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## *Hi Partners and Friends*

The leaves are changing colors and it is starting to cool down but it is not time for us to start cooling down – no, it is time for us to fire up more for our King and His Kingdom.

I said the beginning of this year that “This is not a time to just keep sitting and relaxing so to speak when it comes to the will and plan of God. We are here for such a time as this and God has an assignment for each of us individually and for the local church assembly He has connected us to.”

We have just come back from our first Turning Point conference in Estevan, SK and had a wonderful time and the Lord moved greatly. It is time for each of us to experience a turning point in our lives so I am going to share a bit of what I shared at that conference and taught in our local church assembly last month.

May this be a time where you enter into His story for your life and experience your turning point – where your nothing is turned into something all for His glory.

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Let's pick up what seems to be the story of Abram in Genesis chapter 12 verses 1-4 NKJV

*Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him*

We all have a story – where and when we were born, our parents, where we went to school and how well we did. Our jobs, business, friends and if we got married and our dreams and desires and whether we achieved them or not.

The problem with our looking out our eyes and hearing through our ears and feeling from our body is we can think life is all about us as individuals. While life is about us when it comes to obedience and doing the Word of God and intimacy with Him the other side of the coin reveals that it is not. Life is not about us and our selfish desires. If Jesus is our Lord we serve Him and do what He tells us – we are soldiers in the army of God and do not get to do whatever we want.

So it appears that this is a story about Abram yet Romans 4 verse 3 in the MESSAGE states it differently:

*But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. What we read in Scripture is, "Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point.*

This is a God story and God offered Abram an opportunity to get in it. God showed up and said that it was time to leave and follow Him because He had something to show him. Then God said I will, I will, I will.

God's story is what He has done and is doing for us. Abram entered into God's story or what He was doing for him by leaving and following Him. We enter into God's story and what He is doing for us by stepping out in line with what He has said to us in His Word.

Your Turning Point comes by finding out what God has done for you and entering into it.

Do you want to settle for asking God to enter into your story each time you need help and need something to change ... or do you want to enter into His story and what He is doing for you?

God's story is His plan and according to Jeremiah 29:11 from a number of different translations He said "I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you saith the Lord, thoughts and plans for your peace, welfare, prosperity and success. Not of evil or of harm but to give you an expectant end and a hopeful future."

He said He has already thought the thoughts and planned the plans from before the foundation of the world. Eph 2:10 in the AMPLIFIED CLASSIC version said He "prepared ahead of time, for us to live the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live." He prepared ahead of time and prearranged and made ready a good life for us to live. Isn't that what He did to Abram? God showed up and said follow Me and I will, I will, I will. God was doing for Abram what He had already planned.

We can see from these scriptures that God's plan is good. His plan for you and me is good.

Next His plan is revealed in His Word. Rom 4:13 MSG says,

*That famous promise God gave Abraham—that he and his children would possess the earth—was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God's decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed.*

God's promises are what He has said in the Word, our Bibles. God's promise to Abram was not based on what Abram did or would do but was based on God's decision to put everything together for him.

God's promises to us in the Word of God are also not based on our performance, abilities or lack thereof. God planned them before time and they are based on His decision to put everything together for us.

Remember His plan is good so everything He has put together for us is GOOD. Eph 3:20 tells us it is the kind of good that is "far over and above all we could dare ask or even think."

So, God's promises are based on His decision to put everything together for us. His Word which is His promise is based on His decision to put everything together for us. Therefore, His Word is a result of what He has already put together for you and me.

For example, He put together *Everlasting life* so He said John 3:16. He put together *Righteousness* so He said 2 Cor 5:21. He put together *Healing* so He said Matt 8:17, 1 Pet 2:24. He put together *Rich and wealthy* so He said 2 Cor 8:9.

His Word is a result of what He has already put together for us. So, it would be very beneficial for each of us to get into the Word of God and find out as much as we can about what our Father in heaven has already put together for us.

