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Broken Beginnings, Painful
Processes, and Purposeful Endings.



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Preface

This book was born in quiet moments with God.

Moments of reflection. Moments of wrestling. Moments when faith had to go deeper than words and trust had to exist without explanations. It was shaped by the understanding that God does His greatest work not in our strengths, but in our surrender.

Vessel of Honor is written for those who love God yet have questions. For those who have obeyed and still waited. For those who have been faithful and still faced disappointment. For those who wonder if their past has disqualified them from being used by God.

It has not.

The pages ahead are not meant to impress you. They are meant to walk with you. To sit beside you in seasons of waiting. To remind you that God is present even when life feels uncertain. To reassure you that the process you are in has purpose.

The stories of Jacob and Joseph were not chosen because they were flawless, but because they were formed. Their lives reveal how God patiently shapes character, heals broken places, and turns adversity into assignment. Their journeys show that God's promises do not depend on human perfection, but on divine faithfulness.

This book is written in a personal voice because transformation is personal. Faith is personal. Healing

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is personal. As you read, you may recognize yourself in the struggles described. You may feel conviction, comfort, or clarity. Allow that. God often speaks through recognition.

There is no pressure to rush. Read slowly. Pause often. Reflect honestly. These chapters are not simply meant to be consumed, but received.

This preface is also an invitation. An invitation to let go of comparison. To release timelines you have placed on your life. To stop measuring progress by speed and start measuring it by obedience.

God is not late.

He is intentional.

If you are in a season of waiting, this book will remind you that waiting is not wasted. If you are healing from betrayal, it will remind you that forgiveness leads to freedom. If you are stepping into responsibility, it will remind you that humility protects influence.

Above all, this book points you back to God. Not to formulas. Not to self effort. But to relationship. Because only God can shape a vessel of honor.

As you move through these pages, my prayer is simple. That you will encounter God in a fresh way. That you will see your life through His eyes. That you will trust His process even when it feels uncomfortable.

This book does not promise an easy path. It promises

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a faithful God who walks with you every step of the way.

You are not forgotten.

You are not disqualified.

You are being prepared.

May these pages strengthen your faith, quiet your fears, and lead you deeper into surrender. The journey ahead is sacred.

Welcome to *Vessel of Honor*.

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Acknowledgments

This book exists because of God's faithfulness.

Before any word was written, before any chapter was formed, God was already present. He carried the vision, sustained the process, and provided strength in moments of weariness. To God alone be all the glory. This work is an offering of gratitude for His patience, grace, and unwavering love.

I acknowledge the Holy Spirit, the true Teacher and Comforter, who guided every reflection, stirred every conviction, and brought clarity when words felt insufficient. Without His leading, this book would be empty. Every truth in these pages flows from His gentle instruction.

I am deeply grateful for the Word of God. Scripture has been the foundation, the anchor, and the light throughout this journey. The lives of Jacob and Joseph continue to speak across generations, reminding us that God redeems stories and fulfills promises in His perfect time.

To those who have walked alongside me with prayer, encouragement, and quiet support, thank you. Your faith, kindness, and patience strengthened me more than you may ever know. In moments when doubt whispered loudly, your presence spoke hope.

I acknowledge mentors and spiritual leaders who modeled integrity, humility, and obedience to God.

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Your lives taught lessons no book could fully explain. Your guidance helped shape not only this work, but my walk with God.

To friends and family, thank you for understanding the seasons of silence, the moments of deep reflection, and the commitment required to bring this book to completion. Your love and grace provided stability and peace.

I also acknowledge every reader who will hold this book. Your journey matters. Your questions are valid. Your faith is precious. If these pages meet you in a season of waiting, healing, or surrender, know that you are not alone.

This book is a testimony of God's work in human lives. It is a reminder that He uses imperfect vessels to accomplish divine purposes. It stands as evidence that God is still forming vessels of honor today.

May every acknowledgment return to God, who makes all things possible. And may this book continue to point hearts toward Him, now and for generations to come.

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Dedication

To my beloved family; my wife and my children, you are my constant source of love, strength, and inspiration. Your patience, support, and unwavering belief in me reminded me that even in my brokenness, I was never alone. This journey, and this book, are as much yours as they are mine.

To a remarkable group of people who saw God's potential in me before I did; Elder Rodgers Bundi, Rev. Mirriam, Minister Mercilyne, Pastor Nnacy, Rev-Jack, Apostle John Udoh of Nigeria, Bishop Joshua Clarence Kalayamore of Botswana and my spiritual father, Bishop Sam Maingi of CCI Saints Restoration Center, Ruai, Nairobi. And every other servant of God whom has played minor and major roles to make me what I am today.

Thank you.

You welcomed me when I was a vessel unaware of God's plan and grace over my life. Your encouragement, prayers, and love revealed God's purpose, restored hope, and helped me rise above limitations I could not see at the time.

This book is dedicated to all of you, who reminded me that God can transform even the most broken vessel into an instrument of His glory. Your faith in me became a mirror of God's faithfulness, and your presence became a lifeline that carried me toward His calling.

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Introduction

This book was written for you.

Not the version of you that has everything together, but the version that has wrestled with pain, waited in silence, and wondered if God could still use your life after everything you have been through. It was written for the heart that believes yet grows tired, that hopes yet carries scars, that loves God yet sometimes questions His timing.

If you have ever felt overlooked, delayed, misunderstood, or broken by circumstances you did not choose, this book welcomes you honestly. It does not deny your pain. It does not rush your healing. It invites you to walk gently through a journey of restoration, purpose, and surrender.

The title *Vessel of Honor* is not a label you earn through perfection. It is a calling God shapes through process. In Scripture, God does not choose flawless people. He chooses surrendered ones. He forms them slowly, often painfully, and always purposefully.

The lives of Jacob and his son Joseph show us this truth clearly. Jacob began as a man driven by fear and striving. Joseph began as a dreamer misunderstood and betrayed. Neither life followed a straight line. Their journeys were marked by mistakes, waiting, loss, and deep refinement. Yet God was present in every step, turning weakness into wisdom and suffering into assignment.

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This book walks you through that same path.

You will move through seasons of brokenness and encounter God's grace. You will step into waiting and learn to trust His silence. You will face old wounds and discover the power of forgiveness. You will see that your purpose is bigger than your pain and greater than your past. And finally, you will arrive at a place of surrender where your life becomes available for God's use.

Each chapter speaks to where you may be right now. Not where you pretend to be, but where you truly are. This book speaks in the second person because this journey is personal. It is not a story you observe. It is a truth you enter.

You will meet yourself in Joseph's pit, in his prison, in his waiting, and in his promotion. You will learn that God works just as powerfully in hidden seasons as He does in public ones. You will discover that delay does not mean denial, and silence does not mean absence.

This book does not promise an easy road. It promises a faithful God.

You will be reminded again and again that God wastes nothing. Not your tears. Not your waiting. Not your mistakes. Everything can be redeemed when surrendered to Him.

As you read, allow yourself to be honest. Lay down

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the need to impress. Lay down the pressure to perform. Lay down the weight of your past. God is not asking you to fix yourself before He uses you. He is asking you to trust Him as He shapes you.

This is not a book to rush through. It is a journey to walk prayerfully. Pause when your heart is stirred. Reflect when memories rise. Pray when conviction comes. Healing often begins in quiet moments of surrender.

By the final page, the prayer is not that you will admire the stories of Jacob and Joseph, but that you will recognize God's hand in your own story. That you will see how far He has brought you. That you will believe again that your life is meaningful, your calling is real, and your future is secure in Him.

You are not behind.

You are not forgotten.

You are being prepared.

And as you turn the page, you are stepping into a process that leads to one powerful truth.

God is shaping you into a vessel of honor, ready for the Master's use.

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Chapter One **Chosen Before You Were Changed**

NLT Scripture:

Genesis 28:15

□ I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you. □

You may be carrying a past that feels too heavy to overcome. Mistakes you cannot undo. Choices you wish you could erase.

