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**This first half covers the cure for  
Ignorance.**

**The second half covers the revelation the  
writer received from God.**

**Enjoy.**

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# WHY GOD WHY?

John 8:32: The Truth will set you free

**When disappointment after disappointment cuts  
your hopes at the knees, the first question every  
Human, Atheist, Believer or Pagan will ask is:  
'Why God Why?'**

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***You cannot always control what happens to you.***

*Some things are merely nature, some things are merely a case of 'wrong place, wrong time'.*

*Some things are the result of a Domino effect of bad decisions and foolish actions from our ancestors.*

*Some things are the result of evil men turning their backs upon all that is good and right.*

*Most things are the result of our own stupidity and ignorance.*

*Some things you can control, some things you cannot, but what you CAN control is what you DO with every situation.*

*What you CAN control is the future that you create with the past that you have been given.*

*This book will teach you how to wrest your destiny from the hands of circumstance and walk into your ultimate purpose. The one for which you were created.*

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**Dear God.**

*Please give me an Aston Martin because I am your child and you said I could ask for anything!*

*Andrew.*

**Dear Andrew**

*No problem. Let's get you to a place of wisdom and wealth where you can afford to look after and enjoy your Aston, an advanced driver's license so that your Aston doesn't kill you, a good standing with the community so that they do not despise you for driving an Aston and the wisdom plus character to teach others to get Astons too.*

*Then we'll get you an Aston. Which one do you want?*

*God.*

# **I had failed at so many things that I sometimes wondered if I was actually a tree of 'fail'.**

If a tree is known by its fruit, then surely such large amounts of fail would make me a Fail Tree no?

It was in the midst of this horrid harvest of putrid fruit that I started to ask that eternal question: Why God, Why?

And to my surprise, in my darkest moment, He answered me.

Shunned by protégés and mentors alike, Millions in debt for multiple failures, my marriage fast approaching the jagged rocks.... I was beginning to suspect that the 'I told you so' speech was invented as a kind of torture device by cruel men from faraway lands.

My enemies towered above me, evil men with big boots; the weight of which was crushing my heart.

Now? God answers me now? In the midst of THIS?

What I wanted was something like a Lotto win or some unknown uncle or granny leaving me an epic inheritance that I may strip down to my undies (or less) and dance in the streets like David shouting "hallelujah! I have been rescued! Hallelujah!"

Nope and Alas. I was to receive something far greater.

God in all his wisdom had decided that Andrew 'big dreams' Wilmot was the right person for a specific task and that Andrew 'the tenacious idiot' Wilmot would be able to handle the nightmares of the ordained tests to fulfill a very specific roll in God's plan for mankind.

Most people ask for money and promotion. I wanted to know why we have to go through all the crap we go through on this water logged rock we call 'earth'.

On route to writing this book I often felt that I should have just asked for the money.

When the answer came, I felt peace for the first time in decades.

I would not trade the peace that I have now for all the money in the world, although truthfully, it is this very peace that has made me so effective in all I have set my hand to since God gave me the revelation.

I wish the same peace and passion for you.

Enjoy!

**Some people** will get stuck on one level for the rest of their lives.

They will fail the same test over and over and ask God WHY?

They will blame God, friends, family, enemies and circumstance for their lack of progress and success.

If only they knew.

If only they realized.

if only they would open their eyes and see that adversity and difficulty are the very keys to every dream they could possibly have.

You have been designed to advance, move forward, adapt, overcome.

To stay in the rut of your comfort zone is to go against all that you were created to be.

The answer to Why is Ignorance.

In the darkness of Ignorance you will trip over the keys to your destiny and curse them for being under your feet.

In the darkness of ignorance you will curse the rungs on a ladder for hurting your hands when those very rungs are the agents of your climb to the top.

In the darkness of ignorance you will curse the mentor who sees the traps ahead of you.

In the darkness of ignorance you will despise any light that shows you up for the ignorant fool that you are.

Let the light in, let the light illuminate your path so that you may rejoice in your tribulation.

To make the same mistakes over and over whilst despising the agents of your promotion is nothing short of insanity.

**Let God take the wheel.**

**He made you.**

**He made the universe in which you live.**

**He knows what He is doing!**



# Poo for fuel? Wait, What?

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On my road through life, I have read many books by many successful people.

Very few of these books gave any information other than advice and encouragement.

What I wanted to know was **how the writers got through the hell of failure** on route to achieving their dreams. There is nothing easy about it - the road to achieving your dreams takes relentless faith and dogged determination. No three step program or five point presentation can prepare you for the years of sweat and blood that success will demand of you. **Knowing how to achieve your goals is not enough, you also need to know how to survive the journey!**

Those who have success fall into their laps almost always end up ruined by it. Talent opens doors, ignorance closes them and character is the stuff that keeps you cool in a Volcano!

*This book will tell you how to become what you need to be to get where you need to go.*

Read it like it's a blood transfusion, because it is. It cost me 20 years of life to learn this stuff, it's my blood! Thus remember the first rule of success is the law of recognition: *Information is only as powerful as the authority you give it.*

At the time of writing this book I am 37 years of age and have spent more than half of my life failing at just about everything I have attempted. I have achieved many of my goals but have also made massive mistakes that have affected a lot of people. At each point, I applied every bit of wisdom available to me, did my best to be a righteous man and did everything in my power to not screw up. I wish I could tell you that those factors were enough, but they were merely a small part of a massive equation. I still failed miserably in some areas and let a lot of people down, many of them protégés who looked up to me for wisdom. On my journey I have sometimes hidden away in shame and dissolution. I have been rejected by mentors, ridiculed by

peers and publicly humiliated by unpaid suppliers. I have lost all I own - twice - and come extremely close to losing my marriage because of it. Most who chase their dreams will share similar stories of disappointment, betrayal, disillusionment and depression. Make no mistake - it aint easy baby!

