

Preface

The purpose of this book is to influence change in your life. Each chapter presents a teaching that is transformative and encouraging. The focus of this book is to help you move forward in life and anticipate the promises and provision of God. God is Alpha and Omega, “the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). We all can reflect on the things God accomplishes for us in the beginning of our life, but often we forget that he has a road ahead of us. This road can be heaven, or a more abundant life on earth.

The Bible talks about how faith can move mountains. Faith also involves speaking. For example, when Elijah prayed, rain came down upon the earth (1 Kings 18). Material in this book will encourage you to move forward and empower you to make decisions. Jeremiah 29:11 mentions that God has an “expected end.” The expected end is whatever word God speaks over you in advance. Before the word manifests in the natural, there is a process that you must go through. Waiting on God can be a trial. When you use the word of God properly, you can empower yourself just by meditating and reading scriptures. My aim is to interpret the Bible in a modern way that can relate to difficulties within a Christian’s life.

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1. Breakthrough

Joshua 5:6-7 KJV For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. 7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

People who were disobedient did not make it into the promise land. The descendants of the children of Israel moved forward. God will not give his people anything that they cannot handle. Sometimes God may use you to lead others to victory, but we must be obedient to instructions.

Waiting and obedience leads to breakthrough in your life. God may be looking for you to keep still. Trust God to release any burdens that plague your mind and heart. What you believe by faith becomes visible. There can't be great struggle without a great comeback. The end is always better than the beginning (Ecclesiastes 7:8).

1. Rebuke the spirit of fear and it will leave you (2 Timothy 1:7).
2. Be obedient and believe God to give you more for your struggle.

2. Reward

Joshua 24:11-16 NIV

11 Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands.

God will allow you to defeat every enemy you encounter.

12 I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow.

Before God moves you into new territory, A path must be prepared. God can send angels to fight for you. Like hornets they can fly and attack. As small as hornets are people fear them. Early in the beginning of Genesis angels guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24). In 2 Kings 19:35 an angel kills 185,000 men. One purpose of angels is to protect and fight. Believe God to fight your battles.

13 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.

God can give you the spoils of a battle you do not fight. The only fighting that is needed is the declaration of promises and prayer. Read your Bible and declare the words of Jesus.

God always prepares his blessings. If God gave you an unprepared blessing, one of two things could happen; (1) you could lose it, (2) you wouldn't be able to handle what God grants you so it would be bad.

14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other god's!"

Serve Jesus with all your heart, soul, and mind. He will reward you. When you serve the Lord, you set an example for others in your household. This household may be your family, your friends, or your coworkers.

Don't serve foreign Gods. Make sure your actions, intentions, and thoughts worship God. Without faithful and consistent service to God you risk being influenced to serve false gods.

3. Change

Just because you cannot see breakthrough does not mean it's won't come. Get ready for change in whatever area of life you need it.

1. If you forgive your enemies God will take responsibility for them (Deuteronomy 32:35).
2. Do not worry about how to make decisions properly. God can grant people to give guidance (Proverbs 11:14).

Deuteronomy 2:1-3 NIV

1 Then we turned back and set out toward the wilderness along the route to the Red Sea, as the LORD had directed me. For a long time we made our way around the hill country of Seir. 2 Then the LORD said to me, 3 "You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north.

Stay away from sinful habits. God does not want to grant you blessings when you keep an old mindset. Stay along the path God has placed you on and don't turn back.

If you're tired, it could be a sign that God wants to shift your location. You may not stay in the same circumstances in life whether good or bad. There are times and seasons and both the righteous and the unrighteous experience rain and sun (Matthew 5:45). God allows seasons to change. Look for God's goodness in whatever season you are in.

Sometimes it may feel like you are losing the battle, but the Lord is coming to save you. All things work to the good (Romans 8:28). God's desires to shift circumstances in your favor.