

# Becoming God's Strategic Men & Women

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Sunday evening service

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Today I want to talk about becoming God's strategic man/ women, His choice instrument, His agent of change, His right hand man/ women on the ground or even his select arrow? In the bible and even in the world there are different examples of strategic men/ women.

**Bible:** David, Daniel, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Mary, Ruth, Esther

**World:** Let's just think about our own Madiba

We must realise that people don't become great man or women of God overnight. It is a journey of preparation. When preparation meets opportunity that's when the breakthrough happens. It comes with sacrifices and ultimately a choice...You make a choice to go the extra-mile and become an agent of change, a city taker, a nation builder.

We can ask ourselves **how to become God's strategic men/ women** but before we do that I want to ask the question **do you believe** that you can be God's strategic men or women. Ps Bill recently spoke about...What is the source of your miracle...and last week's message was about "are you highly favoured?"

You might think **what difference** can you make or **what impact** can you make?

You might be here thinking I am just a house wife, just a clerk, just a teacher, just an administrator or a just a hair dresser. I do not own a business or I am not the boss, I only report to a boss. I was personally surprised one day to realise that God has placed me in a position to advise politicians.

**The good news is that we are all called.... not some but all.**

"For many are **called**, but few are chosen." Mathew 22:14

"Who saved us and **called** us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began" **2 Timothy 1:9**

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are **called** according to his purpose." **Romans 8:28**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." **Jeremiah 6:8**

So whether you are the boss or the labourer, God is no respecter of person. He has called you and me. Do you really believe you can be God's choice instrument/ his strategic men/ women? Why don't we see our City impacted or our nation changed?

- It's because we **do not believe** the **miracle can start with us**
- It's because we **do not believe** that we can be the **source of the miracle**
- It's because we **do not believe** we can be God's **choice instrument/ His agent of change**
- How many of us started a course and thought we would never be able to finish it or applied for a job and thought we would never be able to do this job or maybe started a business and thought we would never be successful

- I remember at university – subject (research methodology) I wanted to quite. I ended up top student for that subject. I remember applying for a job not ever believing that I will be able to do the work. (Job advert)
- Have you also had these experiences of not believing in yourself/ believing that we will not be successful?

Church the bible teaches us that as we believe so it will be. If we believe we cannot speak a word of encouragement.... if we believe we cannot pray or we cannot lay hands on the sick to be healed or we cannot prophesy then we will not be able to do it. Sometimes we put our trust in ourselves and not God.

### Let's look at Mary's example....

Luke 1: 28 –

- Mary was just an ordinary girl but God made her extra-ordinary v.28
- Mary was a born slaved/ maidservant but she became the blessed v.38
- Mary was a virgin but she became mother v.43  
(Mary moved from status to stature)
- Mary thought it was impossible but realised with God all things are possible v.37  
(No more limitations/ no more boundaries and no more mental blocks)
- Mary moved from the Lord is with you to the Lord is in you

Is anything impossible with God? **NO**

**Luke 1: 37** “For with God nothing is impossible” We see that all things are possible with God.

We must become extra-ordinary, blessed, person of stature that believes that all things are possible.  
**I CAN.... You CAN..... We CAN...**

What is our response? Pastor I don't think I am right person. I have such a busy schedule. Maybe you should speak to another brother or sister because they have the required skills.

What was Mary's response to the angel...?” Let it be done to me according to your word” .... Church whatever is **needed or needful** in the house let us say...Let it be done.... I am the man or the women for the job.

### 2 Kings 4: 1-7 Elisha and the Widow's Oil

4 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.”

<sup>2</sup> So Elisha said to her, “**What shall I do for you?** Tell me, **what do you have in the house?**” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.”

<sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbours—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. <sup>4</sup> And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into **all those vessels**, and set aside the full ones.”

<sup>5</sup> So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured *it* out. <sup>6</sup> Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel."

And he said to her, "*There is* not another vessel." So the oil ceased. <sup>7</sup> Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you *and* your sons live on the rest."

What did this woman believe?

- She lost her husband...and she is about to lose her two sons
- She declares that she has nothing.... just a jar of oil
- She indirectly says I might as well die

**We see in the story how ELISHA changed her state and status**

**1. God can break the consequences of the past by giving you a proceeding word in the now.**

- a. Wrong choices/ wrong decisions/ wrong inputs compounded by circumstances.
- b. Fears in your heart and limitations in your mind
- c. This woman faced the consequences of the past

THE WORD OF GOD IS FOR EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. HIS WORD BROKE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PAST OVER THIS WOMEN

**2. Your accurate decision can secure your brighter future**

- a. This woman went back to the primary source
- b. Accurate decisions can cut off the attacks of the enemy
- c. We cannot negotiate even in our thoughts, mind or emotions

THE ACCURATE DECISION CHANGED THIS WOMENS FUTURE

**3. The oil is the source of the miracle**

- a. This woman had nothing but the prophetic anointing
- b. God has put the oil inside our hearts which is the source of the miracle
- c. We must stop despising what is in us/ the impartation/ grace and gifts/ power on the inside

