

TRIPLE BLESSINGS ON THE THRESHOLD

²⁴ But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. ... ³⁰ Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

Numbers 14:24,30

I. Three things at once - Lifting despondency, Answered prayer, and Identity confirmed

A. Explanation / The first Way God lifts despondency, answers prayer, and reveals identity.

* The disciples' despondency was dispelled by explanation. (Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15; Luke 24:13-35)

** Explanation is the first way God answers prayer.

*** You may have the gift of explanation.

B. Power / The second Way God lifts despondency, answers prayer, and reveals identity.

The forgotten factor of the might of God!

* The woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34)

Jairus's daughter (Mark 5:21-43)

The paralyzed man (Mark 2:1-12)

Lazarus (John 11:1-4,17-22)

** You may have an identity associated with the power of God.

C. Reevaluation / The third Way God lifts despondency, answers prayer, and reveals identity. Look again!
(Matthew 11:2-6)

- * God may have you reconnect the dots of your life in a different way.
- ** A reevaluation of your circumstances.
- *** Can you help people see things another way?

D. God gives something to do. / The fourth Way God lifts despondency, answers prayer, and reveals identity.

- * Sometimes it is not correct to ask why, but to ask what. Sometimes Jesus gives us something to do.
- ** Peter let down his net again. The paralyzed man took up his bed and walked. Lazarus was unwrapped from his grave clothes. Jairus was to feed his daughter.
- *** Can you organize and facilitate “what” someone can do instead of hanging in the “why knot?”