

CHANGING YOUR SITUATION!

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TEXT:

2 Kings 7:3-9

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SUBJ: Changing your situation!!

INTRO: The bible says these (4) Leprous men were sitting outside the gate of the city, and they said to one of another, why do we sit out here until we

die?

People of GOD, I've learned that in order to have a transformation in your life, there must first be a self realization of your life!

In other words, You have to realize, that if what you're doing is not changing you for the better, then it's better for you to change what you're doing!

(EXP#) If me sitting here isn't changing my life for the better, then it's better for me to change where I'm sitting!

(EXP#) If me worrying and doubting is making things better, then it's better for me to stop worrying and doubting!

(EXP#) If me drinking and smoking isn't making me better, then it's better for me to stop drinking and smoking!

(EXP#) If me lying and cheating is not making me a better person, then it's better for me to stop lying and cheating!

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(EXPOUND) You have to realize that, there's got to be something better than what's going on in my life!

And what I've learned, is that sometimes it takes you hitting rock bottom, for you to realize that you're somewhere, you're not supposed to be!

Luke 15:15-16

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

(EXPOUND) Sometimes hitting rock bottom will help you realize that there's got to be something better than this!

Self Realization brings about a Transformation!

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Four thing you need to do, To change your situation

BODY:

#1 You have to get tired of being in the same situation!

(EXPOUND) You have to make the decision that it's time for a change in my life and I'm not going to sit here and die.

(EXP#) Just like the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years, you have to decide that enough is enough and I ain't dealing with it no more.

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(EXPOUND) You have to get tired of your current situation and believe GOD for a greater manifestation!

(EXP#) Lord, I don't know what it will be, but I know it's better than this!

(EXP#) Lord, I don't know how it's going to work out, but I know it's better than this!

(EXP#) Lord, I don't know what will happen, but I know it's better than this!

#2 Step out on faith!

(EXPOUND) Some of us are afraid to step into some new things and some new places, because we're afraid of what might happen.

But you have to know that even though this next step may be scary, it's strategic!

(NOTE: It's already been planned out by GOD!)

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord , thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

(MESSAGE)

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out-plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for!

(EXPOUND) GOD said, "I know what I'm doing! I got it all planned out and I'm in control!"

(NOTE: He said, This new thing that I'm about to do may be scary, but it's strategic!)

2 Kings 7:4-7

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7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

(EXPOUND) When you decide to step out on faith, you'll see that you don't have to be afraid because GOD has already run the devil off for you.

(EXP#) GOD said, some of y'all are sitting on the outside, but you can come on in, because the DEVIL has already been run off.

He ain't here no more!

#3 Know that Your blessing has already been stored up!

(EXPOUND) When you make up your mind that it's time for a change and you're not afraid to step out on faith, you'll find that GOD has already stored up your blessings for you.

(NOTE: You just have to go get it.)

Solomon said in
Proverbs 13:22

22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

(EXPOUND) GOD will cause the wicked to set up your retirement account!

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(EXPOUND) GOD has blessings stored up waiting for you.

Psalms 31:19

19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

(MESSAGE)

What a stack of blessing you have piled up for those who worship you,
Ready and waiting for all who run to you to escape an unkind world.

(EXPOUND) GOD got it all stacked up for you!

(NOTE: He got the real STACKS!)

CONCLUSION:

#4 Be a blessings to others!

(EXPOUND) When GOD changes your life, you be blessing by helping change someone else life!

2 Kings 7:9

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

(EXPOUND) Once you get in, go bring somebody else in with you!

And look at this!

These were men who were physically unclean, but yet they still had it in them to go and bring good tidings somebody else.

(EXPOUND) If you can be satisfied being blessed, without trying to bless somebody else, your spirit and your heart is not right!

(NOTE: And you don't need a physical healing, you need a spiritual healing!

