

Flourishing in the Rain 8

Flourish by Knowing how to make friends

How to **FLOURISH** and experience greater fruitfulness and enjoy great inheritance by knowing how to make friends, steering away from things that can destroy friendship.

Flourishing by **Speaking** to the Mountain
Some are **praying** for things you should be **speaking** to

Mt – **pict** – **big** – **permanent** – be there **forever** – God's perspective – only speck – only Word last – speak - creation

1. Speak **to** the mountain and not **about** the mountain

Can't speak **defeat** and expect to have vict **Right** mount – know which battle to fight – David – not bro - Goliath

2. Speak to the mountain **out of rest**

Goliath big – God almighty

Resting in His Grace.

Favor – power to complete - completion

How to **FLOURISH** by knowing how to **MAKE** friends.

One reason **many** long standing friendship – **even** ma – **don't last** – **lack** of commitment to rel

W: wish – **news paper** – all day; **H: new one** everyday

Wife: I wish I was a newspaper,
So I'd be in your hands all day.

Husband: I too wish that you were a newspaper,

So I could have a new one every day.

Doctor: Your husband needs rest and peace.

Here are some sleeping Pills.

Wife: When must I give them to him?

Doctor: They are for you

W: what give me – if climb great mt **Everest** – **H: lovely** push

Wife: What will you give me if I climb the great Mount

Everest ?

Husband: A lovely Push...!

That is **NOT** commitment!

Wife of **Billy** – how like living with most prominent ev? Fights? Yes - Ever thot of divorce? Murdur yes but divorce no – never **threaten**

Never **threaten** spouse with divorce – if you ever do that – out of this

President – large corp – wife – sick – don't even recog man – resigned to care – why - cant even recog you

– I made a commitment of this wo 15 yrs ago – she may not recog who I am – I know who she is

Grass greener – water care mown

Sow – plant good seeds – effort to build
Prov 27:10-11

Prob – **ignorant** – don't know how – build friendships – wife **dream**

W: dreamed – lovely diamond watch - evening – small package – open – Meaning of dreams

I. Focus on the positive and you will experience greater fruitfulness

Many can lasting friendship – learn to be more **positive**

Gal 6:1

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. KJV

What happen when we focus on the negative?

Too many peo go thru life – **focus** on – **wrong** – right

New house – thou; **roses, friend** (soon enough) – **miss** blessing – **can't enjoy**

Walk into a **new house** – beautifully deco – instead of seeing a thou things that are right – one small

Drawn to the negative – don't see the beautiful roses – thorns

If you know a person long enough – if focus what is wrong – always see what don't like – keep changing friends – build long lasting rel.

Prov 27:10

10 Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not go to your brother's house when disaster strikes you -- better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away. NIV

Proverbs 17:17

17 A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. NLT

What happened when we always have to focus on the negative?

If we **always** have to focus on negative - the **real** prob – not - ourselves

Gal 6:3

3 If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.

Ice cream – get for you – doc write it down – just kitchen – beacon and egg –

I should have known – forgot toast

Jesus: speck - log

Lady – **look out window** – told husb – our neighbour don't know how to wash – wonder ever use detergent

Day of day – wife said – one day – honey look – what happened – bright as can be – I got up early and clean our window

A critical spirit will keep you from greater fruitfulness.

What happened when we have a negative spirit?

2 Sam 6:16-7:1

As David brought ark to Jeru – dancing leaping – **Michal** – saw – filled with contempt – despise

You recal – dream girl – David risk life for **REV**: dream guy may not be what you imagine

Don't look at things – surface – peace – go **How tackle** – girl or boy – first move?

Normally but – Ok – but reject how – OK – wont die

Don't want go thru life – regrets – should have

Reach home – Michal – in critical sarcastic spirit – **how THE GREAT King looked** –

exposed bef ser girls – like indecent peo I just dancing bef the Lord – chosen leader – **willing to look like a fool – show my joy in the Lord**

23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her life. NLT

Very imp – **not critical** – way peo **worship** – other **ch worship – vision**

What about such and such – what you say – no comment – don't want rob of my blessings

Most imp: REV 7 – you be faithful to the specific message

– word vision of the ch – God place you

Key to the **commanded** blessing

– but **kids** always fighting

But prob – kids always fighting – Ok – as long bonded to you – blessing will flow – unity will flow

Unity come – **bonding!** **Same in ch**

Fam – kids sibling **rivalry** – normal – as long as – each child – **bonded** to the head – unity there – commanded blessing flow
Same in ch – differences – as long as – flow – leader and vision – unique call – blessing will flow

Why is Michal not able to conceive?

