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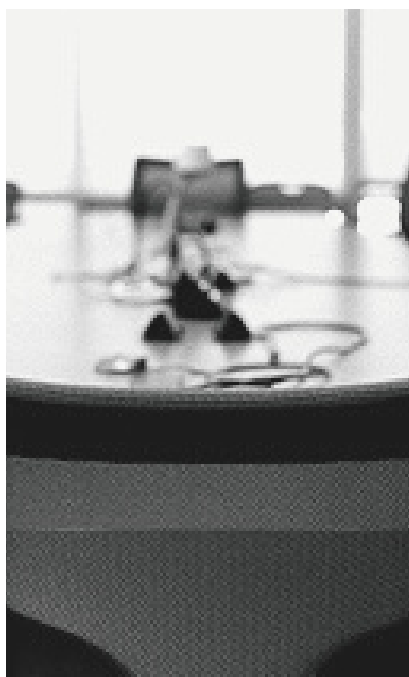
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The Lord has crowned **2022** as a season of the **DOUBLE**. Let's get ready to place a faith demand on what God is saying and doing and gain momentum in the spirit. **2022** will also be known as the Year of **God's Greater Witness**. Let's stay expectant to receive all of what God's goodness is bringing in the months to come.

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HEARING THE SOUND OF ABUNDANCE

In First Kings chapter eighteen, the Samaritans had been in a great famine and drought for three and a half years. The drought was a result of wickedness in the land.

In Elijah's Time, many people worshiped what was known as a rain god called "BAAL". The presumption was that through worshipping this false idol, rain would come.

Elijah declared to King Ahab; who had endorsed, and promoted, Baal worship the following words:

1 Kings 17:1b

... "As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word".

Vs 2 - And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, (The Word preceded the season)

Vs 3 - Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

Vs 4 - And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. (the Grace was at the place of assignment)

Vs 5 - So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. ([Corresponding action](#))

Vs 6 - And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Vs 7 - And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. ([new season, new grace, new place](#))

Vs 8 - And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, ([the word preceded the season, again](#))

Vs 9 - Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell **there**: behold, I have commanded a widow woman **there** to sustain thee.

Although the land was experiencing famine and drought, Elijah was sustained as he continued to hear and yield to God.

There is a place where God has called you and I to be located; and **there** is where provision is. **There** is where you will hear what God is *presently* saying.

Let's speak for a moment about God's provision for you and I. Provision is the act of planning, preparing, arranging and providing for future conditions in advance based on foresight.

Pro-vision is to see forth. It's not only seeing forth, but preparing and arranging for what is seen.

This is easily validated with scripture; You'll recall the provision that God made for Abraham in Genesis twenty-two and verse fourteen.

Genesis 22:14 - And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

This covenant name of God means:

- In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen
- Jehovah Will See
- Jehovah Will Provide
- The Lord shall Be Seen
- The Lord has seen ahead & has made provision to fill your need.

Jehovah Jireh is God's name and was also the name of a place! You must be in place at the place to see and receive God's Provision.

That was the case with Elijah; he was in place at the place to receive God's provision.

God has provision for you and I as well.

Are you properly positioned to receive?

Let's get back to Elijah. We'll fast forward to 1 Kings 18:1,

Vs 1 - And it came to pass after many days, that **the word of the LORD came to Elijah** in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and **I will send rain upon the earth.**

Vs 41 - And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for **there is a sound of abundance of rain.**

When Elijah said "[*there is a sound of abundance of rain*](#)", there was no evidence in the sense realm to validate his words. Yet, from within, Elijah heard the sound of an abundance of rain. What produced the sounds which Elijah heard within his heart? WORDS!

Elijah heard words from God. The words which God spoke produced an image and corresponding sounds within. Elijah, not only heard the sound of rain, but the size of the rain. The sound was heard by faith... in the words... which God spoke....1 kings 18:1... "[*I will send rain*](#)" Elijah's faith in those words produced the sound of an abundance of rain within his heart.

Would you like to have more scripture for this?

Romans 10:17 – So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

In order to have **faith in God** for [*abundance*](#), we must **hear** what God has said and is saying concerning [*abundance*](#).

