

Multiplying Favor, Enabling & Joy 6

Experience the Lord of Rest and a Fresh Vision

How God can bring **fresh vision** in His presence, releasing His favor and rest.
– birth forth – unique vision – life and business – as you hear – this week

Matt 12:8-9

8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath. NIV

Sabbath: cease from strive and exertion; rest

John 5:1-15

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. 2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. 3 Crowds of sick people--blind, lame, or paralyzed--lay on the porches. NLT

4 for an angel of the Lord came from time to time and disturbed the water, and the first person to step down into it afterwards was healed. LB

World offers many answers and **cures**

– aroma therapy – water therapy – anema therapy – vitamin therapy – drug therapy

Bethesda – ancient **Romans** - **Shock** therapy

– like the modern electric shock used for mental illness - nothing new – under sun
Mentally deranged man put in a dark pit – with lions behind bars

Dark – can't see – hear roar

All these **good** to certain extend but – not **whole** – but **38**

5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him and knew how long he had been ill, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" NLT

6 Him Jesus having seen lying, and having known that he is *already* there a long time, He said, Do you wish (will, desire, choose, purpose) to become whole? YLT/JY

Why does Jesus ask the superfluous question?

Man lamed for **38** yrs – **asked** do you want – **WHY** - **stupid**

Seems stupid – like asking **poor** – **hungry** – money - food

Stirring up a new vision what God can do
Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, " plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Vision is God's **great plan** in your life – **prosper** – **hope** – **fut**

Prob: have this **adverse** condition so long – **think** – things will **never** change – **lost** vision

Struggled **Ma** – so **long** – **addicted** – **sick** – **dreams** not fulfilled

Struggled in **ma** for so long – say – my marriage as good as it gets

Addicted for so long – say – never get out of it

Sick – so long – say – get to live with it loh

Dreaming not fulfilled - so long – **gave up** - resign live a life of **mediocrity**

Jesus **used** – **38** – show – no matter how long – subj to change – need a **fresh** vision

Prov 29:18

Where there is no **vision**, the people **perish** ... (KJV)

Why is a fresh vision so important?

No vision – **no life** – **no drive** – no dreams just surviving

Life - **possibilities** - 365 days to **endure** – **no** - **great opport** – **bold** in prayer

Abraham, Moses, Paul, Rahab

Young man – talk to God – what a **mill** yr to you

– like one **sec** – what a mill dollar to you – one **penny** – God can I have one of those **pennies** – sure – just a **sec**

How to have new vision?

I. Enter into a New Season of Favour in His Presence

John 5

7 "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am trying to get there, someone else always gets in ahead of me."

No excuses – even set backs

Living in **adverse situ** so long – **easy** – give **reason** – **excuses** – no breakthrough - Oh I had this **handicap**

Like the man by pool - **No one help me** –

Unfairly treated – no **fam** background – bitter **divorce** process – **phy** handicap

How to deal with our so called handicaps?

1. All these may be **real** – don't allow that to **sour** your life – God still can work his **purpose**

John Osteen daughter – Lisa – born with Cerebral Palsy – devastated – pray healed

David Ring – like Lisa born with – not healed – talk

Talk - 3 or 4 times the time need to get word out – **Walks** – legs and arms – don't function like us

Easy sit at home – too bad – speech slow – cant walk – got this handicap –

Nothing slow him down – preach diff to und – first line always is

My name is David Ring **what is your excuse**

WHY – my ma not work; why it works for theirs

Don't know – but the **set back** – need not **keep** you

Lisa healed – honoured God; living with cerebral palsy – **honouring** God with his live

Pray – believe – **meanwhile** – God can **still fulfil** his **destiny** in your life

Got this handicap – don't have right **personality** – **great talents** like her – sing talk annunciate; **color; too short – tall**

Don't have right personality

If only God will make bit more perfect – **more talents** – point is – **God can** – but **meanwhile** – God can still fulfil your destiny

2. Sometimes, what you regard as a handicap – **key - keep** to fulfil your destiny

Key to David –becoming king - **Goliath**

Too **Short** – live 10 yrs longer

Zacheaus

– liability – too short – whole life – fun – overheard all the short jokes – God why can I be normal

One day – heard Jesus coming his way – wanted to see – street so crowded – could have sad – no bad – just short – bad luck – climb a tree – just to have a better glimpse – suddenly his name called – righteous one – laugh – know corrupt – changed him: half – return 4 times

His handicap – **led** him – personal enc with Jesus

Isaac – Gen 27 – not perf time – peo - man 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Same: Man lamed **38** yrs – no one came to help

– missed all my chances; Jesus **used** – show no matter how long – still **subj** to change – **handi** – **led** enc Jesus - whole

This guy has been **exposed** to grace Sheep Gate, pool of Bethesda (house of grace - hesed), with five covered porches Only knew grace in **theory** – **doct** – now with a **personal enc** with Jesus – **exp grace**

Exp his presence – exp God's surpassing **fav**

What meant for harm – yr **handicaps** – cause to work in your favor

New door – supernat oppport – divine connection – right place time

See dream – God put in heart – come to pass

Key ...

