



Starting Today: 21 Days of Seasonal Devotions! Enter In and Break Through During this Holiday Season! Finding the Root of Your Disappointment and Receiving New Joy!

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Dear Breakthrough Believers:

This is a month that we want to remain focused. Personally, I am setting aside times when I can seek the Lord and hear His voice in whatever creative avenue He may choose to speak through. During the Holidays, this can be more challenging. To help us break through in this holiday season, I am developing **21 Days of Seasonal Devotions**. This month we have 8 days of HANUKKAH Celebration. This is called the Feast of Dedication. We want to be sure you are dedicated this season!

We will post a new devotional each day on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). You can also read ***Day 1: Finding the Root of Your Disappointment*** below. If you have not signed up for our Facebook Fan page, you can do so by clicking [HERE](#). At the bottom right hand corner of any www.gloryofzion.org website page, we also have a Facebook icon that links to our most recent Facebook posts.

Day 1: FIND THE ROOT OF YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT. ASK THE LORD FOR HEALING AND RENEWED JOY!

When you get up each day, remind yourself, “This is the day the Lord has made!” Each day you could be distracted by lots of confusion, the needs of the day, and oh yes — people! You have expectations of how things should go, and then when they do not go that way, everyone around you becomes a disappointment. Out of disappointment comes lost time, sickness from hope deferred, bitterness, and judgments. But God says: *“I have determined your seasons -- not you. I am the God of seed-time and harvest. Because you have strived to stay in a season that I have determined to end, you have lost the power of seed-time and miss the harvest. I am opening a window to reorder My blessings and set you in My timing. Submit today, and allow Me to determine the season ahead. For today, a new season has shifted upon you and if you will allow Me to be the determining factor of that season, your best will be ahead.”*

ASK THE LORD FOR A NEW INFUSION OF GRACE!!!! 2 Cor. 4:15-18 says, “Every detail works to your advantage and to God's glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise! So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.” (The Message)

REMAIN IN HOPE, WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF DISAPPOINTMENT! As we choose to receive God's grace in the midst of difficulty, we are able to reach a higher level of perseverance, which grants us new hope for the future. Romans 5:3-5 says, "*And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*" God always has a way to see us through. But God's way is not simply a survival mode to gut the pain out. Not by any means. God's grace in times of grief helps us walk through the pain with hope for the future. In the times of deepest pain, grace is the lifeline we must grab with both hands. As we grab on to God's grace and hope, clarity begins to come in our situation, and great comfort can sweep over us. We reach a new level of maturity.

THERE IS ALWAYS A ROOT CAUSE OR AN INCIDENT THAT IS LINKED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR LIFE. FIND THAT MOMENT AND ASK FOR GRACE TO FILL THE CREVICES OF THE PLACE IN YOUR SOUL WHERE DISAPPOINTMENT OCCURRED! THEN CHOOSE TO SEE THROUGH NEW EYES OF GRACE.

Blessings,

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