



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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The Place Where God Wants Us

When his brothers begged for mercy, Joseph answered, “**Am I in the place of God?**” Gen. 50:19. His brothers had sold him as a slave and when their father died, they were afraid that Joseph would kill them. Joseph was Prime Minister of Egypt but he did not kill them; he knew that vengeance, if any, must come from God. As Prime Minister, he did have the power of life and death over them, yet Joseph was telling them something different. He wanted them to know that he was in the chosen place of God, the place that had been planned for him from the very beginning? Joseph had walked close to God through every one of his trials and he earned God’s place of blessings. In the end he gained wealth, authority, honor, family, long life and God’s friendship.

Even if you have failed, it is not too late to turn things around but you will need an unbeatable, extraordinary, overcoming faith. That is what Joseph had. For many years, he was dragged through the mud, yet he fulfilled his destiny and at the end of his life, Joseph obtained all the biblical blessings that God promises His people.

Joseph said to his brothers, “***You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then don’t be afraid, I will provide for you’ And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. Joseph stayed in Egypt along with his father’s family. He lived one hundred and ten years and saw the third generation of Ephraim’s children.***” Gen. 50 20-22

I am sure that most of you know what happened to Joseph so I will not belabor the story, but for those who do not know, here is a sketch. When Joseph was young he had a dream that showed his brothers and parents bowing down to him. He was immature, so he shared the dream with his family. His brothers became

angry and tried to kill him. They ended up selling him as a slave to a passing caravan trader. Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh’s guard, bought him and while serving in his house, Joseph was accused of trying to rape his wife. Joseph was thrown into prison where he stayed for 16 years. He interpreted dreams and prophesied the future of Egypt so he was brought before Pharaoh. Pharaoh was amazed and promoted him to the position of Prime Minister. Then a severe famine arose and his brothers came to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognized them and eventually he brought the family, including his father Jacob, to Egypt. It is no wonder that the brothers were afraid after Jacob, their father died. They thought Joseph was holding a grudge and would kill them.

Joseph, however, was long past grudges, in fact, he was a man who walked in extraordinary faith and was in God’s place for him. He had always walked in the place of God, no matter how horrible the situation was. You do not need Karma, Nirvana, or fate to be blessed, but you do need to stand in the place of God.

It is the place of peace. Many are afraid for their future. They fear financial failure; health, security, and family or friendship failures.

I am reminded of the taxi driver in New York city. It was his first day on the job and he was driving in rush-hour traffic. He was day-dreaming and was about to miss his passenger's stop when the man in the back touched him so he would let him off. Suddenly, the driver reacted in shock and drove the car off the road. He apologized and said, "I am so sorry, for 20 years I drove a Hearst for Morgan's Funeral Parlor. You can't imagine what just went through my head"

Worry and fear are believing for things you do not want, so why worry? Don't be afraid of the future. Be like Joseph who ended strong. It was not the externals that could stop Joseph from receiving God's blessings, it was the internals. It is the negative reactions to life that cause cancerous problems to fester in our hearts and that blocks God's blessings. These cancers naturally accumulate inside of us and must be removed in order for God to bless us. They enter our lives when we react to the wrongs that have come to us. When we are attacked we may react and the reaction is what keeps us from standing in the place of God. Joseph's story is about overcoming those cancers. Because of Joseph's faith, God was able to remove the cancers from his

heart. Here are 5 cancers that Joseph and everyone else, must deal with. They are; pride, idolatry, selfishness, greed, and a wounded spirit. If one of these rules your life, you need healing and you need more faith. God's grace and not these things must rule.

The scriptures teach us how to remove these blessing stoppers. It requires an extraordinary faith to get all of God's blessings. Let's see if you have that kind of faith. If you have great faith, you will be filled with these 5 things; unusual grace, unstoppable praise, uninterrupted thanksgiving, unmeasured giving, and unreasonable forgiveness.

These 5 activities point to a powerful faith. They also remove the 5 cancers that stop God's blessings.

Unusual Grace: is the ability to promote your competition. This will remove the cancer of pride in your life. Barnabas promoted Paul and John the Baptist promoted Jesus and the pride cancer was removed from them.

Unstoppable Praise: is a fanatical expression of continuous adoration of God. All of us are tempted to idolize something. Our nation is celebrity-centric and idol focused. Ask yourself, what you spend your time on and what you think about most and you will find out what your idol is. Remove the cancer of idolatry by praising God.

Uninterrupted Thanksgiving: will remove the selfishness in your life.

You may be extremely self-centered and be unaware of it. Thank everyone who does any little thing for you with an unusual overdose of thanks. Give abundant thanks to God for every detail of your life; even for those things you do not like. The cancer of selfishness will be removed from your heart.

Unmeasured Giving: is when you do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. You become a crazy giver. This removes the cancer of greed in your life. Even poor people can be greedy; it is an attitude. Crazy giving tells the devil that greed has been conquered.

Unreasonable Forgiveness: releases people who have hurt you when they don't deserve it. Forgiveness must be given freely, fully, frequently, and forever. You must not nurse it, rehearse it, or curse it, then God can reverse it. A wounded spirit cannot find the place of God because it has no faith. Remember, God is the one who orders your steps and your stops. Unreasonable forgiveness will remove the cancer of a wounded spirit inside of you.

Unbeatable, extraordinary, overcoming faith comes as you deal with pride, idolatry, selfishness, greed and unforgiveness. It requires extraordinary faith to let these go and to trust in God. That kind of faith unites you with God. Then you will be in the place where God wants you and He will bless you. AΩ



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