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**HARD TIMES**

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## **The Journey to your Destiny**

There is so much darkness in the world. Although it's bright during the day and dark at night, if God opens your eyes, you will see that there is darkness both during daytime and night. Arrows are just flying anyhow from different sources, which could be quite scary for those who are not well rooted and grounded in Christ. It could be frustrating, not wanting to communicate with people or go to places because you don't know who is who as the enemy uses both animate and inanimate things to execute his task.

As true children of God, we are not meant to hide, it's in the midst of this darkness that our light should shine brighter and brighter.

For your light to shine, you will need to go through a process. Nothing good comes easy, take a look at the process gold has to go through.

God unveils His plans for us bit by bit. All through the process of unveiling, times will come when we will need to be refined for it.

During this process, one goes through serious remoulding.

Let's place people in 3 categories with respect to following God's plan

First, those who are not aware of God's plan for their lives or not interested: They have devised their own plan and decided to follow their plan which has led to so much frustration, stagnation, and envy.

The second category pertains to those who have allowed their parents, family members, and society to dictate the path they should follow. They enforce these plans on them which ends up having a regrettable ending.

The third category involves those who are aware that life on earth is not about their plans but the plans God has for them (Jeremiah 29: 11).

For everyone that has found God's plan for his/ her life, there is always a process God puts in place that refines you to fit that perfect plan.

To the world, it may look somehow or even like one is being oppressed by the devil but God is in charge and He knows what He is doing. Just focus on your God and obey His every instruction.

One thing to remember is, that you are totally responsible for what you make out of your life.

## **Our perfect example of the process**

In life, people go through things that are unfair. Those who are children of God will reap the benefits later on.

Let's look at Jesus as our perfect example.

Mark 15 and 16

The Bible passage above is about Jesus's crucifixion and death. It tells us how Jesus was falsely accused, given a penalty way more than the supposed crime, and as a result, died. He barely defended himself nor spoke when he was being accused. From the perspective of man, this was a sad story but Jesus and God the Father knew exactly where this was going and the unmeasurable benefit of man (human beings) from this. The devil was also kept in the dark because if he had known about this, he wouldn't have stirred up the chaos that led to the death of Jesus.

Let's check the scriptures

Matthew 15

From verse one, we can see how the chief priest was used as a tool in the hands of the enemy. This is how the enemy uses many people nowadays to accomplish his task be it willingly, unwillingly, believers or unbelievers alike. This is why it is very important to guard yourself.

Mark 15

***Vs 10, talking about pilate. "For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy"***

***Vs 11: But the chief priest moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.***

There comes the chief priest again.

Living on earth is way easier now than it was in the days of old despite the world being darker and darker. We now have the Holy Spirit to help us and are aware of how to use our weapons of warfare (seen in Ephesians 6: 11- 20) when darkness comes around.

Our weapons of warfare can be used any day, any time on anything the devil places on one's path including sicknesses and diseases. It is also remembered that Jesus has already paid the price for all these things, that He said we should take of His yolk which is light (Matthew 11: 29).

Asides from the benefits we are enjoying in Christ, there are times God takes us through a process to get us refined for the greater good.

During such times, it could be difficult and one can feel lonely. You may have to keep quiet as Jesus did. It could be really hard but this is where having a relationship with God and the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit makes a huge difference. He will tell you what is happening and you will see the picture of the benefits ahead of you as Jesus saw also.

## **Lifetime is short**

The life we spend on earth is not actually a long one. It truly is for doing your job description/ assignment on earth and then returning to Heaven (where we all originally come from).

Life after one leaves planet earth is where eternity begins. Hence, life on earth although important, it's not a priority. What truly is a priority is eternity i.e afterlife. Those who make it to Heaven have eternity to enjoy while those who don't suffer eternity in hell forever.

Genesis Chapter 5 shows how man initially lived up to 900 years before death. This has now been shortened by God to 120 years (Genesis 6:3). Despite this, if a person dies at 80 or 90 years, we believe he/ she has lived a long life.

In Genesis Chapter 5, they lived for about 90, 100 years before having their first child and then waited for about 800 years before other children came. This is not the same in this age and time.

My point here is, that life is very short. Those in their 70s and '80s remember their teen days like it was just yesterday. I for one am shocked at how time flies. It's therefore very important to make the most of life here on earth while you still can.

Don't waste your time on things that are irrelevant such as anger, unforgiveness, envy, strife, etc. Focus on the things that will bring you many rewards both now and in eternity. Some of such things include: walking with God/ spending time with Him, promoting the kingdom of God on earth, praying for the lost, and reaching out to them. It is also very important that you locate your purpose/ assignment and follow the steps God gives you to accomplish this.