Moments of shame and regret that replay in your mind. You feel unworthy, unseen, and unsure if God could ever use someone like you.

I want you to hear this first: God sees you. He knows your heart. And He is not waiting for you to clean yourself up before He speaks destiny over your life.

Like Jacob, you may be running from your past, hiding from your mistakes, or trying to control your future on your own.

You may think you need to fix everything about yourself before God will show up. But that is not how God works. He meets you where you are, even when you feel unqualified, broken, or lost.

Imagine yourself lying down in the middle of your fears. The weight of your choices pressing down. You feel alone. You do not know where to go or how to

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move forward.

You feel like the world will never forgive you—and maybe you do not even forgive yourself. This is where God meets you.

“I am with you.”

He says these words not because you are perfect, but because He is faithful. He does not wait for you to be strong, disciplined, or flawless.

He chooses you while you are still in process. While you are still running. While you are still afraid.

You may not realize it yet, but every mistake, every failure, every shameful moment is not wasted. God sees these things, and He is shaping them into the foundation of your calling. Your past is not a barrier, it is preparation.

The story of Jacob shows you this. He was a man full of fear and manipulation, driven by survival rather than surrender.

And yet God spoke promises over him before he was fully changed. And if God could choose Jacob in the midst of his flaws, He can choose you too.

You do not have to wait until you are perfect to hear God’s calling. You do not have to wait until your life is clean to step into His plan.

God’s presence comes first. Transformation comes next. And sometimes, that transformation happens

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while you are walking through your darkest nights.

The stone Jacob slept on became a place of encounter with God. What felt like fear, uncertainty, and brokenness became holy ground. And the same can happen in your life.

The very place you feel most ashamed, most lost, or most defeated can become the place where God meets you and begins to shape you into a vessel of honor.

You were chosen before you were changed. That truth is not just comforting, it is revolutionary. It frees you from the lie that you must earn God's love or approval before you step into His calling.

You cannot earn it. You do not need to. God's choice rests on His promise, not your performance.

So take a moment and breathe. Let that truth sink in. Your past, no matter how broken, does not disqualify you. Your failures, no matter how many, do not cancel your calling.

God is with you. He will protect you. He will guide you. And He will not leave you until He has finished the work He began in your life.

Every step forward, even the trembling ones, is met by His presence. Every step of faith, even the uncertain ones, is part of His plan. You are not running alone. You are not forgotten. You are not unseen.

Your past is being rewritten. Your fears are being

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confronted. Your failures are being transformed. And God is preparing you for the assignment He has created only for you.

You were chosen before you were changed. And that truth will carry you through every challenge, every fear, and every season of waiting.

God has not forgotten you. He is with you now, and He will be with you until He completes His purpose in your life.

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Chapter Two **When God Pursues the Broken**

NLT Scripture:

Genesis 31:3

Return to the land of your father and grandfather and to your relatives there, and I will be with you. □

You may feel like you have been running for as long as you can remember. Running from your past, running from your mistakes, running from the pain of rejection, running from the shame that refuses to leave your side.

You may even feel like you are running from God, unsure if He could ever want you, trust you, or use you for His purposes. But I want you to know something that can change everything: He is chasing you.

God is pursuing you. Not with anger. Not with judgment. Not to condemn you for the choices you regret or the nights you cried in silence.

He is pursuing you because He loves you, and He has a plan for your life that no failure, no betrayal, and no fear can stop.

Even when you feel unseen, even when you feel unworthy, even when you believe the past has disqualified you, God is moving closer.

Imagine yourself walking through the wilderness of your own life. The paths feel uncertain. You stumble over stones of regret.

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Every step seems heavier than the last. You want to look forward, but your eyes keep returning to the memories you cannot shake, the mistakes you wish could be erased, the words you wish you could take back, the doors you wish you had not closed.

You feel small, invisible, and forgotten. But God sees you. He knows every tear you have cried, every prayer you whispered in secret, every moment you thought no one was listening. And He is following you every step of the way.

This is what it means for God to pursue the broken. He does not wait until you have cleaned yourself up. He does not wait until you have grown stronger, wiser, or more disciplined.

He does not wait until your past is erased or your shame is gone. He pursues you while you are still hurting, while you are still uncertain, while you are still doubting. His pursuit does not depend on your perfection. It depends on His faithfulness.

Think about Jacob. He had spent years making mistakes, running from consequences, and trying to control outcomes with his own hands. And yet, God called him back. God reminded him of His presence.

God said, “Return to the land of your father and grandfather... I will be with you.” Jacob did not have it all figured out. He did not have answers. He did not have perfect faith. He only had a choice: to respond to God’s pursuit or continue running.

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You are in the same position today. You may be feeling like your life is scattered, chaotic, or unfixable. You may be thinking, “God could never use me. My past is too loud.

My failures are too obvious. My life is too messy.” But God sees you differently. He sees your heart. He sees your potential. He sees the vessel He is shaping within you, even now. And He is calling you to stop running and to return to Him.

God’s pursuit is both tender and relentless. It is tender because He understands your pain, and it is relentless because He refuses to leave you where you are.

He knows that every delay, every season of waiting, every moment of struggle is an opportunity for you to grow into the person He created you to be.

The wilderness you are walking through is not a punishment. It is preparation. Every obstacle, every trial, every heartbreak is part of His process of shaping you into a vessel that can carry His glory.

You may feel impatient, frustrated, or even angry. You may want to give up, thinking that nothing is changing, that your efforts are wasted, that God is silent. But God is not silent. He is speaking, guiding, and moving in ways you cannot yet see.

Sometimes His pursuit feels invisible because the changes He is making inside you cannot be measured outwardly. But every small step of obedience, ev-

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ery moment of faith, every choice to trust Him even when it hurts is evidence that His hand is at work in your life.

Think of Joseph. Betrayed by those he trusted. Sold into slavery. Forgotten in a prison cell for crimes he did not commit. And yet God's pursuit never failed him. God was present in the pit.

God was present in the prison. God was present in the silence of his suffering. And He is present in your pit too. He is with you in the moments you feel abandoned, misunderstood, or betrayed. His love will not fail you. His promise will not be broken. His plan will not be thwarted.

The reader, this is where you must pause and reflect. Where in your life has God been pursuing you quietly? Where has He been working while you were unaware? Perhaps in your relationships, your career, your failures, your fears, or even your dreams that you thought were dead.

God has not stopped moving. He has not abandoned you. He has been positioning you for the next season, shaping you for the calling that only you can fulfill.

God's pursuit also teaches you patience. He will not rush your growth, but He will not let you stay stagnant either. He will guide you gently, correcting your steps when necessary, redirecting your path when needed, and comforting your heart when you feel overwhelmed.

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Obedience is not always easy, but it is always worth it. You are not alone in this journey. Every struggle, every setback, every challenge is part of the refining process.

You may have moments when doubt creeps in. Moments when you question God's plan or His timing. Moments when you feel that the weight of your past or the reality of your pain is too much to bear. In those moments, remember that God is still pursuing you.

He knows your fears. He knows your weaknesses. And He is patiently guiding you forward, even when you cannot see the destination.

You must also understand that God's pursuit is personal. He does not follow you because of what you can offer Him. He does not pursue you because of your talents, your potential, or your influence.

He pursues you because of who He is a loving, faithful God who delights in redeeming lives. And because He is pursuing you, He will not allow anything to permanently hinder your calling.

Your past, your failures, and your shame do not define you. They do not cancel your destiny. They are not the final word.

God's pursuit is proof that He has a plan that exceeds your understanding. He is rewriting your story. He is transforming your wounds into wisdom, your trials into testimony, and your scars into strength.

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Now, I want you to imagine yourself finally stopping. Stopping the running, the hiding, the self-condemnation. Imagine taking that first step toward God's presence. Feel Him meeting you there.

