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All believers should have a living relationship with the Lord through prayer, intimacy, intercession, watching, listening, soaking and worshipping. BUT SOME GO DEEPER and further.

Ezekiel 47:1-5

"3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. 5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed."

Some go ankle deep – just pray occasionally.

Some knee deep – prayer is more important and regular.

Some up to the waist – listen to the Lord's heartbeat. Some all the way in – are swept along by the current, go in all the way and develop a lifestyle of intercession.

DIFFERENT PRAYER STYLES AND DIMENSIONS

1 Timothy 2:1

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone." (NIV)

& Matthew 7:7-8

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

THOSE THAT WAIT - Identify with God and needs. Go deep to get a strategy for practical action and deliverance. Are prophetic and specific.

THOSE THAT ARE GENERAL AND ARE USED BY THE LORD TO

Present the needs directly to Jesus for Him to carry out the intercession. Carry the larger burden as they do not have the time to go into intercession. Are pastoral and caring.

ALL BELIEVERS ARE CALLED TO FUNCTION AS A PART OF A BODY

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Moses, Aaron and Hur interceded while Joshua led the battle

Exodus 17:9-13

"And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the

hill with the rod of God in my hand." 12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."

Jethro showed Moses he did not need to function independently

Exodus 18:12-24

"So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?" 17 So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good. 18 "Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you."

Jesus requested prayer support

Matthew 26:36-40

"38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 40 Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

The Lord told Moses how to include everybody -

Numbers 2:1-34

"And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 2 "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting."

HOW THEN DO WE SERVE?

God is doing away with "super star" ministries. We must function in unity and harmony.

Intercession is not singled out in any of the listings of the gifts as all should enter into a session with God. Prayer and intercession is not an office. Prayers and intercessors help and aid all.

Old differences and titles are fading. Everyone has an orderly place honoring authority.

Church leadership should specify how and to whom to submit prayer requests.

Regular feedback and confidentiality is critical. **Ezekiel 33:6-8** Guard against elitism.

Prayers are servants not an elite group. Elitism leads to pride.

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Where would you say that you are in your prayer life right now?

Are you an occasional prayer mainly in times of need?

Are you consistent in your prayer life?

Are you beginning to move into intercession?

Are you a mature intercessor?

How would you define a prayer or an intercessor in your own words?

Would you say that you are called to prayer, intercession or both?

Looking at the life of Jesus would you say that prayer should be an optional part of our life or that it is a necessity?

Do you have a prayer chain and an intercessory group in your church?

What gifts or talents do you have that enhance your prayers or intercessions?

notes

**BE LIKE A HEAVENLY SYMPHONY
KNOWING YOUR PART
AND INSTRUMENT**

A symphony plays the same composition, stays together and follows the conductor.

Matthew 18:18-20

"19" I also tell you this—if two of you agree [harmonize together, together make a symphony] down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, my Father in heaven will do it for you." [Amplified Version]

WE MUST BE UNITED in our requests

Psalms 133:1

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! For there the LORD commanded the blessing – life forevermore."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Matthew 12:25

"But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand." (NKJ)

WE MUST BE SPECIFIC in our requests

Matthew 18:19

"I also tell you this – if two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, my Father in heaven will do it for you."

**THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US TO BE
UNITED AND SPECIFIC AS WE**

ENTER A SPIRIT LED LIFESTYLE

Romans 8:14

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

Romans 8: 26-27

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Ephesians 6:18

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

BECOME TRANSPARENT BEFORE THE LORD AND OTHERS

1John 1:7-9

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

ARE STILL BEFORE HIM – LISTEN – WAIT AND WATCH

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 A fool's voice is known by multitude of words." (KJV)

Psalms 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God!"

Matthew 26:41

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

CONFESS ANY SIN

James 5:16

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

LET HIM LEAD US TO FOCUS ON THE LORD IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Psalms 100:4

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

Submit our burdens to the Lord and receive His burden

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

BE LED OF THE LORD

John 10:4

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

Isaiah 30:21

"Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

The Holy Spirit helps us pray through one topic at a time by getting to the root of the problem.

We can be effective by:

- Listening to what others are praying and staying on the same topic. We can pray quietly with the Spirit if it is comfortable.
- Not rushing onto another topic until we have prayed through what we are given.
- Keeping our prayers short so that everyone can follow in one specific flow.
- Keeping our groups small. If the whole group is larger than six, it is better to form smaller groups of three to five people so that everyone can participate.
- Allowing the Lord to give us scriptures, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, visions, etc. in order to develop our gifts.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Describe group intercession according to **Matthew 18:19-20**.

