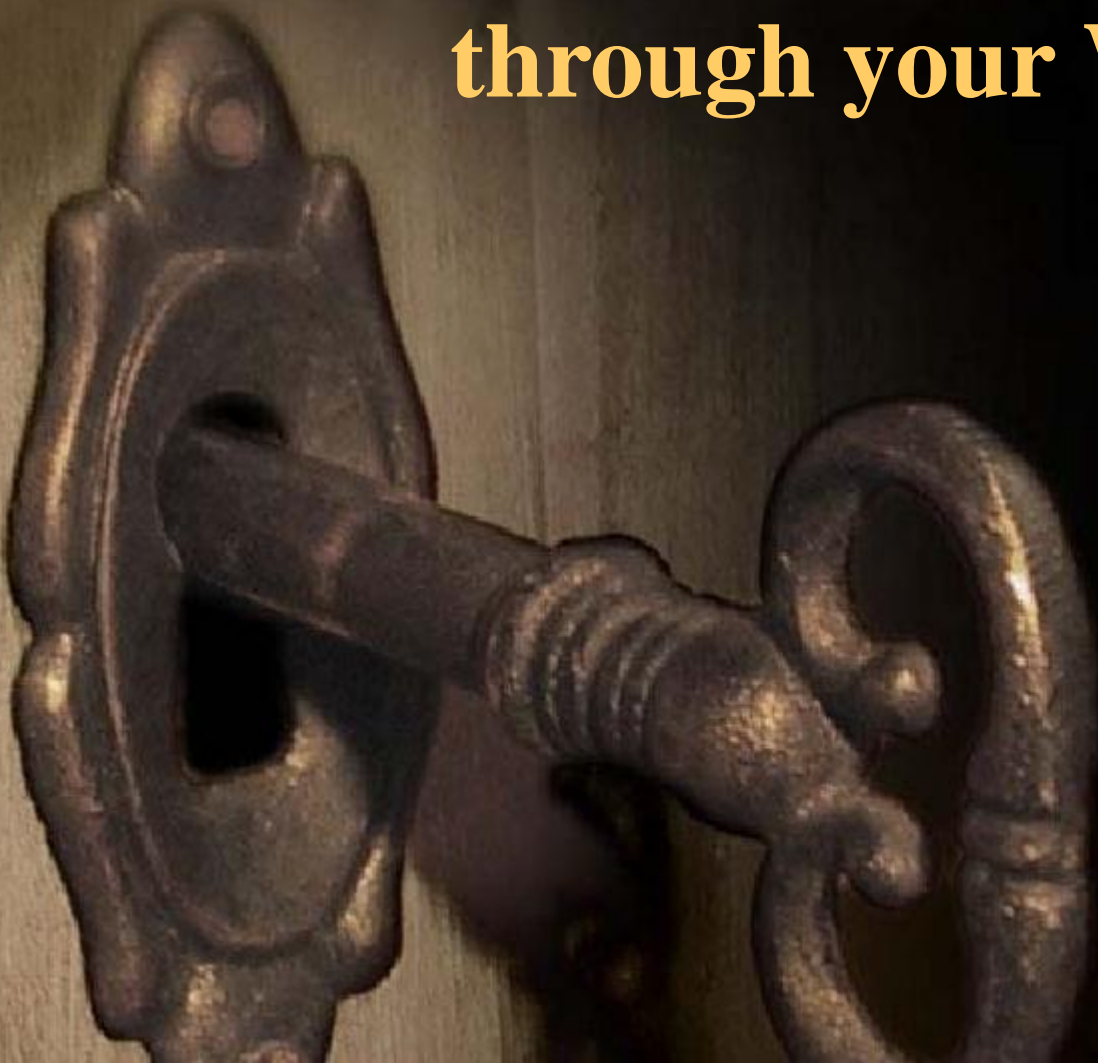


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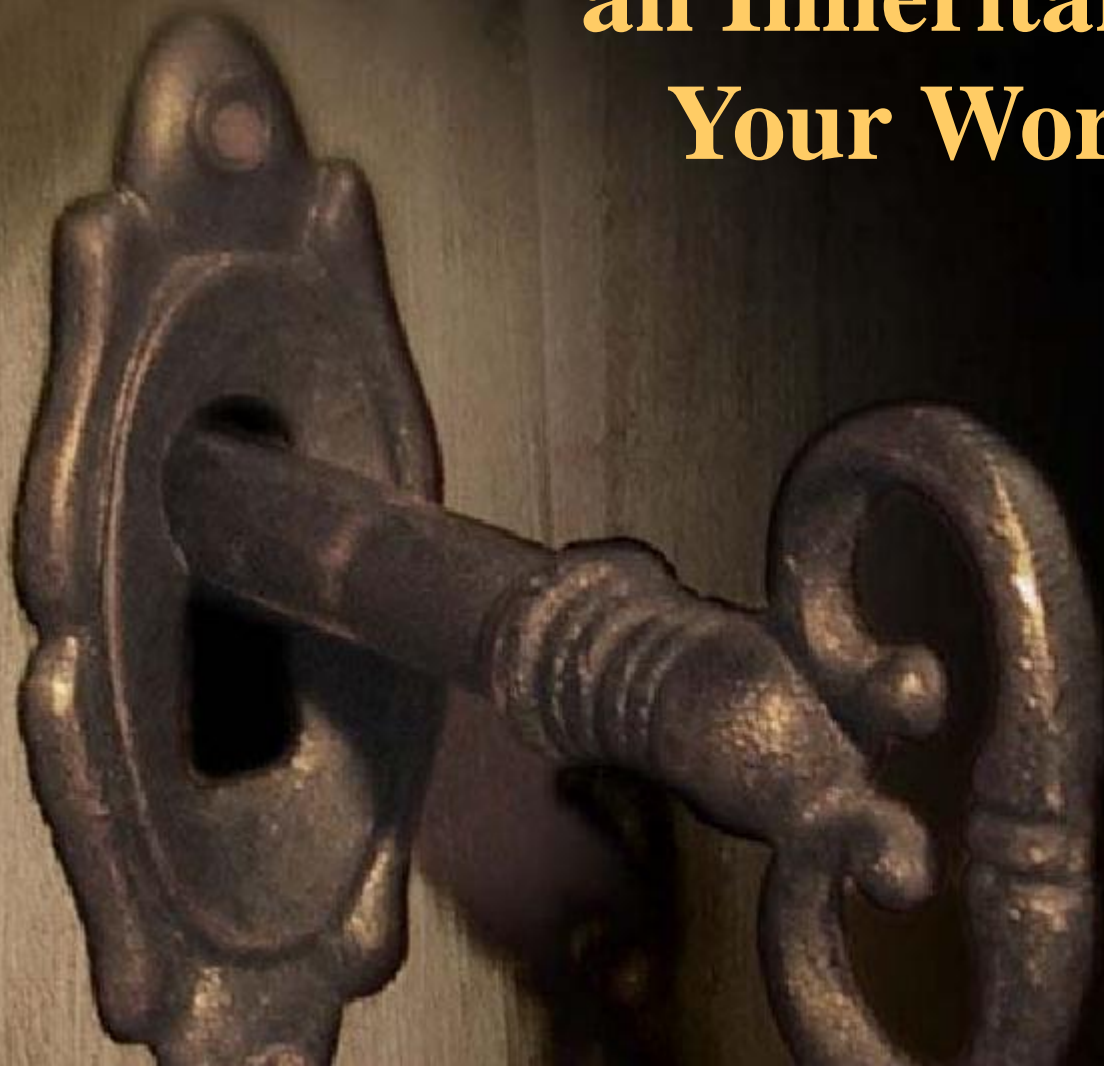
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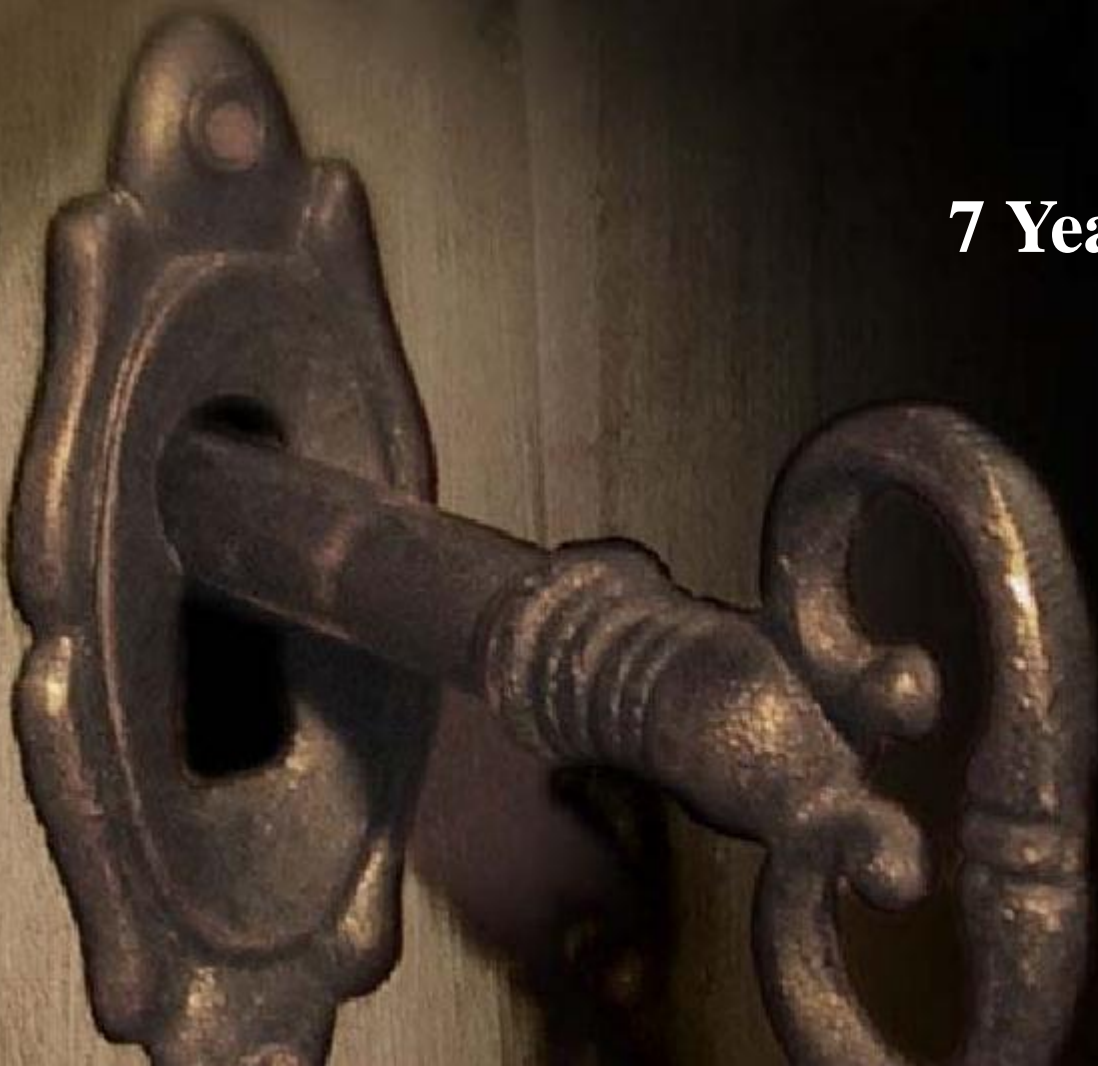


**God wants You to Receive
an Inheritance through
Your Work Life Call**



“God never gave you that property.”