**BUT WHAT IF I WERE TO TELL YOU THAT I FOUND A PATTERN IN ALL OF THIS, AN EQUATION WHICH IS PART OF A GRAND DESIGN. THAT WE ARE INTELLIGENTLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE ON THIS EARTH AND THAT THERE ARE VERY SPECIFIC LAWS AT PLAY WHICH ARE LIKE LEVERS AND BUTTONS ON A BIG MACHINE?**

*What if I were to tell you that every stitch of pain you experience can be used as a kind of turbo boost to propel you towards your destiny?*

Imagine for a second that your intelligent designer made you like the car in Back to the Future - A Car that can use garbage as fuel.

God knew what life on earth would be like once he inserted his beings with free will. He knew how evil humanity would become and, true to His word, figured out a way to turn that which was meant for evil into the fuel that speeds up good.

No doubt, you have experienced hell, been through horrible things and seen things that have broken your heart. No doubt, you have wished for your own death at times and hated your very existence but don't give up, the best is truly yet to come!

*Failure is your teacher. Adversity is your friend. For without them, you are weak and ignorant.*

**Take a deep breath and keep on reading.**

## **You think YOU have issues? Ha! Ha! Ha!**

I have attended various Theological, Psychology and Philosophy courses - None of which I can claim to have completed due to an extremely short attention span and an exciting condition called 'ADHD' (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

Diagnosed with chemical depression and Bi-Polar disorder which is an inherited blessing from my mother's side of the family. My mother and Uncle are both suicide victims due to this same disorder.

By the time I was 35, I was bankrupt and rehabilitated financially four times.

I can go on about weak bones, being allergic to just about everything and spending a good half of my life on the loo but I think you get the point. I have more than enough excuse to feel sorry for myself, hug my knees in the shower and mumble bitter poetry to myself!

I have probably spent half my life asking "Why God Why?"

Yet I have risen from the ashes of utter defeat many times and have hungered for the answer to that question with all of my heart. I know how you feel right now. I know it well!

I know the horrible presence of stress in the pit of your stomach and I know the cold fear of a phone ringing when you owe people money. I know the desolation of betrayal and the numb futility in depression... Believe me, I am qualified!

We all have horror stories. We all have excuses as to why we should give up. We all silently hope for a Lotto moment to come and wipe our slate clean and make our dreams come true. But for the majority of mankind, those moments will not come without years of focus and dedication.

Get ready for a new life. You are about to find out 'why ye suffer so'.

# Why?

The answer to the question will liberate you,  
But not in the way you think it will.

You will experience peace and prosperity  
But not the kind you think you want.

Prepare yourself now for good news.  
But not the kind you are used to.

*Prepare yourself for a clean slate.*

# The Root of 'Why?'

**Life can be hell.** No doubt there.

Life can be a difficult place where good intention is punished and manipulation is rewarded.

It can sometimes feel like you are sprinting into walls at every turn and failing at every step.

**When disappointment after disappointment cuts your hopes at the knees, the first question every human, Atheist, Believer or Pagan will ask is 'Why God Why?'**

My request to God was that he would give me the answer to that question.

Moving forward with ambitious dreams requires a foundation of security. It was my desire to understand how God does things so that I could maintain a good attitude in my journey and feel secure in his assignment for me.

Not knowing what you are doing wrong or not knowing what to do next causes frustration and hopelessness.

Hopelessness is a poison you do not want in your veins!

**Ignorance** leads to frustration which leads to hopelessness.

We literally perish for lack of knowledge.

In the darkness of ignorance, you fall without knowing what tripped you.

Understanding is a light that will pierce the darkness of your frustration and set you free.

It is my hope and prayer that this book will set you free in every possible way and inspire you to decimate the cancer of ignorance in your life.

For this revelation has not only set me free, it has empowered me far beyond my wildest dreams.

## **Proverbs 4:7**

Though it cost you all you have,

Get understanding!

**Why** are we instructed to rejoice in our tribulation?

**Who** is crazy enough to rejoice when it feels like the floodgates of hell have been open up on them?

**Where** does 'prosper me and not harm me' come into the picture? Why do some prosper and others fail?

Most Christians give and give and get nothing back. They tithe and stay poor. They serve and stay insecure. **Why?**

**How** can the poor say 'I am rich'? How can the weak say 'I am strong'?

After enough disappointment, **it all starts to feel like a big lie**. We start clinging to obscure spiritual principles to justify lack and pain in our lives because we do not know *why*.

We feel like we need to explain our service to God to unbelievers to make up for the absence of blessing in our lives, **why?**

**Why** does all this stuff happen?

**Why** is one man rich and another poor?

**Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why?**

**Something must be wrong when nothing  
seems to be going right!**

‘Why must this happen to me?’

‘Why can’t it be easier?’

**When you don’t like the fruit,  
It’s time to investigate the root.**

Luke 4:43,44

**Here it comes:**

# Proverbs 1:29

"Since they hated knowledge

and did not choose to fear the Lord.

Since they would not accept my advice

and spurned my rebuke.

They will eat the fruit of their ways

And be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

*For the waywardness of the simple*

*will kill them*

*And the complacency of fools*

*will destroy them."*

‘My People Perish for lack of Knowledge.’

**Hosea 4:6**

# **That’s Why!**

(No doubt you were hoping for something grander, well..um.. keep reading!)

**Romans 10:2**

"They are Zealous for God but their Zeal is not based on Knowledge."

