

Lessons. From The King's Court

Access, Alignment, Authority



"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

One of the things we're praying for this year is divine alignment, expansion of our territories and influence because the expansion of the children of God is the expansion of the kingdom of God. As we get ready to walk in the realities of the days to come, we're reminded that there's always a God part and a human part for there to be a manifestation of what was prophesied or promised. This tells us that our actions play a significant role in determining the outcome we experience.

This series we are looking at lessons from the king's court around 3 key areas: Access, Alignment and Authority trusting that the Lord will use it to guide us in the direction of what is right and equip us for every good work.

We pray the Holy Spirit will open our eyes and hearts to what He's saying to each of us about our destiny.

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Day 1

Strategy

"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18

The dictionary defines access as the ability, right, or permission to approach, enter, speak with, or use something/someone/somewhere.

In historical times the king's court was a place where nobles and people of distinction gained access to either by virtue of birth, accomplishments, political/social exigencies or a direct invitation by the king. One of the ways God prepares us for enlargement is by giving us insight into the rules, regulations and nuances that will give us access to the courts of kings. This part of the series focuses on 5 methods of access and the focus today is strategy for expansion.

"There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me." 1 Corinthians 16:9

To gain access to enlarged territories battles must be fought and sacrifices made. There's no unoccupied territory either in the natural or spiritual. Therefore enlarging our territory means dispossessing others of theirs. And no one gives up territory without a fight.

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11:12

"Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time." Luke 4:13

We have an enemy that is defeated, but bold and stubborn. When Satan tempted Jesus he didn't give up permanently but was always on the lookout for a way to bring Jesus down. His methods haven't changed. The enemy knows we have a right to expansion and access to all things through Jesus, but that won't stop him from trying to frustrate us. If anything, the enemy ramps up efforts when it's clear that we understand who we are in Christ as this makes us a greater threat to his activities.

No one succeeds consistently in battle without a strategy so we must have total clarity from God on the appropriate battle strategy for the season. What worked last year won't automatically work this year. One of the critical questions we must always ask the Lord is, "what is the winning strategy for me this season?"

Prayer: Lord please give me a revelation of the strategy for this year that will lead to the enlargement You've already ordained for me.



Day 2

Relevance

"He immediately consulted with his wise advisers, who knew all the Persian laws and customs, for he always asked their advice. The names of these men were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan—seven nobles of Persia and Media. They met with the king regularly and held the highest positions in the empire." Esther 1:13-14

"Some time later King Xerxes promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite over all the other nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire." Esther 3:1

King Xerxes has 7 nobles he listened to and always sought their advise, to the extent that they determined what happened to Queen Vashti. However we see that a few years later, Haman who wasn't mentioned among the initial 7 was promoted over all of them. One wonders how did Haman manage to not just achieve this rank, but also overtake all the others. We know that he was ruthless (Est 3:6), practised divination (Est 3:7), was willing to sacrifice financially to achieve his aim (Est 3:9). Haman's rise tells us 3 critical facts about people in the king's court

- 📍 Relevance isn't always permanent
- 📍 People are actively seeking to take your role
- 📍 People are willing to pay high prices to get what they want

"But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon... Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green."

Psalms 92:12, 14

Walking with God has both natural and spiritual benefits, one of which is the ability to continually flourish and be relevant even in old age. While unbelievers may resort to politics, divination and all sorts to get and stay ahead, the Bible tells us that believers aren't meant to copy this strategy. We're designed to be permanently ahead by virtue of being godly: walking in the fear of God, nurturing our walk with Him and walking in love. As we do these and intentionally pursue excellence in our field, the Lord blesses our diligence and brings both acceleration and relevance that goes beyond human capabilities.

Prayer: Lord let me not lose sight of the truth that You alone can make me flourish permanently. Let my focus be on pursuing You and excelling in the field You've assigned me to.



Day 3

Honour

"Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, says...I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me." 1 Samuel 2:30

When God wants to do something on earth, He works through people. Likewise when the enemy wants to achieve something negative, he also works through people. People are more than what we see, they are doors and gatekeepers as such how we treat people matters when it comes to enlargement.

"So if it please the king, we suggest that you issue a written decree, a law of the Persians and Medes that cannot be revoked. It should order that Queen Vashti be forever banished from the presence of King Xerxes, and that the king should choose another queen more worthy than she." Esther 1:19

"Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best place in the house of the women." Esther 2:9

"...And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her." Esther 2:15

Dishonour cost Queen Vashti her marriage, status and likely the economic benefits that came with access to the throne. In contrast we see honour as the platform on which Esther rose to become queen due to how she related with all she came across. Because of honour she received privileges she didn't even have to request from the eunuch and wise counsel from her uncle even after she became queen.

Honour isn't about lip service or playing to the gallery, it's a level of respect that starts from the heart. At its core honour is a recognition of the value someone carries regardless of their circumstance. It means intentionally treating people respectfully and recognising where and how they add to your life. There are also levels of honour in line with how much weight we place on the value something/someone brings to our life (1 Tim 5:17). Honour is a very important principle with God which also acts a means He can use to give us lasting favour with people.

