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“Redeeming the time to produce fruit!”

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."

Redeem the time to bear Fruit that Remains- (Making up for lost time!)

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you" (Joel 2:25).

How many years did you waste before you repented and surrendered all to Jesus? How many years of your past life were eaten up by the cankerworm of sin and rebellion?

You know you are forgiven and your past forgotten because it is under the Blood of Jesus. But wouldn't you like to get back those years and live them for the glory of the Lord?

Oh, what I missed! What I could have been! Oh, how much God had for me, but I blew it!" No! **God can restore all the wasted blessings!** God is making up for lost time, and the lost years can be restored to you!

This is how God restores our wasted years. He brings in us supernatural joy, revelation, peace and victory — far beyond our human abilities! He can accomplish more in us, for us and through us now than we ever thought possible.

Joel 2:21-27 Ampc. ²¹ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!²² Be not afraid, you wild beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have sprung up *and* are green; the tree bears its fruit, and the fig tree and the vine **yield their [full] strength.**²³ Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He gives you the former or early rain in just measure *and in righteousness*, and He causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, as before.²⁴ And the [threshing] floors shall be full of grain and the vats shall overflow with juice [of the grape] and oil.²⁵ And **I will restore or replace for you the years** that the locust has eaten—the hopping locust, the stripping locust, and the crawling locust, My great army which I sent among you.²⁶ And **you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name**

of the Lord, your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you. And **My people shall never be put to shame.**²⁷ And you shall know, understand, *and* realize that I am in the midst of Israel and that I the Lord am your God and there is none else. **My people shall never be put to shame.**"

We can stand upright today, as if we had never sinned, as if we had lost no time, as if we were right where we would have been had the devourer never come! God puts us right back on His divine schedule. His eternal purpose and plan are right where He planned them to be. Nothing is lost!

Ex. Of two guys walking and one is delayed and going very slow while the others are steps ahead. When the one starts moving it is progress, but God is going to make up for lost time and bring us to the place we are supposed to be. So when people look at our life they can't find the gap. He is restoring every area of our life. He is making up for lost time! This takes faith to believe it, receive it and to walk in it. He wants us to bear fruit that remains.

John 15:8,16 Ampc. *"When you bear (produce) **much fruit**, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine... You have not chosen Me, **but I have chosen you** and I have appointed you [I have planted you], that **you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting** [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as ^[b]presenting all that I Am], He may give it to you".*

God wants us to bear fruit. Lets value the messages that we hear. Most churches don't get to hear what you hear. We've heard life changing messages and more are coming to the degree that we value it.

- We hear messages about victory; purpose, vision, faith; healing; gifts of the spirit; provision, making up for lost time, etc...

One thing you hear in different churches is “we don’t believe it like that”, we’ve never heard it like that before; we have never experienced that before; we don’t believe it like that at our church.

We teach it, we believe it and we experience it.... Don’t we think that we need to hear at a different level in order to think on a new level, believe on a new level and experience what God wants for us. **“He is making up for lost time”**. We want to value what we hear in order for God to give us more. **An indicator that I value it, is I’m doing something with it. (How have you been doing?)**

Mark 4:24 Ampc. *“And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure ^[h][of thought and study] you give [to ^[i]the truth you hear] will be the measure ^[j][of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.”*

- Virtue is strength, acting power, excellence, bravery, moral goodness

God wants us fruitful now and Satan wants to get you to spend all of your time, all of your strength, all of your money so you can’t do what God wants you to do. Satan doesn’t want you fruitful for the kingdom of God

John 6:26,27 Ampc. *“Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you have been searching for Me, not because you saw the miracles and signs but because you were fed with the loaves and were filled and satisfied.²⁷ **Stop toiling and doing and producing for the food that perishes and decomposes [in the using], but strive and work and produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto life eternal**; the Son of Man will give (furnish) you that, for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him.”*

Are the things we spend our time doing making an eternal difference? Are we fulfilling our purpose, walking out our vision and the plan that God has for us?

Ephesians 5:15-17 NKJV “See then that you walk ^[e]circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Wisdom is knowing what’s important and what’s not important. What’s valuable and what’s not valuable.

Redeeming the time. He tells us to be wise. It takes wisdom to redeem the time. **Redeem- deem** means to own something or purchase something. **Re-** means bring it back to the original use, to the beginning. Redeem means to own it again. He wants us to **redeem the time so we can produce fruit.**

Galatians 3:13,14 NKJV “**Christ has redeemed us** from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Redeem means to buy or save from loss. To buy them from slavery to set them free. **Ex:** of the man who bought the slave to set her free.

