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MESSAGE: I AM AN EXCEPTIONAL

PROOF TEXT: LUKE 1:11-24; LUKE 2:50

1. INTRODUCTION

The word 'Exceptional' means excellent, unique, brilliant, outstanding, remarkable or extra-ordinary. The reason why the Lord is talking to us this morning on this matter is to bring us to the point where we realise that we are not ordinary, but exceptional. Proclaim 'Do not look at me like I am ordinary. I am different. I am not ordinary. Do not overlook me. I know the Lord has planted something in my life which is about to come to pass and all eyes will see'!

2. THE BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Zachariah and Elizabeth were old and advanced in age. I believe that when they became married whilst young they were excited and looking forward to having a child. They prayed and waited, and waited and waited until they were old. In your situation, how long have you waited?

Zachariah was a priest. His duty was to go to the temple to pray and offer sacrifices for the people. The people stood outside and the high priest entered alone to represent the people as per the custom. While there, on duty, the angel of the Lord appeared to him and a child, John, was conceived. It was an exceptional for them to bare a child at the old age, and not having given up in their faith. How long have you waited?

It does not matter how long you have been waiting, God is going to come through and answer your prayer. Many years they waited. They had a challenge. What is your challenge? How long have you waited? Perhaps one month or three months and you are saying 'I want to give up' or 'I am tired'. Know that the Lord is with you. Be available for Him and serve Him despite your challenges. They (Zachariah and Elizabeth) needed encouragement but they still served the Lord and they still stood on behalf of the people at the altar.

3. IN YOUR CHALLENGES- YOU ARE EXCEPTIONAL

One day the Lord will say to you 'Your prayers have been heard'. Do not give up despite your challenges. Continue to be at the altar. In the midst of your challenges, I am glad that you are found in the house of the Lord, and not at home watching television. You are unique. When you see me smiling, it is the strength of the Lord. Sometimes you see people praising the Lord and you think to yourself that everything is sweet and smooth in their life. I am here Sunday after Sunday because I am exceptional. Zachariah was exceptional.

Your challenges must not step you down, they must be a stepping stone to another level. Pray the more, determine to yourself that you are not going to quit. Do not say to the Lord 'You have left me' rather profess 'You are taking me to higher levels and therefore I will rejoice'.

When people ask, 'How are you'? your response should be 'I am blessed despite the challenges. I am an exceptional'. 'My permit maybe rejected but I will still rejoice in the house of the Lord'. 'I am different from other people because the favour of the Lord is upon me'. 'When I come to the house of the Lord, even with the pain I will still praise. As the praises go higher I leave strengthened and

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not return the same'. You are different. You have to push until the Lord fulfils His word upon your life, you are not meant to give up.

Jacob proclaimed 'I am not going to give up until you bless me'. 'It is daytime and people cannot find me here', the angel of the Lord said to him. 'No, until you bless me' Jacob insisted. I hold on unto You until You bless me, I hold on unto You until You heal me and take me where you want me to be. Others have died while others have undergone operation. However, when the doctor was ready at the eleventh hour and as he performs another examination only to realise that the thing he was to operate on has disappeared. I am still here today because I am an exceptional. Because I am an exceptional my wedding is coming. There shall be no shortcuts. The Lord has never failed you and will never fail you. You are different from your brothers and sisters because you are marked for success. You are marked for breakthrough. You are marked to make a record.

4. IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE - BE EXCEPTIONAL

Your business is an exceptional. You shall prosper and flourish in your line of business. To the employees working in a company, let your performance or conduct and how you do things be exceptional.

Christians let us carry the spirit of excellence in every area of life. Be exceptional, unique, excellent and extra-ordinary. Real Christians are seen by how they respond to challenges. 'I'll worship you Lord despite the challenges'. Whatever the challenges, joy comes in the morning. The way you talk must be life building because you are exceptional. The way you cook must be exceptional. The way you clean your house, must be exceptional. The way you dress must be exceptional. Be exceptional in all the areas of your life.

5. DESPITE YOUR BACK GROUND-YOU ARE EXCEPTIONAL LUKE 1V41-42

Despite the background you are coming from, you are exceptional. The way Jesus was born was exceptional. Mary was unknown. She was coming from an uncommon place. Some of us have hidden our background because of the shame it accompanies. Out of that shame God is going to lift you up because you are exceptional. Mary from Bethlehem and not known among the people, yet she found favour from the Lord. Elizabeth said to her 'you are blessed among many women'. Imagine the situation Mary was in. Suddenly, word spread all around that 'a king is born, and His mother is Mary'. Who is Mary? People wondered. Wise men looked for her and Herod too was seeking for her.

Mary found favour despite her background. Her name was known and published. May the Lord make you known and lift you up. The Bible says 'is there anything good that can come out of such a place'. Likewise today. Declare that 'I am going to break the record. If it was so for Mary, even me'.

