Prolonged Destination

Have you ever sat back and wondered why it was taking you so long to get to where you are going? It seems as though you have been traveling for hours, sometimes days or even years and still in the same place you started or in some cases somewhere you shouldn’t be.

If we look back at the children of Israel and how they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, we see that their attitudes were the root cause of the duration. Let’s step back and examine ourselves and see if our attitude has kept us from getting to where we need to go. Your attitude reflects what is in your heart and what God is looking for is what is in your heart.

Deuteronomy 8:2

“And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness **to humble you** and **test you**, to **know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep his commandments or not.”

Ask yourself are you complaining too much? Are you continuously looking at the obstacle before you and not thanking him for the end result? Are you constantly looking back and not forward?

If you have answered “Yes” to any of these questions then I must inform you that you are prolonging your destination.

In Isaiah 43:18 God addresses the children of Israel and says:

“Do not remember the former things nor consider things of old, for behold I will **do a new thing**, now it shall **spring forth**; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

What God is trying to say to us is that we must not allow ourselves to keep looking back but keep looking ahead because new and exciting things are just ahead. When God says “I will make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, he is saying I will do what appears impossible but with him all things are possible no matter the circumstance.

If you are going through a difficult time in your life at this very moment, it is not a time to be depressed or discouraged but to remain hopeful and cheerful that the hard time is coming to an end real soon. Know that God is still by your side for he said he would never leave you nor forsake you and he will see you through. Do not allow yourself to lose focus of your destination (where God wants to lead you). For we know that hope produces perseverance and that hope is the evidence of things not seen. Hold on to faith and know that God has given us all a lively hope that we can remain certain that things are going to get better for us.

Remember, God didn’t say that your journey was going to be filled with excitement and good times in fact God said you are going to endure hard times just as his son endured hard times.

You are going to be faced with opposition, discouragement, displeasure, heartache, disappointment throughout your journey but what God wants to do is humble you, test you, and see where your heart is.

Understand that with every situation that arises God is still in control but what we have to remember is that we are in control of our own destiny. Meaning, that if you continue to think positively and not allow the circumstance to cloud your thinking or discourage you then you can reach your destination.

If you continue to think negatively always about the situation then you will most likely stay in the same situation longer than what you were expecting.

The children of Israel probably could have reached their destination a lot sooner had it not been for all of the complaining thinking they were better off where they were brought out of rather than enduring what they had to go through to get to what was promised.

How are you expecting God to move on your behalf if you are not willing to endure or put in the necessary work required to receive the promise that was made to you….

The bible says “Faith without works is dead” meaning that our works needs to be evidence of our faith.

Your works can consist of:

* Constant praise and worship
* Working a job that you don’t like in the interim while God is preparing a even more exciting job opportunity that you could ever imagine.
* Consistently submitting applications if you are laid off or unemployed while thanking God for the new opportunity

These are just a few examples of works that can be done to demonstrate your faith in what is getting ready to happen in your life.

God says if you have the faith the size of a mustard that you can speak to this mountain and it be cast into the deepest of the sea. Your mountain may be the job you are currently working, the abusive or neglectful relationship you are currently in, unemployed, financially strained.

Speaking to your mountain is speaking life into your breakthrough, speaking joy into your relationship, speaking that phone call from the company you desired to work for, or the promotion you have been anxiously seeking.

These are just basic principles that God wants us to follow in order for us to reach our destination. Allow God to be our GPS in life and guide us where he wants us to go because it is his will and not our own. It is when we try to regain control that we start losing control and we end up somewhere we don’t want to be.

Think about if you were driving 8 hours going in the wrong direction and you are scheduled to be somewhere at an appointed time. You have just wasted 8 hours and now you have to back track and start all over again. The point I am trying to make is that you have prolonged your destination.

In order for us to stay on course we must obey God and follow his directions. We might have to endure some bumpy roads along the way but know that God is still in control and there is a reason why we have to endure these obstacles.

I want you to proclaim today that you will no longer prolong your destination but you will allow God the opportunity work these situations out for you according to his will and purpose that he has in your life.

May God bless you on your journey and may you find peace and happiness once you have reached your destination.

God is Love……

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