Jesus has done that for all of us. **He tells us that what Jesus did for us, we are to do with our time.** We should honor our time. If God looks at redeeming our time like He does redeeming us, it is important. Save the time. Redeem the time from loss, from losing it. Your time is important and “*He is wanting to make up for lost time*”. Part of walking free from the curse and into the blessing is learning to use your time correctly.

Satan knows it takes time to know God, to renew our mind, to change our belief system, to develop into the person He has created us to be, to worship, to give, to serve so he will try and get people to waste their time, devalue their time, rob your time, etc...

People talk about killing time, wasting time, throwing it away. God expects us to learn to use our time correctly. **He expects us to redeem the time to produce fruit.** You can see this in the business world but for some reason

people don't think this is the case in the kingdom. Remember God's original plan for us:

Genesis 1:28 NKJV *"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, **Be fruitful** and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that ^[h]moves on the earth."*

Dominion- radah- govern, rule, control, master, have authority, to lead; to dominate with His nature; **responsible** for reigning over a designated territory (What territory are we called to?)

We dominate in our area of Gifting: **To Bless**- to empower to prosper, empower to excel, empower to succeed, empower to increase. **Be Fruitful**- productive, to bring forth, to create. **Multiply**-reproduce your productivity, increase in number, increase in development; **Replenish or fill**-distribute, resupply, renew, restock, to fill; **subdue**- keep it under or control the market and have **dominion**. This is our mandate.

Ex: there are big hamburger chains that are doing this. They started with one place and now they are global with billions of dollars in revenues. Because they have expanded their message about hamburgers that are quick and cheap. They are on a mission. They are preaching the good news about hamburgers, nuggets, etc.. and they expect the stores and employees to use their time correctly to produce and they expect to expand.

How much more important is our message and the kingdom of God and thinking about how we can use what we have to produce fruit. **He wants to make up for lost time!**

John 15:16 NKJV *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and **bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain**"*

We all should be producing fruit. Soon there will be no hamburger stores, automotive chains, USA, they won't last forever but the kingdom does, your fruit for the kingdom does.

We don't realize most of this stuff will burn up and will not last but what we do for the kingdom last forever. **That is fruit that remains.** Your flesh will talk you out of your fruit if you let it, you will procrastinate and miss what you were supposed to do if we don't look at it correctly.

Colossians 4:5 NKJV "*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, **redeeming the time.***"

Making the very most of the time, redeeming the time and seizing the opportunity. He wants us to use what He has given us to reach unbelievers. People are fruit, God wants us to work with Him to reach them to bring them into the kingdom.

Satan wants us so focused on making a living, that all of our time is used to do things that have no eternal value. Satan wants us wore out so we are of no value, going here and there doing things that are not important.

He tells us to "*walk in wisdom*". **The wisdom of God is knowing what's important and what's not important.** Know what's valuable and lasting and eternal, and know what's not valuable, once the day is gone its gone. **Wisdom helps us redeem the time.**

Foolish people do things that are a waste of time. We all have wasted time but the good thing is God will help us "*make up for lost time*". He can do a lot in a short amount of time. Think of what He did with Jesus in 3 years. God is still on the throne and its possible for us to bear fruit. We can be producers. **This year will be the most productive year of our life.**

Thank God for the fruit we have had but its time to "*make up for lost time*". Its time to reach more for Him. Faith expects ahead of time. **Say "I will be more fruitful than I ever have".**

To do this, **we will need to know what's important and what's not important.** What's valuable and what's a waste of time.

The devil is a liar and makes you think that you aren't important, the gifts you have aren't important. God wants you to know that you are important and that **He wants you to bear fruit.** We can be more productive but we have to be intentional and to know **that you and your time are valuable.**

Remember, time is the currency of life. What we do with our time determines who become, what we do and where we go. We all have the same amount of time in a day, 86,400 seconds, 1440 minutes, 24 hrs. Learning to use our time correctly positions us for Him to *"make up for lost time"*.

There are a lot of people that are supposed to be here but they are spending their time on things that have no eternal value. They are spending time sleeping more, watching tv, sitting down because they don't know what is important and what's not. God has done so much for us. Let's value the word, the presence, worship, growing, your purpose, vision, His things. These things change our life.

God uses the willing, not the smartest, richest, but those who are available. How available are you for God to use?

Application:

- 3-5 most important things to accomplish that day
- P.m. and A.m. routines
- 80/20 rule

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