7 Year Process



It Was a “Perfect” World that Was to Last Forever

“Adam and Eve were placed in the garden with a mission. God said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.’ It was God’s intention that as they bore more children, who also lived under God’s rule, they would be extending the boundaries of His garden (His government) through the simplicity of their devotion to Him.

The process was to continue until the entire earth was covered with the glorious rule of God through man.”

Bill Johnson, *When Heaven Invades Earth*, p. 30



God Created Us with Seven Primary Needs:

- 1. Dignity**
- 2. Authority**
- 3. Blessing & provision**
- 4. Security**
- 5. Purpose & meaning**
- 6. Freedom & boundary**
- 7. Intimate love & companionship**
- Genesis 1&2



First Violation of Receiving Inappropriately

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves (Gen 3:6-7).

Jesus redeemed all that was lost. (LK 19:10)



Our Inheritance Comes from God

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that **you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”**

Col 3:23-24



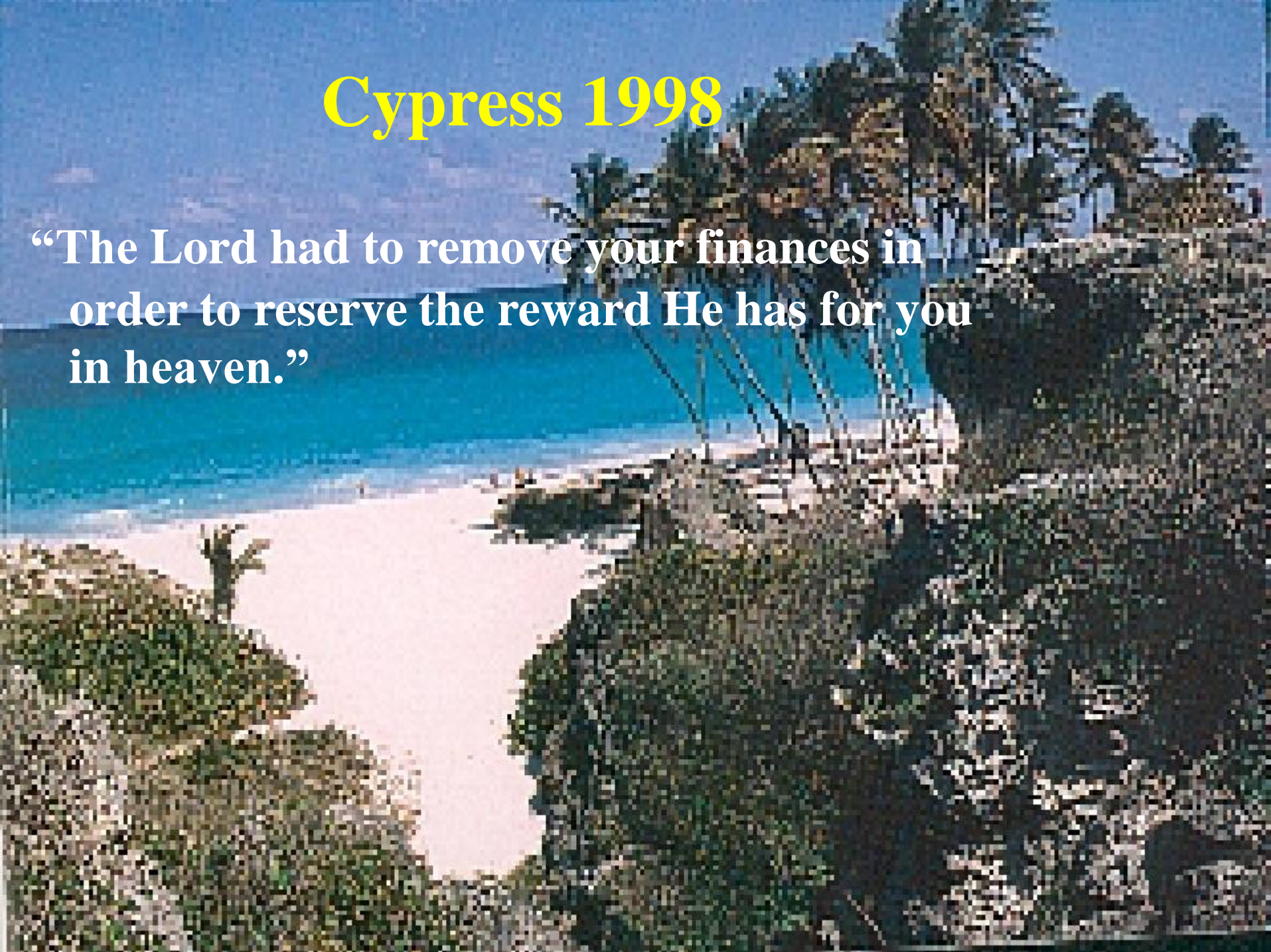
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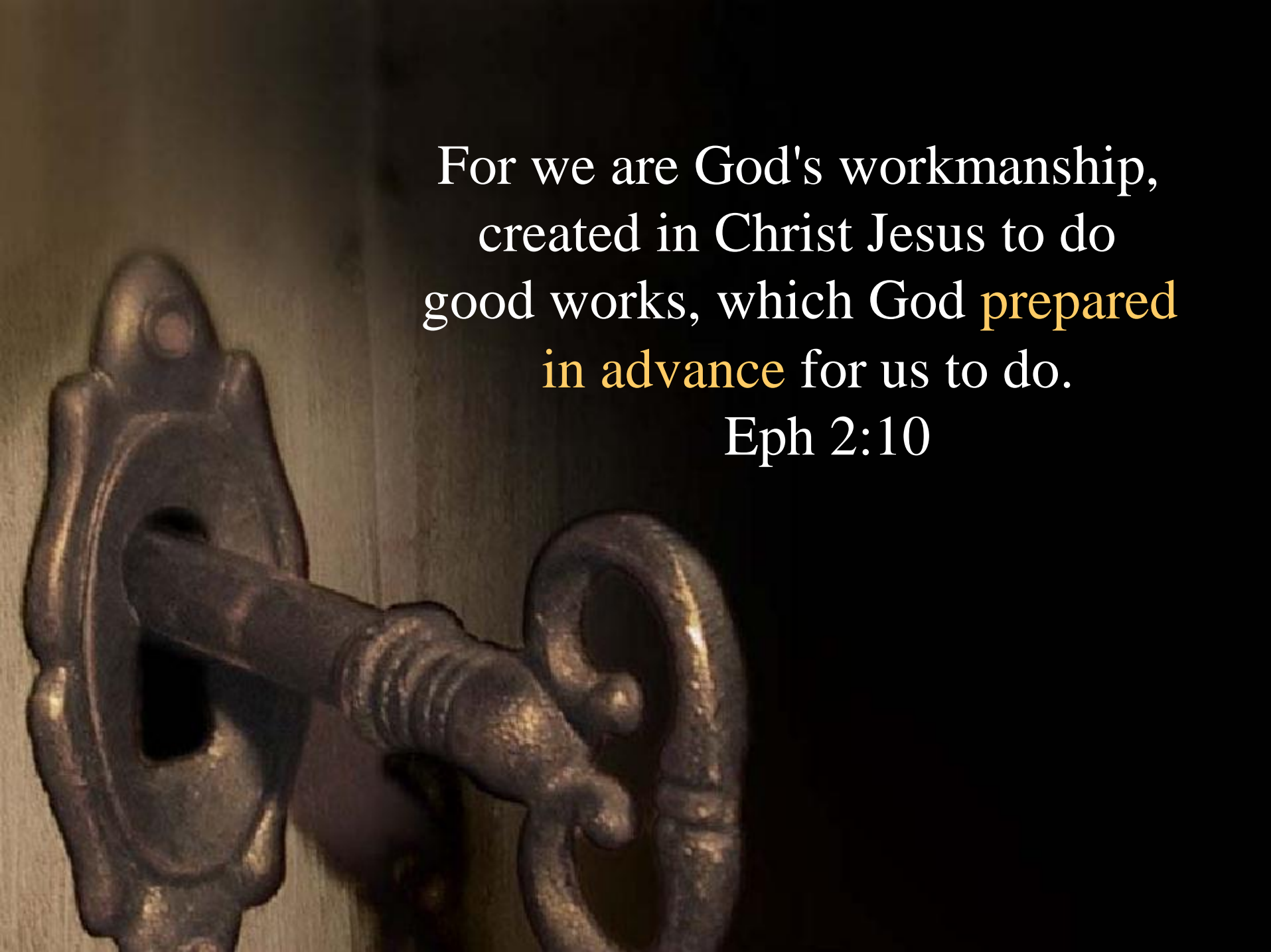
“something to which one is entitled as heir”



Cypress 1998

“The Lord had to remove your finances in order to reserve the reward He has for you in heaven.”





For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God **prepared
in advance** for us to do.

Eph 2:10

Jesus Is a Worker

My father is always at his work to this very day, and I too, am working.

John 5:17

He fulfilled the work He was called to do.

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. **John 17:4**

...I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.
John 14:31



2. Ethics/Integrity

Ps 51 "Truth in the inward parts..."

