# GETTING AWAY FROM

### PHAROAH

HOW TO BE FREE FROM LONG-LASTING CHALLENGES

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#### **JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...**

If you find yourself in a situation that seem overwhelming and never ending, I have good news for you; you'd begin to see changes from now!

I'm so excited about this little piece. What you're about to read has been a burden in my heart for a while, and as soon as God shared it with me, I knew it was the answer I've been looking for.

I'm convinced that whatever challenge has tarried with you for long has reached its expiry date. As you apply the principles shared in this book, they'd fade like they never existed.

I taught this during a conference and participants literally fired up. I have no doubt that the same fire will be transmitted as you read this book. Do have a good idea!

# WARNING!!! WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ MAY GIVE YOU AN INSTANT TESTIMONY

I'd like to begin with Deuteronomy 2:1-3. It says:

Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. And the LORD spake unto me, saying. Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. Deut 2:1-3

I tried to lookup the word "compassed" in the dictionary and I found that it wasn't different from the word "rounded". In other words, they were going round a certain mountain for many days.

The question is, why? Couldn't they turn or at least make progress? Could it be that there was no way forward or even backward?

Of course there was a way, that's why God's anger rose in verse 3. He told them that they had gone round that mountain long enough, and He expected them to turn northward.

This isn't different from the way many people are living right now. They've been going round one challenge for too long, it's time to enforce a turnaround.

God is not disputing the fact that we go through challenges. As a matter of fact, the bible describes the kind of challenge a believer should go through, it calls it "light affliction". Let's see how the scripture puts it.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:

17. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Did you see that? Our afflictions are light, and they only last for a moment. So it is unscriptural to be going through a challenge beyond a moment.

The question you might want to ask is, "how long is a moment? What does a moment mean?"

#### It means ONE DAY

The bible says "weeping may endure till the night, but joy cometh in the morning (Ps 40:5)". In other words, a challenge should not go beyond a day if you find adequate truth that is bright enough to give the morning light.

Of course, the challenge won't just go by the morning because the bible said so, no! It would go by light! And I mean access to the truth.

It is possible for a challenge to leave you the same day it came, but it all depends on if you're able to access adequate light to destroy that challenge.

#### A moment also means 3 DAYS

In case you feel hopeless about a situation, probably because you see that everything you represent or have worked for has been destroyed, Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and I'd rebuild it in 3 days (Jn 2:19-21)".

No case is ever closed for the one who believes. Jesus was dead, and after 3 days He rose from the dead. So whoever told you that you can't recover all that has been destroyed by the enemy?

But once again, your restoration is still a function of discovery and application of truth. First, settle in your heart that it can be done,

then go all out in search of truth. Remember that it's only the truth that can make you free.

#### A moment also means 4 DAYS

Lazarus's death was already a forgotten case. He was dead, buried, and his grave was a nogo-area because it was stinking. He's been dead for 4 days.

But guess what? Jesus still considered it a light affliction which was only supposed to last for a moment. And even the four days was still within the "moment" bracket.

Yeah, some situations can be that disgusting. And we can easily be tempted to believe that there's no remedy. But God is saying that even situations as disgusting as that can yield ear tingling testimonies within four days - if you access the truth required.

#### A moment also means 6 DAYS

This is the crux of it. It would have been 7 days, except that God rested on the 7th day. Just imagine, the most intricate of situations was resolved within six days.

If your situation won't require you to recreate the world, then six days is too much to break free from whatever it is.

So, count from the day that challenge started. Has it been more than 6 days? Or has it chopped into your rest? Hey, don't you agree that you've compassed that mountain long enough? Isn't it time to enforce a change?

#### **PHAROAH**

If you've tried to be free from that situation and somehow it won't let you go, then there's

only one explanation, PHARAOH! Pharaoh has refused to let you go.

The time that was appointed for Israel to leave Egypt to their promiseland was 400 years. But we all know that when the 400 years elapsed, Pharaoh decided to enslave them for 40 more years.

Pharaoh isn't just a person, he's a spiritual system that enslaves. Whenever you see a person in bondage, the spirit of Pharaoh is at work there.

Spiritual systems are real. Just as John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah, certain demonic forces can return in another form but with the same purpose.

Jezebel vowed to cut off Elijah's head, but she couldn't accomplish her desire before she died. Herodias came in the spirit of Jezebel and executed that desire on John. Remember

that John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah.

Pharoah may have drowned in the sea alongside the host of Egyptians, but don't be deceived, Pharoah is symbolic.

Pharoah isn't just a person, he's a system that symbolizes oppression, slavery, depravity, impoverishment, torment, and a long lasting one at that.

When you find yourself in an oppressive situation that seem to be perpetual in nature, then Pharoah is at work.

I have good news for you, in Jeremiah 46:17, the bible says, "... Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed".

Yes, Pharoah is but a noise and his time has passed. Therefore, whatever oppression has enslaved or tormented you this far, their time is up! The God who delivered Israel from

Pharaoh has risen for you! Never again shall you see that oppression!

While we agree that Satan is behind all forms oppression, it's easier to fight when we can relate the oppression with a past event.

How did God free Israel from Egypt and Pharaoh? If you can understand that and successfully relate it to the current dispensation, then you're on your way to your promised land.

So I'd share a few things that delivered Isreal out of Egypt and also relate them to the current dispensation.

# THEY HAD A DESIRE

Their freedom began with a desire to be free. It's true that they preferred the torment in Egypt than the lack in the wilderness, but it doesn't mean they didn't want to be free from Egypt.

