

The Right Time for Marriage Part 2

***“1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV)***

We will continue in this message to discuss about the right timing for marriage. In the previous message we tackle about the marriages of Joseph the son of Jacob and David the son of Jesse. We continue to tackle in this message the marriage lives of both of them.

After his marriage from Michal, David faced turmoil and trial of assassination by Saul, that end up with his separation from Michal, ***“11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning; and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain. 12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. 16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?” (1 Samuel 19:11-17 KJV)*** You see here clearly that the marriage of David which took place in a non-stable condition end up in separation. David knew that Saul was after him to kill him, but he continued in the same way just because he was poor and eager to marriage and just wanted to use that opportunity which was not from God as we can see the outcome of it.

Saul did not satisfy with that but he continued to attack David. Later on, after the death of Samuel, Saul gave Michal to another man as a wife, ***“1 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.” (1 Samuel 25:1, 44 KJV)*** So David's first marriage failed, therefore and after the death of Samuel, with the absence of spiritual care and advice, David had his second marriage with Ahinoam of Jezreel, ***“43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.” (1 Samuel 25:43 KJV)*** After his marriage with Ahinoam of Jezreel, he got his third marriage from Abigail the widow of Nabal, ***“42 And Abigail hasted, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.” (1 Samuel 25:42 KJV)*** So when David's first marriage failed he was tempted to go into another marriage. And one sin brought him into another sin and further marriages and he fell into the adultery of the second marriages. David was more liable to do that and rush into such a sin, especially when Samuel, the person who anointed him to be a king was dead, so no one was there as a spiritual leader to restrain him, ***“1 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.” (1 Samuel 25:1 KJV)*** So the leaders of the church have a big part to do in the life of the people whom God placed under their care, to instruct them and teach them in pertain to the issue of marriage.

David settled at the age of 30 when he was appointed officially as a king over Judah. That was the perfect time for him to get married, and if he would marry at that time then he would get the right partner, and his marriage will endure and he will not be tempted to fall into the trap of adultery in the form of second and multiple marriages.

*** Marrying in a non-God perfect time, is marrying with the wrong partner, and that will bring troubles to the marriage, and the family will end up with many sinful outcomes; like divorce, separation, failure to meet the children physical and spiritual needs, second marriage, and multiple marriages; these all are sins and contribute to the raising up of ungodly offspring. * Marriage should take place in well-settled circumstances; that needed the man and the woman are well prepared, mature, chosen by God, and are settled well; only in such a situation marriage is possible.**

Paul in pertain to troubles and problems accompanied and followed marriages he said the following: ***“25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. 26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. 27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.” (1 Corinthians 7:25-28 KJV)*** * What Paul meant with this statement to those who want to marry, ***“Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you”***, is that if they will marry, marriage will bring troubles to them, and the troubles are more if the marriage is in wrong timing, for that troubles will affect their marriage outcome, and they might end up with divorce, separation, second marriage, multiple marriages, ungodly children, etc. * Paul also said, ***“But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned.”*** What he meant is that marriage is not sinning; but to end up with divorce, separation, failure to meet the children physical and spiritual needs, second marriage, multiple marriages, and the rest, all these are sins and contribute to the raising up of ungodly offspring.

If we take the example of the marriage of Joseph the son of Jacob and comparing him with the marriage of David, Joseph was in the age of thirty, in that same age as David when he became king over Judah. Joseph was taken out of jail, and got appointed second to Pharaoh, and was put in charge into the whole land of Egypt. ***“46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:46 KJV)*** Therefore that was the right time for Joseph to get married for the following reasons.

A. Joseph was in a position of authority: “41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:41-44 KJV) He was not a slave under somebody controlling him, but he was free and in a high position of authority. Comparing it with David when he married he was targeted by Saul who was working out to kill him by any mean but he insisted to marry his daughter. **Be discerning about your life situation if you are**

in stable condition to get married or you are in troubles and marriage will add more troubles into your life.

