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Voice of Triumph

"O God, pledge your support for me. Give it to me in writing, with your signature. You're the only one who can do it!"

Job 17:3, The Message

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PERSEVERE TO BIRTH THE LIFE THAT WAS NEVER IN YOUR WOMB

I Samuel 1st chapter, Hannah is consumed by grief. Being barren, her husband Elkanah had a second wife, Peninnah. Elkanah never understood why Hannah wasn't satisfied with him alone; he felt that if she had ten sons that still was no comparison to him. On the other hand, Peninnah understood how having babies would bring her delight; still she provoked Hannah to tears esteeming herself as having won a competition. The onslaught appeared to be on every hand. When Eli, the priest, saw her distress, he told her she was in a drunken stupor. What changed the dynamics of Hannah's story is when she made the decision to focus on receiving something she never had before. She did not change her goal, but her approach in reaching it. Leaving her request unnamed, Eli then agreed with her to receive the Lord's answer. In prayer, Hannah removed all self-interest; she no longer worshipped the insatiable craving of her heart to become a mother. Now clothed with humility, she asked the Lord specifically for a son. In silent speech from her heart, she vowed to dedicate him to serve God's dream forever. When she looked to God as her only source, all the other opposition could not compare or compete with the Lord. He was now the only object of her affection. From a state of wholeness and wellness, her incorruptible spirit covered all the woundedness of her soul until it was restored. It was with "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is of great price to God", I Peter 3:4 that helped her realize back-to-back promises. Hannah did not receive the promise just because she asked for it; she received the promise because she repositioned to be ready for the delivery of it. She conceived Samuel within the next year. She fulfilled her vow to God which kept her womb open; she gave birth to five more children once she literally surrendered Samuel to God as a living sacrifice. Hannah advanced from bringing her petition before God to prophesying Jesus' delivering us. She did not lose her voice to infertility. It is never too late to do birth everything in your heart.

PURSUE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WAS LOST UNTIL YOU RECOVER ALL

In Mark 5:24-34, a woman had an incurable disease for twelve years. This debilitating infirmity left her impoverished. Hearing Jesus was nearby gave her real-time faith. Repetitively saying "if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole", gave her a picture of recovering all she had lost. Capturing the vision of this heaven-born reality, she carved out her inner script that happened just like she rehearsed. Although banned from public, she courageously moved forward; the ruler of the synagogue was with Jesus, but she did not fear death. Not feeling pitiful about her past or being presumptuous about her future, she lived purposefully in the present. As with this woman, recognize the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God that realizes the miraculous in every area simultaneously and suddenly. Let Jesus' words resound, "thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague".

PREVENT YOUR LIFE FROM THE TOMB

In Joshua 2, Rahab, the harlot, was slated to be killed along with the rest of Jericho. Living on the wall of the city, she knew who was coming and going. Joshua sent spies into the land to discover the advantage God had given. Rahab knew the invincible God was fighting for Israel. Knowing His history of victory, she chose not to die. Her initiative to not disclose the spies whereabouts to the king of Jericho was the leverage she used to make an agreement that spared her family from the death sentence. Entering into covenant with her, the spies sealed it with a scarlet thread that she hung from her window to alert the troops to pass over her, prohibiting destruction. Rahab understood the right to life was hers alone. She did not allow anyone else to speak for her, nor did she talk herself out of it. Life is already promised to you, but you must possess it. When you find something better than what you have, become the change you need. "Death is swallowed up in victory", I Cor 15:54.

Thought for Transformation

Take Isaiah 48:3 as your promise. "I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass". This is God Almighty, and I approve this message.

Tongue-Patrol the Tomb

2 Kings 4:8-37, is a story about a woman who never aborted her son's resurrection with wrong words. Bringing him back to life was far greater than the pangs of death that separated her from him, even temporarily. Holding on to hope that her son would breathe again, she desired to visit Elisha who prophesied his miracle birth. Although he had died, she told her husband, "It shall be well" just before she left home. Travel time gave her the opportunity to envision life, not death. Later when asked about her family's status she still said, "It is well". Altering her words accelerated her miracle. That one word "shall" deleted from her statement took her miracle from the future tense to the past tense. That's when she received him back to life again; he passed from death to life. "It is well" safeguarded the outcome. "How forcible [overpowering] are right words...", Job 6:25.

YOUR LIFE CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED WHEN JESUS IS ENTHRONED AS KING UPON YOUR HEART