Daniel 6

"So distinguished himself ..."
Dan. 6:1

Spiritual Homerun

4 Attributes of a Work Life
Minister

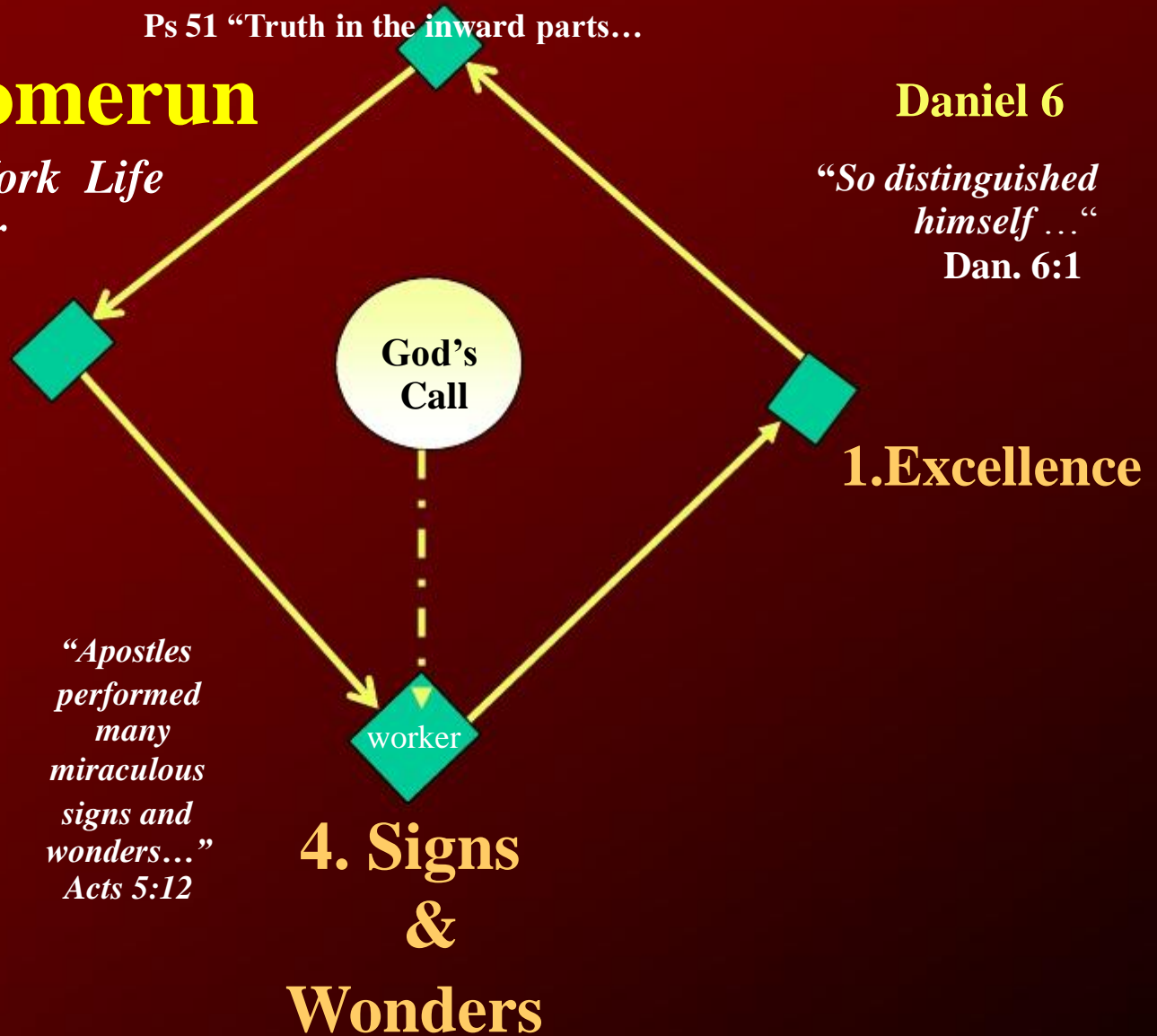
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Extravagant Love/Service

"Whoever wants to
become great among
you..." Mt. 20:27

Ship captain

4 Bs



"Apostles
performed
many
miraculous
signs and
wonders..."
Acts 5:12

Gospel of the Kingdom!

The Journey – 3 Phases



Land

Coming out of Egypt

A wide-angle photograph of the Giza pyramid complex in Egypt. The Great Pyramid of Giza is on the right, and the Great Pyramid of Khafre is on the left. The Great Sphinx is in the center foreground. The sky is clear and blue. Many people are visible walking around the site, and a few cars are parked on a road in the background.

- Represents slavery
- Sweat and toil

Unless less the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat--for he grants sleep to those he loves. Ps 127:1-2

Purpose for Deliverance

To worship God - work and worship:
Avodah

*Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may **worship me** in the desert (Ex 7:16).*

It's about knowing Christ

The mission/call is the fruit of the relationship

This is what the LORD says:

"Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that **he understands and knows me**, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD. Jer 9:23-24

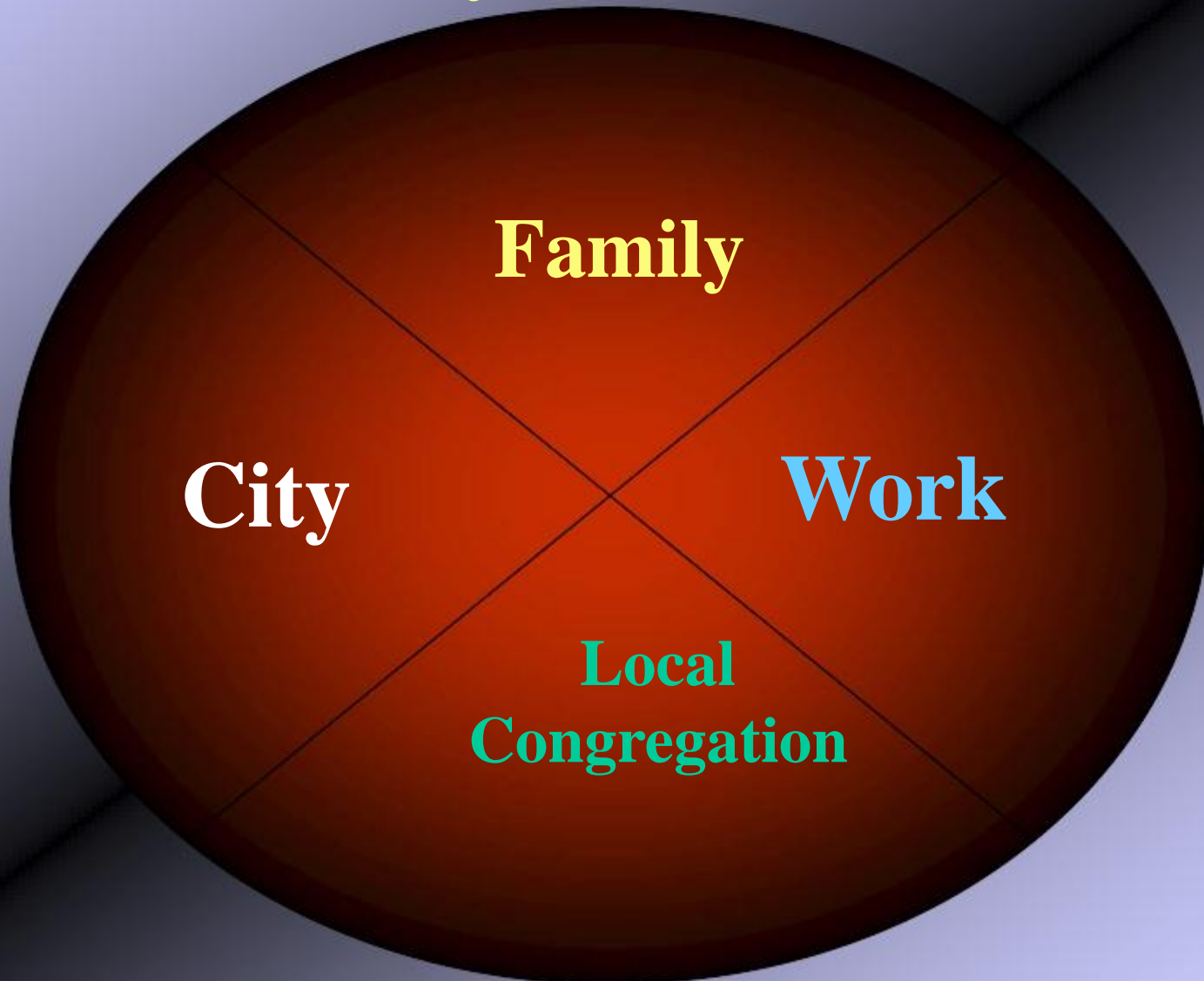


4 Truths About Receiving Our Inheritance

1. Every believer can **receive** an inheritance based on their work on earth.
2. We can **lose** our inheritance by receiving through the flesh.
3. We can **identify** our inheritance by understanding our purpose.
4. Satan **attacks** us in the place of our inheritance.

Israel's inheritance is land and a people. Land is point of contention in the Middle East

Life Call – 4 Key Areas



Inheritance received by understanding...

- **Our purpose**
- **Our work**
- **Our anointing**



“In the beginning we do not train for God, we train for work, for our own aims; but as we go on with God we lose all our own aims and are trained into God’s purpose. Unless practical work is appointed by God, it will prove a curse.”

--- Oswald Chambers



2 Phases – Development of Calling

Character Development

Purpose/Destiny

Phase I

- Joseph 13 yrs
- David –years of fleeing Saul

Phase II

- Joseph as Leader
- David as King



The Lord has an assigned
a work for you...

