

## Don't make haste

I have made a lot of wrong decisions because of haste. Some of which were very shameful. The outcome was not good and caused a lot of loss. Truth be said, I'm not the only one who has done this. Point is, we need to be very slow and careful not to be in haste because we make a lot of errors and mistakes by doing things this way.

Sometimes we make haste because of pressure. We make big decisions without fully contemplating the potential outcomes, risks involved and any potential boomerangs if any. Some people have a never giving up attitude, which is a good thing in many ways, but there comes a point where it is not just giving up but rather forcing things to work. This is a very dangerous place to be.

If you have to force things, it is because they do not fit. Sometimes it is because the time is not yet. You can't force a square into a triangle and if you do, you will break the edges and even if you get to force it in, you won't have a square any more. One of the reasons we force things is because we are in haste. Don't force things, don't hurry.

### He that believes shall not make haste

*Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

- a) This passage is quoted in Romans 9:33 *As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*
- b) The words make "haste" and "ashamed" is used interchangeably. When we are making haste, we will get ashamed.

c) When we are making haste, we are not believing. We are not in faith.

### Jairus' Daughter

Mark 5:21-34 21 *And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. 22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

- a) Jesus was nigh unto the sea and Jairus came to Him, fell at His feet and asked Him to go pray for his daughter to be healed and live. She was very sick, and she could die anytime. Jesus needed to hurry, right? Well.... Not really!
- b) Jesus went with him. His mission was to go and heal Jairus' daughter, yet **He was not in a rush.**
  - i) He was not in a hurry to the point that He turned and ministered to the woman with the issue of blood that "interrupted" His plan of going to heal Jairus' daughter. If he were in haste, He could not have had time to minister to this hurting woman with an issue for 12 years.
  - ii) Being in haste could cause us to miss opportunities around us.

## Lazarus

John 11:1-12 *Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. 7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.*

- a) Lazarus fell sick and could die anytime. Jesus was told about it yet; He did not storm out and rash to go get him healed.
- b) He stayed in the same place where He was for **two days**. This appears to be quite long if you have one who is sick. Who does this? Well, Jesus! Remember, Jesus loved the man. Not making haste was not a reason to say he did not love him. He then decides to go to Judaea, and He tells the disciples that Lazarus was asleep (dead).
- c) Jesus was never in haste. There was no instance where he was in haste.
  - i) Being in haste causes us to miss God and major opportunities.
- d) He later shows up and resurrects Lazarus. All this is point to the fact that he did not make haste regardless of the need that Mary had. In many cases when we are making haste, we get out of peace.

## Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10 1 *And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

- a) *Zacchaeus* sought to see Jesus. He did something out of the ordinary. Being small man and the crowd was huge, he climbed a tree.
- b) *5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.*
  - i) Jesus was not in haste. He stopped and took note of the extra ordinary. He allowed Zacchaeus to interrupt Him. Why? He was not in haste. If He were, he could not have noticed this little man on a tree. He walked slowly among the crowds and the people to meet their needs.
- c) Jesus was not making haste, yet He asked Zach to make haste. Why is that? We are only to make **haste** be saved (*for today I must abide at thy house*) not anything else. We need to make haste to have people born again.

### Rest

Haste is the opposite of rest. Whenever we are hasting—we are not at rest. We have to rest, not to haste and when we do so we allow God to move on your behalf.

When you rest, Satan wants to attack you. Fruit, more fruit, much fruit come from a place of rest. If you feel unrest or anxiety, it is possibly because you're not walking down the path of peace. We

can't walk in anxiety and peace at the same time. You are not being led by the spirit. Be led by peace (Isaiah 55).

If you are too busy trying to fight. You are not at rest. The way you win in the kingdom is by resting—sitting down. When you rest, it is when you defeat your enemies. The more you rest, the more you defeat your enemies. Victory is in and from a place of rest.

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