

Fighting for your Birthright Part 4

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The Context

This is the fourth in our series about birthright. It looks different from the other three because we have fully dismantled the video studio, but God didn't go on vacation just because our video studio is gone. So, I'm reporting what is new and fresh today.

The first two videos are about warfare, two different kinds of warfare, Biblical foundations, intensity. And we found that those two tools were effective, but they were not sustainable. Whatever we're pushing against here has more resilience, more energy, more resources, and I couldn't be in that nuclear mode all the time. In the third one, we talked about the fact that this battle isn't primarily for my destruction. It is some way, somehow about my birthright. Therefore, the job is just to lean in, find a way forward, and to get out of here and get to South Carolina.

Still, even though I accepted that, there was that question in the background. What is it that causes the enemy to be so powerful, so strong, so able to intrude in so many different ways? And the corollary to that is, "So what's wrong with me that I can't push this out of the way like I can other things?"

And that question has continued to absorb our team. We've talked to intercessors, to seers, to prophets; we have listened internally, poked and prodded. And finally, today, I think we got an answer to that question.



The Gym

“What is this about in terms of birthright?”

The short answer is that this is a gym that God has put me in order to build a specific authority. But as of today, I think I know what that authority is. One of the large topics that we have been wrestling with for a long time is the theme of the Government of God. There's layer upon layer upon layer of wisdom there. We're not talking a theocracy like King David on the throne of Israel. We're talking a much broader concept. And a year ago, God said, “Stop studying. Just wait.”

And I have looked longingly at my Post-it Notes on the wall, but realized there was no point going there because God had said He wasn't going to partner with me for a while. So just leave it alone. And today a piece came into focus.

My understanding is, that one of the foundational passages of understanding the Government of God is the sequence that is listed in Isaiah 40:3-5: *A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged place a plane. And then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

Step One: Moral Authority

The first step in establishing the Government of God is somebody whose legitimacy lies entirely within them. “A voice of one calling . . .” no credentials.

This of course was manifested in John the Baptist to some degree. He came just as a voice. He didn't look good. He didn't smell good. He didn't eat well. He wasn't a party person. He didn't go to the temple at all. He was rough and tough and harsh, but there was an authority within him. There was something within him that shouted to the world, “This guy's the real deal!”

No rabbinical school, no credentials, nothing but God within him. So, I have walked that to some degree. I'm certainly lacking in the credentials, but to some degree there is something of the Hand of God upon my life that people recognize, acknowledge and are drawn to God in me, not to the letters after my name.

Step Two: Building with Heaven's Resources

Then we come to the second step in establishing the Government of God. This person comes with internal legitimacy, not external, and his job is to build a highway in the desert.



Simple point: no Home Depot in the desert, no resources in the desert. You're simply faced with obstacles, not even water to use. It's just a tough place to build anything. And that is where somebody who's going to establish the Government of God has to go to prove his metal.

Now think about it this way. In our culture, there are a lot of people who want to lead others. And most of the time when they are leading others, it requires the others to pay them. So, let's talk politically. Somebody wants to run for an office and says, "I'm the person that can lead you into a brave new world."

What's the first thing he does? He sticks his hand out and says, "Give me your money so I can get elected, so that then I can lead you in a brave new world."

You talk about churches. Most of the time, somebody is coming to be a pastor of this congregation to lead them in a better way, and one of the things he's talking about is his salary and the benefits and all of that, expecting the people that he's leading to provide for his sustenance.

I'm not saying those things are wrong. I'm just saying that there is something distinctly different about somebody who comes with the Hand of God on him to build something in a place and in away where most would not be able to build.

Biblical Examples

One of the most extraordinary pictures of that is Nehemiah. He came to a place where the elders were not supportive of him. He came where the outside ambience was hostile to him. He didn't have wall builders. He didn't have most of the stuff he needed, but he didn't tax the people financially. He came and together they built the wall in an impossibly short period of time.

You have David. He is there in the wilderness of Horesh. People began coming to them. Who comes to them? People with money? Nuh uh! People that are bankrupt socially, emotionally, morally, financially bankrupt. They come to him and he builds this unusual army of mighty men without their sources that others would need. Always on the run and no protection, the king trying to whack his head off, you know, minor inconveniences.

My Situation

So, I understand now that **that** season that I'm in, there is the most bizarre devouring still going on from so many different directions. Things that are not explainable in any natural way other than supernatural, whether God or the enemy.



Let's use a simple illustration of finances. Most people, when they come, buy one or two products. That's the average sale in our website. We have a whole lot of material

in the video archives. **Worship, Warfare, Life After Church**, some good stuff there that's been invisible for a couple of years. We sell maybe one or two or three clips in the course of a week.

All of a sudden those will become visible. People are coming. They're buying one, two, three and those costs \$7 a piece. So instead of two \$30 albums, people are buying two \$7 video clips. The website is active, customers are coming, but the revenue drops.

That kind of really unusual stuff happening in every direction at a time when we need all the support we can have under us to be able to go forward. And God is putting on an incredible show of providing provisions **here**, when **these** provisions disappear.

The Point of the Story

When the expected provisions aren't there, there are some surprises along the way that enable us to keep going. And it's manifested on two levels.

