\*OBSTACLES ALONG THE WAY!\*  
  
Apostle Paul wrote:  
  
\*"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries".\*   
1 Cor 16:9.  
  
The journey of life is never smooth! It involves ups and downs; trials, adversities, hurdles and off course; obstacles  
to overcome.  
  
\*Obstacles, can be defined as problems or difficulties that must be overcome in order to achieve a purpose.\*   
  
While I was meditating upon the word of God, I discovered that obstacles are \*"necessary evil"\* on the journey of life.  
  
The late American Lawyer and Politician: Frank Clark once said:  
  
\*"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."\*  
  
I agree with him absolutely. No one can achieve anything substantial in this life, without having to face obstacles on the way.  
  
Apparently, that includes born again Christians; we do not have any immunity from experiencing obstacles.There  are no exception to it.  
  
\*It is the ability ( Jesus) in us, to overcome obstacles that makes us different from others.\*   
  
Hence:  \*If you are yet to encounter any obstacle in your journey of life; get yourself prepared!\*   
  
I have also discovered that; \*Great destinies are prone to big obstacles.\*  
  
Nehimiah in the bible had a good  plan to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, but Sanbalat, Tobiah and Geshem were determined to frustrate him.  
\*Nehemiah 2:19\*  
  
The spirit of Sanballat & Tobiah is that of discouragement; \*The aim is to get you to quit\*   
Watch out!   
  
Herod heard about the destiny of Jesus and he became troubled that he killed all young boys in a bid to kill Jesus, but he failed.  
\*Matthew 2:16-18\*.   
  
King Saul heard about the divine choice of David  as his successor and he did everything to kill David. He failed \*1 Sam19:1-24\*  
  
From the story of Joseph,  I  deduced that sometimes obstacles do not necessarily prevent us from actualizing our calling or dream, but God uses obstacles as spring boards for the fulfilment of our destiny.  
  
That's why Joseph said:  
  
\*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people".\*  
Gen 50:20.  
  
The devil does not attack you for no reason, he knows you carry a great dream and destiny; hence he will do everything to frustrate the birth of such destiny.  
  
\*However, the enemy will not succeed over you and I\* 🙏🏼  
  
The good news is that satan’s evil works will not prevail over a true child of God, for the battle is already won.   
\*Halleluyah!!!\*   
  
How did I know?  
  
The Psalmist said:  
\*"A righteous person will have many troubles, but the LORD will deliver him from them all".\*   
Psalm 34:19.  
  
Isaac exhibited tenacity and resilience despite the obstacles he encountered.  
\*Gen 26\*   
  
Isaac dug four wells and the Philiptines kept laying claim to the wells but Isaac and his servants were not discouraged they kept digging, until they dug the fifth well and the bible says;  
  
\*"He moved on from there and dug another well. They didn't quarrel over this one. So he named it Rehoboth [Roomy] and said, "Now the LORD has made room for us, and we will prosper in this land."\* 🙏🏼  
Gen 26:22.  
  
Irrespective of the kind of obstacle that comes your way, \*refuse to quit.\*   
  
\*Prayer\*: Father,  
grant me strength to persevere and overcome every obstacle that I face on my path to destiny in Jesus name.🙏🏼   
  
God will see you through.  
  
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