



THE GLORY AHEAD IS GREATER THAN THE PAIN BEHIND YOU

Life sometimes confronts us with seasons of pain, disappointment, delay, betrayal, loss, tears, and unanswered questions. There are moments when the burden of the present tries to convince us that our future has collapsed. But the Word of God gives us a higher revelation.

Let me tell you the biblical truth:

- The pain you have incurred from disappointment, denial, failure, and betrayal is not your final destination.
- And as a matter of fact, your entire experience on earth, either good or bad, is not your final destination.
- God never ends the story of a true believer in suffering.
- God's plan for the believer is glory after warfare, restoration after loss, victory after battles, and joy after sorrow.
- The destiny killers want you to focus on what happened in your past, but God wants you to look at what is ahead of you.
- Your increase and fulfillment are not in what left you.

My brothers and sisters, your destiny is both earthly and heavenly. You need to think and look beyond the earthly. In many cases, the enemy uses the earthly struggles to steal our heavenly inheritance.

As you and I stand to take our earthly inheritance, we must also strive to maintain our heavenly promised inheritance.

The Bible says in **1 Corinthians 15:19 (AMP)**, *"If we who are [abiding] in Christ have hope only in this life and that is all, then we are of all people most miserable and to be pitied."*



I have talked about the God of recovery. Total recovery is God's will for His children. David recovered all. It was made possible for Him by God. Recovery is possible. You can rise again. You can rebuild what was destroyed.

I also spoke about your destiny. Your destiny is not an abandoned project in the hands of God. God cannot abandon what He ordained. Your destiny is part of God's plan to save others. No matter where you are in the journey of life, what God meant for your destiny shall surely come to fruition.

We cannot let what went wrong in the past take our eyes off the best that lies ahead of us. You cannot change or fix your past, but you can protect your future. Satan is not fighting with your past, but he is trying to use your past to steal, kill, and destroy your future.

Romans 8:17-19

Through redemption, believers are redeemed, restored, and built for greater glory.

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV), *"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."*

This passage reveals Paul's closing prayer for believers with confidence that God can do far beyond human expectation. So, when you are down, disappointed, or have failed, God can lift you higher than where you were before the fall, and He can give you greater and better than what you lost.

So, based on biblical assurance, we know that:

1) THE PRESENT PAIN CANNOT CANCEL FUTURE GLORY

Pain is temporary. Glory is lasting. Many believers mistakenly think pain means abandonment by God. But throughout Scripture, we have seen God often allow process before promotion.



Romans 8:18 (KJV), *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

As you can see from this passage, Paul did not deny suffering, but he declared that suffering cannot be compared with the coming glory.

- Joseph endured prison before the palace.
- David fought lions and rejection before the throne.
- And our Lord and Savior Jesus endured the cross before resurrection glory.

My brothers and sisters, the truth is, what you are experiencing now is not strong enough to stop what God has prepared for you.

Isaiah 43:2 (KJV), *“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.”*

Notice God said “when pass through, when thou walk through” not “when thou pass or walk into forever.”

Brethren with heavy burdens today, thinking it is over. Let me tell you, you are passing through, and you are not passing alone. God is with you to bring you the future glory.

2) Through the biblical assurance, “YOUR TEARS ARE NOT WASTED IN GOD’S HANDS, AND YOUR TRIALS ARE NOT YOUR CONCLUSION. GOD WRITES THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE STORY OF A BELIEVER.

Night seasons are real, dark moments will come, and no one can stop the season of disappointment. But they are temporary. And what comes after is usually divine and supernatural.

Psalms 30:5 (KJV), *“For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”*



There are believers who think or say, “I have suffered too long, nothing good can come again, and my best days are over...” But God sent this message to inform you that you are entering your morning season of joy, glory, favor, and breakthrough.

You are like a woman in labor who experiences pain, but the pain is not normal because it is producing life. The greater the delivery, the more intense the pressure.

My brothers and sisters, some of your battles are birth pains for the next dimension of your destiny.

3) ANOTHER ASSURANCE WE HAVE THROUGH THE BIBLE IS THAT, “THE GLORY AHEAD WILL SILENCE THE PAIN BEHIND.

Your affliction, failure, or disappointment is not permanent. One encounter with God can erase years of tears. One divine visitation can change everything. One message like the one you are hearing today can restore your lost hope of greater glory.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (KJV), *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory....”*

The glory ahead includes: spiritual restoration, answered prayers, open doors, healing, favor, breakthrough, fulfillment, and divine settlement.

1 Peter 5:10

Notice the sequence:

- from suffering
- to establishment
- then strengthening
- and finally, to settlement.



This is one of the things that makes God the greatest:

- God never leaves His people in the valley forever. After 430 years, He brought the Israelites out of slavery.
- He brought Daniel out of the lion's den alive.
- He brought the three Hebrew boys out of the fire alive.
- He took Joseph out of the prison into the palace for the fulfillment of his dream.
- He came through for Abraham with a promised child.
- While Peter was in the execution waiting jail, God sent an angel to set him free.

God will never leave His people in the valley forever. However, God is a God of process.

WHAT MUST YOU DO DURING THE PROCESS?

- **Keep trusting God.**

Do not allow pain to change your faith. Trust begins where human understanding ends. When circumstances seem uncertain, you must hold on to God, believing that He remains the same.

Proverbs 3:5-6

- **Speak faith continually.**

Stop prophesying defeat over your future. Faith is not something you believe in your heart; it is also something you release through your words. Instead of constantly speaking of fear, defeat, hopelessness, or unbelief, speak the words that agree with God's promises.

2 Corinthians 4:13



- **Expect restoration.**

Expectation creates spiritual readiness.

Proverbs 23:18

- **Pray Always.**

Prayer is not only for emergencies or church services. It is the daily breath of a believer's spiritual life. It is a lifestyle of constant fellowship, communication, trust, and connection with God.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Conclusion:

Children of God, do not build your theology around your present pain. Build it around God's eternal promise. Your current season is only a chapter, not the conclusion. There is glory ahead: glory after suffering, glory after delay, glory after warfare, and glory after tears.

The God who preserved you through the storm is preparing to reveal His glory through your life. The pain behind you is real, but the glory ahead of you is greater.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV), *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."*

PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS: The pain behind you shall not define the glory ahead of you. Every season of tears is turning into testimony. What the enemy meant for evil, God shall turn for your good. Your delayed season shall become a rewarded season. The Lord shall restore your strength, joy, peace, and vision. Your future shall be greater than your former days. Every shame shall give way to glory. The glory of God shall manifest in your life and in the work of your hands. You shall not end in pain; you shall end in victory. Your latter end shall greatly increase in Jesus' name. Amen!



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