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THE ONE THING

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IT'S NOT YOUR HAND - IT'S YOUR PARTNER

In spades, running a Boston - winning all thirteen books - was never really about how good your hand was. It was about who you were partnered with. A weak hand with the right partner wins. A life handed over to the wrong partner loses regardless of how good the hand looks.

The same is true in life: all things work together for good, not because your circumstances are good, but because of who you're playing with. David's hand at Ziklag was as bad as a hand gets - his village burned, his wives and children taken, his own men turning on him and talking about stoning him. Four real losses, stacked on top of each other.

BE CAREFUL WHO YOUR PARTNER IS - IT DETERMINES WHETHER YOU END UP IN THE GRAVE, IN JAIL, IN A WHEELCHAIR, OR RECOVERED AND WHOLE.

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> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
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> ROMANS 8:28

YOU CAN'T KILL A GIANT UNTIL YOU'VE KILLED A SHEEP

David didn't go from shepherd straight to king. He mastered the sheep first - killing the lion and the bear in private, with no audience and no bragging. Then he faithfully carried his brothers' lunch, which is where he found Goliath. Then he killed the giant. Then he earned the people's hearts long before he ever got the title.

You can't kill a giant if you haven't killed a sheep. Every assignment you master is proof you're ready for the next one - not a detour from the real work, but the training for it.

THE CHALLENGE HAD TO GET BIGGER BECAUSE DAVID DID

God doesn't let it fall apart to punish you - He lets it fall apart to promote you. David had already proven himself with Goliath, so the next test had to be bigger, not because David had fallen out of favor, but because the people needed to see, again, that David - and God - still had it.

The assignment you're resisting right now may not be punishment. It may be the next size up from the one you already passed.

YOU'D NEVER BE DEPRESSED ABOUT ANYTHING IF YOU ALREADY KNEW HOW THE STORY ENDS.

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MY HIDING PLACE, MY ROCK, MY PORTION

ET closes by reading through a sequence of David's own psalms - the proof of what it looks like to make God, not people or possessions, your actual partner.

> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
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> PSALM 23:1-4

> Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.
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> PSALM 32:7

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week, before you react to anything that happens to you - good or bad - ask yourself one question first: who's my partner in this?

FIVE-DAY ASSIGNMENT

Monday - Check Your Partner. Have you been processing the hardest thing in your life with God, or with everyone and everything else first?

Tuesday - Name Your Sheep. What's the small, unglamorous assignment you've been skipping past because you want the bigger one? Do it this week, on purpose, with no audience.

Wednesday - Stop Asking for a New Hand. Write down the hand you've actually been dealt, and what it would look like to trust your Partner with it instead of trying to trade it.

Thursday - Find Your Hiding Place. The next time bad news hits, catch yourself before you call, text, or spiral - go to God first.

Friday - Trust the Promotion. Look back at a hard season you already survived. What were you able to handle afterward that you couldn't handle before it?

DO NOT JUST READ IT

THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT

MONDAY

Check Your Partner

Think of the hardest thing happening in your life right now. Have you been processing it with God, or with everyone and everything else first? Write down who's actually been your partner in it so far.

TUESDAY

Name Your Sheep

What's the small, unglamorous assignment in front of you that you've been skipping past because you want the bigger one? Do it this week, on purpose, with no audience.

WEDNESDAY

Stop Asking for a New Hand

Write down the hand you've actually been dealt - the thing you can't change right now. Then write one sentence about what it would look like to trust your Partner with it instead of trying to trade it.

THURSDAY

Find Your Hiding Place

The next time bad news hits this week, catch yourself before you call, text, or spiral - go to God first. Write down what you told Him.

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KEEP BUILDING.

Saturdays at 11:00am.

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