

## Flourishing in the Rain 5

### Flourishing by Letting go and Letting God

How setbacks: no matter what, how long or how many times, cannot keep you from your God given destiny if you know how to let go (control, frustrations, strives) and let God.

**INC** the Rain of His Blessings and Miracles - **att**

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1 - Be **grateful** and **thankful** – what have – **don't** have, only see – what's **wrong**

2. Never grow **weary** of doing good  
**DO not** – implies – will be opp't – tried weary

**Tired** of studies, building business – **rel - raising** diff child – waiting **life partner**

**Do not** be weary in doing what is right

Don't deal – feelings – rob – so near yet missed

How – live **one day** at a time

Not – asking – do you lay hold strength - and 15 yrs – not even **tomorrow** – today

**Expect** great harvests in due season

**Unfair** – more unfair if give up – gone too far to stop

Realise you have gone too far to quit

I have been **sacri so** much – **exactly** – sacri too much to give up now

Stressed – more **creative**

Parking

Instead of **running** – dev **self**

**How setbacks** – no matter **what** – how **long** – how **many** times, cannot **keep** you from your God given destiny

Sometimes, in life – **setbacks** – **unfair** situ - **Ma – business – health – unexpected**

**Groom** at the wedding rehearsal – said – during the vow – leave all that honour – love staff – I give you a 100

During the ceremony – do you promise to **bow** down bef – take her **breakfast** to bed – **fulfill** her every desire

– astonish – whisper – that we had a deal  
Priest– hand money back – said: your wife make me a much better offer

Unexpected setbacks - **Why**

I don't know why

– I **do know** – nothing that happen can **keep** you from your God given destiny

Fail – don't see as **final** – **learn** from it

This not defeat me

How to fulfill my God designed **destiny** **despite** setbacks

**Ps 46:10**

10 Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! **NKJV**

10 "Stop fighting," he says, "and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme over the world." **TEV**

Let go – **control – strives - frustrations**

**1. Let go and experience freedom and release**

**Don't be so preoccupied by your dreams till you lost your joy**

**Cancer** – 3 times – never complain – always have never say die att

This too shall pass

Harvest white blood – huge num – I am going to give you twice – thank you – blood cell multiplying - reproducing

Run – lift wt

You man of your word – more than twice

Thru – totally whole

Don't let Set back **sour**

Set backs – don't let that sour you

**Phil 4:12-13**

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. **NIV**

**Content-** happy – every season

**Good** to have – dreams – but don't be – so **preoccupied** on what we want – dream – goals

- not happy – frust us – not enjoy life

If focus **dreams** fulfilled to be happy - **never** be happy

Oh if find **husb** happy – **next** – if I **get rid** of **husb**

Child -

**Bigger** house – smaller - **promotion** – not promoted

**Secret** of content – **Christ** – I can do all things in Christ

**Ps 37:5**

5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. **NKJV**

... **he will act.** **ESV**

**Heb:** roll over

What happen when you 'roll over', let go?

Let go - you – exp a **freedom** and release  
**Turning** over to you - Trusting your **timing**

– know what is **best**

Takes away **power** of enemy – to frust us

You desire to attend certain **college** –

course – not happen – still be happy

**Marry** – not happen – still going to enjoy life – **child - phone**

**Can let go** - at **rest** and peace – fut in your

**hand**

**Psa 66:9**

Our lives are in his hands, and He keeps our feet from stumbling.

Years ago – Pulau Ketam – Lois Lydia small – little boat to bigger vessel to cross – Lydia refuse to let go

He shall act- not way planned - in **amazing** way

Allow – may not be the way you **planned** - in **amazing** way

**Lady** – praying husb – determined – scriptures all over – bible open – one year – frust - disc

Learned to let go

If never come – still happy

Saw her on Sun – as happy as can be

Husb changed – no

Learn to let go – work hard – rest – not happen - happy

2 yrs – one Sun – want to go ch

**Psa 44:3**

We didn't fight for this possession; We didn't work for it - it was a gift! You gave it with love, delight & a smile on your shining face that help us bold to receive it.

