

Great Increase in Times of Distress

The Passions that enable us to overcome and prosper

2 Sam 23:8-12

400 did mighty things, 3 greatest – what key?

v15 – wish – not a command

Risked life - great passion for David

1. Great passion becos: They could see David – worthy of the best

1. God's Representative – may not be perfect
2. Gratitude – the most

valuable – most fruitful productive char

Same way – tihe not a law – why – give? God is worth our best – grati

Good guide – 10%

Soon be able to give more than 10 – more than enough – enjoy the best – with what is left – 1,000 → 100,000

But sometimes, it is more difficult:

John Hagai – Businessman – blessed so much – not easy now – give 10%

Malachi 1:6-11

You know the RIGHT thing to do.

When offering sacri – select the BEST, most VALUABLE, PRIZED lamb - instead

Instead – look for lame, blind, sick, leaning against fence,

Grasp – race to altar – thinking Ok – God

In short the leftovers - worthless

Old furniture, clothing, toys, leftover food – old folks rejected – own family members rejected – pass to church

(Sometimes, it is not the old toys that the church reject, some toys may endanger small kids – best to give cash – our staff trained in children's ministry will know what to buy for the kids)

Not the amount – wo 2 copper coins – best of what she has

10 "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands.

Notice the rebuke given to the leaders – the priests

Responsible to teach on giving and responsible to reject those that are giving their leftovers, being their priests they know their capacity

Why God not accept us to give leftover? UPSET personally? No

He doesn't need the gift - Easily create the best

But when we treat God as worthless – or treat God's preventatives as worthless – in your eyes and give the leftovers

Can't see His greatness and worth

Wont have the FAITH to receive great things from him

Receive a PROPHET – receive a prophet's reward

For our benefit – he does not want us to harvest leftovers

From peo related to us – our spouse, boss or children ...

2. Great passion becos: They saw the great passion of David – champion giver

David himself is a champion giver becos – he saw – God Himself is the greatest champion giver

1 Chronicles 29:14

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Romans 3:25

25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Great passion for Christ - See his passion

1. A passion for His Presence

Psa 111:5 He has given provision to those who revere (worship) Him; He will remember His promises forever. 6 He has shown His people the power of His works in delivering to them the inheritance (lands, possessions) of the nations. JY

His Presence enables us to

overcome hindrances to our blessings

1 Corinthians 6:18

18 FLEE from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

Flee – run for your life – sexual sins – porn ...

Greatest hindrance to our blessings and callings

Pas – don't be so narrow mined – modern age

Realise that sin is extremely COSTLY

Why is sexual sin in particular so costly?

John 8:34 I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a SLAVE to sin. NIV

Sin against own body

Studies – sexual sins (eg. obsession w porn) – reduce brain cell – sharp thinking

Affected many areas:

Studies – Rel – Wk performance

Secular studies – wife feel violated like being rape - 6

– that's the degree of hurt – 6 years to recover (secular study without Christ)

How many like your wife to feel being raped
Successful man – one day life fell apart

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will HINDER your prayers. NIV

Gen 26:12

12 THEN Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. NKJV

Then Issac sow

Told Abimilech – Rebecca – sis – exposing her to being violated sexually

God exposed it – Isaac took resp -

Realise that sin is extremely costly – eventually LIFE

Romans 6:23 For the consequence of sin is DEATH

FREE to choose what you want to do – not consequence

Can choose to jump into pool – cannot choose not to get wet

Unwanted preg - abortion – prema sex

World offer easy soln – leave behind scars – years to heal – if at all

Killing – conse:

Your body – not God – becos of guilt – auto seek pay back with your own life – all kinds of chron disease

Every time you encounter a prob – will imagine – harvesting the sin

Mothers – still LONG for kid after years
Want to flee – how?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

Notice: the power to flee – His presence -

Realise – you temple – presence

We know how precious – item

Know how much item worth – how much peo prepared to purchase it

Precious blood of Christ – life in blood - infinite value

We - Precious – infinite value

Greatest power to overcome sins – see how precious

How to make our teens feel precious?

