

Purpose for your positioning - Chandler Sims - 9/29/24

Luke 9:18-22 New International Version

18 Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” **19** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” **20** “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

21 Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. **22** And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Luke 24: 5-8 NIV

5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7** ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” **8** Then they remembered his words.

Luke 24: 26 NLT

26 Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?

For Jesus to accomplish his goal on this earth what he went through was necessary.

Isaiah 53:5 New King James Version

But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

If it was necessary for Jesus to go through the difficult spots in life it will be necessary in your life as well

God has a purpose for the position you are in

3 things that God does in our lives during negative positioning

1. Refinement

You will never see resurrection without some things dying first!

2. Training

1 Samuel 17:32-37 NLT

32 “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!”

33 “Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.”

34 But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, **35** I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. **36** I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! **37** The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

Saul finally consented. “All right, go ahead,” he said. “And may the Lord be with you!”

David didn’t hesitate to fight Goliath because his time as a shepherd prepared him for the purpose that God had for him!

3. Dependency

Sometimes God has to put you in a situation where you have no choice but to depend upon him

Psalm 121 :1-2

1 I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there?

2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

How do I withstand through my positioning?

Romans 8:31 New Living Translation

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

James 1:2-4

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. **3** For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. **4** So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

“Failure is part of success, an integral part. Everybody gets knocked down. Knowing it will happen and what you must do when it does is the first step back.”

– Bill Walsh, San Francisco 49ers (1979–1989)

Too many of us experience failure in our lives and hear it as God saying no to our purpose instead of getting back up and trying again

You can't see purpose while in the process.