B. The circumstances that he was living in were stable and settled economically and politically: “47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.” (Genesis 41:47-49 KJV) The whole country that he was living in was stable and prosperous, so Joseph was also blessed with all that and his marriage happened in a prosperous time. **The marriage that happens in God’s perfect time is stable and fruitful because it takes place in a prosperous time.** David when he got married was a poor man and not well provided and his father in law even he supposed to be from the people of God was not willing to help but only to finish David’s life. **Are you well prepared financially or poor and don’t have the mean to sustain a family; for you need to check your financial situation so you will not be in financial trouble after marriage.**

C. Joseph had already passed through all trials and overcame: Joseph was trained through the trials that he was passing through and he overcame. He proved his maturity, and his character traits were proved and nurtured during all those trials. **If you are still passing through continuous hardships and trials in your life then you are still under training and that is not the time for you to get marry and add more troubles to yourself and to your family.**

D. There is a person for you to marry: “45 And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:45 KJV) Most likely this marriage had happened is this way: Since Joseph was put in high authority, Pharaoh made this choice for him, to choose for him the daughter of the priest of On, since the priest were highly honored in Egypt and they were considered second to Pharaoh. This match was to go fit with the high-rank position of Joseph; consequently, that marriage was a mark of great honor and affection toward Joseph. Therefore, because of such a reason, even if that choice being to marry non-believers and an idolater wife disagreeable to Joseph, he might be not in a position or situation to refuse such a marriage. *** Here, I am not approving you to marry a non-believer, but what I am saying is this: When you are in the right place and in the settled circumstance God had a suitable person for you to marry. * You need to fully trust God, to surrender your life and your will to Him; that you give Him the full control over your life that He will lead you at the right time to marry the right partner that He has for you.**

E. Plenty is needed to raise Godly children: “49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.” (Genesis 41:49-50 KJV) Joseph got his children at the time of plenty. *** You need resources and finances to spend on your family and children. People who marry in unsettled economic conditions will bring troubles to their offspring. * Family and children need good accommodation, food, clothes, educations and the rest of the necessary things. * So better for you is to wait and be ready with all that so your family and children will not suffer after marriage.**

F. God wanted Joseph to forget his sufferings: “51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father’s house.” (Genesis 41:51 KJV) **Marriage is a reward from God when a person had overcome.** Joseph overcame, therefore he was rewarded and God caused him to forget all his sufferings. **Marriage also becomes due when you finished your responsibility or accountability to your parents and family. If you are still burdened with your parents and your family is still depending on you then that is not yet the time for you to get married. If you are still in trouble because you are caring for your family then your marriage will add more troubles to what you have.**

G. God wanted Joseph to be fruitful: “52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.” (Genesis 41:52) Marriage should bring fruit in the form of newborn children who would be new disciples for Jesus. That process of discipleship needs resources and time, and needs you to be stable, mature, and resourceful to meet that need.

The Lord has always a good plan, and His plan will unfold and come true only when those whom He calls show their willingness to leave their own, surrender their lives to Him, put aside their emotions and feelings and follow His plan.

My Dear and Beloved: *** Meditate on what you read and be willing to give up what you are aiming for when you are not in the right time and right circumstances to have a family. * Don’t be like David, poor and unsettled, even if you are anointed and you are doing marvelous things, but if the time is not right for you to marry then it is risky to do as David did when he put his hand with Saul and marry his daughter and ended him up by separation from her. * Instead, wait upon God and wait for His timing, and He will give you the right partner that is suitable for you to marry. As God did to Joseph, He will do it to you, if you persevere and wait for the right time of God for you to marry.**

Come now to God and humble yourself and accept His Word that preached to you. Put aside your own plans and emotions and be willing to accept the new plan that God had for you to lead you in the way of righteousness and to give you a successful future. * Wait upon God, fully trust Him, surrender your life to Him and allow Him to lead you in the new way that He has for you. Let us pray ...

My Prayer: *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for the good plan that you have for me, and thank you for the warning, corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.*

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your worldliness, and your love for money and material things. Confess and renounce your lust and immoralities. Confess and renounce that you are insisting in doing your own will and plan in your life and not the will and the plan of God. Confess and renounce your lack of faith and full trust on God. Confess and renounce your bad stewardship and not using your resources in the correct way. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, many friends and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your bad example and your non willingness to serve God

and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins

Lord I surrender my life and my will to you. Lord lead me in the good plan that you have for me especially in pertain to marriage. Lord deliver me from the temptation of the evil one. Lord I commit my life to serve you and to suffer for your cause and purpose. Lord protect me and provide all my needs and lead me in the way everlasting.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and surrendered their lives and will to you. Lord continue to provide for them and use them to serve you. Lord I pray that you protect them and deliver them from all temptations of the evil ones. I rebuke you devil in the name of Jesus, go away and don't come back to them. Lord continue to transform their lives that they will be good examples to others to follow you.

Lord, bless us as your church. and uphold us with your grace to continue to teach and to implement the preparation for Godly marriage and to prepare your people to do your will and your plan in their lives. Lord prepare us for your second coming, so when you come we are ready to take us with you to Heaven. Lord I pray for more Godly marriages and more Godly families to be formed in the name of Jesus. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the members, workers, congregations, the families of the church, and others who need your Word.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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