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*Building strength  
for your journey*

# MY SOUL THIRSTETH FOR THEE (1)

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## THEY THAT DO KNOW THEIR GOD

When we cannot tell the end of a journey the only hope we have is to trust the One (God) that knows tomorrow. I want to encourage you today and speak to your heart as we step into a new year. David said *“I’ve been young and now I am old I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed beg for bread” – Psa. 37:25.*

You see, the same David that said these words was the same David that the father forgot at a special swearing-in ceremony for a king. When Samuel visited the house of David’s father (Jesse) and said Jesse can I have all your sons, the Lord has sent me to anoint a king out of them. The father of David didn’t remember that he had a son called David. All other sons had gone through the process. It was during the conclusion of Samuel’s mission that Samuel asked Jesse, “is this all of them?” and suddenly Jesse remembered there’s a boy called David. And that same David looked at those experiences in his life and came to a conclusion saying, I have been young, I saw difficult situations, I saw and experienced rejections but one thing I can never forget is this: “I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed beg for bread”. I declare for you in the name of Jesus Christ, no matter what challenges come your way, you will never be forsaken. I say again by faith that you will never be forsaken.

Bible tells us in Daniel 11: 32 “...but those who do know their God they shall be strong, and they shall do exploits” the first requirement for them to do exploit is to be strong. There cannot be exploit without first building strength. You can’t do exploit as a believer; you can’t turn things around without first building strength to turn them around. You see something, if you want to run for a political office, the day you know you were going to run for that office is the day you start your preparations. It’s the day you start your campaigns.

Anything that happens by accident is evil., men and women plan their lives, plan their destiny and achieve the things they plan to achieve by divine support from heaven. And that’s why I’m speaking to you today that it’s time to build strength. I’d like you to speak to yourself today saying: it’s time to build strength for my journey.

## THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA

I've always said if you ask me when is the best time for man to pray more? It's actually when things are going well. It's when things are going fine. Your wife is happy, your husband is happy. Things are going well for you. you have your company, career, everything is going well. Your health is fine. Your kids are going well. That is the time to pray. Because the bible says *when men slept the enemy came and planted the evil seed Matt. 13:25*. I'd like you to bow your head wherever you are, and declare this hour to the Lord, I ask for strength for my next journey.

I was studying in the course of trying to plan for the journey ahead, I saw something about this particular wilderness called the wilderness of Judea. The wilderness of Judea is one of the most used wildernesses by people of old. And I began to wonder, what happened in this wilderness? *Luke 4:1 "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness"*. And that wilderness was the wilderness of Judea which is found in verse 2. From the wilderness of Judea, the next thing we saw about him in verse 14 is that *his fame went abroad*. Friends, I may not know who you are today but if you choose to put the next phase as a moment of building strength or to be a season of you stepping into the wilderness of Judea, I can guarantee you that when men are cast down you will be saying there's a lifting up in the name of Jesus Christ.

The book of 1sam 22:3-5 told us something also about this wilderness. It was the wilderness that David ran to when Saul was pursuing him. 1 Samuel 18:6-7 "Saul..." Friends, if you understand the importance of separating yourself to a place where you can receive from God and take on strength from God, you can never be the same on return. 1 Samuel 15:13 the bible talks about David and Absalom. When Absalom pursued David and decided to take the throne of David, he (David) ran into the wilderness of Judea. You can find that in 1 Samuel 15:13-upwards. The same place Jesus ran to and came out and his fame went abroad, the same place David ran to when Saul was pursuing him, the same place David ran to when Absalom was pursuing him, there must be something about this place and waiting on God.

Friends let me tell you, it's not the time of comfort when men and situation are pursuing you. it's time to run to a place of refuge. A place where you can meet the Lord and return with a total change of situation.

David prayed a prayer on this mountain and that prayer you will find in *Psalm 63* "*O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is*". David was in this wilderness when life was pursuing him. And what happened to David was that his son came against him, paid everybody in his government to overthrow him. And suddenly everybody David trusted betrayed him. And David ran away to the wilderness of Judea.

