

# HWOM

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# The Refreshing Times

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### A Change Must Come

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*Scripture Reference*  
*Acts 9*

We all know the story of Saul's conversion. But for those of you who don't, let me give you a little history. Saul was the chief

persecutor of the church. Saul had obtained all the legal papers that were needed to arrest followers of Christ and put them in prison or death. Now as it happened, Saul was on his way to Damascus to persecute more Christians. But as you follow the story, (v.3) the Lord spoke to Saul and asked why was he persecuting Him. After the encounter with the Lord, Saul was blinded. Then the Lord spoke to a certain disciple (v.10) telling him what he was to do concerning Saul. After Ananias did what was instructed for him to do, Saul was baptized and immediately he was a changed man.

To understand this whole process of how change affects our witness to the world, let's take a look first at Verse 20. It says immediately that Saul began to preach in the synagogue that Jesus is the Son of God." The first thing we see happen in Saul's life after he encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus, is that there is a massive change in his life. The change that Saul experienced was a change where at one point, he was fighting against Christianity and then astonishingly, in just a very short period of time, he comes out with power proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ. A deep change has happened in his life and that deep sort of change is what we should expect to happen as people encounter

Jesus Christ. An encounter with Jesus changes lives.

Saul's life ended up being a true witness about the changing powers of Jesus Christ. When talking about witnessing, it is telling someone about something or someone that will change their circumstance for the better. This is what we should do! When you're talking about change, a change of life is what happens when you truly encounter Christ, and sometimes it happens very quickly. Every encounter is not the same, look at the ten lepers. As they went their way, they were healed. They were walking out their faith. You can't expect change to come and you continue to keep doing the same thing, the same way. When expecting change, you must do something different.

When you have truly encountered Christ, your friends should begin to see a change in you. Your life should be so different that it should confuse your friends. Why should it confuse them, because they know how you USED to be, and they need to see who you have become. Take a look at Verse 21. *"All those who heard were astonished and asked, isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on his name?"* All those who heard him were astonished. Others were afraid. So the second thing we see happening here is that the friends of Paul are baffled by the change.

These are the same people that you used to hang out with, the same people that you got in trouble with, but after your encounter, you now say, I don't have time for that foolishness anymore. Through your changed life, these friends should have a wonderful opportunity of getting to see the power of Jesus working in your

life. If He can do it for you, then He can do it for them. It's a great opportunity and we need to be encouraging our younger Christians, not only younger in age, but I mean newer Christians, babes in Christ, to be aware of this opportunity to witness to people with changed and renewed lives.

What does this mean for new Christians? It means that you should expect a change in your life. We are talking about a new way of life. Following a new master; letting God change us in new ways. This is all part of what you should be expecting and seeking in your life. The change should be that God is now the center focus of your life. When people look at you, they should be able to see an increasing measure of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Those are the things that make up a changed life.

If people can't look at our lives after we have walked with Christ for a while, and see a change, a profound change in some way, if they can't see a substantial and deep change, then that's a problem. People have a right to look at our lives. The bible says that we are living epistles read daily by all men. We need to ask God to make a real difference in our lives, whether we are brand new at walking with Christ or whether we have been walking with Christ our whole lives, we've got to continue to ask God for that, because it brings glory to Christ. What brings glory to God is changing people into His own image.

A real Christ will make a real difference in real lives. So, we need to be seeking that change, repenting if it's not there and rejoicing when it is.



# Is Your Season Changing?

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Change is an important part of life and it is also an important part of God's kingdom. When you hear the word change what does that mean to you? Some people love change and others can't stand change. Depending on who you are, change can be a good thing or

change can be a bad thing. I know that there have been times in my life that I began to feel the change coming, but in the natural I wasn't ready for it. I know other times I have wanted a change and never got one. What I realized is that we don't control when or how a change will come to our life. Only God can control the seasons of our life. The Lord gave me this scripture reference today:

*Ecclesiastes 3: 3—11 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."*

As I was reflecting on this scripture the Lord brought to my mind the seasonal changes that happen on this Earth. For example, going from summer to fall or from winter to spring. Personally, my favorite time of the year is the summer because that is when I seem to have the most recreation and fun in my life. Most of my happy childhood memories were in the summer with my grandparents or on vacations. For that reason alone I look forward to summer seasons. At the same time I really don't like the winter season much because of the cold and the dreary weath-

er. I prefer the warmth of the sun any day to a freezing cold day.

