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INCREASE



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Taking the limits off for increase

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Chapter One

You Are Made For Increase

“Men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do - 200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command.”

1 Chronicles 12:32.

The Word of the Lord for this season is: “This is a season of Increase”. We have to prepare ourselves for increase; we have to prophesy for increase; and we have to position ourselves for increase and plan for our increase.

God has made us with the power and potential for increase. At creation God blessed all people with the ability for increase:

“God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth” (Genesis 1:22).

You are blessed with the potential for increase.

The Hebrew root of the word ‘increase’ is ‘Rabah’. It means to multiply; to grow greater in all areas; abundance; to excel; to mature; to grow in authority; to become numerous; to be enhanced; to grow in value; to be

enlarged in scopes and territories; to be ready for new opportunities for growth and abundance.

Increase, however, requires a change of heart for a change of actions and a change of life with results. The Bible tells us to, *“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life”* (Proverb 4:23). It further states: *“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight”* (1 John 3:21-22).

We have to believe in our heart to receive salvation in Christ; we have to believe in our heart for healing; likewise we have to now believe in our heart for increase. Out of our heart flow our imagination, our confession and our actions. We are now what our hearts dared to believe for and dared to achieve.

When God gives a prophetic word it is not automatic, it is conditional. In His Kingdom dynamics, there are spiritual actions (on God’s part) and there are natural actions (our part) to ensure the fulfillment of the prophecy. God is “All Powerful” but our faith is the key to release His unlimited power in our lives.

We gain insight from the story in the Bible of Jehoshaphat who was faced with three mighty armies that were assembled and moving towards him and his nation for total destruction. He called a corporate fast and sought God for deliverance. This wise king knew that he was no match for the enemy without God's supernatural intervention.

After praying, fasting and seeking God, they got a Word from the Lord encouraging them:

"You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you" (2 Chronicles 20:16-17).

Wow! What a powerful word of relief that not only was God, The LORD Almighty with them, but that He would fight this battle.

Note, however, that the fulfillment of the prophecy came with instructions on the people's part. They had to "take up their positions" – this is a position of faith and expectations. Expectation creates the atmosphere for miracles. They had to "stand firm" – no longer standing in fear or doubting for their victory. By themselves they could not win the battle but now they had a Word of the Lord that they had to believe in unwaveringly. If they did

their part then the outcome guaranteed by God is: they would “see the deliverance the LORD will give them.”

Jehoshaphat coached the people to stir up their faith; stand firm in faith and watch their confession from now on. No more doubting, discouragement, fear, wavering with double minds and negative confession.

“Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful” (2 Chronicles 20:20).

Please note Jehoshaphat’s instructions on how to make a prophetic word your reality:

“Listen to me”. Open your heart for instructions. Always be ready to learn for what you are now is what you know. New possibilities always require new revelation. There is a Proverb that says, “When the student is ready the teacher will appear”.

“Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld.” Have faith in the Almighty, All-Powerful, All-Knowing God who is sovereign over all the kingdoms of nations. God is greater than armies of

soldiers. God is greater than armies of opposition. God is greater than sickness, disease, poverty, lack and all the enemies of our spirit, soul, body, family, finances, prosperity and hindrances to our victory and increase. Let God be greater in our hearts than whatever or whoever we may face.

“Have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.” Believe the Word of the Lord. Believe and receive. Jesus taught His disciples, *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours”* (Mark 11:24).

It is now time for you to work the Word of the Lord. Choose to believe the Word of the Lord. Let God’s Word overpower all your negative doubts and unbelief. Guard your imagination. We are told in the Bible to subdue all imaginations that try to disprove God’s Word. Decide on your confession: *“This is my season for increase!”* Stand firm in your position of faith. Be expectant for emails, telephone calls, open doors, new help, resources, greater power and authority, greater wisdom and opportunities in your season of increase.