While David was there, he sang out psalm 63 "My soul longeth for thee in this land where there is no comfort". The next phase for you could be your moment of writing your own Psalms out of your experience. David said it's a land where there is no water to see thy power and thy glory as I've seen before. David said, I've seen people testify of a turnaround. I have seen people say they live in divine health and have not tasted tablets for 20 years. Why am I living on tablets? David said when I went into this wilderness it's dry and thirsty land. He said in verse 8, my soul followeth after you, thy right hand upholdeth me." Those were the prayers of David, the cry of David.

And David said in verse 9 "But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword...". Please follow me as you read on. While David was there, crying in the wilderness, pleading to the Lord, and crying out his soul.

Now, in 2 Samuel 18:10, "*And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.*" He ran to tell everyone that Absalom had committed suicide. As you tarry this season, I declare that men will bring good news to you that the things troubling you have been brought down in the name of Jesus Christ. David told his servant don't kill Absalom for my sake.

2 Samuel 2:15 bible says "15And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.

Now look at this friend, Absalom had already committed suicide. He had already committed suicide and was about to die. But because of the prayer that David prayed when he was on the mountain in Psalm 63:9. He said let them that seek my soul *die by the sword*, Absalom couldn't have died by suicide alone, the sword

still had to go in the body of Absalom. Absalom had already taken his life by suicide, but the prayer that David prayed while he was in the wilderness of Judea was that the person who seeks my life must die by the sword, so there was no way Absalom could have escaped the death of the sword. Even if he had committed suicide he still had to die by the sword because the prayer you pray in the wilderness of Judea, nobody can reverse it not even you. It is a place you come with weakness and return with strength. Where the situation that pursue you to this mountain never goes back with you. when Saul was looking for David to kill him, David ran to that mountain. They brought news to him that Saul was dead.

When you come to the mountain of Judea, it is the mountain of waiting on the Lord to take care of your situations. In John 3:34, *there is no limited measure of the spirit*. You get more when you come.

### THE BENEFITS OF WAITING ON GOD

Waiting on God is prescribed primarily for empowerment. Remember they that do know their God, they shall be strong. *Isa 58: 6 "Is this not the fast I have chosen"*. you see, friends, listen, you saw it already in the year 2020 that the wisdom of men failed. The protection of men failed. Even with all the testing and tracing you have to do before you near the gate of the white house, the president of the United States still had a virus transmitted to him. There are moments in life that only God, only God matters.

Somebody said I don't want to fast or wait on God; friends hear me and get me very well, I am not begging you to fast, I am only begging you to take responsibility for your life. I am begging you to know that if you want to have a wave of lasting peace, a lasting turnaround, you need to separate yourself for the Lord.

Waiting on God brings about speedy restoration of our health. *And your health shall spring forth speedily*. Isa 58:8. You have broken-down health, tap into fasting. Lord deal with this issue. Lord, deal with this situation. Because you see, the idea of fasting itself is that we are telling you to deny your body of natural comfort. That's why David said, this place I am there is no water, this place I am, is a thirsty ground. This place I am there is no comfort, but I pray to you that those who seek my life must die by the sword and even his son could not escape it. You know when the soul of man gets to a point when the soul utter words that are backed by the heart, answers come from heaven.

Waiting on God grants access to the next level of sanctification. That also we can find in Isa 58:8. When we wait on the Lord our body becomes sanctified for the Lord to visit us. when we wait on the Lord, it's a season for us to deny ourselves from the comfort that we're used to and say this moment is for God because you're not waiting on God to receive from God. No-no-no. you're waiting on God to be empowered by God, thereafter you can receive whatever you want. Fasting sanctifies you and bring you empowerment. Thereafter you will know what to say. That's what fasting does.

You will receive express answers to prayers which we can find in Isa 58:9. When you fast, you're connected to heaven and when you're connected to heaven your prayers go faster.

Divine guidance is another benefit you will receive waiting on God. And that you can see that in Ezra 8:22. *Thy light shall break forth speedy.* Divine guidance and you begin to hear the voice of the Lord. You wait on the Lord to receive instructions from Him, not to receive miracles from Him. You wait to receive instructions, and those miracles comes to you. You wait to get your instructions, get your empowerment, get what you want and thereafter things begin to answer for you. remember they that do know their God, they will first be strong, thereafter they will do exploit. It said, in the book of Psalm 54: they looked unto him...." They looked onto him, friends the next phase of your life is to look unto God. He will enlighten your face then He will remove your shame. I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, this year, you will not see shame in the name of Jesus.

