



The Power Of

Divine Connections

People to pay attention to in New Seasons

'The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day.' Proverbs 4:18

'The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.' Psalms 32:8

The Lord's design for our lives is that as we walk closely with Him, He causes our oaths to shine ever brighter. This means He will take us through various seasons in our life, with each season designed to bring us into a deeper dimension of our relationship with Him.

As the Lord leads us into new seasons, He also connects us to people in whom He has placed specific things we need for that season and at times even beyond. Even if He speaks directly to us and we receive specific instructions and anointing for an assignment, there are people we need to have in our lives to help us actualize what God has said. But if we don't know this, we may be ignoring the vehicles the Lord has assigned to help us.

Our prayer is that as we explore the divine connections that God can orchestrate to equip us, we recognize the reason we must pray them into our lives. We pray that we receive spiritual discernment, enabling us to identify them and align with what God has purposed for the connection. We also ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the role people already in our lives are meant to play according to our divine mandate.

Day 1

Connections for Provision

'Then the Lord said to Elijah, "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you.'" 1 Kings 17:8-9

God works in and through people, and when He wants to bring provision into our lives He typically does it through human connections. There are specific people God has assigned to us who hold the provision we need for that's season and doing so isn't a burden for them because God has already orchestrated it. This means that before we engage people, we must first engage God to find out who are the ones assigned to us.

'So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days.' 1 Kings 17:15

'The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.' Proverbs 10:22

When it was time for Elijah to leave the Cherith brook, the Lord informed Him in advance that He had instructed a specific widow to feed him for the rest of the famine. It was this instruction that made her amenable to Elijah's request even though she was already in a dire situation. The famine didn't end, but in the midst of it there was provision for both Elijah and the widow. God's provision isn't selfish or parasitic in nature. As He makes provision for us, He also blesses the providers so it's a win-win. When we try and orchestrate provision by ourselves, there's a tendency for it to become one-sided and unsustainable because the inspiration isn't from God.

'Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.' Luke 2:52

The Lord works from within first, giving us the direction regarding who to connect with and giving the people He's connected to the desire to do what He's asked them to do on our behalf. One of the ways He does this is giving us favour before the ones assigned to us. If favour wasn't necessary, Jesus wouldn't need it. The Lord knows that when favour goes to work on our behalf, we don't have to engineer situations, rather we simply align with what He is doing in the background so we achieve His desired outcome.

Prayer: Lord please show me the people You've connected me to for provision in this season and grant me favour before them.

Day 2

Connections for Transformation

“... you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the place of worship... At that time the Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them. You will be changed into a different person.” 1 Samuel 10:5-6

Whatever it is that we are to achieve or become in the new season, God will connect us to a person or people whose presence in our lives is designed to bring about the right change and usher us into the new reality. When Samuel anointed Saul as king over Israel, one of the things that Samuel said would happen is that Saul would come across a specific group of men that would cause him to change.

“Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.” 1 Timothy 4:14

Throughout the Bible we see how God uses people to help others change and activate His call upon their lives. David was just a young boy tending sheep until Samuel anointed him. The mighty men of Israel were once the rejects of the society until they met David. Joshua was able to lead Israel into Canaan because of Moses' impact on his life. Timothy was successful in ministry because of the mentorship of Apostle Paul. The presence of the right people always makes a difference.

“So it was, year by year, when she [Hannah] went up to the house of the Lord, that she [Peninah] provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.” 1 Samuel 1:7

The connections may not always be pleasant as God may use adversity to shift us out of our comfort zones to bring transformation in our lives. Peninah's persistent provocation pushed Hannah to making a vow to the Lord, leading to Samuel's birth. Saul's provocation of David led to him leaving the familiarity and comfort of his home, but it was while on the run that he became a transformer and leader of mighty men. So when we're going through such experiences, we must ask God what that experience is meant to achieve in us.

Prayer: Lord please connect me to the person/people that will activate the call of God upon my life and cause the right change. Network our steps so we encounter one another and help me discern them.

Day 3

Connections for Spiritual Activation

'And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:18-19

'...These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.' Acts 17:6

Inside Peter, Andrew and the other disciples of Jesus was the capacity to become people who would take territories for God and turn the world upside down. But had Jesus not activated this capacity, that potential would have remained unfulfilled. Spiritual activation occurs when we encounter people who sharpen us spiritually by opening us up to the deeper things of God.

'Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.' Luke 24:45

'...Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.' Acts 8:30-31

Jesus and Philip illustrate how people are led by the Holy Spirit to activate others, which tells us that not just anyone can act in this capacity. Spiritual activation has to be spirit-led as it's the Holy Spirit who knows what He's put in us that's still dormant. Some connections are for a given season, while some are for a lifetime. It's important we discern this, even as we understand that the people He connects us to are His representatives for that objective – no one should ever replace the Holy Spirit in our lives.