From your knowledge of **Matthew 18:18** what does binding and loosing in prayer mean?

From **Psalms 133:1-3** and **Matthew 12:25** why is it important to have unity in your intercessory prayer group?

Why is it important to be specific in your prayer and intercession?

The _____ helps us to be united and specific in our intercession.

Who are the sons of God according to **Romans 8:14**?

The _____ prayer of a righteous man _____ much. **James 5:16**

According to **James 5:16** what hinders prayer from being answered?

How does the Holy Spirit lead us as our conductor into a life of prayer? 7 steps.

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)
- F)

List the 5 steps in conducting a small intercessory prayer session.

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

Do you have a prayer partner with whom you can intercede? If not, ask God to lead you to one.

SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

MOSES, AARON AND HUR

Exodus 17:8-16

"9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 and so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed."

ISRAEL

Judges 20: 26-28

"Then all the children of Israel, that is, all the people, went up and came to the house of God and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. 27 So the children of Israel inquired of the LORD saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

JEHOSHAPHAT

2 Chronicles 20:1-25

"3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. 5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court. 14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. 15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 'Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. 17 "You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."

DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS

Daniel 2:17-23

"Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven."

THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 4: 24-31

"So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things?

26 The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.' 27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. 29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

Acts 13:1-3

"2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."

GROUP SESSIONS EXPERIENCED

Praying for men to - required warfare.

For an outreach - received requests.

For an upcoming outreach - prayed for safety.

For provision - received a rhema word.

About specific personnel and equipment - was given specific names and equipment.

For South African church – given a vision, scriptures, discernment and words.

HELPFUL AIDS TO SUCCESSFULLY ENTERING INTO A SESSION AS A GROUP

Fasting

Judges 20:26-28, 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 and Acts 13:1-4

Be sensitive and helpful to others in your group.

Keep a journal - encouragement and follow up.

Allow groups to report back – keeping confidentiality.

Matthew 7:6

"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."

HELPFUL AIDS TO SUCCESSFUL GROUP INTERCESSION

Your responsibility ends when you give what you got.

Ezekiel 33:6-7

"But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand." 7 " So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me."

Guard against becoming critical and judgmental.

Discern true burdens by knowing that God leads, He doesn't force.

Don't be afraid of silence before the Lord.

Psalms 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Do not rush. God's timing is critical

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

& Isaiah 52:10-12

"12 For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What is a good number for an intercessory prayer group size?

List 5 steps by which an intercessor can develop a lifestyle of intercession.

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)
- E)

TRAVAIL DEFINED

Is not a light call –

The discomfort that accompanies travelling and birth is often misunderstood and taught

Weeping spontaneously from your innermost being

May not be understood

1 Samuel 1:10, 12-13

"And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. 12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk."

Is a spiritual birthing process

1 Kings 18:42

"Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." 44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"

Can be a continual burden carried.

1 Samuel 1:7

"So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat."

& Daniel 10:1-3

"In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks."

It touches God's heart

Ezekiel 9:4

"The LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

Is followed by joy

John 16:21

"Whenever a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a child has been born into the world."

WHAT HAPPENS SPIRITUALLY WHEN WE TRAVAIL?

We are positioned to see what's going on spiritually.

Micah 4:8

"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."

Given responsibility to watch, respond, identify and bring forth His purposes.

Micah 4:9-12

"Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counselor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. 10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. 11 Now also many nations have gathered against you, who say, "Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion." 12 But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, nor do they understand His counsel; for He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor."

We are to take militant action strengthened by the Lord.

Micah 4:13-5-4

"Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. 5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. 2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth." (KJV)

God transfers His burden. This calls for commitment no matter the cost.

WHO CALLS US TO TRAVAIL?

Jesus our Bridegroom

Isaiah 54:5-6

"Your Maker is your husband, the Lord Almighty', and 'the Lord has called you'."

PURPOSES FOR TRAVAIL TO KNOW GOD'S PLANS AND PURPOSES

Micah 4:12

"But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor."

NEW CONVERTS TO BE CORRECTLY BIRTHED

Isaiah 37:3

"They told him, "This is what Hezekiah says: This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as when children come to the point of birth and there is no strength to deliver them." (NIV)

Describes the church today.