2. His Presence will cause you to rest and experience breakthroughs

8 Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your sleeping mat, and walk!"

*9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up the mat and began walking! But this miracle **happened on the Sabbath day.** 10 So the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, "You can't work on the Sabbath! It's illegal to carry that sleeping mat!"*

Why do most miracles happen on the Sabbath?

Most miracles on **Sabbath** – why?

Born blind – paralysed – bound 18 yrs - dropsy

Blind john 9

Deformed paralysed Hand Mark 3

Bound - Bent double 18 yrs Luke 13

Dropsy - legs hand, swollen w fluids Luke 14

WHY? Purposefully - make the Pharisees **angry? kids**

Some – do opp – put down leg – put up Mark 2:27

27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

Rest – key to blessings – Jesus: I **can't help** it, peo at rest – **receive much more from me**

OT – promised land – land; **NT** – rest: place of rest place of blessing

Heb: strive to enter that rest

Gen 6:8

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. NIV

Greatest **hindrance blessings** – **self effort** >If rely on self – lots of anxieties **worries**

Heart attack – **Mondays** – not mon nite – just the thinking of it

Prob – not just the **stress** – the anxieties – fear - **worry**

Greatest hindrance to **healing** – self effort – amazing person – **nose** prob 3 yrs – get the Cd – healed the next day

Ah Chan been fasting and serving – still facing same prob - **Jack**

How to have more rest?

Want to rest – **cant** – **don't try** – key **come** to him

Matt 11:28

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. NIV

If you ministering – peo in **stress** – don't say – have more **rest** – like saying – **poor** – have more money – **sick** – have more health

– end up like Job 3 friends

just present Jesus – He loves – cares – you in palm of his hand – God will cause – what harm – turn in your fav – already at work

Lord of Sabbath – rest

Not mean – BOSS – above law – do anything – LORD – can give you rest

His word has **inherent** power – not even your faith

Lord of rest – rest in **whatever** circum:

Pray with rest

Luther – Sumrall

Luther – middle of nite – s himself standing – oh you – roll over – back to sleep

Lord – of everything that you think **limit** what God can do

Not **cancel** prin of law – new power – like law of thermodynamics overrule gravity
Rom 7:4

First thing HS does - tongue

Isaiah 28:11-12

Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, to whom he said, "This is the resting place, let the weary rest" ...

Karl Petersen – Brain surgeon - ORU

Studies on people praying in tongues

Brain releases 2 chemicals

Immunity increase by 40 %

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pressure down, immunity up 40% - stress level down

SIX years cannot sleep - 2

another drug after 2 hr

pray more in tongues – more peace

Try 1 hr– hit a gusher – joy and peace

unspeakable – healed – now doing a prosperous business

One hour before bed time – tongues – listen to Tape

11 He replied, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Pick up your sleeping mat and walk.' "

12 "Who said such a thing as that?" they demanded.

13 The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd.

14 But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." NLT

Not all cases - Pict Sin –destructive

Destroy health, rel, slave – thinking enjoying life and the fun

Jesus took – all the punishment – crushed

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Jesus paid **infinitely** more – so receive much more (ROM 5 – 5 times much more)

See the **destructiveness** of sins – on the cross

Luke 22:44

44 for he was in such agony of spirit that he broke into a sweat of blood, with great drops falling to the ground as he prayed more and more earnestly. TLB

Not just at the cross – **gdn** - He took our stress, fear and anxieties – **hema-tidrosis**

Dr Frederick Zugibe – Medical Examiner,

NY: human being under extreme stress – along with serve fear anxieties

– blood vessels in sweat glands burst –

causing drops of blood to flow out of sin

Hematidrosis (also called **hematohidrosis**) is a very rare condition in which a human being sweats blood. It may occur when a person is suffering extreme levels of stress, for example, facing his or her own death.^[1]

According to Dr. Frederick Zugibe (former Chief Medical Examiner of Rockland County, New York) it is well-known, and there have been many cases of it.

In a lecture, Dr. Zugibe stated: "The severe mental anxiety... invoke the stress-fight or flight reaction to such a degree causing hemorrhage (hemorage) of the vessels supplying the sweat glands.

... hematidrosis has been reported to occur ... in the presence of profound fear ...

Cited cases:

waiting to be **executed**, bombing of

London, fear be being raped, fear of

storm in a boat

condemned to execution, a case occurring during the London blitz, a case involving a fear of being raped, a fear of a storm while sailing, etc.