

## WOW! WOMEN of DESTINY

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# Going through the Process with Patience

#### A Woman's Pursuit of God's Presence

You shall hide them in the secret place of your presence. —Psalm 31:20a

hat did Rahab, a former Jerichoian prostitute do that landed her in the Christian faith hall of fame, an honorable mention in the genealogy of Christ and changed her destiny forever? She was among those that trembled with fear at the mention of the Israelis' God, who fought for His people. Even trembling with fear, Rahab grabbed her destiny and the fate of her family with both hands and did something that changed her life and the lives of her family forever.

She used her simple gift of hospitality to receive the Israelis spies and hid them when the King of Jericho sent men to get the strangers after hearing they had arrived in the city. Rahab trusted a God she had only heard about; she made a pact with the Israelis Special Forces before sending them in the opposite direction of the King's men looking for them. It was all credited to her as righteousness.

Rahab's act of faith not only saved her entire family in a city that perished but set the pattern of simple faith by righteous actions for generations to come. Rahab was one of four women that received an honorable mention in the genealogy of Christ. From biblical history, we know that Rahab married Salmon, the father of Boaz and the great-great grandfather of King David.

By faith, the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days, and the walls fell flat. By an act of faith, Rahab, the Jericho harlot, welcomed the spies and escaped the destruction that came on those who refused to trust God.



Day by day I'll set you free more free than you ever thought you could be. -Father God

Have you felt disqualified from destiny because of your past? Rahab may have felt that way. She is a wonderful trophy of God's grace and merciful intent. Yet, she didn't start out that way. As you may know, her past included prostitution. She pushed past her feelings of disqualifications and made a declaration, "Your God is God." The first step toward realizing the destiny for God's woman is her pursuit of God's presence. I call it pursuing God's presence and not so much the gift. Here are some ways to pursue the presence of God:

- 1. Seek first the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink nor the body. But is peace, joy, love and other fruits of the Spirit. Don't seek just your destiny, seek Him and His kingdom (God's way of doing things) you will find your destiny (His desired end).
- 2. Seek Him with all your heart. He has promised when we seek him with a whole heart we will surely find him. An undivided heart is a whole and a pure heart. Remember the words of Prophet Jeremiah, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."—Jeremiah 29:13
- 3. Seek God humbly. The Psalmist writer encourages us with, "The Lord is good and glad to teach the proper path to all who go astray; he will teach the ways that are right and best to those who humbly turn to him...Where is the man who fears (reverence) the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best (Psalm 25:8, 9, 12). In other words, seek God humbly and he will teach you how to choose your destiny.
- 4. Seek through meditating on God's Word. In defining the word meditation, we can see more clearly how to meditate on God's Word. Meditation means to ponder, think about a lot, and mutter under your breath. In the first book of Joshua, God instructs Joshua (now us) how to have good success in everything he does. He says to meditate on His word day and night. So, it becomes clear to have good success (destiny), we will think about, ponder and mutter under our breath God's word.
- 5. Seek continually. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually (I Chronicles 16:11). The Physician Luke admonishes us to, "Keep on asking and you will keep on getting; keep on looking and you will keep on finding; knock and the door will be opened. Everyone who asks, receives; all who seek, find; and the door is opened to everyone who knocks. (Luke 11:9-10)



#### ENEMIES OF THE PURE IN HEART: SIX DARTS SENT TO DIVIDE OUR HEART

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. To see God is to be an intimate friend. There's a scripture that says, "Friendship of God is reserved for those who reverence the Lord."

