

Opportunity in Crisis

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The rules have changed. These are serious times, that call for something more. These are times bear on the message of both my “Joseph-Daniel Calling” and “God’s Economy, Israel and the Nations” books.

The Context of this Hour

In early 1996 I wrote: *"A time is coming soon when there will be changes in the infrastructures of the world's systems that will create reversals resulting in discontinuities such as the world has never seen. In the same manner that Joseph the patriarch was sent ahead to prepare for what was coming to the earth, God is today sending individuals ahead to prepare for a time of great change that will precede the shift of all ages. These will be individuals who clearly hear God's voice and who possess a unique understanding of the times, who will be thrust into positions of influence within the economic, governmental and business infrastructures that guide the course of world events."* (Morris Ruddick, *The Joseph-Daniel Calling*, 2000, Xulon, pg 20)

The Model

The Joseph Calling: “The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man; and everyone saw that the Lord was with Joseph and made all that he did to prosper.” Gen 39

God’s Economy: “There was famine in the land; and the Lord appeared to Isaac and said: ‘Dwell in this land and I will be with you...’” Gen 26

God-centered, entrepreneurial community

Signs of the Times

The rise of evil

The economic shift

Discerning the cycles

Just as in the days of Noah...

This is the approach of a time of GREAT change ...with the call to beginning preparing now.

Foundations for Facing Crisis

Knowing your identity (your gifts and calling) in Him

Balanced between Spirit and Truth

Aligning with God's heart

Embracing tz'dakah (charitable righteousness)

Hearing God's voice

Defining... and planning your purpose-driven destiny

Crisis Mind-Sets

Kingdom wisdom: We live by dying. We lead by serving. We gain by giving. Order comes from change. Wisdom comes from simplicity. Success is defined by humility and service.

Entrepreneurial: create, innovate, build

Community – tz'dakah

Isaiah 58

Resource versus monetary goals

War-time mind-set

Hebraic – Israel-focused

Discerning the “refuge” gatekeepers (the Pharaoh alliances) AND being known by His Name

Differentiating the Joseph(s)

- Joseph operated in a religiously unorthodox context that the Lord chose for him. Joseph was totally immersed in the world's system!
- This secular alliance that brought fullness to God's purposes was an:
Interlinking of secular enterprises with overriding Kingdom objectives.
- Today's Josephs are trusted servant leaders who have a clear call and mandate from the Lord; men and women who God has uniquely prepared and KNOW HOW TO PREPARE
- These are people who are untouched and unfazed by mammon or power; people whose overwhelming motivation is to serve God's Kingdom
- These are people with unusual foresight; who clearly hear God's voice; as well as reflecting a gifting and ability to recognize opportunities and know what to do about them

The Model for the Response

- Joseph the Patriarch -- was faithful in taking dominion at each level during his tenure in Egypt: Slavery, Prison, Pharaoh (Genesis 39)

- Driven by Faith, NOT fear ...with a clear understanding and unquestionable authority of his sphere
- Joseph's promotion was based not on the plan or the model. It came from the recognition of God's Spirit operating through Joseph ... a prophetically sound impartation of wisdom from on high as an answer to the challenge of that particular situation.

Recognizing the Pathway for Opportunity in Crisis

Holy Spirit Partnership – “if you listen carefully to the Lord..”

More for less

The role of INFLUENCE

Defining your sphere – authority (2 Cor 10:13 “within the limits of the sphere which God has given us...”

Community-connected

By your good works ...1 Peter 2:15

Blessed to be a blessing

Results that impart God's Kingdom rule

The Bottom Line

Those called as modern-day Joseph will make a difference as “community-builders”

Make God your senior partner and listen carefully to His voice

Your combined gifts and anointing for your purpose-driven destiny

Immerse yourself in His Presence and Word and acquire the authority to match the anointing

Embrace the distinction of your Kingdom citizenship...

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