

Breaking Free From Containment: 8

Inherit The Nations ~ Inhabit The Desolate Cities

Isaiah 54.1-3

Joshua 3.15

The Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest.

- Harvest comes from the flood. The flood waters deposited necessary silt for harvest
- When we break forth we leave a legacy for our future and those that will come after us.

The decisions we make today affect the course we walk tomorrow - "whatever a man sows that he will also reap" (Galatians 6.7-8) - the things we say and do today have an impact on our future.

Let us look at some people from the Bible, whose decisions and course of action had a massive impact on their future:

Numbers 20.7-12

Moses: chosen by God to lead God's people out of Egypt and to the Promised Land – instead of speaking to the rock he strikes it with his rod – this action prevented him from entering the Promised Land.

2 Samuel 12.9-11

David: Israel's greatest king and mighty warrior – he committed adultery, and murder in trying to cover it up – this action brought division and adversity in his family and kingdom.

Genesis 16.11-12

Abram: God promised him a son – Abram in trying to bring the promise to fulfilment lay with Hagar, Sarai's maid, Ishmael is born, Abram later pleads to God for him (Genesis 17.18-21) – his actions have resulted in thousands of years of rivalry and enmity (Ishmael was head of the tribe of Ismaelites (or Midianites) and is the father of the Muslim Arabs).

Matthew 27.3-5

Judas: chosen disciple of Jesus, one of the twelve apostles – his love for money and material possessions was his downfall, he betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins – realising the full consequences of his actions cost him his apostleship, he went out and killed himself.

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Joshua came through the flood – the flood speaks to us of harvest, our inheritance. The purpose of our breaking forth is so that we can inherit and take possession of the promises of God.

The word inherit literally means to 'occupy, drive out and possess; seize, inherit, expel and cast out'

Containment is to be in bondage to a thing or kept in slavery to it.

The enemy, the devil, satan – he is the one who contains us. He is the one who will prevent us from taking advantage of our inheritance. He is the one that we need to cast out so that we can occupy what God intends for us.

Luke 9.1; Luke 10.17-20

Jesus has given us authority to cast out the enemy – in His name

The disciples returned with great joy saying 'the demons are subject to us in Your name'

We have been given the power and authority to dispossess the enemy, to cast down demonic activity, to bind the powers of darkness

To break free from containment we need to start claiming the promises of God, casting out the enemy and taking possession of our inheritance.

When it comes to breaking free from containment we need to take the word of God, seize it and not let go – like a dog with a bone.

How do we do this - we must keep speaking it and acting upon it, even though it may look like nothings happening – it's changing and shaping our future, and soon it will be made manifest and we will be FREE from the things that once contained us.

Luke 8.15 (The Message)

“But the seed in the good earth – these are the good-hearts who seize the Word and hold on no matter what, sticking with it until there's a harvest”