# How to fix it:

## Proverbs 3:5,6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and  
lean not on your own understanding;

In all your ways acknowledge him and he  
will make your paths straight.

**If you are not supposed to  
lean on YOUR understanding:**

**Then it means you are  
supposed to:**

**Lean on HIS understanding.**

**HIS point of view!**

**His perception!**

What is perception?

*Turn the Page and let's get rolling!*

# The root of all human interaction is *perception*.

The way we perceive things determines the way we interact with them.

Perception is merely a point of view.

A bird sees things very differently to the way an ant sees things. A Mole has a completely different world to a Fish.

The way we perceive the world determines how we react to it.

Those who see the world as a place filled with betrayal will react to it accordingly. They will treat other people with distrust consistently and struggle to have stable relationships.

Those who view the world through the eyes of grace will love all mankind with full readiness to forgive any betrayal before it even happens.

The difference between the two is perception. One sees the world as a place of danger; the other sees the world as place

in need of love. The different views determine not only the interaction with the world but also the quality of life the individual has as a result of the way he sees people.

The person who can consistently see the big picture has a powerful haven of perspective. They will not be affected by temporary circumstance.

If temporary circumstance has the power to steal your passion, your perception needs an upgrade!

**The way we see the world determines  
how we live in it.**

*See the world through the eyes of lack and  
you will become greedy.*

**See the world through the eyes of God  
and you will give in abundance; receive in  
abundance and LIVE in abundance.**

***“As a man thinks, So is he.”***

Proverbs 23:7

## **The root of perception is information.**

From the day you were born you were programmed to see the world in a certain way.

Friends, Family, Television, Education and Life defining moments; all shaped the way you see life today.

The question is: will you allow God to shape the way you see life tomorrow?

Will you allow him to change your perception?

Will you allow him to change your life at the root?

Only through the pursuit of Gods' wisdom will it be possible to change the way you see the world.

Only when his wisdom becomes your perception will your hurts be healed and your dreams be empowered.

It's time to grow up.

It's time handle your life like a towering Ambassador of Godly maturity!

Ready? Let's Go!

## **James 1:5**

If any of you lacks  
wisdom.

He should ask  
God.

# Just ask.

**You have the desire to do something for God  
but you don't know what it is?**

Ask God.

You have the Zeal to take the world by storm but you do not  
know how?:

**Romans 10:2**

'They are Zealous for God but their Zeal is not based on  
Knowledge.'

**Ask God!**

**Ask Now!**

**Go ahead.**

*“Please God, Give me wisdom”.*

Simple as that.

What is stopping you?

*“Please God, Give me wisdom”.*

**Do it now before you  
move on to the higher grade stuff.**

**As you may have gathered by now,**

**The answer to ‘why?’ is *ignorance*.**

(Ignorance is not stupidity, it is merely lack of wisdom)

**The Solution to ‘Why?’ is:**

**The passionate pursuit of Wisdom.**

**Solomon asked for Wisdom too!**

**2 Chronicles 1:12:**

“...therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have.”

# **Wisdom needs the right questions!**

**Stop asking why life is so tough, start asking  
why you are here.**

**What problem are you called to solve?**

**What is your purpose on this earth?**

**How can you use what you have been through  
to make the world a better place?**

To get frustration out of your life, you need to pinpoint where you are right now.

If you do not know **who** you are, **what** you are and **where** you come from, you will have severe difficulty deciding your next step.

No navigator can find his way home if he does not know where he is.

Let's start with that and move forward from there.

**What am I?**

**Who am I?**

**Where do I come from?**

**You are an eternal being,** a wondrous person made in the image of God with the mind of Christ. You are eternal as He is eternal. You are an heir of the father and a joint heir with the Son.

You are on this earth to experience all of his creation in the ultimate earth experience machine – the human body.

You have been given senses to experience every level of the glory of his creation; and emotions to link your physical experiences to your eternal soul. You are a being of purpose made on purpose by a God of purpose. You are much more than the slave of an employer or the target of Bullies. You are beautiful in every way and able to accomplish much more than the cage of modern education leads you to believe.

You are better than you think.

Better in every way than you think.

You are wiser than you realize, stronger than you realize and tougher than you realize.

You are the channel of Gods' love and power.

You are both the object AND the source of his grace, love and mercy.

You come from him and you shall return to him. You are his dearly beloved child.

You are a child of the Living God.

We all are.

**Yet we ignore our birth right** and inheritance because we fear rejection and criticism. We are judgmental and touchy. We act like spoiled, ignorant brats and gossip amongst ourselves like wicked old women. We hate correction and despise those who would correct us. We reject those who do not share our beliefs and we trample those who are fallen.

### **Why God Why? Because you refuse to grow up!**

It's easier to stay as we are and justify our faults and weaknesses.

It's easier to blame others than it is to judge ourselves and humble ourselves.

But the reward that awaits those who would consistently grow is immeasurable.

Every dream and desire can be yours if you are willing to be a recipient and an agent of change, if you are willing to grow consistently with wisdom and character provided by God.

We all hear great truths consistently from the pulpit, from books, from TV, from the Bible, from friends and from family. It is only in the application of truth that you will experience its fruit.

**Hearing the truth is merely the opportunity for promotion.**

**Applying the truth is the true agent of promotion.**

John 8:32:

‘The truth will set  
you free.’

**Literally!**

# HOW?

**So how do I apply the truth?**

**How do I let God take the steering?**

**How do I grow as he wants me to grow?**

**Get ready to let go of the steering!**

**God will literally step in** and start laying out a path for you. He will get involved in your marriage, your business, your relationships and your ministry.

He will provide the learning curves, the tests and the challenges that will strengthen you, inform you and prepare you for your assignment.