Chapter Two

Covenant Increase

"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18

God has given us the great privilege to represent Him as His sons and daughters on Earth. He blessed Adam and Eve for increase to establish the Earth as it is in the Kingdom of heaven. Adam and Eve were God's Kingdom Ambassadors on Earth to rule in their Father's business on Earth. God's will for His Kingdom on Earth would require blessed (anointed and appointed) sons and daughters with ability to prosper in God's will for their lives and for His Kingdom.

God's blessing in our lives includes the release of power for potential and ability to create your world in His world, and with authority to rule your world in this world. Your increase will be for your sake and for His Kingdom's sake. Your purpose is wrapped up in God's purpose for you and for His Kingdom. What a great revelation to know that you are God's purpose and that His purpose involves you.

In Deuteronomy 8:17-18 we read God's promise of increase in resources with an understanding:

"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me'. But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today."

God's Covenant Increase for your life is powerful. God blessed Abram and Sarah for Covenant Increase. They made a few mistakes and made some choices that could have crippled their increase but God intervened in their lives every time to watch over His purpose and promise for Covenant Increase.

God's Covenant Increase to Abram was a power promise and a powerful force:

Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3).

The blessing given to Adam and Eve was contaminated by Satan's deception and now again reactivated to Abraham who would become the father of Jews and Gentiles in Christ.

Note the eight-fold blessing of increase for Abraham included:

1. **Land.** I believe every child of God has their name on land or property in our Father's earth. We read in the Book of Psalm: *"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1).
2. **A great nation.** Out of a childless family would come a great nation called Israel, the Kingdom of God would be established and the Church of Jesus Christ.
3. **Covenant blessing.** No one can curse whom God blesses. God's blessing is a seal upon our lives that works as a force against all evil schemes and intentions.
4. **A Great Name.** Abraham's name will be known for his purpose on earth and in the Kingdom of

God. God has given you gifts and talents that make you special on earth and in His Kingdom. In addition, He will bless you with spiritual grace and gifts that will make you valuable. Now God will give you opportunity to increase your value in your spheres of influence. Increase means a new YOU is on its way.

5. **You shall be a blessing.** You are blessed and increased to be a blessing to others and in the Kingdom of God. Covenant Increase is never just for selfish reasons but also for God's sake and for the sake of others.
6. **Great relationships.** God will bless those in relationships with you and God will send people to you who will appreciate you for who you are and what you can do. You are unique and specially designed and blessed by God for His purpose and yours.
7. **Great defense.** As God increases you, your value is increased and He, therefore, will protect and defend you as never before. Can you imagine if Sarah was defiled by an evil king; or David killed by King Saul; or Joseph left in a pit to die; or Esther killed by wicked Haman. The History of the world

and the Kingdom of God would be changed. God will defend his investment in you – His Son.

- 8. You will be a blessing to people of all cultures.** His grace and glory in your life will affect all kinds of people because God loves ALL the people of the world.

I have good news for you. The Covenant Increase of Abraham is now yours to be activated. The Covenant Increase of Adam and Eve was activated by God in Abraham and Sarah. Now God is visiting the earth with a special visitation to activate Covenant Increase in the sons and daughters of Abraham – YOU.

Believe the Word of the LORD:

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit” (Galatians 3:13-14).

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you

belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29).

Now it's time to tweak your identity to God's reality. Increase your revelation and understanding. Increase your faith and step into the Covenant Increase of Abraham.

Believe and receive.

Chapter Three

The Battle For Your Increase

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

Genesis 3:1

The Scriptures show us in Genesis that in only two chapters after God declared “increase, fruitfulness and multiplication” to Adam and Eve, the enemy came with opposition and stole the largest increase in their life: their increase in authority.

Adam and Eve were given the power to ‘Rule Their World’:

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground” (Genesis 1:26).

Satan appeared to Eve disguised as a serpent and planted a seed of doubt in her mind: *“did God really say ...?”* That seed of doubt destroyed her faith in God and her

relationship with God, and marred her relationship with her husband and family forever.