Feel His love washing over your fear, His mercy covering your mistakes, His promise igniting hope in your heart. This is the moment when you understand that you are not alone, that you are seen, and that your story is not finished.

Like Jacob, you are being prepared. Like Joseph, you are being positioned. Every challenge you face is not random. Every setback is not permanent. Every heartbreak is not wasted.

God's pursuit is relentless, and it is purposeful. He is drawing you closer, refining you, and calling you to step into the life He created for you long before you were born.

By the end of this chapter, you should feel two things deeply: first, that God is pursuing you personally, tenderly, and faithfully; and second, that His pursuit is purposeful, not random.

He is not just following you; He is preparing you. He is equipping you. He is positioning you for the calling that only you can fulfill.

Your story is not defined by your mistakes. Your worth is not measured by your failures. Your future is not determined by your past. God is pursuing you

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with love that will not let go.

And when you respond to Him, when you stop running and step into His presence, you begin to understand the depth of His grace, the power of His plan, and the hope of His promises.

You are not lost. You are not forgotten. You are being pursued by the God of heaven, and His plans for you are greater than you have ever imagined.

The journey may be challenging, the waiting may feel long, and the pain may feel heavy, but God's pursuit will never fail. He will meet you where you are, and He will carry you to where He has called you to be.

Your brokenness is not a barrier. It is a pathway. Your fears are not a stopping point. They are a mirror showing where God's grace can shine.

Your past is not your prison. It is the clay in which God is shaping a vessel of honor, ready for His divine assignment.

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Chapter Three **The Night That Changed Your Name**

NLT Scripture:

Genesis 32:28

□Your name will no longer be Jacob. From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won. □

There comes a moment in every life when you can no longer run. When the weight of your past, the fear of the unknown, and the uncertainty of the future press so heavily on your heart that you are forced to stop. You may try to fight it.

You may try to push through it on your own. But something inside you whispers that you need more than strength, you need God.

For me, that night was dark and quiet, yet full of tension. I had been running from my fears, from my mistakes, from the consequences of my own choices.

I had tried to control my future, manipulate outcomes, and secure blessings in my own way. And now, standing on the edge of the unknown, I felt exposed, vulnerable, and uncertain.

You know that feeling. You have felt it too. When life pushes you to a place where your own power is not enough, and your own plans have failed, you finally realize that God must take control.

You are forced to wrestle, not with other people, not

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with circumstances, but with God Himself.

Jacob wrestled through the night, and in that struggle, he faced more than just a physical opponent. He faced his fears, his insecurities, his deceit, and his past. And in wrestling with God, he discovered a truth that would change his identity forever.

You are being called to a similar night. Perhaps it is not literal, but it is real. It is the night you face the part of yourself you have been hiding.

It is the moment when you confront your shame, your regret, your failures, and your fears. It is the moment when you stop running and allow God to meet you where you are.

In that struggle, you realize something extraordinary: God does not come to defeat you. He comes to transform you. He does not come to destroy your past. He comes to redeem it.

He does not come to leave you in shame. He comes to give you a new name, a new identity, a new purpose, a new life.

Jacob's new name, Israel, did not erase his past. It did not remove his mistakes. It did not suddenly make him perfect. But it marked a transformation.

It declared that he was no longer defined by fear, by deceit, or by failure. He was defined by God's promise, God's presence, and God's power.

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You may feel unworthy of such a transformation. You may look at your past and think, “There is no way God can call me, use me, or trust me.” But the truth is, your identity in Christ is not determined by what you have done.

It is determined by who God says you are. When He speaks over you, you are changed. When He gives you a new name, you are reborn.

That night, as Jacob wrestled, he refused to let go until God blessed him. You may feel the same tension in your life, the push and pull between fear and faith, shame and surrender, uncertainty and trust.

God allows the struggle because it strengthens you, shapes you, and prepares you for the blessing that is coming.

You see, blessings often come through struggle. Dreams are often fulfilled through wrestling. Identity is often revealed through confrontation.

God does not give gifts without refining vessels first. He does not hand over destiny without preparing hearts first. And He does not bless those who cling to the old identity without first allowing them to embrace the new.

You may be afraid of surrender. You may be afraid to let go of control, to release the life you thought you knew, or to step into the unknown God is calling you to.

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But here is the truth: when you let go, when you wrestle honestly with God, when you pour out your heart in truth and vulnerability, He meets you there.

And that encounter changes everything.

Imagine standing in that darkness, tired and worn, yet refusing to quit. Every part of you wants to give up, to hide, to run. But you hold on.

You wrestle with God in prayer, in tears, in silence, in struggle. And then He speaks.

The words are not loud or harsh, they are soft, steady, and life-giving.

□Your name is no longer defined by your past. From this day forward, you are Mine. You are chosen. You are redeemed. You are equipped for the purpose I have for you. □

Your new name is more than a title. It is a declaration. It is an identity shift. It is God saying that your past does not define you, your failures do not disqualify you, and your mistakes do not cancel your calling.

You are no longer who you were. You are now who God says you are.

This is the moment you must hold in your heart. The night of wrestling, the struggle, the pain, and the fear is not wasted. It is the crucible in which God forges your identity.

Every tear, every prayer, every act of surrender is a

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step toward becoming the person He created you to be.

You may feel fear when you think of stepping into this new identity. You may fear rejection, failure, or even success. But remember, God's blessing does not come without His presence.

When He gives you a new name, He equips you to live it. You are not alone. You are not abandoned. You are chosen. You are prepared. You are blessed.

Your wrestling is personal. Your struggle is sacred. Your encounter is unique. God does not compare your story to anyone else's.

He does not measure your journey against another person's success.

He meets you where you are, in the middle of your brokenness, and says, ***"This is who you are. This is what you are called to be. Step forward in faith, and I will be with you."*** □

The night that changes your name is also the night that reveals your purpose. Identity and destiny are intertwined.

When you embrace who God says you are, you also embrace the assignment He has prepared for you.

You are no longer running from your past. You are no longer hiding from your calling. You are ready to rise.

You may not see the full picture yet. You may not

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understand every step, every trial, or every challenge that has brought you here. But God does. And He is working in your life in ways that are unseen, powerful, and purposeful.

The wrestling, the waiting, and the struggles are shaping you into a vessel that can carry His glory, influence others, and fulfill the divine assignment He has prepared for you.

So hold on to this truth: your past does not define you, your failures do not disqualify you, and your mistakes do not cancel your destiny.

The night of wrestling is not the end, it is the beginning. You are being prepared, strengthened, and equipped. You are being made into a vessel of honor, chosen by God, and ready for the work only you can do.

Your new name, given by God Himself, is a declaration that you are no longer the person defined by fear, failure, or shame.

You are now defined by His promises, His presence, and His purpose. You are Israel. You have fought, and you have won. Not by your own power, but by His grace.

Remember this always: the struggle is part of the journey. The wrestling is part of the preparation. The night that changes your name is the moment you stop running, face your fears, and embrace the calling God

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has placed on your life.

And when you do, nothing, not your past, not your mistakes, not your fears, can stop you from stepping into your divine purpose.

You are no longer Jacob. You are Israel. You are chosen. You are redeemed. You are equipped. You are ready.

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Chapter Four **The Dream That Refused to Die**

NLT Scripture:

Genesis 37:5

□One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. □

You have a dream. A vision of something greater, something God whispered into your heart long before the world noticed. It could be a calling, a purpose, a mission, a ministry, a gift you were born to steward.

That dream lives inside of you, fragile yet persistent, like a spark refusing to die even when the wind is harsh.

But right now, that dream may feel buried. It may feel mocked. It may feel betrayed. People may have laughed at you. Loved ones may have doubted you. Opportunities may have closed.

You may even doubt yourself. You may ask, “Why do I keep believing in something that seems impossible? Why do I keep trusting in a vision that hasn’t come to life yet?”