He made you.

He knows you far better than you know yourself.

He knows your needs and desires and it is his desire to grant them!

Jer. 29:22 “Plans to prosper you!”

**Take a deep breath,  
it's about to get awesome!**

**This is the part that brings peace!**

**Here comes the massive freedom part  
and an awesome map to your destiny! Go  
on, get excited,!**

**HERE**

**IT**

**COMES!**

## Supply my needs, give me my desires!

Most times our desires get in the way of our destinies. Thus God will fulfill our needs first and then grant us our desires later.

The difference between needs and desires is simple:

**Needs:** *Minimum requirements for growth, development and preparation.*

**Desires:** *Luxuries.*

A child sees a racing car and wants it because it looks cool. He does not account for the danger of the power of the vehicle. He does not account for the upkeep of the vehicle. His mind is wrapped around the beauty of the vehicle. The child *desires* the vehicle. But to achieve his desire he needs stewardship, resources and training. Without those specific abilities, the racing car will surely kill the child or bankrupt him financially. The father will teach him wisdom and stewardship first before granting him such a costly desire.

God knows you better  
than you know yourself.

He made you, he knows what makes you  
tick and he knows your destiny.

He has known you from before you were  
in your mother's womb.

He knows **what** you need to be, **who** you  
need to be and **where** you need to be to  
achieve your dreams and if you let him;  
***God is willing to take the wheel.***

**Imagine for one moment that God is  
really the omniscient, omnipotent,  
omnipresent being  
that the Bible says He is.**

*Imagine that he is actually here, right now.*

Imagine that he is listening to your every  
word and taking note of your every  
thought

Imagine that he knows exactly what you  
need to be to achieve your desires.

Imagine that he has already stepped in  
and started molding you!

Imagine that he is reading this book with  
you right now, that he planned this  
moment and he is eagerly expecting your  
next move!

**Trust him. He knows what he is doing!**

# **Lesson Test Promotion**

*'A comfort Zone is a slow working poison  
It lulls a man into a complacent sleep.*

*Like the seductive song of the Succubus,  
the comfort Zone renders you ineffective  
to reach your destiny.'*

If you allow God, he will wrest you from the snare of complacency and refine you as steel in fire. He will press the coal until it becomes Diamonds and you will achieve every dream you have ever had!

But first you must be a willing student.

A Student who is willing to learn his lessons, pass his tests and earn his promotion!

## **Two guys in the Bible who made it big: David and Joseph.**

They had many opportunities to ask 'Why God Why?'

Let's have a quick look at their journeys to greatness and see where they could ask 'Why God Why?'

Both had huge dreams, both experienced the ultimate in rejection and betrayal on route.

As a matter of fact, if you scratch through the Bible and the rest of history a bit, you will notice that most of God's epic world changers experienced horror stories of every possible sort on their way up the ladder.

Imagine facing the trials of Moses or Job...

Now look at their end results and realize that without their trials, their destinies would not have been possible!

Now let's look at one or two others in a bit more detail:

## David

Gets anointed by Samuel as God's chosen king.

Kills Goliath.

Gets massive rewards and riches plus King's daughter.

Saul tries to kill him. (Why God Why?)

Has to run for his life and live in caves. (Why God Why?)

Gets employed by Philistines to stay alive. (Why God why?)

Finally becomes King of Israel.

## Joseph

Big dream.

Celebrated.

Rejected and thrown into a pit by his brothers. (Why God Why?)

Sold into slavery by his brothers. (Why God Why?)

Promoted and Celebrated by his master.

Falsely accused and imprisoned. (Why God Why?)

Gets friends promoted but they forget him. (Why God Why?)

Gets promoted to big Cahuna of Egypt.

Both David and Joseph had to be *the right kind of person* to achieve their destinies.

**They had to be shaped and molded into rulers.**

Your Destiny demands a *specific* kind of person.

A touchy, easily offended leader will never last, and if they do, they will become a dictator or worse.

**To be a Godly leader requires a person of understanding, someone who can see the past, present and future clearly.**

A person of perspective!

**David and Joseph had to be molded**

**into men of perspective.**

They had to be refined.

They had to be trained.

They had to be tested.

**God will test you *until you pass*.**

Some never pass because they refuse to learn.

They refuse to grow because their comfort zones are too dear to them.

The tests are well within your capability. God will never test you beyond your ability! The tests are for you, not for him.

Tests are the agents of your promotion!

Until you pass the tests before you, you will never be promoted.

You will re-write those tests until you pass.

If you fail, you will re-write.

**God does not dwell in the confines of time.**

**Neither do his tests.**

You can run from one country to another to get away from your current test but it will be waiting for you on the other side too.

**Pass the test to get the promotion. Simple as that.**

God is steering, you do the moving! If he leads you *to* it, he'll lead you *through* it! ***Years mean nothing to a great teacher.***

## Until you let go of worldly wisdom

(any wisdom that inspires you to cling to your comfort zones),

### **You will remain as you are.**

If you are unwilling to change your ways, you will not grow.

It is only the willingness to learn and change consistently  
that will stimulate your promotion.

Your destiny demands a very specific you. *Who you are today* is simply not good enough for *who is required tomorrow.*

**If you persist in childish behavior, you will never have more authority or opportunity than a child is given.**

#### **1 Corinthians 13:11**

When I was a Child, I talked like a child,

I reasoned like a child.

When I became a man,

I put childish ways behind me.

**Don't try and be in the right place at the  
right time.**

**Be the right person all of the time!**

***To fear the next step in your journey is like a grade 7 pupil staying in grade 7 for the rest of his life because grade 8 is too intimidating.***

The next step might mean leaving your job, moving to a smaller house, driving a cheaper car and buying cheaper food.