Abundance begins with your hearing. Abundance begins on the inside and not on the outside. **What are we hearing concerning abundance?**

Ephesians 3:20 – Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

What we'd ask or think will be in proportion to what we are hearing. You can't hear lack and believe for abundance at the same time.

Jesus said that; He came that we would have LIFE and have it more abundantly.

John 10:10 AMP – The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in **abundance** [to the full, till it overflows].

Jesus said this in context with being the Shepherd. A revelation of Jesus as shepherd will prepare you and I for abundance. The sheep listens to and flows with the words of the shepherd. The shepherd will lead us into abundance.

Listen to Psalm 23:1, and 5

Psalm 23:1 – The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Vs 5 – Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; **my cup runneth over.**

As you read this article, are you beginning to hear and see abundance on the inside? That's where it begins; on the inside. Then as you meditate these thoughts, you'll begin to speak abundance and you'll have what you say.

Let's close with these words:

Luke 6:45 – A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the **abundance** of the heart his mouth speaketh.

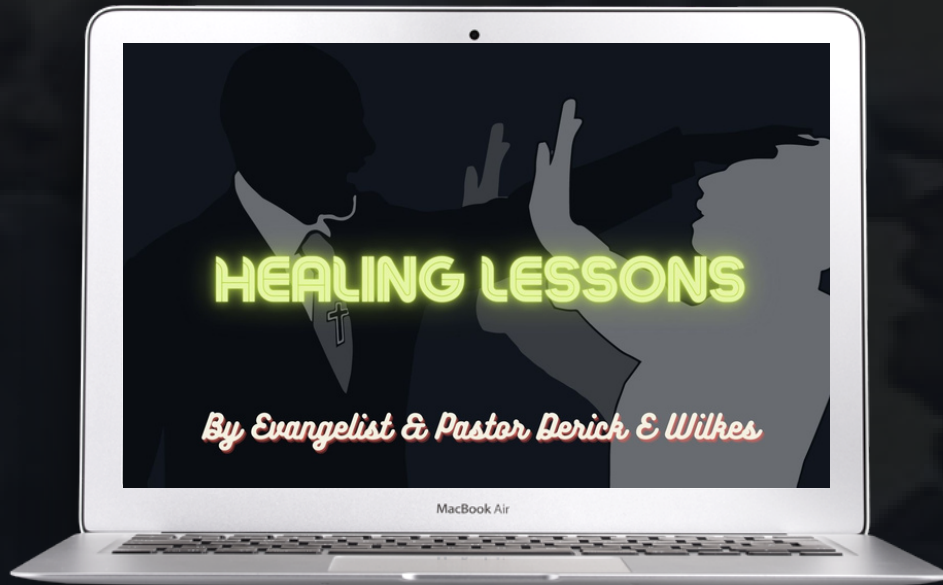
Are you beginning to hear the sound of abundance within?

Then prepare for the increase. **(1 Kings 18:44)**

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GOD WILL HAVE HIS WITNESS IN 2022

Matthew 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness as something evidential, something with proof or evidence.

The last thing Jesus said to his disciples was...

Luke 24:48 - And ye are witnesses of these things.

Vs 49 - And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you (i.e. the Holy Spirit),: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:48-49 reads very much like Acts 1:8,

Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...

A **witness** is one who testifies or provides evidence, of what he or she has seen, heard or knows.

Witnessing is not the same as bearing witness.

Let's talk about the distinctions.

A **witness** is one who has (PAST TENSE) seen, heard and knows something, and has been called to testify about that experience, whereas **witnessing** is the present tense act of seeing, hearing and learning about something.

We've had our understanding turned the wrong way.

Being a witness *presupposes* that we have already seen, heard and know something, *it's not "I become a witness and then I start witnessing"*.

No! *You are a witness* because you've seen, heard and know something and consequently have a testimony.

If we were to translate this properly, we could say that that you cannot testify about something you've not seen, heard or know by experience.

So then, what have we discovered?

Witnessing is precedes being a witness.

The bible actually defines WITNESS.

Acts Twenty-two and verse fifteen defines witness clearly. Listen to what the Lord spoke to Paul after his conversion.