- 1. **Pride is an enemy of intimacy with God.** Back in the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve failed God, sin broke their fellowship. I suspect that was one of the things that hurt the most, their loss of intimacy with Father God. The couple knew no resistance until the event of their sin. The Bible, plainly, tells us God resist the proud.
- 2. Duplicity is a divided heart. Let no double minded man think he will receive anything from God. A double mind with the things of God will always hinder us. Many times, lack of focus boils down to a double mind. When I catch myself with a divided focus toward the destiny of God, I'll stop, repent and ask the Holy Spirit for right focus. A right focus is a pure focus without duplicity.
- 3. Wrong Motives work against our relationship with God. A past jail ministry leader would always say about the inmates we were inviting to come to a church service our group hosted every Thursday night in a halfway house for men, don't worry about them coming with wrong motives. We've all had wrong motives (doing the right thing for the wrong reason) at one time or another. Perhaps they are coming to look at the pretty girls on our team. The fact is when they get in the church service atmosphere with worship, the Holy Spirit can work with them and convict them of any sin and wrong motives. As He does with us all; he works with us to change our heart and motives (intentions) from wrong to right.
- 4. Disorganization can give place to the enemy; for he thrives in disorder. God is a god of order. Years ago, a ministry friend and I would carpool to the ministry site. When I would ride with her, I would literally have to put my feet on top of the things in the passenger side of her car. There was no condemnation toward her from me. I would just climb in like it wasn't there. But one day the Holy Spirit said, "If she would clean up her car, I would heal her mind. She wouldn't have to take medication anymore." I didn't have the heart to say anything to her; I just prayed for her. I later found out she was on medication for her mind. A couple of weeks later, I was amazed when I saw her; she had cleaned up her car. She excitedly told me she was off medication. I can only say it was all God. But I never forgot that principle about disorganization.
- 5. Worldly Distractions can pull us away from God. Distractions can be anything good or bad that moves your attention away from the 'great' that God has called us to do. Make sure your television time is not luring your heart away from God. I know this is not a popular topic but I must say this. Your seemingly innocent entertainment via t.v. shows with worldly values and agendas may become distractions and corrupt the good character you've built in

- your life. Simply put, remember bad company corrupts good character. So, don't allow worldly distractions to pollute your Christian walk and detour your path to destiny.
- 6. **Fleshly.** The Bible says the flesh is at enmity with God. If we allow the flesh to rule in our life, we eventually open the door to the enemy. By the flesh, I mean the natural man that wants to do everything it wants to do and at any time it wants to do it. For example, your old nature you may choose to live an undisciplined life. Living a life sowing to the flesh and the spirit, prayer gets edged out. Bible reading falls to the wayside. Fasting becomes non-existent. Anyway, I hope you get my point. The Galatian writer puts it so eloquently, "7Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary...." Galatians 6:7,8,9

We take another step toward our destiny when we seek God with a pure heart. I was relieved to understand God is not calling for perfect people who make no mistakes. He is simply asking that we seek him with an undivided heart and repentive heart. With a repented heart, when we make a mistake, we repent and ask for forgiveness. God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Then he slings our sin as far as the east is from the west and remembers it no more and neither should we.



Strengthening Your Step toward Destiny
7 Powers of Going THROUGH YOUR PROCESS

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. -2 Cor. 3:18

Has God said to you lately, you're on your way to your destiny? You're going to the next level? If you're anything like me, you get all excited (as we should be) that you're going to the next level. You say praise God! I'm going to the next level. I'm on my way to my destiny! We're shouting all over the place. Did you hear the word of God for me, "He says I'm going to the next level? He probably means, Next stop – your destiny!"

Well, it's true; we just quoted it from the scripture above from 2 Corinthians 3:18 the word of God says we go from faith to faith, glory to glory...

But usually, when we hear that (some of you older saints you know what I'm about to say) the journey has JUST begun. You may as well strap in, buckle up and get ready for the PROCESS.

What God in His mercy doesn't tell us that we're about to start the PROCESS before we get to the next level. He knows us in our humanity, our frailty in our earthly tents that we might not be ready to hear that. So he shows us that end step (the next level, our destiny, our destination) to get our eyes on the prize. He may show you the top step of the staircase but not the whole stair case. He knows that with this glimpse of the prize, the promise, our destiny that we'll enter the joy of it and be strengthened. I believe that's what happened for our Lord Jesus.

