

God makes **SOMETHING** *from* **NOTHING**

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Let's start at the beginning!

Genesis 1:1-2

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

IN THE BEGINNING there was nothing!
It was black...it was dark...there was nothing!

But then something happened...God spoke and things began to happen.

Hebrews 11:3 – “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, ***so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.***”

Romans 4:17 – “(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”

So we clearly see that GOD set out His highest plan **IN THE BEGINNING**, turning **NOTHING** into **SOMETHING!**

It seems like that was God's favorite way of operating,
...when someone said, “I ain't God nothing.”
...God provided in abundance!

Last week, we discussed the children of Israel in the wilderness...
“We ain't got no food” – something out of nothing!

Exodus 17:1-7

- 1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: ***and there was no water for the people to drink.***
- 2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?
- 3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?
- 4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

- 5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.
- 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- 7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

They had nothing...they were in a desert...God spoke the rod struck and they water flowed to water 2 to 3 million people and their animals.

HONESTLY, nothing is nothing to God!

Psalm 37:16 – “A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.”

NOW...I know that little isn't nothing...but it almost is.

“Little” – very little...so it is next to nothing. Teetering on nothing.

And it is better to be righteous with little (nothing) than to have everything and be wicked.

REMEMBER: **“Towb”** isn't just about an simple description of good. It is an overwhelming description where everything in your life is abounding and wealthy.

Mark 6:35-44

- 35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:
- 36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: ***for they have nothing to eat.***
- 37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?
- 38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

NOTICE: They had next to nothing. Their situation was about 15 to 20 thousand people had NOTHING and one kid has almost little. Probably a small amount to a kid.

LOAVES were not big, they were probably like a large cracker or a small biscuit.

FISH were not giant catfish, they were small sardines.

UNDERSTAND: They were in a little boys lunch...how big could it be.

In John's account Peter explains to Jesus that this food is nothing compared so many people in the crowd!

- 39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.
- 40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.
- 41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.
- 42 And they did all eat, and were filled.
- 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.
- 44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

BELOVED: Where did the food come from?
God made something from nothing.

1 Peter 2:9,10

- 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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- 9 But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—
- 10 ***from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.***

God made us something from nothing!
That is the way He operates.

We can get so overwhelmed, in our life, by our situation.

- The things we need WE DON'T HAVE.
- The things we have seen in our spirit SEEM FAR AWAY FROM US.
- The vision that God has placed in our heart ARE NOT SEEN.

2 Corinthians 4:18 – “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”
Just because you can't see something doesn't mean you are not close to it or that it cannot happen.
Nothing in the hands of God means you are closer to your answer than when you are doing it your own way.

Let's Take a Look at David

God spoke those words to me the other day, “I make something from nothing.”

I agreed! (always good to do)

I asked God for more information...especially if he wanted me to preach on it.

He gave me much of what I just shared with you, in an instant...so, I am going “very cool”...I'll keep listening.

THEN HE SIMPLY SAID, look at the life of David...and I immediately knew what he meant.

- David was anointed king of Israel/Judah (1 Samuel 16). The prophet made it clear and spoke it.
- David seemed like he was on a quick ascent to the throne (1 Samuel 17).
- David was placed in charge of Saul's men of war and the women began writing songs about him (1 Samuel 18).

Obviously, if God had spoken it and things were happening like they were happening...it would be NO TIME at all before David was on the throne. Right?

Ten to fifteen years!

Most of those years were David running and hiding and living in caves. Sometimes by himself.

God brought him men...but it wasn't the men that David thought he would be surrounded with.

1 Samuel 22:2 – “And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.”

Listen, the throne was RIGHTFULLY HIS... God said it...yet he had NOTHING!
He lived on the run...in a cave...fighting for his NEXT DAY.

He had NOTHING.

His covenant partner...closest friend...chose to live with his dad in the palace.

Ten to fifteen years!

And then...after ten years...Saul died (Jonathan died). Well, NOT it was time!

2 Samuel 2:1 – “And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.”

Hebron was the capital city of the Kingdom of Judah.

2 Samuel 2:4a – “And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah....”

After ten years, David finally has a home... a palace. But it still isn't what God promised him. He didn't have Israel!

Why?

2 Samuel 2:8-11

8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

Abner was Saul's first cousin and the commander of Saul's army. The most powerful man in Israel besides Saul.

So he was in control of the decision making in Israel. He had no REAL authority to make decisions, but he was powerful.

He named Ish-bosheth (Saul's son) to be king of Israel...basically as a figure head while Abner still called the shots. He wanted control.

9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ishbosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

11 And the time that ***David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.***

NOTICE: Seven and a half years he was still left out of what God has promised him. He saw someone else sitting on his throne and WAGING WAR AGAINST HIM!

Here is the thing...better is a little in the hands of the righteous...

2 Samuel 3:1 – “Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.”

David just kept getting stronger and Abner and Ish-bosheth kept getting weaker.

David's resources kept increasing and Saul's house's resources kept decreasing.

Divisions started rising between Abner and Ish-bosheth and finally Abner does what he was suppose to do at the beginning...

Abner went to David to make a covenant with him and join Israel and Judah again.

HOWEVER: While Abner was in Hebron making that covenant...Joab (David's commander of war) found out about it and Abner had killed his brother, so Joab deceived Abner and killed him.

David was crushed over Abner's death (relative of Jonathan).

David cursed Joab's descendants, but Joab continued to serve David (not always faithfully).

Shortly after Abner's death (2 Samuel 4); two men snuck into Ish-bobeth's bedroom and killed him and took his head to David.

NOTE: Jonathan's brother was just killed...even if he was in the position that David was called to be in.

2 Samuel 4:12 – “And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.”

2 Samuel 5:3 – “So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.”

David a kid/shepherd 15 to 20 years.

David on the run from Saul: A king without a throne 10 to 15 years.

David king of Judah: 7 ½ years

David king of Judah and Israel 33 years (total of 40 years).

David recognized that it was God who called...it was God who blessed...so he didn't have to fight for anything for possession...God was working on his behalf.

All David had to do was...

1.) Protect covenant!

Don't touch or break covenant he made with Jonathan.

David would never go against covenant to get something.

He served a God Who made something from nothing.

BELOVED: There is never a time to go against covenant relationships...there may be times to distance yourself, but never attack.

DISCUSS: Mephibosheth.

2.) Valued the Presence of God!

One of his first acts as King of Israel and Judah was to go after the Philistines and bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel.

How do we value the presence of God: Keep our hearts clean, our hands clean and our nose clean.

3.) Valued the Voice of God!

He was constantly enquiring of the Lord. He was David's chief commander.

2 Samuel 2:1 – “And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.”

2 Samuel 5:19 – “And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubt less deliver the Philistines into thine hand.”

Enquiring of the Lord is one thing...but doing what he says is the key.

Don't Forget Faith Forming Something

All of these things David did is the foundation of faith...which makes something out of nothing!

REMEMBER: Faith is knowing God has already done it...therefore, I don't have to fight my own battles...I just need to do what I need to do.

UNDERSTAND: You are close to the SOMETHING that God has promised you with NOTHING in your hands/but yielded to God...than you are if you have everything you ever dreamed in your hands, but operating selfishly and outside the plan of God.

THEREFORE: When the enemy starts overwhelming you by the NOTHING that you may see... understand you are close to your SOMETHING than it appears.