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2021 Focus: ***“STEPPING FORWARD”***

Psalm 37:23

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord
and he delights in his way”*

I. The core of the discipline of prayer isn't just for us to release our concerns by it is for the purpose of preparing the atmosphere for a supernatural expression.

➤ We call this Divine Intervention!

II. Prayer in a time of warfare is a strong weapon. The structure of prayer helps us to model the components:

- Acknowledgement and Adoration; Recognizing the Commander and Chief of our army.
- Confession and Repentance; Revealing our short comings.
- Request and Expectation; Rehearsing our desire.

A. Invocation – the act of summoning Someone ***(God)*** for assistance or calling on one as the authority for help.

B. Gabriel came to Daniel:

- Swiftly
- Touching him
- Around the evening oblation (*sacrifice*)

III. Intervention is for the purpose of bringing Revelation.

IV. Revelation- the Divine or supernatural disclosure to humans of something relating to human existence and/or the world.

V. Stepping Forward: *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delights in his way.* Psalm 37:23

We do not step forward without being equipped for the journey.

VI. Gabriel's assignment was to:

1. Give skill to Daniel (*Behavioral*)

Skill- instructions, to teach, to make intelligent so that one will experience good success or make good choices.

Gabriel was sent to equip Daniel.

Daniel's pattern in difficult times:

- **Daniel 8:16-17 and 27**

¹⁶“And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of Ulai*, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.¹⁷“So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision.”

²⁷“And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.”

- **Daniel 7:28**

²⁸“Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.”

Equipping people with tools for success is difficult if they are not a willing participant in the process.

Prayer helps to alter or change your behavior when you are facing storms.

2. Give understanding to Daniel (*Cognitive*)

Understanding – knowledge or perfectly understanding or wisdom.

- VII. Daniel struggled with the vision

- My cogitation troubled me much
- The vision astonished me but I could not understand it
- I had to asked for interpretation and understanding

- VIII. Paul’s struggle with life:

Romans 7:23

²³“Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”

Romans 8:7

⁷“And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.”

Paul’s Conclusion:

Romans 12: 1-2

¹“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.* ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

IX. Gabriel came to help Daniel re-train his mind.

God has and is still sending people (*angels- messengers*) to equip the saints.

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

¹⁴That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

¹⁶From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The skill and understanding would be tools for Daniel to receive the message of the vision.