

Poverty...Prosperity...Promise and Purpose
Part One...The Who and the Why
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Exodus 33:1-3... “And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:² And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:³ Unto a land flowing with milk and honey...

Ruth 1:14-17... “And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.¹⁵ And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:¹⁷ Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

Ruth 4:13-15... “So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.¹⁴ And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.¹⁵ And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.”

The who and the why matters...

A God Dream can't be just about what you're accumulating...but about what you're accumulating for...

The moment you separate the what from the why and the who you become narcissistic...

The what is for the why and the who...

The Who...

- Our destiny is also the people that will get there with us...
- Moses purpose was not just freedom and promise and prosperity for himself...
- *Jesus...Hebrews 12:2... “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*
- Jesus endured for the joy that was set before him...we were the joy set before Him...

- Life can beat you down and cause you to lose track of The Why and The Who....
- When you lose sight of your who you lose your joy...
- *John 17:6... "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word."*
- We were His promised land...
- Jesus destiny was you and me...

Ruth...

- Ruth's who was Naomi...she was called to her...
- It was her faithfulness to Naomi took her from poverty to prosperity.
- Find The Who and you'll find the where the how and the what- the prosperity to do it...
- Real Prosperity is about people...not just things...
- Our promised land in the New Testament is not a thing...it's a person (Jesus)...and the people we are called to...
- Our calling is what we need the what for...

The Why....

- The why is love...Love is the divine motivator...
- No matter what else your destiny is it is to love...
- Don't ever get so caught up in politics that you stop loving....
- Love will cause you to spare no expense on our behalf of those you love....
- Jesus had such a love for us he would make any sacrifice...
- Love produces a unnatural ability in us...it produces strength...faith ...courage...
- God wants to prosper us so we can live out our mission in life fully loving...
- We want to be so alive with his love that the favor and prosperity on our lives causes people to declare that people can look at us and say surely your God is real...to use us to cause the world to see Him in a way they never would have seen him...