Let's go there quickly, Hebrews 12:3 says the author and the finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Remember, the joy of the Lord is my strength. He knows we'll need the strength to make it through...

I noticed many of you are saying, 'The process did not kill me." That's well and good. Praise God that we made it through the process. But I believe God is still reaching for some people that are still in the process. They haven't made it through yet. Even as I say that the Holy Spirit reminds me that we go to many levels in life. So guess what, that means that as we progress, we go through many PROCESSES.

My goal and mission is to encourage you at whatever point you are in the *process*. God is a God of the strong finish. He loves happy endings. He wants the end of your process to be a good one, one of victory. He wants us to receive the promise and walk in His promotion and the victory. Therefore He has given us seven powers to help us finish strong. They all start with a (P) so you can remember and finish well in every process you have to go through to get to your destiny:

The Power of God's Presence. You know some things are just worth repeating. So, I know we just discussed this earlier. Again, I encourage you to seek His presence. When you seek me with all your heart you will find me. Jer. 29:12; Moses knew the power of God's presence. Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence will go with you and I give you rest. (Another translation says I will give you rest and success.) To us, this translates to 'My presence will go with you and I will give you rest and destiny.' I love it! And of course, our chapter theme scripture supports us with, 'You shall hide them in the secret place of your presence.' --Psalm 31:20a

The Power of God's Preparation. (Read more about this in next chapter.) Enter God's preparation. When we enter God's preparation, we receive His perspective. Furthermore, He may be calling you to some consecration time. I can say that with each new ministry level, God has called me to some consecrated and extra Bible reading, prayer and studying time. But let me add this, God's preparation is not just for His pastors and teachers. Your process may not be all to do with your ministry. It may be a personal new level. He may be calling you to strengthen and fortify your personal life and time with Him. Read with me, 2 Timothy 2:20, 21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also or wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor sanctified and useful for the Master PREPARED for every good work.

The Power of God's Pruning. Yield to His pruning. Varn and I have always loved plants and flowers. Especially Varn, one time he had a really good season of roses. We had neighbors and friends stopping by to look at those roses...At the end of that season, I came out and he had cut them all down to stubs. Not knowing about pruning, I asked him why he did that. Some of the stubs looked

as if they would never come back. He explained he felt led to prune them back heavily for a better harvest.

To make a long story short, the Holy Spirit showed me us (you and me) in that season. Sometimes, we feel so sharply pruned that we wonder if it will kill us. I can testify; it won't kill you. God sees that you are doing well and he wants a stronger harvest. Know that the Master Gardener is in control; his pruning won't kill you.

But it will make you better and more fruitful. By the way the next season for the roses, Varn pruned were some of the most beautiful roses I've ever seen. They were cascading everywhere and producing gorgeous blooms. God used the rose bushes as our teachable moment.

Even so, I must warn you when we go through God's pruning, everyone may not understand. In fact you may be misunderstood. Notice in John 15:2 Jesus said every branch that bears fruit He prunes...it didn't say every branch that stumbles, that has sin in their life. As some of our critics may try to say....So you can know if you are being severely pruning, it may just mean you are doing well but God wants a STRONGER YOU and even more fruit.

The Power of God's Patience. Exercise God's patience. In Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of patience, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.. What will of God, you may ask? After you have served in faithfulness, after you have received the Word with gladness, after you sought his presence, after you have yielded to his preparation and pruning, then there's patience. Can I tell you another story? Many times in my Christian walk, God has said wait. I can't say that I have always understood the why of wait. But I can tell you each time God asked me to wait, after a little time it becomes clear it has been well worth the wait.

The Power of God's Perseverance. Continue in God perseverance. In the Kingdom, it's all about character - becoming more like Jesus. You know the race is not given to the swift but to those who endure to the end...Sometimes in God's sovereignty there's endure in the word patience and it becomes perseverance. Because we continue into perseverance. In Heb. 6: 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. (Speaking of Abraham) Simply put don't give up; keep going there's a victory waiting for you on the other side of perseverance.

