

MAY NEWSLETTER



The School Of The Joshua Ministries

“OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE”



The desire to obey was what the Lord was working on in Joshua. Joshua knew how to obey his master Moses but as soon as he died it was time for Joshua to learn the suffering by being absent from his master. He could not use Moses to lean on and it was time for him to mature in understanding and be a child in malice. This is where he had to learn how to walk all over again. We went over last month that Joshua had to go from one glory being delivered under the care of God's servant Moses from Egypt to now stepping into a new glory to lead the people of God into their inheritance through combat and warfare with the Lord's help.

This new glory required him to have his own burning bush encounter, take off his sandals, and walk in the newness of God's glory that was spoken over his life when the children of Israel were in the wilderness. The Lord placed upon him the garment of vengeance, deliverance, and prosperity that accompanies a warrior he became by following the directions of the captain of the armies of the Lord. His challenge was to step into a new glory and it was at the cost of obedience. You see obedience is the sacrifice of your will for God's will. But to just seek to use something as a sacrifice is not what God wanted since he already had a ram in the bush prepared for us in His son Jesus Christ. Obedience is what God has always called His servants into as a lifestyle. Obedience is the price we are paying in our life that prepares us for each manifestation of God's glory in the seasons of our spiritual walk. Obedience to our spiritual service to God brings us into the acts of the Holy Spirit. This is something we all grow into as we continue to yield our body for service. Joshua learned obedience in the same model or pattern after Moses' life. The model I am referring to is accepting his identity as a deliverer of God's way for the welfare of others. Rather choosing to serve all than for those to serve him. Joshua fought and rallied a people to receive their inheritance. You see the Lord has positioned us to be leaders for His name and gospel sake so others can enter into the kingdom of God and know their inheritance in Christ. That means we have to shift from being students in the classroom of the church pews to teachers to those who are in the world that need deliverance and come into their inheritance that was predestined for them in Christ. If we don't, the rulers of the darkness of this world will raise them under the captivity of the systems of this world.

Dream Encounter:

I had a dream that I was in a room full of college athletes. I knew one athlete who was there whose name was Adam and others I didn't know. I saw someone sitting in a chair that was in a setting of a class/locker room, was extremely mad about something, and was targeting another athlete. He was lashing out like he was ready to fight. I was standing and Adam began to talk with me and he said, "Yeah he has been having trouble." The team gathered around the one in the chair yelling to deescalate him. Some of the athletes there stood by another other guy he wanted to stir up to stay calm and not respond.

The scene switched to me sitting in a room with several long cafeteria like tables in a ball; conference room with what seemed to be the highest kingpins in the land. They were of all nationalities. They dealt with a whole lot of illegal things and I seemed to be observing/undercover. One of them was mad because his profit of dealing was not going well that day. He turned around to two individuals who look like they were talking to each other. He picked one out of them and he started slapping him to take his anger out on. I got up and was very disturbed by the scene, and walked away as it became very destructive on all accounts. As I left it seem like someone was following me and I began to run away. The guy followed me and I ran into a room that had tall burgundy curtains. I maneuvered around some people who were in there and the guy caught up. He said to me "hey wait." I turned around and he said once you left the bride left behind you. I saw in my mind's eye when he said the bride that I knew it was the church. Then I saw in the realm of the spirit how most in the group of kingpins were called to the church that got up and then their whole operation failed. Then I knew the one who called me was an undercover detective, saw everything and somehow put an end to the operation. The scene switched and I was on a side of a mountain. The mountain seemed to have hills but when I looked close it was actually a mountain of gray snakes. So many snakes. Snakes that covered the mountain. There were two types of snakes. One all gray and other were gray and white on the belly. My father who was there said to grab the white and gray snake to make it attack all gray snake. I thought of Moses' snake who swallowed the snakes in Egypt. There were more gray snakes than the gray and white snakes. I said, no we shouldn't do that. I didn't think it was a good idea. As soon as I said that, a black and white dog that are known to be watch dogs over sheep came from my right side on the opposite of the mountain, barked at the snakes. All the snakes rolled (not slithered) all the way down the mountain extremely fast to the bottom past the edge of the mountain and what I could see now was a big mountain of green pasture. Then I awoke.

There is a lot to unpack in this dream encounter. I will try not to be long in interpretation and application. I want to bring you into this perspective that when God spoke to His servants in times past it was spoken in the plural form not singular. What do I mean? He was addressing the condition of His people by bringing His servant into that experience. In this dream encounter I believe the Lord is calling us into a perspective of seeing people around us that he will bring us into contact with, how to respond to them and show them the way out, and teach us how to function in His power that dismantles the operation of the enemy that has enslaved them. The end result will be bringing them into their pasture and inheritance in Christ that we are to call them into. Praise God!!!!

A CALL TO FAST



Let us follow God's pattern of preparation He has given us as His people biblically.

This is the schedule for our fast this week: **May 5, 2021 we will fast from 6 am—6 pm.**

We will close out our fast on Wednesday together at our corporate prayer call at 7pm.

This is a **NO food fast**. Please drink water only. Be of courage and know that you can do all things through Christ that strengthens you to do such a fast (Philippians 4:13).

*****NOTE***** If you are taking medication please do the Daniel fast.

In addition to fasting and praying do the following:

- ◆ Read: Read and study your Bible on scripture verses that are in the newsletter.
- ◆ Podcast on fasting or books on fasting if you have them: listen to teachings on fasting and teachings on prayer. Suggested individuals (Dan Mohler, Dr. Myles Munroe, and Derrick Prince).
- ◆ Prayer, Praise and Worship - Separate some time to pray. It is not the fast that makes things move but rather your prayer while being on a fast that moves heaven. Praise keeps your mind set on Him and worship bring your emotions under subjection to the peace of God that will rule your heart and mind.

Let us have this confidence that we have crossed over into Canaan where revival begins and it begins in us, through us and around us. Philippians 1:6; "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU ALL,
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