With decrease in power and authority they became wide open for great ability and influence by Satan in their family. They suffered continuous loss of their innocence, their glory and eventually faced great tragedy. Unfortunately, they had to face the tragedy of burying their second child who was killed by their first-born Cain.

Today the enemy's agenda has not changed. He still seeks to steal (hope), kill (faith) and destroy (promises and destiny). Jesus warns us of Satan's schemes and agenda:

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10 NKJV).

Note that God again assures us of His will for our increase. God sent His Son Jesus Christ with a message for the world, "My plan for you is a life of 'abundance' – increase".

It is important for us to understand the spiritual dynamics of increase, the aspect of spiritual warfare that is needed as well as the wisdom and practical applications we must employ to fulfill the Word of the LORD.

Joseph was given the Word of the Lord for Covenant Increase in authority and fame:

“Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.” His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said” (Genesis 37:5-8).

Joseph, the least liked by his brothers would one day be their savior and the protector of the promise of Israel to become a great nation. His Covenant Increase caused jealousy, hatred and treachery but God will protect His Word in your heart as long as you keep it there believing.

Joseph ended up in a pit, then slavery, then in a prison with all kinds of the enemy’s schemes and plots to kill his increase but Covenant Increase is greater than whatever or whomever you may face along the way. God’s purpose shall stand. God is Almighty to protect His Word, promises and prophecies until they come to pass, just as He said.

After all the treachery in Joseph's life, Satan was not strong enough to stop the Word of the LORD in Joseph's life:

"So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt." (Genesis 41:41-43).

Yes Joseph's brothers and families actually decreased and he increased and they came and bowed down to him and begged for help, forgiveness and rescue.

There is sometimes a fight for Covenant Increase but know that God in you is greater than whatever and whomever you may face. Keep God's 'Word of the LORD' for your increase alive in your heart. Believe it, confess it and receive it.

Chapter Four

Restoration For Increase

“Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today, I declare that I will restore double to you.”

Zachariah 9:12

After Moses died and God anointed Joshua to lead the children of Israel into the Promise Land, one of the first things God did was to restore HOPE to Joshua. For forty years he had heard and read the promises of God for a promise land that was rich for increase. Many of the Elders who served with Moses as leaders were doubtful about God’s promises. They saw the land and yes it was rich for increase but they doubted God’s power over whatever or whomever they may face.

The enemy will challenge the Word of the Lord for increase. He does it every time when there is a period of waiting for its manifestation. Eve doubted the Word of the Lord. Abraham had to be encouraged by God on more than one occasion to keep believing the Word of the Lord. Sarah laughed at the Word of the Lord.

After 40 years of going in circles God had to repeat the Word of the LORD to Joshua, restore his hope and encourage him to believe and fight for his increase.

God's encouragement to Joshua:

"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates - all the Hittite country - to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:2-9).

God restored hope in Joshua for the power and ability to possess his increase. Hope is the mother of faith and faith is the key to receiving increase. Without faith in God and in His Word we cannot receive increase. Joshua's heart had to be restored to believe again. Joshua's heart had to be restored for the courage he once had when only he and Caleb believed. Joshua's strength had to be restored as Moses' greatest leader and warrior. God sometimes have to do a work of restoration for increase.

Covenant Increase is always for your sake, God's sake and the people's sake. God will bless you and increase you to be a blessing to others.

Notice God's Covenant Increase for Joshua in Joshua 1:2-9:

For God's sake:

"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses."

God's promise to Moses had to be fulfilled. Moses carried and did his part to fulfill God's covenant promise to Abraham. God promised Abraham a land for His people.

For his (Joshua's) sake:

"Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates - all the Hittite country - to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Joshua 1:2-9).

Joshua was born for such a time as this. He was groomed by God through Moses to be a great leader and to take God's people into their promised land.

For the people's sake:

"So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.'" (Joshua 1:10).

