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**AFTER THE BEAUTY
 THE COURAGE
 AND DELIVERANCE**



There have been times God has used us in tremendous ways, many opportunities that has given Him glory. But now, after all that's over of being in the lime light, being the head honcho, the one over things, the one everyone called on, everyone depended on. What now? Now, no one sees you, calls on you. They turn and go the other way, they turn to others. What now?

You might have been the beauty queen back in high school or college, cheerleader, the most popular one in the school, the one that loved life. You were the one that had the perfect marriage, the perfect kids; the perfect house. What now? If we look back at 10 or 20 years from now, we're all hollowering, what now!

I know that's what Queen Vashti was saying when the king, her wealthy all about himself husband dethroned her, got rid of her when she said "No" to him! Her maidens didn't have her back, the special eunuch over her didn't say, "I'll talk to the king." No, No, No! Now, I'm a dethroned queen with no kingdom. No one tells me how beautiful I look anymore, no matter what I wear. Vashti is saying, they

don't pamper me anymore, I miss that. I can't even say you do this or you do that. I was the beauty queen. I was next to the king and now I feel like an outcast, an ordinary person. You could be saying, they don't even call on me at church for my opinion. I know I look good and no one says anything. Even at work, they flock to someone else. Tables have turned, and it's for a reason. Test Time! You can be on the mountaintop one day and tomorrow in the valley!

Those valley seasons: where your job's played out; your marriage has fallen apart—he doesn't see me as the beauty queen, the sugar in his cream anymore; my money's running low—can't spend as I used to. That means my hair looks a mess, my nails are chipped, my feet—oh well! That place I didn't ever think I'd be in. Hello somebody!

At one time, you had all the courage for 5 or 6 people; not afraid of anything; comes up against anything, but something happened that caused distrust; that caused you to stop praying; just being settled and contented in that no caring attitude; unconcerned state. You've seen God do awesome things in your life.

You've seen others delivered from sickness because God touched you to touch others. You were being used a lot to speak a Word of Deliverance to others lives. They were helped tremendously. But now, what has happened? Why is it that I'm not being used? What next Lord? You used my beauty Lord! You used my courage to fast and pray for a nation! You used all that to deliver a nation of people that was going to be annihilated. And I can say for such a time as this.

We've seen God time and time again do awesome, amazing things on our behalf. Why trip over the unseen. Why speculate on the negative. Some of you are saying right now, that's not my situation; that's not my battle; that don't concern me. I haven't lost my job; my marriage isn't over; I don't care what they say to me at work, I'd rather be left alone, and at church, don't pick me for nothing! I don't want to get involved! Oh it's like that uh?

Just because you haven't gone through it, there is somebody else that will or is right now going through it. You see Esther didn't have any idea

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she would encounter annihilation of her whole Jewish race. She probably thought, "I'm the new queen now, probably see my husband every now and then, and I got the luxury I never dreamed of." What I say about those mountain-top experiences! And with elevation, a new enemy is sent in. Let me say one thing about the enemy. You can't allow the enemy to ride. One day you will have to fight! **Because if he ever finds out what your weakness is, he will keep coming back.** Again tables have turned! Mordecai tells Esther, "Do you think you will escape there in the palace, while all the other Jews are killed?" Purpose has arisen for Queen Esther to right a wrong!

Have you been somewhere and you wanted to say something about the wrong, but couldn't; needed to do something but wouldn't? The courage just wasn't there; didn't have the nerve. Remember this: when you really think about it, the size of your enemy is very small against a Great God in your life!

Doing the right thing had to be maneuvered just right, with finesse,

grace, delicate skill as only the queen knew how. Esther knew how to wait, how to stay the course by the coaches in her life. Her beauty exceeded all the rest. It took a lifetime and 12 months to get her to where she is now. But there's an advantage here besides her beauty. Esther fasted and prayed. Although God is not mentioned anywhere in the Book of Esther, He's in there leading and guiding Esther. It took tremendous courage! Look back at Gideon hiding from the Midianites, when the angel of the Lord approached him, and said you Mighty Man of Valor! It took courage, but it also took the touch of God. That's who Gideon and Esther connected with; that's who she called on. But Vashti didn't! As long as we stay connected with God, we don't need to worry about afterwards.

Take that step you haven't taken before. If you're looking at life as being too empty, then allow God to deliver you from this fear of change; the fear of just not doing the same things in the same way; the fear of God Himself changing the plan. He can take our emptiness and fill it! We can't even go before the Lord without a sacrifice. God teaches us that there is always a

sacrifice before worship. Don't get to the point of sitting just down; not expressing the gift in you; not being used for such a time as this. You will certainly be used another way you least expect it! God is not through with you yet!