Why – not want David's line be filled with negative – **remember**

10 men – influ 2 million – rob inheritance **Prov 13:20**

20 He who walks with **WISE** men will be **WISE**, But the companion of fools will be **destroyed**. NKJV

Good seed – **bad soil**

No matter what good dreams, good seed, enviro of bad soil – wont take root

If you **struggles: depress** – don't hang around with 5 – 5 hrs

If Success? Don't hang out - Lazy, not dreamers, no vision, bitter, negative gloomy all the time - **pull**

May **not be rich** or succesful – but have a big heart and big vision – **need draw best**
Proverbs 22:24-25

You need people that will draw out the **BEST** in you – **everyone potential - empower**

Proverbs 27:17

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Loving and caring – praying – too **precious**
Some people dont **want to change** – come up higher

Kind – polite - **little by little** – less and less time – **if husb – instru - cause him to be not productive**

No more friends – if make right choice, honor God's word

2. Overlook offences and you will be alert to receive great inheritance

Numbers 13:32

32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

Why did the people chose not to receive 'good news'?

10 **spies** – peo **chose listen - receive** evil report – **why?** So **close**

SO CLOSE – can even smell the land

Hold on to their bitter exp - hurts

Ex 6:9

9 So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage. NKJV

Peo like that – hold on hurts

Easily offended – keep weeks

Guy bitten by dog

– doc – rabies – wrote list of names – don't have to do your will – cure – no – list I want to bite

Unfair past – not - unfair fut

What will holding on to your offence do to you?

An easily offended spirit keep you from receiving the good news: the grace and inheritance that God has for you.

Life **can be unfair** – **nat - und (real hurt)** – chose to **hold** on hurt - **miss** opport to receive good news – grace – inheritance destined – **never**

You never know **when** opport will come – **3 days only** – even 24 hrs

It is understandable – but the fact remains
>No perf **place** –
if focus on negative – keep you enjoy good
of the land
>No perf **friend** –
if focus negative hurts – you can build any
lasting friendship
>No perf family –
if focus on hurts – can't enjoy the
commanded blessing

Key: **overlook - ma**

Bef ma – look – after overlook

Some ma think they can change him

Best **bet** – he will be double what he is now
- **jerk**

– tend to - **Lie – never responsible – wo**
– **not interested** in things of God

If he tends to lie – borrow money – womaniser
– not interest in things of God

After marriage – he will be doubly worst –
sudah dapat

Follow – biblical guide and godly advice –
your parent

Overlook – receive – **impart** grace –
harvest grace

Eph 4:29-30

29 Let no foul or unwholesome or worthless
talk ever come out of your mouth, but only
such as is good and beneficial, fitting to the
need and the occasion, that it may be a
blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those
who hear it. AMP

Proverbs 12:25

25 Worry weighs a person down; an
encouraging word cheers a person **up**. NLT

OVERLOOK – becous you **don't** know what
the peo is going thru

Guy met an **unfriendly** guy **BOW** in basket
ball gym – reach out – **Hey bow – great**
to see you

– never respond – cold stoic – couple of
years - 4 to 5 times a week

20 yrs later – walk into ch – guy now a
pastor - saw – familiar – my name – Bow –
play together – tell – raised in a
dysfunctional – 14 live on own – no love
and acceptance – said – main come –
hear – BOW great to see you – no body
ever tell me – glad to see you

Insig words – lift you rut – defeat –
anything hold him down

Life: chicken - hawks – crows – high
road – eagle – hts – belittle you – circle
exclude you – bigger

Dear Pastor Joshua,
I would like to thank you for the words,
especially during the Sunday 10th July 2011.
You have described the difference between

eagle and hawk or crow. Eagles always soar high. At that point I decided that I want to be eagle not crow. Prior to that, I had a very bad relationship with a relative who works with me. My role was to mentor her, but whatever I said, she took it the opposite way. Our relatives know we do not get along well. I almost gave up, because I had prayed to make the relationship better. God did not seem to hear my prayers. However, when you spoke about the eagle and crow, it made me realize that God has given me the **choice**; it was up to me to decide. I wanted to be the eagle. Since then, I look at my niece and her behaviour differently, and not long after that, **“suddenly”** as if my relative had been cured of the “blindness” and could see me in a different view. Her behaviour also totally changed. Praise the Lord! What is amazing is what happened next. God is **restoring complete healing of the relationship**. We have never travelled together or I always try to avoid travelling with her. But, earlier in the year, when planning for a holiday, I had no choice and reluctantly made plans to take her for the trip. I was not really looking forward to the trip! I could not imagine being with her. However, God made **everything good** in His time. After your 10th July message, the breakthrough came, so by the time we went for the trip, it was a wonderful experience.
Sister-in-Christ

What – sow – reap:

Do not sow **bad** seeds

Critical spirit – keep you from greater fruitful

Offensive spirit - keep you receiving good
news - grace - rob inheritance

Overlook – receive grace – impact grace
thru your words

Insig words – lift you rut – defeat – anything
hold him down

I want to be less critical – offensive – try -

sow good seeds – **cant** - Don't try

– not trying to follow Jesus example

Receive his grace - Behold him – in all the
fullness of his grace - transform

In the **great hts** – bathing in the **sun – and -**
son - eagle see far – bigger breaks –
vision - breakthru