I want you to hear this clearly: God’s dreams are alive, even when circumstances say otherwise. Even when betrayal cuts deep. Even when the world seems stacked against you, the dream He planted in your heart refuses to die.

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Think of Joseph. He was young, full of promise, and yet he was surrounded by betrayal. His own brothers, jealous and angry, could not see the vision God had placed in him.

They could only see his youth, his favor, and their own envy. And because they could not embrace his dream, they tried to destroy it. They sold him into slavery, thinking they could bury his future.

You may have experienced a similar pain. Someone you trusted may have turned against you. Someone who should have supported you may have tried to hold you back.

Someone who should have loved you may have rejected you. That betrayal can feel crushing. It can feel like the dream will never survive. It can feel like God's promises are delayed, or worse, forgotten.

But the truth is, God's promises do not depend on other people. They do not depend on circumstances. They do not depend on timing that makes sense to you.

They depend on Him. The dream He places in your heart is alive because He is alive. The hope He gives you is unshakable because He is faithful. And the vision He whispers into your soul cannot be destroyed by human hands.

You may feel lonely right now. You may feel like no one understands your calling, your gift, your passion.

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You may feel like giving up, hiding, or even pretending the dream does not exist. But that is precisely when you must hold onto it.

That is precisely when you must trust that God is orchestrating every detail, even when you cannot see the whole picture.

Joseph did not give up. Even in slavery. Even in a foreign land. Even when falsely accused and thrown into prison. He did not stop dreaming. He did not stop trusting.

He did not stop believing that the vision God gave him was real. And that same persistence, that same hope, that same faith is what God is calling you to embrace.

You may ask, “*How do I sustain hope when betrayal cuts so deep? How do I keep believing when it seems no one supports me?*” The answer is simple, yet profound: fix your eyes on God.

Fix your eyes on His promises. Remember that He sees what others cannot. Remember that He knows what you cannot yet understand. Remember that He is faithful to finish what He has started in your life.

Your dream is sacred. It is not just an idea. It is not just ambition. It is a calling from God Himself. And because it comes from Him, it cannot be taken from you.

No betrayal, no jealousy, no setback, no rejection can

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extinguish what He has placed inside your soul.

I want you to imagine holding your dream in your hands right now. Feel its weight. Feel its potential. Feel its possibility. It is fragile, yes, but it is alive.

And like a seed, it can survive storms, darkness, and cold seasons. It can grow stronger when nurtured by faith, watered by prayer, and protected by God's presence.

Sometimes, God allows betrayal and opposition to strengthen your dream. Every act of resistance, every attempt to derail you, every hardship you endure is part of the refining process.

Like Joseph, the trials you face are not the end, they are the preparation. They are shaping you, stretching you, and equipping you to steward your vision with wisdom, courage, and faithfulness.

Do not let the opinions of others define your future. Do not let the jealousy of others steal your joy. ***Do not let the fear of failure silence your faith. God's dream for you is too big, too sacred, and too powerful to be thwarted by human hands.***

Even when the world turns against you, God is still at work. Even when betrayal seems to close doors, He is still opening windows. Even when hope feels faint, His Spirit whispers, "Keep going. Trust Me. I am with you.□"

You may be tempted to compare your journey with

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others. You may look around and see people who seem to have it all together, people who seem to be succeeding faster, people who seem to have fewer obstacles. But comparison is a trap.

Your journey is unique. Your dream is unique. Your timing is unique. God is orchestrating your path in a way that only He can. And His plan is perfect.

Remember, God's promises are bigger than any betrayal. His plan is stronger than any obstacle. His timing is wiser than your understanding.

Your dream refuses to die because He refuses to abandon you. And when the right time comes, when the path is ready, when you are prepared, that dream will come to life in ways you cannot even imagine.

Think of every hardship you have endured as a rehearsal for your purpose. ***Think of every betrayal as a refining fire, purifying your heart, strengthening your faith, and clarifying your vision.***

Think of every moment of doubt as an invitation to lean deeper into God, to trust Him more, and to remember that He alone holds the key to your future.

You are not defined by the opposition you face. You are not defined by the people who misunderstand you. You are not defined by the setbacks that try to slow you down. You are defined by God.

And when you hold onto His promises, when you nurture the dream He placed in your heart, when you

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refuse to let betrayal extinguish hope, you position yourself to walk into the fullness of your calling.

I want you to hold this truth in your heart: your dream cannot die because it belongs to God. The vision He gave you is alive, resilient, and unstoppable.

And the more you trust Him, the more you protect it, the more you walk in obedience and faith, the closer you come to seeing it fulfilled.

So today, I encourage you to refuse despair. Refuse to let betrayal silence your hope.

Refuse to let fear steal your vision.

Keep believing.

Keep praying.

Keep trusting.

Keep dreaming.

Because God is with you. God is for you. And God's promises never fail.

Your dream may feel hidden right now. It may feel delayed. It may feel impossible. But just like Joseph, you are being prepared, positioned, and equipped.

You are being strengthened for the assignment God has for you.

Your dream will not die. It will not be stolen. It will not be forgotten. And when the time is right, it will rise, stronger and brighter than ever before.

Hold onto that hope. Protect that vision. Nurture that

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calling. And when life tries to tell you that your dream is dead, remember: God is faithful, His promises are true, and the dream He gave you refuses to die.

You are not alone in this journey. You are not forgotten. You are being guided, prepared, and sustained.

And the dream that God placed in your heart is alive, because ***He is alive, and He will never let it go.***

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Chapter Five **From the Pit to the Prison**

NLT Scripture:

Genesis 39:2

□The Lord was with Joseph so that he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. □

You may feel like life has left you in a pit. Maybe someone betrayed you. Maybe circumstances have turned against you. Maybe the very people who should have lifted you up have abandoned you.

You feel trapped, alone, and unseen, and you wonder if God even notices the weight pressing down on your life.

I want you to hear this: God sees you. He is not distant. He is not unaware. Even when it feels like everyone has turned their back, even when your trust has been shattered, even when the world seems to have forgotten you,

God is at work. He is shaping, refining, and preparing you. The pit you are in is not a place of abandonment. It is a place of preparation.

Think of Joseph. He was thrown into a pit by his own brothers, the ones he loved and trusted. They intended harm, jealousy, and betrayal.

They thought they were ending his journey. They thought they were silencing his dreams. But God had

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a plan. The pit was not the end; it was the beginning of a journey that would shape Joseph into a vessel for God's glory.

You may be in your pit right now. You may feel betrayed, rejected, or misunderstood. People may have plotted against you. People may have questioned your integrity. People may have laughed at your vision or even tried to bury it.

You may feel like the pit is permanent, but it is not. God is still with you. His presence never leaves, and His plan cannot be thwarted by human hands.

Obedience in the pit is often the hardest thing you will ever do. It is easy to cry out, to complain, to wonder why life is so unfair.

But in that pit, every act of faith, every choice to trust God, every refusal to curse your circumstances is an investment in your future. The pit is a classroom, and God is teaching you lessons that no other season could.

Joseph could have given up. He could have allowed bitterness, anger, or despair to take root. But he chose obedience. He did not let the betrayal define him. He did not let the pit steal his faith.

And because he remained faithful, God began to work miracles in the darkness. Every day in that pit, Joseph was being positioned for greatness, even though he could not see it yet.

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Sometimes, the pit leads to a prison. You may feel trapped again, not by betrayal this time, but by circumstances beyond your control.

False accusations, misunderstandings, and injustice can seem overwhelming. You may wonder why life feels like it is punishing you instead of rewarding you. But God is still at work.

The prison is another place of preparation. It is another opportunity to grow in faith, patience, and character.

Even in the prison, Joseph experienced God's presence. He worked diligently, served faithfully, and trusted completely. And the Lord blessed everything he did.