The more I thought about this I began to understand that the same thing is true about spiritual seasons. I absolutely love the times of blessings and growth in my life. It makes me happy and gives me great joy to see God do great things in my life or my family. At the same time I don't look forward to the spiritual seasons of trials, testing or hardship. I don't look forward to these seasons because they don't bring me joy or peace. It is a proven fact that more people seem to be depressed in the fall and winter then they are in the spring and the summer. Spiritually, the hard seasons of my life often have me battling discouragement and depression.

For me it seems I have had more of these darker seasons then I have the seasons of blessings. I have often asked God why this is the case and He has shown me many things. Even as I was writing this article the Lord spoke to me and told me that the reason I had more of these hard seasons was so that I could learn to appreciate the good seasons I have had. Now that is something that is so true. I can certainly appreciate times of blessings especially after long seasons of droughts or spiritually dryness. I think sometimes we do take the life we have for granted or fail to appreciate what God has done for us.

The other thing the Lord told me is that we have to go through the darker seasons so that we are ready for the new season. What I believe is that many of us don't know what to do during the off seasons of our lives. For example; me personally I count the days till spring or summer. It is like I don't appreciate or enjoy any of the fall or winter days. The same is true in the spiritually dark seasons of my life; I tend to wait them out until I can get to the good ones. The problem with that strategy is that I have failed to prepare for the next season.

I believe that the Lord is speaking to many of us through this article to say that we shouldn't be sitting idle or depressed in the off seasons. We should instead be pressing in and doing whatever God has us to do until we enter into our seasons of blessings. One of the quickest ways to be blessed is to

be faithful in the off seasons of our lives. Some of us are getting stuck in longer seasons of dryness then what God wants us to be.

The Lord also showed me that the reasons we have these dry seasons is not just to be tested but also to get us desperate enough that we will seek Him more than we do in the good seasons of our lives. See the Lord can and will use a dry season or off-season of our life to get us to line up with Him so we can be blessed. Now, as I prayed over this word the Lord began to show me how I have procrastinated and even hindered my blessings because of being discouraged in the season I am in. In fact, seasons can make or break us as a Christian. Many have given up in the dry or off-season and have missed the blessing that God has for us. Some of us have felt sorry for ourselves but that is not the answer. It will only lengthen the season we are in.

I am reminded of Paul and Silas in prison. They could have become depressed and weary of being there but instead they praised their way out of that season and instead of it becoming a depressive period in their life it now became a testimony and a blessing to other people I believe that John wrote Revelations when he was exiled to an island. Whatever season that you are in you need to do whatever God says to do in that period of your life. Don't feel sorry for yourself. Put your hand to the plow and get through it with obedience to the Lord.

I pray this has spoken to many of you. Elijah was in a similar season of his life when he was running in fear and hid in a cave. Thankfully, even in that cave he was covered by the mantle (the anointing) that God had given him. In fact, even an angel fed him when he was hungry on the way to the cave. I believe that the dark seasons of our lives are also opportunities for God encounters and God provision. I thank God for this season that I am in right now. For in due season I will reap what I have sown

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# Unlocking The Unseen Potential In You

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Ezekiel 37:1-9

In the 37th chapter of Ezekiel, we see God giving an illustration of the promise from the 36th chapter.

The promise from chapter 36 was to rebuild and restore the nation of Israel both physically and spiritually. In verse 1

of chapter 37, the dry bones represent Israel, scattered and dead with no life in them and no hope. Some of us are like these bones, scattered, lost and appearing dead. Our spirits are broken, cast down and in some instances dead but as God promised He will restore us with His word.