Megan has a ringside seat to all of the provisions of God and all of the nonsense from the enemy. And she commented just a couple of days ago that it was remarkable how emotionally stable I have remained in a really wild, wild ride.

Then on the other hand there is God opening the doors, providing, connecting. Things got so ugly with our landlord this last week that I had to go the legal route. I contacted the lawyer that I have used twice in the last 12 years. I'm not really into lawyers. I told him my story. He said, "Man you are absolutely in the right. This is ridiculous, but who you need to talk to is so and so. He's a friend of mine and all he does is landlord/tenants disputes. He's done it for 35 years. He owns this field in Orange County."

I called him up. He was available. We talked, he said, "Man, I'm all over this, you know this, so on."

And to watch the craziness, to watch God being out ahead of the enemy is the process that I'm walking through now. To not worry about the fact that there aren't Home Depots in the wilderness.

To think of it in terms of Hagar. She is in the wilderness, her son is dying and God said, "Yeah. Well happen." And the well happened. Story changed. Everything is done. And to watch God making wells in the desert for me, to watch God providing the most unusual resources in terms of ideas, in terms of people, in terms of timing, in terms of just logistics and sometimes it's little things that you would never think to ask for.



I got on the web to reserve a truck. I really just wanted to get the price and size, cubic footage and so on. I didn't finish the reservation but you know how websites are these days, they're very sticky. And about three weeks later I get a call from somebody with a mucky muck kind of title. He just wanted to check and "see if everything is okay." So we ended up closing the deal on the phone.

There really was no pressure on him. I was going to do it. I was going to use this company. I was going to use this truck. There was nothing that he needed to do to sweeten the pot. He asked about blankets. I said, "Yeah, I'd like four dozen because there's some stuff I'd like to get there without scratches."

He said, "No problem. I'll give you a 75 percent discount on them."

Now, 75 percent discount on four dozen blankets, that's not a whole lot of money, but it's God showing off. It's God saying, "Look, this salesman has no reason for giving you a break. You've already bought the thing, but I'm going to give you a break just to show you that I'm in the game just as much as the enemy is." And there's a tremendous amount of settled peace in me now, as I push through this final lap.

The Justice Issue

We are, I think, 60 days away from the end of the lease. Sixty days is a lot of time for the devil to do a lot of crazy stuff. I have no idea how nutty it's going to get before I arrive in South Carolina, but I know that The God Who Plans Ahead is gonna make a fool of the enemy and for every tit there'll be a tat. The tats are going to be bigger than the tits.

And I'm going to end up with a whole lot more authority in this area of the second facet of the Government of God being able to trust God, to trust Him implicitly, to provide for me in the context of injustice. You see, my world has been anchored on justice.

This Book, man, the principles of the Book! I understand justice. I understand the Law of God. I understand the Righteous Judge of the Universe. I've come before His throne so very, very many times and I've seen results. I understand justice.

Then God said, "You know, I'm just going to switch justice off. Your world is going to become irrational. Your world is going to become all sorts of nutty. It doesn't make sense to you and the warfare stuff that you've always done, it isn't going to work. Enjoy!"

And it all makes sense to be able to thrive in a context where all the rules are suspended and I have no idea what's going to come at me from this direction or what provision God is going to make from the other direction.



That's a challenging walk. It's not what I would've voted for, but it is one that I voted for as I committed long ago to lean into **living out** the concept of the Government of God.

Restoration of Dignity

We still have 60 days of stuff that can happen on this side and on that side, but I'm walking into it with a peace and a dignity I didn't have yesterday because now I understand the game.

The rules are suspended. The relationship is not.

The devil still hates me. God still hates him, and I get to be the pawn on the field where God makes a public spectacle of that bad boy, by allowing him to do stuff while God effortlessly compensates for him in amazing ways.

So that's where we are: in the gym, building something in a place where we shouldn't be able to build, laying plans, envisioning a bigger, better, broader way forward, but not having any idea how God is going to meet me there.

Son vs. Bride

Now, there's one other facet that colors this whole principle. I have been walking for a long time way over here on the side of the son. It is my job to take initiative. It's my job to solve. It's my job to get from here to there. It's my job to war, to do the principles, to study, to understand.

It doesn't work, when the rule book just got thrown out the window. It doesn't work when you are in a world of randomness. It doesn't work when justice doesn't work. It doesn't work when your spiritual warfare just bounces, because God decided it would.

The only thing that **does** work in that place is being a Bride, and walking in the intimacy of God being in control, Jesus initiating. He is providing of resources, without my fighting for them.

Three days ago, God told me that and I received it by faith. He said, "Quit fighting. Quit worrying. Quit checking. Quit planning so far out ahead."

I thought, "Interesting!" And I did it. I have deliberately stepped down, working fewer hours, pushing not as hard, planning not nearly as much, just dealing with the day, rather than the 60 days.

And God left me there for three days to see if I would really walk it out. And **then** He gave me the explanation.



This is Bride time, and for the irrationality of a world without justice, a world where the principles don't work, a world where I'm blindsided every which way, there is the Bridegroom who's way out ahead of the critters.

That's where we are. I have no idea when the next chapter of revelation will come.

When it does, we'll let you know. But for today, I'm in a great place in a random world where the principles that have upheld me for all these years don't work. Where justice is held away from me and where I have intimacy with the Bridegroom.

I can do this and I can do it with grace and with style.

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