

How To Pick Up The Pieces (Part 2) I Cor.10:13

"Maximizing Life's Broken Situations"

Objective: This lesson is to serve as a road map to recovery from life's pitfalls. In my moments with you this teaching is to help you evaluate your present state in life so that if brokenness has occurred it can be corrected. Further, this teaching will equip and empower you to overcome any broken state you may encounter in the future.

Review:

** Def. Broken Situations – this is a metaphor for unforeseen failures in life that occur where the quality of life is being threatened and the potential recovery or rescue seems all but impossible. All of us have had to deal with broken situations in life..*

1. The Derailment Plots Are Certain Ps.34:19 1Cor.10:13

- a. Derailment Through Exploration
- b. Derailment Through Experimentation...
- c. Derailment Through Exploitation
- d. Derailment Through Encroachment

2. Rarely Are Broken Situations Monumental In Scope (long term)

3. Reasonably Broken Situations Are Only Momentary In Scope (short term)

4. Deliverance Is Based On Personal Revelation & Personal Resolve

** Def. Deliverance.... in this context deliverance does not mean spiritual warfare but deliverance from the track of destruction and devastation broken situations sets in motions!*

Subtopic: Faith in the Fatherhood Ministry of God Luke 15:17-23

Introduction: The assignment last week with the introduction of the Picking Up the Pieces series was to establish the will of God in failed situations is to help in the recovery. In the closing story of the prodigal son it is crystal clear to see that the father played a significant role in the recovery process. All of us need the same like help and ministry in principle to recovery from broken situations when life as we know it falls apart. I submit to you that it is some measure of the fatherhood ministry is apart of all scriptural recoveries. We will study today to see that the fatherhood ministry is what God promises each of us whether it comes through a biological father, a surrogate father or our heavenly father. Since the will of God is not automatic and we may face broken situations from time to time in the course of life it behooves us to know how to release our faith for the fatherhood ministry when needed. We are taught in both Old Testament & New Testament to refer to God as “our father” because it is the nature of a father to respond to the needs of the children. It is refreshing to know that God's has made a fatherhood ministry promise to each of us.

I. The Sovereign Fatherhood Ministry to the Fatherless Ps.68:5

A. The Fatherhood Ministry a Divine Principle Prov.20:4

** Though the Fatherhood ministry is the responsibility of the biological fathering male head of household it can be accomplished by a surrogate even an anointed female. The Fatherhood ministry is defined by its responsibilities 2Tim.3:16 Jos.4:21-24*

The Godly Parent is one who oversees the nurturing and development of a well balanced individual capable of making righteous choices, submit to serving God and influencing others to do the same. The Father through modeling, teaching, actions and training a parent instructs those under them to respond to life's challenges & situations in a manner which glorifies God

** In essence the prodigal found favor with his father who used his power, ability, resources and influence to aide in his recovery. There are seven basic attributes of the Fatherhood Ministry that are displayed by the prodigal son's father that we must highlight..*

1. Ministry of Protection- seen when he defends to younger son **Luke 15:28-33**
2. Ministry of Provision -seen in all that he acquired for their livelihood **2Cor.12:14**
3. Ministry of Prophesying - seen in his declaration over the two boys **Gen.1:26-28**
4. Ministry of Perspective -seen in his discussion with older brother **2Kings 6:17**

5. Ministry of Participation - seen in his willingness to get involved **Deut.6:7**
6. Ministry of Preparation - seen in what he was willing to do for the **Prov.22:6**
7. Ministry of Patterning - seen in the character of love demonstrate to both Heb.6:12

B. The Fatherhood Ministry A Divine Promise Hos.14:3-4

The Holy Spirit the agent of God in this dispensation will manifest the Fatherhood Ministry in your life whether you have a father or not! God speaks constantly throughout the scripture of his commitment to the Fatherless. **Ps.10:14 68:5** My fulfillment will not be hijacked by a biological father's immaturity, ignorance, abuse or abandonment!

1. God obligates himself to raise up a fatherhood minister for us to compensate for the misbehavior of critical others in my life!
** This misunderstanding has caused blame, shame and compounded mistakes among women in the body of Christ! Single women adopted a sense of being handicapped because they have no spouse!*
2. If not being raised by my biological father would cause me significant dysfunctions. Why would God endorse it in several cases boys being raised without their biological father?
 - a. Ishmael **Gen.21:14-20**
 - b. Samuel **2Sam.7:13-14**
3. When needing to recover from broken situations in life it is important to know that the intervention of the fatherhood ministry is multifaceted.
 - a. Intervention through a Natural Father .. the natural instinct in a father to rescue
 - b. Intervention through a Surrogate Father...the ordained instinct in others to rescue
 - c. Intervention through the Sovereign Father...the miraculous move of the Father

II. The Scriptural Faith for the Manifestation of Favor 2Pet.1:2 2Pet.1:12

** Faith for the fatherhood ministry is faith for the favor of God through others to do for you what God would have a loving father to do. The favor of God is the divine commitment to cause kindness, goodness, and preferential treatment to come to the believer to promote us life and ministry!*

A. The Faith Elements for the Favor Manifestation. Mar 11:22-27

** The fundamental elements of faith for favor are the same as they are for most of the promises of God. Jesus' teaching on faith in Mark and the Apostle's teaching lay a clear pattern for operating in faith.*

1. Praying in Faith. **Matt.21:22. Jhn 5:14-15**
2. Believing the Word. **Mk.11:23-24**
3. Confession of the Word. **Mk.11:23**
4. Sensitive to Spiritual Direction. **Jam.5:17**

B. The Faith Expectation of the Fatherhood Ministry

** In our recovery from broken situations like the prodigal son we must expect God to send the compassionate fatherhood ministry through someone. We must be sensitive to discerning who God is using to minister to us. We must expect...*

1. God to raise up someone to give me a plan of action as a loving father would
2. God to raise up someone to give me wisdom as a wise father would
3. God to raise up someone to give me favor as a willing father would
4. God to raise up someone to encourage me as a compassionate father would

C. The Faith Exercise for the Fatherhood Ministry Gal.3:13-14

** There is a difference between believing and trusting. Trusting is that action that puts what is believed to task. You can believe the bank is safe but it takes trust to deposit your money.*

1. Willingness to Trust the Basic Law of Grace Favor

** We have learned through previous teachings on prayer that we must make our appeal to God to keep his word on the basis of His established word.*

- a. Favor is accessed by our Faith **Matt.9:29**
- b. Favor is accessed by our Finances **2Cor.9:6-9**
- c. Favor is accessed by our Faithfulness. **Matt. 25:21-23**

2. Willingness to Trust the Basic Love of God the Father

It is the preoccupation with the possibility of loss that hinders us from trusting God for the future. There are levels of trust that exists in relationships with God or man. Where are you with God?

- a. The Partial Trust – a guarded trust with unsettled reservations
- b. The Passionate Trust – a gullible trust based on emotions and not deliberation
- c. The Persuaded Trust – trust born out of proven deliberation and confidence

* We have been persuaded to trust God because He has met the critical criteria to merit our trust. 1) The Reliable References 2) Recognized Results 3) Respectable Resume

Conclusion: When examining the resume of God in the scripture it is clear to see that He keeps his promises. He will deliver even if He has to do something amazing.... Trusting God's Fatherhood commitment changes your life because you know that God is always working to insure my security and success. Where is God when things look bad.... Like the prodigal son's father he is preparing for my victory... Don't you think its time to trust God with your heart and with your future....