

## **You Can't Keep A Captive's Discouragement When You Have A Deliverer's Destiny!**

You are either a captive or a deliverer!

Moses to the Israelites...

Deut. 1:21 - See, the LORD your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the LORD, the God of your fathers, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deut. 31:8 - The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

God to Joshua...

Josh. 1:7-9

7. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

8. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

9. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

David talking to Solomon...

1 Chron. 22:1-7

12. May the LORD give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

13. Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

Jahaziel to Jehoshaphat...

2 Chron. 20:15 - He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: `Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.  
King Hezakah to the Israelites...

2 Chron. 32:7-8

7. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him.

8. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.

Jn.6:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Take heart = (thar-seh'-o) - Have courage

Acts 4:13 - When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Discourage = Dis(Remove) Courage(Heart)

Discourage = khaw-thath' - a primitive root; properly, to prostrate; hence, to break down by confusion and fear.

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## **I. Remember God's Goodness to you!**

2 Timothy 1:1-5

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

4Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

5I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

"Focus your memory on the right things... Remember your history in God!"

The devil will get you concentrating on the bad; so instead, think about of all the times God has come through for you!

## **II. Reignite the Fire of God!**

2 Timothy 1:6-7-

6For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Get God in the middle of every storm!

## **III. Refuse to walk in Shame!**

2 Timothy 1:8-12-

8So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

11And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

All shame is based in fear!

It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog!

And if God is in you and if God is with you, you will win!"

We lose our courage when we look at our ability instead of His!

God doesn't always use the strongest or the greatest or the smartest or most gifted, but, usually the weakest, the most unlikely and seemingly ungifted, so that His glory can shine through!

The most unlikely to succeed many times turn out to be the most faithful and productive!

#### **IV. Reinforce your Faith through God's Word!**

2 Timothy 1:13-14

13What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

14Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

If you want to stay alive and strong spiritually, you've got to feed on the Word of God!

#### **V. Revise your Friendship circle!**

2 Timothy 1:15-18

15You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

16May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.

17On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

18May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

Not everyone is a quitter.

Just because some quit, doesn't mean you can quit!

This world NEEDS people who have a passion for God!

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