Avoid things that will upset you, avoid people with negative energy. Don't go after people going in the wrong direction i.e those more interested in the things of this world than Heaven. Be happy with yourself, take care of yourself. Be happy with people around you, speak the truth, avoid unforgiveness at all costs, etc.

The reward we receive in eternity is directly related to how well we utilized our lifetime on earth.

## **Following the right path**

People are yet to discover that life is more spiritual than it is physical. Men believe that physical things, i.e things they can see e.g money, house, cars, etc are more important than spiritual things (things they cannot see). They don't really care about spiritual things, they see them as optional. Attending church services, praying, and studying the Word of God should not be optional because these are important in feeding our spiritual being just as food is to our physical body. There is more to life than all we want here on earth. After one dies, there is eternity. At the point one becomes a spirit and loses his /her physical body, it's impossible to take along your physical properties to the spiritual realm.

Have you ever seen a dead man taking anything along with him? His hands are bare. Even if they place treasures in his hands, and important documents while he is in the coffin, they will only decay with his body in the grave.

I came across a news outlet that wrote about a beautiful house that must have been there for many centuries. It was abandoned and probably belonged to a billionaire. The



owner who is now late couldn't take it along with him to eternity. Things on earth don't last forever.

I have come to realize that people actually see the world as primarily physical and then later spiritual and this has its consequences. This method yields little or no profit, what one believes is profitable in viewing the world in this manner really isn't because, at any point in time, it can be lost. It's like one is wasting his/ her time. It's disheartening to achieve a lot on earth and then end up in eternity (that is forever) with nothing.

The right way to live is to start with your spiritual life, and build your relationship with God then He will direct your path. Once you begin to obey Him, you will be blessed with wealth, wisdom, and all the things you can think of and then you enjoy the benefits on earth and eternity.

Although this route requires a lot of patience, the benefits cannot be overemphasized.

## **Your Assignment**

That one is chosen by God doesn't mean that God depends on such persons. One who doesn't do his assignment will be replaced. God is not a respecter of persons.

Given the opportunity to be chosen by God for any assignment is for our own benefit and has generational blessings attached to it. Having this mentality keeps us humble.

This assignment differs from person to person. Some might seem small to the human eye while others might seem big. Some may be famous or popular, others don't need any level of fame to prosper in the assignment.

Furthermore, it is important to note that fame is not proportional to the reward one receives in Heaven.

In the real world, those who have already figured out that they are chosen by God will recognize some of these qualities. While some wonder why they are going through all sorts compared to the general population, this may be an eye-opener.

So what are these qualities?

- 1) A quiet, humble beginning.
- 2) Being aware of the assignment.
- 3) Being hated by the world and not being able to fit in.
- 4) Some may have friends and families turn against them.
- 5) They end up as overcomers and impact their generation.

Each of these five qualities is further explained in the main book [During Hard times](#) with examples.

## **Your Weapon of war**

Brethren, we are on a battlefield. Whether we like it or not. When we entered planet earth, the battle started. How well you go in life determines how well you fight this battle. God has given each and every one of us great destinies yet you wonder why we don't see exploits as we ought to on earth. You wonder why these destinies end up in the grave or are being exchanged by the enemy with victims not even realizing it but still living on earth with empty destinies.

If only believers in Christ know how much power they have against the devil once they get into position. Yes, the enemy and his agents may present things as dreadful and scary but once the light comes, darkness disappears (John 1: 5). Don't forget that we are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden (Matthew 5: 14).

Once again, we are on the war front and are to war with our spiritual weapons

2 Corinthians 10: 4- 5 (ESV)

***Vs 4: For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.***

***Vs 5: We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,***

What are these weapons?

Ephesians 6: 11- 20

***Vs 11: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.***

***Vs 12: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.***

***Vs 13: Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.***

***Vs 14: Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,***

***Vs 15: and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.***

***Vs 16: In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;***

***Vs 17: and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,***

***Vs 18: praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,***

***Vs 19: and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,***

***Vs 20: for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.***

If you want to be ready for the battle that lies in front of you, then you have to start training now. Luckily, we have some resources to get you prepared.

The full book “During Hard Times” which is over 100 pages will give you an insight into what is really happening in the world and how to help yourself out. This goes for #2000/ \$4.99 and can be purchased [here](#).



Also, there is the FREE Bible course that will help you know who you are and what you are meant to be doing on earth. You can enroll for free [here](#).

## **CONCLUSION**

Sure you have been blessed. This is just a summary of the main book titled “During Hard Times”. More than half of the chapters have been omitted. If you enjoyed it, you will likely enjoy the main book. This can be purchased [Here](#).

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