God would increase Joshua in power and authority, even as He did for Moses: *"As I was with Moses so I will be with you."* Notice the word 'as' – God was to Moses unlimited power and authority. What Moses said, God confirmed in signs and wonders. No one, not even the most powerful king of Egypt could stand against Moses and stop the promises of God to be fulfilled through him. Moses was God's deliverer and conqueror over the armies of Egypt.

Now Joshua was restored for his increase. Increase in hope, faith, power, authority as God's deliverer of the people of Israel. His Covenant Increase made him powerful, prosperous and famous as the great ruler of Israel.

Increase will create the new you to rule your world and fulfill all that God has for you.

God is restoring your hope and increasing your faith. God's encouragement to you is let hope become your 'stronghold', 'prison' that protects you from the fiery darts of the enemy of your spirit, soul, and body.

Here is God's calling to you:

"Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today, I declare that I will restore double double to you"
(Zachariah 9:12).

When the enemy comes against you, he will find you fortified by hope – hope is your stronghold.

Chapter Five

Faith For Increase

"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Luke 17:5

The disciples were overwhelmed by the power that Jesus displayed on so many occasions: He healed the blind, the deaf, the lepers and people with all kinds of sickness and disease; He delivered people from powerful legions of demons; He raised the dead; He walked on water; He spoke to raging storms and it ceased immediately; He would pick up children and put them on His lap with such gentleness and love and the next moment He would challenge prejudiced religious leaders with words and questions that made them walk away with confusion. Jesus was powerful.

Jesus operated at a level of power and authority that they had never seen before in the synagogue or in any other religious leaders. The intimidating part of all this knowledge, proof and revelation was that Jesus was training His disciples to do the ministry that they saw Him do and to continue in the ministry at a greater level after He went home to be with His Father in heaven.

This was intimidating. No wonder they cried out, “Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’” (Luke 17:5). Faith is the key to receiving and releasing the supernatural in our lives.

The Bible describes the importance and power of faith:

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1 NKJV).

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one” (Ephesians 6:16).

The Bible describes heroes of faith:

“And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who

shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies"
(Hebrews 11:32-34).

Jesus would often teach on "your faith" for miracles:

To blind Bartimaeus:

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road" (Mark 10:51-52).

Notice that Jesus said the man's faith healed him. The power of God operates in an atmosphere of faith.

To a woman in need of healing:

"Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment" (Matthew 9:20-22).

To the woman living in a sinful life:

"Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:48-50).

To the leper who was healed:

"Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well" (Luke 17:17-19).

Faith is the key to us receiving all miracles from God and indeed it is by our faith that we are restored even when we fail:

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:31-32).

Faith is needed for your increase. Believe it, confess it and receive it.

God desires you to see your increase as if you already have it. *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1 NKJV).

God coached Joshua on how to have faith to receive his increase:

"Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men" (Joshua 6:1-2).

Now you can receive the same coaching that Joshua received on 'how to have faith for your increase':

Update your meditation. Don't allow the circumstances to be your strongest meditation. Jericho was tightly shut up but look beyond your obstacles. If you fix your eyes on the problems you will reproduce confusion. Jacob had brown animals fix their eyes on spotted barks and they reproduced spotted animals. Jesus warned Peter when He was walking on the water with the waves high and the storms growing stronger not to fix his eyes on the storm. What you fix your eyes on will remain as your reality.

SEE your miracles NOW! God told Joshua to SEE his deliverance. What you see you can conceive, achieve and receive. Begin to picture yourself in your increase now. The Bible says that God calls "*things that are not as though they were.*" (Romans 4:17).

SEE the enemies to your increase defeated and destroyed. Joshua had to SEE the king and his fighting men that had blocked them for forty years destroyed.

Believe for your increase. SEE your increase. Confess your increase. Receive your increase. What you SEE you can conceive, achieve and receive.

