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Title: Turn “IT” Around

Text: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Target: A new beginning starts at the place of a broken ending.

I. A Significant Problem: “Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “because I bore him in pain”. (Vs. 9)

A. Scandal in His Name: “more honorable”

B. Sound of His Name: Jabez (Hebrew: Ya bets-In Pain)

C. Sorrow in His Name: “bore him in pain”

1. Present Insight: difficult delivery!

2. Prophetic Implications: difficult destiny!

II. A Sincere Prayer: “Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying...” (10a)

A. Do a Work in Me: “Oh that you would bless me”

1. Favor from God: Acceptance from God.

2. Fellowship with God: Agreement with God.

B. Do a Work through Me: “enlarge my border”

1. Erase my Limitations: Impossibilities

2. Exchange my Reservations: Inadequacies

3. Exceed my Expectations: Incapability’s

C. Do a Work with Me: “that your hand might be with me,”

1. Your Presence with me is Vital: To Guide Me (1 Peter 5:6)

2. Your Power with me is Victorious: To Glorify You (Isaiah 41:10)

D. Do a Work Around Me: “and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!” (Vs. 10b)

1. Regarding my Tendencies: In light of my past history. (Proverbs 3:5)

2. Revealing my Trajectories: In light of my presumptuous heart. (Psalm 19:13)

III. A Supernatural Promise: “And God granted what he asked.” (Vs. 10c)

A. When in Agreement to God’s Word: Character of God.

1. John 15:7: “if you abide in me, my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

2. John 14:14: “if you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

B. When in Alignment to God’s Will: Cause of God.

1. James 4:3: “You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions”

2. 1 Peter 3:12: “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Takeaway: Sometimes God doesn’t replace a name; He just chooses to redeem it! (1 Chronicles 2:55)