

"YOUR PURPOSE IS GREATER THAN YOUR PAIN"

Romans 8:17 – *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."*



Do you often times get so overwhelmed with the pain and suffering you are faced with on this earth that you forget it's just a part of life? The bible says in Job 14:1, "Man that is born of a woman is of a few days, and full of trouble." This means that life without pain is merely a fairy tale.

I was at a service recently and the preacher made a statement in his sermon that stuck with me; thus the title of this month's Glimpse of Glory. I need you to know that before you were ever conceived in your mother's womb, God drew up the blueprint for your life. He knew your ending before your beginning. And all roads lead to Him. Be careful what you ask for. If you're asking God for a greater anointing, just know that there are some tests, trials and temptations you will have to endure. So every time you are dealing with your burdens; delight in your blessings. Every time you hit a bump in the road; hold tight to your blessings. Every time you survive a bruise; celebrate your blessings. Every time you are battered by the storms of life; envision your blessings in the horizon. "Why?" you ask, because your purpose is greater than your pain.

Never forget that in order to get to your blessing, you have got to go through your battle. God is bound to get the glory because your testimony should be "I don't know where I would be if it had not been for the Lord on my side." All you go through, for the sake of Christ, is simply the conduit to developing your faith! God needs to navigate your circumstances in order to help get you to the destiny and purpose He planned for you. He allows you, through your own volition, to decide the path you travel. But He also chooses to intervene on your behalf to place you back on the right path. Hopefully you'll learn your lesson and stay on the path designed specifically for you to get to your purpose in life.

Ever notice as you are traveling on the road that sometimes even when you have a map, written directions or a navigation system in your car or on your phone, that there are extenuating conditions beyond your control which may cause you to make a detour from the path (danger up ahead) you're traveling? It may cause you to stop completely and wait where you are (accident or acclimate weather) or take care of some mechanical repair (flat tire, blown head gasket, water pump) in order for you to continue on. But eventually you make it to your destination. These are some of the same setbacks and struggles that you will encounter on your Christian journey. Sometimes God says "No" to something you ask for because it will be detrimental to your purpose. Sometimes God says "Wait" because that very thing you may be asking for is more than you are spiritually ready to handle right now and will mess you up and cause you not to live out your purpose. God may need to do some more work on you to get you ready. Then there are times God says "Yes". At that time He knows that in spite of all the pain and suffering you've endured, all the tests and trials you've come through, all the valleys you've had to go through, you are now ready to live out your true destiny and walk in your purpose that He may be glorified in your suffering!

So when you find yourself going through and you don't think you can make it, Stop your complaining; Stop your crying; Stop your moaning; Stop your groaning and hold your head up and remember that your Purpose is greater than your Pain!