NEW CONVERTS NEED TO BE CORRECTLY BORN

John 3:3 and 3:5

"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

FOR TRUE REPENTANCE

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

"10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

MATURITY

Hebrews 5:12-14

"You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others, but instead you have dropped back to the place where you need someone to teach you all over again the very first principles in God's Word. You are like babies who can drink only milk, not old enough for solid food. And when a person is still living on milk it shows he isn't very far along in the Christian life, and doesn't know much about the difference between right and wrong. He is still a baby Christian!" (TLB)

DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WILL AND PLAN

Jeremiah 6:24-28

"We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail. 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side. 26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. 27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters."

& Jeremiah 9:13-21

"And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; 14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them. 17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: 18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out. 20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation. 21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets. (KJV)

PURPOSES FOR TRAVAIL FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN

Luke 23:26-31

"Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. 27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." especially in these days.

WE SHOULD TRAVAIL UNTIL WE

BREAK THROUGH AND BRING FORTH

Micah 5:3

"Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel." (KJV)

SEE NEW CONVERTS CORRECTLY BIRTHED

Isaiah 37:3

"And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.'"

SEE NEW CONVERTS AND OTHERS ESTABLISHED

Isaiah 62:6-7

"I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

SEE CHRIST FORMED AND MOLDED IN THOSE WE ARE TRAVAILING FOR

Galatians 4:19

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." (KJV)

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What have you learned the most about in this teaching?

What is travail in intercession?

What happens spiritually when we travail according to **Micah 4:8-5:4**?

According to **Isaiah 37:3** why are many new converts aborted?

Who are the weeping women in **Luke 23:26-31**?

How long must we travail according to **Micah 5:3** and **Galatians 4:19**?

Have you ever experienced travail?

WE ARE ABLE TO ENTER INTO TRAVAIL

WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS OUR MIDWIFE

Romans 8:26-27

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CLOTHED IN GOD'S ARMOR

Micah 4:13

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Ephesians 6:10-18

RESULTS OF TRAVAIL

BACKSLIDERS WILL RETURN

Micah 5:3

"Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel."

NEW CONVERTS WILL BE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE LORD

Micah 5:4

"And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth."

GOD'S STANDARD WILL BE RAISED UP

Isaiah 59:19

"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in, like a flood the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him."

RESULTS WILL BE SEEN IN HIS TIME

1 Samuel 1:20

1 Samuel 1:18

"20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."

Isaiah 53:10-12

"11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

Daniel 10:12

"Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words."

JOY AND ENLARGEMENT IS EXPERIENCED

Isaiah 54:1-3

"Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." (KJV)

Psalms 126:5-6

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

John 16:21

"Whenever a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a child has been born into the world."

CLOSING WORDS

Beware of false travail and opening up for a religious spirit and self, especially if you are emotional or going through crises.

Always allow the Holy Spirit to lead you, don't force your emotions. The spirit of the prophet.....

Understanding what is happening to you or to others will give you a sense of peace and allow you to flow with the spirit and not quench it.

Sensitively support people in travail as a midwife until they experience a breakthrough. Don't feel condemned if you don't travail the Spirit must lead you into it.

If you are in a large meeting and feel that you are going to travail, quietly leave the room and go to a private room in which to continue in travail.

When you begin to travail do not stop until you have a release, even if people try to stop you.

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

How are we able to enter into travail according to **Romans 8:26-27** and **Micah 4:13**?

What results come from travailing in prayer?

What should you do if travail comes on you when you are in a large meeting?

Should travail ever be stopped before breaking through?

Do you experience travail regularly or just periodically?

Have you ever had any bad experiences in travail?

notes

As men our roles change from being boys – to men – to fathers and then - grandfather.

1 John 2:13-14

"I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one."

Each has greater responsibility and order and different functions.

Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Ephesians 6:2

"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise."

1 Timothy 5:1

"Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers."

Proverbs 31:23

"Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land."

Psalms 68:12

"Kings of armies flee, they flee, And she who remains at home divides the spoil."

Proverbs 13:22

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous."

MY PREPARATION FOR ENTERING INTO A SESSION WITH GOD

1988, after seven years of preparation, the Lord gave me understanding. Few men were openly involved.

'Rees Howells Intercessor' by Norman Grubbs and Kjell Sjoberg inspired me.