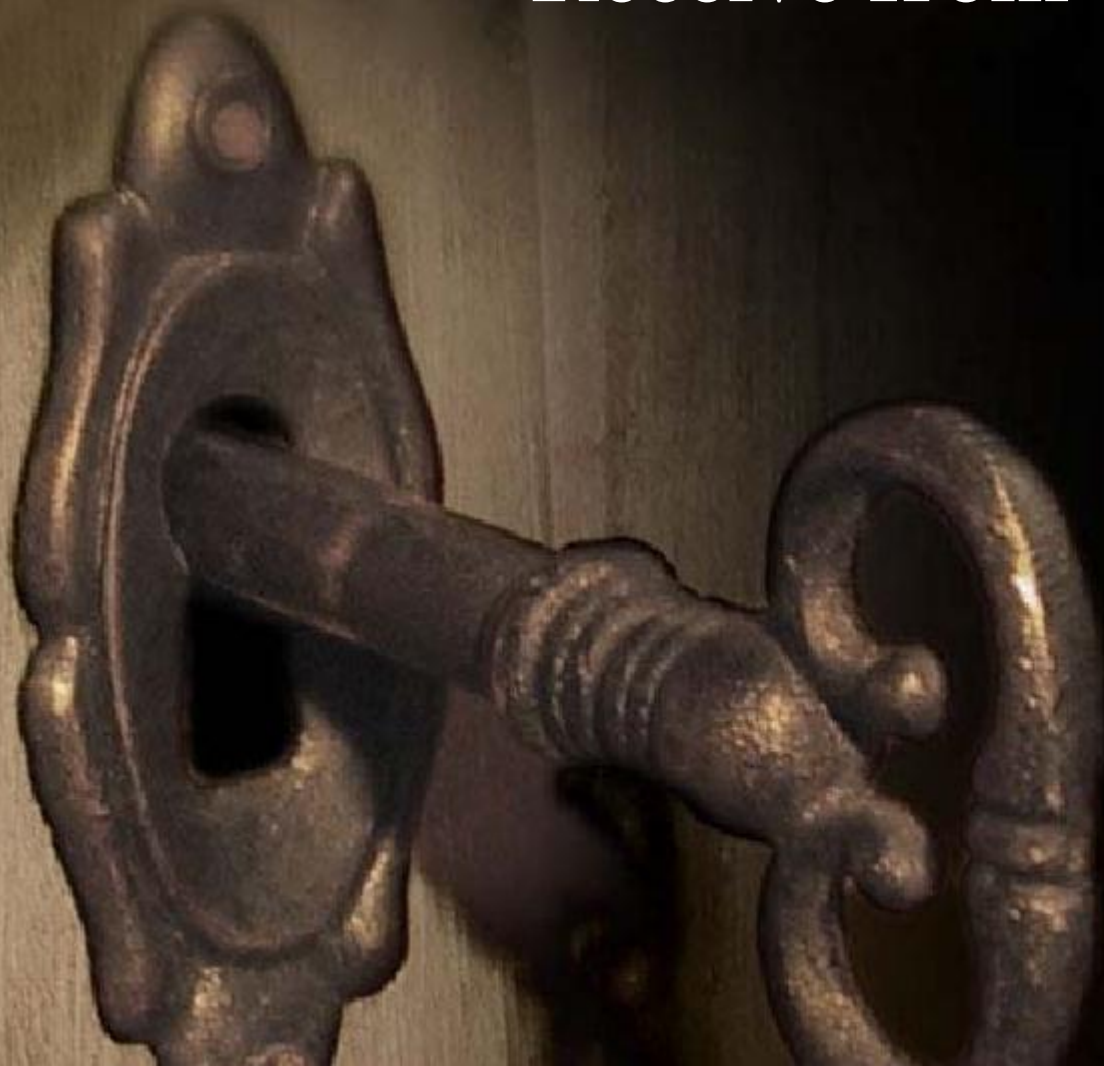
**May the favor of the Lord our God
rest upon us; establish the work
of our hands for us--yes, establish
the work of our hands.**

Ps 90:17

Jesus had a work .



**God Wants Us To
Receive from Obedience**



1. Understanding Our Purpose

John the Baptist

“A man can receive only what God gives him.” – John 3:27

Jesus

Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. (John 6:15).

David's Purpose

“And David **knew** that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and that **his kingdom had been highly exalted** for the sake of his people Israel” (1 Chron. 14:2).

Early in his career, King David understood that God had blessed him for the sake of Israel, not for his own benefit.



Ps 127:1-2

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its builders labor in vain.

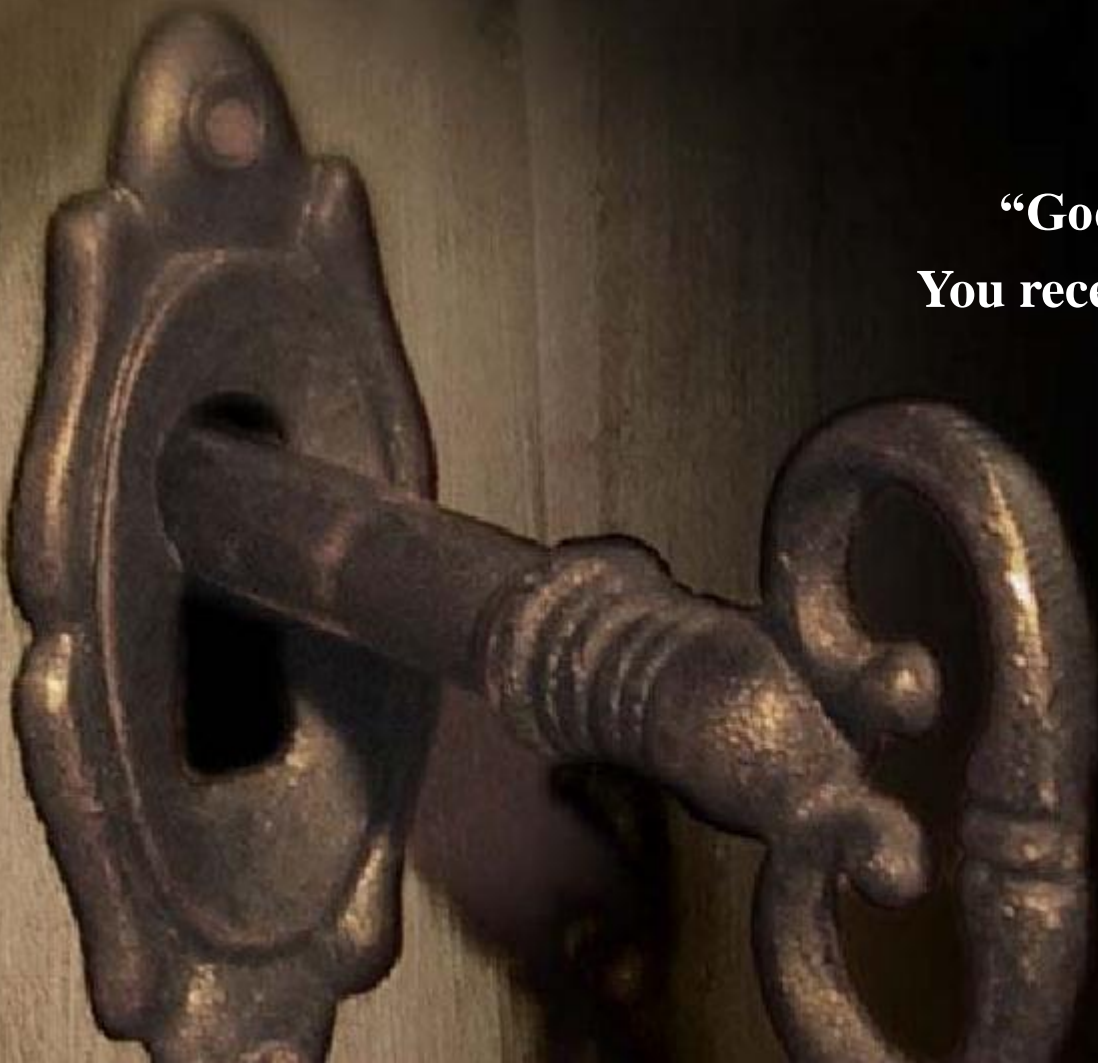
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In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat--
for he grants sleep to those he loves.



You Can Lose Your Inheritance by Receiving Things the Wrong Way

**“God never gave you that land.
You received it out of sweat and toil.”**



We Can Receive from Sweat and Toil “Ishmael”

Zech 4:6

So he said to me,
"This is the word of
the LORD to
Zerubbabel:

'Not by might nor by
power, but by my
Spirit,' says the
LORD Almighty.



Using Our Anointing in Disobedience

Moses

“Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.”
(Num 20:11)

But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them." (Num 20:12)



Losing Our Integrity

Gehazi

After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." 2 Kings 5:19-20



Who Was this Man?

“In my own case I grew up the son of a Baptist minister.

From this background, I was fully exposed to not only legal behavior but moral and ethical behavior and what that means from the standpoint of leading organizations and people. I was, and am, a strong believer that one of the most satisfying things in life is to create a highly moral and ethical environment in which every individual is allowed and encouraged to realize their God-given potential. There are a few things more satisfying than to see individuals reach levels of performance that they would have thought was virtually impossible for themselves.”

Source: Business as Calling, Michael Novak, 1996

Kenneth Lay, Chairman and CEO, Enron

Joshua and the City of Ai

The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because **they have been made liable to destruction**. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. Josh 7:10-12



Abraham and Ishmael

Manipulating Outcomes

. .so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. Gen 16:2-3



We Need to Understand Our Calling

**“We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits,
but will confine our boasting to the field God has
assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.”**

2 Cor 10:13-14

*... I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. John
14:31*

*Os Hillman: “Articulator and shepherd of foundational ideas
that lead to transformation. “*



When you involve yourself in activities contrary to your purpose, you

- Begin to live a life of sweat and toil that leads to slavery.
- Get off course from achieving the intended destiny for our life.
- Produce dead works instead of the fruit of obedience rooted in our purpose.
- Potentially lose our reward because we are involved in activity God never orchestrated.



We Can Lose Rewards

1 Cor 3:10-15

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.