The Power of God's Promise. Inherit God's promise. God has designed an ending to this process. He's a finisher and he's given us the spirit of the finisher. He wants us to receive the promise. So, to every process there should be an ending. He's given us the spirit of the finisher. Heb. 6:12 That you do not become sluggish but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promise.

The Power of God's Promotion. Expect God's promotion. Wait! There's more after you have received the promise and walking therein. Yes, that's not all; after you have received the promise then comes God's promotion (Next Level.) We can expect God to move us into our next level. If you don't already know this principle, I must let you know. And if you do, I remind you God is in charge of raising us up. The Hebrew writer encourages us with, "No discipline (process) seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it (process) produces a harvest of righteousness and peace (promotion) for those who have been trained by it.

Remember God has a purpose in each process we travel through. He works all things to the good of those who love him. He's working his will and his way in us as we go through the process.

There's a story that a pastor friend told us that sums up all of what we've talked about. It shows us God is in the process, working in and through us moving us to our next level. He said one day a man found a cocoon of a butterfly. A small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to squeeze its body through the tiny hole. Then it stopped, as if it couldn't go further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bits of cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily but it had a swollen body and shriveled wings. The man continued to watch it, expecting that any minute the wings would enlarge and expand enough to support the body, neither happened! In fact the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand: The restricting cocoon and the struggle required by the butterfly to get through the opening was a way of forcing the fluid from the body into the wings so that it would be ready for flight once that was achieved.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. Going through life with no obstacles would cripple us. We will not be as strong as we could have been and we would never fly.

You are destined for your next level in Christ. Don't stop now. Keep going to your destiny!

Crossroads to Destiny

T.R.U.S.T. And Submitting To God's Process

By faith, the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days, and the walls fell flat. 31 By an act of faith, Rahab, the Jericho harlot, welcomed the spies and escaped the destruction that came on those who refused to trust God.

Have you been asking God for a whale (big fish of a promise)? I know I have. If so, don't be surprised when He moves you out of the little pond (comfortable place), to enlarge your capacity to receive. Perhaps it's no news to you; I've discovered He can't send a whale to our little pond. So guess what, we have to change. We have to change our mind, our heart and sometimes our place, position and perspective must change. I hear you that can be a lot of changing. But remember, we are being changed to a better place.

For example, some of you (us) have been praying, Lord take me to the next level, increase me, bless me, enlarge my territory and even give me my destiny, right? Which, as you know, are not bad requests. We just discussed this. But remember, the Word of God says our Father takes us from glory to glory and He wants to increase us, bless us, enlarge us and even gives us our destiny (bright future, our expected end.)

Here's the problem sometimes in response to our prayers change happens; then we get all confused. We start doubting ourselves and God's plan. God I prayed for increase. Why did I lose my job? I prayed that you enlarge me and now I'm in a battle. Consider this, God may be moving you from the little pond to the sea or even the ocean. Remember, whales don't swim in little ponds.

In the Bible, Joseph had to submit to the process. In perplexing circumstances, to say the least, he had great opportunity to doubt himself and God's plans. Even through the years, we don't see a record of Joseph trying to run off (get away from the process). Instead, the Bible records he

submitted to his masters and received the blessing and favor of God in the midst of whatever he was going through. In fact, —*Genesis 39:2* starts out with a description of Joseph that didn't sound like he was going through any process.

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man...

Then it said:

..and he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

Oh, so he still was going through the process. Don't worry; your next level may not take twenty years of process. Whatever it takes, know that the longer your process, the bigger the promise (next level) is going to be. According to the writer of Bible book Romans, God does not cut corners or waste our pain. He works all things to our good. —Romans 8:28

Let me be clear about this, Father God is faithful. He will not fail us or forsake us. So here is our pattern to follow, we must submit to the process. Here are some suggestions formed into the acronym T.R.U.S.T. that will help us through the process.

