

# Proverbs 18:16

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and bringeth him before great men.

# Starting Point for the Message | Joseph & Jesus

Genesis 39:22-23 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that [were] in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer [of it]. 23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing [that was] under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and [that] which he did, the LORD made [it] to prosper.

Galatians 2:20-21 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

# A MAN'S GIFT | SALVATION

Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the **gift** by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

# A MAN'S GIFT | GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by **grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift** of God:  
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

# A MAN'S GIFT | THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy **Spirit** of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

# A MAN'S GIFT | COMFORT

John 16:7-8 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

# A MAN'S GIFT | COMMUNION

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

# A MAN'S GIFT | COMPANIONSHIP

Psalm 119:63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.



# MAKETH ROOM FOR HIM | WITH GOD

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, **and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

# MAKETH ROOM FOR HIM | SUFFICIENT

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having **all sufficiency in all things**, may abound to every good work:

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;  
6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

# MAKETH ROOM FOR HIM | TO WALK

Galatians 5:16-18 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Zechariah 3:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt **walk in my ways**, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

# MAKETH ROOM FOR HIM | CONFIDENCE

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, **and have no confidence in the flesh.**

Philippians 1:14 And **many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds,** are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

# MAKETH ROOM FOR HIM | FRIENDSHIP

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

# AND BRINGETH HIM | GOD'S WAY

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and **before honour is humility.**

1 Peter 5:6 **Humble** yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

# AND BRINGETH HIM | GOD'S TIME

Psalm 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

# AND BRINGETH HIM | GOD'S WORK

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Psalms 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.



# AND BRINGETH HIM | GODWARD

Nehemiah 2:18 Then I told them of **the hand of my God which was good upon me**; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

# AND BRINGETH HIM | UNIFIED

Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Ezra 3:1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together **as one man** to Jerusalem.

Psalms 119:10 With my **whole heart** have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

# AND BRINGETH HIM | JUDGMENT

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Psalms 119:59 **I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.**

# BEFORE GREAT MEN | SOULS

Job 32:9 **Great men are not always wise:** neither do the aged understand judgment.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

# BEFORE GREAT MEN | SELFLESSLY

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; **but God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

2 Corinthians 4:12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

# BEFORE GREAT MEN | SUBMISSION

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are diversities of **gifts**, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of **administrations**, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of **operations**, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

**7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

# BEFORE GREAT MEN | PEACE

Acts 10:34-36 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is **no respecter of persons**: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, **preaching peace by Jesus Christ**: (he is Lord of all:)

# BEFORE GREAT MEN | CONFRONT

Genesis 40:12-14 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: 13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. 14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:



# BEFORE GREAT MEN | GOD'S GLORY

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

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Salvation	God's Presence	God's Way	Love for Souls
Grace	His Sufficiency	God's Time	Selflessly
Holy Spirit	To Walk	God's Work	Submittedly
Comfort	Confident	Godwardly	Bringing Peace
Communion	With Truer Friends	In Unity of His Spirit	Judgment
Companionship	God's Way	With Eternal Purpose	Giving God Glory