When I think about the beauty queens in life, they've gone on to do bigger things. It's not about the pageants anymore. When I think about the courageous men and women in the different services, they're not doing the same things as before, but using their skills in a different way. There is a quote:

Always Do Your Best. Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret.

Miguel Angel Ruiz

What we've sown into others will make a difference in their lives as well as ours. Even in the valley times; the empty times, God can and will use you when He decides to. Stay ready! You learn more in the valley times, after the beauty is gone, after you've had a courageous episode, and especially after a deliverance of sickness. For those who are going through bad episodes, I come to tell you, it's not over. It's not over for God to show you that He's still God and in He's still in charge of your life. What now? God has a new plan!

God Bless!

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Father, thank You for Your presence of Your Holy Spirit. Each day You wake me up, get me through the day; I'm amazed. Each split second I make a decision and it comes out right, I thank You.

I acknowledge chance after chance You have given me; directed my path and my families' paths.

Each generation to come, Lord help us hear Your instructions and obey them in Jesus' Name. You have instructed us to forgive those who do us wrong and pray

for those who despitefully use us. May You cause Your love in our hearts to rise above and overcome the hurts and disappointments in life. You have given me inward beauty because of Jesus. You have given me courage against all enemies, and You have delivered me from

darkness into the marvelous light of Your dear Son, Jesus. I'm blessed! Praise be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. In Jesus' Name Amen!



PARKINSON DISEASE

Parkinson's Disease and its symptoms are by no means a new illness. In fact, the disease gained much of its attention from other famous people, most notably actor Michael J. Fox, boxer Muhammad Ali, and singer Johnny Cash.

What Is Parkinson's Disease? - Parkinson's Disease is a neurodegenerative disease that occurs mainly in males over the age of 50 and causes uncontrollable shakes, tremors, and seizures. Progression of the disease can eventually lead to thinking and behavioral problems. Mortality in those suffering from Parkinson's is twice as likely as those not suffering, reducing the life expectancy of Parkinson's sufferers tremendously.

Causes - The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke (NINDS), reports that men are 50 percent more likely than women to develop the disease. Researchers have not found the exact reasons for this statistic. Parkinson's Disease is an idiopathic disease, meaning it has no known, specific cause. Research has also found that there may be a genetic tie to the disease. In Parkinson's disease, cells that produce dopamine start to die. Dopamine is a chemical that helps you move normally. There is no known direct cause of Parkinson's. One theory is that it may be hereditary. Other studies have cited environmental factors, such as exposure to pesticides, head injuries, and living in rural communities (farming) may cause it.



Parkinson's disease is classified in stages, ranging from one to five.

Symptoms - The symptoms of Parkinson's are gradual and sometimes unnoticeable early in the disease. Common signs include:

- tremors (may start on one side of the body and eventually move to both sides)
- loss of balance
- inability to move from muscle opposition
- spontaneous, uncontrollable movements (bradykinesia)

Stage five is the most advanced and debilitating stage. Advanced stages may increase the risk for health complications that reduce lifespan.

Fatal Falls - Falls are a common secondary symptom of Parkinson's disease. The risk of falling is greater in Stages IV and V. In these stages you may not be able to stand or walk on your own. Patients within these stages are prone to broken bones and concussions, but severe falls can be dangerous. A serious fall can reduce a patient's life expectancy. It may even be fatal.

Parkinson's Disease and Depression - The disease is crippling, sparking many of the depressive symptoms associated with it. At the time of Robin Williams' death he was sober but dealing with depression and anxiety, as well as early onset of Parkinson's, his wife's statement goes on to read.

Other Health Complications - The NCBI reports that certain related complications can directly affect longevity in patients. These include:

- aspiration (accidentally breathing in food or foreign objects)
- deep vein thrombosis (deep clots that can block blood vessels)
- pulmonary embolism (arterial blockage in the lungs)

Curing Parkinson's Disease - While there is no known way to prevent or cure Parkinson's, treatment for it has led to longer lives for many of those afflicted by the disease.

What's the Life Expectancy for Parkinson's Disease? - If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, you may wonder about life expectancy. Parkinson's is a progressive brain disorder that affects mobility and mental ability. According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), the disease itself is not fatal.

