

CONTENDING FOR MORE

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

PG: "In life: You will have what you can live with"

What are you living with? What are you tolerating? DO YOU WANT MORE, BETTER, BEYOND? Then you have to fed up with living with less.

In our passage, a man named Jabez decides that he will not live with less, and he asks God for more.

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV) And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

I LIVING WITH LESS:

A- There are many that live with less... They could have more but they settle for less than-

1. They live with less in their relationship w God... Kathy Koch "*I didn't know what I didn't know about God*"
2. They live with less in Marriage: It could be a blessing by making some small adjustments, but many settle.
3. They live with less in Parenting, Money, Fruitfulness, Anointing, Dominion
4. Because: "*In life: You will have what you can live with*" ...

II REASONS FOR LESS:

A- So we need to think why would someone live with less?

1. Its Familiar: This is what they've always known. Its normal.
 - a. *It is what it is...* No its not... *It is what you allow...* But really this is not normal (NOT GOD'S NORMAL)
2. Its What I Deserve: We think; *I don't deserve more* because we don't have a healthy view of our worth.
 - a. I should be content because its better than what I had, or I shouldn't expect anything more because I messed up-
3. Its Ignorance: We don't know what God says about it... We don't know his will and word on life's matters.
4. Its Spiritual: Blinding spirits that keep us corralled.
 - a. Fear: Fear paralyzes... It keeps people from stepping out
 - b. Rejection: Rejection tells us we aren't accepted and can't be accepted... so we therefore can't be helped!
 - c. Poverty: Poverty mindsets and mentalities keep us with less.
5. Its Laziness: We don't want to put in the work, really... I have recurring conversations with people that haven't put in the work... That's a lazy approach... they want tips & microwave remedies... or they believe in Magic (It seems they think things will be magically fixed somehow)

III CONTENDING FOR MORE:

A- Jabez decided he was not going to live with less! (In essence: *I won't live with this*)

1. He teaches us lessons for contending for more!
2. He recognized: That his present & future were limited... So he identified the problem.
 - a. Recognize there is a problem... and recognize what it is specifically.
3. He Called on God: He made God the source of his healing and breakthrough.
 - a. Not people, not luck, not more money... GOD was the source!
4. He was Specific: He told God exactly what he wanted-
 - a. Expand ME personally, Expand my influence, Guide me, Protect me, Use my life to bless others!
5. The hope is: GOD RESPONDED- So God granted him what he requested.
 - a. B/c God desires to help us! B/c God doesn't want us to live with less.