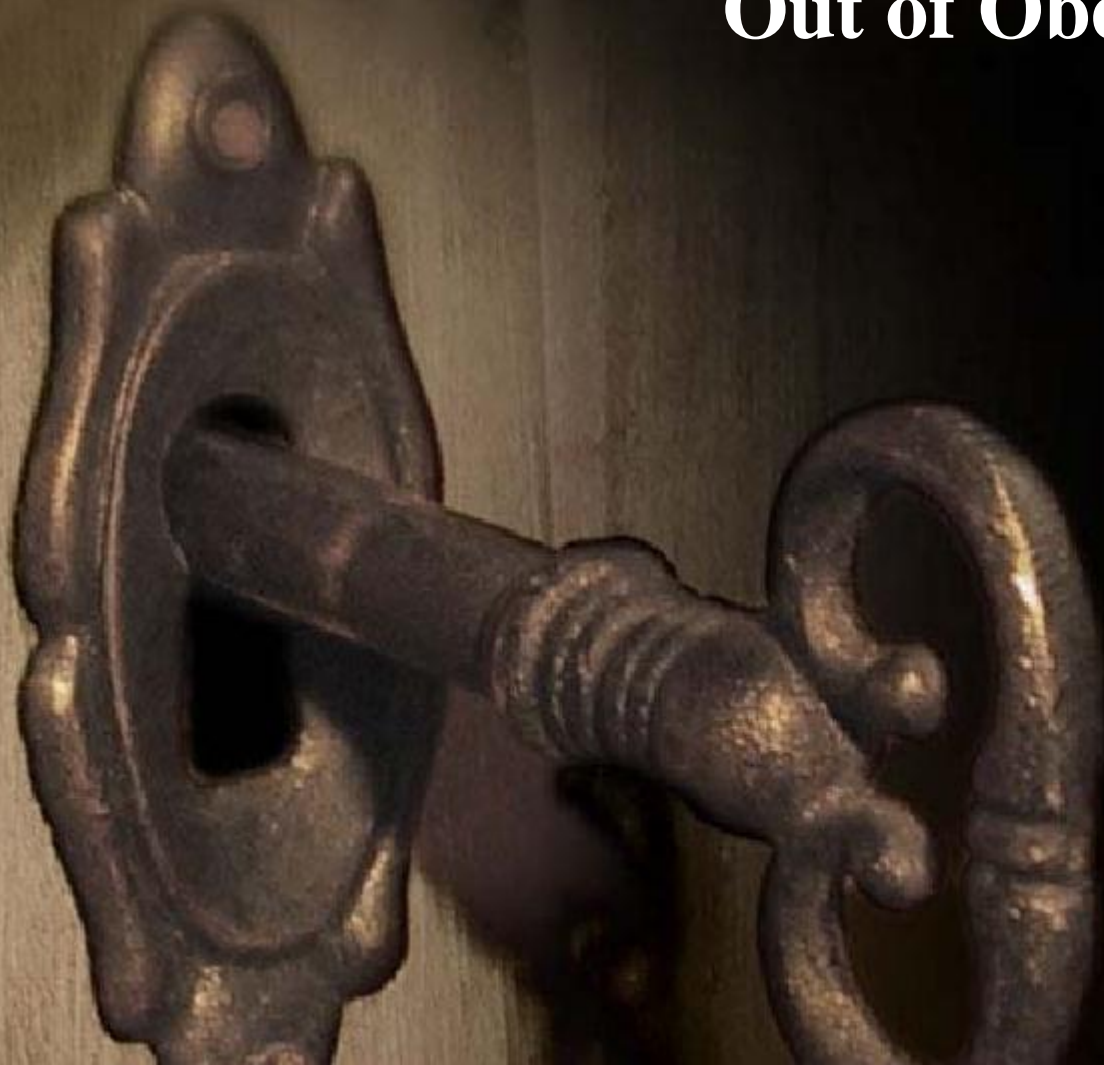
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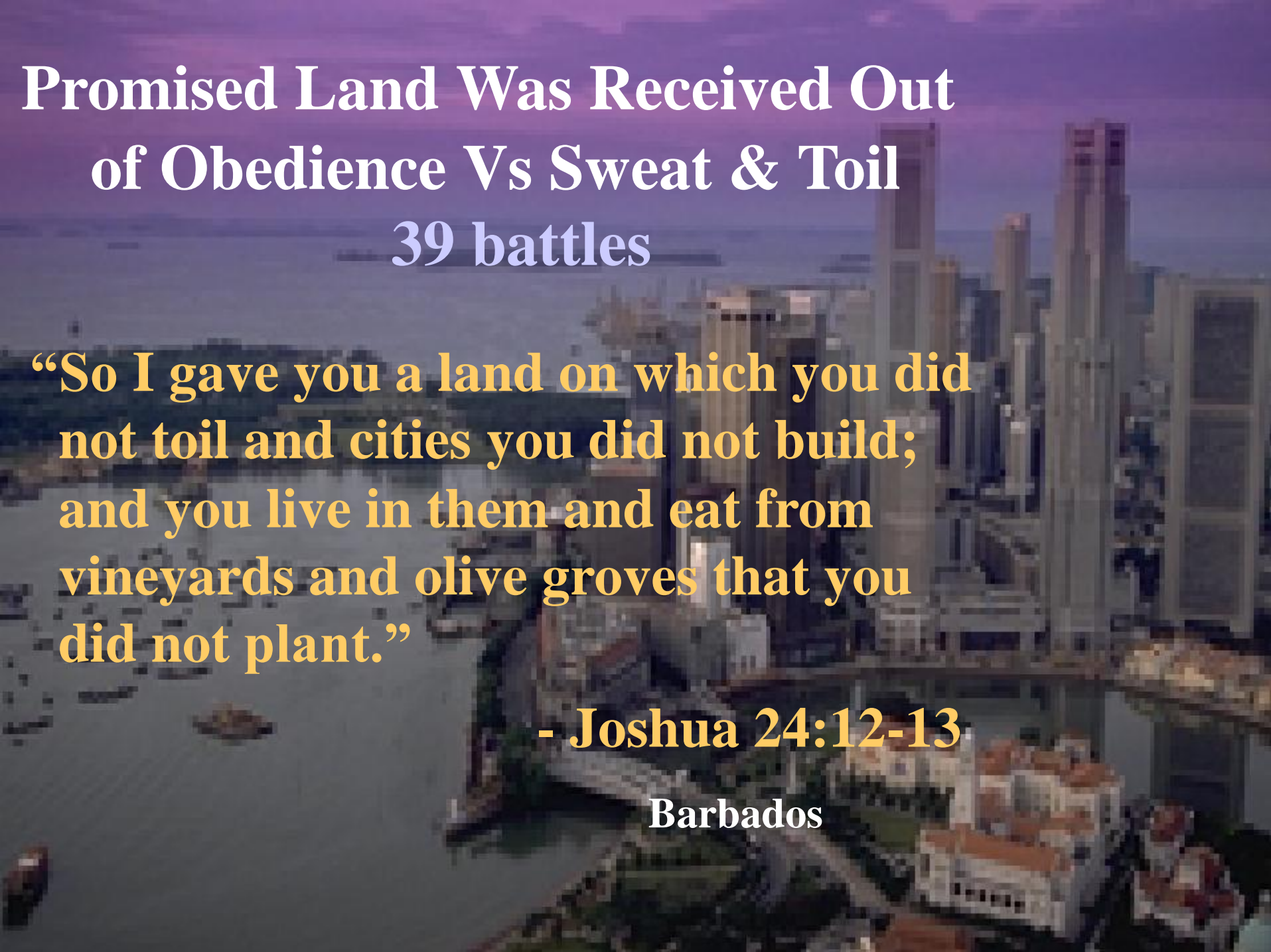
Being Under Satan’s Yoke

“Good” vs “God”



**We Receive Our Inheritance
Out of Obedience**



An aerial photograph of Barbados, showing the island's coastline, buildings, and the ocean. The sky is a deep purple and blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Promised Land Was Received Out
of Obedience Vs Sweat & Toil**
39 battles

“So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.”

- Joshua 24:12-13

Barbados

Provision Always Follows Obedience

“Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.”

John 21:11-12(LK 5:4)

**Came during their work time. Peter's response:
Recommitment. Jesus likes to demonstrate His
power in your work life.**

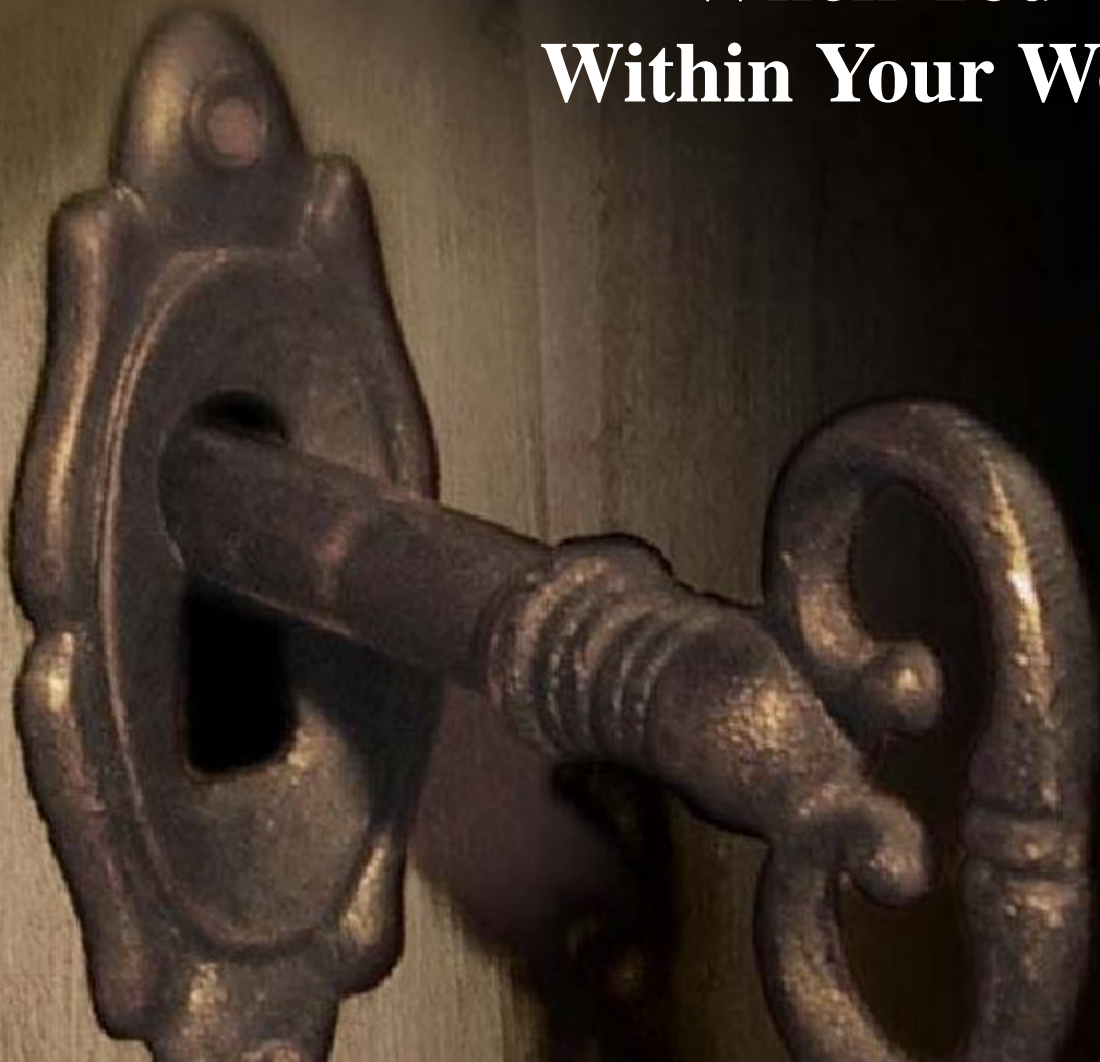
Manna: God's Provision

- **God put a self-destruct feature in the manna: If anyone tried to gather more than a day's worth (except on the day before Sabbath), it would become putrid and full of maggots (see Exod. 16:20).**
- **The message here is clear: God was teaching the Israelites to trust Him for their provision—one day at a time. An Israelite who hoarded manna demonstrated that he didn't trust God to provide for him tomorrow and the next day.**

They tried to gain something God never intended them to have.