Outlook - Life expectancy for Parkinson's patients is often about the same as for the general population. One study found that patients who lived for ten years after diagnosis had the same life expectancy as those who didn't have the disease. The same study found that people who lived with the disorder for 15 or 20 years had only a slightly shorter life expectancy than those without the disease. The outlook also depends on your age, severity of your condition, and access to resources.

Age - Age is another factor in the diagnosis and outlook for Parkinson's disease. According to the NINDS, the majority of patients develop the disorder after age 60. Age can also make you more prone to falls and certain health diseases. Such risks can increase for older Parkinson's patients.

Gender - Women have a reduced risk for getting Parkinson's. PDF also says that female patients tend to live longer with the disorder than men. However, age can play a factor regardless of gender. Female patients who are over 60 may not fare as well as younger women diagnosed with the disease.

Access to Treatment

Without treatment, your outlook may be affected. A lack of healthcare may also be to blame. Medications and occupational therapy are especially helpful in the earliest stages of the disease. These treatments can potentially prevent further progression. If you wait too long for a diagnosis, you may miss out on potentially life-saving measures. Early intervention can also prevent related health complications later on.

Early detection is the key to preventing complications that can shorten your life. If you suspect you may have Parkinson's disease, see your doctor right away.

Resources:

Shawn Thomas writes Entertainment & Lifestyle content for CBS Local.

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/08/14/what-robin-williams-death-tells-us-about-parkinsons-disease/>

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<http://www.healthline.com/health-slideshow/parkinsons-disease-life-expectancy>

POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

MY MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

MY VISION: Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

MY MISSION: Use this God-given gift for His glory!

MY VISION: Teach others to reach for those God given gifts in them!

On The Web—pitwm.net

Quote

"It is our choices...that show us who we really are, far more than our abilities." J. K. ROWLING

SCRIPTURE

"I call and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Labor Day Sept. 1

Nat'l Grandparent's Day Sept. 7

Autumn Begins Sept. 22

BIBLE QUIZ

- Who was the only person to pray from the inside of an animal?
a. Joshuab. Jonah c. James d. Jesus
- Who was the only female judge?
a. Keziah b. Jemimah c. Deborah d. Sarah
- Who was the only man to lead a sinless life?
a. John the Baptist b. Jesus c. David d. Moses
- Who had his hair cut only once a year?
a. Naaman b. Absalom c. Judas d. David
- What object in Jacob's vision is mentioned only once in the Bible?
a. Ladder b. Angel c. Pillar d. Moon
- Who is the only prophet that God spoke with "face to face"?
a. Joshua b. Moses c. Samuel d. Ezekiel
- What was the only day of the year on which the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies?
a. Passover b. Pentecost c. Atonement d. Tabernacles
- Who is the only woman to have her age, death and burial mentioned?
a. Ruth b. Sarah c. Rachel d. Mary

Answers

- The turtledove and pigeon were the only fowl used for what purpose?
a. Messengers b. Food c. Sacrifice d. Tithing
- What is the only occasion on which Jesus is mentioned as writing?
a. At the feeding of the 4,000
b. When Jesus was being hosted by Mary and Martha
c. When he met the woman at the well in Samaria
d. When the Pharisees wanted to stone the woman for adultery
- Who is the only lawyer mentioned by name?
a. Zophah b. Zichri c. Zenas d. Zepho
- Who is the only person in Genesis recorded as living less than 120 years?
a. Isaac b. Jacob c. Joseph d. Moses
- Who is the only wife of Solomon mentioned by name?
a. Naomi b. Nogah c. Noadiah d. Naamah
- Who is the only woman who was described as being both beautiful and intelligent?
a. Abigail b. Martha c. Mary d. Sarah
- What is the only book that mentions God laughing?
a. Ecclesiastes b. Lamentations c. Ezra d. Psalms
- Who is the only man described as naturally bald?
a. Daniel b. Isaac c. Lazarus d. Elisha
- Who is the only person recorded as being placed in a coffin when they died?
a. Herod b. Nebuchadnezzar c. Abraham d. Joseph
- Which is the only gospel writer to record the healing of Malchus' ear after it was cut off?
a. Luke b. Mark c. John d. Matthew
- Which is the only judge known to be from the tribe of Judah?
a. Gideon b. Samson c. Ehud d. Othniel
- Who is the only woman we hear of reigning as queen regnant in Israel or Judah?
a. Bathsheba b. Athaliah c. Hephzibah d. Jezebel

BAD CHOICE-Jonah 1:1-4

Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

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Secret Message

How many people lived in the city of Nineveh when Jonah preached in it?