



“Hold On, Your Best is Yet To Come”

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Texts: Philippians 1:6,10-11, Galatians 6:9, Job 8:5-7, James 1:2-4, I Sam. 30:1-17, Prov. 24:10,16, Micah 7:8, Daniel 3:1-30

Everyone of us at some time have experienced failure, setbacks, disappointments, and discouraging situations. Many of us have felt like giving up or even did give up on something. But we must realize that since we're still here on the earth alive and kicking, God's not done with us yet, our story hasn't ended, and in fact our **Best Days are Yet To Come.**

Now wonder there's so much in the Bible about different people who faced failure, desperate extremely difficult and appearingly end of the road circumstances. But in all those cases their best came after the trial, test, or failure circumstance.

All these situations were written for our learning to give us hope, encouragement, and expectation that **Our Best is Yet To Come.** See how fatal and failure things looked for those in Daniel 3:1-3, and Daniel 6:1-28, and Matthew 9:18-26.

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Look at what the Apostle Paul says to the believers in Philippians and Galatians and to us about this whole idea of holding on and believing our Best is Yet to Come, and that God has a great plan for our success if we hold on, Trust and obey Him, and not give up or lose hope in the purpose and divine destiny He has for us.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Please note that the word perform here comes from the original Greek word *epeteleho*, and means; to complete finish, accomplish, perfect, bring to an end, fulfil, bring to fulfilment.

10: That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

One thing we must do is make sure we strive for excellence in all we do for God and the Kingdom and elsewhere. The mediocrity, and slothfulness we allow in our lives can keep us from experiencing the best God has for us. See also Hebrews 6:9-12.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

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If you faint, give up, lose hope, or quit you cancel out your reaping season, or best days.

No matter how it looks, how tough it's been, or how many falls or failures you've had, **Hold On Your Best is Yet To Come.**

Look at what Solomon says:

Proverbs 24:10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

According to Colossians 1:11 you've been strengthened with all God's might and strength which is more than enough divine supernatural strength to not faint. You have all patience.

Proverbs 24: 16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

The key is to keep rising up based on faith in the Word of God you know. We must know what God's word says about us. For example Philippians 4:13 says we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Thank God we're not limited to our own strength.

We must see the trials and delays as what prove our Faith in the one who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think

according to His divine supernatural unlimited power that works in us. (Ephesians 3:20)

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3: Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4: But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

What if Hannah had given up when she was in total failure mode with God having closed her womb to bareness in I Samuel 1:1-22. She would have never gotten her miracle child. As hopeless, failure, and defeated as her situation was she held on and received the prophetic word of her Priest/Pastor and her situation was reversed and the best was dispersed. See also I Samuel 2:20-21.

You too need to **Hold On, Your Best is Yet To Come.**

Psalm 113:5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, 6: Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! 7: He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; 8: That he may set him with princes, even

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with the princes of his people.

Even if your failure is poverty, Hold On, Your Best most prosperous days are yet to come.

9: He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

Just know, believe, and hold onto by decree, command, and confession God’s promise word. Remember that Jeremiah 1:12 says God watches over His word to perform it. Also remember what Matthew 17:20, and Mark 9:23 say.

What if David in I Samuel 30:1-17 would have given up in his totally failure mode instead of encouraging himself? He would have never pursued and miraculously recovered all the losses of their wives and children.

You’ve got to speak the Word of God to yourself and out into the atmosphere of your life. According to Mark 11:22-24 you’ll have whatsoever you say, if you believe, and don’t doubt in your heart. Job 22:28 says you shall decree a thing and it shall be established unto you.

Also notice what Job 8:5-7 says about your latter end regardless of how small your

beginning has been.

Job 8:5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

Note be times means early. Also Hebrew 11:6 says God is a rewarder to them who diligently seek Him.

6: If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7: Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

Even though it may look like you should give up, faint, or give up on your dream, healing, breakthrough, deliverance, or victory. You must do what Hebrews 10:35-38 says. Keep your confidence in God’s unlimited exceeding abundant ability that Ephesians 3:20 declares.

After all according to II Corinthians 5:7 we must walk by faith, and not by what see or don’t see.

Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

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Don't give up on God!

36: For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37: For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38: Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39: But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Let's study what David did when he faced his most difficult and failure ridden time in I Samuel 30.

Self-encouragement is your most powerful tool in the midst of failure and hopelessness.

I Samuel 30:1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

2: And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3: So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and

their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

You've got to speak the word to yourself and to the atmosphere of your life. The spoken word will empower the atmosphere around your life to conform to the Word of God. The atmosphere around your life should obey your words according to Luke 17:5-6, and Mark 11:22-24. Don't let the atmosphere of or around your life circumstantially control your life, but control the atmosphere with your words. See Proverbs 12:13-14, Proverbs 13:2-3, Proverbs 6:2, Proverbs 21:23, Proverbs 18:20-21, Psalm 39:1, Psalm 141:3, Job 6:24, and Job 22:28.

I Samuel 30 Continued:

4: Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5: And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6: And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

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Please note that the word encouraged comes from the Hebrew word *khaw-zak* and means: to seize, to be strong, to be courageous, to strengthen, to cure, to help, to repair, to fortify, to be recovered, to become mighty, to prevail.

7: And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8: And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

Notice how David held on and kept pursuing even when 200 men quit on him after rejoining him.

9: So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

10: But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

17: And David smote them from the

twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18: And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

You too can pursue and recover all previous losses and reach your divine God ordained destiny in spite of failures, disappointments, and setbacks if you just **“Hold On, Your Best is Yet To Come”**.

You must remember that according to I Corinthians 2:9-16 there are God ordained things prepared for you that have not been seen, heard, or entered your heart that God wants to reveal to you by His Spirit.

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