

**Blessings of Adversity**  
**Lesson 4 - Part 2**  
**“Restored Broken Walls”**  
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**(Read pages 29-32)**

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An open door by God can lead you to places and experiences that are beyond your expectation.

Also, it may be a good principle to think, if it does not open, it is not your door.

**I. When God sees you doing your part, developing what He has given you, then He will do His part and open doors that no man can shut.**

- God often releases the blessings only when we exercise the faith.

➤ **Gen. 22:12-13** <sup>12</sup> And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

**A. We do not know how the door is open, but we should know the hand that opens the door.**

**B. As believers we must always recognize the ultimate provider.**

➤ **Ps. 46** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; <sup>3</sup> Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. <sup>4</sup> There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall

help her, and that right early. <sup>6</sup> The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. <sup>9</sup> He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. <sup>10</sup> Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

### C. There are times the Lord will place the door before you, but you have to knock.

- **Matt. 7:7** <sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

## II. Be prepared for doors to open

Faith says believe and trust!

- **Neh. 2:4-5** <sup>4</sup> Then the king said unto me, "For what dost thou make request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And I said unto the king, "If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may build it."
- **Neh. 2:11-13** <sup>11</sup> So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. <sup>12</sup> And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me. Neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, except the beast that I rode upon. <sup>13</sup> And I went out by night by the Gate of the Valley, even before the Dragon Well and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

### A. God still does answer prayer

- Solomon's prayer

➤ **I Kings 3:5, 7-14**

<sup>5</sup> In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

<sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? <sup>10</sup> And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. <sup>11</sup> And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; <sup>12</sup> Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. <sup>13</sup> And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. <sup>14</sup> And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

**B. Favor is not fair because it's really grace in disguise.**