



**THE SEEN & THE UNSEEN**

# IT BEGAN ON A SUNDAY

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- It's time to get back in the game.
- Time to serve at the highest level.
- I've been reminding him for a decade about all the reasons why that wasn't a good idea.
- Focusing my eyes on all those, younger than me, who've come along after me and "replaced" me.

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I have truly felt, “Well, I’m closing in on 60. Maybe it’s time for me to step aside and watch from the sidelines. My time has come and gone. Besides, I’ve made too many mistakes, so I’m disqualified from the race.”

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But there was another voice saying,  
“You’ve only just begun and the best is yet  
to come.”

Sitting there in church, I decided to get back  
in the game and bring my A game. *To prepare  
to serve* at the highest level and leave the rest  
to God.

# PREPARE

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Key phrase: Prepare to serve.

Key word: Prepare.

# PREPARE (THE UNSEEN)

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- Prepare is to make (something) ready for use or consideration.
- Created in advance; preplanned.
- Make someone ready or able to do or deal with something.
- Be willing to do something.

# WATCHWORD FOR A NEW YEAR

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The deeper you are willing to go into the unseen, the higher I will elevate you in the seen.

What happens in the unseen will eventually manifest in the seen. *(This is true for better or for worse, by the way.)*



# THE UNSEEN



*This is where we need to focus our gaze and our energy.*



# THE ANOINTING

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- God promotes the anointed.
- People are drawn to the anointing.
- Resources & opportunities flow to the anointing.
- The anointing breaks the yoke of bondage and sets the prisoners free.
- Including the prisoner in me.

# THE ANOINTING

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- Free of all the self-defeating behaviors that keep us on the sidelines, feeling inadequate.
- Free of the self-defeating habits that waste our time and thwart our destiny.
- The anointing is everything!

## AND CONTINUED ON A MONDAY (JEREMIAH JOHNSON)

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God showed me that there are many men and women in the body of Christ right now born between 1946-1964 that have been “overlooked”. [This year], God is going to begin to promote and grant favor to men and women in the body of Christ who have been overlooked and reward them for their faithfulness and courage even when they have suffered disappointment and rejection on many occasions.

# BABY BOOMERS

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I heard God say, “Great wisdom is missing in My body.” I said, “Where is it Lord?” He said, “It’s with the baby boomers who have been overlooked, but now they will be revealed carrying great wisdom to My body for such a time as this!”

# BABY BOOMERS

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If you were born between 1946-1964, God says, “This is your year! Do not continue to feel sorry for yourself or believe that I have left you on the sidelines. I say to you this year, it is time to get off the bench and get in the game.

# BABY BOOMERS

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The young generations are in great need of the wisdom you carry, wisdom that has come at times from your own failures and mistakes. Nonetheless, you have much to offer and if you are willing and available, I will cause a vibrancy and fresh wind of My Spirit to come upon you and enable you to fulfill My will in and around you, says God.

# BABY BOOMERS

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Some of you have even had some measures of success in your younger years, but have fallen prey to discouragement over the last ten years. I will strengthen you” says your God. “I will cause you to rise to the occasion and fulfill the assignments I am about to release to you this year.

# BABY BOOMERS

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Be encouraged and of good cheer. I will fight for you and win your heart over to me like never before. This is your year says God! Books are still yet to be written, young people are still yet to be led. Projects must be completed. Some of you will even marry. You will not be defined by your divorce. Do not become discouraged! I'm with you and for you!"



# NOT ALONE

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I re-posted the Jeremiah Johnson message to my Facebook Profile and it immediately went viral.

Many people in the second half of life are ready to serve at the highest level, bringing wisdom, revelation and practical life skills to bless the Kingdom.

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This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

- 1 Cor. 4:1-2

# SACRED TRUST

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All of your life experiences are a sacred trust.

All of the lessons you've learned and skills you have earned are a sacred trust.

You are required to steward them well by putting them to work for the Kingdom.

