

# DELIVERANCE AND ENLARGEMENT

*<sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

Esther 4:14 NIV

I. Everything in the kingdom, and in your life, is progressive.

*<sup>19</sup> He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. (Psalm 18:19 NIV)*

*<sup>5</sup> When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. (Psalm 118:5 NIV)*

*<sup>15</sup> and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me." (Psalm 50:15 NIV)*

*<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. (Psalm 66:12 NIV)*

*<sup>13</sup> He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land--your grain, new wine and olive oil--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. (Deuteronomy 7:13 NIV)*

*<sup>38</sup> he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish. (Psalm 107:38 NIV)*

*<sup>2</sup> "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. (Isaiah 54:2 NIV)*

II. Every time you get past a crisis, you're expanding your sphere of influence. / Deliverance and enlargement in the life of David

*<sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. (1 Samuel 17:36 NIV)*

- A. David kills the lion – His influence with all his brothers is increased!
- B. David kills a bear – His influence with all the Shepherds is increased!
- C. David kills Goliath – David's influence with the entire military industrial complex is increased!

III. Death was the common denominator in David's ministry of deliverance and enlargement.

- A. The lion
- B. The bear (I Samuel 17:36)
- C. Goliath
- D. Saul (I Samuel 31:4)

*<sup>4</sup> Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me." But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it. (1 Samuel 31:4 NIV)*

- E. Absalom (II Samuel 18:9,14,15)

*<sup>9</sup> Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the*

*tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going. ... <sup>14</sup> Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. <sup>15</sup> And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him. (2 Samuel 18:9, 14-15 NIV)*

- F. We are entering an Ananias and Sapphira season. If we want the building to shake when we pray, we're going to have to be willing to die when we lie.

*<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:31 NIV)*

*<sup>1</sup> Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup> With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." <sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. <sup>6</sup> Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. <sup>7</sup> About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, "Tell me,*

*is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”<sup>9</sup> Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”<sup>10</sup> At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.<sup>11</sup> Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. (Acts 5:1-11 NIV)*

IV. In the process of David’s deliverance and enlargement, God removed the five relational crutches of his life.

A. The crutch of a good position.

*<sup>5</sup> Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul’s officers as well. (1 Samuel 18:5 NIV)*

B. The crutch of a wife.

*<sup>11</sup> Saul sent men to David’s house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David’s wife, warned him, “If you don’t run for your life tonight, tomorrow you’ll be killed.”<sup>12</sup> So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped. (1 Samuel 19:11-12 NIV)*

C. The crutch of his life mentor Samuel.

*<sup>1</sup> Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the Desert of Paran. (1 Samuel 25:1 NIV)*

D. The crutch of his best friend Jonathan.

*<sup>42</sup> Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town. (1 Samuel 20:42 NIV)*

E. The crutch of his self-respect.

*<sup>13</sup> So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard. <sup>14</sup> Achish said to his servants, “Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? <sup>15</sup> Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me? Must this man come into my house?” (1 Samuel 21:13-15 NIV)*

- \* Crutches can become substitutes for God.
- \* Crutches keep our focus horizontal.
- \* Crutches are only a temporary relief.