At the end of every season, you will have far more than the end of the last season.

But at the *beginning* of each season, you may have far less.

Just ask Job, David, Joseph and every other servant of God...

The next step may be bankruptcy or rejection!

Treat every situation as an opportunity to grow!

# The Potter and his clay.

**Romans 9:21**

"The potter will do as he pleases with his lump of clay."

## **The Steps of the righteous man**

### **Are ordered of God.**

If you allow him, God will literally determine where your next step will land. You keep moving forward and God will steer you in the direction he wants you to go.

In order to stop growing, simply stop moving.

Here's an example:

A child goes up to his dad and says: "Dad, I want to be whatever you want me to be".

The Dad says: "Ok, but for you to be what I want you to be, I'll need to toughen you up a bit and upgrade your skills somewhat."

The Dad will then lay a path for the child with lessons and tests for each level of promotion. The lessons, tests and promotions will lead the child to his destiny. He will become mature, strong and wise. He will be ready.

If at any point the child does not desire to go on, he can simply avoid the test that will promote him. Thus the child can stay on the same level for the rest of his life.

Unfortunately, the only way to your destiny is through the tests and trials that God has ahead of you. They are well within your reach for he will never give you a test that you cannot handle. **We are incorrect in our assumption that our tests are for his pleasure.** Our tests are in fact for our promotion to the next level.

God knew before you were born that you would give him control over your life. He chose **where** you should be born, **who** you should be born to and **what** you should experience to prepare you for your destiny. Your traumatic experiences, disappointments and challenges are all a major part of your training and preparation. God may not have brought some of those things on your path, but he has steered you through them in a way that will prepare you for your destiny.

You are reading this right now because it is the right moment for you to be reading it. The people you meet every day are placed upon your path strategically. Could you dare to believe that God is molding you like clay at every moment? Could you believe that everything from the movies that you watch to the music that you listen to the people that you meet is all strategic? The more you surrender to him, the easier it will be! Then you can say, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives within me!"

## **For the Righteous man:**

*If your life is a movie – Let God be your Director.*

### **Psalm 37:23**

‘The steps of a righteous man are ordered of God’.

### **Proverbs 16:9**

‘A man’s heart plans his way but the Lord directs his path’.

### **Proverbs 3:6**

‘In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths.’

Once you give him the wheel, he will steer.

He will direct your steps and your paths.

Your job is to keep moving. Your job is to write those tests and pass them so that you can move to the next lesson, test and promotion.

*Your* job is to mature and upgrade your level of wisdom and character.

The faster you grow, the faster you get promoted.

He is the potter and you are the clay. Stop moaning and complaining, negativity does not help you climb faster. He will first supply your needs before he grants your desires. Your needs are not mere bread for man cannot live on bread alone! Bread is devoured in one sitting but wisdom and character will provide countless meals!

Your *needs* are wisdom and character and he will provide the circumstance and opportunity for you to upgrade those parts of you so that all your desires can be fulfilled.

He made you, he knows how you tick. Quit fighting him and pass your tests so that you can get promoted!

Is every person a test or an opportunity? Is every situation a test or opportunity? I don't know. But it is certainly wise to consider it so! It is a great way to overcome obstacles!

The man who works for you today could leave you, start his own business and become the client that makes you wealthy. The way you treat him and reward him could be your test. The way you treat your husband or wife could be the hindrance to your next promotion. The way you hold onto your money or refuse to release those who owe you money could be the test you are failing. Look at every situation as a test or an opportunity for promotion!

Life becomes a different place to the man or woman who sees every moment as an opportunity for promotion!

For those who do not let God steer - life is a lucky dip or Russian Roulette.

A man can make his own path, for God's principles rain down upon both the righteous and the unrighteous.

It is those who recognize that God is the author of the tests who will pass each test without hatred or resentment for the agents of our tests. For as God moved in Saul's heart against David; He might move in your best friend's heart against you – to get you promoted.

***Greed is when a desire becomes a need.***

Focus on growing, learning  
And passing your tests!

Your needs are wisdom and character. God will provide the circumstance and opportunity for you to upgrade those parts of you so that all your desires can be fulfilled.

Never think in moments! Enjoy the moments, but think in years!

Sometimes one test can last years! Sometimes a test can last mere seconds!

Tests are designed to change you.

You cannot cheat these tests, you will write them until you pass them!

Refusal to change is an automatic fail.

**Sometimes Promotion will feel like failure.**

Sometimes things will make absolutely no sense at all.

When you pass your test, your promotion will be a move to another level, another lesson, another test.

**To get you to move,  
God might have to use a crowbar.**

## Can you imagine being Joseph?

Naked and in chains at the slave market.

Before Joseph would have been bought by Potiphar, he would have been checked for muscular efficiency, good teeth and all manner of demeaning things that you would check on a horse before buying it. There is nothing romantic about being a slave. You have no rights and no worth other than your buying and selling price between masters.

Joseph needed to be sold into slavery to become the man God needed him to be. He needed to pass his tests in stewardship running Potiphar's household. He had to pass his test of integrity with Potiphar's wife. If he had not passed those tests, he would have written them again. Being thrown into prison was his next test. It was his promotion to the next level! **Prison a promotion?**

How else would he have met the men who would be the agents of his ultimate promotion?

Remember that Joseph went straight from prison to his ultimate promotion!

You think that God does not know how to steer your life?

**Think about it this way:**

At the final level of junior school, you are the king of the pond. You are in the elite class of the oldest and wisest students in school... Then you pass your tests and get promoted to high school where you are once again the lowest ranking human being in school. The seniors make you carry rocks with pet names and you feel small and inconsequential.

