

Running with Horses

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Jeremiah 12:5

If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?

Questions for Reflection:

1. Who are the “**footmen**” who wearies you in your life and ministry?
2. What are the “**horses**” the Lord wants you to run with?
3. What should we be doing in our “**land of peace**” to prepare for the “**flooding of the Jordan**”?

To run with **horses**, we must look to:

1. **Protect** the capacities in our lives:
 - a. **Spiritual** Capacity
 - b. **Mental** Capacity
 - c. **Emotional** Capacity
 - d. **Physical** Capacity
2. **Strengthen** them
3. **Enlarge** them

How to run with horses?

4 Significant Milestones
in our **Discipleship Journey**

2 Kings 2:1-14

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- 2 Bethel
- 3 Jericho
- 4 Jordan

REVIEW - Gilgal - The Cutting of the Flesh

WHY must the flesh - sin nature in us die?

- (1) This is because the flesh is **hostile** to God and cannot **please** God (Romans 8:7-8).
- (2) The **flesh** profits **nothing** (John 6:63).
- (3) The sin nature is corrupt and cannot be **transformed**. (2 Corinthians 5:17).

REVIEW - Gilgal - The Cutting of the Flesh

3 Applications:

- #1 - We must bring our past under the Blood.
- #2 - We must know the divine exchange.

REVIEW - Gilgal - The Cutting of the Flesh

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- #3 - As we do so, we must deal with all aspects of the flesh in our lives.
 - A. The flesh that sins.
 - B. The flesh of our own natural goodness, abilities, zeal, wisdom, strength and power.

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What is Bethel?

Bethel is encountering the Presence of God

Bethel

Genesis 28:16-19

16Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."
 17And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" 18Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

Bethel

Genesis 31:13

I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.

Genesis 35:1

Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

Bethel is:



Bethel - Encountering God

- A. Scriptures record **Significant** Encounters of Men with God.
- B. After Pentecost, God gave us the Holy Spirit to have **Ongoing** Encounters with Him.

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- C. Depending on our individual situations, He also graciously grant us **occasional** Significant Experiences.
- D. These are like "jump starts" to **spur** us on in our walk and ministry.

Milestones in our Bethels

Our Encounters with God

Milestones in our Journey in Experiencing God:

Milestone #1 - We must first encounter God in His **Love** for us leading to **Salvation**.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Milestones in our Journey in Experiencing God:

Milestone #2 - We then **Progress** in our walk to **Continually** experience the goodness of the **Grace** of God in its various forms.

1 Peter 2:2-3

2 as newborn babes, **desire the pure milk** of the word, that you may grow thereby, **3** if indeed you have **tasted that the Lord is gracious**.

2 Peter 1:2-4

2 **Grace and peace** be **multiplied** to you in the **knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord, **3** as His divine power has given to us **all things** that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the **knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, **4** by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come **boldly** to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain **mercy** and find **grace** to help in time of need.

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John 10:10b

3 John 2

Isaiah 1:19

Proverbs 10:22

Joshua 1:8

Psalms 1:2-3

Overflow in Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

Milestones in our Journey in Experiencing God:

Milestone #3 - We mature as we journey through **Trials** that purify our **Faith** in God.

Trials are a result of:

- A. Living in a **Fallen** world [John 16:33]
- B. Due to our own **Sins** [Galatians 6:7; Romans 6:23]

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- C. The works of the **Evil One** [John 10:10a]
- D. Our Journey in **Discipleship** [Luke 9:23]

Examples of Trials:

Struggling re Provision	When a loved one is taken very ill	Facing SAF
	When our teenage child turns rebellious	
When someone we depended on very strongly is no longer around	When we are caught by the traffic police	
When we are retrenched	When we cheated and are caught	When we sense God is opposing us
When we are bitter and refuse to forgive	When God allows a "Laban" to break the "wheeling-dealing" part of our personality	
When we fall into adultery and are exposed	Issue of Protection	

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- A. **Unhealed Hurts** [Hebrews 12:15]
- B. **Guilt, Shame and Condemnation regarding our past** [Hebrews 10:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1-2]
- C. **Unresolved Issues** [2 Timothy 2:15]

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Free from the sins of the Past Guilt, Strongholds, Words Spoken, Bad Incident, Molested, Mocked, Bullied, Theft, Adultery ...	Free from the sins of the Present Addiction to Pornography, Gambling, Temper, Guilt, Strongholds, Adultery, Loose Tongue ...
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- D. **Our Isaacs - Idols of our hearts - Love of the World** [1 John 2:15-16; Matthew 6:33]
- E. **Fears** [2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:15-16]
- F. **Un-biblical beliefs and thought patterns** [Matthew 22:29; John 8:32; John 16:13; 1 John 2:27]

3 Key Passages re Trials and the Believer

- i. **James 1:2-4**

2 My brethren, count it all **joy** when you fall into **various trials**, **3** knowing that the **testing of your faith produces patience**. **4** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may **be perfect and complete, lacking nothing**.

