



Staying Under God's Blessing

(In the Midst of Chaos)

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In part 4 we left off in Luke Chapter 5, toiling for a living. Toiling is making a decision(s) out of fear, anxiousness, not having enough, taking care of yourself, God will not provide, no hope... don't make decisions based on toil. We learned in part 4 that Simon (Peter) didn't have to move locations to get his Blessing, he just had to obey the Words that Jesus spoke and cast out his net(s) even though it didn't make sense in the flesh.

All Peter had to do was trust Jesus even though he had already tried (the Bible says toiled all night) in his flesh with what he knew to do. But when he listened to Jesus, **AND was obedient** he just didn't have barely enough, he had to get more people for the haul or abundance of what God had supplied.

Proverbs 10:22 KJV

22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22 AMPC

22 The blessing of the Lord—it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it].

Rich defined: plentiful; abundant; copious, ample, liberal, generous, bountiful; More than enough.

Rich in all areas of your life: relational, physical, financial, emotional, relational and spiritual or your spirit man - enough for the temporary assignment - our life is temporary

3 John 2 KJV

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2 AMPC

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.

Now, we are going to delve into this more...

Romans 4:13, 16 KJV

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace;

Romans 4:13, 16 AMPC

13 For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith.

16 Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor)

Now, over the last couple of weeks we have gone through the definition of rich.

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In the 8th Chapter of 2 Corinthians Paul says you need to abide in this grace also for it was Jesus who was rich and became poor so in His poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9 AMPC

9 For you are becoming progressively acquainted with and recognizing more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied).

Remember, it is the Blessing of the Lord that maketh rich... (Rich in mercy, love, peace, healing. Rich in all areas of your life: relationships, health, finances.). So now we begin to see something here when the apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit said to them, “God is able to make all grace abound towards you”.

2 Corinthians 9:8 KJV

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

2 Corinthians 9:8 AMPC

8 And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

Paul is giving us vital information in Hebrews on what we need to do ...

Hebrews 4:16 KJV

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 AMPC

16 Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God’s unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

It doesn't say come boldly and fall down before the throne of grace, it didn't say come crawling into the throne of grace, it says ***come boldly to the throne of grace***. That means come in here and sit down, you belong here. Why? so that you or that we, you and I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. There's the key to the grace...

Romans 4:16 KJV

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all

Now, remember what we talked about in Galatians 3...

Galatians 3:28-29 KJV

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 4:17-18 KJV

*17(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which **be not** as though they were.*

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Faith is the activator of the Blessing, Abraham's faith activated Abraham's blessing - it still does. Abraham is the faith father of all of us. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us for as it is written in:

Galatians 3:13-14 KJV

13 Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

What promise? ...

Romans 4:13 KJV

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world

Now stay with me – we are working on something...

The basic fundamental of faith begins with something that you can't see or feel.

Romans 10:17 KJV

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 AMPC

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

That basic fundamental is *“calling things to be not as though they were”*.

Now what’s behind that? We’re learning and now we’re growing and we need to understand it. Because, when you “call things to be not as though they were”, the moment you do it by faith, the blessing is activated, the promises that were made unto Adam in the garden to multiply, replenish, subdue are activated and it will work 24 hours a day. All we have to do is stop talking death, fear and doubt and saying it can’t be done.

Jesus said, “launch out into the deep, throw in your nets for a haul. (Luke Chapter 5)

It’s working, the Blessing is working. Jesus didn’t say “OH God help me I’m helpless, what am I going to do. No, He just said it and He called “those things” (things are Words from the Bible or Promises in the Word) to be not as though they were.

We are talking about the Blessing without measure. We tend to walk in measure, by what we see and it’s not because God’s holding out on us it’s because we are, I am ignorant to the Word. It is a lack of knowledge, lack of vision – BUT, we’re growing AMEN?

Hosea 4:6 KJV

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:

We are a whole lot more powerful than we think we are because it is no longer I that liveth but Christ that liveth in me. By renewing our minds, we're learning to trust, we're learning to expect and now we are putting together all the pieces as we fully understand how it all works.

You meditate on God's Word day and night and you will observe how to do the thing that God has called you to do – that's what God told Joshua...

Joshua 1:8 KJV

*8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe **to do according to all that is written** therein: **for then** thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

I want to take you to a classic teaching on faith by Jesus in the gospel of Mark.

Mark 11:23-24 KJV

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

*24 Therefore I say unto you, Therefore I say unto you, What **things** so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have it.*

This isn't name it and claim it (remember, if ye abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done) if you are abiding in Christ, you're questions, what you are asking, are going to be totally different than someone is doing *toil based living*.

Mark 11:24-25 KJV

*24 Therefore I say unto you, What **things** so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have it. .*

Now, He said there are conditions to this...

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive,

The Blessing is love dependent, Oh, how I love thy law (if you love me keep my commands - faith) – you can't toil (anxious, fearful, anger, act like the world,) when people persecute you. The more you learn about this, grow in your walk, more responsibility in the kingdom of God, the more you're going to get persecuted...

Well, How am I going to do that? HE said cast the whole of your care over to me unto the mighty hand of God; casting the whole of your care over on him or stop toiling, stop worrying, stop acting like the world. He demands you and I in His Word to walk in humility.

1 Peter 5:5-7 KJV

5 ...be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Stop toiling like you're under a curse (without a Blessing) because Jesus became a curse for you (got the blessing back). He became poor so you could be rich or walk in the blessing again. So give Him all your toil and start working or doing things the Kingdom of God way.

That is the Word of God and it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks about you. You go cast your care on Jesus and it doesn't matter when people go behind your back, talk about you, your kids or your past.... that doesn't have nothing to do with nothing. (Nothing means no-thing or not in the Word)

Who cares what anyone says about you, you should care what God is saying. When people start doing that and talking about it - don't listen. The darkness doesn't like the light. Jesus said don't be surprised when they hate you – they hated me.

Remember it's really not about you, Jesus said so himself in Mark 4...

Mark 4:17 KJV

17 ...affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake ...

Satan is trying to stop the Word of God in you, so he can stop the Word from producing in you which stops the Blessing from getting in his way. That's what the whole issue is about – it's not a gossip issue, it's not my family is bad issue, my finances are terrible issue, **it's a Word of God issue.**

John 20:24-25 KJV

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

*25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except **I shall** see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side*

I will or I shall, 2 huge words. I will, my will, me, I will take care of it, I don't see how God is going to take care of my needs? Then, how do you figure you can do it?

Psalms 127:2 KJV

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Now, let's go back to where Thomas said "I will not believe."

John 20:26-29 KJV

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, (he went right thru the door) and stood in the midst, and said, Peace (shalom: to prosper, to excel, to be made whole- peace is a blessing. Jesus walked in there and said be blessed.) Peace be unto you.

*27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: **and be not faithless, but believing.***

He wanted to see something, but you can not base faith and the Blessing on what you see – the Blessing changes what you see. Remember Elisha and his servant surrounded by the Syrians.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Just like Simon Peter from last week, when he didn't have the faith until the fish were in the net and he knew he didn't have faith...

*29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.***