Acts 22:15 – For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Also, listen to the following words spoken by Peter and John.

Acts 4:20 – For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Listen to what Jesus said in John chapter three and verse eleven.

John 3:11 – Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

Listen to what John says in the same chapter.

John 3:32 – And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

You can clearly see how scripture defines witness.

Again, WITNESSING precedes BEING a WITNESS and not the other way around.

Furthermore, being a witness is not just about quoting scriptures or being a ministry gift. Every Christian has had an experience with the Lord.

Every Christian is a witness to the resurrection power of God in his or her own life.

Christ did not say to His disciples, "Ye shall witness about Me." Instead, He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me."

Being a witness involves your daily walk, it involves your life. Being a witness requires the power of the Holy Spirit in order to be effective.

In fact, Jesus actually said; receiving power is what precedes and leads to being effective witnesses.

Is there scripture for this?

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Acts 1:8 - But **ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me...**

You'll notice the set of "Ye shall's" within this verse.

Ye shall receive power precedes ye shall be my witnesses.

Two clear reasons we need God's power are immediately noticeable:

- God's Holy Spirit knows what the specific recipient of your testimony needs to hear at the moment.

- In some instances your witness may require a demonstration of God's resurrection power!

You and I are to allow God's Spirit to lead us in our testimony.

How is it possible for God to lead us in our witness?

God's Spirit lives on the inside of us and He is a co-witness with our spirit; and desires to lead us if we'll allow Him.

Romans 8:16 - The Spirit Himself beareth **witness** with **our spirit**, that we are the children of God:

Sons of God can expect to be led by the Spirit of God.

Here's a thought:

- In scripture God is a witness (John 8:17-18)
- In scripture Jesus is a witness (John 8:17-18)
- In scripture Holy Spirit is a witness (Romans 9:1)
- In scripture you are a witness (Matt. 24:14, Acts 1:8)
- In scripture Miracles, signs and wonders are a witness (Hebrews 2:3-4)

Did you know that the delay of Jesus' coming is a result of His mercy? He desires to provide opportunity for people to be saved, even through our witness.

In 2022, God will have His Witness!

- Healing is a witness
- Your prosperity is a witness
- Fulfillment of God's vision is a witness
- Your needs being met is a witness
- Your restored relationship is a witness

God will have His witness in 2022

God's theme to this ministry for 2022 is two-fold;

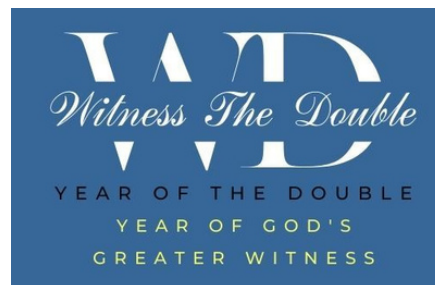
- The Season/year of the Double
- The Season/year of God Greater Witness

In this season we will be a WITNESS to the DOUBLE.

We will see increase, and God will have His witness in 2022

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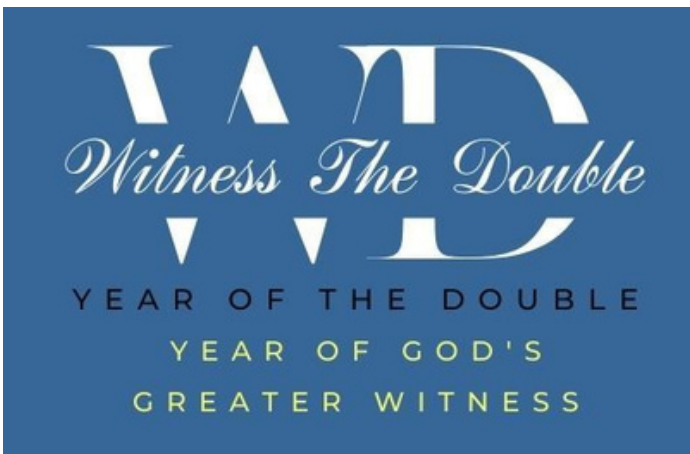
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Mark 4:26 – And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**– And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

Luke 8:11 – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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