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“Intimacy reveals Strategy”



The Men of Issachar

1 Chronicles 12:32

‘of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command’

keeping myself sharp by regularly asking myself tough questions like "what happened yesterday" and "what was i planning on doing just now"



Proverbs 29:18

‘Where there is no revelation,
the people cast off restraint’

Joshua recognised, commended and commissioned

Numbers 26:65

'For the LORD had said of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." So there was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.'

Number 32:12

'except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the LORD.'

Deuteronomy 31:23

'Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you.'"

Joshua – walking with the Lord and pursuing Him

Deuteronomy 34:9

‘Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.’

Exodus 33:11

‘So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.’

Joshua – Encountering the Lord

Joshua 5:13-15

¹³ 'And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ So He said, "No, but *as* Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵ Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand *is* holy." And Joshua did so.'

Joshua – Intimacy led to encounter

1. Joshua's desire as a young man was to be in God's presence.
2. This led to intimacy. When he was eventually called to lead God's people he had already established a pattern in his life which led to encounter.
3. Encounter allowed him to receive strategy.

Psalm 118:6

‘The LORD is on my side;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?’

Samson's pre-birth calling and purpose

Judges 13:5 "For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

T'sora & Timnah



Prayers of Samson

Judges 15:18 'Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the LORD and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" '

Judges 16:28 'Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!" '

Choices Choices

James 4:4

'Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God'

1 John 2:15

'Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.'

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