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# THE PROMISE

**“IT’S ALL COMING TOGETHER” SERIES**

**SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

God gave you a word over your life and it's up to you to keep up with that word. However, it doesn't exempt you from experiencing challenges. Once the word is released, you will encounter 3 enemies - time, trial, and trust. Yet, the word over your life is always working and will come to pass. Eventually, you will see that *it's all coming together*.

## THE PROMISE

### OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES:

We identified 55 prophecies that cover four specific areas:

- Jesus' Birth
- Jesus' Ministry
- Jesus' Death and Resurrection
- Jesus' Role in the Church

Nothing happens by chance. The word over your life has already been written and God is getting everything in order for you to walk in alignment with His plan.

## HIS MINISTRY

*Isaiah 9:6 NIV - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

- God is a promise keeper and He will not lie to you. Thank Him for His word over your life.
- If God said it, the answer is already "yes" and "amen" (see 2 Corinthians 1:20).

*Do you know what God has called you to do? Do you live in alignment with what He has spoken over your life?*

## THE WAIT - INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

55 prophecies and then silence

430 YEARS OF SILENCE

- When God gives you a promise, it's your license to pursue.
- God uses silence to give you space to work, develop, and mature.
- You must be active, not passive, in the wait. Hold on to what God has spoken to you. It's just a matter of time before the promise comes to pass.

*When you experience a season of silence, how can you remind yourself of what God spoke over you?*

**THE TIME OF REVELATION IS NOT THE TIME OF MANIFESTATION.**

## THE SURE WORD

*Isaiah 55:11 NIV - So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

- Whatever God says, is. His word accomplishes and achieves.
- Everything God does begins in the unseen and manifests in the seen.

*Jeremiah 1:5; 12 NIV - Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. [12] The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."*

- You are necessary. God's thoughts concerning you shall be established.

*Do you still believe that God's word over your life will come to pass or have you given up hope? How can you put a demand on what He has promised?*

**BEFORE YOU HAD A FORM, YOU HAD A FUNCTION.**

## EXAMPLES OF THE WORD BEFOREHAND

Samson, A **DELIVERER** (Judges 13:3-5)

Jeremiah, A **PROPHET** (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

Samuel, A **HISTORY MAKER** (1 Samuel 5-8)

## THE CHALLENGES OF THE WORD!

### TIME

- There is a word over your life, but it doesn't exempt you from experiencing challenges.
- Time is a tool that is supposed to create tension and make you stronger.
- Delay does not mean denial.

**JOSEPH WAITED 13 YEARS.**

**ABRAHAM WAITED 25 YEARS.**

**MOSES WAITED 40 YEARS.**

**JESUS WAITED 30 YEARS.**

*2 Peter 3:8 NIV- But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.*

- God's timing is not our timing. It is a construct God created for us, not Him.
- Kairos (used 86 times in the New Testament) refers to an opportune time, a "moment" or a "season" such as "harvest time." Whereas Chronos (used 54 times) refers to a specific amount of time, such as a day or an hour.

- Don't be irritated with your time (Chronos). Learn to let God's time be His time (Kairos).
- Don't wait on time, but use faith to bring things from the future to your now.
- Learn to praise the Lord at all times (see Psalm 34:1).
- Be anxious for nothing (see Philippians 4:6-7).

*How do you view time? How do you act when you become impatient? How can you overcome the challenges that come with waiting over a long period of time?*

### TIME HAS A PROCESS.

#### TRIALS

*1 Peter 4:12 - Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

- Trials come. Everybody goes through something.
- Tests are not strange; they will become your testimonies.
- Don't trust anything that hasn't been tested.

*What is your stature and attitude when you endure trials?*

### IT'S NOT IF YOU GO THROUGH; IT'S HOW YOU GO THROUGH.

#### TRUST

*Proverbs 3:5 NIV - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*

- Our responsibility is to trust God. It is an act of faith.

#### STEP OUT: PETER WALKING ON WATER

#### STEP IN: 3 HEBREW BOYS IN THE FURNACE

#### STAND STILL: ANNA, THE PROPHET

*Are you being called to step out, step in, or stand still as you trust God?*

*Psalm 27:13 NIV - I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

- Stop running and submit to your process.

### THE WORD IS ALWAYS WORKING!

#### QUESTION

*What is your biggest challenge? A. Time B. Trial C. Trust D. All the above*

## **DECLARATION**

*I declare that God's thoughts concerning me shall be established. There's a word over my life and it's all coming together.*

## **PRAYER**

*Father, Thank You for every promise You have made and every word You have spoken over my life. I'm so grateful Your promises are always "yes" and "amen." God, show me how to wait patiently for Your Word to come to pass. Help me to endure the trials that come with the wait. Show me how to trust You with all my heart, soul, and mind. In Your gracious name I pray, Amen!*