John 15:7 in the WUEST translation says,

*If you maintain a living communion with me and my words are at home in you, I command you to ask, at once, something for yourself, whatever your heart desires, and it will become yours.*

Choosing a vital, living, intimate communion with our Jesus and His Word are necessary requirements for our Turning Point.

So far we have seen that God's story is His plan and that His plan is good and that it is revealed in His Word. My next point is about entering in.

Rom 4:3 MSG

*Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point.*

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*That famous promise God gave Abraham ... was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God's decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed.*

Notice Abram's turning point was not when he received the invitation to follow God or when he had the "I wills" but rather when he entered in.

Your Turning Point is not when you have, or know, or can quote or teach the promises but rather when you enter in.

We enter into God's story by believing. We enter into what God is doing for us by faith. We enter into everything God has put together for us by believing.

By believing what you may ask? Let's revisit a few statements that have already been made to help answer this question.

God's promises are based on His decision to put everything together for us. His Word is based on His decision to put everything together for us and His Word is a result of what He has already put together for us.

Therefore, we believe His Word because it reveals to us our destiny – that which He has planned and prepared ahead of time for us.

Heb 11:1 AMPLIFIED CLASSIC

*Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].*

Faith is our title deed, confirmation # or receipt. What does possessing the title deed reveal? Ownership!

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God – so the Word of God is our title deed. The Word reveals what God has already put together for us. So, when we find it in the Word use that verse as your confirmation # - it is yours even though it may not feel or look like it. The promise that fits your need is your receipt that God has already given it to you.

Your bible is a receipt book filled with your title deeds and confirmation #'s. Get into it and find out what is yours and then take ownership of it. Gather your healing receipt, your wealth receipt, your deliverance receipt, your strength receipt, your wisdom receipt, your joy receipt – your salvation receipt.

We see that we are to enter in by believing and our believing must have action tied to it. James says faith without works or corresponding action is dead and that the doers are blessed (James 2:20, 26 and 1:25). So, entering in requires action.

We read that Abram left or stepped out because he believed and trusted God. If we trust and believe God we will also need to step out and even leave some things to follow Him.

Gen 17:1-5 NKJV

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.*

God changed Abram's name to Abraham and from that point on he called himself Abraham – he took ownership of it.

What has God called you? Are you calling yourself that?

Rom 4:17 says "God calls things that be not as though they were" and that Abraham copied Him. We also are to copy our Father in heaven and call those things that be not as though they were.

The word call in the Greek can also be translated as – call forth, command, order, aloud. Whatever God has called you in His Word, that which He has already put together for you – you must call it forth, command and order it to come out loud.

Why? Because there is a thief who is trying to steal and keep everything God has given you from you.

Matt 11:12 NKJV

*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

The Kingdom of God has suffered violence – *to force, pressure* – against it from the kingdom of darkness. But we are not to cave in under this pressure and give up what is ours but the violent – *the strong, forceful and energetic* – are to take it – *seize, pull, claim it* – by force – *by choice*.

Take what is yours – repossess what is yours. Refuse to let the devil steal it from you. Take your freedom, take your healing, take your prosperity and provision, take your peace. Take it because God has already put everything together for you and then said it in His Word to let you know what He has done for you.

Your Turning Point requires that you:

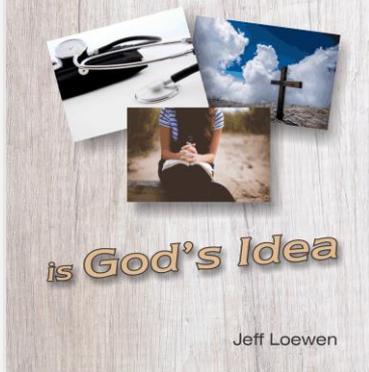
Know the Planner (Father God)  
Find the Plan in His Word  
Enter in by believing the Plan  
Step out and Follow Jesus

Peter had to step out of the boat to walk with Jesus. If you stay in the boat you only meet disciples but if you get out of your boat you get to walk with Jesus.

