

TOPIC: SEEDING YOUR SUCCESS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Men's Huddle – March 6, 2021

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

QUESTION: What would inspire Paul to write Romans 8:1?

ANSWER: Paul was a serial murderer of Christians and those he didn't kill, he imprisoned. But he learned and mastered spiritual principles that developed in him the spiritual aptitude, enabling him to produce the attitudinal preset for successful processing and management of the events of his life.

Philippians 4:11-14 (NLT)

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

- So, what were some of the spiritual principles Paul learned and mastered?

1. The Principle of Super Vision

- Seeding Christ in what I see changes the end at the beginning.
- How I see and process my life's events is under His Authority.
- Everything I see is subject to change.

II Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)

While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- Hyper focus on God, not the problem.

II Chronicles 20:1-29 (NKJV)

² *Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea..."*

³ *And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah...*

⁶ *and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?"*

⁹ *"If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save..."*

¹² *O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.*

¹⁵ *And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'*

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¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

¹⁷ You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.”

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever.

²⁵ When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

²⁸ So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD.

²⁹ And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

2. The Principle of Seeding Christ in My Prioritization Strategy.

- Allow God to order the order of my life.

Psalm 37:23 (NKJV)

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way.

NOTE: While Paul spoke about doing one thing, we know he did more. Paul:

- Wrote most of the New Testament.
- Preached and established churches.
- Healed the sick, made tents, etc.
- But his priority was where he pressed.

Philippians 3:14 (NKJV)

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- **What do we mean when we say “Press?”**
- **Employing spiritual disciplines:**
 - Praying, reading scriptures, silence, fasting, studying, serving, meditating.

3. The Principle of Supernatural Transformation

- I am God's chameleon.
- When I see Jesus, I see me.

II Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- Transforming my mind changes my life.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- I don't have a split personality, but I am becoming another person.

I Samuel 10:5-7 (NKJV)

After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. ⁶Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. ⁷And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you.

Questions:

1. Today we covered Super Vision, Seeding Christ in my Prioritization Strategy, and Supernatural Transformation. Discuss what you've learned from these three spiritual principles. Which one will you focus on first?
2. Tell your group about a time when you hyper-focused on a problem instead of God.
3. What are you pressing toward in your spiritual growth? Are you currently pressing? If not, why?
4. Paul talks about being content. When life throws you challenges, what do you do to get through?