

Winter Challenge Part 5 by Ps Larry Elliott

It's not your time

A Word from the Lord in Gabon:

Larry it's not your **time**, so **look up**, put your **chest out** and **keep on** serving Me/ walking on

- Unexpected
- Unusual
- witnessed with it (so didn't try and reason or explain, but committed it and contemplated {kept in my heart})

A few weeks later shared with Mandy, significant....

I got to meditating and here is the result.....

John 7:6-8 NKJV "Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.""

- When you are not serving JESUS, it's always your time, you can basically do what you want?
- However if you want to live on PURPOSE for God you need to understand "Timing"
- Jesus NEW His purpose in God and AIMED at that. (He knew what He could and couldn't be involved with now.
- You may not now and still be figuring that out, but keep moving forward and learn to WAIT on the Lord.

The power/danger of a "Rhema" Word (Prophecy)

The primary purpose of Prophecy in the New Testament

- A. **1 Corinthians 14:3 NKJV** "But he who prophesies speaks **edification** and **exhortation** and **comfort** to men."



Edification: Structure / Architecture or confirmation!



Exhortation: To entreat or to call near & encourage!



Comfort: to initiate or teach, come alongside!

- B. **1 Timothy 1:18 NKJV** This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,"

1 Timothy 1:18 NIV "Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well,"

There are three categories to the Prophetic:

The Prophet:

Ephesians 4:11 NKJV "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some

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evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,"
(It's a full time call to the Body Of Christ at LARGE).

Commentaries agree here and some prophets; by whom are meant, not private members of churches, who may all prophesy or teach in a private way; nor ordinary ministers of the word; but extraordinary ones, who had a peculiar gift of interpreting the Scriptures, the prophecies of the Old Testament, and of foretelling things to come!
A TRUE PROPHET WILL BE GIVEN A NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM

The Gift of Prophecy:

1 Corinthians 12v10-11 NKJV "to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

The Prophetic Motivation:

Romans 12:6 NKJV "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;"
(Prophetic / Administration / Teaching / Encouraging / Generosity / Leading / Mercy)

- If you are used in the last two doesn't make you a Prophet.

The next important thing

This is to and for every believer:

1. Do you know your gift?
2. Do you know your talent?
3. Do you understand your calling?

NOW you will begin to recognize and embrace your PURPOSE.

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TIME 

Acts 1:4 NKJV "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait** for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;"

 Every time you don't get what you want, **(you enter a season of WAITING)**

 **IT's** an opportunity to discover new things about God and grow spiritually.

 **The story of the World Cup**

"Croatia came to this World Cup with only two natural strikers. Mario Mandzukic, the guy who scored the winning goal in the match against England. The other was Nikola Kalinic. He was on the bench for Croatia's first game against Nigeria. With five minutes to end that game, the coach instructed him to dress up and replace



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another player. Kalinic angrily refused to play, in protest of being left on the bench. He saw himself a top player, and wouldn't come on for just five minutes. The coach turned to another player Pjaca for the substitution. After the match, Kalinic refused to apologize, despite appeals from other coaching staff. The coach then sacked him from the team, and sent him home from Russia. Kalinic flew for holidays, and even posted pictures of himself enjoying elsewhere. He was saying Croatia won't go anywhere in the tournament. But without him, the team managed to win their matches. Croatia has made their greatest football achievement in history by reaching the World Cup final. The remaining 22 players are national heroes. Kalinic should have been part of the celebrations. He may have regretted now

James 1:2-5 NKJV "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

🕒 PATIENCE is the ability to OUTLAST-YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES & prepare for your TIME (MOMENT)!

🕒 Jesus knew God's timing for his life. (We must learn to recognize it to)

🕒 Until Jesus stepped into it He was in Preparation, Training & Sharpening.

🕒 When you are able to recognize God's TIMING & EXERCISE PATIENCE, God will be able to use you even during the process:

👉 He still did Amazing things, performed miracles, changed lives and prepared for His departure

Acts 10:38 NKJV "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

🕒 Waiting is not a place of inactivity but a place of **Preparation, Contemplation & Growth.**

My INWARD THOUGHT

If this is not OUR season and look 👁️👁️ what God's doing, imagine when it is "OUR TIME"

LOOK 👁️👁️ UP

👁️👁️ Looking up is asking for help, showing reliance on God (Psalm 121 I will lift up my eyes)

👁️👁️ While things haven't quite lined up for you yet your FAITH must remain active, your FOCUS is on God, not what you haven't got yet or perhaps lost.



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Leviticus 26:13 NLT "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so you would no longer be their slaves. I broke the yoke of slavery from your neck so you can walk with your heads held high."

- 👁️ You will always head in the direction you are looking, so be INTENTIONAL about your FOCUS.
- 👁️ Jesus was more interested in pleasing His Father and staying on God's timetable than pleasing others and doing His own thing.
- 👁️ Maybe you feel forgotten or left out, believe that God is working in you and in your situation.

Look 👁️ YOU have what it TAKES inside of you!

CHEST OUT 🛡️

I Samuel 30:6 NKJV "Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. **But** David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.
(Remember Jesus and Moses John 8:59 & Exodus 17:4)

- 🛡️ We are vulnerable in this time (problems / defeats/ challenges) **but** David (Jesus) encouraged himself.
- 🛡️ So you may be down, but you are not OUT, don't let yourself become down hearted, train yourself to be a SELF-STARTER, to stay Motivated and keep IMPROVING.

Proverbs 28:1 NKJV "The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion."

- 🛡️ Stay confident that your Father knows and He is on your SIDE.

KEEP ON WALKING 🚶

🚶 JOYCE; When the devil is stalking keep on walking

I Samuel 30:7-8 NKJV Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all. ""

Don't back down or Give up RATHER Get up and FIGHT BACK!!!!!!

There are some things you shouldn't do when its not your TIME:

- Don't change strategic direction unless you have enquired from God and absolutely sure.
- Don't make major decisions, like resigning or launching a new brand. (Keep your



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posture of WAITING)

- I discovered "In Season" you can have liberty and what wouldn't normally work will, but "Out of Season" even little things might not fly-the Key is PATIENCE....

What you should do:

III John 2-4 NKJV Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. "For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth." "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

5 THINGS TO KEEP ON WALKING IN:

-  **Keep** connected to those things (people / church etc etc) who God has placed there as destiny relationships
-  **Keep** your heart of Worship (thanks-giving)
-  **Keep** speaking words of Life
-  **Keep** your generosity high (If you're hurting find others to share Christ's love with) (Give into the work of God with your Time, Finances)
-  **Keep** your walk in Obedience (stay true to the last things God taught you and revealed to you)



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