things are going to come into your life that will pull you from every side.

Often those things are just the warm-ups that prepare you for future challenges.

They are a point of reference that keep you from panic.

They help you know that God has not failed.

#7

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV)
But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

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Psalm 37:28 (NIV)
For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off.
Psalm 125 (NIV)
Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

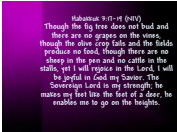
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Listen to the prophet Habakkuk.

His words sound familiar.

#9



Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV) Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

#10



What are David and Habakkuk saying?

Are they saying: **“God is going to insulate me from troubles?”**

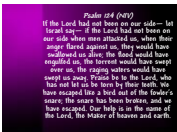
Are they saying: **“I am not going to be tested and tried?”**

Are they saying: **“Every blessing, all the time?”**

Are they saying: **“It doesn’t matter, bad things are still going to happen, so what’s the use?”**

These men of God are saying the only way to find stability in life is with God.

#11



Psalm 124 (NIV) If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say— if the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us, when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive; the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away. Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler’s snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

*This is not a funeral dirge.
It is not even a sad song.
This is a song of praise to our God.*

*Men may attack us.
Floods may come.
Wars and fighting may take us in.
Sickness and disease may ravage our
bodies.
Satan may attack with a vengeance.
But, God is faithful.
God has put us in the position of a victor.*

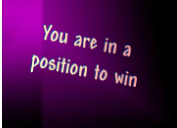
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*There is still hope for you.
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#12



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