

Living in God's Promises is the Next Level **Acts 12,2 Co.1.20-22**

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2 Cor 1:20-22 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. NASU

The promises of God are alive and awaiting us even now and these promises are a part of the Next Level we acquire as friends of God. The place the world finds itself in today is alarming and begs for both our faith and our compassion. Faith to stand and believe God in the midst of the situation and compassion to reach out to those who are suffering. It is this duality of life that is God's open door for change, deliverance and revival. If God can find a people who will operate in the promises of God by faith, He will release to them the resources needed to produce the powerful catalytic release of His anointing.

It is this all encompassing purpose to expand the kingdom of God and destroy the kingdom of the enemy and begs the question - Why are we in a recession?

1. To destroy the "other gods" that people have exalted so they will seek Him!
2. To release us into something that only this current set of situations can release.

A place where we experience God in spite of the circumstances can bring us into promises that we had given up on or decided that it wouldn't happen for us. A place where we introduce others to His promises in the midst of this current social, mental and financial recession.

Now is the time... This is not the time to get ready, get ready, get ready.
Now is the time to be ready, be ready, be ready!

I must now pursue the presence of God like never before because this is where my fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore exist! The church must get its eyes off of God's hand and get it on God's heart because when we get His heart then He will release what's in His hand.

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1. You are already God's friend and that's your breakthrough!

- We spend too much time waiting on what we already have
Don't get caught up in church talk! My blessing is coming...my breakthrough is on the way... I'm going to the Next Level.
You're there and now you just have to learn how to live there!

- What could be more powerful than being God's friend?
[Gen. 18.17 Shall I hid from Abraham...../ James 2.23](#)

- The key to your change is knowing who you are! [Num. 13.33](#)
When you walk into that place of limitations you have to see yourself coming out with complete victory!

2. You are already in the promisedland!

The difference in lack in the Promised Land and the Wilderness is simply this. In the Wilderness lack is the absence of resources, in the Promised Land lack is the absence of knowledge.

Lazarus was raised by Jesus but released by men. Jesus can change your Condition but you have to change your Course!

- Sometimes the devil sees more in you than you see in yourself!
[James 2.19,20](#)

Peter walks in the jail and Herod has lost his mind. Sixteen guards in order to have four fresh guards every six hours or every shift! In solitary confinement in the most guarded place. Why?

- Guards in your prison are not a sign of failure but a sign of potential! [Numbers 13](#)

God knew you would be wondering if you had made it to the Promised Land. You would have questions along the road of life. So He set up signs big enough for you to see exactly where you are!

- Odds against us are God's attempt at getting glory!

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3. Time to get up quickly!

The angel walks into the prison with purpose and power. He strikes Peter and commands that he not only get up but get up quickly. There is the defining moment of your life that comes often times in the midst of great turmoil and distraction but this is when the promise is about to be revealed.

- We usually have no idea how critical our response might be.

{Read the page from book where your Mom woke you up}

- We have no idea what we're capable of doing until we do it!
If I could get up I would already be up!

- We can't see how powerless our enemies have become until we get up!

Herod knew Peter was a threat. The Canaanites knew the Israelites were a threat.

Numbers 13.33/Joshua 2.10,11

God is determined to release you into something that you have longed for your entire life but never thought it would be...