Ezekiel had a potential army lying before him but without the Word of God, the bones were just a form of what they could be. That's exactly what we are without God and His Word. Let's look at some points we can get from Ezekiel today.

1. Sometimes we have to be alone with God. Sometimes we have to be alone in the middle of our valley season. We can't see what God wants us to see or hear what He wants us to hear when we are with the crowd and in the midst of the happenings. Sometimes we just have to be in a place that looks like nothing is happening.

The good part about unseen potential is that it's not always what it looks like and definitely not always what we think. Sometimes we have to encounter the place that appears to be dead, appears to lack progress, and appears to even deny our very promise just so God can show us what He really wants us to see.

2. Confessing our conditions. I didn't say your issue because sin is sin, a condition is a condition, it's a matter of acknowledgement. Verse 2 of this lesson says He led me back and forth among them and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

What do you see saying around on the floor of your valley? What appears dry? What looks dead? Where do you see lifelessness? Where do you feel hopeless? Look at your stuff, your valley full of bones, dreams you let die, your spiritual walk you let become stagnant, finances that look depleted, your marriage that looks over.

There is a word from the Lord; it's not as bad as it looks. That's just a form of what it could be, all of what you see is potential waiting on God's power.

Here's a key to developing unseen potential.

Look at verse 4. We must hear the Word of the Lord. Stop listening to everything and everybody. Yes, the Lord speaks through the men and women of God and yes He uses us but sometimes it's got to be you, God and His

Word. If we listen to the Lord, He will help us. If we hear the Word of the Lord, we'll hear our destiny, we'll hear our purpose, we'll hear clear instructions and we'll hear what He's planning to do for us. God wants us to know what looks dead is about to come to life.

Here's another key from verse 7. Say what God tells you to say the way He tells you to say it. Do what God tells you to do the way God tells you to do it and watch what happens. The proof is in what Ezekiel said in this verse, and as I was prophesying.... As you begin to speak and do what God says at the same time the power of God starts doing what He said He would do!

Simply said: While you're speaking, God is working!

You'll look around and what you thought was gone or looked like nothing will start taking form. The picture that you saw would have started to change right before your eyes.

Even more encouraging is what God said He's going to do the further we read into these verses. He said after He's done raising you up, He's going to make you live! He's going to breathe life back into you and you will come to life. He's going to cause you to flourish and prosper.

Don't worry; it's not as bad as it looks. God is able to unlock the potential in You!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship

*"A Time of Power & Restoration"*

**Sunday, September 29, 2013**  
5:00 pm

**Healing Waters Outreach Ministry**

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**Guest Speaker:**  
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*"Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
 There is Liberty"*

**SUNDAY MORNING**

New Members Training.....9:45 am  
 Morning Worship.....10:30 am

**TUESDAY NIGHTS**

Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 pm  
 Bible Study.....7:00 pm

**THURSDAY NIGHTS**

Dance Ministry.....6:30 pm

**FRIDAY NIGHTS**

2nd Friday—Marriage Ministry.....7:30 pm  
 4th Friday—Men’s Ministry.....7:00 pm

**SATURDAY**

Intercessory Prayer.....8:00 am  
 2nd/4th Saturday—Minister’s Class.....10:00 am  
 Praise Team.....11:00 am  
 3rd Saturday—Women’s Ministry.....5:00 pm



**Ministries of HWOM**

- Men of Valor Men’s Ministry
- Victorious Women of Honor Women’s Ministry
- J.A.M (Jesus and Me) Youth Ministry
- Anointed and Appointed Dance Ministry
- Waters of Life Praise Ministry
- Outreach Ministry
- New Members Orientation
- Prophetic Training
- School of Healing and Deliverance
- Hospitality Ministry
- Intimacy X’s 2 Marriage Ministry
- Sanctified Singles’ Ministry



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