You reach the final year of High school and there you are, once again in the elite class of the oldest and wisest students in school.... Until you pass your tests and are promoted to become an inconsequential initiate in University or college.

Three to five years later you are top dog again until you pass your tests and get promoted to the real world where you are the lowest paid, most underestimated human in the company.

This cycle will go on until you are ready for your final destiny. Bankruptcy could be promotion. There is no 'starting from scratch' – there is only starting the next level.

Rejection could be promotion (as with David and Saul).

David went from the Palace to the caves: The caves were his next lesson!

**This is why we are instructed to judge no man.**

God is busy with his work on earth.

We have no way of knowing who God is busy with and what He is busy teaching them.

**To judge another man is assume you know better than God.**

**Romans 9:21**

"The potter will do as he pleases with his lump of clay."

## **A major promotion disguised as a major failure:**

I once served an awesome pastor as his youth praise and worship Leader.

This Pastor is a dynamic, powerful leader who has one of the fastest growing networks of churches in South Africa.

For me it was a dream job and I had awesome favor with my pastor.

He would take me along on bike trips and ministry trips abroad. He trusted me with the responsibility to run the pre-message program on Sunday nights with a huge crowd of young people. He gave me the Creative freedom to tour with my own ministry. I loved it. I should have been happy. I was for a while but suddenly, for no evident reason, I wasn't.

I had no clue why.

This pastor is a very focused leader who does not allow a lot of people close to him. The pressures of that level of leadership are immense and I was extremely privileged to spend so much time with him.

Yet I was not happy.

I did not know why.

It's like hanging out with your hero at your dream job with as much free time and creative time as you like and not being happy. I know... it's crazy!

My unhappiness got worse.

I woke up one morning with thoughts of suicide and sank into a terrible depression.

I thought that moving to another of my pastor's churches might solve the problem but it did not.

The depression worsened to a point where I needed heavy medication.

It caused me to leave his team. He tried to convince me to stay but I could not. I did not even have a proper reason to give him. It was terrible. I loved him with all my heart, I love him still.

All through my unreasonable departure from his ministry he was graceful and encouraging in his dealings with me.

I lost my passion for ministry. I lost my drive for life. I did not know why.

A friend of mine gave me a job at her advertising agency. She is a great woman who has believes in me incredibly; even in the depth of my depression she gave me opportunity.

I did not know why.

My creative drive was far too low to deserve a job like the one she gave me and I was consistently heavily medicated. Anti-depressants and anti psychotics deaden you to the world even more. I was a passionless Zombie.

Ministry opportunities still jumped at me from every angle. I turned them all down. I did not know why. I simply had no drive or passion of anything ministry related.

I tried to do some outreach events for young people which drew great crowds but I stopped a few short months later.

I simply did not have the passion or drive.

It felt like God was no longer with me.

I did not know why.

I had served God with every inch of my being since I was a child. I had no clue what was going on.

Slowly any obligation to minister died within me and I settled into a life of secular work. I climbed the creative ladder and was soon a Creative Director doing TV and Radio adverts. A consistent guilt nagged at my conscience about my absence from ministry but I had no desire to return.

I remember my pastor phoning me to discuss my return but even then, I could not.

I simply had no passion or drive for ministry at all. It was dead inside me. I was torn between my love for my pastor and the death of passion for all things ministry.

How do you explain to someone who knows you as a passionate, driven person that you are dead inside for no apparent reason? Heck, I even suspected for a few moments that I might be possessed by some nasty spirit... Ludicrous I know! Come to think of it, God sent a tormenting spirit to Saul which caused David to be rejected... You just never know! It is very possible that God would create that restless thing inside a man that makes him run towards crazy things!

At first I thought it was the church system itself and temporarily entertained the theories of the bitter, angry church exiles (they always find you somehow).

“The Church system is evil bla bla bla”, it’s an old song sung by frustrated individuals who love God but can’t figure out where to grow next.

I know; I was there.

Luckily God’s kingdom is not affected by the whining of insecure kids. He uses the manure of the discontent to start new movements and provide new revelations.

For some, their church as an institution is their final destiny. For me, it was my school and a testing ground where I had to write the same test *four times*.

Failing sucks man.

Pastor Justice Boyens, Pastor Harold Weitz, Pastor Marc Bredenkamp, Freddie Andalaft, Anthea van Heerden, Pastor Steve Maile, Pastor Theo Wolmarans and Pastor At Boshoff were the teachers who took the time to instruct me. I can only hope that my fruit on this earth will honor their efforts to teach me and that I will be a blessing to them before God one day.

I digress.

Even in my confused state of anti 'church' and all things psychologically tumultuous I still missed the fellowship with Christians.

I tried a few churches; each time i thought'; "maybe I need a different one."

Going to church was like sitting in a sauna wearing thermal clothing with banshees wailing in my ears. I simply could not sit still.

I read every book on leaving church, surviving church and hating church that I could lay my hands on. I hungered for reason and meaning. None came.

I prayed, fasted, begged God, Pleaded... to no avail. Nothing.

I focused on my career in Advertising and decided to take a stab at movie making. The company I was working for sent me to Film school and everything started falling into place. Film making came to me as naturally as breathing. Two years later I made my first full length motion picture.

I thought: "This is it, THIS is what I am supposed to do with my life!"

Ha! Wrong again. The potter was still molding his clay!

Investor payouts for the film were delayed drastically.

While waiting for the payouts, I spent a year at home living from month to month trusting God for rent and food. I should have had massive amounts of

money in my bank account for my work on the movie, but could hardly feed my family.

The delays in payouts were for pathetic reasons. The delay lost me my entire team, house and car.

