

Isaiah 6:8 --- Send Me

Last Friday at Face of Grace, my message was about Joseph and his many hardships --- getting to the place God intended for him. That message was called *"When Things Don't Go Right!"*

Genesis 37:3-4 ³ *Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.* ⁴ *But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.*

Joseph has favor with God and men, yet suffers setback after setback.

1) If I am _____ by God, _____ is an accident!

When I was incarcerated, God came and sat with me. From that point forward I began to say to God, *"Send me."*

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I prayed and my response was this. *"Lord, send me."*

Isaiah 6:8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

2) I _____ to be where _____ has me!

You see, once we accept our place in the Body of Christ, we now live to serve Him, no matter where we are.

Colossians 3:1-3 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.* ² *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.* ³ *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Today is still the same for me and hopefully for you! No matter where we are, we can have an influence. In fact, we always have an influence, either good or bad!

3) We get to _____ our _____.

Where are you today:

- Physically
- Mentally
- Spiritually
- Emotionally

John 12:23-26 *But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.* ²⁴ *Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.* ²⁵ *He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.* ²⁶ *If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

4) _____ I am _____ God is with me.

I need to understand that, like Joseph, wherever I am physically, God knows and has sent me!

5) _____ I must _____ to myself.

God will create opportunities for me, if I am spiritually minded. I will know God has a purpose!

6) _____ I must be _____ with a spiritual mind!

Genesis 50:20 *But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

Why has God placed you where you are? Are you unhappy and complaining or are you looking for opportunities to serve.

- Service is a smile.
- Service is acceptance.
- Service is kindness.
- Service is conceding.
- Service is unto God.

Ephesians 6:5-8 *Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.*

7) _____ --- our _____ and _____ is found in God!

If we are broken emotionally, we really cannot do the rest. All of us experience loss at some point. Life generally gets more challenging as we age. We have all been hurt and some may be grieving today. Yet still our strength is found in service.

Psalm 62:1-2 and **121:1-2**

I would pray today --- these things:

- a) You realize and accept you are right where God wants you.
- b) Your location and the people in your life are your mission field
- c) You choose to accept them as they are and serve them "like Joseph".
- d) You understand that we get closer to heaven every day ---- our REWARD.

Revelation 21:3-4 *And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

Soon all sadness will be gone, so let's find the *Joy of the Lord*.

Nehemiah 8:10-11 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." ¹¹ So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved."

"The joy of the Lord is our strength."

Rather than saying "Lord, send me", let's say "Lord, use me where I am!"