

Victim Detour

One of the main problems with a person who has lived trauma is that their lives have been systematically adjusted to survive with their pain. This mechanism of survival actually has decided that living in and with the trauma must become a way of life. Our beliefs are skewed, our functions are distorted, and our life systems are established simply to continue to function in the pain. Instead of healing from the pain and knowing that our trauma is affecting how we see things, we expect everyone and everything in society and life to adjust to us so we are not “triggered.”

The trigger is a fear based response because we are not healed and now it causes us to try to control our surroundings and the people in them based on our experiences.

Num 11:18-20 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for [it was] well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; [But] even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which [is] among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

- A. The ways of the flesh and its responses become your focus.
- B. If its so good why are you in tears?
- C. It was well with us in Egypt! (really)

- D. God will let you eat it and live in it.
- E. The idea is for it to become loathsome.
- F. Your skewed mindset says God is the problem.

The final question here is so skewed. It insinuates that God made a mistake for trying to deliver you from the trauma. It even says that Egypt and the trauma are more comfortable and palatable to you than the taste of freedom and the land of promise. The slave mentality has turned to a victim mentality and it has you going in the same circles.

Deu 2:1-3 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. 2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.

Deu 2:7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God [hath been] with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

In these passages we see God's patience, grace, and extreme goodness as He interacts with us in our condition. Our God always takes the condition of our heart into consideration, as well as our blindness and distorted views. When we

take on the victim mentality it causes us to respond in wrong ways to God's help.

1. Victims speak evil reports, are afraid of being eaten up, and are little in their own eyes, everyone is a potential threat. Woe is me (self-pity), they beat themselves up. (opposite of being healed and small)

Num 13:32-33 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, [is] a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it [are] men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, [which come] of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

2. They walk in a sense of negativity and bitterness concerning life, even to the point of wanting to die.

Num 14:2-3 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

3. They blame the people who are trying to lead them out.

Exo 16:2-3 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: 3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, [and] when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4. They don't trust authority.

Exo 2:14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Act 7:25-28 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. 26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? 27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

5. They want to lead as authority so they can do it their way.

Jdg 9:14-15 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, [and] reign over us. And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, [then] come [and] put your trust in my shadow: and

if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

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Psa 12:4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips [are] our own: who [is] lord over us?

Lam 5:8 Servants have ruled over us: [there is] none that doth deliver [us] out of their hand.

Num 16:1-4 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took [men]: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: 3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, [Ye take] too much upon you, seeing all the congregation [are] holy, every one of them, and the LORD [is] among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? And when Moses heard [it], he fell upon his face:

No one can make you enter into the land of promise. If you want to live in the trauma, you can die in the trauma. Jesus can cover you, forgive you, and continue to send you help, you can even go to heaven, but God's desire is to set

you free on earth and take you to your land of healing flowing with His goodness. To do this you must step out in faith and walk in uncharted territory. Its time to put it in gear and trust God.

Jos 3:1-3 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

A. Shittim – scourging thorns of Accadia

B. Jordon – Dying to yourself.

C. Get your strength and rest.

D. 2.5 million people

E. Faith = Confidence (Matt17:20, Phil 1:6, 3:13)

Go after the ark of the Lord. Let the Holy Spirit lead you not your trauma. Not your fears. Make this moment very sacred. Do not think you know where you are. Be prepared to sanctify yourselves and apply God's forgiveness.

Jos 3:4-5 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed [this] way

heretofore. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

- A. God is going to do wonders in your life!
- B. Sanctification always proceeds God's power.

People who have been traumatized need to believe and follow Godly leadership. The best leaders are the ones who have went through it first.

Jos 3:6-7 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. 7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, [so] I will be with thee.

- A. Joshua had already been tested and looked into by the preists.
- B. He never ran as He watched God meet with Moses.
- C. He also was reverent of the Man of God.

Jos 3:9-17 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God. And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God [is] among you, and [that] he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet

of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, [that] the waters of Jordan shall be cut off [from] the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 1That the waters which came down from above stood [and] rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that [is] beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, [even] the salt sea, failed, [and] were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

- A. Hear the Word, Walk in the Spirit.
- B. To possess you must disposses the trauma and the spirits.
- C. Time to move your tents. 1 mile wide at harvest.
- D. Die to slavery, die to the victim mentality
- E. Walk over to your promise.

As you the land of trauma to possess the land of promise keep your eyes on the Ark and obey the Word. In this chapter the ark is mentioned ten times and it is God's desire to increase you in faith and mature you to face your enemies.

Here are Ten Scriptures for you to focus on as you take this journey!

Psa 71:20 [Thou], which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

2Co 1:3-4 Blessed [be] God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Jas 1:12 Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

2Co 4:8-9 [We are] troubled on every side, yet not distressed; [we are] perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Phl 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto

God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Rom 5:3-5 And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding [and] eternal weight of glory;

Isa 41:10 Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.