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XX Anniversary

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Every hit got you to where you are right now. Everyday won't be a up day, but you cannot expose your down days to everyone. God has been with you every step of the way. You are a survivor. The hits didn't come before Christ, some of them came afterwards. you went through too much to not enjoy your up days. I pray you get around those who celebrate your elevation.

HEAVINESS

Exodus 18:18 NIV- "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."

- The work is heavy and you cannot handle it alone
- Its a miracle you haven't lost your mind
- His strength is made perfect in your weakness
- The bigger the stage, the greater the warfare
- You cannot let everyone see you on your down days
- Stop comparing yourself to people who have no weight

What are some examples of God carrying you when it seemed like life was hitting you left and right? How did he show himself strong in your situation?

REFERENCE THE PAST

Exodus 16:3 NIV -"The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

- Refuse to let yourself be stuck in the past
- You have lost your mind comparing your bondage to your freedom
- We have to evolve, you don't have the same oil from 20 years ago
- Be careful of people who keep bringing up your past

Who in your circle wants to keep referencing your past? Have you told them you left that a long time ago? What is your confession now?

THE GRUMBLING

Numbers 14: 36NIV - "So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it."

- You may have to get ok with those that grumble against you
- Don't let the grumbling spirit keep you down
- People will grumble against your future

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- Be careful of any Debbie downers
- There is so much power in your tongue it can affect your whole situation What have you been speaking about lately? Who has been grumbling against you? Is it helping or hurting your progress?

BACK BITING

Numbers 12:1a-2 NIV - [1a] "Miriam and Aaron <u>began to talk against</u> Moses because of his Cushite wife, [2] "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the Lord heard this.

- People will talk about you it goes with the assignment
- The warfare you are feeling is normal because you're the curse breaker
- Everyone won't be your cheerleader you can't let that get you down
- God will bring the bowed down head up
- One person cannot shut you down
- The higher you go the thinner the air gets
- You're not stuck up you are confident

Are you okay with knowing that with your next assignment everybody can't go with you? Are there people you need to distance yourself from?

THE INTERNAL OPPOSITION OR MISCONCEPTIONS

Numbers 16:1-3 NIV -[1] Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites — Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth — became insolent [2] and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. [3] They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord's assembly?"

- The higher you go more people are gonna talk about you
- One person cannot shut you down
- It's your future that the enemy is afraid of
- What's in you hasn't come out of you yet
- The enemy has come against you in a group, because one person cannot shut you down

Who are you that everywhere you go warfare meets you?

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Who are you that it takes a group of people to speak against what God has called?

YOUR OWN ISSUES

Lamentations 3:21-23 KJV - [21]This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. [22] It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. [23] They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

- Reflect on how God delivered you out of the hand of the enemy through the years
- Your victories cause you to bounce back
- God has been faithful get up out your pity, sorrow and every lie
- God has made a way out of no way
- God's about to enlarge your territory
- You're not dead, you have to get up

How do you not stay low or walk away with all this coming against you? What scriptures do you use to bounce back?

HE LEADS US

Exodus 13:17 [NIV -"When Pharoah let the people go, <u>God did not lead them</u> on the road through the Phillistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

- Your steps are ordered by the Lord
- God is taking you the long route
- You will experience every victory
- When you hit your canaan it's going to be a land flowing with milk and honey
- He is sending the wind your way

When it seems like it's taking too long, what are you doing while waiting? Do you trust the process?

HE SUSTAINED US

Deuteronomy 29:5 NIV- Yet the Lord says, "During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet.

- God has provided for you and protected you through the years
- You're stronger than you've ever been
- You cannot live in depression, disappointment, or rejection
- You need people around you that puts a demand on you



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- God's about to release a bounce back anointing on you
- You will have a fresh start

How has God sustained you when it looked like it was over for you? What did he do?

Psalm 34:1-3 NIV -[1] I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. [2] My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. [3] O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

- Put a praise on your lips
- When you praise God make your soul make a boast in the Lord
- Magnify the Lord
- Worship the Lord
- Exalt the Lord God

QUESTION:

What happens when you recalls God's faithfulness to you? How does this reflection impact your life?

DECLARATION:

It's not over for me. I will get up. God has been faithful! I will bless the Lord at all times and his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PRAYER

Father God, I Thank you for being so faithful and being so good. I will trust in the Lord with all my heart. I will trust you when I am up and I trust you when I am down. I won't listen to the naysayers for I know from whence my help comes from and it comes from the Lord. I will keep a praise on my lips and worship in my heart for you are the God who sustains me and I am helped. Great is your faithfulness, in Jesus' name, Amen!

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