1991 God called for men like Daniel challenging me.

Since I have heard many testimonies of how God is calling men E.g. ICCG.

NEED FOR CORRECT ROLES AND ORDER

God is releasing knowledge about the role of men so they can be living examples. Strong, godly men are vital in these last days. Incorrect family roles have broken down the family unit causing wounding in relationships.

HOW GOD USED SATAN'S STRATEGY

Man was given authority by God to have dominion over all things, including his family.

Man trespassed and lost it for a season, but Christ restored it.

Matthew 28:18-20

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 16:19

"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Genesis 1:26 & 28

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Psalms 8:4-8

"What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas."

WHAT HINDERS MEN FROM FUNCTIONING AS THEY SHOULD?

- Deception
- Pride
- Ignorance
- Perceived Inferiority Complex
- Jezebel
- Busyness
- Lack Of Vision

WHAT KIND OF MEN DO WE NEED TO BE RAISED UP?

WITH THE CALEB SPIRIT

Numbers 14:24

"But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it."

LIKE EPAPHRAS

Colossians 4:12

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

UNRECOGNIZED UNCOMPROMISING ONES

1 Kings 19:10, 14 & 18

"14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." 18"Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Isaiah 49:21

"Then you will say in your heart, "Who has begotten these for me, Since I have lost my children and am desolate, A captive, and wandering to and fro? And who has brought these up? There I was, left alone; But these, where were they?"

WATCHMEN IN THEIR CORRECT POSITIONS

Isaiah 62:6-7

"I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

GOD IS RESTORING FAMILY ORDER

For the final battle and revival to take place God is restoring His correct order in all areas of life, beginning with the family unit and the Church

Psalm 68:12

"Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil." (KJV)

The men of valor need to arise

Joel 3:9-13

"Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up."

For the family unit must be restored

Malachi 4:5-6

"See, I will send you another prophet like Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful judgment day of God. 6 His preaching will bring fathers and children together again, to be of one mind and heart, for they will know that if they do not repent, I will come and utterly destroy their land." (TLB)

WINNING THE WAR AT HOME

FATHERS NEED TO BLESS THEIR CHILDREN – if not blessed, by inference they are cursed. ABRAHAM BLESSED ISAAC

Genesis 24:1-9

"Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

ISAAC BLESSED JACOB

Genesis 27:1-4 & 32-35

"Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am." 2 Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. 3 "Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. 4" And make me savory food, such

as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

32 And his father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" So he said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." 33 Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him – and indeed he shall be blessed." 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me – me also, O my father!" 35 But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

GOD BLESSED JESUS AT HIS BAPTISM AND ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Matthew 3:17

"And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 17:5

"While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Following these examples let's ask the Lord to show us how to bless our children.

MEN ARE TO BE PRIESTS TO THEIR FAMILY

MEN ARE TO BE THE HIGH PRIEST IN THEIR HOME knowing God personally.

1John 2:13-14

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ABRAHAM WAS A PRIEST FOR HIS FAMILY

Genesis 18:17-19

"And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18"since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and

justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

FATHERS ARE TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

"Therefore you shall lay up the words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 "You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Why is it important for husbands and wives to stand together in intercession?

Describe the Daniel kind intercession found in **Daniel chapters 1, 6 and 9.**

From **Genesis 1:26-28, Psalms 8:4-8 and Matthew 28:18-20** how was God's plan for the role of man undermined by Satan, especially in prayer?
What can hinder men from becoming intercessors?

From **Numbers 14:24, Colossians 4:12, 1Kings 19** and **Isaiah 62:6-7** what kind of men do we need in intercession?

From **Psalms 68:12, Joel 3:9-13 and Malachi 4:5-6** how is God restoring order to the family unit and the church?

Using these scripture references: **Genesis 22:16, 24:1-9, 27:1-46, Matthew 3:17, 17:5** and **2 Peter 1:17** how can fathers win the war by blessing their children?

From **1 John 2:13-14, Genesis 18:17-19, 23:1-9** and **Deuteronomy 11:18-19** how can men be priests to their families?

Have you ever taken time to bless your children and/or to seek God for a specific blessing for them.

Do you see any signs of rebellion in them as they are crying out for a blessing?

There are distinctions between elders and fathers. All elders are fathers, but not all fathers are elders. Elders were promoted to have responsibility beyond their family and had more authority.