WHY WAIT ON GOD

Maybe for you everything is going well for you. Hear me very well, this is the time to step in and consolidate the things that are going fine. Jesus didn't have a problem when he went to the wilderness. No, he didn't have a problem, in fact, he had just returned from Jordan after the Holy Ghost declared, *"this is my beloved son, hear him"*. He'd just returned from a successful journey. He had just been anointed. Everything was working fine. and he said no, I must go to the wilderness to refortify myself. And thereafter, he came out with a fame.

Or maybe you're like David, your own story is not that things are going well for you. You're being pursued, there is stress everywhere around you. No matter what, I am sure you reading this book fall into one of these categories. David ran there because there is nowhere else to run to. David cried there and wept. His men wept with him because there was no further hope for them. That was why they ran to the mountain.

I may not know you, but God does and If your situation is not going well, run to the mountain. If you are reading this and everything is going fine, run to the mountain. Because the years ahead must be great for you in the name of Jesus Christ.

The closer you are to God, the easier your life become.

**THE FLOATED AXE HEAD**

2 Kings 6, One of the places well described in the scripture is Jordan. Jordan is always a place of confrontations. You remember when Elisha left Elijah, It was in Jordan the waters confronted him. Elisha smote Jordan and Jordan divided. The same way here in Jordan, the bible says they were in the river and they were cutting trees with an axe and suddenly the axe head fell off the axe.

Friends, you know very well that if the axe head fell off an axe, then the axe becomes an ordinary stick, no longer useful for cutting trees. What makes an axe is a head and that is the instrument that brings down the trees.

Maybe what is left in your hand is a stick, the axe head is gone. What is left in your health is a terminal disease. What is left in your home is beatings and arguments. The axe head is gone. What is left is just an ordinary stick. The instrument that helps to bring down life challenges and situations is already gone. Verse 5, as we read *“the axe head is gone for it was borrowed...”* now, he was with his colleagues; they were cutting the tree, but he never called on his colleagues. He shouted Master. Let your waiting time be time to call on God, not a man. Suddenly, Elisha’s mind went to the source and purpose of the missing axe. It’s not only a problem because it is missing, but Elisha will be in debt forever because It was borrowed. Maybe for you, if your marriage crashes, it will be a shame forever. If my health continues to fail like this, it will be trouble forever. Master help me, it was borrowed, so he cried.

The Master said to him “where fell it...”? the Master said where fell it? where is the problem in your life friends? Where is the issue? That’s what God says when you come waiting on Him. What is the concern? Show me what the problem is? Tell me, what is the issue? Tell me what is the problem? He said, where fell it?, there is where I lost it, here is where you lost it. You know it and if you can’t pinpoint that spot, you know the area. Show it to God. Suddenly the axe head is falling off in your life, you know it and you need to cry out to God right now.

Verse 6, *“take me to where it is.”* And he said he cast it thither and the iron did swim” There is one thing that never floats in water and that is iron. When you drop it, it goes down no matter how deep the river is even if it’s a thousand feet, it goes down and settles at the depth of the sea. But when the Master came and was shown where it fell, even the impossible floated. Even the difficulty came off. You may not know how to make the iron swim, but the Lord can do it.

These must be your prayers, Lord, I will not carry a pregnancy that will fall this year. Lord I will not carry a seed in my belly that will not deliver. Lord my child will



never be disabled. You cry to the Lord and you come desperately to him. My soul longeth for thee to see thy power and thy glory and they that seek my life shall die by the sword.

Verse 7 *"take it up to thee*, and he put out his hands and took it". everything you show God this year you will take in your hands in the name of Jesus Christ. He's saying son you've shown me where it is, you've shown me the matter, I've floated it for you, now take it up.

Let this year be a special year of waiting on God. Let it be moments of take-up for you in the name of Jesus Christ. No matter what pursues you thus far, as you step into your wilderness of Judea, you will return with news that your enemies are dead. The end has come for every Absalom pursuing your throne and every Saul pursuing your next level.

Be blessed in Jesus mighty name

# The End

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