

2023



# PREPARING FOR A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

“RECORD BREAKING YEAR” SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

2023 will be a RECORD BREAKING YEAR. God will guide you through the journey of breaking records by utilizing your gift(s) and adhering to the principles of the 5 P's - Purpose, Planning, Persistence, People, and Presence. All things are working together for your good and you are next to get everything God has for you.

## THE RECORD BREAKERS AND HISTORY MAKERS IN THE BIBLE

- **Samuel** (The only one in the Old Testament to hold all 3 positions: prophet, priest, and judge.)
  - Never let worldly people make you think you missed out on something.
  - God kept you because of what you have been called to do.
- **Peter** (The only one to walk on water.)
  - God didn't call him out, Peter asked to come out of the boat. God is about to honor your request.
- **King Manasseh** (The longest reigning king in the Bible. He began his lengthy reign at the young age of twelve, ruling the Kingdom of Judah for 55 long years.)
  - Be content that God kept you from some things. Don't regret what you think you missed out on.
- **Methuselah** is the oldest person in the Bible, as he died at the age of 969 years old.
  - How did Methuselah prepare to live a long life?

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BREAK RECORDS AND MAKE HISTORY?

*Proverbs 21:5 NIV - The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.*

- You must plan to have a record breaking year. God is about to give you a plan.

*How are you preparing for your record breaking year? What sacrifices are you willing to make to achieve it?*

## PURPOSE

*Exodus 3:10 NIV - So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”*

- God knows how to clean up your past to get you to your future. There is an assignment attached to your name.

*Have you asked God to show you your purpose? How are you preparing to execute your purpose?*

## YOUR PURPOSE ANNOUNCES YOUR ARRIVAL BEFORE YOU ENTER A ROOM.

### PLANNING

*Exodus 3:17 NIV - And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites---a land flowing with milk and honey.'*

- God's plan is for you to come up, come out, and enter in. He will take you to areas that look impossible.
- Your gift is about to make room for you (see Proverbs 18:16).
- Every 'ite' has to get out of your way as you go get everything God has for you. Do not settle for less than what God promised. Plan to take everything.

*Have you outlined your goals? What do they look like? Who is holding you accountable for reaching your goals? What does this scripture remind you about your goal setting?*

### SEASONAL GOALS

*March 21st, FIRST DAY OF SPRING*

*June 21st, FIRST DAY OF SUMMER*

*Sept 23rd, FIRST DAY OF FALL*

*December 21st, FIRST DAY OF WINTER*

*Proverbs 3:6 NKJV - In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.*

- To accomplish the big goals, set seasonal goals. Commit your plans to the Lord and trust His process (see Proverbs 16:3).
- Set your 1 year, 3 year, 5 year, and 7 year goals for your life.

## THE OIL OF SUCCESS IS ON YOUR LIFE... BUT YOU HAVE TO PLAN FOR IT.

### PERSISTENCE

*Exodus 3:17-18 NIV - [17] When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, **though that was shorter**. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." [18] **So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.** The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.*

- In order to get what God has for you, He will test your persistence. You have to have a pitbull mentality.
- God will take you the long route to build your persistence. The short route will cause you to revert to where He has delivered you from.
- Embrace the long route. God has His reasons for the process, so maintain your worship position.

*How destined are you to reach your goals? What does persistence look like to you? Are you acting with the spirit of persistence or do you get frustrated and quit? Why?*

## YOUR GOAL IS TO GET EVERYTHING.

### PEOPLE

*Exodus 18:17-18, 21-23 NIV - [17] Moses' father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. [18] You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. [21] But select **capable** men from all the people---men **who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain**---and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. [22] Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.*

- Certain people must be in your life. God will give you someone who can handle your weakness and ministry.
- You must be selective about your circle as everyone cannot handle what you are holding and your work is too heavy for you to carry by yourself.
- Your circle:
  - Must be capable.
  - Must fear God. (Fear means to honor and reverence).
  - Must be trustworthy.
- Never let anyone make you feel bad about your circle.

*Who is covering and supporting you? Who can you trust to be honest with you? Who do you need to cut off? How can you improve your communication and delegation with the people assigned to you?*

## YOU MUST HAVE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHO WANT YOUR GOD MORE THAN YOUR STUFF.

### PRESENCE

*Exodus 33:15-18 NIV - [15] Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. [16] How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” [17] And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.” [18] Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”*

- Your mess-ups were part of the plan, but God has given you a clean slate.
- You cannot go through 2023 without the presence of God. His presence lets you know that He is pleased with you.
- It's God's presence, not your talent that makes you stand out. You have to live your life on the altar.

*What mistake are you allowing to hinder you from moving forward in your promise?*

## QUESTION

*How will you prepare to have a record breaking year?*

## DECLARATION

*This is my record breaking year. I will accomplish everything that I set out to do and break unimaginable records.*

## PRAYER

*Lord, I thank You for the plans You have for me. Plans to prosper and not to harm me. Plans to give me hope and a future. Thank You for allowing me to see the purpose in my gift. You have given me the wisdom to plan, the ability to be persistent, and the strength to be selective with my connections. I will honor You with my gift and I will walk in obedience to fulfill my assignment. In Jesus' name, Amen!*