'For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.' Hebrews 5:12

God is primarily interested in our spirit and who we're becoming as we grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him and He never bypasses His process. In maturing in our knowledge of Him, we also become agents of spiritual activation as He connects us to others to aid their growth in the knowledge of Him. This way there is always continuity in our maturity and propagating His ways across people, geographies and generations. If we don't actively seek His guidance in being continuously activated, we risk missing opportunities to mature and there are some things that the Lord will not entrust to immature believers.

Prayer: Lord please help me discern those You have chosen to act as agents of my spiritual activation. Help me in this journey so I can also be one of those You partner with to activate others.

Day 4

Connections for Strategic Information

“So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.”... Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David... “Can you take me down to this troop?” So he said, “Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop.”” I Samuel 30:8,11,15

While David and his men were out to battle, their town was pillaged and families taken hostage by the Amalekites but David didn't know specifically where they'd been taken to. Things turned around when his men found someone in a field who provided the information they needed to recover all that was taken. The critical step David took was to inquire of God first, he didn't just jump into activity. Based on the information, David and his men recovered all that was lost plus extra.

“...Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to go on ahead of us.” And he went on. “But you stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God.”” I Samuel 9:27

Samuel gave Saul specific information to let Saul know that he was to be anointed king over Israel and all the signs given came to pass. This was important because there was nothing in Saul's lineage to suggest that he could be king and he was fearful of taking up the role. Sometimes there are people God connects us to who give us the direction required to take the next steps especially where we are afraid to do so.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:5-6

There's a pattern we must observe with God, when He prompts, He also leads - He doesn't expect us to figure things out on our own which is why He connects us to people who give us the strategic information we require in a given season. But it's up to us to discern them. Saul was looking for something else when he met Samuel. For David there wasn't anything about the man his men found to suggest he held the strategic information they required but he was the key to their recovery efforts. When we allow the Lord to position people in our lives, we give room for Him to bring the information and direction we need for that season through His designated vessels.

Prayer: Lord help me discern the people in whom You have placed strategic information for my season and please connect me to them.

Day 5

People of Skill

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah...And I have personally appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to be his assistant. Moreover, I have given special skill to all the gifted craftsmen so they can make all the things I have commanded you to make” Exodus 31:1-2, 6

New seasons bring a new dimension of God’s purpose for our lives and there are people we need to connect to who have the requisite skill for that season. When it was time to build the temple, the Lord told Moses the specific craftsmen needed to lead the team designated to make the items. These were men God had filled with the wisdom for the task ahead so Moses didn’t have to engage in trial and error.

Whether it’s starting a business, new job or a project we need the right people in place, we need the right team for the task. It’s not just having people in positions, but having people who understand the purpose you’re embarking on and have the skill set to add value to that project or process. It can be extremely frustrating and exhausting having to function as a “lone ranger” carrying practically every aspect of the task, project, business etc by yourself. We don’t have to bear the burden alone, we can ask God to connect us to the right people who He has adequately equipped for the assignment.

“So Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and all the others who were specially gifted by the Lord and were eager to get to work.” Exodus 36:2

The people we need to pray in don’t just have the requisite skill, but also the willingness to take responsibility, demonstrate loyalty and at times even sacrifice their comfort in order to ensure the task is completed successfully. We see these traits demonstrated in the craftsmen the Lord selected to work on the temple project. There were no clashes because of ego or tensions because some people shirked their responsibilities. Everyone did what was required to achieve the final objective, fully utilizing the gifts God gave them. Imagine the impact of having such people as partners, colleagues, employees, etc.

Prayer: Lord please connect me to the people who You’ve given the skills and the character required for me to achieve Your objective for this season

Day 6

Dangerous People

“Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.” Psalms 144:7-8

When God wants to fulfil purpose on earth He works through people. Likewise when Satan wants to fulfil purpose he also works through people. This means that it's vital we discern Satan inspired connections as well as those of God. David described such people as foreigners who speak lying words and act deceitfully which shows that satan inspired connections don't immediately appear obvious to us as the relationship is based on a foundation of lies and deceit on their part.

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”” 1 Samuel 16:7

Relationships are built from the heart, but without the help of the Holy Spirit we will be limited to what our natural eyes see. Should the Lord prompt us to be wary of someone and either limit their access to us or end the relationship altogether it's because He knows what's in the heart of the person and who is inspiring their actions. Some connections we need to avoid or end aren't necessarily with people who intend to wrong us, but their presence in our lives will take us away from God's plan for us. Because God looks further ahead than we possibly could and sees the negative impact of that connection on our destiny, He prompts us to be wary of such people. This requires a high level of sensitivity on our part and a willingness not to be led by our emotions but God's instructions.

Prayer: Lord keep me from people whose hearts are not truly with me and anyone that will have a negative impact on my walk with You. Where a relationship has already been formed, give me the grace to walk away.

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