The very environment meant to destroy him became the place where God's favor was visible. Opportunities arose. Relationships were formed. Doors opened, even in confinement.

You may feel like your life is a series of pits and prisons. Betrayal, suffering, misunderstanding, and injustice can feel relentless. But every hardship, every trial, every challenge is a building block.

God is constructing a foundation in you that cannot be shaken. He is teaching you resilience. He is cultivating wisdom. He is shaping you into a vessel that can withstand storms and shine brightly in purpose.

It is natural to feel resentment toward those who have

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betrayed you. It is natural to question why life has been so hard. But bitterness is a trap. It keeps you bound to the pit. It keeps your heart from seeing God at work.

Choosing obedience, even when it is difficult, allows God's light to penetrate the darkness. Choosing faith, even when hope feels dim, allows God's plan to move forward.

You must understand that suffering is not always punishment. Sometimes it is preparation. Sometimes it is protection.

Sometimes it is positioning you for a future far greater than you can imagine. The pit and the prison are not the final chapters, they are the chapters that teach you to trust God more deeply, to rely on His wisdom, and to embrace the process even when it hurts.

Think about your own life.

Look at the areas where you have felt betrayed.

Look at the moments where your trust was broken.

Look at the hardships that seemed unfair.

Can you see how God may have been at work in those very moments? Perhaps He was protecting you from something worse.

Perhaps He was teaching you lessons you would need later. Perhaps He was positioning you for a purpose that could only be realized through the struggle.

Joseph's story shows you that obedience in suffering

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is rewarded. Not always immediately, not always in the way you expect, but inevitably.

God sees your faithfulness.

God sees your heart.

God sees your refusal to give up, even when everything in the world seems against you.

And He is faithful to honor that obedience, often in ways more magnificent than you could have imagined.

You may feel forgotten in your pit. You may feel unseen in your prison. But God is with you. He is molding your character. He is deepening your faith.

He is preparing you for the moment when the chains fall away, when the doors open, and when the vision He placed in your heart comes to life.

Do not despise the pit. Do not curse the prison. Do not despise the lessons hidden in suffering. They are the tools God uses to shape your destiny. Every moment of waiting, every trial, every betrayal is part of His grand design.

And when you step out, you will step into a life of purpose, authority, and blessing far greater than you could have imagined.

You may ask, “How can I keep going when it hurts so much? How can I keep trusting when the pain is constant?” The answer is simple, yet profound: fix

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your eyes on God. Keep your heart anchored in His promises. Remember that every trial, every setback, every betrayal is temporary, but His plan is eternal. Trust Him. Obey Him. Follow Him, even when the path is unclear.

Your obedience is not unnoticed. Your faithfulness is not wasted. Your patience is not ignored. God is faithful to lift you from the pit, to open doors for you, and to fulfill every promise He whispered over your life. The suffering you endure today will become the testimony that inspires others tomorrow.

Like Joseph, your journey from the pit to the prison is part of God's preparation for greatness. It is part of His plan to mold you into a vessel of honor.

It is part of His promise to show His faithfulness in the most unlikely places. And it is part of His desire to reveal to you, and to the world, that He is always at work, even when life feels unjust.

So hold on. Refuse to let betrayal define you. Refuse to let suffering silence your faith. Refuse to let the pit and prison steal your joy.

Keep trusting, keep praying, keep obeying, and keep believing that God is with you. He is shaping you, refining you, and preparing you for the destiny He has promised.

The pit may feel dark, and the prison may feel hopeless, but God's light shines brightest in the darkness.

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His presence transforms suffering into strength, betrayal into wisdom, obedience into blessing, and despair into hope.

And when you finally emerge, you will stand as a living testimony of His faithfulness, His power, and His grace.

You are not abandoned. You are not forgotten. You are being prepared. You are being strengthened. You are being positioned.

And one day, the very trials that seemed unbearable will become the pillars of your testimony, the proof of God's faithfulness, and the foundation of your divine assignment.

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Chapter Six The Season of Waiting

NLT Scripture

Psalm 27:14

□Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.□

You are now in the season no one prepares you for. The season of waiting. Nothing seems to move. Prayers feel unanswered. Promises feel delayed. Days stretch long, and nights feel heavy.

You are still believing God, yet everything around you seems silent. This is the place where faith is tested, not by storms, but by stillness.

Waiting is not passive. It is not empty time. It is one of God's most powerful tools. Yet it is also one of the hardest seasons you will ever walk through.

You want clarity, but God gives quiet. You want speed, but God chooses process. You want answers, but God develops trust.

Joseph knew this season well. After the pit and the prison, there was waiting. Long days where nothing changed.

Long nights where hope had to be guarded carefully. He had interpreted dreams correctly. He had served faithfully. He had done everything right. Still, the door did not open. Still, time passed.

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You know this feeling. You did what God asked. You obeyed. You remained faithful. You stayed pure. You served with integrity.

Yet you are still waiting. Waiting for breakthrough. Waiting for restoration. Waiting for direction. Waiting for God to move.

In this season, the enemy whispers lies. He tells you that God has forgotten you. He tells you that you missed your moment.

He tells you that your best days are behind you. But those voices are not truth. God is not late. He is precise. He is not silent because He is absent. He is quiet because He is working deep within you.

Waiting exposes what rushing hides. It reveals what you truly trust. It shows whether your faith is rooted in outcomes or in God Himself.

When everything is stripped away, when progress slows, when applause fades, what remains is your relationship with God.

This is where God shapes you into a vessel of honor.

In the waiting, God works on your character more than your circumstances. He deals with impatience. He softens pride.

He heals wounds you did not know were still open. He teaches you to listen more than you speak. He teaches you to depend, not control.

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Joseph did not waste the waiting season. He stayed faithful in small responsibilities. He remained humble. He continued to serve. He did not grow bitter. He did not lose hope. He trusted that God's timing was better than his own.

You must learn this same truth. Delay is not denial. Silence is not rejection. Waiting does not mean nothing is happening. It often means everything is happening beneath the surface.

Think of a seed in the ground. For a long time, nothing appears to change. The soil looks still. The surface shows no movement. But beneath the ground, life is forming. Roots are growing. Strength is developing. The delay is essential. If the seed rises too quickly, it cannot survive the wind.

God uses waiting to build roots in you.

If He released the promise too early, it would crush you. If He promoted you before preparing you, it would destroy you.

If He gave you influence before refining you, it would expose you. Waiting is God's mercy. It protects you from receiving what you are not yet ready to carry.

This season teaches you to trust God without evidence. To worship without results. To obey without applause.

To believe without timelines. This is mature faith.

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This is deep faith. This is faith that cannot be shaken.

You may feel forgotten, but heaven has not lost your address. God knows exactly where you are. He knows how long you have been waiting. He knows how heavy it feels.

He collects every tear. He hears every quiet prayer you whisper when words feel too hard to speak.

Waiting also teaches discernment. You stop chasing every opportunity. You stop forcing doors. You learn to recognize God's timing versus your own desire. You learn that not every open door is from God, and not every closed door is rejection.

Joseph waited, but when the moment came, it came suddenly. One day he was a prisoner. The next day he stood before Pharaoh.

Years of waiting prepared him for one moment of elevation. When God moves, He does not move slowly. He moves completely.

Your waiting is setting you up for sudden favor.

But until that day comes, God asks you to remain faithful where you are. To guard your heart. To resist bitterness.

To keep praying even when it feels repetitive. To keep believing even when hope feels thin.

Waiting teaches you to hear God's voice more clearly. When noise fades, you learn to listen.

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When distractions are removed, you learn to discern.
When control is surrendered, you learn trust.

This season also exposes what you truly desire. Do you want God's hand or His heart. Do you want the promise or the Promiser. God often withholds answers so that you learn to seek Him, not just what He gives.

In the waiting, your identity is refined. You stop defining yourself by titles, platforms, or recognition. You learn that your worth is not in what you do, but in who you belong to. You are God's. Fully. Completely. Securely.

