

## TURNING WEAKNESS TO GREATNESS

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*God has always been able to turn weak people into great people and failed people into overcomers. He also made a great nation out of weak people, who he made great. GEN 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Reality... DUE 7:7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: God revealed from the beginning that the weak would be made great.*

*Every generation had a role to play in God's plan of redemption... if they had a repentant heart, God was able to move his plan forward with them.*

**Great evil men... King Manasseh.** 2CHR 33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem (longest rule of all kings of Judah): 2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. He was an idolater who turned against God and worshiped every kind of pagan deity. He was guilty of immorality, every conceivable evil, devoted himself to witchcraft and was a murderer; even sacrificing his sons to a pagan god... he corrupted the temple, the priesthood and Israel itself. He was taken captive by the Assyrians. & 12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God. He then went back and rebuilt everything according to God's will... he moved Israel forward.

*Both good and evil men have their great failings, but God can turn that into an even greater blessing... when humility and repentance are present.*

**Great good men... King David.** PSA 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. He committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband murdered to cover the crime. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. & 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. The end result of David's repentance. ACT 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Applicable for the whole age and for our whole lives... this blessing came from David's repentance and promise to promote the greatness and mercy of God's plan for the earth.

*David represents everything that is right with faithful service, yet everything that is wrong with personal behaviours... look at what he achieved for us by Faith.*

**Great weak men... Moses.** EXO 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ACT 7:22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. Things change, we all go through differing cycles. Whether, doubt or fear or reality... Moses had the same problem.

*Moses saw himself as weak and powerless... God reversed all that giving him the one of the most important jobs in scriptural history.*

**Great good Women... Sarah.** First child at 90. GEN 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her (she took matters into her own hands and ended up creating a disaster for future generations). GEN 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

*Like all people who walk by faith, despite their frailties and weaknesses... God answered her.*

**Great weak women... Rahab.** She risked her life and hid the spies who come to prepare to for the invasion of Jericho. JOS 2:12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: 13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. She was a Canaanite and a prostitute and used her faith in God to turn her life around. Surprising outcomes from very flawed people. Rahab became David's great, great grandmother (Mat 1:5). Also, Solomon, who built the first temple was the son of David and Bathsheba (adulterers and a murderer).

*Everyone of these people had to make a personal choice to get involved and stay involved and let the Lord work through them.*

**Who is called by God.** LUK 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. This never changes as repentance is an overcoming, ongoing action... even for the saved.

*A method of recovering after death is essential if we wish to live again... salvation turns this weakness into a great strength... walking in the spirit locks it in!*

**What must I do?** ACT 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. All the above people turned weakness into great strength by simply turning to God and doing what he said... even after their many failings and weaknesses. All of them put God first.