Prayer: Lord teach me how to treat You and everyone I encounter with honour. Help me be wise and discerning in how I relate to people recognising that You can use anyone as a door to my next level



Day 4

Wisdom

“By me [wisdom] kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.” Proverbs 8:15-16

Wisdom is a critical element not just for attaining enlargement but also retaining it. Without wisdom we can keep repeating cycles because we have not applied wisdom to our experiences. We can also limit ourselves by not applying understanding how to maximise what God has placed in us.

“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding...” Isaiah 11:2

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Luke 2:52

Wisdom isn't static, it has the ability to increase in us as we open ourselves up to letting the Holy Spirit enlarge our spiritual capacity and add His grace to our natural abilities. Knowing there's something to be done is one thing, knowing when and how to do it is where wisdom comes into play. There are many types of wisdom available to us, but the one that brings us into perfect alignment with God's assignment is the one the Holy Spirit makes available to us.

In the marketplace many of the battles we will fight are wisdom battles: identifying issues and knowing how to respond to them; knowing how to relate with people how to build lasting structures and systems, and much more. When we yield to God's wisdom we tap into His unlimited capacity which prepares us not just for today, but for the tomorrow we haven't even imagined yet.

“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

Tapping into God's wisdom in the practical sense means spending time in the Bible to understand what Godly wisdom looks like, because it may be counterintuitive to what the system we function in sys wisdom is. It means asking the Holy Spirit to guide every decision (even the seemingly small ones) so we train ourselves to be led by Him. It means doing what He says even if it doesn't seem to make sense to us at the time, or may be inconvenient, trusting that He knows exactly what He's doing.

Prayer: Lord fill me with Your wisdom, help me seek Your wisdom in every situation and yield to the instructions You give me because I know all Your plans for me are for good



Day 5

Diligence

"Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men." Proverbs 22:29

Diligence is defined as the constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken. This may sound simple but we undoubtedly have worked with people who simply aren't diligent in their undertakings. And if we're honest with ourselves we're not always diligent in every area. But the Bible shows us that diligence is a principle which if applied consistently will position us before kings.

"Therefore, please command that cedars from Lebanon be cut for me. Let my men work alongside yours, and I will pay your men whatever wages you ask. As you know, there is no one among us who can cut timber like you Sidonians!" 1 Kings 5:6

Diligence leads to expertise, expertise leads to mastery and mastery uniquely positions you to access opportunities by virtue of the fact that only you can offer what you offer in the exceptional way you offer it. When Solomon was building the temple he reached out to the Sidonians who had mastery in the field he needed their services for and he was willing to pay whatever they asked.

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14

Mastery doesn't happen overnight. It happens quietly through daily disciplines and commitment. As the light of the world believers are meant to set and be the standard for excellence because we carry the Holy Spirit. When we decide to be intentional about diligence, He helps us in the place of consistency, discipline and resilience to keep going even when things get boring, difficult or it seems like there's no recognition. Before we start the journey a critical question we must answer is where are we to demonstrate mastery?

"Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17

We are all uniquely designed and gifted in different ways, and part of our responsibility is to find out from God where we're called to function because it's in that area or areas that we will have grace to excel.

Prayer: Lord teach me to profit, show me the areas I should build mastery in?



Day 6

Alignment

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

God has an agenda for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven and this requires partnership with believers. In heaven God's will is done automatically, but because of the fallen nature of mankind, believers play a critical role in enforcing God's will on earth.

“For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.”

I Corinthians 3:9

By God's design, believers are meant to be His representatives here on earth which means everywhere a believer is present God's kingdom has shown up. God's kingdom comes on earth when believers are actively and intentionally doing His will in the areas we function, walking according to His principles, living by His wisdom and demonstrating His power. This means in our offices, businesses, schools, families, societies etc. are all outposts of God's kingdom here on earth.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”” Isaiah 6:8

The same way countries send people as ambassadors to other nations, as we mature in our walk with God and align with His plans He can entrust us with specific assignments based on His agenda for the season.

Prayer: Lord open my mind to understand my role in Your kingdom and show me my expected contribution this season



Day 7

Authority

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you." John 15:16 AMP

When we speak of authority it speaks of the power to control or determine what happens within a given jurisdiction or sphere of influence. The first thing we must understand when it comes to the authority we have is that when Jesus won the battle through His death and resurrection, He received ALL authority in heaven and in earth. He then delegated this authority to us as believers because we're functioning on earth as His representatives. This means that wherever we show up we do so carrying the same authority as Jesus.

This understanding is critical for the marketplace because there are many competing powers at play in every sector, each trying to defend its existing territory. A believer showing up and trying to take on territory for the kingdom of God will definitely face resistance, however we do so understanding that we have a higher authority backing us. Imagine an entry level soldier being given competing instructions by a middle ranking soldier and the highest ranking soldier in an army. The entry level soldier will definitely obey the highest rank because the military recognises seniority. Likewise the spirit realm recognises and responds to ranks of authority.

