

**“Where
shall we
buy bread,
that these
may eat?”**

John 6:5



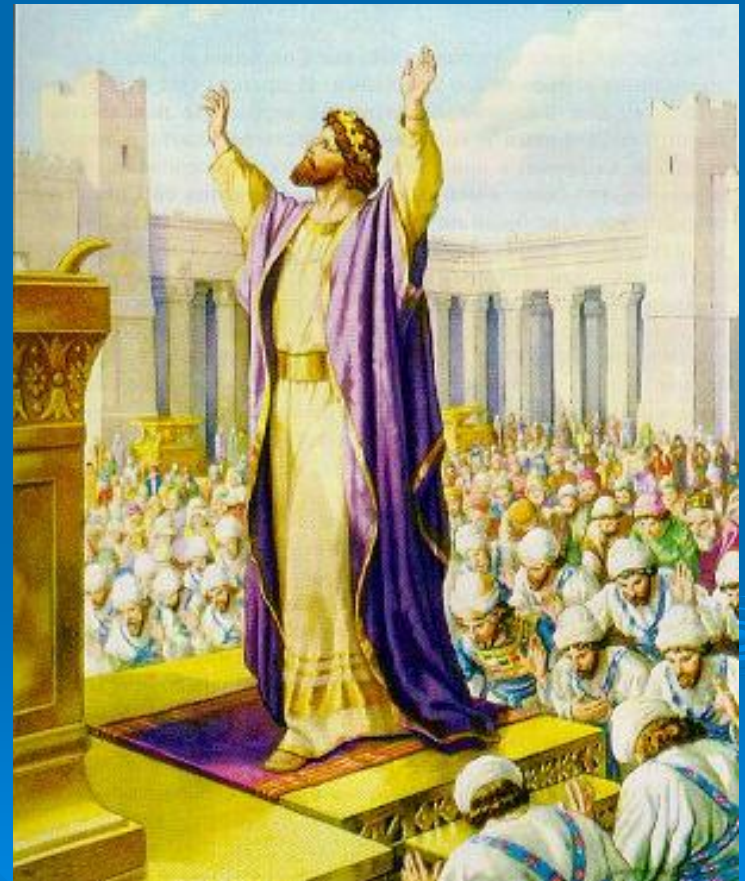
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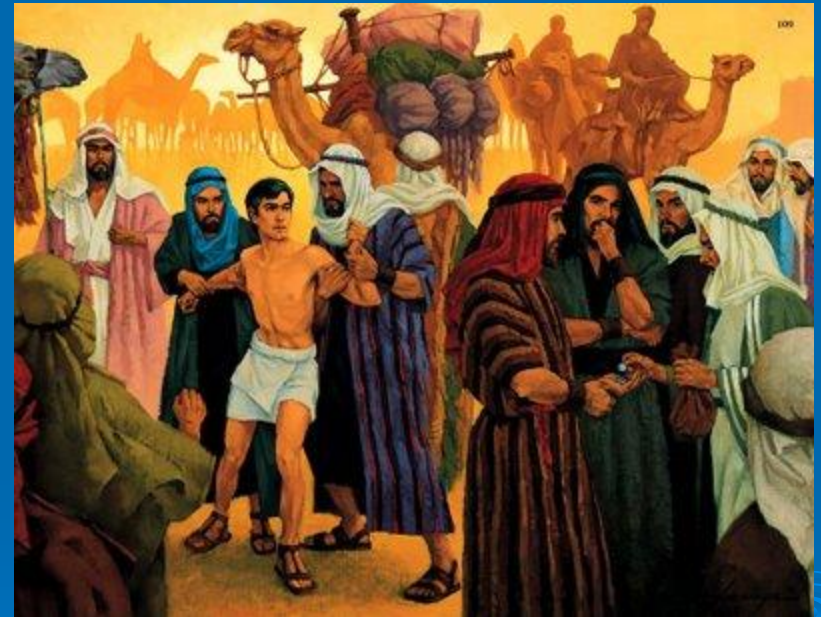
- “O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

2 Chronicles 20:12



2. Maybe the challenge is part of His plan, and I need to endure

- The example of Joseph, being hated by his brothers and accused falsely by his mistress

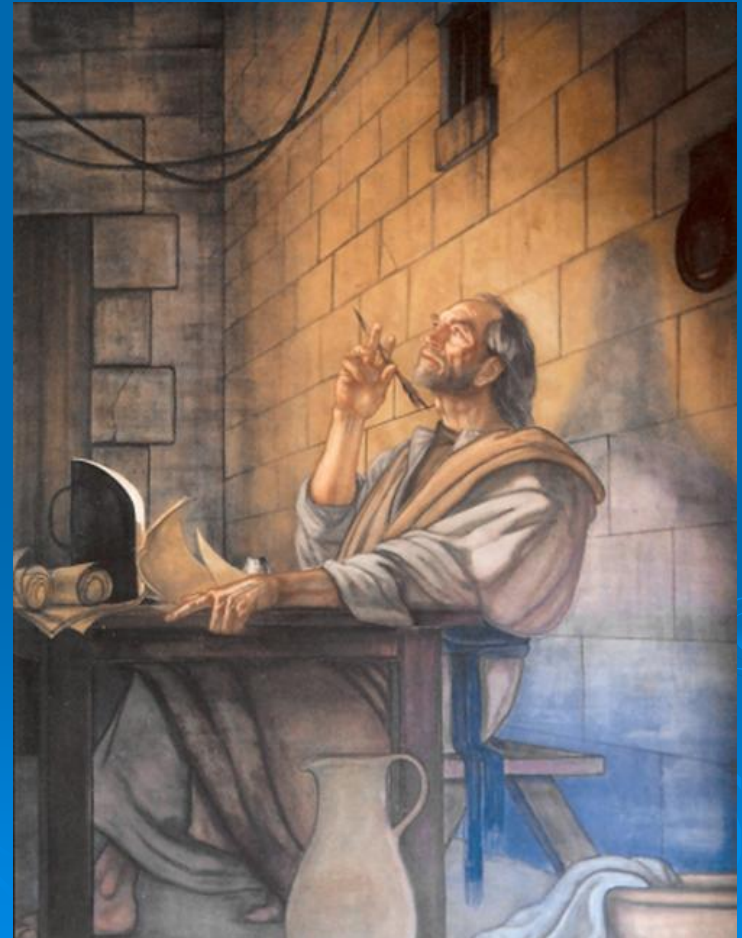


3. Maybe I need to accept the new situation and rely more on Him

➤ *The example of St.*

Paul: “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’”

2 Corinthians 12:8-9



4. Maybe I need to adapt to a new role that I did not foresee

- The example of Samuel: “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way”

1 Samuel 12:23



5. Maybe I just need to do my part and offer what I have

- The example of Andrew: “Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ‘There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?’”

John 6:8-9



6. Maybe I am just a tool and God wishes to work through me

- The example of Moses: “Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt”

Exodus 3:10



7. Maybe I just need to remain faithful

- The example of the three young men: “If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.” *Daniel 3:17-18*



8. Definitely, I am called to a new experience and a closer relationship

- *The example of Anna the Prophetess:* “Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.”

Luke 2: 36 - 37

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