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“Making up for lost time 1”- “Attitude of a lion”

In the Middle of October 24 “the Lord woke me up in the middle of the night saying **“I am making up for lost time”**. I had a sense it had to do with vision. He wants to make up for things that should have come to pass but they haven’t. **“I am going to make up for lost time.”**

There are things in all of our lives that we have prayed for, stood for and have known they should have come to pass and for whatever reason they haven’t. Well, we are in a new season. **“He is making up for lost time and things will come to pass”**.

“We are in a season of things culminating”. Culmination is the highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time; the end or conclusion of something. The outcome of growth or development that represents an attained objective; the climax of a story, the final crowning achievement, or the end result of years of research. The end point of something you have been working towards or something that’s been building up.

I keep hearing **“get them into the fields the harvest is ripe”**.

John 4:34-38 Ampc. *“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to **finish His work.**”³⁵ Do you not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes? **Look!** I tell you, **raise your eyes and observe the fields and see** how they are already white for harvesting.”³⁶ Already the reaper is getting his wages [he who does the cutting now has his reward], **for he is gathering fruit (crop) unto life eternal,** so that he who does the planting and he who does the reaping may rejoice together.”³⁷ For in this the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.”³⁸ **I sent you to reap a crop** for which you have not toiled. Other men have labored and you have stepped in to **reap the results of their work.**”*

- “get them into the fields the harvest is ripe”.

Matthew 9:35-38 Ampc. “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom** and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness and infirmity.³⁶ When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, **The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few.**³⁸ So pray to **the Lord of the harvest** to ^[m]force out and thrust laborers into His harvest.

God is making up for lost time but it will take the right attitude in order to walk in it.

Philippians 2:5 Ampc. “*Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]*

When I know my purpose, when I know my vision, it affects my attitude. Its true humility when we agree with God and who He says we are. Jesus was our example, He was bold and fulfilled His assignment.

Proverbs 28:1 Ampc. “*The wicked flee when no man pursues them, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion.*”

How is my attitude affecting myself and others. Attitude is a difference maker. **Attitude is at the heart of change.**

-people change when things get so bad they have to change. They change when they learn enough new information they want to change. But the greatest motivating factor is when we realize we can change.

We weren't born to just pay bills or to get a job and exist but to discover our purpose and thrive in our area of gifting.

A person must know their purpose and have vision. In every person there is an undiscovered lion. What is really in us?

Ex: when I was in Africa, the last day we went on a safari and we looked at all the animals, the hippos, the elephant, the zebras, hyenas, water buffalo, Wilde beast, and we finally saw a lion, the king, eating on an animal and I was reminded about this story. A chief who knew a farmer who kept sheep in Zimbabwe,

I am here today to roar and remind you who you really are! And the decision is yours if you will let the real you out. If you are going to go back to the safety of society or if you are going to roar and step into the unknown

Revelation 5:5 NKJV “*Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah!*”

The word is the water and when we look into it, we start seeing who we really are.

James 1:22-25 Ampc. “*But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].²³ For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;²⁴ For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.²⁵ But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).”*

God doesn't want us to run from who we really are. He doesn't want us to run back into safety but step towards who He has created us to be.

The lion is the only animal that is given the distinction of the king of the animals. In Africa there are all types of animals, giraffe, monkeys, elephants but when the lion shows up, they all know he is the king. God wants us to know who we are that no matter what we face in life we have the attitude of the king. **Revelations 17:14; 19:16** “*He is king of kings, Lord of lords*”

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The lion has an attitude that is different than the others. The lion isn't the biggest or the fastest but his attitude is different. When he looks at the elephant the lion thinks lunch. He thinks different, He believes different and His attitude is different

God identifies himself with only two animals the eagle and the lion. God knew the nature he put inside those animals and he tells us we have the same nature inside of us. We are created to be just like our Heavenly Father. No matter where you have come from **there is lion inside you**. Most people might think you are a sheep but there is really a lion inside of you.

To understand ourselves, we must study them lion. **We want the attitude of a lion**. There are things in you that haven't been released yet. The gifts in you are still unknown. Lets begin to think like a lion. Jesus first message was an attitude message.

Matthew 4:17 NKJV *"¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven ^{is} at hand."*

Repent isn't bringing up your past and feeling bad about it. **Repent** means to change your mind, your mentality. Jesus first message goes after your mind. Jesus tells us the kingdom demands a new way of thinking. Change your mental condition. He was saying the way you thought about God has been wrong. He was letting us know that our mentality has been holding us back. **Being born again doesn't' change our mentality**. Paul writes this to christians

Romans 12:2 Ampc. *"² Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] **renewal of your mind** [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."*

Renew- the prefix is **re** which means to go back to the original state. Paul was letting them know to change we must go back and get our original

mind. The mind that God gave Adam. Most school systems are teaching you to get by, teaching you how to survive, they are conditioning you to be average, to be normal, but God wants us to be who we are really created to be and that is overcomer, more than conquerors, winners. That is to be blessed, be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue the earth and have dominion. (**Genesis 1:26-28**)

You are not created to be normal. Most people are so busy trying to fit in, they never stand out. Quit being like everybody else and lets be who God has created us to be.