**Timing.** First of all God's plan and timing is always perfect. —Ecclesiastes 3 Ours is not. It takes time to walk through the process. If we try to depend on just our sense of when things should be done, we may miss God. If we pray and ask for His timing, we will have success. Operating in God's timing, we may have to wait and others times we must act when He says act.

Recompense: God will recompense. He always recompenses. The first time I heard the word recompense, I knew it was God speaking because that word was not in my vocabulary. If you hear nothing else I say in the chapter today, get this one in your spirit. Jehovah Gmolah is one of the names of God. Whatever losses you experience in the process, you can expect Father God will pay you back. He will restore. For a little better understanding of God's recompense, let's define recompense. Recompense is to repay or reward or to compensate as in (loss, etc.) Prophet Jeremiah declares, "For the Lord is the God of recompense. He will surely repay." (Jer. 51:56)

**Understanding.** It's our human nature or fleshy nature, that we feel we have to always understand everything intellectually. It may not be to our best interest to know everything. For example, it's a known fact that many doctors and nurses can have a tough time believing in God's miraculous healing.

Many say it's because intellectually they are trained to know all the tiny ways things can go wrong. Or on the flip side, many scientists are becoming believers after much study and calculations proven about the earth and the universe. The result in their minds become, nothing this perfect and well-ordered can just come erupt out of chaos. (The Bang Theory)

**Sovereign:** God is in control. Say yes to His will. Acknowledge God is still God, even if we don't understand everything at the moment. Believe He always has something bigger and better in mind. This is where the element of trust will enter, if we allow it. God is sovereign.

**Territory:** After God has moved you from your little pond, know that you are at the brink of your promise, your increase, your new level, even your destiny. But it's not time to relax; it's time to get ready to rumble (fight.) Not the way we're used to fighting. Get full of God's Word and fight the way He fights, by the Spirit. — 2 Corinthian 10:4 Pray more; meditate on God's word and listen more.

Get your plans, your strategies from God. He'll take you by the hand and help you. There are times you won't have to fight for the battle is the Lord's. There are other times you must fight the good fight of faith, using weapons that are not carnal but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. —2 Corinthians 10:4

So, keep praying to God to bless you, increase you and enlarge your territory. He will. It's his good pleasure to do so. Just be ready for the conquest, taking dominion and occupying the good land he's given you. It takes pressure and sometimes pain to get you to the next level and into your destiny.

Don't be dismayed and confused about what you're going through. Ultimately, Jesus has given us the victory. The writer to the Corinthians said it like this, "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ. —2 Corinthians 2:14 T.R.U.S.T God and know that He is in control. Listen to Him, follow Him, submit to the process and He'll get you to your **destiny-ation**, safely.







#### Do As Rahab Did

Have you wondered if your destiny in God matters in the large scheme of things? Really, have you wondered who cares? Will it really make any difference? I can say without any doubt in my heart; God cares about your destiny and your future. Even if sowing your seeds of destiny have simply been handing a glass of water to the least of your brethren, your leaders, your flock or your family it matters to God.

He cares so much he wants to reward you for it. What do you think of when you hear the word 'reward'? Many think of ministry gain, job promotion, monetary gains, etc. And some even think of heavenly rewards. They all sound good; but it's really up to God about the rewards. I just know He rewards the righteous, his good and faithful servants.

#### Take Care Of God's Kingdom And He Will Take Care Of You

But wait! Before you stop reading, I've learned a principle I want to share with you. That principle is: If you take care of God's family, His house, His business he'll take care of your family, your house and your business, even your destiny. He promises to be *Jehovah Gmolah* in your life if you sow your service into the Kingdom of God. *Jehovah Gmolah* is the Lord of Recompense, the One who pays you back.

You may remember King David and how he wanted to build God a house. But God told him he couldn't because he had become such a man of war to conquer the kingdoms God wanted him to. There was too much blood on his hands before the Lord. He went on to say he would allow his son Solomon to do it because he would be a man of peace.