Chapter Six

Anointed For Increase

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me ..." Luke 4:18

Jesus, the carpenter, lived an ordinary life for thirty years until, God His Father anointed Him with increase of power, authority, favor and the launch of His ministry. Jesus described His anointing of increase in Luke 4:18-19 NKJV: *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me:*

To preach the gospel to the poor

The Gospel of the Kingdom is called, "Good News". Many persons who were living in poverty, and not just impoverished of resources, but even deeper poverty in their hearts, were delivered by the hope and power of the messages of Jesus Christ. Blind beggars were healed for a new life. Crippled beggars were healed for a new life. Many turned from poverty to prosperity because their hearts were restored, families saved and lives turned around.

To heal the brokenhearted

We mentioned before that out of our hearts come all the issues of life. When a heart is broken it leads to self condemnation, issues of trust, insecurity, rejection, fear and different kinds of emotional and psychological dysfunctions. It is said that wounded people sometimes wound others. Jesus came to heal broken hearts and to give them fresh hope of a fulfilled life.

To proclaim liberty to the captives

The greatest captivity or prison is in the heart. Many freed people are behind physical bars and many people who are not behind bars are imprisoned in their souls. Real freedom is within. *“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”* (John 8:36).

To recover the sight to the blind

Blindness can be physical or it can also refer to lack of truth and revelation. Jesus is the Truth. *“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31-32).

To set at liberty those who are oppressed

Jesus ministered deliverance and freedom to many people who were oppressed, depressed and possessed by demonic powers. *“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the*

kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them” (Matthew 4:23-24).

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD

Jesus came and proclaimed a new season of favor to all humanity. God, our Heavenly Father, had sent His Son, Jesus Christ as the Messiah and Savior of the world. All people – Jews and gentiles would now be accepted into the family of God if they believed in Jesus Christ the Son of God. The God of Abraham would now through Jesus Christ fulfill His Covenant Increase by accepting all believers into the Kingdom of God. Jesus established His Church that He calls His Bride beautifully made up of people of all cultures, backgrounds and even with negative past lives.

Jesus was anointed for increase and the result:

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him” (Acts 10:38).

The anointing of the Holy Spirit will come upon you to empower you with a new level of power and authority once you believe, confess and receive. The anointing for increase will manifest in a new level of God's obvious presence in your life.

When God released His anointing for increase in Moses, Joshua and in the disciples of Jesus, He would always encourage them with 'your Covenant Increase'. It will set you apart for increase for a particular work and for a particular service because God wants to bless you so that you can be a blessing in His Kingdom. God will anoint you for His purpose and yours.

God's blessing to Noah was for increase: *"Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth." (Genesis 9:1).* With the blessing of increase Noah was able to design and build an incredible ship called (Noah's ark) that was greater than the Titanic ship. When you are blessed and anointed for increase, the increase will include increase in wisdom, anointing, protection, preservation and increase in resources.

Moses received the anointing for increase and as one man he destroyed the armies of Egypt and delivered God's

people from slavery and poverty. Before his anointing for increase, Moses was a fugitive living in the desert working at whatever job he could get. He had an encounter with God who appeared to him in a burning bush and Moses was anointed with power and authority as God's deliverer of Israel. God declared to Moses that His anointing for increase would make him very powerful before his enemies:

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet." (Exodus 7:1).

Esther's anointing for increase made her influential enough to protect Israel and gain half of the Kingdom of Persia. *"Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you" (Esther 5:3).* Esther went from being an orphan to becoming the Queen of Persia and the richest woman of Persia. The anointing for increase is powerful.

Increase can manifest in increased power, influence, authority, resources, confidence, strength, ability, opportunities for ministry or business, increase in self worth, joy and fullness of life. Jesus' promise to you:

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10 NKJV).

Believe for your increase. SEE your increase. Confess your increase. Receive your increase. Your faith will open your heart to receive a fresh anointing for increase.

“May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised!” (Deuteronomy 1:11).

Chapter Seven

Consecrated For Increase

“Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” Joshua 3:5

The children of Israel were wandering for forty years in a wilderness. Most of them were discouraged, discontented and settled in their place of compromise. The great promise of a land flowing with milk and honey, with hills filled with copper, rocks filled with iron, a land of abundance in resources and opportunities were subdued in most of the Israelis minds.

