Stepping Into...

Restoration

Ecc 3:1,7 (NLT)

A Time for Everything

¹ For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend.

1 Samuel 30:3-6 (TNK)

³ And when David and his men came to the city (Ziglag), behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. ⁶ And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

David's resources to strengthen himself

- 1. And David said in his heart...... 1 Sam 27:1
- 2. And David remembered......1 Sam 17:34
- 3. And David worshipped..... 2 Sam 22:1-4

2 Samuel 22:1-4 (NIV)

- ¹ David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.
- ² He said: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; ³ my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me.
- ⁴ "I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies.

2 Corinthians 12:7–9 (NLT)

⁷ even though I have received such wonderful (abundant) revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment (buffet) me and keep me from becoming proud. ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians 4:7–9 (KJV)

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. ⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed

Passover = seder = an ordered arrangement

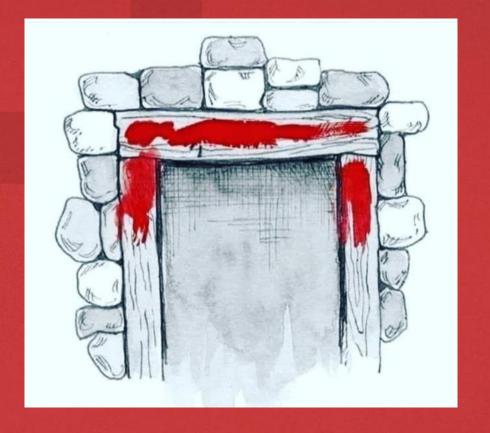
- The blood of a lamb was used to paint the doorposts and lintel
- That the blood had the power to speak to the torment that was coming and say "move on, Passover"
- That the outcome of the Passover was to bring them freedom and release from their torment and slavery and to begin their restoration
- The angel of death did not see the people in the house it saw the blood
- The blood of the lamb was what saved their lives and restored their freedom

1 Peter 2:4-6,9 (NLT) Living Stones for God's House

⁴You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's house. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. ⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual house. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. ⁶ As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."

⁹ for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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Numbers 6:22–27 (NIV)

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." ²⁷ "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace

Shalom = root word *shalam*

It means to be restored in the sense of replacing or providing what is needed in order to make someone whole or complete



Kintsugi is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold — a metaphor for embracing our flaws and imperfections.

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