

Garnished for Glory (When God furnishes what's needed and adds to the display of His glory)

Blessings friends... as I lowered my rope in the deep well of life this morning the Lord graciously filled my bucket with His refreshing water. He gave me way more than I could drink, so if you're thirsty, I have plenty to share.

Faith builders...for them, yes—but even more so for us, today. As Romans 15:4 reminds us: "What things were written, in the Older Testament, were written, that through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures we (today) might have hope."

I love it when God's message, for one of His servants, reaches beyond him and ministers specifically to me. What He graciously spoke to Elijah has abundantly watered my needy soul. He said, "I have COMMANDED the ravens to feed you [there]." (1 Kings 17:4)

Think about the ramifications of what God shared with his man? Something supernatural was in the making and God was bringing His servant up to speed on His work behind the scenes. He was letting Elijah see what others couldn't... and revealing that He had altered the natural order of things to meet a real life need in the prophet's life.

It's no secret... but not everyone knows this, WHERE God leads, He meets our most essential needs. There's no one that knows how to lead, feed and meet the daily needs of His own people, like Jesus. Also, many are still in the dark on the fact that it takes a supernatural work of God to alter the natural flow and order of things. Specifically, things that He's already established to be a certain way.

The examples are endless, from the Red Sea parting for Moses, the sun standing still for Joshua, the ravens feeding Elijah, ax heads floating on top of the water, and most importantly, His Son, who gave His life for you. And, as with each of these, a COMMAND from God had to be given to alter the natural realm. And only He can alter or reverse what He has put in motion... and He still does, and it only takes a single WORD from Him and the natural world must yield to its Maker. As it is applied to Elijah, he had to TRUST God during the drought, and GO to the place God SENT him. It was at the brook Cherith... at that specific time, and nowhere else on the planet, that God would supernaturally met his needs with birds that would share their provisions with God's man.

*...The ravens had an assignment... which included refreshing and replenishing a person, that would be at a particular place (which is a pattern of God... for all of God's assignments include a place and people, in one way or another). The ravens nor the prophet would lack a thing as long as they*

*trusted and obeyed.*

**The same applies to us... if we're on assignment, in the right place, serving the right people we've been given to serve, we can rest assured that we'll be fed and led by the Lord, in that place and among those people until He gives us a new assignment.** But what comes before the purpose and provision is a gracious command from God. His WORD always precedes help from Him... yes, life, authority, and deliverance must proceed out of His mouth before we can ever embrace or experience them in the natural. He sends and we trust what He sends. Notice how both David and Jesus understood and operated under this same authority...

"...You have given commandment to save me; for You are my rock and my fortress." (Psalm 71:3)

"No man takes it [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I have received [and trusted] from my Father." (John 10:18)

**Let's make it personal... where has He commanded you to be fed and nurtured?** You can't expect the ravens to find you if you're not where you suppose to be. Jesus told His disciples (me included) to abide in the Vine... and we (I, myself) can't abide in the Vine and not be connected to the Vine's body, here on earth. He gave the word (John 15). We must trust and obey... and watch how He meets the need according to His command. Keep in mind... while many in Elijah's world perished, because of their unbelief and disobedience, God sent him, with His command, to alter the natural order of things for a foreign woman and her son, that would trust and obey the word of the man of God.

This message can be a very helpful tool and difference maker for each of you who struggling through a hard thing right now. It's been said that either you're going through something currently, just coming out of something recently or about to head into something unknowingly. And we can all testify to this reality called life.

I want to help you or someone you love with that SOMETHING before the "thing" you go through hijacks your focus off the King. Let's learn together how to make a big deal about the KING and not the THING.

I've shared this with y'all before but I know of absolutely no one or nothing who leads, feeds and meets the needs of His sheep, like Jesus. Now, with that being said, don't be shocked when He says to you He's not going to fix your problem or problems for you. He can and may... for He's more than able. He's promised to withhold no good thing for those who walk uprightly with Him. Sometimes

the hard thing is a holy thing. The painful thing can be a sanctified thing, a trial ordained by God, that He's using to get Jesus out of you.

He, better than anyone, knows what's best... even when the hard but holy thing was allowed for our good and His glory. We can trust what He knows, even when His best seems undesirable, unbearable and unreasonable at the moment.

Now, we can either press Him TO fix our every distress, to our own fretting and frustration, or press INTO Him, yielding to His wisdom and work in us, that He can delightfully fix us, for the trouble we're struggling through.

***What's possible is not always profitable. Because what's possible is not always compatible and beneficial for you, the kingdom and those you serve.***

Try not to confuse what's possible with what's profitable. It's possible because all things are possible with God, but all things that are possible are not profitable... for us, Him or those we are going to serve.

Can He heal you? Yes, all things are possible with Him.

Will He heal you? What's possible may not be profitable... so depending upon what He's doing in and through you and the infirmity you have will depend more on the profitability of God's work than the possibilities of His power.

His grace is sufficient...

In each case... a word from God was given and believed, trusted and obeyed and ultimately God fulfilled what He promised, through the message and prayers of the prophet.

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Blessings friends, may each of you have a great day trusting what He's said. Let Him lead you to your brook, or through your sea or to the one you will meet a need in their life today. If He will use us, I know He is able to qualify you, too. Glory!!!

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