Don't have to strive to **make** things happen – **until** – all **upset and frust**

**Osteen** – first in fam to believe – parent good peo – don't believe

All the time trying to bring dad – year after year – share Christ – disappointed

Decided turn over to you

He **didn't give up on the promise** – let go and let God

One day – invited to ch – parent's home town

Sun – notice – dad walked in – last row – middle of message

Interrupted – **finishing today** what I started 30 yrs

Asked to receive – what mean

30 yrs ago - wood alone – huge snow storm – lost dir – nite – prayed

– God if you will let me live – will serve - felt asleep – got up warm as toast

Today – **keeping a promise** to God – do what I do

Join that ch – asked **usher** – take it as president – so proud – one suit – poor

He never miss – years later – found suit – both pockets – stuff with gospel tract – pass to people everywhere he went

Or else miss **30 yrs** of joy

**Let go and see God** – work in **amazing** Always working

## 2. Let God and see God doing amazing work

**Isa 61 7**

Because you got a double dose of trouble and more than your share of contempt, your

inheritance in the land will be doubled and your joy go on forever. Message

**Double:** *repetition, positioning*

What does the word 'double' mean?

Repeated continuous blessings, position – right place and time

**Door** closed –**disappointing situ**

Instead of **frust** – **let go and let God** - this

trouble just qualify me for **double**

– another **step** of God taking us to our **destiny**

**Lost job** – no big deal – not live life upset – new season coming – inc; guy **lost job**

**Lost job** – with comp many yrs – thot upset – opposite – smile – happy – lost job – cant wait – what God doing next

Lost opport – buy that **house** – this **guy** lost opport - Lord **asked**

Disappointed – Lord ask: Do you still want to have that house – even if God has something better in store

Better house and unexpected inheritance

If someone did me wrong – not focus on that - forgive – focus on what God is taking me to

**Losers focus on what they are going through, but winners focus on where they are going to.**

**Cancer** make me looks better

Bef – no body – I look good

Now – your look great

Ps 37:4-5

Heard story of man trained for the **1920**

Olympics – won many competitions – fast on boats – white water rafting

Disappointed – day of competition cloase that first child will be born

– boat – several months

Decision – not going to miss birth of son

Don't have to have the medal to be happy

Son born – fast on boats – white water rafting

**1948** – qualified – Olympic – Helsinki - won

Dear dad – thanks for wating around – coming home 24 yrs later with your – gold medal

Gave to father; **Now** – father **had to medal** – always dream about – even **meant**

**much more** – came from his son – loved

What happen when you 'let God'?

Meditate on these verse and share you revelation:

1 Peter 2:6

I am placing a stone in Jerusalem, a chosen **cornerstone**, and anyone who believes in him will never be disappointed. NLT

**Not mean** – no pain difficulties

Not permanently **disappointed** -

**Focus** on the living stone – Jesus

**Psa 16:5**

The Lord Himself is the best portion of my inheritance – the best inheritance a person could receive. He is my cup, my capacity is unlimited. He upholds and guards my portion. 6 He sees that I am given pleasant portions. Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

What does it mean to have the Lord as your 'cup'?

**Oprah Winfrey** – saw TV - Young African American girl – overcome abuse

**Movie– Colour Purple** – she has the same exp – desire involved – one way or another – how small – audition – best – never told her exp

– week of week – no news – praying dreaming

Too heavy – go away – health retreat – all consume - One morn running – cold raining – alone all by herself – finally– let go

I don't have to be in this movie to be happy  
Let go of control – rest in your will; singing that song – **I surrender all** - over and over again

**Used** to imagine – sing that song – sadly  
- vow to be monk – got to give up millions – sad poor and miserable rest of life

**Actually** – bring greatest blessing and joy  
Rather - sing **spring in step** – **sparkle** in eye – knowing God is going to do **amazing** work

**Shortly** – call from Stephen Spielberg  
– Hey heard fat girl trying to loose wt – you got the pt for now – if lose one lb – you out  
First burger and cake can find

**Amazing things happen** – Let go let God  
On the day of her **final** show.

“I often say, ‘Nobody but Jesus could have made this happen for me,’”

May not **agree** everything she does but don't judge her

– she not a theology – simply a person who let go and let God and exp amazing thing  
– ack Christ bef millions

**Oprah Winfrey** told *Good Morning America* ““I had no stylist, I had no publicist, I [was not] marketing-savvy, I was the most naïve in terms of how the business operated.”

You may **not agree** – everything – she didn't claim to be a **theologian** – she does ack Christ and demonstrate His love

**Just** becous unfair past – does not mean – unfair fut – let go – let God!

All to Jesus I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all,

I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power;  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.