

## **1. Two stories , two approaches . Faith in two different things:**

Genesis 26:26-31

Meanwhile, Abimelek had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces. Isaac asked them, “Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away? ”

They answered, “We saw clearly that the LORD was with you; so we said, ‘There ought to be a sworn agreement between us’—between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. And now you are blessed by the LORD.”

Isaac then made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. Early the next morning the men swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they went away peacefully.

Isaac is in the presence God and is strengthened by faith in God. Abimelek on the other hand , knows about God , the God of Isaac and Abraham , the only God who has power to give and take away, he has the power to control the infinite space . The world watches as you walk in the presence of God. For what ever you do in his direction will prosper. There will be different reactions, from those whose security is on earthly things.

Abimelek’s reaction to that is fear and still makes a treaty with earthly beings because of that fear.

In Abimelek's mind his earthly passions and possessions have overtook or blinded him from submitting to God , he chooses to make a pact with man .

We know God , we know his Son Jesus and we know his sacrifice and hence we are thankful for the grace and mercy. Jesus's sacrifice has given us the ability to communicate with God and today even though we are sinful, his blood has washed us . Through prayer and faith we know we will not fail , everything will come to pass in God's perfect timing. We have the assurance that we are in the winning team.

As you progress, jealousy around you can create hurdles but never stop listening to his voice. He is our avenger and in the end victory will be yours .

There are many around us who are not so fortunate at the moment to have understood this . The possessions and worries of the world still invoke fear . They still see failure as punishment and not a gateway for the glory of God to shine through . They still believe they can buy themselves into God's grace and mercy.

Thank God for our MAGH , yes it is good to be filled with relationships in MAGH , but our influence should spread to those who are yet to understand the meaning of grace and mercy. Our trials and success with God's help can be an example to them of how God works . Let us not be stumbling blocks but rather steps for our friends towards Jesus.

Gentlemen , the world is watching us . Expand you friendship and relationship circle beyond the church. The Lord is going to

work though you to include all the others who are yet to know him.

Let us be vessels overflowing with God's love and mercy.

**Isaiah 41:10:** *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

**John 10:28-29:** *Jesus reassures His followers: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."*

*God is watching your perseverance for Good . Not cutting corners*

Prayer : Thank you for your presence , Thank You for being in me , around me and all around me . Thank you that you give me strength to persevere .

## **2. Channels for his work**

Genesis 39:5-6

From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Success is in doing Gods work. Not the materials we acquire . In doing his work you will gain wealth enough to sustain you . He will allow you to enjoy the fruit of your toils.

Working with his presence always leads to success. Others who look at your success (Joy , peace , good relationship , happiness, completeness , diligence at work , and perfection in Christ ) may use you for gaining their own earthly material success. You see they can only see their earthly profit and are blinded to the source of the success .

My brothers be blessed to know that your eyes are open knowing the the good works of your hand are because of the

presence of God in your lives . Happiness is in knowing that your deeds are aligned to Gods plan and purpose .

When in tight spots , God is using you for his glory and he will stand by you. ( share on difficult Cases of colleagues )

### Two Era's of Egypt :

One with Joseph and one with out.

The pharaoh under Joseph indirectly listened to the Creator . Although he had other worship practices , he still listened and kept Joseph as leader of the Egyptian land . So Our God was working in Egypt through Joseph.

I am sure there would have been many Egyptian households who would have noticed the the power of our creator and turned to him rather than worshipping earthly Idols.

The second era is the one where the new pharaoh was now tempted by Satan with jealousy, fear , insecurity which led him to subdue the Israelites . Using inhuman and ungodly ways to get his will.

This can be a reminder to us that where ever we are placed . Let us be ambassadors for Christ . Examples to draw others nearer to God rather than listening to the evil voice to gain earthly supremacy .

There is a purpose for everything that happens and Our God is control of it.

God s perfect timing , nothing is a coincidence . Everything is already k own to the Lord our God . From creation to grace his had it planned out . He is here for everybody .

You being an example to a friend helps your friend's spirit recognise the Holy Spirit. So if the earthly flesh fails to recognise the Creator, the Spirit still has a chance to recognise Him when He goes down to rescue lost souls.

A revelation, that Jesus was working on Silent Saturday. Silent to the earthly world but working in Spirit.

### Ephesians 4:7-10

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

### 1 Peter 3:18-19

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits —

### 1 Peter 4:6

For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

We humbly bow to his time , because his timing and will is perfect for us .

Prayer

Thank you God for allowing us to be channels of your work.

Your love unfailing for all

Mankind from flesh to spirit .

Thank you for showing us the true meaning of successful human life .

Thank you Lord for allowing us to repent.

We bow to your glory . Your Goodness oh God

“I love You, Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the Goodness of God

All my life you have been faithful

All my life you have been so so Good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after is running after me .

With my life laid down , I surrender still , I give you everything

Your goodness is running after , running after me .

**Silent Saturday -**

**But Jesus .**