Amazing: Studies show the tre influ dads have on daughters

That does not undermine role of woman

But we don't know why – girl may have hundreds of peo saying she is beautiful

– but one word from dad devastate
Pastor – I don't und – my girl – so beautiful – go for that jerk of jerks

Sometimes, Best parent – have rebellious kids

At times, the prob – may be – not enough affirmation

Perfectionist – focus on what she is not, instead of what she is

10 points, 7 good – yet focus on the 3 no good

Rod (rotten not an iron rod) – for a child – teen

– esp girls (delicate cell)- discern – more powerful and subtle way

For a teen – tricky - neither a child nor an adult – discern the right way to discipline

Other ways – more **subtle** and **powerful** means to **discipline** - watch

If **WATCH** – don't tell – **FBI** – law – arouses sins

Teens – **WORDS** of instructions and **AFFIRMATION** – **feel precious**

Atten: **Dress?** Anything can Wondered why she chose the jerk – anything can!

Pretend OK, soon → expert

Let them **see** how **VALUABLE**:

They wont give up their body so easily

If someone give you – **PROPERTY** – worth \$1 mill – do you give it up for \$50 – wont be loved and treasured

You no dog – I no **BITCH** – monkey

How does God sees us? Why?

Wondered: How does **God see** you?

Sometimes, we know how we think God sees us by the way we relate to our pastor – fearful of pastor?

May reflect your own fear of God

God does not want us to fear him – revere yes – but not fear

What you fear – you hate

God didn't look at us – you are this that

Thru Mercy Seat – Christ

See you as **righteous** - as if he has never fail – **wholesome**

What happen when we see ourselves as God sees us?

Amazing – when God sees them as **can be** – they become can be! → transformed

Gideon Pet – hey rocky – laugh – immed?

– transformed **IMMED** – no – process – end works

See ourselves as **Christ sees** us:

See **KIDS/SPOUSE** as Christ sees him

Don't **focus** what he **is not** – 10 point – **only** 1 good – focus on the 1 good point

What happen when we focus on the negatives?

If very **critical** – drain your strength!

Don't **even** be critical on **SELF** – think **humble** - pride

News papers – what one person or group does – what can be done – **self** – no **power**

Prov 14 30

A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life; jealousy (**strife, critical, anger, fear, control, possessive**) rots it away.

What is the greatest temptation you can face?

Luke 4:3

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Greatest **TEMPTATION** – **doubt** your **value**

Notice – minus – word – "beloved" Fall into sins – try to **prove** – bef peers

Today – fashionable – if still virgin – teen - call all kinds of names - square

Told: only 1 out of **100** is virgin a western country,

if you still virgin – laugh at – old fashion

Don't be **embarrass** but be **proud** – if peo laugh - 1 of 100 kind – uncommon cheap kinds

Boy – **leave** me?

(Youth: How to be attractive?)

Bible way to be **attractive?** S?

Songs: only for the ma, Christian: Ok – see love of Christ and ch

Song 4:12

12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain sealed.

People got the thinking – **drop** cloth line – sexy

Opposite is true – what you hide

Not Ah Ph – gorgeous - modern

Bible key not let boy had yr body

Prob: once boy got you – treat you cheap

– just play only – but for wife – want one serious – be mother of kids

Amnon - Tamar

Plan your dating! See not hear – comm.

Jeremiah 31:4

I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt, O Virgin Israel. Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful.

Impt – not be overwhelmed with guilt Hebrews 10:2

... For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. NKJV

His Presence releases the Word that releases miracles

Luke 5:17

Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, ... And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. NKJV

How to experience the presence of the Lord to heal our body and circumstances?

Receive His word

2 Peter 1:3-4

Ezra 6:14

14 So the elders of the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah.

Prophesy NKJV

Prophetic words and inspired prophetic preaching

Cho – John Huston – after war – Korea - devastated – Word preached – lift the people up – out of distress, disappointment and debts

Paul Ai

3 keys: yield to Holy Spirit; submit to auth; persevere

Forgive not mean entrust

Testimony - Court cases

Dear Pastor Joshua and Pastor Carey, Thank you for the anointed words that you released from the Lord on 13th Sept 09 during the Anointing and Empowering Prayer meeting.

