

When Life is at a Standstill

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Your Life is at a standstill with nothing going on. You don't seem to be moving ahead nor are you going backwards. Everything you do to try and get ahead backfires and turns out wrong. It's like time has forgotten about you and while those around you are moving forward you are still standing in the same spot. Why is this happening to you? What have you done to deserve this? Why can't you get ahead like everyone else?

The myth that we are supposed to be prosperous and happy all the time.

One of my clients could not understand why her life seemed to be stagnated. She tithed, prayed, tried to live a righteous life and did all the things that were required of her but still she could not get ahead. A relative had suggested that she might have a generational curse on her and so she consulted with several prophets all to no avail. By the time she came to me she was exasperated and felt like giving up on life.

You might be a victim of one of life's biggest misconceptions. It is widely preached that as a believer your life is supposed to be joyous, happy and prosperous at all times, this is simply not true. The truth is that you and everyone else on this earth will go through cycles where you're on top of the world and those moments such as now where your life is in decline. It is a phase and it will not last forever. Everyone goes through this phase of stagnation in their life when nothing seems to go their way. In Matthew 5:45 Jesus taught his disciples about this. **That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Moments of stagnation are for a reason.

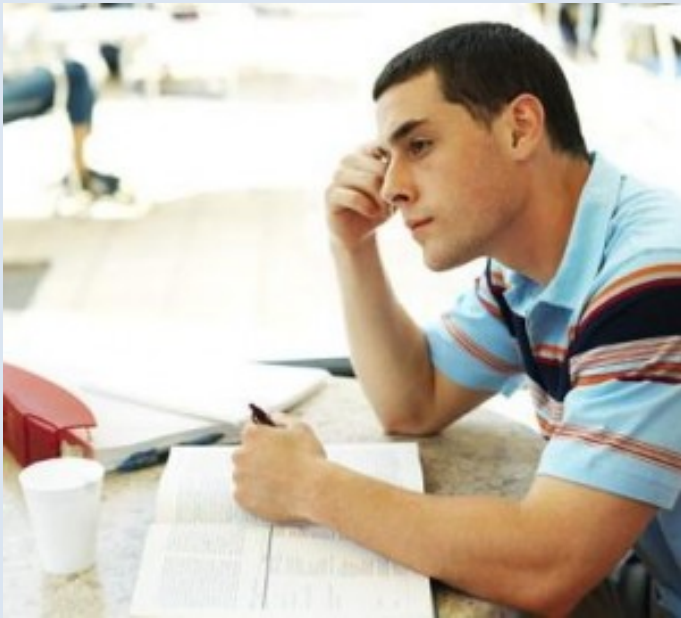
In the season of autumn the leaves on trees change colors and become beautiful shades of gold and red. Eventually, these very same leaves become brown, wither, die and fall off the trees onto the ground. Yet again, these same decaying leaves become broken down into the soil during winter and become fertilizer for flowers and other plants in the spring. This whole phenomena of nature is reflective of the sacred process we call life.

So what is the purpose of this period of stagnation which has touched your life? Like our physical season of fall, this period of decline in your life is meant to give you focus and better refine the overall outlook of your life. In Ecclesiastes 3:7 the Bible teaches us that **there is a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.** In this season of your life it is a time to be silent, reflective of the path that has led you to this point and strategize where you want to go in the coming times ahead. This is a season of planning and preparation.

What you should do during these times of stagnation.

A tornado was preparing to touch down in a small Alabama town. One couple in the town decided that instead of leaving for safety they would ride the storm out. Within an hour the tornado was upgraded to an F5 rating. The tornado swept through the small town and demolished it and the couple lost their lives. Sometimes we have to respect the natural forces of life.

During this phase of your life instead of trying to force things to happen for yourself you will have to be patient and wait this time out. Take time to examine who you are as a person taking note of your strengths and weaknesses. This is also an excellent time to plan for your future and begin to look at what you need to work on to improve your life. In this quiet non-active stage of your life it is wise to use it to gain more knowledge on those things that interest you most. Whether it is reading, studying, researching, analyzing or taking a course, educational pursuits during this season of your life will produce greater things in times to come.



Conclusion

Prophet Jeremiah and Job faced a multitude of problems and both felt that life was just being unfair to them. Interestingly, both of these men of God cursed the day they were born because of the trials they had to endure.

Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, a man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me. Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to

see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame? Jeremiah 20:14-18

In the end, Prophet Jeremiah was shown great honor by the Babylonians and was richly provided for and Job recovered all that he had lost during his trials and more. Your situation will change one day soon and life will move forward for you. Don't waste this precious time wallowing in self-pity or lamenting about the things you don't have. Utilize this time to prepare for the time when God will touch your life and begin to open up new opportunities for you. As an added strength builder and covering during this time, every morning when you wake up say the Lord's Prayer as Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:9-13.

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