MEN NEED THEIR ELDERS AS MODELS TO

PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, DIRECTION DISCERNMENT AND HELP

Deuteronomy 25:5-12

"7 *"But if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.'* 8 *"Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him; and if he stands firm and says, 'I do not want to take her.'"*

PLACED ALONGSIDE BY THEIR WIVES

Proverbs 31:23

"Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land."

SUBMIT TO AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Ephesians 5:25 - 6:4

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

HELP THEM FATHER THE COMING GENERATIONS

1 John 2:13-17

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SET THE EXAMPLE FOR MEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

Titus 2:1-13

"But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. 6 Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you."

PASS ON A RICH INHERITANCE / PROMISE

Galatians 3:18

"For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise."

& 2 Timothy 2:2

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

There is a need and desire to be fathered as Moses fathered Aaron and Joshua, Elijah fathered Elisha, and Paul fathered Timothy.

MEN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE TIMES THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN

1 Chronicles 12:32

"Children of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command."

GOD TOLD ABRAHAM THAT HIS FAMILY WOULD BLESS ALL NATIONS

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12:2-3

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The family builds towards destiny affecting their community ultimately.

AWARE OF HIS DESTINY ABRAHAM MADE SURE HIS SON GOT THE RIGHT WIFE

Genesis 24:1-9

"Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

FATHERS SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE AS ABRAHAM WITH ISAAC AND HIS SERVANT

Genesis 22:1-18

"Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 And He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son-- 17 "blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Genesis 24:12-14 & 48

"Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 "Behold, I stand here by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14 "Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And

by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master." 48 "And I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. "

SONS WILL FOLLOW THEIR FATHER'S EXAMPLE

ISAAC PRAYED FOR REBEKAH AND BLESSED HIS SON'S

Genesis 25: 20-21

"Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. 21 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived."

& Genesis 27:1-4

"Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am." 2 Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. 3"Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. 4 "And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

BATTLES CAN DEVELOP WITHIN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

TENSION AND STRESS AROSE BETWEEN ABRAHAM, SARAH AND HAGAR

Genesis 16:1-16

"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. 4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."

BETWEEN SARAH AND HAGAR

Genesis 21: 8-12

"So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac." 11 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called."

OVER ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT BLESSING

Genesis 25:23-34

"And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger." 24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. 25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

WE NEED TO WIN THE WAR AT HOME FIRST

Ephesians 5:22-6:8

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart 9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

A FATHER'S INIQUITIES CAN AFFECT HIS FAMILY

Exodus 34:6-7

"7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." (KJV)

Deuteronomy 23:2

"One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the congregation of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the congregation of the LORD."

IDENTIFYING INIQUITY

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

We to get to the root not attack the symptoms.

Judges 16:24-30

"26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them." 27 Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there—about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed. 28 Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!" 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left."

**EXAMPLES OF FAMILY INIQUITIES –
ABRAHAM'S AND JUDAH'S FAMILY**

Abraham – deception through fear of man and lack of prayer.

Genesis 12:10-13 and **20:1-5**

Isaac deceives the men of Gerar.

Genesis 26:6-7

Jacob deceives his father and he steals his brother's blessing.

Genesis 27:30-36 Jacob's uncle

Laban, his uncle deceives Jacob out of his wife.

Genesis 29:18-25

The sons of Jacob deceive the Shechemites and then their father.

Genesis 34:13-17 and **37:31-33**

HOW TO CLEANSE THE ROOTS OF INIQUITY

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR DISCERNMENT AND HELP

ASK THE LORD TO HELP YOU SEE HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

REPENT FOR IT AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16

"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results." (TLB)

FAST ABOUT IT

Isaiah 10:27

"It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil."

Isaiah 58:6

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?"

Matthew 17:21

"However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

ASK FOR A CHANGE OF HEART AND BEHAVIOR MAKING IT YOUR ENEMY.

Psalms 51:10

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Hebrews 1:9

"You have loved righteousness and hated {iniquity} lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Romans 6:12-13

19 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (KJV)

RELEASE BLESSINGS REPLACING THE INIQUITIES

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LIFE APPLICATIONS

Using the following scripture references:

Deuteronomy 25:5-12

Proverbs 31:9-31

Ephesians 5:22 and 6:4

1 John 2:13-14

Titus 2:1-11

2 Timothy 2:2

Write a page on why men need godly elders to give them direction and leadership in becoming the high priest of their home.

