



sermon notes

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Kingdom Prosperity

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PROSPER?

To prosper means forward movement — to grow, develop, and make gain

It is in the heart of God that you prosper...It's expected!

The Bible is full of people who prospered

3 John 1:2 NKJV

[2] Beloved friend, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

There are different areas of prosperity:

- Material prosperity
- Relational prosperity
- Soul prosperity
- Spiritual prosperity

All matter, but they do not carry equal weight.

Scripture shows that prosperity has order and weight.

What I want to speak into today is the order or weighting of prosperity...some areas carry much more weight than others...more in that it has far more **true value**.

Value that will be fully realised in eternity but is also experienced in this life

Prosperity is forward movement, and forward movement is the fruit of **internal decisions shaped by values**.

Wealth is what is gained because of that movement.

PROSPERITY OF SPIRIT

There is a prosperity that is harder to acquire, less visible, and far more valuable: **prosperity of spirit**.

This depends more on our inner life responses rather than external circumstances. **Prosperity of spirit => maturity of faith**

Ps Mike shared some of his journey...just some

Faith is planted in us by the Holy Spirit and produced & cultivated within us through hearing His Word.

People can develop faith **for all sorts of things...**

But there is **faith that's developed in the core of our being**

It's not what we acquire, build or do but **who we become...**more specifically who we become like - **Christ like**. This prosperity is not about what we accumulate, but who we become — *Christlikeness*.

Galatians 4:19 "...until Christ is formed in you."

This the message of the King & ultimate goal of our life

How does this happen?

JOB: FORWARD MOVEMENT WITHOUT OUTCOMES

Job 17:9 (NLT)

"The righteous keep moving forward, and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger."

*AMPC [9] **Yet** shall the righteous (those upright and in right standing with God) hold to their ways, and he who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger. [Ps. 24:4.]*

This is a remarkable verse given the context

Why?: Job 17:9 feels out of place Look at the immediate context:

Job 17 opens with "My spirit is broken; my days are extinguished; the grave is ready for me."

He expects death, not recovery

He sees no justice coming in this life

He has no plan, no strategy, no breakthrough language

He is

- physically broken
- emotionally exhausted
- socially isolated
- spiritually conflicted > **but not faithless**

Then suddenly:

*"**Yet** (אך / 'ach), the righteous holds to his way, and the one with clean hands grows stronger and stronger."*

This is not motivational pep talk but a declaration of faith & inner resolve

Yet ...powerful word

“Despite everything just said... this still stands.”

It holds two opposite realities together.

It draws a boundary.

Strong inner conviction, mostly spoken against appearances or circumstances.

'Ach' is the language of mature faith.

Not denial...Not optimism.

But faith that speaks after reality has been fully faced.

Ach marks the moment where conviction overrides what I see.

We walk by faith not by sight - 2 Corinth 5.7

Job speaks this while broken, exhausted, isolated, and conflicted — but not faithless.

The 'yet' of Job is deciding in faith against the idea that circumstances get the final word on who he is and becoming.

Faith does not remove suffering; it gives suffering a direction.

WHAT JOB DISMANTLES

- Poverty ≠ lack of faith
- Setback ≠ hidden sin
- Delay ≠ divine disapproval

Job is righteous before loss, during loss, and without recovery in sight

Read it like this:

Even when life contradicts God's goodness, faith refuses stagnation. This is the true prosperity doctrine.

This is the faith that forms us

Job doesn't break poverty by sudden provision — he breaks its authority to define who he is his & becoming

Forward movement without outcome guarantees purifies our faith Forward movement without guarantees is integrity.

“Moving forward is not denying pain — it is refusing captivity.”

“You don't move because you're feeling confident; you move because you're called & you trust the caller.”

HABAKKUK: FAITH WITH EYES WIDE OPEN

Habakkuk 3:1 AMPC

[1] A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet, set to wild, enthusiastic, and triumphal music.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 AMPC

[17] Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls,

*[18] **Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! [Rom. 8:37.] [19] The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]! For the Chief Musician; with my stringed instruments.***

Habakkuk writes with full awareness of a dark immediate future Faith coexists with trembling.

Challenges the belief that victory must be immediate, visible, and measurable if faith is genuine.

It assumes:

If God has spoken → resistance should quickly collapse

If faith is real → outcomes should improve

If things worsen → someone misheard, failed, or sinned

Faith is not proven by speed, but by faithfulness.

Forward movement is obedience, not optimism.

“Breakthrough is promised — timelines are not.”

“God is not offended by your trembling or will quit on you because of failure.”

People throughout scripture were counted as righteous before God because they responded to him in faith.

They were counted as righteous not because they had a squeaky clean life initially They became clean as they moved forward.

REFINED FAITH¹ Peter 1:5–7 (TPT) Faith refined by fire is more valuable than gold.

5] Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time.

[6] May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials.

[7] But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.

If you are still moving — God is still forming.

Kingdom prosperity is not measured by primarily outcomes, but by forward movement of the inner life toward Christ.

This is true prosperity: Forward movement within our spirit...Christ formed in us.