Moses had died and now Joshua was their new leader. Joshua had an encounter with God who appointed and anointed him for increase. With his increase in authority came an increase of faith for the miraculous. He had to motivate a discouraged Israelis to revive their faith in God and to believe in the Word of the Lord again.

Joshua told the people: *“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you”* (Joshua 3:5). There is a preparation of the heart for increase for amazing things, for out of the heart comes all the issues of life.

The process of consecration includes the preparation of our spirit and soul for increase. Paul prayed for the Church at Thessalonica: *“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Thessalonians 5:23). In preparation for increase we have to go through spiritual, mental and soul preparation and consecration.

Consecration is a process of purification. All people need to go through a process of consecration for increase. Increase means a new level of faith for a greater you and a greater reality of manifested glory in your life. Consecration will purify our hearts, motives and actions for increased favor with God and with people.

In the process of consecration we have to:

Forgive

We might have to forgive God for not coming through as we believed in the past. Abraham was frustrated with God after 20 years of waiting for the promise of his own son with Sarah, and he vented his frustration before God. *“And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir”* (Genesis 15:3). Abram had to forgive God. God had

delayed the promise and Abram had already made plans for an alternative adopted son. Abram's heart had to be healed to believe again. Abram had to forgive God and forgive himself for this lack of faith. *"Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness"* (Genesis 15:6). Abram was again in 'right standing' with God for the promise of increase. Isaac was born a few years later, just as God had promised.

Repent

Examine yourself and see if there is anything in your heart and life that is affecting your relationship with God. If there is hurt, unforgiveness, sin, anything that erodes faith in God and blocks your confidence in His Word, repentance will bring an instant release for your increase. If you confess your sins or mistakes, God is ready to forgive you and cleanse you. Repentance must be a lifestyle: *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:8-9). God is ready to forgive you, heal you and restore you when you repent.

Believe again

In the words of Jehoshaphat: *“Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful”* (2 Chronicles 20:20). Believe again, have faith again in the LORD your God. Choose to trust in God regardless of the past circumstances. This is your season for increase. Believe in God and believe in the Word of the Lord.

Confess your new season of increase

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame” (Romans 10:10-11). Begin to confess When you begin to prepare for your increase it will put momentum to your faith. *“This is my season of increase”*.

Prepare for your increase

Be practical with your faith. Do some things in preparation for your new expectations. God told the people to prepare for their increase: *“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.”* (Isaiah 54:2).

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” (James 2:26 NKJV).

Begin to work your faith with some practical actions such as: write a plan for your increase, identify and list your goals, pray and revisit past attempts or relationships. Do what you can do and God will do only what He can do.

Increase begins in your heart and will manifest in your life. From the heart come the issues of life. With a heart of faith you will please God and when you please God your heart will be ready for increase in favor with God and favor with people. *“May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised!” (Deuteronomy 1:11).*

Chapter Eight

Pray For Your Increase

*“You may ask me for anything in my name,
And I will do it.” John 14:14*

This is your season of increase. Believe it, confess it, SEE it and receive it by the prayer of faith. *“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven”* (James 5:15).

The prayer offered in faith will release miracles of increase in health, joy, freedom, and in all areas of your life. Prayer is powerful as it gives you access to the LORD Almighty for unlimited increase, miracles and divine intervention.

Regardless of where you are now in your life; what you have done and your present circumstances, it is never too late for a miracle. God is ready to change circumstances and bring us into His abundant life. *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10 NKJV).

The Bible describes many people who experienced continuous increase. Here are a few examples to encourage us:

David

“David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces inward. And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him” (2 Samuel 5:9-10).

Jehoshaphat

“Jehoshaphat became more and more powerful; he built forts and store cities in Judah.” (2 Chronicles 17:12).

Jotham

“Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the LORD his God” (2 Chronicles 27:6).

Samuel

“And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.” (1 Samuel 2:26).

Jesus

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52).

