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ENOUGH!

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

God wants the very best for you. He endowed you with calling and gifting and planned for your destiny. God knows your end from the beginning—that’s what a ‘plan’ means. When you make a plan, you likewise know the end from the beginning. There’s power in planning. His plan is enough!

You choose whether you’ll step into what’s already been prepared for your success or whether you’ll stand back in trepidation—not seeing the hand of God in your life. Your choice becomes your plan.

Much of Christianity is in a self-help mode—they want to correct what’s ‘wrong’ with them. It originally started back in the Garden of Eden. *“God saw everything that He made, and indeed it was very good.”* Yet Adam and Eve didn’t think they were good enough to be like God so they tried to improve themselves.

Eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was to make them feel good enough. But it changed their perception too. Now they viewed everything from their lack and shortcomings. They fell short of the grace of God and made clothes to cover themselves—and not thinking they looked good enough, they hid too.

God’s response to Adam and Eve was “Who said you were naked?” God was never upset with their innocence! Steps were taken to redeem man from the error of not being good enough. The Old Testament is the pictorial history of redemption.

If you think you’re not good enough, it’ll hinder your success in every realm. The negative thought causes defeat. Not knowing the truth you work against His grand plan for your life.

How did you become self-conscious? You let your focus be shaped—not by what God thinks of you but by what others think of you. You don't feel adequate unless you're working on perfecting something you think isn't good enough—what's wrong with you or missing in your life. It's a journey of self-improvement so that you feel 'good enough.'

You hear in the language of your perception. If you're correcting your failures and think the purpose of your life is to change what's wrong with you, then you'll never hear the words about your strengths—they'll sound too foreign to you. Condemnation and guilt won't redeem you either. It'll only make you feel worse.

The redeemed of the Lord desire to know what's possible. That happens because your perception of yourself has changed! It's the end of self-consciousness and the beginning of His reign of righteousness in you. Your eyes are now open to what's possible for you rather than what's not. You want something better and receive God's grace to achieve it.

You're redeemed and act on your beliefs. That means your plan is to accomplish your destiny. You've had enough of failure—you're looking for what works, for what's possible for you.

That's the power of becoming what you behold. If you believed you weren't good enough you weren't. But if you believe you can be what you think about, you do! Being good enough is a matter of choice.

There's new focus for the redeemed of the Lord. You are God-conscious and perceive: "*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me ...*" The power and abilities in you are enough! And now you wholeheartedly step in to do your part in the Body of Christ.

"They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." You became what you beheld ... you are what you think ... and you do what you plan. This makes you very successful. You know that you're already good enough and have what it takes to break through any barrier.

In the past the Body of Christ has spent so much time thinking about what's wrong or not working. We've had enough of that! It's time to wholeheartedly seek God—setting your face to know God's plan for the ages! That means you'll discover how you fit into the plan and how to function. And if you really become what you behold, it changes your life forever!

You're in a quest to learn your identity and purpose. Therefore you've stepped into a much higher level of understanding and creative ability. The change is good—it transforms you. But there's no shortcut to reaching your destiny.

Step by step you come up the spiritual ladder—it's a gateway to the operations of God. You hear the sound of the fullness of water and you feel His power flow through you. It's the sound of the water that clarifies your mind and stirs your soul. *"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb."*

The sound that wakes you now wants you to decide—are you self-conscious or God-conscious? God extends His hand toward you. What do you do? Do you hold back because you think you're unworthy—that the word of your testimony lacks the sweet fragrance of Christ—that you're not good enough? Or do you take the step to come up higher and accept the hand that's offered to you? And He says, "*For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'*"

You are enough in Him! You've come to a place of authority, of 'response'-ability. Your time has come to express your voice. All that's happened to you in life now becomes the platform for you to stand upon—it's the 'response' of your 'ability.' You take the step and assume responsibility for your future.

The power of God is within you. You're able to fulfill your destiny. Jesus says, "*My grace is sufficient for you.*" You're not lacking in anything—you're good enough! And best of all, you really believe it's true!