How did Abraham set a good example for men to know God's plan and purpose for their family?

Share two examples of a father's iniquities affecting their families found in the bible.

How do we deal with roots of iniquities?

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WOMEN PROTECT THE MEN OF WAR

Jeremiah 31:22

'A female shall compass [woo, win and protect] a man.'

Ziporah protected Moses

Exodus 4:24-26

"And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Ziporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!" 26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!" – because of the circumcision."

Rahab helped the spies

Joshua 2:1-24

"(But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.)"

Abigail protected her husband

I Samuel 25:1-44

"23 Now when Abigail saw David, she hastened to dismount from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground. 24 So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. 26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal." 28 "Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. 29 "Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling. 30 "And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel 31 "that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

ADAM WAS TO PROTECT EVE

Genesis 2:15-18

Genesis 3:6-7

EVE WAS TO DESIRE THE PROTECTION OF HER HUSBAND

Genesis 3:16

WOMEN PREPARE THE MEN FOR WAR

Women had wisdom and special talents

Exodus 35:25-26

"And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. 26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair."

Through counsel, direction, wisdom, discretion and advice.

I Samuel 25:33

and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed, and from avenging myself by my own hand. [NAS]

Jesus had women who assisted him

Luke 8:3

"Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance."

Luke 26:27-28

"And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him."

Paul lists some of the women who helped his ministry

Romans 16:1-18

"Help her in every way you can, for she has helped many in their needs, including me. 3 Tell Priscilla and Aquila hello. They have been my fellow workers in the affairs of Christ Jesus. 4 In fact, they risked their lives for me, and I am not the only one who is thankful to them; so are all the Gentile churches."

WOMEN ENCOURAGE WITH PROPHETIC SONGS AND INSIGHT

MIRIAM'S VICTORY SONG

Exodus 15:20-21

Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21 And Miriam answered them: "Sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!"

DEBORAH'S SONG

Judges 5:1-31

Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying: 2 "When leaders lead in Israel, When the people willingly offer themselves, Bless the LORD! 3 "Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I, even I, will sing to the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

These songs protect the men from pride.

WOMEN HELP BRING THE MEN OF WAR INTO THEIR RIGHT PLACE

Esther was chosen and prepared:

Feared going in to the king but finally went covered by Mordecai and her people

Esther 4:1-17

She is given the Lord's strategy

Esther 5:1-8

Acts in the Lord's way and timing and is rewarded

Esther 7: 1-10

Finally, Mordecai is raised up into his rightful place of authority

Esther 10:1-3

And King Ahasuerus imposed tribute on the land and on the islands of the sea. 2 Now all the acts of his power and his might, and the account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.

Esther's work is completed.

WOMEN CALL THE MEN OF WAR TO BATTLE

Deborah was used to call Barak to battle and confirm what he was to do

Judges 4:1-24

The Woman Publish The Word

Psalms 68:11

'The Lord gives the word of power; the woman who bear and publish the news are a great host.'

Fear, intimidation and insecurity rob men of their rightful position and being in order. Often a reason for defeat.

Proverbs 31:23 The women should permit the men to sit in the gates with the elders.

The men of war need to be known within their cities.

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Explain how Zipporah's intercessory act protected Moses and saved her son's life in **Exodus 4:24-26** and **Genesis 17:14**.

How did Abigail protect her unrighteous husband in **1 Samuel 25:1-44**?

How did Rahab intervene in helping the spies in **Joshua 2:1-24**?

How did Miriam encourage the Israelites in **Exodus 15:20-21**?

Discuss Deborah's intercession in saving her nation found in **Judges chapters 4 & 5**.

How did Esther intercede in saving her nation from becoming extinct?

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How you are covering your husband or wife?

What gifts have you received from the Lord for use in blessing others?

What is your attitude in regard to submission? Is it outward or inward?

How do you encourage others after a time of victory or defeat?

Have you been led to pray for your partner to come into their right position?

How do you motivate each other to go into warfare?

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PROVERBS 31:10-31 SHOWS US MUCH ABOUT HOW THE WOMAN FUNCTION

V10 A capable, intelligent, and virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels and her value is far above rubies or pearls.

V10 The value of the women of wisdom and discernment is shown.

V11 The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently and relies on and believes in her securely, so that he has no lack of [honest] gain or need of [dishonest] spoil.

V11– Men of war find security, trust and safety in these women of wisdom.