**God Gives You Authority
When You Operate
Within Your Work Life Call**



Supernatural Provision

5 Points – Emeka Nwankpa



•Speak to the books



Key Lesson

- Provision derived from **obedience**
- Receive by entering His **rest** in the midst of our toil.

“.. ‘their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

Heb 3:7-11



The Kingdom Formula



Preparing Properly

A tropical beach scene with palm trees and a blue ocean. The image is slightly pixelated. The title 'Preparing Properly' is written in yellow text at the top.

**"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' -
14:28-30**

Luke

FaithWork Kingdom Model

Sweat & Toil

- Workaholic
- Manipulate outcomes
- Striving
- Busyness

- Work as Rest
- Waiting on God
- Obedience
- Trust
- Comes naturally
- Lasting investment

Slothful

- Lazy
- Loose
- Undisciplined
- Lack quality, excellence

Fruit:
Lost inheritance

Godly Inheritance

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the **fire will test the quality of each man's work**. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Cor 3:12-15

Moses - Struck the rock



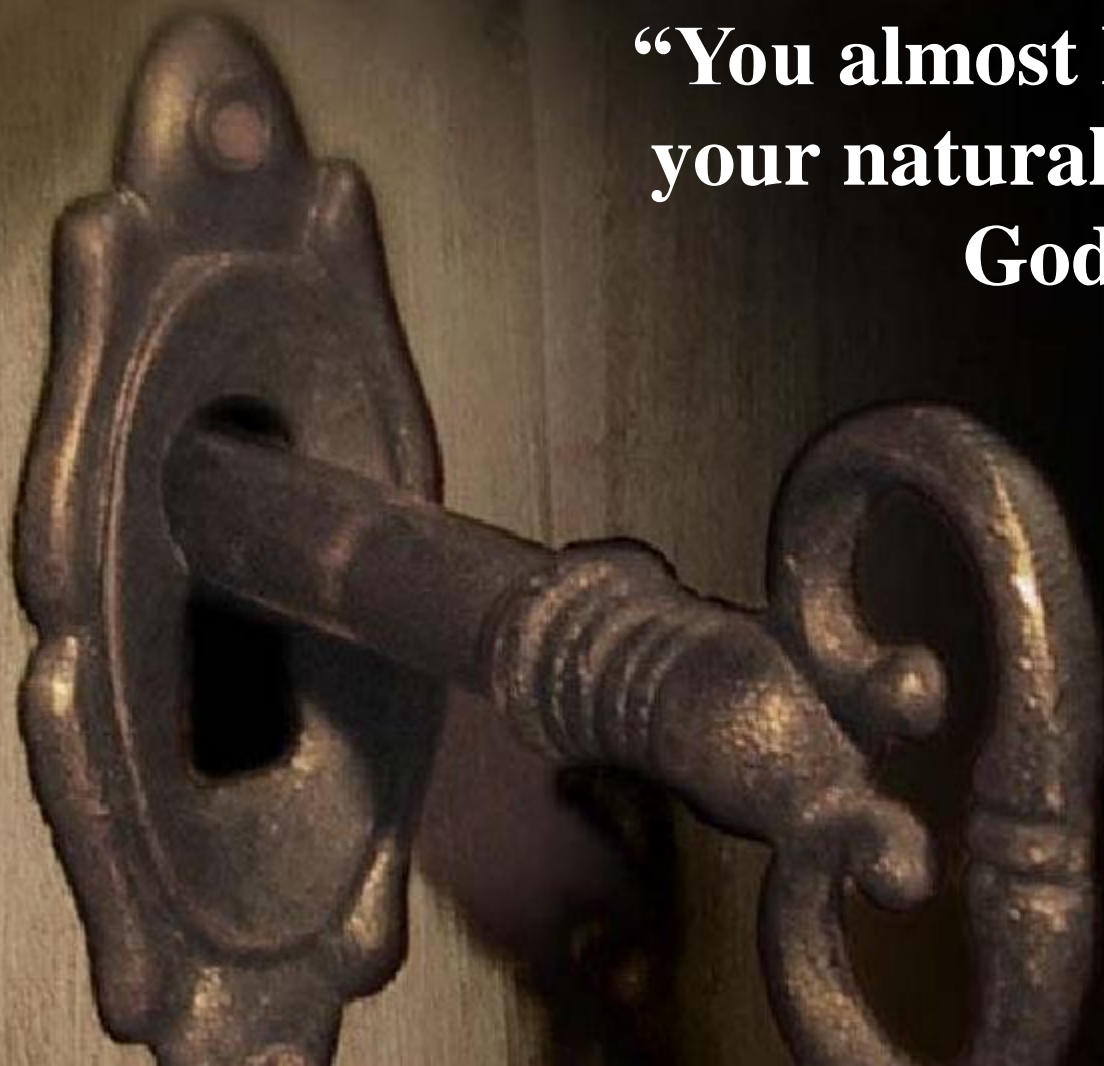
Gods Warns Against Self-Dependence

Ps 33:17-19

“A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.”



**“You almost have to withhold
your natural gifting to insure
God is in it?”**



“Much of modern Christian enterprise is ‘Ishmael.’ Born not of God, but of an inordinate desire to do God’s will in our own way – the one thing our Lord never did.”

– Oswald Chambers



Oswald Chambers

"Though it tarries, wait for it." (Habakkuk 2:3).

- *We cannot bring the vision to fulfillment through our own efforts, but must live under its inspiration until it fulfills itself. We try to be so practical that we forget the vision. At the very beginning we saw the vision but did not wait for it. **We rushed off to do our practical work**, and once the vision was fulfilled we could no longer even see it. Waiting for a vision that "tarries" is the true test of our faithfulness to God. It is at the risk of our own soul's welfare that we get caught up in practical busy-work, only to miss the fulfillment of the vision.*



3 Kingdom Principles of Receiving

- 1) Knowing **what** God wants you to receive.
- 2) Receiving through the **power of the Holy Spirit**, not sweat and toil.
- 3) Knowing the **timing** in which you are to receive.



God has a specific timing to
release information to you -
“Omar”

**Omar: Arabic for “first son” and “disciple,”
Hebrew for “gifted speaker,” German for
“famous.” Rooted in the Middle East.
Grandson of ESAU.**

Omar,

**The sons of Elphas the
firstborn of Esau: Chiefs
Teman,.. Genesis 37:15**

Understanding My Purpose

- “Articulator and Shepherd of foundational ideas that lead to transformation.”
- This provides a filter for what I will be involved in. God things vs good things.
- Moses was 80 when he really understood the full purpose for which God created him.



*When God gives a vision and
darkness follows, waiting on God will
bring you into accord with the
vision He has given if you await His
timing. Otherwise, you try to do away
with the supernatural in God's
undertakings. Never try to help God
fulfill His word. - - Oswald Chambers*



Unity

- With God, His will and purpose
- With others (coalitions)

“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity **to let the world know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”--
John 17:22-23



Promised Land Was Received Out of Obedience, Not Sweat & Toil

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Partnership with God

Deut 11:10-15

The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today--to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul-- then **I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.**



Gunnar Olson Video

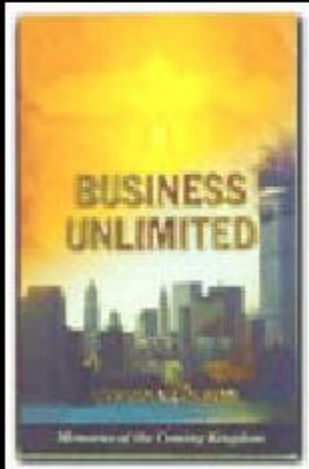
Receiving breakthroughs in a crisis



Plastic Bag Story

"Plastic Bag Story"

George Chan, President



Bring Us Out of a Slavery Mentality

“When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you--a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves **you did not plant**--then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”

- Deut 6:10-12



God Is the Giver of Our Abilities

“You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is **he who gives you the ability** to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.”

Deut 8:17-18



Splintered Staff – Moses' Staff

"This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours? You say you have strategy and military strength--but you speak only empty words. **On whom are you depending**, that you rebel against me? Look now, you are **depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces a man's hand and wounds him if he leans on it!** Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him. And if you say to me, "We are depending on the LORD our God"--isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar"?

-- Isa 36:4-7

A small splinter has the ability to cripple!



God Desires We Know His Will for Our Lives

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might...



...so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you **to share in the inheritance of the saints** in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Col 1:9-14



“You have not received because...”

- “You are to take your wife on a vacation.”
 - Prophet, April 2001
 - Intercessor, Sept 2001
 - Intercessor, Sept 2002
 - Prophet, Oct. 2002



“You have been seeking me for answers, but because you have not followed through on what I have spoken I have withheld the answers.” - October 2002

- We went on vacation the following week.
- Two weeks later we got the largest response ever to a fundraising appeal and got other breakthroughs in our ministry and family.



Moral of this Story?

- Listen to your wife?
- Take your wife on a vacation?
- ...Obedience problem

God does not give us new instructions until we follow through on the first one.