Many people have managed their situations that they now consider it a lifestyle. If you ask them whether they want to be free, they'd even tell you the oppression is God's will for them.

No! There's no oppression that is God's will for you. In God's perspective, oppression should only last for a moment. If it goes beyond a moment, then it has become a stronghold, and needs to be broken.

Oh, I forgot to mention that a moment also means "NOW". Which means no matter how long that oppression has lasted, you can be free right now!

2 Corinthians 6:2 says, "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)".

Did you see that? Now is the accepted time, and now is the day of your freedom. I don't know about you, but I'm not willing to wait till a whole day is completed, I want to be free now. I want that promotion now, I want that favour now, I want that breakthrough now, I want that appointment now.

Some breakthroughs can be so urgent that if you have to wait till a whole day, the

breakthrough or favour can be compromised before the 24 hour delivery period.

Studies show that it was in the night that Pharaoh commanded Moses to take Israel out of Egypt. If they had tarried longer, perhaps Pharoah would have changed his mind like he did the previous times.

So just in case you may have lost hope, let your hope be revived because your deliverance is happening right now! Pharaoh's time is up, and like a dream of the night you'd be out of Egypt!

Everything may be down but God is still waiting for you to win. In the fight between light and darkness, God is the referee, and He's permanently in favour of light. No matter how many times the devil wins a fight, God has reserved the war's victory till when you're ready.

I saw a scripture a few years back that got me worried. Let me share it with you.

Isaiah 42:22

But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Did you see that? God checked and observed that the people where in great torment, but His diagnosis was that none of them desired restoration. None of them prayed about that freedom. They lived at the mercy of the enemy.

That shouldn't be your case anymore. If you've given up before, now you can reignite the fire. Start praying again, until something happens. Constantly remind God about the situation. It's better to constantly remind God than to be permanently silent about it.

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Silence kills, but persistence in prayer surely delivers.

The bible tells us that God shall avenge His elect that cries unto Him day and night speedily. Yes, that's how you should pray about that matter, day and night. Let the parable of the woman who needed the king's judgment be your guide. The king attended to her because of her importunity.

The second thing the people of Israel did was that

# THEY HAD A DELIVERER WHO ALSO HAD A DESIRE TO SET THEM FREE

We all know the story of Moses. Even though he was an adopted prince in Egypt, his desire was to free Isreal from Egypt.

His desire compelled him to save an oppressed Israelite which unfortunately led to the death of an Egyptian army. Moses had to flee for his life until he received a mandate from God to free Israel from Egypt.

It's not enough to have a desire to be free, you must also have a deliverer that not only desires to deliver you but has power to do same.

Moses had to wait for many years till he received power to free them. But what a joy, we don't have to wait, we already have a deliverer who loves us and has power enough to dislodge Satan and his cohorts from our camps. His name is Jesus Christ!

The Bible says He's seated at God's right hand constantly making intercessions for us. Even your parents can't make such sacrifices.

Now that we've identified a deliverer that also wants us to be free, let's look at the third point:

# HAVE FAITH IN THE DELIVERER

Moses' greatest concern was that the people of Israel would not believe him when he shows up in Egypt, and that's why God gave him a rod which he used to perform several signs and wonders.

The moment they believed in Moses, their journey to their promiseland began.

This may shock you, but not many people believe in Jesus, and just as Moses, it's also a concern to Jesus. Let's see how Luke's gospel puts it.

Luke 18:

- 7. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
- 8. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Did you see that? He's ready to save the earth, but his concern is if he'd find faith on the earth.

### QUICKLY, LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD

Simple, reply the devil's advances with scriptures. Every time you do that, you've handed over the fight to God.

One of the greatest mistake we make is trying to fight the devil with our natural intelligence, the devil is not a man so natural intelligence can't work for him.

For instance, if the devil tells you (mostly through your mind) that you'd be in financial lack all through next week, how do you respond?

Some funny Christians will just say God forbid. While that may not be bad, but sometimes those who use that statement don't say it from a stand point of scriptural understand.

If I say God forbid, then it's because I'm aware of Phil 4:19. But it's better to quote Phil 4:19 in that instance than saying God forbid.

God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ever ask of think, but

that's according to the word that is working in us.

In Mark 16, after He gave them power, they returned in verse 20 to say that even the devils were subject to His name.

The only person that can put the devil under subjection is Jesus, and that's why you must introduce Him to the fight consciously.

Fight the good fight of faith. And the fight of faith is an exchange of words and action. The devil throws an idea to you, you reply with God's word to resist him. And if he throws another one at you, resist him steadfastly by replying with more words. You'd know he's tired when you win.

I remember one time when all I had for the week was five hundred Naira. The devil silently hinted that I'd probably be in lack all through that week. Suddenly a scripture

arose in my mouth and I replied him. God got into the scene and I made good money that same day.

How else do you prove that you have a deliverer if you don't consciously transfer battles to him?

A word of caution! This isn't a religious exercise where you can just say things like, "Lord, I hand the battle over to you". No, even if you'd say that, it has to be with scriptural understanding. Let's be wise in our dealings.

Satan is free to attack anytime he likes, but whatever time he comes, I'd let him know that no time is too early or too late for my God to take a fight. He will fight for me, and I will hold my peace.

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I TRUST YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED BY THIS
EBOOK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO
CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED ANY FORM OF
COUNSEL. AND YES, I LOOK FORWARD TO
READING YOUR TESTIMONIES.
CONGRATULATIONS!

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- HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR DESIRED

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  - OVERCOMING CHALLENGES
    - THE GREAT ADVANTAGE

AND MANY MORE



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