Yes, not only does God want to increase you now but your increase shall be continuous as you go to new levels of favor, strength, power, authority, prosperity and glory. My declaration to you: *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you"* (Isaiah 60:1).

God has given us many promises for increase:

- ❖ *"As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it"* (Genesis 9:7).
- ❖ *"May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised!"* (Deuteronomy 1:11).
- ❖ *"May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."* (Psalm 115:14-15).
- ❖ *"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord"* (Acts 9:31).

- ❖ *“So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers” (Acts 16:5).*
- ❖ *“In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power” (Acts 19:20).*
- ❖ *“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you” (1 Thessalonians 3:12).*

With such great evidence we have no doubt that God wants us to increase, grow in favor with God and with people. This gives us confidence to pray for increase because increase is God’s will for us.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us- whatever we ask- we know that we have what we asked of him” (1 John 5:14-15).

Jabez prayed for increase and God granted His request:

“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with

*me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.”
And God granted his request” (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).*

Notice Jabez prayed for blessing and enlarged territory, increase thinking in his mind, increase of opportunities and increase of favor with God and with people. He prayed that God increased blessing and favor in his life would cancel the curse that was put upon him by his own mother. With the LORD Almighty as His Father, Jabez was blessed to prosper with continuous increase.

God’s plan for us is for abundant life. God wants us to go to new levels of increase in favor, joy, peace, prosperity and in favor with God to walk in the fullness of all that He has for you.

Chapter Nine

Position Yourself For Your Increase

*“While each man held his position around the camp,
all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.”*

Judges 7:21

In the book of Judges we read of the story of Gideon and the children of Israel who were impoverished by the enemy group called the Midianites. Not only did the Midianites steal all the harvest of the crops that the Israelis planted but they would ruin the remaining crops and their sheep, cattle and donkeys. Gideon was a leader among the people who hid some of the crops to protect the people from starvation.

“Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help” (Judges 6:6). It is never too late for INCREASE. God heard the prayer of His desperate people and he looked for a man for the release of Covenant Increase. God would bless a man called Gideon with increase in power, authority, favor with God and with the people for His Kingdom sake.

Gideon was angry, frustrated and without faith when the angel of the LORD came down to visit with him for the preparation for his increase.

“When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.” “But sir,” Gideon replied, “if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian” (Judges 6:12-13).

Gideon was not ready for increase. He was angry at God, he accused God of abandoning His children and he had no faith in God or in himself. Gideon had to go through a thorough consecration (cleansing of his bitterness even towards God). Gideon had to be restored in relationship with God, with faith in God and in himself, and be prepared to receive his anointing for Covenant Increase.

After much patient ministry and healing, Gideon was ready for his increase.

“Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to

arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them” (Judges 6:34-35).

Gideon’s anointing for increase manifested in favor with God and with the people. He became their Commander and he motivated the men to fight for their deliverance. They assembled before Gideon and submitted themselves to his commands. Gideon had increase in power and authority and the men also received their increase in power and authority to change from frustrated, hiding men to valiant warriors.

Gideon became a great, charismatic commander who inspired, motivated and imparted revelation for corporate increase and personal victories for each family. The warfare would be spiritual and psychological. With shouts, breaking of jars and the sound of trumpets the Israelis only had to: Believe in the LORD their God, Believe in the Word of the LORD from Gideon, obey his commands and “position themselves”.

“While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled. When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far

as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath” (Judges 7:20-22).

When you “position” yourself for increase you will create spiritual activity for demons to flee, your enemies to become confused and the release of your increase. The great change came as the Israelis went from “lack and decrease to recovery and increase.” Each family received increase. They increase in hope, faith in God, joy and resources.

When Gideon asked for his share of the increase:

“They answered, “We’ll be glad to give them.” So they spread out a garment, and each man threw a ring from his plunder onto it. The weight of the gold rings he asked for came to seventeen hundred shekels, not counting the ornaments, the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian or the chains that were on their camels’ necks” (Judges 8:25-26).