**Satan Attacks Us in the
Place of Our Inheritance**



Satan Attacks Us in the Place of Our Inheritance

Faith choices often require “suicidal faith”

Character faith”

Inheritance

Attack

“Suicidal

- Abraham

- Land

- Split w/ Lot

- Gave choice to Lot – Mamre

“

- Abraham

- Seed will bless world

- Hagar - Ishmael

- Isaac – Promised son

Satan Attacks Us in the Place of Our Inheritance

<u>Character</u>	<u>Inheritance</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>“Suicidal faith”</u>
• Jesus	• Power to bring salvation •	To receive power from Satan	• The Cross
• Os Hillman	• “Relationships”	• Marriage, “Judas” attacks • 1994-1998	• Forgiveness, “always choose grace to forgive” Be aware of attacks

Satan Attacks Us in the Place of Our Inheritance

Character

Inheritance

Attack

Faith Response

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Disobedience can cost you your inheritance

- Abraham – Ishmael
- Moses – killed the Egyptian, struck the rock
- David – took Bathsheba
- Jacob – manipulated for the birthright
- Judah – Stolen staff –Timmah
- Joshua - Gibeonite Ruse



God Wants to Help Us Achieve His
Purposes for Our Lives



God Desires to Instruct Us in Order to Receive Our Inheritance

“I will instruct you and teach you in the
way you should go; I will counsel you
and watch over you.”

Ps 32:8



Strategy from God in Order to Receive

- **David** - received plans for the temple –
1 Chronicles 28:12
- **Peter** - was told by Jesus to cast his line on
the other side of the boat – he caught 157 fish.
- **Jacob** – received a dream to allow him to fund
his family business and leave the employment
of Laban. – Genesis 31:11-13
- **David** – was given specific instructions to
attack the Philistines only after he heard the
marching in the balsam trees. – 2 Sam. 5:22



--Strategy from God

- **Joseph** - received a dream and the interpretation, which allowed him to become the ruler of Egypt under Pharaoh.
- **Moses** - was told the way to get water for the people was to speak to the rock. – Exodus 17:6
- **Noah** – God gave him specific dimensions of the ark to build.- Gen 6:14-17
- **Joshua** – was told to walk around the wall at Jericho for seven times to gain victory



“I am the Lord your God **who teaches you to profit,
who leads you in the way you should go. If only
you had paid attention to my commandments!
Then your well-being would have been like a
river. And your righteousness like the waves of
the sea.”**

– Isa 48:17,18

Direct mail strategy in FWR



Good Things vs God Things

John 5:19-20 – “Jesus gave them this answer: ‘I tell you the truth, the Son **can do nothing by himself**; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.’”

Are you seeing what God is doing in your work life call?

Jesus Had a Specific Work To Do

“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”- John 17:4

We receive in order to accomplish the purposes of God through our lives and bring glory to Him.



The 4th Dimension of the Workplace Call

If we want to capture the world's attention we must move in the 4th dimension In the area of or calling.

- Moses - Speak to the rock.



Shortcuts (Ishmaels)

- Debt (Presumption, unwilling to wait)
- Wrong Relationships (Gibeonite Ruse)
- Manipulation of Circumstances (Abraham)



Protection

Jer 17:9

**The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure. Who can understand it?**

Confirmation – circumstances, others

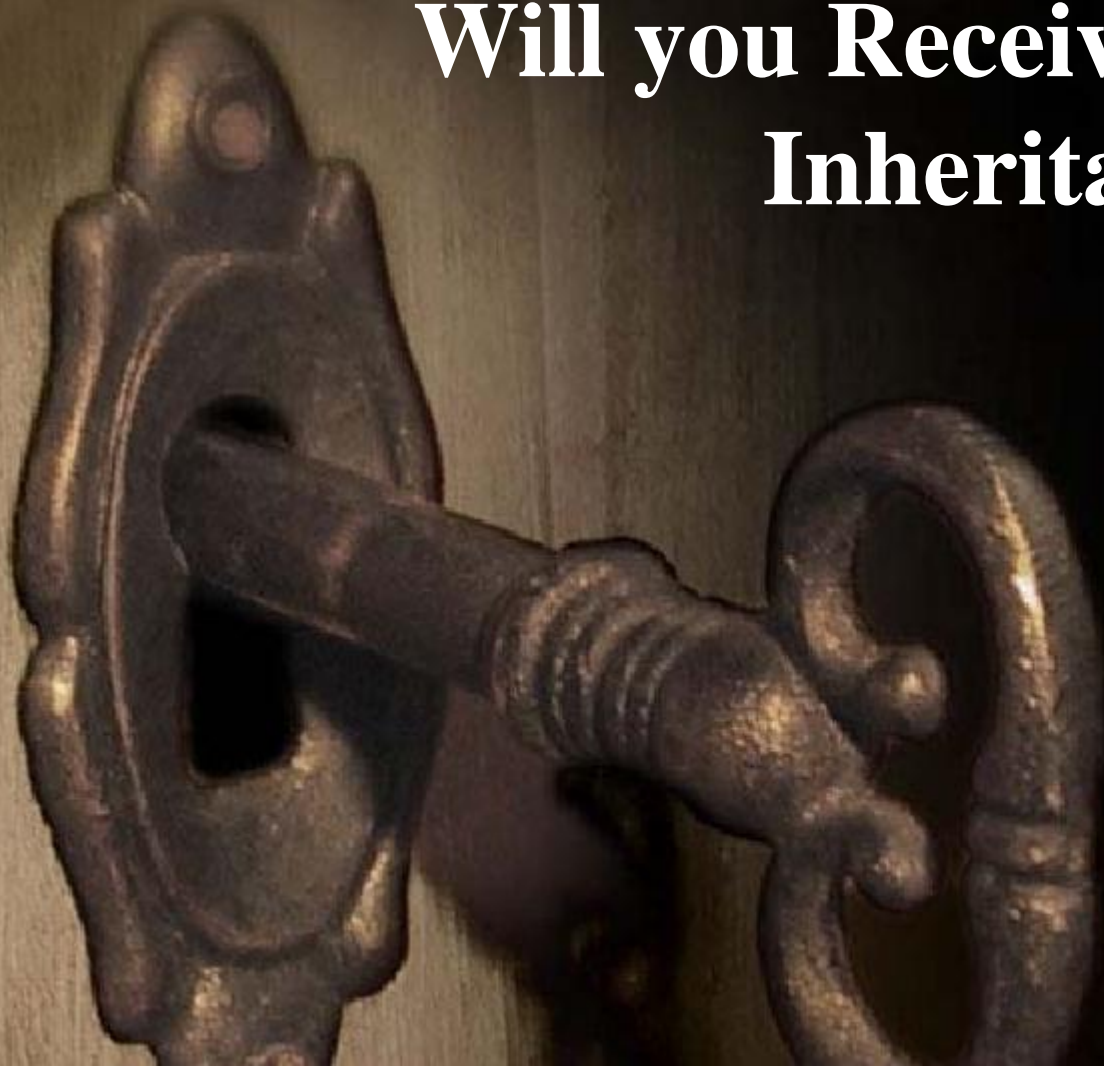
Accountability – wife, board



God wants you to learn how to
receive from God in order to become
a transformer of lives, workplaces,
cities and nations.



**Will you Receive Your Full
Inheritance?**



Kingdom Entrepreneurship

- Bread in the Ukraine
- Orphans in Thailand - “Tuk-Tuks”



A Builder Impacts the Nation of China



“You Can Start A Business”

1.2 million businesses

What's Hinderling You From Receiving?

- Sin, Disobedience?
- Wrong relationships – Gibeonite Ruse?
- Timing?



Obedience and God's Timing

- Barbados
- NY Investment Banker
- House Purchase
- New Book
- TGIF Minute

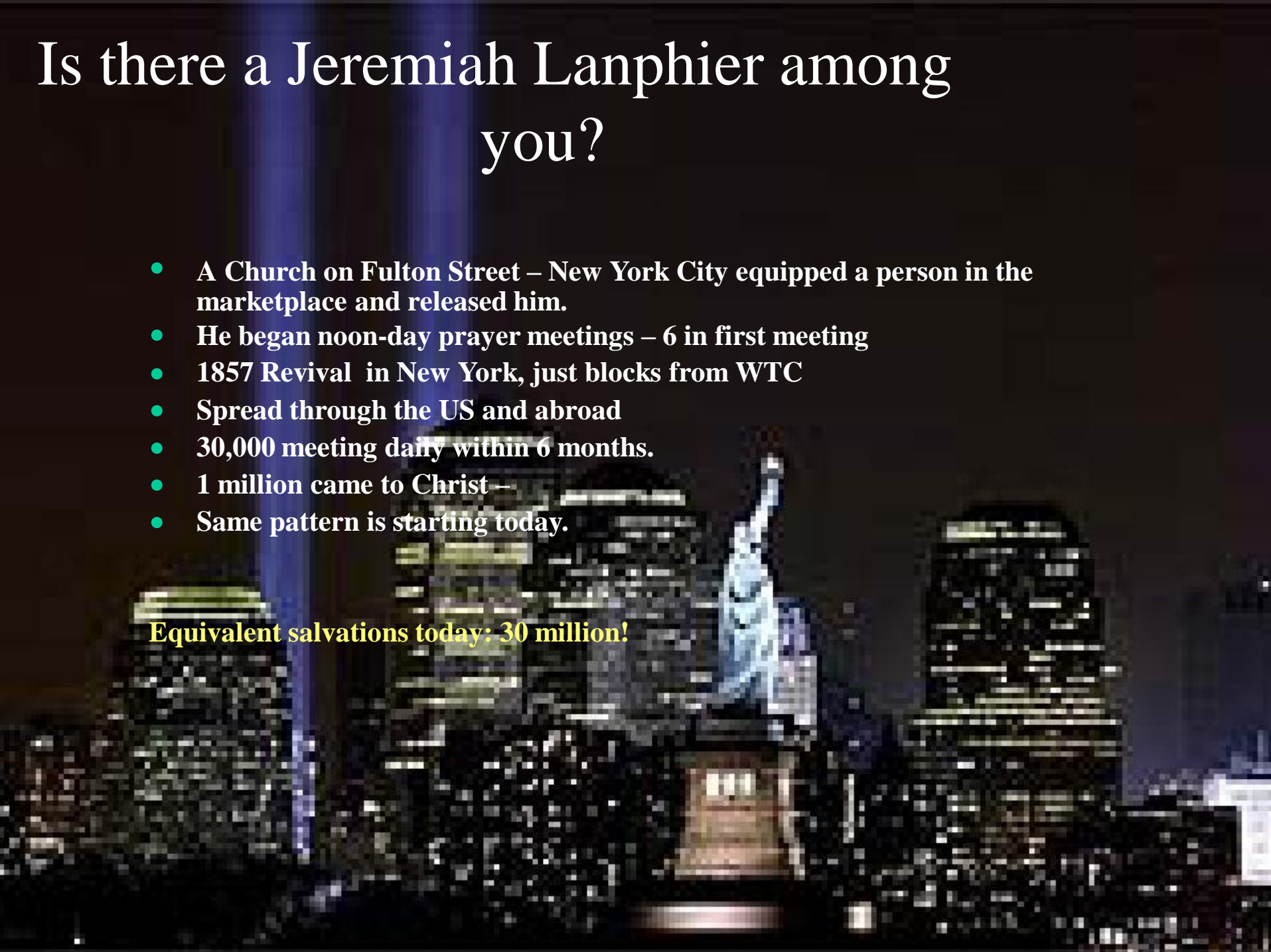
– PROVISION FOLLOWS OBEDIENCE



Is there a Jeremiah Lanphier among you?