In the example above, if the highest ranking soldier instructs junior officers to carry out an assignment, they do so in the name of their superior officer. When we give a command in the name of Jesus, the situation must respond to His name. However we don't all see this in our daily reality.

"And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" Acts 19:15

"...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." Daniel 11:32

The enemy knows we have the same authority as Jesus, but will test us to see if we truly have a personal revelation of the authority Jesus has already delegated to us. And even though we have access to all His authority, we can only demonstrate it to the extent that we know Him and what He's already achieved for us. For instance The sons of Sciva knew the Jesus Paul preached, but they didn't know Jesus.

Prayer: Father give me a personal revelation of who Jesus is and the full extent of the authority He's given me



Day 8

King & Priest

“...You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession...” 1 Peter 2:9

In biblical times every successful king (good or bad) had an altar supervised by their priests because the kings understood that kingdom management wasn’t just a physical endeavour. Successful kings always balanced natural insight from their physical council (governors, nobles, etc) with their priests who gave them insight into what was going on in the spiritual realm. The spiritual realm is just as active and important today as in biblical times and kings are still in need of access to spiritual insight now as then.

“...he will receive royal honor and will rule as king from his throne. He will also serve as priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles.” Zechariah 6:13

“Remember, the fire must be kept burning on the altar at all times. It must never go out.” Leviticus 6:13

The Bible tells us that we are both kings and priests and that there should be perfect harmony between these two roles. As kings we rule in our spheres of influence and as priests we connect with the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to exert His influence and orchestrate how we operate in the natural.

Focusing only on the kingly side will leave us disadvantaged, especially as life simply isn’t fair and we are in days full of darkness where people are willing to do whatever it takes to get ahead. Focusing only on the priestly side will limit our sphere of influence as we must still demonstrate expertise and function as light in the world. By God’s design there should be perfect harmony between these two roles: consistent excellence in the marketplace while keeping our altars on fire. This can only be achieved by the power of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the capacity to maintain the balance.

Prayer: Holy Spirit help me function in excellence in every area and keep the fire on my altar burning. Teach me how to walk in harmony in my roles as king and priest



Day 9

Power for Success

"Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath." Deuteronomy 8:18

Kings need power to establish, defend and expand their territories so it's compulsory to understand the language of power. We can summarise the types of power needed for success in the marketplace into 3 broad areas: social, cultural and economic. Thankfully God never leaves us stranded and in his divine wisdom He's made provision for us to excel in all three.

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

Social power is critical because we constantly interact with people and if we're not able to manage people effectively we will struggle to achieve all God has set out for us. If Jesus had to grow in favour with people to fulfil His assignment then so do we.

"Where the word of a king is, there is power..." Ecclesiastes 8:4

Cultural in this context speaks of the ability to influence behavioural patterns, traditions, policies, etc. that impact groups of people. At this level we understand why we're in the position we've been given and intentionally steward our influence in alignment with and for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

"And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness— secret riches. I will do this so you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name." Isaiah 45:3

Economic power is needed not for our personal needs only, but to facilitate the advancement of kingdom projects. If we feel our job, business etc is our source, we will understandably do what we deem necessary to protect that source. But when we understand that God is the source of our wealth, it dramatically affects how we look at finances and what we're willing to do to get or keep money. We start to see that God has the ability to put funds in our hands as kingdom financiers that do not come from areas we've even considered. He alone knows what is to come and how we're to position for the future so it's to our economic advantage

Prayer: Lord I receive the power to be successful in every area. I receive your strategies and instructions on walking in social, cultural and economic power for the advancement of Your kingdom here on earth.



Day 10

Prepare The Next Generation

"The Lord replied, "Take Joshua son of Nun, who has the Spirit in him, and lay your hands on him." Numbers 27:18

"...anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from the town of Abel-meholah to replace you as my prophet." 1 Kings 19:16

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Kings are intentional about ensuring there's always an heir to the throne to ensure continuity of the royal lineage. Heirs are trained in the ways of royalty and prepared for rulership. Heaven's system is even more structured, organised and trans generational. There's never a gap in God's program and we see in the Bible that He always has representatives of one generation prepare another. Moses anointed Joshua to lead Israel into Canaan. Elijah anointed Elisha to take over from him as prophet. At the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus commissioned us all to disciple and teach others about Him. The same way kings always ensure there's a successor to their throne, there's always continuity in God's kingdom and we each have a role to play.

"The Lord has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts...And the Lord has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach their skills to others." Exodus 35:31, 34

The Lord not only empowered Bezaleel and Oholiab with skill, He gave them the ability to teach these skills to others. This shows us that God's continuity agenda is just as much for the marketplace as it is for the pulpit. One of the ways God ensures our longevity is by enabling us to connect with the right mentors and also acts as mentors to others.

"Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life."

Proverbs 19:20

"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

Proverbs 13:20

The same way God connected Elijah/Elisha etc there are destiny associations we must make to become all we've been designed to become and also help others fulfil their destinies in God's agenda.

Prayer: Lord make me visible to everyone You've assigned to mentor me and open my eyes to identify and connect with those You've assigned me to mentor. Let me be an asset to Your continuity agenda.



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