God is building a structure—The Body of Christ is the Temple of God. The foundations were laid from the ancient of days. And the platform you stand on speaks of freedom, tranquility and restoration. You stepped through a barrier ... breaking through every resistance to step into the inner man in the Body of Christ.

You sought spiritual enlightenment and guidance, looking to be uplifted in some way—and you are! You now care little about what others think of you—you're free to be God-conscious and speak your testimony.

And you're not alone. Others stand with you and have a testimony also. "*They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.*"

Your testimony is key to the growth of the Body. Together each of us grows into the House of God—"*filling the whole earth with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the seas.*" Your testimony is a platform for others to stand on until the House is complete.

"Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to dwell in."

The Hall of Faith in the Book of Hebrews is an example of a platform in the House of God. It's the testimonies of those who fought the battle before us that make up the platform. It includes those "*not accepting deliverance, that they may obtain a better resurrection.*"

June 6, 1944 of World War II—now remembered as D-Day is a vivid portrayal of building a platform. It's said that the amphibious landing craft escorted and landed 156,000 assault forces on 5 beaches along the Normandy Coast. The enemy's formidable defenses on Omaha Beach

included 13 strongholds and the water and beach were heavily mined. Casualties rose to almost 2,400 on that beach alone!

There's an urgency to expedite the command given. Many young men stepped off the landing craft and into a watery grave. For some their gear was too heavy to maneuver in the deep water. And many were gunned down by the enemy fire. They heroically faced death. They chose to take the next step even if it meant laying down their life to build a Wall of Liberty.

These soldiers ran forward to complete something ... and they became the foundation of a platform for others to stand on. Some make it to the beach alive literally standing on those that went before them. They all had a special part in winning the war. Together they became a mighty moving force for liberty. *"And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."*

Following Israel's victory during the 1967 Six-Day War the Western Wall—the Wailing Wall came under Israeli control. Israel's fifth Prime Minister, Yitzchak Rabin described the feeling saying, "There was a moment in the Six-Day War which symbolized the great victory: that was the moment in which the first paratroopers ... reached the stones of the (Wailing Wall, and felt) the emotion of the place; there never was, and never will be, another moment like it. Nobody staged that moment ... it was as if Providence had directed the whole thing: the paratroopers weeping loudly and in pain over their comrades who had fallen along the way, the words of the Kaddish prayer ... after 19 years of silence, tears of mourning, shouts of joy and the singing of Hatikvah."

In 1982 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall was erected. The emotion of silence and mourning, of respect and appreciation are extended from those who stand or place their hand upon the name of a fallen family member or comrade. Since then, two replica's of the wall tour the U.S. each year—the "Moving Wall" and "The Wall that Heals." It's brought closure to the men and women who fought there, and even to this day personal items are left at the wall. It's become our wailing wall to remember the brave military that put their lives on the line for freedom.

As tragic as any death of a loved one is, there's a comfort in knowing what they died for. Liberty makes valiant men immortal. The platform is simply the plan of the ages. It manifests in and through each of us. It's a spiritual living force that we're part of and one with. We can't wait for another—our time has come! It's our turn to take the next step that completes the platform for the ministry of the saints!

We see that the things that happened to us are meant to be collected together to complete a greater purpose. We see the hand of God in operation in our life. That's why looking back at your life you see even more of how God was there ... and we feel the full weight of our anointing.

We're learning the language and a government of the Kingdom but we need to learn the culture. Culture is the operation of God in the earth. It's the hand of God—and when you see things happen and know it's Him! God is All-sufficient and makes us 'enough' in Him!

It's time to step into all of God. We can't make something happen on our own ... but we can step into what's already happening in Him! We can't speed things up either, but He can!

What's holding you back from taking the next step? Often soldiers say that it's only when they considered themselves as already dead that they could go out on the battlefield and do what they were trained to do without any reservations. When they weren't afraid of what could personally happen to them, they stepped into a God-moment and became the extension of His hand of operation.

Some of you have had 'enough!' And when you say 'enough!' you're likewise at the point of stepping into your purpose. If you recognize the God-moment—you can also be confident that the grace you need is already more than enough to succeed.

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