Now this is the part I want you to pay special attention to; God also told King David that he appreciated his heart so much to take care of His house that He would build him a house an everlasting house—a legacy even.

Then there's Cornelius who was such a big giver into what is close to God's heart (the poor) that God sent an angel to help get Cornelius and his whole family saved. The Scripture describes him this way, "a devout man and one who feared God with his entire household, who gave alms generously to the people and prayed to God always." He operated in almsgiving so strong it had come up before the Lord as a memorial.

Father God has even proven this principle in my own life. Years ago, I was a new Christian. I know some of you can relate to this. I had such a burden for my family to be saved, delivered and walk in the fullness of God. But they wouldn't listen to me. Not one bit. So, I thought anyway.

You know how it can be; our family can be too acquainted with our past sins. Or they are just plain too familiar with us to hear the Word of God through us. Remember when Jesus (who was sinless) went back to Nazareth to minister to his village and neighborhood family. Skeptically, they were saying, "Isn't that Joseph and Mary's son? We know his brothers and sisters..."

#### Do As Rahab Did

Since, Rahab is our featured woman in this chapter, you'll enjoy this. Anyway, this is where I was with my family and new commitment to God. No matter how hard I tried I was getting nowhere with them. Finally, I was on my knees crying before God about my family. Some of us as baby Christians can be so dramatic but sincere. So, I was going on and on about it in prayer. Then I heard clearly from the Holy Spirit, "Do as Rahab did!"

Since, I was a baby Christian I didn't exactly know what Rahab did. I stopped my crying and got up to find out. To make a long story short, about forty years or so after God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, there was a woman named Rahab who lived on the wall of a city called Jericho. God had given this city to the Israelites. But there was this small fact that someone else was living there at that moment. They had to by faith conquer it and possess it.

Joshua, Moses assistant before he died was now leader of God's people. God had given him strategies to lead the people in conquering the city of Jericho. Joshua sent in spies to access the land and people. Rahab risked her safety and possibly her family's safety by helping the Israelite spies escape when the King heard they were there.

In return, the Israelite spies made an agreement with her for helping them. When they returned to take the land they would spare her and her family if she had them with her in one specific place. Well, the Word of God says Rahab was there and her entire family; they were all spared as the Israelites took the city. Bible historians report she married one of the spies which is how she ended up in the genealogy of Christ.

I don't know how your mind works; but when I read that I immediately begin to gain respect for Rahab. If your family is anything like mine, they can be pretty stubborn at times. So how did she get her whole family to be in one place at the same time?

From the story, Rahab may not have been the most respected person in the family. She was said to be a prostitute; so her past may not have spoken well of her. Nevertheless, she had them all

in one place when the spies arrived. So none was lost; that statement alone made me want to do what Rahab did. I too wanted none to be lost in my family.

#### What Did Rahab Do?

After thinking about this story awhile, <u>I realized what Rahab did was use her faith in God.</u> She followed his instructions through the spies. Her part was to receive the men of God in peace and help them gain access to the information they needed.

And her part was to help them escape when the time came. In a similar way, our part is to help the House of God wherever God has called us. Our part is to be faithful to God's call and purpose for us, even walk in our destiny. And our part is to stay attentive for his instructions or promptings when an opportunity comes to influence our family.

Father God made an agreement with me that day. That agreement was if I would continue to help His family (the family of God) leading them to Christ, helping them get delivered and healed. He said if I would continue to serve in His house, he would take care of my family, my house, my business, my DESTINY.

God has been faithful. I didn't always see it happen when I thought it should happen. But, I stayed faithful to His call. Now I can say, He has been faithfully saving, delivering and planting my family in His kingdom. Sometimes, he sends them to me to minister to and other times he sends other godly laborers in their path. Either way, it's someone they'll listen to at the time.

