## THE RISING OF THE STARS (2)

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2025: OUR YEAR OF FULFILLED DREAMS GENESIS 41:1, GENESIS 42:9

- ·Grace sets us apart. The heroes of faith were ordinary men who stood out because of God's grace upon their lives. Noah and Moses found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8, Exodus 33:17), and Paul echoed this truth, saying, "By the grace of God, I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10). It is grace that qualifies us to rise to our full stature.
- The "but" in your life cannot stop God's plan. Like Jephthah, the son of a harlot who became a deliverer (Judges 11:1-8), your past or pain cannot cancel your purpose. Every loss, every delay, and every disappointment carries a divine purpose.
- The grace of God silences every accusation the enemy tries to bring against you.
- Grace opens closed doors. Naomi had lost everything, yet grace repositioned her in destiny. Ruth 1:6 says, "Then she arose" — That rising marked the beginning of restoration. Grace makes you

- arise when grief tells you to sit down.
- God calls the unlikely. The story of Ruth reminds us that no one is too far from grace. A Moabite widow became part of the lineage of Jesus (Ruth 4:13-17). God chooses the despised to display His glory. He uses the weak things to confound the mighty (1 Corinthians 1:27).
- There is more to who we are than what we see. Let us look at ourselves with God's magnifying lens.
- Know who you are and what you have been called to do. Moses saw himself as a stammerer, but God saw him as a mouthpiece (Exodus 4:10-16). Jeremiah saw himself as a child, but God saw a prophet (Jeremiah 1:5-8). You are who God says you are because of His Spirit in you!
- Do not shortchange your generation. Imagine if Moses never accepted his assignment or if Gideon stayed in hiding... an entire nation would have



been stranded. Neither keep the grace of God to yourself nor say you have nothing to offer. There is a lot you can offer because God is with you.

- All dreams and visions that God gives to us are for the actualisation of His purpose. Do not move on assumptions; rather, seek clarity from God regarding your calling.
- The heroes of faith were never in doubt of their assignment. From Abraham to Mary, every one of them knew exactly what God had called them to do. God gave clear instructions, and they responded in faith (Genesis 12:1-4, Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:20-21).
- The heroes of faith displayed prompt obedience, which was born out of the fear of the Lord in them. Noah built an ark with no precedent (*Hebrews 11:7*). Abraham obeyed, not knowing where he was going (*Hebrews 11:8*). True sons respond quickly when God speaks.
- Between arising and shining lies a chain of events called process. That process is where we will be tested to ensure that

we are fit for His purpose. God always gives us assignments that are way beyond our imagination or capacity. If it is within your capacity, then it is not God's assignment.

- G o d trains us in righteousness. Like Gideon, who once hid in fear (Judges 6:11-15) but later conquered thousands with just 300 men (Judges 8:4-11), God grows our faith in stages. If we stay willing, He will make us courageous.
- Hold on to the unquestionable character of God, which is His faithfulness. You can trust Him in good times and bad times. When He says He will do a thing, He will do it and surely bring it to pass! (Hebrews 10:23).

## **Prayer Points**

- 1. Father, thank You for the grace that qualifies the unqualified; I thank You for calling me out by name.
- 2. Lord, let every "but" the enemy uses against me be silenced forever by Your grace, in Jesus' name (Judges 11:1-8).



- 3. Lord, by Your grace, I arise from every grief, delay, or disappointment. I stand and take my rightful place no matter what.
- 4. Father, reveal to me who I truly am and what You have called me to do (*Jeremiah* 1:5).
- 5. Lord, help me to see myself through Your eyes and not my limitations (*Exodus 4:10-16*).
- 6. Lord, help me to respond promptly to every divine instruction without delay (*Hebrews 11:7-8*).
- 7. Father, increase my faith to believe even when the promise seems impossible (Hebrews 11:11).
- 8. Lord, train me through every process and make me courageous like Gideon (Judges 6:25-27; 8:4-11).
- 9. Father, give me a vision that is clear; reveal what You have called me to do and help me not to assume I know.
- 10. Father, let Your grace

open every door that circumstance or pain has shut (Ruth 4:13-17).

11. Lord, may I never

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shortchange my generation; help me rise to my full stature in Christ Jesus.

12. Lord, help me to hold fast to Your faithfulness. No matter the process, I trust You to perform what You have promised.