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From the deck - APOC Dynasty Dr. Eric Thomas Saturday, October 31, 2026

ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD

ET opens the teaching proper by returning to Romans 8:28 and to David's full record - not just Goliath, but the bear, the lion, the Amalekites, and Saul himself turning on him. The point: God was never going to let one win be the whole story. Every real win in David's life sits inside a pattern of suffering that came both before and after it.

> 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'RE IN A DIVINE SEASON (EVEN WHEN IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ONE)

ET names the real trap: you don't like how the season looks, so you decide it isn't divine, and that disagreement with God - not the hardship itself - is what actually puts you "out of order." The suffering has a timeframe. It is

not forever, and it is not an accident.

> For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
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> ROMANS 8:18

THE SUFFERING IS INTENTIONAL - JUST LIKE JOB'S, JUST LIKE THE CROSS

Job's trial was deliberate, allowed by God on purpose. And everything the church has - salvation, sanctification - exists because of Jesus's suffering, not because of a miracle he performed. If suffering was the price of the biggest win in history, nobody gets to skip it on the way to their own.

THE PRODIGAL WASN'T BEING PUNISHED - HE WAS BEING REROUTED

GOD WAS NOT REBUKING HIM, GOD WAS NOT DAMNING HIM, GOD WAS NOT DESTROYING HIM - GOD WAS ACTUALLY ALLOWING HIM TO SUFFER SO HE COULD COME TO HIS SENSES.

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Using the parable - the son's money gone, friends gone, eating what the pigs ate - the reroute is explicit. The money that gets torn down, the relationship that ends, the sickness that forces a change - all aimed at getting you back on the actual journey, not punishing you for the one you picked.

ROYAL DECISIONS

ET tells a personal story about his son calling to ask whether to buy seats or suites for a group of kids he was taking to a game. ET's answer: "You are a royal priesthood. Make a royal decision." The point lands on God's plans for you, not the plans you'd settle for - and on stewardship: "You don't need no more money, son. You just need to do what's right."

> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
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> JEREMIAH 29:11

YESTERDAY'S BELT, TODAY'S BATTLE

YOU CAN'T KEEP WEARING YESTERDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP BELT IF YOU'RE UNWILLING TO FIGHT TODAY'S BATTLE.

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ET walks David's whole sequence - shepherd, anointed, bear, lion, carrying his brother's lunch, Goliath, running from Saul, crowned king, more battles, more giants - to show that no stop on that list was the finish line. The same suffering that strips away what worked in the flesh is what moves you into fighting the next giant in the spirit, not by skill.

> And David said, Moreover the Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.
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> 1 SAMUEL 17:37

COUNT IT ALL JOY - PERSPECTIVE, PROCESS, PRODUCT

Perspective: don't let the trial change what you believe about who God is. Process: the testing itself is what produces patience and endurance - you don't celebrate the pain, you celebrate what the process is building. Product: when endurance finishes its work, you're mature, complete, better equipped - that's the only way one win ever becomes a pattern.

> My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
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> JAMES 1:2-4

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Name the belt you're still wearing - the last win you've been coasting on - and name the actual battle in front of you that you've been skipping because of it. This week, fight today's battle instead of defending yesterday's title.

FIVE-DAY ASSIGNMENT

Monday - Name Your Belt. What's the last real win you're still living off of? Write it down - specifically, not generally.

Tuesday - Submit the Adversity. Take your greatest current adversity, write it on paper, and tell God out loud He has permission to do as He wills with it.

Wednesday - Praise Before the Change. Before anything about your trial changes, say thank you for it today - out loud, on purpose.

Thursday - Check Your Weapon. Are you fighting today's giant with your own skill, or in the spirit? Name one place in your life where you're "doing it in the flesh."

Friday - Write the Pattern. Look at your actual dreams and goals. Write one sentence on how the trial in front of you right now is building toward them.

DO NOT JUST READ IT

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KEEP BUILDING.

Saturdays at 11:00am.

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