- A Church on Fulton Street – New York City equipped a person in the marketplace and released him.
- He began noon-day prayer meetings – 6 in first meeting
- 1857 Revival in New York, just blocks from WTC
- Spread through the US and abroad
- 30,000 meeting daily within 6 months.
- 1 million came to Christ –
- Same pattern is starting today.

Equivalent salvations today: 30 million!



“Why the Peanut?”



- 300 marketable products invented from the peanut.
- 100 marketable products from the sweet potato

George Washington Carver

1861 - 1943

Arthur Guinness



- Irish businessman at turn of the century
- Sought God about problem of alcoholism in Ireland “Make a drink good for them”
- Guinness Beer - Heavy iron content
- Barnardo’s children’s home
- Hudson Taylor
- Built a college to train missionaries
- Brought changes to legal system in England based on biblical principles

Receiving Our Inheritance

“So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.” (Josh 24:13).

God will bring the people into your life necessary to fulfill His purposes in your life.



Being Led by the Holy Spirit – unexpected moments



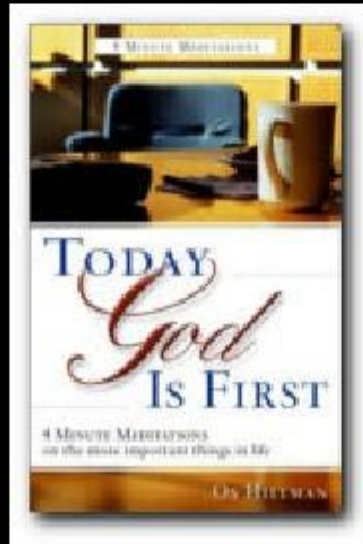
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**Sometimes you have to appear foolish in the eyes
of man to see the power of God in situations.**

*“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He
chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-and
the things that are not-to nullify the things that are, so that no one
may boast before him.” 1 Cor 1:27-30*



“Speak to the books.”



"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:22-25

Taxi-cab Driver Transforms His Workplace

- Joe, a taxi-cab driver in Philippines– salvation
- Went to bar and drank a Coke
- Befriended bartender – homosexual, pimp – came to Christ. Got radically saved!
- 35 prostitutes came to Christ
- Small group Bible study in bar
- Owner got saved
- Bar became a church
- 10 cell groups in the neighborhood formed
 - Source: *Anointed for Business*, Ed Silvano, p.118



The Bank President, Elk River, MN

Chuck Ripka

After 1 year

- 53 salvations
- 25 Healings
- Invites customers to prayer meetings in their conference room.
- Drug ring - sheriff, mayor's office, schools
- Community transformation

Bottom line? Goal \$16m –Actual \$50m “You won't have to worry about the bottom line if you will be obedient to my Word.”



Transforming a Hotel

- **1600 room hotel in three buildings in Philippines.**
- **Rooms being used as many as five times a day.**
- **2,000 employees had a primary clientele of prostitutes. More than 3,000 prostitutes.**
- **Owner hired 40 pastors and told them to follow these instructions.**
 - **Speak peace to the wolves. Bless those who curse you.**
 - **Eat and drink with the sinners. Become their friends.**
 - **Pray for them and their needs.**

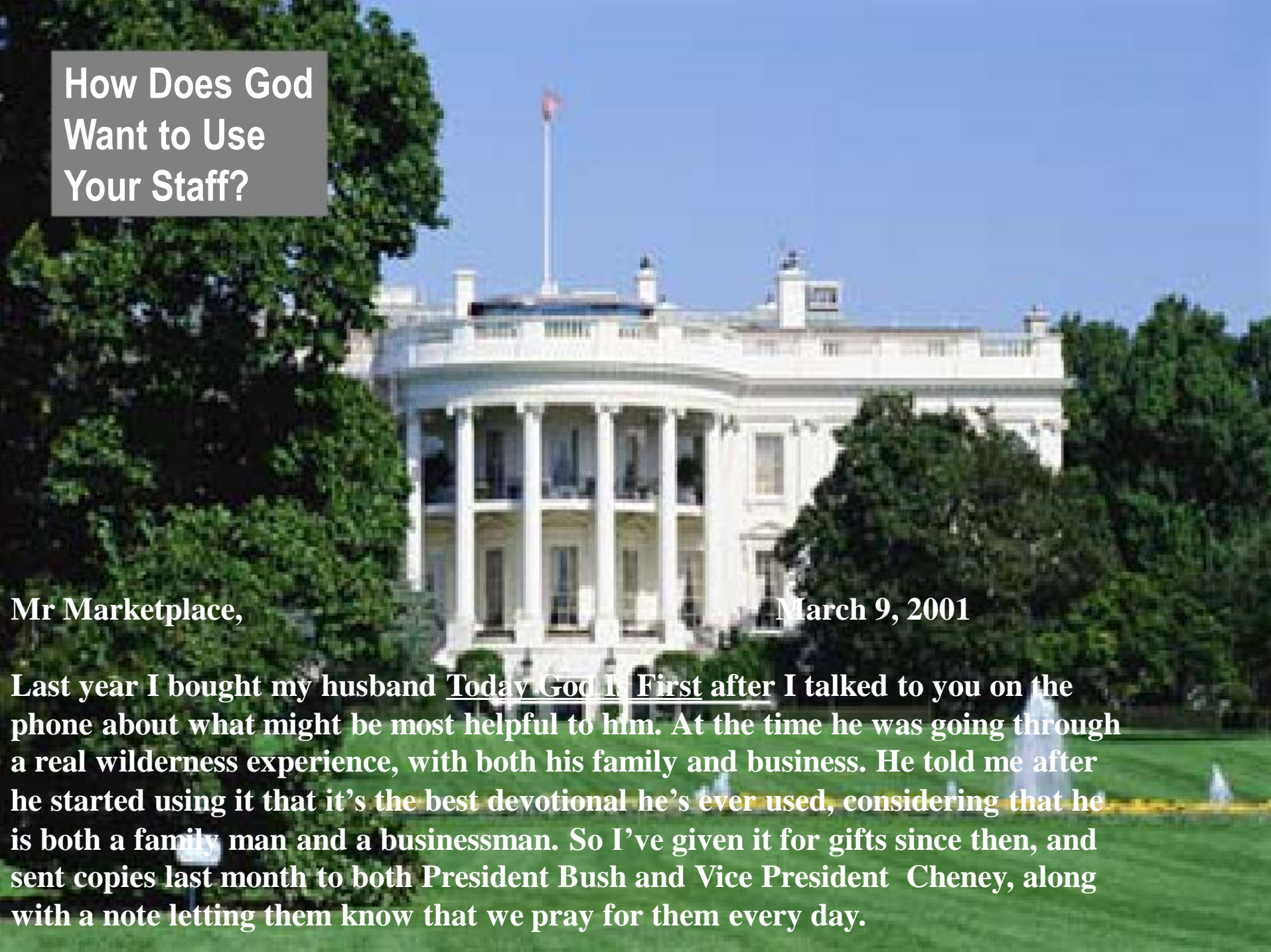


Hotel transformation

- All 2,000 employees got saved and the hotel was upgraded to executive level which removed the prostitution because the rates became too high.
- A prayer chapel was added with 24/7 prayer for anyone by dialing 7 on the telephone.
- Two years later 10,000 guests had received the Lord on this property.

Transformation!





**How Does God
Want to Use
Your Staff?**

Mr Marketplace,

March 9, 2001

Last year I bought my husband Today God Is First after I talked to you on the phone about what might be most helpful to him. At the time he was going through a real wilderness experience, with both his family and business. He told me after he started using it that it's the best devotional he's ever used, considering that he is both a family man and a businessman. So I've given it for gifts since then, and sent copies last month to both President Bush and Vice President Cheney, along with a note letting them know that we pray for them every day.



Well today –while I was out doing errands! o(- a woman from Vice President Cheney’s office called our house and told my husband thank you, and how nice the Vice President thought it was that we sent the book. Our number is unlisted, and I guess I thought it would have been something if we had even gotten a pre-fab snail-mail note. So -- that was pretty amazing! I don’t know if the Vice President’s using it every day, but he got it and saw it as a positive gift.

I thought it might encourage you to know.

Blessings to you and and your ministry...

BW, Arlington, WI

Prayer to Receive Your Inheritance

- What is it you need a breakthrough for?



Gideon receives inappropriately

- If the story had ended there, all would have been well. But at the moment of Israel's triumph, Gideon stumbled. He told the people, "I do have one request, that each of you give me an earring from your share of the plunder." The Israelites took the gold from the bodies of the enemy dead and Gideon melted it and fashioned it into an idol. The Bible calls this idol an *ephod*, a word that refers to a ceremonial breastplate—Gideon probably depicted the Lord God as a warrior with an ephod of gold.
- But God does not allow Himself to be represented by an idol. This idol was an offense against God and a trap for the people. "All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping [the idol] there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family" (Judg. 8:27). After Gideon's death, the Israelites again worshiped the pagan god Baal. They forgot the Lord God who rescued them from their enemies.
- The story of Gideon has a great beginning, but a tragic ending. This is an instructive lesson for us all. As the apostle Paul tells us, "If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" (1 Cor. 10:12).
- What should we do if we fail the Success Test? Go back to God without fear. We can ask Him to help us learn the lessons of our failure and to strengthen us for another effort. The God of Second Chances is able to accomplish His purpose through us even if we have failed Him many times before.



Joshua Loses Battle
for Taking Spoils at Ai



Other Examples

- David and Balsam trees and Sauls Kingship
- Balaam wanting to prophesy for profit
- Gehazi and theGeneral's healing

