

Overcoming Uncertainty

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Scripture References

2 Kings 7:3-9

James 4:7

Hosea 4:6, MSG

1 John 4:4

Hebrews 11:24, 25

Romans 6:14

Summary

God wants the best for us, and His plans for us are good. However, He is not going to force anything on us; receiving blessings from Him depends on the wise decisions we make. We must overcome the spirit of fear that can work against us and prevent us from moving forward when we sense God's call on our lives. There is always the risk that we may fail, as well as the possibility that we could succeed and flourish; we will never know unless we have the courage to get out of our situation and go forward. God's plans are always to bless us. Being in His will is the safest and most secure place we could ever be. Believing this gives us the confidence to step out in faith, even when the future looks uncertain.

A. The lepers overcame their fear and were blessed greatly; this can work for us as well.

1. And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household (2 Kings 7:3-9).
 - a. The lepers made a quality decision to get up and move forward. They refused to let the spirit of fear paralyze them.
 - b. The lepers asked each other why they had to remain where they were and die; we must ask ourselves the same question. We must not let life pass us by.
 - c. The Syrians ran away in fear because they thought someone was after them. Like the Syrians, the enemy will run when we resist him.

- d. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).
 - e. The lepers never would have found the riches and material possessions they did if they had simply sat in the same spot until they died. This can be a lesson for *us*.
 - f. God will never do anything to hurt us; His plans are always good and full of hope. We must focus on *His* plan, not on the enemy's plan.
2. My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true (Hosea 4:6, *MSG*).
- a. God wants to do supernatural things in our lives; we must not let faith-killers or blessing-blockers stop Him from doing so.
 - b. We need to resist the spirit of fear; the Spirit of God is inside us.
 - c. ...Because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).
 - d. Ignorance and a lack of knowledge can stop us from moving forward to accomplish God's purpose.
3. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Hebrews 11:24, 25).
- a. Moses had to decide to embrace God's call on his life. He moved forward despite not being certain of what would happen. He was a man of faith, regardless of what was happening at the time.
 - b. Although sin may seem tempting to us, we must not let it consume our lives. Sin no longer governs us.
 - c. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:14).
 - d. Being in God's will gives us a spirit of ease. His grace is on our lives; His anointing allows us to live sweatlessly and succeed without struggling in our self-efforts.
 - e. Even if we are not sure what the next step is, we must move in the direction God indicates, and actively pursue His purpose. This is the only way we find the real joy and peace that come from Him.

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