Mary, from nothing to be the mother of the King. From a driver you shall be elevated to a truck owner. From employee to employer. The favour of the Lord is upon you today. Our background must not determine our future for we know the Lord has plans for us to prosper and He is going to make a way for us. Proclaim that 'The Lord is lifting me up. Six months, one year, five years from now I will not be the same. Two years from now I will walk no more but I shall drive'. Walk majestically in the house of the Lord triumphantly praising God. Some come as if they are being begged, but you are an exceptional. You are different. You are unique.

Mary was not being recognised. People shall recognise you because the favour of the Lord is upon you.

Imagine what happened to Elizabeth. See what happened to the couples Zachariah and Elizabeth and Jacob and Mary. In their old age, Zachariah and Elizabeth were raising a baby. What a record breaker! In today's times, it would be front page news.

6. DESPITE YOU NOT RECOGNIZED- You are exceptional

Botswana is breaking the record. The government insisted that our diamonds must be mined and polished here in Botswana. There is a nation in you. Do not copy others. There is a dream in you, you are different. Lighthouse shall be recognised. We are recognised. We are exceptional. It is not too much a thing for the favour of the Lord is upon your life. People will want to be around you because you are exceptional.

MARY the mother to Jesus was not recognized in the community she lived, but see what happened- MARY BECOME AN EXCEPTIONAL. In the family you are not recognized, at work place you are not recognized, yet you work even harder than your supervisor- but they recognize a supervisor, your Boss who does nothing. May you be RECOGNIZED among women and men today. Some of you this morning, you have NOT been recognized, Today tell your neighbour that you are exceptional. People will recognize you now because God is pouring His supernatural favour upon your life. SAY YOU WILL BE FAVOURED AMONG MEN OR WOMEN today. You will be favoured among other family members today. You will finally be a joy and delight to many. You shall be recognized and you will feel great

7. IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE- BE EXCEPTIONAL

Love your God. Your Conduct must be exceptional. Your Christian walk be exceptional. Your giving this morning must be exceptional.

8. WISDOM- You are exceptional- LUKE 2V52

Jesus was a man of wisdom. Your wisdom must be exceptional. The way you think must be different. In the year of 2014, the year of supernatural dominion and favour, the Lord is pouring His wisdom. He who wants wisdom should ask from the Lord and He will give it to you.

By the grace of God I release the wisdom of God upon your life and upon our children for the time has come for our children to be exceptional. We have be able to see potholes ahead. Every decision we are to make requires us to exercise wisdom. I will run differently. The Lord is releasing the Spirit of Wisdom. You are not a common person, therefore whatever you do must be exceptional, and it must surpass other people. Declare that 'I am at the top not the last. I am moving from this level to the next'. Wisdom is needed, ask for it from the Lord. You will need the wisdom of God in order to take your dominion.

9. YOUR GROWTH IN STATURE SHALL BE EXCEPTIONAL

Jesus grew in stature. Your growth must be exceptional. You must be in good health, be physically fit and looking different from your age mates. Do not fail to keep and maintain yourself. Be an exceptional.

10. IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE - BE EXCEPTIONAL

In your personal life, your cooking and dress sense should portray excellence. Excellence starts when you are single. The way you love the Lord, the way you worship and the manner in which you pray should be exceptional. Have spiritual eyes to see.

John the Baptist was exceptional. After he was born he went on to proclaim on the street as a forerunner until he was put in prison. All throughout his life he maintained his testimony. Likewise Joseph, even when he was sent to prison he maintained his testimony and was elevated to a position of honour.

May the Lord take away the shame upon your life. May He answer you, bless you, heal you, and graduate you to another level because you are exceptional.

You say 'Enough is enough, I cannot go through what I went through the past six months'. May the Lord lift you up. May the Lord answer your prayers. Receive your breakthrough and joy.

Those that have been crying, your prayer has been heard today. You are an exceptional. 'I have opened doors for you. I am the master key' says the Lord.

CONCLUSION

The birth of JOHN the Baptist was exceptional. ZACHERIAH and ELIZABETH prayer was answered and broke the record and had a baby which was Exceptional. JESUS was Exceptional from being a CARPENTER SON to a SAVIOR. JOSEPH was exceptional from being an inmate in prison to the GOVERNOR

- You are exceptional , may God take your disgrace or shame from you
- You are exceptional , may God answer your prayer today
- You are exceptional, may God bless you today
- You are exceptional, may God cause you rise above challenges
- You are exceptional, may God cause people to recognize you
- You are exceptional, May God cause you to be a man , woman and a child full of wisdom
- You exceptional other have quit but you are still here, in that company, with that business and with that holding on to your dream- Your joy is coming
- You are exceptional, others are sick failing to walk or go to work but you are still strong
- You are exceptional because others watch others in the service, but you are still praising and worshiping your God
- You are exceptional, other ministers have gone back to secular jobs but you are still here and know that God will not fail you
- You are exceptional, your famine is over. Others failed to finish school but you finished, other family members failed to fly, drive, own their own house etc. but you have made it...