I realize God used that simple little analogy to stir my faith. I hope it stirred yours, too. Not only that, I believe God has the same covenant with all Christians. Remember, the Psalmist encouraged us with, "God abundantly blesses his faithful people."

#### Your Future Is Blessed

I can hear someone saying, "What about me I just started? I haven't quite achieved faithfulness in my service yet." That's no reason to be left out. Come on up; there's room at the table for you. In God's kingdom the last are first. I was just reading the parable when Jesus told the story about the Vineyard and its owner. The owner went out to look for day laborers three different times and hired people.

His third time out at almost the close of the day, he still hired a few workers. At the end of the day, he paid them all the same, one denarii. The ones that were hired at the beginning of the day got upset that the owner paid the last the same. In God's kingdom, He doesn't penalize you for the order you came. Even if you're a part of the latter, He gives each of us the fullness of His grace when we receive Him.

So I encourage you, if you've been taking care of God's house and His business, you can get in expectancy. God's going to take care of your house, your family, your job or business, your destiny. No worries; the global economy may be in recession. But your seeds of service have already been planted. The price has already been paid. Jesus paid the price on a hill called Calvary. That's why we celebrate Easter; He has risen!

<u>It's in the receiving now.</u> Salvation has come. The Holy Ghost has already been sent. Healing has already been paid for. What about prosperity? It's paid for too. So, get ready to <u>receive</u> by faith whatever you need. Your family, your house, the work of your hands and your future is blessed because of Christ and YOUR seeds of service in God's Kingdom!

#### Destiny Summary

Are you weary with waiting for your destiny to appear? You've been looking for your moment to arrive. Well, I have good news! It's finally your time. God's words are no longer postponed or delayed. But the words He speaks are done.

All you have to do is receive it by faith. Now, you're eligible to join your faith with patience and receive the promise of God. Just like Rahab, a former Jerichoian prostitute, we have to take a step, a first step or a next step. You might be scared or you may feel a sudden peace.

Either way, now is the time. Look what happened for Rahab and others like her, including me. Her first step started the journey to her destiny. Eventually, it landed her in the Christian faith hall of fame, married to one of the spies, an honorable mention in the genealogy of Christ and changed her family's life forever?

The king and the whole city trembled in fear at news of the plans of the Israelis and their God. But Rehab alone confessed and believed, "Your God is God!" She stepped out and pursued God to save her entire family. And you know the story by now. God did it. He's doing it for me. And he will do it for you. See you next chapter. Rejoice, we've started the journey and it's a good beginning...

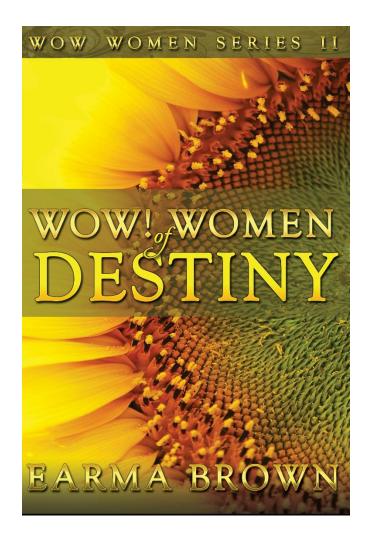


Tell a story of a Sunday afternoon drive to picnic at a local park. The point is when you are going to a certain place, your destination, you don't take your foot off the gas pedal until you arrive. You keep propelling with your foot on the gas pedal, in effect driving the car (your life), until you get there. If you don't give up, you will get there. It's God's promise.



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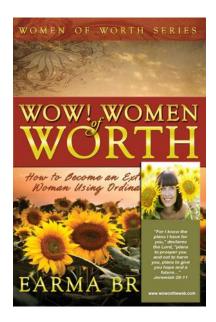


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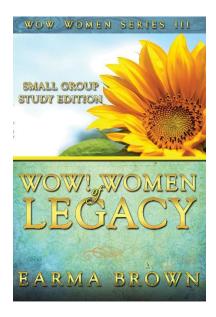
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