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# Fight the Good Fight of Faith

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Are you struggling in your faith walk? Have you lost power, energy, hope in your faith walk? Do you feel a wall of resistance against you? Then you need to know that God knew we would have times where we struggle, where we feel like we are losing ground. The good news is He has provided His Word first of all for us in the bible that will strengthen and encourage us to continue to fight. He wants us to fight the good fight of faith. Did you know that a good fight is a fight where you win? God has provided the way and the right for us to be victorious through the precious blood of Jesus. It is God's desire is for us to win and take back what the enemy has stolen. Let's encourage ourselves the way Paul encouraged Timothy and told him to fight the good fight of faith.

Did you know it requires effort to fight against the forces that try to keep us down? When you walk against a strong wind, you need to lean into it to make headway. You can also feel yourself using more muscle and energy going against the wind than if the wind is at your back. When the wind is at your back it feels really easy to walk or run. The same thing happens in the spiritual realm. We have to fight within ourselves to believe that good things will happen, that we will have the victory in whatever area we need to see success. Jesus said in John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Anything in your life that falls under stealing, killing and destroying is from the devil. There is no life where the devil is concerned. So do not be surprised that you encounter evil and the curse in this world. That curse is like the wind against you. You are going to have to resist it in order to overcome. The blessing is like the wind at your back. Once God has the full legal right to work on your behalf, there is nothing that can stop it. There is a curse here trying to overtake you but God has provided the way to overcome through the amazing blood of Jesus. However,

overcoming requires your cooperation to enforce it in your life. God is not down here doing your part. And He does not have a problem doing His part. Have you ever noticed that most of your victories require some kind of action, believing, and effort on your part?

Victory does not come by accident, by just wishing things would change, by waiting for God to do something when you haven't done anything. No you must work in cooperation with the Word of God and your believing. Jesus gave us authority in this earth. He told us all things are possible to him who believes. People who believe they can and people who believe they can't are both right. Why? Because it is what they each believe and Jesus just said it was possible if you would believe. Do you believe the word of God? James told us to submit to God, resist the devil and he would flee from us. Do you believe that? Paul wrote to the Ephesians to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God so that you may stand against the wiles of the devil. Peter told us to be sober and vigilant because our adversary the devil is looking for whom he may devour. Notice it did not say that he **could** devour. Whom he **may** devour. That means he needs a legal entrance in order to do anything, he can't just walk in without your permission and do whatever he likes, unless of course you let him. So don't let him. Then Peter said resist him steadfast in the faith. Do not give the devil permission, an entrance into your life.

One of the biggest ways we give the enemy an entrance in our lives is through our words which are connected to what we believe. Jesus said by your words you would be justified and by your words you would be condemned. Proverbs 18:21 tells us that death and life are in the power of the tongue. The greatest fight we will probably have is the battle in our thoughts to keep believing so that in those times of pressure, when the enemy is giving it his best shot, that we would stay believing and keep our words lined up with the results we want and not what the situation looks like right now. The battle in our minds to keep believing the word of God in the face of extreme pressure and then the words we speak over the situation is where we will either win or lose. When your body is talking to you, loudly I might add, you need to be able to summon up the strength to say "No I said - body, you are healed in the name of Jesus! Sickness and disease, I resist you. Get off my body in the name of Jesus!" When your bank account is yelling at you, you need to be even more aggressive and speak back to it - I said there is more

than enough money to give unto every good work and there is more than enough to cover my bills! Thank you Lord all of my needs are met according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I just walk around repeating these scriptures, over and over and giving thanks to God for the victory. The more I input into myself the stronger in faith I become and when you get into the overflow, the place where it is so deep inside you that “all of a sudden” you know that you know that you know that you have the victory, you will really break out in rejoicing. There will be an excitement on the inside that you just can't contain. So be very specific with your words, watch what you say when others ask how's it going. Keep your words lined up with what you desire.

It is worth the victory to fight the good fight of faith. Keep speaking God's word over your situation until you see the victory. Be consistent, be strong. You are an overcomer, you are like what Revelation 12:11 says “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” You have everything you need to overcome with the blood of Jesus and the Word of God. Learn to only speak the word over your situation. Believe God for the victory, it is His great pleasure to see His children victorious.

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