Joseph did not know when his waiting would end. But he trusted who was holding his future. That trust kept him steady. That trust kept him humble. That trust kept him ready.

Readiness matters more than speed.

God is preparing you for responsibility, not just blessing. Influence requires wisdom. Authority requires humility. Leadership requires a healed heart. Waiting gives God time to shape all of this in you.

You may be tempted to rush ahead. To help God. To force progress. Resist that urge. Anything you force, you will have to maintain. What God builds, He sustains.

Let waiting teach you peace.

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Peace that does not depend on progress. Peace that rests in God's character. Peace that trusts His timing even when it hurts.

This season will not last forever. Waiting has an end. God is not cruel. He is intentional. When the preparation is complete, the release will come.

***When the lessons are learned, the door will open.
When your heart is ready, the promise will arrive.***

Until then, remain faithful.

Wake up each day and choose trust. Choose obedience. Choose hope. Speak life over yourself. Remind your soul of God's promises. Stay connected to God's Word. Stay sensitive to His Spirit.

Waiting is not wasted time. It is sacred time.

One day, you will look back and thank God for this season. You will see how He protected you, matured you, and prepared you.

You will recognize that what felt like delay was actually divine alignment.

You are not behind. You are not forgotten. You are not stuck.

You are being prepared.

And when God decides the time is right, what He releases will be worth every moment you waited.

You are becoming a vessel of honor.

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Chapter Seven **When God Trusts You With Influence**

NLT Scripture

Genesis 41:41

“Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt.’”

There comes a moment when God decides you are ready. Not when life is easy. Not when you feel confident. But when your heart is surrendered, your character is refined, and your dependence on Him is complete.

This is the moment when God begins to trust you with influence.

Joseph reached this moment after years of obscurity. After the pit. After the prison. After waiting with no guarantees. One day, without warning, everything changed. God lifted him from confinement and placed him before kings.

The same Joseph who was forgotten was now remembered. The same Joseph who was rejected was now honored. Not because he chased power, but because he remained faithful.

This is how God works with you too.

Influence in God’s Kingdom is never rushed. It is entrusted. God watches how you handle small responsibilities before He gives you greater ones.

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He watches how you treat people who cannot help you. He watches how you respond to injustice. He watches how you carry His presence in private before He allows you to carry His power in public.

Joseph did not promote himself. God promoted him.

When the moment came, Joseph stood before Pharaoh not as a desperate man seeking opportunity, but as a prepared servant confident in God.

He gave God the glory openly. He spoke with wisdom. He carried authority without arrogance. Years of hidden faithfulness gave him the strength to stand in public power.

You must understand this truth. Influence is dangerous without intimacy with God. Power can expose what preparation has not healed. That is why God delays elevation until your heart can carry it safely.

This is where the story of **Kathryn Kuhlman** speaks deeply to your journey.

Kathryn Kuhlman was one of the most influential Christian voices of the twentieth century. God used her mightily in healing and ministry.

Crowds gathered. Lives were changed. Miracles took place. Yet her journey to influence was marked by deep surrender, painful obedience, and costly choices.

She once said that God demanded absolute obedience

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from her. Not partial. Not selective. Absolute.

There was a season when God asked her to give up something she deeply loved. It cost her reputation. It cost her relationships.

It cost her comfort. But she chose obedience over popularity. She chose holiness over applause. She chose God's will over her own desires.

That choice marked her forever.

God trusted her with influence because He could trust her heart.

She understood that the anointing was not hers to control. She lived with a deep awareness of God's presence. She feared grieving the Holy Spirit more than losing an audience. She often said she would rather lose the whole world than lose the presence of God.

That posture is what God looks for in you.

When influence comes, it tests your motives. It tests your humility. It tests your faithfulness. The spotlight reveals whether you seek God's glory or your own. God does not elevate to impress. He elevates to impact.

Joseph used his influence to save lives, not to settle scores. He did not use power to punish his brothers. He used wisdom to preserve nations. His authority flowed from compassion, not revenge.

Kathryn Kuhlman used her influence to point people

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to Jesus, not to herself. She was careful to step aside so that God could be seen clearly. She knew the difference between charisma and anointing. One draws attention to self. The other draws attention to God.

This chapter calls you to examine your heart.

Do you desire influence so that God can be glorified, or so that you can be seen. Do you seek promotion to serve, or to be celebrated. Do you long for platforms, or for God's presence.

God is not opposed to you having influence. He is opposed to influence having you.

When God elevates you, He does so with intention. Influence is a stewardship. It is a responsibility. It is a sacred trust. The greater the influence, the greater the accountability.

Joseph understood that his authority came from God. That understanding kept him humble. It kept him wise. It kept him dependent. He knew that one wrong decision could affect millions of lives.

Influence changes how you speak. It changes how you act. It changes how you represent God.

Kathryn Kuhlman lived with this awareness daily. She guarded her words. She guarded her life. She guarded God's presence with reverence. She understood that influence without integrity dishonors God.

This chapter invites you to prepare your heart for the

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day God entrusts you with more.

Prepare by staying close to God. Prepare by choosing obedience when it costs you. Prepare by serving faithfully where you are. Prepare by letting God heal hidden wounds. Prepare by refusing pride.

Influence does not begin on a stage. It begins in private surrender.

You may not be known now. You may feel unseen. You may feel like your obedience is unnoticed. But God is watching. Heaven records faithfulness differently than the world does.

When the moment comes, it may come suddenly. One opportunity. One door. One divine appointment. And everything changes. But when it does, you must be ready.

Ready to remain humble.

Ready to remain obedient.

Ready to give God the glory.

Joseph did not lose himself when influence came. Kathryn Kuhlman did not compromise when influence increased. They understood that influence was not ownership. It was assignment.

You are being prepared for influence that aligns with God's purpose for your life. Not borrowed influence. Not forced influence. But entrusted influence.

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Influence that heals.

Influence that restores.

Influence that points people to God.

When God trusts you with influence, it is because He knows you will protect His name, honor His presence, and serve His people with humility.

Let this chapter shape your desire. Let it purify your motives. Let it remind you that the greatest influence you will ever carry flows from intimacy with God.

And when God decides the time is right, He will place you exactly where you need to be. Not to elevate your name, but to reveal His glory through your life.

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Chapter Eight Facing the Past Without Losing the Future

NLT Scripture

Genesis 45:5

□ And now, do not be distressed or angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. □

There comes a moment in your journey when God brings you face to face with your past. Not to shame you. Not to trap you. But to heal you. This is one of the most delicate and defining seasons of your life. You have moved forward.

You have grown. You have survived what once tried to destroy you. Yet now, the memories resurface. The faces return. The wounds ache again. And you wonder if revisiting the past will undo all the progress you have made.

This chapter exists to remind you of a powerful truth. ***Healing does not mean going backward. Forgiveness does not mean returning to bondage.*** Reconciliation does not mean reopening wounds that God has already closed.

Joseph reached this moment when his brothers stood before him. The same brothers who betrayed him. The same brothers who threw him into the pit.

The same brothers who sold him and erased him from their lives. Years had passed. God had elevated him.

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God had restored him. God had entrusted him with authority. Yet here they were, standing in his presence.

You know this moment too.

It is when God brings back the memory you thought you had buried. When He allows a conversation you avoided. When He places you in a situation that forces you to confront unresolved pain. Your heart races. Old emotions rise. You feel anger, fear, sadness, and confusion all at once.

You ask yourself. Why now. Why bring this back. Why reopen what hurt so deeply.

But God does not expose pain to harm you. He exposes it to heal you fully.

Joseph had every right to retaliate. He had power. He had authority. He had influence. He could have punished his brothers.

He could have made them pay. But Joseph had been healed in the presence of God long before this moment arrived. That healing allowed him to respond with grace instead of bitterness.