The words that you released was" **SPECIAL ANOINTING FOR THOSE**

IN TELECOMMUNICATION LINE" and also, you and Pastor Carey said

"**SOME ONE ON MY RIGHT HAND SIDE GOING TO GET PROJECTS**

AND ALSO RELEASES OF FINANCES".

Since I was in telecommunication line and also on your right hand side,

I claimed it and also confessed it. One week later I received a purchase

order from one of my customer which I submitted a quotation three

weeks earlier. This customer never call me for negotiation or for any

discussion. Straigh, I received a purchase order and this order was

SOLID PROFIT OF RM 30K and it is just one week project.

I trully believe it is from **OUR MIGHTY GOD, AND ALL GLORY TO OUR JESUS CHRIST.**

Once again thank you Pastor Joshua and Pastor Carey for releasing the anointed words from **GOD.**

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1. A passion for His passions that brings real fulfillment

Acts 2:17

And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

Of **4 categories** of peo – 3 – young people

Why is God **targeting** the **youth** - pour?

4 categories of people mention here in 3 out of 4, 3 quarter was actually the youth. So God is targeting the youth to anoint and to pour His Spirit upon.

60% of the whole world are aged 24 and under. Mal 1 in 3

6 out of 10 people are under the aged of 24. In Malaysia and Indonesia, 1 in 3

90% of all Christian receive Jesus Christ into their heart before they ever turn 30 years of age.

What about me – **senior** citizens?

God of course continue to use seniors – one of the 4 categories – XYZ gen

What about me – **in BETWEEN** – role - call?

BLESSED - you are both – young and age combined – in all 4 categories

Malachi 4:6

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." NKJV

Why is D all out to destroy

Drugs, porn, distractions

Joseph Stalin

Why is Satan so nervous about the youth? - potential

Tremendous potential – what God can do

Joseph – dream – 17

David – teen – composing psalms

16/17 when he killed the lion and the bear. He was at most 19 years old when he destroyed Goliath

Israel is final stage of rebellion – called – not senior prophet - boy

JEREMIAH 1:7 "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Timothy was just a young kid, somewhere around 19-24 years old.

Under United Nation qualification, he would be a young adult. And he was already install as a

Senior Pastor of a church 60,000 Eph

John the apostle, 16 years old, when he followed Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:10

God records down – what you do

We have the **greatest opportunity** to reach out!

What are some of the opportunities that the VYS provide?

The VYS provides GREAT OPPORTUNITIES for youths:

Expose to the things of God

Presence deliver - net

Grow with proper values

Movies – value sys

Develop relationship skills and character

Getty – pay more for rel skills than academic skills

Fun with other youths

Develop their vision and prosper

All things are lawful but not all are beneficial

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Reach out to their peers

Serve and find God's purpose

Purpose compatibility – not just sp compatibility

Forence Nightingale – chose singlehood – calling

Peo may say – missed great opport – no

– lived a great **uncommon purposeful** and **fulfilling** life – instead of a common life

Edu – married – children – retired - die

Psalms 102:18

18 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:

Heb – last generation

1266 A.D. Marco Polo met K.K.

in his capital city.

K.K. was so touched by the news that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world.

Touched - requested Marco Polo: 100

"Send me 100 men skilled in your faith ... and I shall be baptized, and then my generals + their soldiers + their subjects. And I guarantee you that there shall be more Christians here than your part of the world!"

But after many, many years ... no one came.

Finally, 2 decided to go – hardship - turned back halfway!

This is the greatest missed opportunity in the whole of Church history!

He turned to the Tibetan Buddhists and invited them to spread their religion throughout his empire!

When I survey, the wondrous cross

Not asking you to cross the silk road, traveling 1 year – across deserts to be a missionary in the courts of Kublai Khan

How can I serve with the passion God has for youth?

Would you provide transport for our young people?

Areas: enc your kids, kids' friends, transport,

While in church – security, café, salvation, even ushers (90), join a bible

study – tuition - clean – intercession –
opport endless – limit is your creativity
Youth can serve on Sun – same area