Pent- means top, the highest place. The hotels have the penthouses on the top floor where there is the most room. Most people have moved down to the first floor and stayed but through **the process renewing our mind and repentance**, He wants us to move to the second, third and fourth and so on until we become who we really are. Come back to the top place.

Renewing means to get our original mind. Get the first mind He gave man which is “Be Blessed and have dominion”. The kingdom demands a new mentality. Man fell from lion to sheep then God sent Jesus to make us lions again.

Isaiah 53:6 Ampc. *“All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all.”*

When we are lost we are like sheep. People have been trained to be sheep but God calls us lions. God, the lion of the tribe of Judah has been wanting to help us. He tried to come meet with all of them before. He told Moses to get them ready and God showed up on Mount Sinai and the earth quaked, lightning, thunder and smoke, and the people ran away, they couldn't handle the lion. So he disguised himself as a sheep, in the form of a man Jesus.

Philippians 2:6-8 Ampc. *“Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [^b]possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not [^c]think this equality with God was a thing to be*

*eagerly grasped [d]or retained,⁷ But stripped Himself [of all privileges and [e]rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that **He became like men and was born a human being.**⁸ And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!"*

So, the lion came in the form of a lamb, Jesus, so when He came in the middle of the sheep, us. He knew we had been trained to think like sheep, smell like sheep, act like sheep, talk like sheep, but the Lion came amongst us and begin to roar

One time He took peter, james and john to the mountain of transfiguration and got rid of his sheep close and it startled them. People have fallen so far that they don't know who they are.

God created man for relationship and rulership. God will not demand what He didn't supply. Dominion is in us. Man was created to dominate the things in this world, not people. We are created to dominate but man fell from dominion not heaven. In every fallen man there is a dominion spirit in us and a dominion mandate on us and that is what man is searching for. Every person is looking to reconnect to who he originally is.

There is an area of gifting that you were created to dominate and that gift makes room for us.

Proverbs 18:16 NKJV *"¹⁶ A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men."*

God created us to have dominion in the area of our giftedness.

Romans 11:29 Ampc. *"For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]"*

Its God's gift, God's grace, God's call and He doesn't change His mind about us but we must change our mind to get it from the inside out. **Our mentality releases our abilities!**

We are made His sons full of potential but then it is a process to learn to think like the kings we are created to be.

Its hard to understand the kingdom with a democratic mindset. In kingdoms when the king has a son, they are brought to the mom for a little bit then they take the baby to a group of people called guardians or tutors. Their job is to make sure this child doesn't grow up thinking like normal children. Their job is to teach this child how to think, how to walk, to dress, to live, teach his heritage, how to hold the knife, the fork, how to sit in the chair, to fold their legs, teach what not to do. The tudors job is to help the child think royal. The child is born royal but the child doesn't know how to operate as royalty, so they teach them.

Even though we are born royal it takes time to learn to think like a king. Even though you are a lion, maybe we have been keeping company with sheep. God wants us to mature into the kings we are created to be, the lions we are created to be.

A king has a child twice. They have them, then he gives them away. When the tudors are finished they give them back to the king and He has the child again. That's why who you learn from matters. The Bible uses the word adoption. We are born into the family of God, we are His kids, then when we are renewed in our thinking, trained to think like royalty then He adopts us and he calls us His son again.

When Jesus was born God told Mary, this is my Son (**Luke 1**). Thirty years later He was baptized in the river, God announces Who He is "this is My Son in whom I am well pleased" (**Matthew 3**) then He steps into His assignment.

We have been living with sheep so long that we are sons by birth but we haven't been declared sons by training. You are in the kingdom but its time to think like kings.

Galatians 4:3-7 NKJV ³ *Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.* ⁴ *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born^[a] of a woman, born under the*

*law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying out, ^[b]“Abba, Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir ^[c]of God ^[d]through Christ.*

He sent the Holy Spirit inside of us to help us think different. The word heart here is mind. The Holy Spirit was given to help us think different. Like a king. The spirit calls out Abba, our Spirit is calling out “Father, source”. The Holy Spirit will teach us how to walk, talk, think, eat, dress, be honorable, give gifts, to receive gifts. The Holy Spirit trains us to identify God as our Father

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