Forgiveness is not denial. It is not pretending the pain did not exist. It is not excusing what was done to you. Forgiveness is choosing freedom over revenge. It is releasing yourself from the prison of resentment.

You must understand this clearly. Holding on to un-

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forgiveness binds you to the past. It keeps you emotionally connected to wounds God wants to heal. Forgiveness breaks that chain.

Joseph did not forget what happened. He remembered clearly. But he saw the bigger picture. He recognized God's hand in the process. He understood that what was meant for evil, God used for good.

You are invited to see your past through the same lens.

This does not happen overnight. *Forgiveness is often a process, not a moment. It requires honesty with God. It requires courage to admit how deeply you were hurt. It requires surrender to let God handle justice.*

God never asks you to forgive without offering you healing.

Facing the past also involves reconciliation, but reconciliation requires wisdom. Reconciliation is not automatic. It is not always possible. And it is not always safe. Reconciliation must be guided by God, not guilt or pressure.

Joseph reconciled with his brothers because God had changed his heart and because the situation allowed it. But reconciliation does not always mean restoring the same level of access. Boundaries are not unloving. They are wise.

God does not call you to return to abusive patterns,

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toxic relationships, or environments that compromise your spiritual health. Healing does not mean going back to what broke you.

You can forgive someone and still keep healthy distance. You can release bitterness and still protect your heart. You can love without reopening old wounds.

This is maturity.

Joseph did not step down from his position to prove forgiveness. He did not minimize his authority. He forgave from a place of strength, not weakness. His healing allowed him to help without surrendering the future God had given him.

You must learn this balance.

Facing the past also means forgiving yourself.

This is often the hardest part.

You replay your mistakes. You remember poor decisions. You carry shame for things you wish you could change. Even after God forgives you, you struggle to forgive yourself.

But self-condemnation is not humility. It is a hidden form of pride. It keeps you focused on your failure instead of God's grace.

Joseph could have lived in regret for his youthful arrogance. For his lack of wisdom when he shared his dreams. But he did not allow his past immaturity to define his future purpose.

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God does not define you by your worst moment. He defines you by His redemption.

If God has forgiven you, you must release yourself.

Facing the past also brings clarity. You begin to see patterns. You recognize where you were vulnerable. You understand how God protected you even when you did not see it. This clarity equips you to walk wisely into the future.

Healing transforms pain into wisdom.

Joseph's pain became insight. His suffering gave him discernment. His betrayal refined his leadership. Nothing was wasted.

Your pain is not wasted either.

When God heals you, He does not erase your story. He redeems it. He turns wounds into testimonies. He turns scars into reminders of His faithfulness.

Facing the past without losing the future requires trust. Trust that God is in control. Trust that justice belongs to Him. Trust that healing is possible. Trust that your future is secure in His hands.

This chapter calls you to release what no longer serves God's purpose in your life.

***Release bitterness.
Release shame.
Release resentment.
Release guilt.***

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These burdens were never meant to be carried into your future.

Joseph wept when he revealed himself to his brothers. Healing does not mean you will not feel emotion. Tears are not weakness. They are evidence of a heart that has been touched by grace.

God meets you in those tears.

As you face your past, invite God into every memory. Let Him speak truth where lies were planted. Let Him bring peace where chaos once lived. Let Him restore what was broken.

You are not the same person you were then. God has changed you. He has grown you. He has strengthened you.

Do not allow old wounds to pull you back into old identities.

You are not a victim anymore.
You are not abandoned anymore.
You are not powerless anymore.
You are healed.
You are restored.
You are trusted by God.

Facing the past is not about reliving pain. It is about closing doors properly so that your future remains unhindered. It is about walking forward lighter, freer, and stronger.

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Joseph faced his past and preserved his future. You can too.

When forgiveness flows, peace follows. When healing comes, clarity rises. When reconciliation is guided by God, freedom is protected.

You are not called to live chained to yesterday. You are called to walk boldly into tomorrow.

God has more ahead of you.

And as you release the past into His hands, you step fully into the future He has prepared for you.

You are still becoming a vessel of honor.

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Chapter Nine **Purpose Bigger Than You**

NLT Scripture

Genesis 50:20

□ You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. □

There comes a moment when your life stops being only about you. Not because your story no longer matters, but because God begins to reveal something greater.

You realize that your pain had a purpose. Your delays had a reason. Your survival was not accidental. God was writing a story that reaches beyond your name, beyond your lifetime, beyond what you can see right now.

This is the moment Joseph reached when everything finally made sense.

He stood at the height of influence, not to enjoy power, but to preserve lives. ***Nations were depending on the wisdom God had placed in him.***

Generations were protected because he had endured seasons that once seemed unbearable. What looked like personal suffering was actually global preparation.

You are invited into this same revelation.

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Your journey has never been only about your comfort. It has been about assignment. God has been shaping you to carry responsibility, not just blessing.

Purpose that comes from God is never small. It always touches others. It always extends beyond personal gain.

This chapter asks you to lift your eyes.

Up to this point, you have focused on healing, waiting, forgiveness, and obedience. Now God invites you to see the bigger picture.

He wants you to understand that your faithfulness today becomes someone else's survival tomorrow.

Joseph's obedience fed nations. His integrity preserved families. His forgiveness protected the future of Israel. His purpose reached far beyond his own life.

And so does yours.

Legacy is not about fame. It is about impact. It is not about being remembered by many, but about being faithful to what God entrusted to you.

Legacy is built quietly, through daily obedience, consistent faith, and surrendered hearts.

You may never stand before kings like Joseph. You may never lead nations. But do not mistake scale for significance. God measures purpose differently than the world does.

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One obedient life can change many.

Your choices matter more than you realize. How you love. How you forgive. How you speak. How you remain faithful in hidden places. These things ripple outward. They affect people you may never meet. They shape generations you may never see.

Joseph did not know that his endurance would save his family years later. You may not know who your obedience is protecting right now.

That is why responsibility matters.

God does not give purpose casually. He entrusts it to those who have been shaped by surrender. Responsibility grows as character grows. Influence increases as humility deepens.

When God reveals purpose bigger than you, it humbles you. It removes selfish ambition. It shifts your prayers. You stop asking only for comfort and start asking for alignment. You stop asking for ease and start asking for endurance.

This is a holy shift.

Joseph did not use his position to elevate himself. He used it to serve. He planned wisely. He prepared others. He thought beyond the present moment. He carried the weight of responsibility because he understood the cost of unpreparedness.

God is teaching you the same lesson.

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Your healing was not just for you. Your restoration was not just for you. Your breakthrough is not just for you. It is preparation for responsibility.

Purpose requires stewardship.

God asks. Can I trust you with influence. Can I trust you with provision. Can I trust you with people's hearts. Can I trust you with truth.

These questions are not answered in public moments. They are answered in private obedience.

*You are learning to live with eternal perspective.
You are learning to value obedience over applause.
You are learning to invest in what outlives you.*

This chapter calls you to think generationally.

Joseph's obedience preserved the lineage through which God would later bring salvation to the world. His life was a link in a divine chain. Remove one link, and history changes.

Your life is also a link.

Your prayers matter. Your faithfulness matters. Your perseverance matters. Someone else's breakthrough may be connected to your obedience.

This realization brings weight, but it also brings meaning.

Suffering feels different when you understand it carries purpose. Waiting feels different when you know

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it is shaping legacy. Forgiveness feels different when you see how bitterness could damage more than just you.

God trusted Joseph because Joseph learned to think beyond himself.

God is inviting you to do the same.

You may feel small. You may feel ordinary. You may feel unseen. But purpose is not determined by visibility. It is determined by obedience.

Do not underestimate what God can do through a surrendered life.

Legacy is often built in quiet decisions. Choosing integrity when no one is watching. Choosing patience when rushing seems easier. Choosing forgiveness when resentment feels justified. Choosing faith when fear feels logical.

These choices build foundations that others will stand on.

