

Condition vs. Position

When you are in Egypt or in the Wilderness, God's main concern is your *condition*. Concerned with getting you free.

When you cross over into the Promised Land He is more concerned with your *position*.

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

“And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,”
Philippians 2:8-9 (NIV)

“For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus”
Ephesians 2:6-7 (NLT)



Cultivating Shalom: Part 3

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Hebrew word for Peace is *Shalom*. *Shalom* is the sense of well-being that comes when brokenness is made whole again.

We need to do what God called Joshua to do;

1. Meditate on God's Word
2. Do not submit to Fear

The root word for *Hebrew* means “one from beyond” or “from the other side”. The related verb *aver* means “to pass, cross, or traverse”.

To be Hebrew means to cross over!

“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (NIV)

The Hebrew word for “wilderness” is *midbar* that comes from the root word which means “to speak.”

4 Promises or Pillars of Lake Effect Church:

1. KNOW GOD – God promises to rescue you from bondage.
2. FIND FREEDOM – God promises to deliver you from whatever holds you back.
3. DISCOVER PURPOSE – God promises to help you discover His original intention for your life.
4. MAKE A DIFFERENCE – God promises to make you a part of a family that is making a difference in the world.

“For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way.”

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (NIV)

The Greek word for “blocked our way” means to “cut a ditch in the road.”

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19 NIV

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.”

Isaiah 43:18 NIV

“You don’t so much arrive in the Promised Land as you inhabit it, and it inhabits you.” Steve Weins

The Promised Land is also referred to as Canaan. Canaan is a Hebrew word meaning *lowland*. It is also related to word “to be humbled, to humble oneself or to kneel.”

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,” 1 Peter 5:6 ESV

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Matthew 23:12 ESV

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

James 4:10 ESV