

WEAR YOUR COAT

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Introduction

There is a heavy price tag attached to the anointing. We love to talk about the favor of God, the blessings, and the unique gifts He places inside us. We pray for influence. We pray to be used. But rarely do we prepare our minds for the trauma that accompanies the call. When God marks your life for a specific purpose, He gives you a spiritual garment. He gives you a coat.

But favor draws fire. The moment you put on what the Father has given you, you become a target. Joseph was just a teenager when his father gave him a coat of many colors. He did not buy it. He did not manipulate his way into it. It was a gift from his father. But that very gift became the catalyst for the greatest trauma of his young life. The coat triggered the insecurities, the jealousy, and the rage of the people closest to him.

If you are carrying a gift from God, you have likely experienced the specific, agonizing pain of being attacked simply for existing in your anointing. You know what it is to be thrown into a pit of isolation, to have your character assassinated, and to feel the sting of betrayal. The enemy wants that trauma to break you. He wants the pain to convince you to take off your coat, to hide your gift, and to shrink down into a manageable size so you stop intimidating people. But God sent this word to heal your emotional scars and challenge your spirit. You have to process the pain, refuse the bitterness, and make a decision to wear your coat anyway.

POINT 1: THE GIFT ALWAYS DRAWS A TARGET

Genesis 37:3

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

The trauma of the gifted always begins with the visibility of the favor. The coat of many colors was not just a piece of clothing. It was a loud, undeniable declaration of the father's intense love and chosen purpose for Joseph. When God places His hand on your life, it is visible. People can feel it when you walk in the room. They hear it when you speak. The anointing is a beautiful thing to the Father, but it is a highly offensive thing to demons and insecure people.

You need to understand that the attack on your life is not about your personality. It is about your coat. You have spent years agonizing, wondering what you did wrong, trying to figure out why certain people turned on you. You bent over backward trying to be agreeable. You dimmed your own light so they would not have to squint. But the truth is, you did not do anything wrong. You just showed up wearing what the Father gave you. The gift itself is the target. Acknowledging this is the first step in managing your emotions. You cannot control how others react to God's favor on your life. Your only responsibility is to be a good steward of what the Father placed on your shoulders.

POINT 2: THE PAIN OF CLOSE PROXIMITY BETRAYAL

Genesis 37:4

And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

The deepest cuts never come from strangers. The trauma that nearly broke Joseph did not come from foreign enemies or rival nations. It came from his brothers. It came from the men who shared his blood, ate at his table, and lived in his house. There is a unique, soul-crushing trauma that happens when the people who are supposed to celebrate your gift end up suffocating it.

This is where the mental strongholds are built. When your own family, your own friends, or your own church members reject you because of the calling on your life, it leaves a profound emotional scar. You start to question your own worth. You start to feel crazy. Betrayal trauma makes you want to isolate yourself permanently. But you have to see the text clearly. They hated him, and they could not speak peaceably to him. Their inability to handle his gift was a reflection of their own brokenness, not Joseph's value. You must stop internalizing the rejection of people who do not have the spiritual capacity to celebrate the oil on your life. Their hatred is a symptom of their own unhealed spaces. Do not let their dysfunction become your destruction.

POINT 3: THEY CAN STRIP THE FABRIC, BUT NOT THE FAVOR

Genesis 37:23

And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

When they grabbed Joseph and threw him into the pit, the very first thing they did was strip him of the coat. The enemy always goes for your identity. When you experience trauma related to your gifting, the immediate result is often a profound sense of loss. You feel exposed, humiliated, and robbed. They took his coat and covered it in blood, sending a message to the father that the dreamer was dead.

But look at the reality of the situation. They took the fabric, but they could not take the favor. They removed the coat, but they could not extract the dreams God had already planted in his spirit. People can strip you of your title. They can strip you of your position. They can run your name through the mud and take away your platform. But no man can strip you of your God-given anointing. The pit of depression and trauma is real, and the pain of being stripped is valid. But you have to remind yourself in the dark that your calling is not attached to a piece of cloth. Your calling is knit into your

spirit. You are still gifted in the pit. You are still anointed in the prison. The environment changed, but the call remained intact.

POINT 4: REFUSING THE POISON OF BITTERNESS

Genesis 50:20

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

This is the hinge upon which your entire emotional healing rests. If you are going to survive the trauma of being gifted, you must ruthlessly guard your heart against bitterness. Fast forward to the end of the story. Joseph is now in a position of ultimate power in Egypt. His brothers are starving, terrified, and standing right in front of him. He has the authority to execute them. He has the power to pay them back for the pit, the slavery, and the years of lost time.

But Joseph refuses to drink the poison of revenge. He manages his emotions by elevating his perspective. He tells them that while their intention was evil, God's sovereign purpose was good. You will never heal from your trauma until you surrender your right to retaliate. Bitterness is a self-sabotaging mindset. It is a cancer that will eat your anointing from the inside out. If you hold onto the anger, you will become toxic. You will bleed on people who did not cut you. The greatest revenge against the enemy is not destroying the people who hurt you. The greatest revenge is healing. It is allowing God to take the very trauma that was meant to assassinate you and using it to build a resilience in you that hell cannot break.

POINT 5: WEAR IT ANYWAY

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

God does not change His mind about what He put inside you. He does not recall His anointing because you went through a traumatic season. The

enemy tried to use the pain of betrayal to make you afraid of your own calling. He wanted you to associate your spiritual gifts with emotional pain, hoping you would never step out in faith again. But God is calling you out of hiding today.

It is time to put the coat back on. It might look different now. In Egypt, Pharaoh put a new garment on Joseph, a garment of mature authority. The first coat was a gift of favor. The second coat was a garment of tested resilience. You have survived the pit. You have survived the rumors. You have done the hard work of emotional healing and refused to let bitterness take root in your soul. Now, you must stand tall in the grace God has given you. Do not apologize for the oil on your life. Do not shrink back to make comfortable people happy. Wear your coat. Speak the word. Sing the song. Lead the ministry. Build the vision. The trauma did not destroy you. It only prepared you to handle the weight of the glory that is about to fall on your life. Wear your coat.