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I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

- 1 Cor. 4:3-4

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Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart.

- 1 Cor. 4:5

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At that time each will receive their praise  
from God.

- 1 Cor. 4:5

“

Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, **they will stand and receive his approval.**

- Romans 14:4

# FEEL DISQUALIFIED?

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- The scary time was when you felt you were qualified!!!
- You cannot be qualified.
- NO ONE is qualified.
- Therefore you can't be disqualified either.
- But we cannot use that as an excuse to live sloppy haphazard lives.



# GOD DECIDES

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- God can promote anyone He chooses and no human on earth and no devil in hell can stop him.
- Keep a clear conscience before God.
- Keep short accounts.

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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 Cor. 4:18



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **So** we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 Cor. 4:16-18

# GUESS WHO HE WAS WRITING TO?

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People just like us!

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

- Hebrews 12:2

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Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.

- Luke 11:34

# DO YOUR EYES NEED TO BE FIXED?

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“Good eye” = can also be translated “single focus”

“Bad eye” = implies scattered focus/  
distracted and can even be translated “evil”

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Our single focus needs to be on Jesus and His Righteousness. As we gaze at him, abiding in His presence, the fruit (singular) of the spirit naturally grows in us.



# DO YOUR EYES NEED TO BE FIXED?

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When we look within ourselves or try to pursue our own righteousness, we fall into “works (plural) of the flesh.”

We get distracted by all the things we think we need to do for God..and discouraged as we consider how we are falling short.

# DO YOUR EYES NEED TO BE FIXED?

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We know it's evil when the question "What's wrong with me?" quickly turns (as it inevitably does) into a multi-focused question: "What's wrong with everyone and everything around me?"

# DO YOUR EYES NEED TO BE FIXED?

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Fault-finding can just be a bad habit...or it might be a spiritual problem.

The strategy of the enemy with fault-finding is clear: to draw your attention away from the perfection of Jesus and get you focused on everything that's wrong.

## PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER:

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Any spirit seeking to influence me in any way that does not JOYFULLY bend the knee to Jesus Christ, I command you to leave at once.

# EASY FIX

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- Ask a better question.
- Questions shape our reality.
- **Wrong Question:** "What's wrong with \_\_\_\_\_?"
- **Right Question:** "What's right with Jesus?"



# THE SEEN



*Trusting God for the manifestation.*

# PROMOTE (THE SEEN)

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- Further the progress of (something, especially a cause, venture, or aim).
- Give publicity to (a product, organization, or venture) so as to increase sales or public awareness.
- Advance or raise (someone) to a higher position or rank.

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For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

- Psalm 75:6-7



# COURSE CORRECTION

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- We came of age in the era of 24/7 sales and marketing.
- Self-promotion became a way of life and infiltrated the church.
- Now in the age of social media, it's self-promotion on steroids.

# WISDOM & BALANCE

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- Be diligent but never anxious.
- Focus on the unseen.

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But the wisdom that is from above is pure, filled with peace, meek and attentive, filled with love and good fruit, without division and does not show partiality.

- James 3:17

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And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient.

- 2 Timothy 2:24 (AKJV)

# DIE TO SELF

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- ❑ Did I work with **Diligence**?
- ❑ Did I operate with **Integrity**?
- ❑ Did I do everything with **Excellence**?

# LIVE FOR CHRIST

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- ❑ Did I Listen & Learn something new today?
- ❑ Did I Invite God to show me my ways?
- ❑ Did I read until I found a Verse that came alive to me?
- ❑ Did I Enjoy time in His Presence?

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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- Becoming a Vessel God Can Use:  
[www.donnapartow.com/vessel](http://www.donnapartow.com/vessel)  
10 weeks for \$47
- Special Blessings Prayer:  
[www.donnapartow.com/blessings](http://www.donnapartow.com/blessings)  
21 days for \$21
- Lifestyle Freedom Event  
[www.donnapartow.com/freedom](http://www.donnapartow.com/freedom)



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