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## Out of Anxiety Into Overflowing Hope!

### I. The Truth & The Lie

#### A. The Truth

All God's Plans for You involve Success

**Jer 29:11 NKJ** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, **thoughts of peace** and not of evil, **to give you a future and a hope.**

**12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

**13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Incarnating those Plans involve a journey & transformation

#### B. The Lie

That **we are "ON OUR OWN"**

Every unloving thought SEPARATES and HIDES the FACE of our Father from us

**Isa 59:1 ESV** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

**2** but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Because we don't experience God in our darkened heart a whole system of "non-God" thinking builds defensive structures.

- 2 **Cor 10:4 ESV** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.
- 5 We destroy arguments and **every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God**, and take **every thought** captive to obey Christ,
- 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

## II. The Journey from Anxiety to Abundance

A root “lofty opinion” is that as orphans, we must fend for ourselves and often feel fearful, anxious, worried.

“fear not” “rejoice” “don’t worry, be happy!”

### A. Step One: Get Down! Cheerfully Demote Yourself

1 **Pet 5:5 ESV** Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders.

Clothe yourselves, **all of you**, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

**Demote yourself, apron yourself in the garb of a servant. Get low and serve, not concerned for your own career, but for the success of others!**

### B. Step Two: Throw Away ALL Personal Agenda Anxiety

Our defenselessness is our greatest weapon. Recognition that God is mighty AND He is in every detail of my life positions me to experience His PURPOSE.

Where there is purpose, there is sequence and timing.

**7 casting all** your anxieties on him, **because** he cares for you.

**AMP** Casting **the whole** of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately *and* cares about you watchfully.

**The Joseph Story. ROMANS 8:28ff**

The basis of throwing our anxieties on God is his great affection for us.

Make a list -- Toss it onto Him! Receive His Affection

**C. Step Three: Be Aware! Live in Personal Awakening**

**8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Adversary — opponent in a dispute

Slander — false statements damaging a person's reputation

**D. Step Four: Don't Fall for Self-Pity**

**9** Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

**Not just in attitude, but in behavior.** "I will be more undignified, more childlike, less cool, more of a servant!"

TRUST!!!!!! In His Love for me!

The **SAME kinds** of sufferings!!

**D. Step Five: Don't Quit Before The Awards Ceremony!**

**10** And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace**, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will **himself** restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

11 To him be the **dominion** forever and ever. AMEN!!!!

This has to do with the Father's good pleasure to GIVE you the Kingdom! You are training for reigning! He will HIMSELF will

RESTORE

CONFIRM

STRENGTHEN

ESTABLISH YOU!

### III. Normal Christian Life: Overflowing Optimism

Rom 15:13 NIV May the **God of hope** fill you with **all joy** and **peace** as you trust in him [in believing], so that

**you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit!**

14 I myself am **convinced**, my brothers, that you yourselves are **full of goodness**,  
**complete in knowledge** and  
**competent to instruct** one another.

Rom 16:20 NIV The **God of peace** will soon crush Satan under your feet.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

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