THE OIL BECAME THE SOURCE OF MIRACLE FOR THIS WOMEN

**4. The oil increases and multiplies by the proceeding word**

- a. We must keep on releasing the proceeding word
- b. Are we declaring/ prophesying / praying what God is doing in you
- c. We must stay connected to the word of God

THE OIL THAT THIS WOMAN HAD WAS MULTIPLIED (SHE BELIEVED)

**5. The oil must fill every vessel in the house**

- a. Every one of us must connect in this way
- b. Every member must be filled with the oil
- c. The oil must fill every vessel for legacy to be transferred

THIS WOMEN FILLED EVERY VESSEL UNTILL THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT

**6. The oil will flow according to our capacity**

- a. What is your capacity?
- b. We must create capacity, vision etc.
- c. At some point we must strike the rock

THIS WOMAN FILLED EVERY VESSEL TO ITS CAPACITY. SHE HAD NO LEAKING VESSELS (God give me the capacity to receive, to retain and to deliver)

**7. The oil will change the state and status of our lives**

- a. Can we be free?
- b. Can we believe?
- c. Can God change our state or status?

GOD CHANGED THE STATE AND STATUS OF THIS WOMEN

**CHURCH IT IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**

We must believe that we are the agent of change, God's strategic men and women;

If this women or Mary did not believe the miracle would not have happened.

If God can move Mary

- from ordinary to extra-ordinary
- from a born slaved/ maidservant to become the blessed
- from being a virgin to become a mother
- from status to stature
- from impossible to possible
- from the Lord is with you to the Lord is in you

Then I am convinced that He can do it for us. Wherever you are...housewife, cleaner, clerk, manager, teacher, traffic officer etc. God can do this for you. He can make you the strategic men/ women, the select arrow/ the choice instrument but you must **BELIEVE**. What you have inside you is sufficient. Sufficient to do what God wants you to do. Sufficient to be His strategic men/women on the ground.

**Let us look at the example of Gideon**

We can see in scripture:

- God is searching for one strategic man/ the select arrow;
- God is looking for one that is available and accessible
- God selects the one with the needed qualities (Joseph)
- God approves the selected man

Judges 6:14-18 reads:

<sup>14</sup>Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

<sup>15</sup> So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed, my clan *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father’s house.”

<sup>16</sup> And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”

<sup>17</sup> Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favour in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. <sup>18</sup> Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set *it* before You.” And He said, “I will wait until you come back.”

What do we see in this scripture?

- God has to select and approve us
- God will raise you up because you are **NOT** meant for failure; we are meant for destiny. God’s plan is to prosper and not to harm us. To give us hope and a future
- The approval of God’s presence must be so strong in our lives
- We must like Gideon become the agent of change
- God wants us to pursue national vision/ corporate destiny beyond self
- We must be strong in the spirit
- The select arrow must have a new identity. God’s image/ nature

**Practical ways to become God’s strategic men:**

**1. We cannot represent God if we do not know Him**

- a. When we go shopping and you looking for a product it is frustrating if the sales man or woman do not know their products or they don’t know where to find it. To be born again is not enough – we must equip ourselves (library/ study the word)
- b. If we know Him, know His will, His ways, His desires and His attributes we will begin to imitate Him and not self.
- c. We must represent Him accurately and not compromise – (Sometimes keeping quiet/ not speaking out is also compromising)

**2. We must take dominion in every domain**

- a. I began to ask God how to take dominion in my domain. It is amazing the kind of things that I encountered and had to deal with (Praying is not enough. Take a stand).
- b. Wherever we go we can be the difference. It is not always easy but it is worth it. Be God’s ambassador
- c. When we take dominion in that domain God will give us the grace to govern and the power to prevail over any situation

**3. We must enquire from God and God’s appointed man**

- a. God will give us discernment, understanding and wisdom
- b. David enquired from God
- c. This certain woman in 2 Kings cried out to Elisha...Sometimes we do not enquire...we do not ask God or seek guidance from the appointed man of God. (School choice)

**4. We must choose to believe and to be reliable**

- a. Choose to be the strategic men/ women. God does not have to ask anyone else. Choose to do the job whatever it might be. (Jeremiah)

- b. Have faith that you can do what is necessary. Faith without works is dead works
- c. To be reliable means we must be faithful, obedient (tithes) and consistent (Your yes must be yes and you no no)

**5. We must become available and accessible**

- a. To be available is to honour God and to honour God's house
- b. Mary said....let it be done to me according to your will. This woman had to make herself available in order for the miracle to happen
- c. Once we make the choice to be available and accessible, God can use us

**PRAYER: WE MUST BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BE GOD'S CHOICE INSTRUMENT/ HIS STRATEGIC MEN/ WOMEN...HIS AGENT OF CHANGE/ CITY TAKER/ WORLD CHANGER.**