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- ii. **1 Peter 1:6-7**

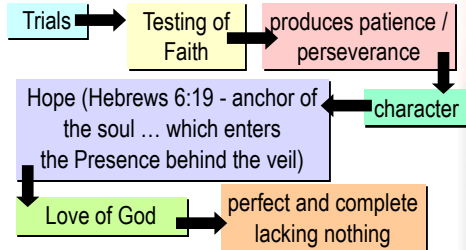
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, **if need be**, you have been **grieved** by **various trials**, **7** that the **genuineness of your faith**, being much more precious than **gold** that perishes, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ

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iii. Romans 5:3-5

3 And not only that, but we also glory in **tribulations**, knowing that **tribulation produces perseverance**; 4 and perseverance, **character**; and character, **hope**. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God** has been **poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.

Trials and the Believer



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Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who **through faith and patience / perseverance inherit the promises**.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 11:6

Romans 10:17

2 Corinthians 4:13

Milestones in our Journey in Experiencing God:

Milestone #4 - We grow **Deeper** in knowing and understanding God.

Numbers 12:6-8 : Example of Moses

6 Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, **make Myself known** to him in a **vision**; I speak to him in a **dream**. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. 8 I **speak with him face to face**, even **plainly, and not in dark sayings**; And **he sees the form of the Lord**. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"

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Psalms 103:7

He made known **His ways** to Moses, **His acts** to the children of Israel.

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Numbers 24:3-4

3 Then he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, the utterance of the man **whose eyes are opened**. 4 The utterance of him who **hears the words of God**, who **sees the vision of the Almighty**, who **falls down**, with **eyes wide open** ...

Growing in our spiritual senses

Jeremiah 9:23-24

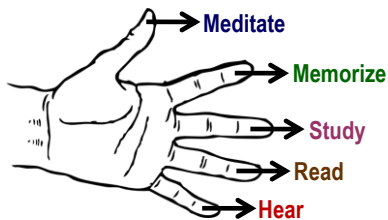
23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But **let him who glories glory in this**, that he **understands and knows Me**, that I am the Lord, exercising **lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For **in these I delight**," says the Lord.

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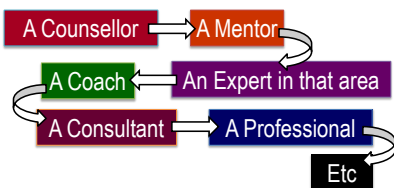
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> The inward witness is how the Holy Spirit **speaks** to us [Romans 8:16; 1 John 2:27].

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i. **People**



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ii. **Resources**

Seminars **Websites** **Books**
Audio Sermons **Books** **Articles**
Conferences **Magazines**

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iii. **Situations** and **Circumstances**

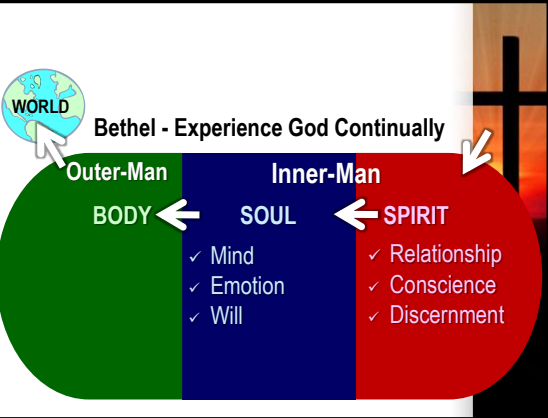


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The Holy Spirit is **In** the believer is the Anointing that **Instruct, Teach** and **Guide** the believer in his journey.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will **put My laws in their mind** and **write them on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 10:16



CONCLUSION

Joshua 5:13-15

Story of Joshua's Bethel before the Promised Land

Bethel is encountering the Presence of God