Nothing made sense.

At that point, adding my ministry experience to my secular experiences, I felt like a total failure. My pastor had even referred to me as a loser when one of his staff wanted to join my team. I didn't blame him. He was right.

I felt pathetic, my pastor thought I was pathetic and the fruit was on the tree. By all counts, I was a pathetic loser. A wannabe who never was!

When your mentor thinks you are a loser, you have hit rock bottom. There is no worse feeling in the Universe! I had left ministry because my passion had died for absolutely no reason. How do you even begin to explain *that* to someone - Especially when the same thing has happened to you three times before (at different churches)?

**You seriously start doubting your own integrity and worth, and the voices of your critics start echoing in the back of your head.**

It felt like I had walked away from a life of favor and opportunity for nothing. Most of my ministry friends had warned me that walking away from ministry would mean the end of blessing. At that point, I could not argue with them.

Yet I had a strong sense of destiny inside of me that I could not explain. So I kept my head down and kept walking!

Praise God for an awesome wife who stayed by my side. I tell you, 'good thing' may be the greatest understatement in the Bible!

I think this is how Joseph felt when he stood naked in chains before Potiphar in the slave market. “Why God Why?”

Or how David felt when he had to live in caves like an animal. “Why God Why?”

**It's *that* moment when there is overwhelming evidence that your enemies and critics were right about you.**

It made absolutely no sense.

And then...

I passed my test.

For Joseph, slavery and prison had given him socio- economic understanding and advanced knowledge of law so that he could rule a Kingdom effectively.

For David, The caves and his time with the enemy had taught him true, effective leadership and given him important intelligence on enemy strategy to make him the ultimate warrior King.

God had to force him out of the palace. Would you willingly leave a palace to live in caves as a fugitive? Hell no!

My time in Ministry, my time as a Creative Director, the financial pains as a film Director/Producer had all created within me the capability to do what I am called to do.

My ministry is to be a cutting edge resource to the entire body of Christ. God set me under very specific Church leaders to shape me into the man he wanted me to be and then He forced me out into the world to learn the very highest skills of my trade so that I could achieve his assignment. It took a nasty dose of Depression to get me to leave my Pastor to head out into the cold secular world! I left a palace to live in a cave and I took my wife with me!

I still have many tests ahead of me for I am yet young, but I now relish them and seek them out so that my promotions may come faster!

If you've watched a movie called *The 13<sup>th</sup> Warrior*; there's a scene where the Vikings are on a ship in a crazy storm. The protagonist cowers in misery at the foot of the mast while the Vikings laugh into the storm as if they've been looking forward to it all year! Why? **The wind from a storm makes the ship go faster!** Hahaha! God is AWESOME!

**I got to a point** where I had decided that I loved God and all his children without any form of judgment whatsoever. As a matter of fact, I had decided to love everyone equally. My enemies, my friends, my family. When I say 'love', I mean respect and honor their success and mistakes equally, without any form of judgment.

**In all my travels** I had experienced a lot of rejection and passed a lot of judgment (as in *I* was judgmental).

**Judgment is a default setting for Christians.** Somehow we decide that it's fine for Jesus to forgive our sins while we judge others for not sharing our beliefs. It's like the rich man who releases the manager of his debts, yet the same manager throws others into prison for owing him money.

With the same passion that we are forgiven, we need to forgive; and with the same grace that we are accepted by God, we need to accept others. A man whose belief system differs from yours is not a lesser man, he is merely a different man. The way you handle someone who differs from you may well be a test...

I bore (and bare) no man ill. Seriously. No ill. I no longer viewed any man as an enemy for I had been to the point of humiliation where I understood the confines of frustration intimately. People get frustrated and say terrible

things to preserve their egos and self worth. It is the path of wisdom to seek first to understand. It is the path of ignorance to speak or act in anger.

Arguing with someone who gives himself over to anger is futile. Life is already hell for them. They will simply blame you for every misfortune they have suffered. Best turn away the wrath of your enemies with kind words. It is far better to turn your enemies into friends. Sometimes that means giving them a year or two to cool off. Forget your ego, it's overrated.

God knows what he is doing. Let him steer!

Anyway.

The challenges in making my first film inspired me to put together an advanced economic model for all forms of media production. I won't bore you with the details, but that model has been the core of every efficient project I have tackled since then. My first movie was mere millions; the projects that follow are hundreds of millions. My first movie was a battle that I lost, but that loss taught me how to win the war!

**At some point I began to suspect that someone else had control of my life.**

Someone was meddling with my emotions and my drive.

Someone was opening and shutting doors strategically as ways to mature me.

My childish desires for material things had died.

My need for recognition was gone.

My subconscious need to be the centre of attention was no longer there.

I had never felt more alive, more hopeful, more powerful and more in love with God and all of mankind.

I was a new man.

My drive and passion returned with more fire and resolve than ever.

My passion to minister to people returned one hundred fold.

Was that the end of trials and tests? Hell No!

I think trials and tests will finally end when we get to heaven.



Incidentally, had I stayed in the Church I that enjoyed so much, I would still be a like child, doing everything for the acknowledgement and recognition of my pastor. A Sword of the Lord and of Gideon! Nothing wrong with that!

**Serve your leaders with all your heart, if God wants you to move, he'll get out his crowbar!**

My leaving was not my pastors doing; I sincerely believe it was God forcing me to my next lesson. David would never have left Saul on his own accord, Joseph would never have left Jacob and Laban would never have let Jacob leave.

If we had our way, we'd all still be in Junior high, safely playing with our friends under the watchful eye of caring teachers and parents.

Comfort Zones grow nothing!

True battle has a way of sobering you up, opening your eyes, forcing you to grow up and stop acting like a kid!