V12 She comforts, encourages, and does him only good as long as there is life within her.

V12 – She is prophetic (**I Corinthians 14:3**) meeting all her husband's needs.

V13-14 She seeks out wool and flax and works with willing hands [to develop it]. She is like the merchant ships loaded with foodstuffs; she brings her household's food from a far [country].

V13-14 – She is an active person, seeks out what's needed and is not a hindrance.

V15 She rises while it is yet night and gets [spiritual] food for her household and assigns her maids their tasks.

V15 – Her priority is to get spiritual food for her household.

Job 23:12 – He esteemed words from the mouth of God as important.

Luke 10:38-42 – Like Mary, she chooses the good portion.

Priorities are evaluated to set the correct atmosphere in the home

V16 She considers a [new] field before she buys or accepts it [expanding prudently and not courting neglect of her present duties by assuming other duties]; with her savings [of time and strength] she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard.

V16 – She expands prudently and plants—thus moving from spiritual to the physical. She discerns what is God inspired, not "good" inspired—by knowing His priorities. By not taking on more than she can handle, she only does what God calls her to do. She is not manipulated by man's appointments.

17 She girds herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] and makes her arms strong and firm.

V17 – She is strengthened and understands the need to be balanced.

V18-19 She tastes and sees that her gain from work [with and for God] is good; her lamp goes not out, but it burns on continually through the night [of trouble, privation, or sorrow, warning away fear, doubt, and distrust]. She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

V18-19 – She works with and for God 'not for needs'

She does God's will and wants him to be acquainted with her **Matthew 7: 21-23**

She can be seen as a 'wise virgin' **Matthew 25: 11-12**

She knows (yada) her God. She knows that she can handle all things with His help.

V20 She opens her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her filled hands to the needy [whether in body, mind, or spirit].

V20 – She has hands that are filled and she is equipped to meet every need. **Isaiah 61:1-3**

V21 She fears not the snow for her family, for all her household are doubly clothed in scarlet.

V21 – Her correct relationships and priorities allow her family to face any season.

22 – She makes for herself coverlets, cushions, and rugs of tapestry. Her clothing is of linen, pure and fine, and of purple [such as that of which the clothing of the priests and the hallowed cloths of the temple were made]

V22 – She is a woman of holiness and has holy garments to meet needs.

V23 Her husband is known at the gates of the city when he sits among the elders of the land.

V23 – With the right home base, her husband can go to war covered by her. Men are able to take their correct position. The women will be secure when both of them are in their correct function.

V24-25 She makes fine linen garments and leads others to buy them; she delivers to the merchants girdles [or sashes that free one up for service]. Strength and dignity are her clothing and her position is strong and secure; she rejoices over the future [the latter day or time to come, knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it]!

V24-25 – She rejoices over the future as she knows her family is ready. We need to know that our security is in God. The men of war can jeopardize valued relationships because of their busy-ness.

26 – She opens her mouth in skillful and godly Wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness [giving counsel and instruction].

Proverbs 20:18 Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

V26 – She is skilled in Godly wisdom, kindness, counsel and instruction.

The men of war need this advice to protect themselves.

27 – She looks well to how things go in her household, and the bread of idleness (gossip, discontent, and self-pity) she will not eat.

V27 – The men can overcome when the women are in their right position.

28-31 - Her children rise up and call her blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied); and her husband boasts of and praises her, [saying], Many daughters have done virtuously, nobly, and well [with the strength of character that is steadfast in goodness], but you excel them all. Charm and grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised! Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates [of the city].

V28-31 – She reaps the rewards of her labors.

John 15:15

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

After reviewing **Proverbs 31**, ask God to help you to organize your priorities, be active, more supportive, and to bless your home as He would like you to do.

Reflect on how you could improve your communication.

If you don't have an intercessory partner, ask God to lead you to one.

As a woman how can you encourage the men in your life to take their rightful role as the spiritual leader according to **Proverbs 31:10-31**?

How did Mary play the role of intercessor in **Luke 10:38-42**?

How can a good intercessor not take more than she can handle and only do what God wants her to?

notes

Explain [Jeremiah 10:17-22](#) How can you apply this to your life?

How can the enemy use haste in our lives?

How do you see yourself overcoming haste?

What was wrong with Martha's service?

How important is our attitude in serving God?

How does performance hinder us from a Yada walk with Him?

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