



THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Fruitfulness Sunday

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EPHESIANS 3:20 NKJV

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

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GENESIS 37:9-10 NKJV

Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.” 10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”

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ACTS 7:22-23 NKJV

And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds. 23 “Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

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PROVERBS 29:18 KJV

*Where there is no vision, the people
perish: but he that keepeth the law,
happy is he.*

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2. Decision Phase: The dream challenges you to make a decision.
 - a. This is the moment of truth where you decide to invest your time, money, energy, reputation and step out of your comfort zone to pursue your dream.
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JAMES 1:8 KJV

*A double minded man is
unstable in all his ways.*

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“Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian.

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3. Delay Phase: You encounter delays.

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- b. In the case of Abraham, it was 25 years. For Moses it was 40 years. And for David and Joseph it was 13 years each.
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4. Difficulty Phase: Here challenges/problems become pronounced.
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 - b. Circumstances.
 - i. Change in laws and policy; Ex.1:22
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GENESIS 37:18-20 NKJV

Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. 19 Then they said to one another, “Look, this [a]dreamer is coming! 20 Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, ‘Some wild beast has devoured him.’ We shall see what will become of his dreams!”

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NEHEMIAH 4:7 NKJV

Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the [a]gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry,

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EXODUS 1:22 NKJV

So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is [a]born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”

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1 PETER 1:6-7 GNT

Be glad about this, even though it may now be necessary for you to be sad for a while because of the many kinds of trials you suffer. 7 Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold, which can be destroyed, is tested by fire; and so your faith, which is much more precious than gold, must also be tested, so that it may endure. Then you will receive praise and glory and honor on the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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5. Dead-end Phase; Here the situation deteriorates from difficult to IMPOSSIBLE! You are backed into a corner. You have come to the end of the rope. You have tried everything, and nothing is working. You do not know what else to do. Everything seems to have come to a standstill. You have come to a dead -end. It appears hopeless. If you have come to this phase. Congratulations you are at the edge of a miracle. Jn.1 2:24; 2Cor.1:8-9
6. Deliverance Phase. God provides a supernatural answer. Miraculously, things fall into place!

JOHN 12:24 KJV

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-9 NKJV

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our [a]trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

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ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose up on the third day that I may be justified. Today, Lord Jesus, I confess and repent of all my sins; I forsake them; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

Contact us – Shilohttop@gmail.com or www.shilohttop.com

Prayer 1

Father in the name of Jesus, grant me and every member this church the grace and the wisdom to persevere through every phase of the journey of faith successfully in pursuit of every dream, vision or idea you have placed in our hearts in the name of Jesus. Hab.2:2-3

GENESIS 1:28 NKJV

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [a]moves on the earth.

GENESIS 9:1

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

5 Keys To Your Fruitfulness

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2. Be planted in church. Ps.92:12-14
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5. Be fruitful spiritually. If you are winning souls to the kingdom and bringing joy to heaven, you cannot struggle to have a child or in your career or business. Jn.15:16;

JOHN 15:4 NKJV

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

JOHN 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[a] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you

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PSALM 92:12-14 NKJV

*The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13
Those who are planted in the house of the
Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;
They shall be [a]fresh and [b]flourishing,*

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EXODUS 23:25-26 NKJV

“So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. 26 No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

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ISAIAH 1:19 NKJV

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JOHN 15:16 NKJV

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

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Prayer 2

Father in the name of Jesus, help me and every member of this church to be planted, settled and established in your word, in your church and in delightful obedience and kingdom service, so that our fruitfulness and flourishing will be multiplied to bring you greater glory in the name of Jesus.
Jn.15:4, 7-8; Ps.92;12-14; Exo.23:25-26; Isa.1:19;