# Some Wisdom to start your journey:

You don't plant a seed today  
and reap a harvest tomorrow!

It's never that simple! Your actions very rarely have  
immediate consequences. Every action is a seed that  
produces a harvest later.

Any farmer will tell you that there is a process!

**Seed time...**

*..then fertilize, water, watch and wait then....*

**Harvest time!**

Sometimes the harvest is merely promotion to the next  
lesson, test and promotion!

Impatience is the fruit of Ignorance.

If you don't understand God's process,

You'll be asking 'Why God Why?' at every test.

It is far better to look for the lesson, pass the test and get  
the promotion!

# Life moves in years.

Every shortcut is a long-cut in disguise.

You don't get promoted for  
bunking a class in school.

## **Pursuing your dreams and passions** **is like climbing a mountain.**

It's uphill all the way and some areas are more difficult to navigate than others.

To complain about the climb does not speed things up in any way. The only way to get to the top is to keep your mind in a state of creative problem solving. When something goes wrong, you make sure that you immediately learn how to correct that mistake so that it does not happen again.

To blame equipment or other climbers merely gives away your power to creatively solve the problem. Blame throwing is the biggest handicap you can give yourself. The moment you are unwilling to search your own life for flaws you will be stuck. Whether it is someone else's fault or not is irrelevant, you are the one that needs to get to the next level therefore you are the one that must creatively come up with answers. You are the one that must change and grow!

Rewards are not handed out to spectators or critics, rewards go to those who participate in the race. To focus on someone else's race and comment on their progress is a futile and childish activity. Unless you are cheering them on, you are slowing them down. You do not get promoted when someone else gets promoted; you get promoted when you pass your test.

# To Blame

**Is to give away your power.**

*Who did what to you is irrelevant.*

You cannot change the past,

All you can do is determine its effect on you.

**What happened to you cannot be changed.**

**It's what happens NEXT that matters most.**

Let the things that were intended to destroy you become the jet fuel in your veins that propels you to your destiny!

Find the good in all things and use every failure, disappointment and betrayal as a powerful learning experience!

**The answer to ‘Why God Why?’ is simple:  
Ignorance!**

Ignorance is: *What you do not know.*

Ignorance is the holes in your perception that hold you back from your destiny, your success and powerful relationships.

Ignorance makes you lose your temper easily and say things that you always regret later.

Ignorance makes you do things the long way around.

Lack of information is killing you, literally!

**Success demands that you not only know  
*what* to do,**

**But *how* to do it and *why* you are doing it.**

## **To judge others is self sabotage!**

The fruits on a tree are a clear indication of the status of the root.

If you insist on judging someone's fruit, you need to be instrumental in fixing the problems at the root.

Passing judgment on someone for their fruit and rejecting or hurting them is like being a childish schoolyard Bully! You need to grow up!

If you judge someone who swears or smokes or commits adultery you are like an ignorant child, you need to grow up!

If you are rejecting those who have different belief systems to you, you like are an ignorant child! You need to grow up!

An ignorant child would judge someone who is different.

It's like children teasing the sick kid at school for his symptoms.

A mature adult would look at the root and do anything to help cure the problem. Jesus looked at our sin and went straight for the root. It cost him his life to save ours!

Small minded pettiness is the fruit of ignorance.

# Time to grow up!

## **1 Corinthians 13:11**

When I was a Child, I talked like a child,

I reasoned like a child.

When I became a man,

I put childish ways behind me.

**Pettiness is focusing on that  
which matters least  
at the expense of that which  
matters most!**

**By focusing on petty things,  
you stall your own growth!**

Learn your lessons, pass your  
tests and get your promotion.  
It's what you were designed  
to do!

Leave the pettiness and  
selfishness to the fools!

It's not for you.

# Peace is Power!

The most powerful you can be is when you are calm, when you have control over your response to any situation.

When you are no longer governed by temporary circumstance and are able to maintain a haven of perspective in the knowledge that God has the steering.

You are able to love even those who seek your destruction because your haven of perspective seeks first to understand *their* point of view.

A calm man can outmaneuver any enemy.

And turn any situation for the better.

Remember that life moves in years.

Learn to patiently pursue your destiny

And all else will fall into place.

Be above all a man of God before you speak and act

For then shall your steps be ordered of God!

Failure is the agent of promotion

It is the agent of growth

It is the not the end, it is the beginning.

Ask yourself what it is you need to learn.

Never look down on yourself and

**NEVER** heed the critics!

*"I told you so"*

*Is the song of the spectator.  
Never confront the spectator,  
Just keep playing the Game!  
They'll all be cheering you  
When you win anyway.*

Find the Lesson.

Pass the Test.

Get the Promotion.

## **Final thoughts:**

When a baby dies or sickness strikes,  
it is never easy to understand.

Sometimes the laws of the universe  
catch the innocent it's gears.

Many terrible things happen, for we  
inhabit the same planet as the  
Godless and the selfish.

But be encouraged, for the same God  
who created the Universe and it's  
laws has equipped you to not only  
handle the pain you are experiencing,  
but also to take it and make  
something amazing from it.

As trees find nutrients in fertilizer, we can find our destinies and turn that which the evil forces of this world mean for evil into good.

There are others who will experience the anguish of soul that you have experienced and many who can be spared that pain.

They wait for you to rise from your ashes of defeat and become the powerful light in the darkness that you were destined to be.

God might not send every test, but He provides every promotion.

As Job was rewarded for his  
faithfulness and obedience, so shall  
you.

Stand tall, shake off your ashes and  
take up your sword.

You are sorely needed.

A hurting world is waiting for you!

Peace be with you.

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