There's Power in the Tower

Deuteronomy 2:24, 30 - 31 - NKJV

²⁴ "Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, <u>I have given</u> into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle.

³⁰ "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for <u>the Lord your</u> <u>God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him</u> <u>into your hand, as it is this day</u>.

³¹ "And the Lord said to me, 'See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. <u>Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.'</u>

Jeremiah 29:11-14 - NKJV

¹¹ <u>For I know the thoughts that I think toward you</u>, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, <u>to give you a future and a hope</u>. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ <u>And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.</u> ¹⁴ I will be found by you, <u>says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity</u>; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, <u>and</u> I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

Romans 8:28 - NKJV

²⁸ And we know that <u>all things work together for good</u> to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Your problem *is not* what it appears to be!

- Story of Israelites leaving Egypt and *coming to the Red Sea*...
- We've *followed God*.
- But <u>he led us</u> to a dead end!

Where do we go from here?

- So they decide to set up camp between Migdol and the Red Sea.
- The name Migdol means...tower

They didn't realize it, but *that is <u>exactly where God wanted them</u> to be*.

He had *strategically placed them* at that location.

- **<u>Towers</u>** have always been used as points of <u>lookout</u>.
- They were **<u>built for the defense</u>** of the people.

Guard would climb up to the top of these towers

• So that *they could see the enemy coming* from a good distance away.

But this is **not the only purpose** that the **tower** fulfills.

- <u>Towers</u>, during this particular time period, <u>were not</u> only used as lookout points.
- I found out that these towers were also *used as armories*.

Inside of these towers,

- Armies would <u>stockpile weapons</u>
- So that if the enemy would come
- That they would have the weapons that they needed to defend themselves
- And *defeat the opposition*.

Everything they needed for *defense* was already in the tower!

• They had *firepower in the tower*!

Solomon said, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower."

- When you took on his name, you were given <u>access</u> to the tower.
- And I want to let you know that there is "Power in the Tower"

Not only can you find shelter, and comfort in the tower

• You also can find *whatever weapon* you need to *declare war on the enemy*!

Whatever it is that you might <u>need</u> today <u>you can find it in the tower</u>.

- There's power in the name of Jesus to...
- Lay hands on the sick and they recover...
- To save people from their sins...
- For God to raise up <u>MY Church</u> in this city <u>despite the enemies fight</u> against us!

David, stood before Goliath and proclaimed -

"Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: <u>but I come</u> to thee in the name of the Lord!"

The world can bring anything against you that they want to, but **we've got** <u>the</u> <u>real firepower</u>.

David didn't say,

- "I'm coming to you with the name of the Lord",
- He said, "I'm coming <u>in</u> the name of the Lord!"

David *wasn't happy* just bringing the name with him.

It's not enough for us to say we know his name.

- We've got to <u>wear</u> his name.
- We've got to **<u>take on</u>** his name.

Pharaoh said, "They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in."

- It **appeared** that Pharaoh had them *right where he wanted them*.
- But in **<u>reality</u>**, they **<u>were where God wanted them</u>** to be.

Behind them was Pharaoh and his army... (Their past)

On the left and right were two mountain ranges... (Their current circumstances)

And in front of them was the Red Sea... (Their future, the unknown)

- They looked at it as <u>a dead end</u>.
- But *God looked at it <u>as potential</u>.*

The Egyptians saw it as <u>a great big unsurpassable</u> body of water, but <u>God</u> saw it as an <u>opportunity for the miraculous</u>!

The devil will make you think that <u>he's got you</u> between a rock and a hard place.

But in reality, You're exactly where God wants you.

- On one side, you have the power in the tower
- And on the other side you have the opportunity for the miraculous.

Paul said,

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed."

- It may look like we've followed God to a dead end -
- But in reality *it's <u>an ambush</u> for the enemy!*

The Israelites are now <u>standing at the edge of the Red Sea</u> wondering what to do next.

God speaks to them, and says you're going to go **<u>through</u>** the Red Sea.

If you're ever going to *find salvation*, you must *first go through the water*.

Verse 15, And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they **go forward**:

The Israelites walked through on dry ground.

The next morning they looked on the beaches, and there laid <u>the bodies of their</u> <u>enemies</u> that had been drowned in the night!

Their enemy had been *drowned in their miracle*.

CLOSE: <u>You may be at a dead end right now</u>, but just remember *it might just be* <u>an ambush</u> that <u>God has setup</u> for the enemy of your soul.

And after everything is said and done you're going to <u>see your enemy drown in</u> your blessing!

- Your situation **is not** what it appears!
- God has set us up for a miracle!