

When God Grooms

Primers

Devotions are primers:

What is a primer?

Definition of primer

a small introductory on a subject

a short informative piece to stimulate you toward some ideas

Stimulate your thinking and actions to consider these things to go dig deeper. I'm going to prime the pump but you need to keep it fueled and in the right watering hole.

Devotions are intended to stimulate and prime your mind and heart to reflect on a greater source, subject and service to the Lord.

Joshua — Groomed by Glory

The Grooming of Grace

How can we recognize we are being groomed by

Learned how to fear God message

Learned how to follow God's leaders

Learned how to fight for God

Learned how to faithfully trust God

Learned how to feed on God's faithfulness

Illustration: leaving doors open for falsehood horsefly/mosquito

The Formation of A Fighter, Father and Friend : One who is faithful, fearless and fruitful before the Lord and His people

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Joshua... and a little insight on courage found in chapter 1.

It takes courage to lead others for Jesus.

It takes courage to fight a superior enemy...to take what is rightfully ours, seeing we now belong to Christ.

It takes courage to unveil and share the inheritance that belongs to God's people.

It takes courage to trust and obey God's word in a world that His word is uncommon and most often unwanted.

And it takes a word/command from the Lord to have the courage needed to do His work.

And without a command/authority from God there will be no courage to do His work. We NEED His authority to accomplish an assignment for Him.

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And what always comes with a grace given command from the Lord is:

- (1) authority to do His assignment,
- (2) strength from His word to fulfill His assignment,
- (3) courage to overcome the obstacles on His assignment that challenge what we see, hear and feel,
- (4) His presence to accomplish His assignment.

An Out of Season Word

When we surrender our rights to the Lord, there will be times when we are told to do things by Him that seem to be "out of season." He will have us say and do things that just don't make sense to us or to those whom we are ministering to. Joshua was instructed by God to march around a city and shout, and the walls would fall down. Gideon was told to reduce his fighting force down to three hundred men to fight several nations who were numerous as locusts. He was not only to fight with three hundred men, but he was also commanded to use a strange "weapon" of clay pottery with a candle on the inside to fight with on this dreadful night. It didn't make sense to him nor to any naturally-minded man. Jehoshaphat was led to send out the choir before his army because the battle was not theirs, but the Lord's. All these things are out of season events. None of them

logically make any sense. Think about each of these historical accounts and find the four common denominators in each one. We must notice that each account is different. They were all told to do something different to fight. The result was that they all fought differently.

We often will look at a passage like the ones mentioned above and make every effort to emulate what they did. The outcome leaves us frustrated and defeated more often than not.

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The four common denominators are:

1. Each leader (individual) heard a Word from God.
2. Each heard an “out of season” word of instruction.
3. Each had to trust God’s instruction and obey it even though it was “out of season.”
4. Each experienced victory.

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His command is our authority... and with it, comes all that we need! Glory hallelujah...

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#presence #Hispresence #thatsHimmyGod #havefaithinGod #movingmountains #trustGod
#trustwhatHesays #outofseason #itdoesntmakesense #outofseasonword #forGodsglory
#trustandobey #keepdigging #summerseries #summerseries2022

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