

Dancing – Court / Council session

While doing video testimonials, I saw a hesitancy in Gabor and David to acknowledge the breakthrough the Lord had given them. As I talked to them about redoing their videos, the Lord said, “you’ve got the same.” A court and council session followed.

Accusation(s)

- The courses won’t work. It’s not financially viable. People won’t pay for them
- No one will be able to help. You can’t afford a team. Another shoe will drop.

I have seen the value (even in my own experience), and I obeyed the direction for the last seven years. I was willing to succeed or fail because I understood the pioneering season – that maybe someone else would make it a success after me in a different season. My life felt like it had poured out as an offering for someone else. I’ve surrendered it and resurrected it a thousand times – but basically, I have vowed to soldier on, regardless of the resistance and I’ve had just enough taste of people’s hunger to continue. I’ve had my share barrenness and failure and I was afraid to get excited, afraid to ask for help, afraid to do anything big or let it be too public.

I didn’t expect God’s goodness. I was never surprised when launches were poorly attended. I nearly expected resistance. I’m not surprised by rejection, unreturned phone calls. I often feel invisible.

Scene

I came out of the dark of night to a large building with brightly lit windows, and I could hear inviting music from inside. It was a large party. I was invited in and took a seat on a bench next to the wall and watched many people dancing to loud music and having a great time. The Holy Spirit spotted me and came with his hand outstretched and asked me to dance. I politely turned Him down, and He went on.

The minute he walked away; I knew I’d made a huge mistake. It was the same feeling of getting a prophetic word and waiting so long that someone else gives the same thing – I should have; could have done it.

I confessed agreement with the accusations that in my own strength, nothing has worked, and nothing will work. I asked Jesus to nail the accusation to the cross which He did. I laid the courses, books, stages, and dreams on the trading floors and I asked Jesus for His power and His anointing. He picked everything up and gave it back to me and said you can’t trade this. You are a son, and you must finish your work. These things do belong to your Father, but He has given them to you, and they can only be given back as worship when their fruit is ripe. You will give Father a crown one day.

I put my ashes, my morning, my despair, my brokenness and my shamefully low expectations on the trading floors. Jesus said, *John, I want to you be the hero that brings good news and sets captives free and heals the brokenhearted by unveiling their purpose. You are exactly where you should be. I have redeemed your brokenness for beauty and for purpose.*

John 10:17-18 - *The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.* NIV

Lord, show me my heart. Is there a root in my bloodline? What is next?

Father – John, it’s been hard to hold you back. I’m am pleased with your initiative and persistence; I am not disappointed. I am not surprised that you can’t dance. I have been plowing your fields for a harvest that has only shown the first fruits. The season is near. Eyes haven’t seen, and ears haven’t heard what I am about to do. I have hidden you in a desert. You are a forerunner. The seven years of

drought have birthed beauty for ashes in your heart that is not produced by success and visibility. You volunteered for the challenge many years ago. I have taken you at your word. I have preserved and shaped and molded, and you are precious in my sight.

You will invite many sons and daughters to dance. You have tasted their pain, and I can trust you to set these captives free. Dancing will be your favorite thing as you see these sons dance. Your cup will overflow, and I will surround you with helpers who share your heart and your love of my Kingdom. I am releasing an army. Look for the leaders of 10's and 50's and 100's and 1000's. You are not alone. I have reserved the 7000 who are also jealous for my Kingdom. I have already promoted you into my council. There is no other promotion or visibility that will satisfy your heart. Come often. We have much to do. I love you, and there is dancing in heaven over your work and prayer. Many in your family line are especially proud and rooting for you and praying for you. John, you are celebrated in heaven. You will be celebrated on earth as well even though the applause of men will feel second best.

Jesus /scene – I was immediately back on my seat at the dance. This time Jesus came and put His hand on my forehead. He knew the pain of hiddenness and delay, and He healed something deep in my heart. He said *the Father's hand has been heavy upon you. You have felt the pressure of the potter's hand and the fire of His refinement. Now I am healing your heart to be the vessel Father has desired. It's hasn't been pleasant, but you have seen the purpose. Shall we dance?* This time I said yes.

Heb 12:7-11 - *Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.* NIV

As we danced a screen came down on the stage, and a movie played; it was my future. I could see myself in setting after setting. As I watched the scenes went by faster and faster. I saw many exploits, 'mighty works.' Finally, I turned from watching and just danced in thanksgiving. I got lost in the music and the people and the love of the father and just danced and danced and danced. I knew I would never say no to dancing again.

Might – John, your assignment is filled with warfare (as you volunteered for). There will be amazing victories and celebrations as well as setbacks and trials. You will see the same in other sons as well. The difference is that as a son in the council, you can experience (taste and see) things that are soon to be on earth. You are invited into strategic purpose in heaven and practical preparation on earth.

- You will dance because you can see what's coming. You will discern purpose and birth resurrection. Your dancing will help them come, just as David danced before the Ark on the way to the temple. Saul's daughters may mock you, but it won't matter. If you look in the council, they too will dance one day. I will heal their barrenness just like I healed yours.
- You will also call things that are not to take their place. As a son, you have been given a trumpet, and it is your job to make the sound and bring the Kingdom and do the exploits. Let your heart leap. You have been favored for such a time as this. Count it all privilege.

The key to dancing is not in your past, your expectations, your optimism, or your trust. You will dance because you have seen. See what is coming in heaven and let your emotions and heart celebrate. It's not a discipline. Experiences in the council will convince your heart of realities in heaven and on earth. You cannot help but dance because of what you have seen – purpose and her fruit – results.

Isa 61:1-3 - *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.* NIV

Ps 126:1-6 - *When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. 2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." 3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negev. 5 Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. 6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.* NIV

Prov 17:22 - *A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.* NIV