In this season of increase be expectant and position yourself for your increase. Paul encouraged the Corinthian Church:

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Stand Firm And Take Your Position For Your Increase

Position yourself in faith: *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13).*

Position yourself in Christ for guaranteed increase: *“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).*

Position yourself in truth: *“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place” (Ephesians 6:14).*

Position yourself in corporate unity: *“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel ” (Philippians 1:27).*

Position yourself in freedom: *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let*

yourself be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”
(Galatians 5:1).

To position yourself is to have the mind-set for your increase, the unwavering faith for your increase, the plan for your increase and then ask for your increase ready for the angel of the LORD that is coming to your address.

Chapter Ten

Increase Yourself For Your Increase

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”*

Isaiah 60:1

Yes you have to increase yourself for YOUR increase. Your faith, your attitude, your heart, your actions will determine YOUR increase. The LORD sent His Word through the prophet Isaiah. *Arise, shine for your light has come and the glory of the LORD rises upon you”* (Isaiah 60:1). The prophecy concerned a season of increase on God’s people corporately and individually.

As in the case of Jehoshaphat, God coached His people on how to receive their increase in faith, protection, provision and victory in spite of the threat of devastation that they were facing. *“Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful”* (2 Chronicles 20:20).

The people had to show faith in the LORD their God; and have faith in the Word of the LORD from the prophet so that they could be successful. They believed and positioned themselves in faith and unity with great results:

“The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side” (2 Chronicles 20:29-30).

Their tremendous victory brought glory to the Kingdom of God and increased fame and favor for the people of Israel.

Your increase is Covenant Increase. God will be glorified through you and you will be glorified through Him. God will bless and increase you for your sake and for His Kingdom sake. *“You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have expanded all the borders of the land.” (Isaiah 26:15).*

Your recovery, healing and personal increase in confidence, hope, faith and joy will bring glory to the LORD:

“To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise

for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified” (Isaiah 61:3).

God wants to increase you for your increase. Your hope must be increased. Your faith must be increased. Your expectations must be increased.

Here is God’s coaching for you to receive your increase:

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you” Isaiah 60:1.

ARISE. In other words, get up from a place of compromise, doubt, unbelief, fear, torment or any negative feelings and attitudes that will block your new season of increase. If you are discouraged make a decision to believe, confess and receive your increase.

SHINE. In other words hope again. Dare to believe again. Dare to dream again. Allow your faith in God to bring Him pleasure. It is impossible to please God without faith. Your faith in God will make you shine and His face shines toward you with His blessing of increase. *“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: “The LORD bless you and*

keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:23-26). As you begin to shine God will make His face shine upon you and give you increased peace. The word peace means blessing in all areas of your life.

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME. The word light means information, revelation, insight, understanding to help you receive your increase. Daniel, Joseph, David received light and understanding that made them gain favor before kings for increase in promotion, favor, resources and great influence.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISES UPON YOU. When the glory of the LORD rises upon you, it will manifest in signs, wonders, miracles and unlimited favor. God desires His glory to be seen in the earth. God manifested His glory to the Israelis as they were running from Pharaoh and towards the wilderness in many ways.

His glory came to them as a pillar of cloud to guide them by day and a pillar of fire to guide them by night. His glory came to them as a strong east wind that divided the Red Sea and turned it into dry land so that His children could escape from Pharaoh and move

towards their promised land. His glory came and closed up the Red Sea with a flood that destroyed Pharaoh and his soldiers. God gained glory through the destruction of the enemies of His people. *“The Egyptians will know that I’m the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horseman”* (Exodus 14:18).

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.” (Isaiah 60:1). God’s glory will rise upon you in manifested increase and your increase will bring him glory in the earth. God will gain glory through your testimony of increase.

You are blessed for increase. You are anointed for increase. Consecrate yourself for your increase. Pray for your increase. Have faith for your increase. Position yourself for your increase. Increase yourself for your increase. Increase your faith, expectations and heart for your increase.

Believe it, see it, say it and receive your increase.

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