Joseph never lived to see the full impact of his obedience. But heaven recorded it fully.

You may not see the full harvest of your faithfulness either. But God sees. And He ensures nothing is wasted.

This chapter also calls you to release control.

Purpose bigger than you requires trust. You will not

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always understand how God is using your life. ***You will not always see immediate results. Sometimes obedience feels thankless. Sometimes sacrifice feels unnoticed.***

But God is faithful.

When Joseph spoke to his brothers at the end of his life, he declared a powerful truth. God intended it all for good. That statement was not denial. It was revelation.

God had woven every pain into purpose.

You are standing in the middle of that same weaving.

You are not behind. You are not off track. You are not forgotten. You are being positioned within a plan that extends further than you can imagine.

This chapter invites you to surrender your need to understand everything. To trust God with outcomes. To remain faithful even when results are delayed.

Your responsibility is obedience. God's responsibility is impact.

When you embrace purpose bigger than you, your life becomes lighter. You stop carrying pressure to prove yourself. You stop striving for recognition. You rest in knowing that God is at work beyond what you can see.

You become free to serve with joy.

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Free to love without conditions.

Free to give without fear.

This is the posture of a vessel of honor.

Joseph's life reminds you that obedience today shapes tomorrow. Faithfulness now secures futures later. Purpose bigger than you is not overwhelming when you walk with God.

He carries the weight.

As you step into this understanding, allow it to refine how you live. Let it guide your decisions. Let it anchor your heart. Let it remind you that your life is meaningful, valuable, and purposeful.

You were never meant to live small.

God has always had something bigger in mind.

And as you walk forward with humility, obedience, and faith, you become part of a story that continues long after your chapter ends.

You are still becoming.

You are still being shaped.

You are still a vessel of honor.

The final chapter will bring everything together. A call to rise. A call to surrender fully. *A call to walk boldly into God's assignment.*

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Chapter Ten

A Vessel Ready for the Master's Use

NLT Scripture

2 Timothy 2:21

□ If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. □

You have come a long way. You can feel it now. You are not the same person who began this journey. Something within you has shifted. Your heart is softer. Your faith is deeper.

Your trust in God is steadier. You may still carry scars, but they no longer define you. They testify to what God has healed and redeemed.

This final chapter is not an ending. It is a commissioning.

You have walked through brokenness and surrender. You have endured waiting and silence. You have faced your past and released it.

You have learned that your purpose is bigger than you. Now God brings you to this sacred place where He prepares you fully for His use.

A vessel ready for the Master's use is not perfect. It is available. It is surrendered. It is clean, not because it never touched dirt, but because it allowed God to wash it.

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God has been forming you patiently. He has been shaping you through experiences that once felt confusing and painful.

Every delay refined you. Every test strengthened you. Every act of obedience positioned you.

Joseph reached this moment quietly. Not with applause. Not with fanfare. But with deep awareness that his life no longer belonged to him alone.

He understood that God had entrusted him with authority, wisdom, and responsibility for a reason.

You are arriving at the same understanding.

Being ready for God's use does not mean you feel confident. Often it means you feel deeply dependent. You know your weakness.

You know your limitations. And because of that, you trust God more than ever before.

God does not use vessels that are proud and unyielding. He uses vessels that are humble and yielded. He uses hearts that listen. Lives that obey. Spirits that tremble at His Word.

This chapter invites you to examine your posture. Are you willing. Are you available. Are you surrendered.

God is not asking for perfection. He is asking for your yes.

A vessel ready for use is one that has learned obe-

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dience in private. One that has learned faithfulness when no one was watching. One that has learned to value God's presence above recognition.

Joseph learned this in the prison. Kathryn Kuhlman learned this in the hidden seasons of surrender. You have learned this through your own journey.

Now God prepares to pour through you. But before that happens, there is one final refining. The refining of motive.

Why do you want God to use you.

Is it for validation. Is it for significance. Is it to prove something to others. Or is it because you love God and desire to serve His purpose.

God searches the heart carefully. He entrusts power only where humility protects it. He releases authority only where character sustains it.

Being a vessel of honor means you are willing to decrease so that God may increase. It means you understand that your life is not your own. It belongs fully to Him.

This understanding brings freedom.

You stop striving.

You stop comparing.

You stop forcing outcomes.

You simply obey.

Joseph did not chase his destiny. He walked faithfully

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until God brought destiny to him. You are learning to live the same way.

A vessel ready for the Master's use is also one that stays clean. Not outwardly, but inwardly. Guarding your heart. Guarding your thoughts. Guarding your motives.

Purity is not about appearance. It is about alignment.

When your heart is aligned with God, your life becomes a channel for His work. His love flows through you. His wisdom guides you. His power rests upon you.

This chapter is a call to consecration.

To set yourself apart again.

To renew your commitment.

To surrender areas you still hold tightly.

God does not force His way into your life. He waits for permission.

Say yes again.

Say yes even if you feel unqualified. Say yes even if you feel afraid. Say yes even if you do not see the full picture.

God delights in using surrendered lives.

A vessel ready for use also understands timing. You no longer rush God. You no longer resist His pace. You trust Him completely.

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Whether He sends you now or later. Whether He speaks loudly or leads quietly.

Your readiness is not measured by activity. It is measured by obedience.

When God sends you, you will go.

When God says wait, you will wait.

When God says speak, you will speak.

When God says be still, you will be still.

This is spiritual maturity.

Joseph stayed where God placed him. He did not leave Egypt early. He did not abandon his assignment. He served faithfully until God completed the work.

You are learning to remain faithful too.

A vessel ready for use also carries compassion. Authority without compassion hardens the heart. God shapes your pain so that you can minister with empathy. You do not look down on others. You remember where God brought you from.

Your story becomes a bridge, not a barrier.

You understand broken people because you were once broken. You understand waiting because you waited. You understand forgiveness because you forgave.

God uses that understanding.

He sends you to places where your testimony brings hope. He uses your voice to heal. He uses your presence to restore.

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You are no longer ashamed of your past. You are grateful for God's redemption.

This chapter invites you to release fear.

Fear of failing.

Fear of disappointing God.

Fear of being misunderstood.

God does not call you to succeed. He calls you to obey. Results belong to Him.

You step forward knowing He walks with you.

A vessel ready for the Master's use is not loud. It is faithful. It is not self-promoting. It is God-glorifying. It is not driven by pressure. It is led by peace.

As you reach the end of this book, understand this clearly.

You are not reading words on a page. You are responding to a call.

A call to live surrendered.

A call to walk faithfully.

A call to serve humbly.

God has been preparing you carefully. Nothing was wasted. Nothing was accidental. Every chapter of your life mattered.

Now He invites you to step into your assignment.

It may not look the way you imagined. It may unfold slowly. It may require courage. But God will be with

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you every step.

You are not alone.

You are ready.

Not because you are strong, but because God is faithful.

Not because you know everything, but because you trust the One who does.

Not because you are perfect, but because you are surrendered.

Lift your heart to God one more time.

Offer Him your life again.

Say yes to His will.

Say yes to His timing.

Say yes to His purpose.

You are a vessel of honor.

Clean.
Available.
Ready.

And the Master is pleased to use you for every good work.

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What if your broken past is not the end of your story?

Vessel of Honor is a powerful invitation to see how God restores broken lives and turns them into purpose.

Through the journeys of Jacob and Joseph, you will discover how God transforms pain, waiting, and failure into preparation for destiny. From the pit to the prison, and from rejection to restoration, this book reveals that no season is wasted in God's hands.



If you have ever felt forgotten, disqualified, or unsure of your future, this message is for you.



Your past does not define your future, God still shapes broken vessels into vessels of honor.



The story is not over. There is still purpose in your life.

**You may have been broken.
But in the hands of God,
you can become a vessel of honor.**

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“God does not discard broken vessels. He restores them. He reshapes them. He gives them purpose. And He uses them for His glory.”

